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Historic cottage bought

Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham Councils have bought a tiny, historically significant slab cottage in Castle Road on behalf of Warrandyte.

The cottage was found several weeks ago during demolition of a small house on the site.

The two councils each gave \$17,500 to buy the cottage, which was recently classified by the National Trust and is regarded locally and by archaeological experts as a rare example of a pioneer home.

Because a later house had been built around it, the cottage, of slab with clay infill, rubble chimney and bark roof, is in almost perfect condition.

The purchase means that the cottage will be restored and preserved on its original site.

A group of local people, the Warrandyte Slab Cottage Project committee, arranged the purchase from the Green family, who had only recently bought the property at auction for \$28,000.

The committee regards the deal as most generous on the part of the Greens, as they are unlikely to make any profit.

The story of the purchase and preservation of the cottage is an amazing one. It shows how a small community dedicated to preserving its own identity can get together and in a matter of weeks overcome all sorts of obstacles to set up a project that will be of benefit to the whole of Victoria.

Luck also played an important role. A couple of weeks after buying the property, the Greens were about to demolish what they thought was merely a small, unsightly house.

Only a matter of days before a bulldozer was to do its work, the Greens were pottering around the site when they noticed that one wall was out of character with the rest of the building. It was of slab and clay, much older materials than had been used elsewhere. This was the only external clue that there was anything special about the building.

Further investigation revealed to the Greens that they had stumbled across what might be an archaeological treasure, for, inside, in a perfect state of preservation, was a magnificent example of the type of bush hut common to the district between the 1850s and 1900.

The Greens immediately called the Warrandyte Historical Society to tell members what they had found. They couldn't believe their ears and rushed up to have a look. The reality exceeded their wildest dreams.

The Greens, who were about to go on holiday, offered the hut to the society, which planned to dismantle it and re-erect it on another site somewhere in the town.

The society immediately called a meeting of townspeople who might be interested in helping with the project. Offers flooded in and within a matter of hours dismantling was to start.

In the meantime, local archaeologist Lee Scott-Virtue had taken a quick look, got very excited, and called in some of her colleagues.



The cottage in Castle Road: a significant piece of Warrandyte history.

She felt it would be wrong to remove the cottage, and her colleagues confirmed this. Ms Scott-Virtue passed this information on to the meeting, and the plans for removal were abandoned. Instead, it was decided that no matter what, the site had to be bought and the cottage preserved where it stood.

The consensus of opinion was that removal would be an act of vandalism that would destroy most of the historical value of the building.

The meeting was told that most historic buildings of this type, particularly those in historic villages, are not especially significant historically because they are not on their original sites.

Like the cottage, the rest is history. It has been bought and work is to start very soon on restoration.

A committee of management will be set up comprising Warran-

dyte people and State Government representatives. The National Parks Service has already offered to manage the site with help from the community. A shelter will have to be built around the cottage to protect it from the weather, and this could be provided by the service or the community. The same applies to a fence around the site and a booth for volunteers to use when the cottage is open to tourists.

The National Trust is also keen to provide whatever help it can, including archaeological research and advice. Its classification states that the cottage is "a rare example of an intact slab cottage on its original site with a roof of bark in pieces of up to 110 centimetres wide and an unusual slab and pug lining". Mr S.D. Martin, the Victorian administrator of the trust,

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IN RED & WHITE



Smokey Joe

Yes Virginia, there is life after leaving for grocers. Keith Webb used to dream of a farm of his own while he humped herrings and parcelled out pickles in the Warrandyte supermarket. Your correspondent visited his dream in April.

Keith and Norma have 35 acres of well-established vines sloping down to the Murray at Merbein, near Mildura, and although dried fruit prices have fallen through the bottom of the carton, the Webbs are content.

A pride of Warrandyte Lions, in Mildura for their convention, had descended on the Webbs, and Norma collared Lance Vizard, Ian Abell and Gerald Morrow to hump the pews out of the local Uniting Church for autumn cleaning.

Smokey and canny Jack Huxtable pleaded that their religion (Disciples of Bacchus) forbade such carryings-on or out and settled back to meditate over another bottle of Chateau de Something or other.

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Now that 'Minder' has, Allah be thanked, returned to our screens, Smokey is reminded of a happenstance involving Eddie ("Why do they call me 'Arfur'?") Morris.

Eddie had wandered into a local shop, made his purchases and was chatting to the proprietor. "I've just realised," said the ever-friendly Eddie, "that you've been in this shop for more than a year now and I still don't know your first name."

The proprietor looked at him, then suggested: "Why don't you call me sir."

Sorry troops. No names, no pack drill.

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Good Friday is usually a day for relaxation, but not for all, it seems. While members of WAC, WEL et al were otherwise engaged, the purple people-eater struck. The Lavendar Lane gift shop in the main street has certainly stirred up a hornets' nest with its new livery.

Smokey seems to be fast becoming a fishing writer. Or is it that fishermen are such a strange breed that mere mortals find their escapades a constant source of amazement.

During Easter Smokey was regaled with various versions of the activities of a group of young local men at Licola. It seems that one of their number was camped up there and doing rather well with the old rod and reel.

News filtered back to his mates, who decided that a quick trip into the mountains wouldn't be such a bad idea.

Of course when they got there the fish were off the bite, much to their chagrin and the embarrassment of their mate.

Anyway, to save face, the troop (school?) decided that a visit to a trout farm was in order. Agreement was reached that not a word was to be said about the origins of the "catch".

Of course fishermen love a drink and we all know what effect alcohol has on the tongue. Someone confessed, and within range of your correspondent's shell-likes.

Hence, Smokey is able to report that Brian Summers could be relied upon to provide a feed of fish in the middle of the Sahara Desert.

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A young local woman whose husband has what can loosely be described as a deep and abiding affection for the products of Messrs Carlton and United has been trying for many years to civilise said husband.

Your correspondent is reliably informed that said gent doesn't particularly like to drink out of a glass.

The last straw for the little woman occurred several weeks ago when hubbie ran out of canned potables, reached for a bottle and filled his can. Needless to say all around were drinking from glasses.

Needless to say the lessons in etiquette are continuing.

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A brave man is Jock Macneish, Warrandyte Diary cartoonist and part-time family man, architect, actor and wit.

He has recently bought an ultra-light aircraft — one of those funny-looking things made of bits of wire, cloth and metal tubes — in which to brave the elements.

He describes his \$4500 toy as a "40-foot-wide, 20-foot-long biofeedback apparatus for having fun in". In fact, it is quite a sophisticated piece of machinery that is opening the skies to men and women of average means who like flying but are bored by conventional aircraft.

And for those of you who might feel that Jock is selfishly putting his own enjoyment ahead of that of his many fans in the Diary and on the stage, do not

fear. Ultra-light aircraft are very safe — they can glide, and if there is a serious gear failure, a parachute is carried that can gently float the whole kit and caboodle to earth.

The plane has a 500 cc two-stroke engine similar to those on many motorcycles that can push it along at 45 knots for two hours — at a cost of \$4 an hour.

Ultra-light aircraft can fly up to 10,000 ft (the aviation industry isn't metricated yet), although the maximum legal altitude is 300 ft.

This doesn't worry Jock in the slightest. "It's not much fun flying in the middle of an aerial freeway, so pilots go for low heights and interesting country," he says.

There is plenty of time for taking in the scenery, too. These machines can putter along at 18 kilometres an hour.

In fact, Jock learnt from bitter ex-

perience that the minimum speed is 18 kmh. It happened as he was enjoying the first, and only, day's flying he has done. He came in to land at 17 kmh. The motor stopped and the plane fell 30 ft to the ground and bent a wheel and demolished a propeller.

A great advantage of these aircraft is that they need only 70 feet or so to land in and about 100 feet for take-offs. Jock plans to enhance the ability of his plane — an Australian-designed Cohen Condor — to get into remote areas by adding floats.

Jock, who has more than 200 hours up as a pilot in a variety of planes (he never got around to getting a pilot's licence) finds flying the plane a very different experience to other aircraft.

"You get all the usual feelings — from exhilaration to terror — but once you get used to all this it's very 'more-

ish'," he says.

"How did I feel? The best way to explain it is exposed. All your previous parts are available to the elements.

"It's a bit like stepping off a 1000 cc motor bike and getting onto a pushbike. It takes a bit of getting used to. They are very frisky and sensitive to wind — it's like a feather with a motor on it."

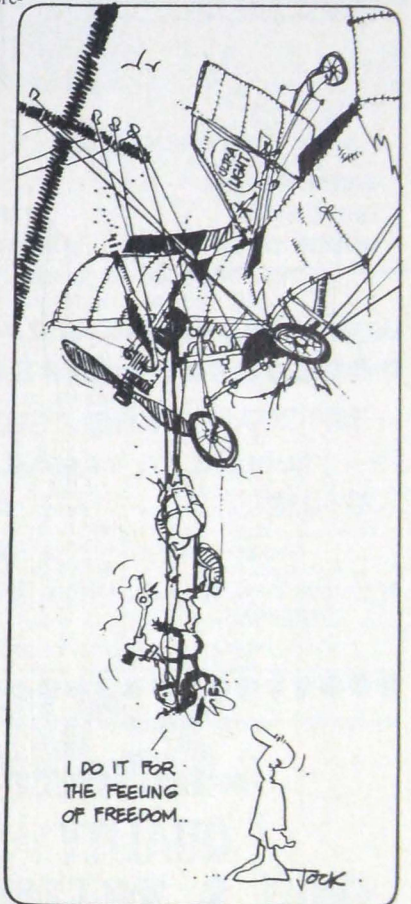
Jock plans to spend a lot of time in the air, and has invitations from several people to fly from their properties in the country.

"I am looking forward to that," he says. "I've got 40 days' recreation leave owing and I expect that I shall be checking out the countryside from 300 ft or thereabouts very soon."

Of course there's always the possibility of sky-tooning!



Above, that magnificent man in his flying machine: Jock Macneish earthbound at his Hawke's Road home.



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Council allocates cash for riverside track

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has allocated money in the 1984-85 budget for a footbridge over Andersons Creek near the Yarra.

The bridge will form part of the proposed pedestrian/bike/horse track along the river.

It is possible that work could start on stage one of the track — from the Yarra bridge to Taroona Avenue — this year. Council has applied for money under the Federal Government's Commonwealth Employment Program.

An inspection of the proposed route was carried out last month by council officers, councillors Ken McKenzie and Anne Martin, a National Parks advisor, Mrs Shirley Rotherman of Wyena Pony Club, and Doug Seymour and Bob

Karl of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

The bridge is likely to be built slightly downstream from the present ford. This would allow a shorter span than was originally thought necessary and would mean that the track would not have to go through the middle of the reserve opposite Taroona Avenue. Several willows would have to be chopped down.

The main track will generally be about three metres wide, and will follow as closely as possible the present unformed path.

Community representatives were concerned about the width of the track, although they agreed that it was desirable in view of the requirements of cyclists and horse riders, who like to ride abreast, and the fact that there would have to be room for the three groups to use it together.

The present track, however, is even wider in parts and it is proposed that the new one be narrower in parts. It is also proposed to keep it as informal as possible.

The surface, at least initially, will be fine crushed rock, with a bare strip alongside for horses.

The section behind the Dairy will be the most difficult to build and will require a steep and narrow climb. Because of the potential for significant erosion in this section, a small retaining wall will be required. No trees will be removed.

Construction of the planned sewerage pipe will not greatly affect the track and where it does the Board of Works will reinstate the track.

Local representatives believe that the plan will be a success and that there is potential for providing work for young unemployed local people.

Posthumous award to Mrs Ruth Norman

Mrs Ruth Norman, who died in July last year, has been posthumously named senior citizen of the year by the Victorian Council of the Ageing.

Apart from her many commitments in the local community, Mrs Norman was a stalwart of the council.

Only days before she died she had been working in the council's office, where she carried out a variety of clerical tasks voluntarily. Mrs Norman worked for the council for three days a week for

the past four years. She joined the council's executive committee in 1980.

She represented the consumers on the Premier's Domiciliary Care Implementation Committee and VCOTA on the Australian Association of Gerontology (Vic Branch). She was also involved in several task forces and working parties.

Mrs Norman can best be described as a very special person who gave selflessly of herself not only to VCOTA, but also to her family, friends and other organisations — in particular the Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary.

In her own humble manner she was an inspiration and support to so many people of all ages. Mrs Norman is sadly missed but remembered for her very fine qualities including her friendship, sensitivity and determination to fight for the "little person".

At VCOTA's Senior Citizens' Week award dinner on March 24, her son Peter, asked Ruth's close friends Jack and Sylvia Garone to receive the award on his behalf.

Staff and friends present at the dinner were delighted with the announcement of the award as it was a fitting recognition of the work of a great lady.

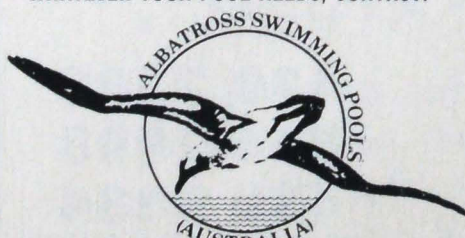


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Two locals manage Co-Op

Social club tenders let

Two Warrandyte people, Councillor Ken McKenzie and Mrs Jean Chapman, have taken over the day-to-day running of the Warrandyte Co-Op.

This follows the expiration of the State Government Employment Initiatives Program grant that allowed the Co-Op to employ Mr Jim McLean as full-time manager.

Mr McKenzie and Mrs Chapman are giving their labor free as a local contribution to allow the Co-Op to use more of its government money to provide jobs.

The chairwoman of the Co-Op, Mrs Louise Joy, says the organisation is delighted with the move. "The Co-Op is most fortunate to have local people who combine sound business ability with local knowledge and a remarkable ability to work with people," she says.

Mr McKenzie and Mrs Chapman will be in day-to-day control of the Co-Op's businesses — the child care centre, the wood supply, the mud brick project and the new secretarial service.

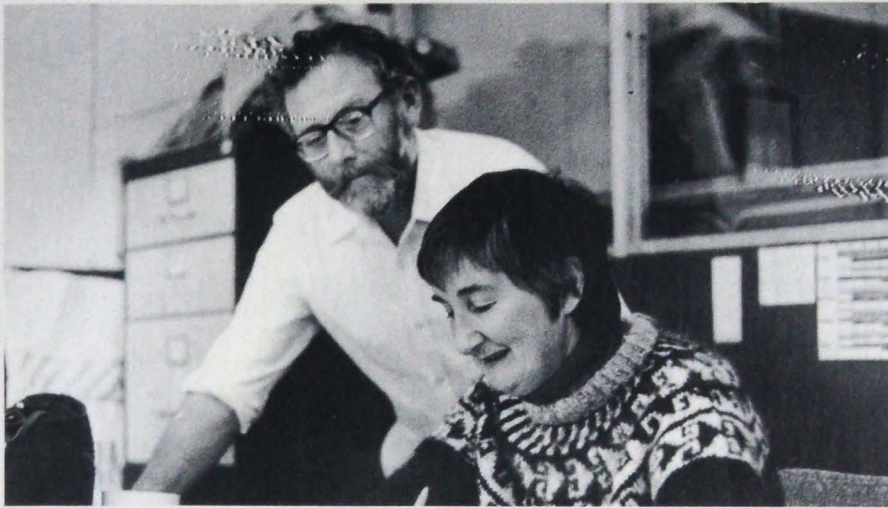
Mrs Joy says the Co-Op is now "really getting on its feet" because of the recent Federal Government grant of \$166,000.

She says: "The child care centre now has a stable staff of qualified and caring young men and women.

"The reputation among the children and parents of Warrandyte already using the centre is very high.

"Because of the extra staff we have been able to employ through the grant means there is room at the centre for more children. We can take up to 24 a day, full-time, casual and part-time."

With winter weather here already, the Co-Op has built up stocks at the wood fuel supply. "Demand is starting to increase and we have a variety of wood available to meet all needs," Mrs Joy says.



Mr McKenzie and Mrs Chapman: remarkable ability to work with people.

The Co-Op's mud brick-making operation has got into full swing, with orders at the moment for 1300 bricks in hand. To meet increasing demand, the Co-Op has bought a machine for making the mud. Orders can now be met much more promptly.

The first batches of bricks have been well received by builders, who say they are the best they have seen in the district for many years. An independent test conducted by Technisearch, an offshoot of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, shows the bricks are of a very high standard and well above the normal load-bearing requirements of local councils.

The Coffee Shop for young people now has a part-time qualified youth worker, who is working on a new program for activities at the shop. He is David Hutchinson, whose wages are being paid by Doncaster and Templestowe Council. Mr Hutchinson is at the shop

The Co-Op is starting a secretarial service. It is employing a young woman for 20 hours a week who will be available to perform a variety of secretarial tasks, including typing, duplicating and stencil-cutting. She is Tracy Hinchliffe, of Ringwood.

for 11 hours a week on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr Hutchinson was one of several candidates for the job and was selected by a Co-Op panel including Jamie Day, a young man who uses the Coffee Shop. Mr Day had the final say in selecting Mr Hutchinson.

The Co-Op's Labor exchange is in the fortunate position of having plenty of work available for young unemployed people in the town.

Mrs Joy says demand is constant

and that there is more than enough work for the people who presently use the service. "Of course we always welcome more work," she says.

Employers who use the service are reminded that a donation of \$1 is appreciated to cover the cost of telephone calls.

The annual general meeting of the Co-Op will be held at the Mechanics Institute on May 23, starting at 8pm, and all residents, particularly shareholders, are asked to attend. There are now more than 200 shareholders in the Co-Op, but more are needed. Shares cost \$1 each and are an ideal way to invest in the future of Warrandyte.

For information on all Co-Op activities, and to place orders for wood, mud bricks, secretarial work, to enrol your child at the child care centre or to hire a young unemployed person, please ring 844 2548 or 844 3326.

Tenders have been called for the construction of the Warrandyte Sports and Social Club at the Recreation Reserve.

Plans have been approved and a permit issued by council.

Work is expected to start in the near future, although more money is needed. Debentures (\$100 each, plus \$25 initial membership) are available from Joe Scicluna 844 2423, Wal Cornhill 844 3489, Bill Luttick 842 7276, Brian Tomlinson 876 2178, or George Sturesteps 844 2294.

Reds, but not under beds

Warrandyte Uniting Church's junior youth club will hold a mystery "red night" on Friday, June 1. There will be prizes for the best-dressed red person.

Participants are asked not to eat a lot before attending. Pick-up is at 9.30, and children are asked to bring at least \$2.

Churches get together

Local churches will hold a prayer and Bible study night on Monday, June 4, at St Stephen's Anglican Church, starting 7.45 pm.

A combined service will be held at St Gerard's Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday — June 10 — at 7.30 pm.

The events are part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They have been organised by the Inter-Church Council of Warrandyte.

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Councils purchase historic cottage



The wall that provided the clue to the discovery: the only external sign of anything unusual.

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has commended the people involved in the project for their prompt action to preserve the cottage.

The president of the Warrandyte Historical Society, Mr Cliff Green, says Warrandyte owes a great debt of gratitude to the Green family. "They have behaved in a most remarkably co-operative manner, and they were facing great potential problems," he says. "They have acted in an absolutely splendid manner."

He says, however, that buying the property was just one of many problems to be faced. "This is just the start of a long hard road," he says.

The main problems include day-to-day management and long-term preservation. "It will require careful planning and constant security, maintenance, servicing and management," Mr Green says.

"There has been a wonderful response from the community, local government and the State Government," he says, "but this is just the start."

"Despite the many problems we remain confident, because of the support we have already received, that we can succeed with this. It has caused an immense amount of high-level interest. We have uncovered a treasure as far as they are concerned."

"Peter Coutts, director of the Victorian Archaeological Survey, is confident that the committee can pull this off. He says he has never seen such enthusiasm for a project."

Support has come from representatives of both councils, the

Victorian Archaeological Survey, National Parks, the National Trust, the Historic Buildings Preservation Council, the Warrandyte, Eltham and Doncaster historical societies, Warrandyte service clubs, the State Emergency Service, the Warrandyte Environment League, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, the Post Office Preservation Group, the scouts, the Yarra Street Task Force, the Warrandyte Co-Op, Peter McDougalls and many individuals, including Ms Scott-Virtue; Tony Lee, an architect; Peter Murphy, a real estate agent; and Dr Miles Lewis of Melbourne University school of architecture, who is an authority on primitive Australian building.

Ms Scott-Virtue says the cottage is of great significance, especially because it is to be preserved on the original site.

"To have removed the building would have removed its significance," she says. "To my knowledge this is the only building of this type and age, and of such completeness, recorded on its original site."

Investigations carried out by Ms Scott-Virtue, Jane Wesson, a private archaeological consultant and Dr Coutts indicate that the cottage was built about 1900, with two later stages that included the house that was built around it.

The outside walls are of vertical slabs, there is a small fireplace and chimney made of rubble, including bricks, timber and iron, the interior walls are of wattles nailed to the slabs and a clay plaster, and a hessian bag ceiling. The interior walls were originally whitewashed but were painted later.

The bark roof is in good condition but work will have to be done on the walls and chimney.

Ms Scott-Virtue says: "The building has been well preserved because of the enveloping structure, but urgent steps will need to be taken to preserve it now that it has been uncovered." Drainage, a complete shelter and treatment for insect infestation are the most urgent requirements.

The experts agree that the cottage is an example of late pioneer adaptation to a forest environment that is reminiscent of a much earlier phase of colonisation. This adaptation is reflected in the use of junk building materials and loose materials such as tea-tree, bark, poles and split hardwood logs. The interior is equally adaptive, and consists of a cross between wattle and daub and lath and plaster.

"The hut is the nucleus of a family that home grew like Topsy as demanded over the next 80 years," Ms Scott-Virtue says. "Whilst the building itself is later in date in the propensive colonisation of the Warrandyte area, it must be viewed as an unusual example belonging to a later pioneer phase."

Of course the biggest mystery of all remains — who built the cottage and who lived in it. The committee has people scouring various sources of documents relating to the area in an effort to find the answers to these questions.

Meanwhile, the cottage is back under cover — this time a plastic tarp — waiting to be restored to its former glory and waiting for the admiration it so rightly deserves from many generations to come.

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All told, a quarter of Warrandyte workers were classed as "professional-technical" by the Commonwealth Statistician, Mr R.J. Cameron. That classification includes "medical, dental, nurse, etc.", teachers and veterinarians. The national figure was 13.6 per cent.

Administration claimed another 10.4 per cent of us (5.3 per cent for all Australia); 18.5 per cent were clerks (17.1) and 9.5 per cent (8.5) sold something or other for a living.

The Diary concludes its irregular series on the results of the 1981 Census.

For people on the edge of the countryside we had surprisingly few "farmers, farm workers . . . hunters, fishermen" among us: a mere 2.8 per cent compared to 6.4 per cent nationally. Not surprisingly, for a growing suburb, 215 of us (8.1 per cent versus 6.3 per cent) were engaged in the construction industry.

We were living in 1766 dwellings on census night, the overwhelming majority of them separate houses. Only 30 of those dwellings contained more than one family.

The figures place us firmly in the mortgage belt. Of the 1766 households in Warrandyte, 1041, or 58 per cent, were buying the house they were living in. Owner-occupiers Australia-wide were 33 per cent.

All told, another third of Australian households living in homes they own. Only a quarter of Warrandyte households were that fortunate.

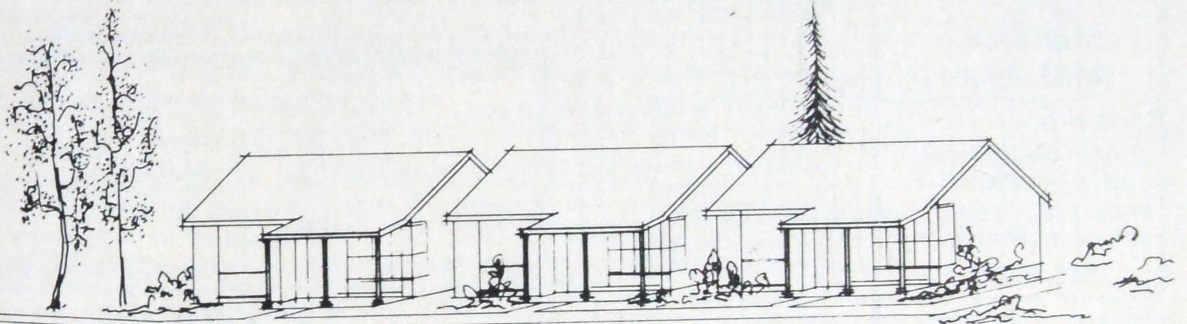
On the other hand only 8.6 per cent of Warrandyte households paid rent for their accommodation; overall, a quarter of Australians were renting.

In 1981, nine Warrandyte houses were used as holiday homes.

Part of the reason for Warrandyte's traffic congestion shows up in the figures for cars. Fifty-two per cent of village households had two cars as against a national percentage of 29.

And 69 households had four or more cars. Post-census Diary research shows that most of these are taken out, minus mufflers, and raced up and down Warrandyte's main roads early on Sunday mornings.

Elderlys' flats to be built soon



Work is expected to start on the elderly citizens' flats in Stiggant Street within a year.

Final plans are being drawn up following suggested amendments by the Warrandyte Advisory Committee's human resources sub-committee and local elderly citizens.

There are 10 local people already waiting to move into the flats, which are being built by the State Housing Ministry.

The 10 flats are single-bedroom units with a kitchen, lounge-dining room, and a laundry-bathroom. Each will have its own parking

spot, a front and back garden for the sole use of the occupants and all will have views over Stiggants Reserve opposite.

It is hoped that the general landscaping can be designed by a local expert, Bev Hansen.

Plans are expected to go to council very soon for approval,

and a spokesman for the sub-committee says construction could begin within five months of a permit being issued.

The sub-committee and local elderly citizens say they are delighted with the plans and the co-operation they have received from the Ministry and council.

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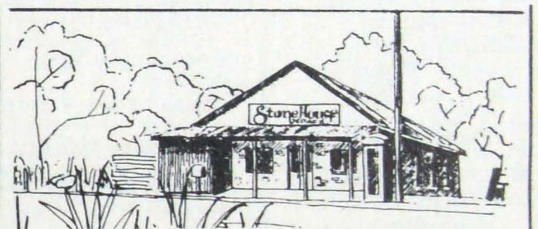
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Crafts Group: Meets first Monday of the month at various locations, 11.30 am. Inquiries — Leonie Horne, 844 2685.

Painting Group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 am at various locations. Inquiries — Eira Dodd, 712 0327.

Pottery Group: Meets each Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 am at the studio, Mitchell Avenue. Inquiries — Marjorie Beecham, 844 3206.

Drama Group: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Mechanics Institute. Inquiries — Martin Walker, 870 2777 or 844 3508.

Music Group: Meets every three months for informal music nights at various locations. Inquiries — Ann Arnold, 844 3250 or Rene Maddocks (choir), 844 3992.

BASKETBALL CLUB

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

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

A public meeting will be held at the community centre on May 28 at 8 pm.

CHURCHES

Gospel Chapel:

Services: Sundays at 10 am. Coffee afterwards.
Play group: for pre-school children, on Tuesday and Thursdays at 10 am. Inquiries — 844 2528.

Girls' Club: Meets at 3.45 pm on Tuesdays. For girls seven to 12.

Home Bible studies: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Youth Activities: each weekend.

Inquiries: Secretary (844 2528). Pastoral (Ray Meers, 844 2518, or Ken Dawson, 844 1147), Youth director (Steve Bentley 435 2794).

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):

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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.

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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: Training every Sunday morning and every Thursday at 8 pm. Monthly meeting every second Thursday at 8 pm. Fire calls 844 3798. Business calls 844 3375. Inquiries: R. Bellinger (captain) 844 1020 or D. Gelme (secretary) 844 2592.

NORTH WARRANDYTE FIREWORKERS' ASSOCIATION

Brigade social club, meets fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 pm at the station. Inquiries: 844 2418 or 844 3528.

FRIENDS OF THE STATE PARK

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GIRL GUIDES

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting at the community centre at 8 pm on May 15.

LITTLE BUGGAS

Trip to the Zoo on June 3 with Bob Winters and Bruce McDonald. Meet at the fountain at the main entrance at 1.30 pm. Inquiries: Tim Fergusson, 844 3139.

LIONS CLUB

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OCASIONAL CARE CENTRE

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

ROTARY CLUB

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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.

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Senior: Inquiries — Anthony Giles-Peters, 844 2573. Training: Under-18s Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 pm. Seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm. New players should ring Dennis O'Brien, 844 2236.

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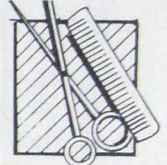
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Council seeking more land on Prof's Hill

Eltham Council officials are confident that negotiations to buy another section of Professor's Hill to add to the existing nature reserve will succeed soon.

Council has been negotiating with the owner, Mr Ilya Kostezky, and an official said the matter "was in the bag as much as these things can be".

Council wants to buy 1.6 hectares above the present reserve, which would create a total area of about 4.5 hectares. Council bought the present reserve several years ago.

Environmentalists have long

sought the extra land. They say it is vital to protect the bottom section from run-off that might have been caused if houses had been built on the land.

David Cameron, a local botanist who has been in the forefront of the campaign to create the reserve, says that if the purchase goes ahead it will add significantly to the botanical value of the reserve.

"In botanical terms, we will be getting everything that we have ever wanted," he says.

"There are 17 species in the new area that don't occur in the present reserve.

"Ten of these species are orchids, and three of these species have not been found anywhere in the Warrandyte State Park.

"They are the Early Caladensa, the Striped Greenhood and the Tiny Greenhood."

Mr Cameron is delighted at the prospects for the reserve as a whole if the purchase goes ahead.

"I see it as the milestone that we have been aiming for for so long," he says.

"We can now get on with managing the reserve."

Fencing is expected to start soon.

Letter

Sadly missed

My puppy called Zebo was found in the gutter on March 17. He was dead.

Some awful person just left him there, they did not even come in and tell us.

I am sad about Zebo.

Melissa Kerkhof,
Mitchell Avenue

Trenberths go, memories stay

Well-known locals Judy and Rob Trenberth are on the move closer to the city.

Judy will be remembered in Warrandyte for her help in getting the community market going and Rob has been involved in many activities, including a term as chairman of the Post Office Preservation Group.

With great reluctance their friends and people who have worked with them for the past eight years bid them goodbye.

Warrandyte joins the big circle of Rotary

Rotary has come to Warrandyte. On April 3 more than 300 people witnessed the presentation of the charter of the Rotary Club of Warrandyte.

The new club was sponsored by Doncaster Rotary.

At the charter night, the district governor, John Ellery, of the Bayswater club, welcomed president Richard Forde and 31 other members into the world-wide organisation of Rotary.

The planning of the new club took many months, and a great

debt is owed to Bill Tierney of the Doncaster Club, who attracted the interest of more than 30 members in the Warrandyte area.

The president is Richard Forde of South Warrandyte, the vice-president is Roger Oates of North Ringwood, the secretary is Kevin Morrish of Warrandyte High School and Brett Roulston of Gold Nugget Rise is Treasurer.

The new club meets every Tuesday at 7 pm at Alfred's Homestead Restaurant.

Why not 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 triers.

Julie, in her fifties, has done office work up to one year ago and would be interested in this again.

Peter, 18, had two years of an apprenticeship in vehicle body

building. He would like to finish his apprenticeship. Peter can also weld.

Anyone able to help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844 3326 or 844 2548.

Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd Project.

Spate of burglaries concerns police

Warrandyte police are concerned about the number of burglaries of local homes.

They say there has been a spate of them recently, mostly during the day and mostly in North Warrandyte.

The thieves have got away with hauls averaging a couple of thousand dollars. There were five big

robberies during the Easter break, the hauls averaging about \$4000. The most common items stolen were videos, TVs and other electrical equipment and jewellery.

Police say there is little that can be done to prevent housebreaking, but owners can make it harder for thieves.

The main thing is not to leave small, valuable items such as jewellery at home during holidays. Leave them with a friend.

Deadlocks on doors are also a big help, because thieves have to enter and leave through windows, which means they have great difficulty getting out bigger items such as TVs.

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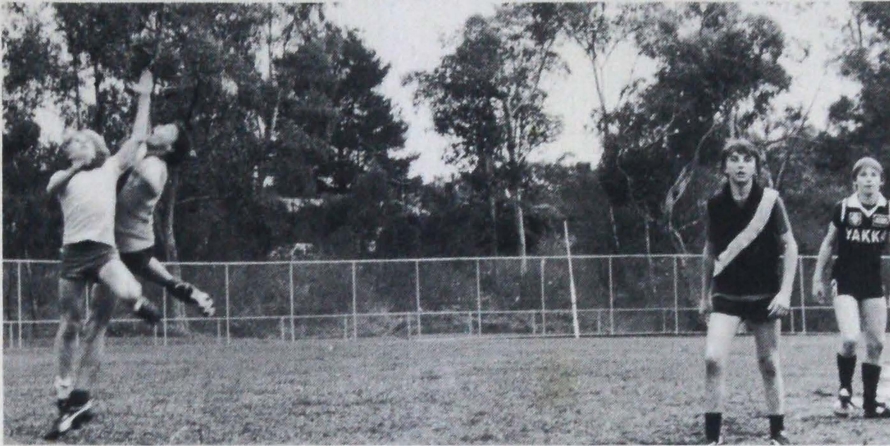
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Young Bloods are kicking on



Warrandyte Football Club's policy of fostering the game at junior level is reaping rewards this season with some high scores and outstanding junior and team performances. The under-14s, four of whom are pictured here at training, already have a 20-goal win over Mooroolbark to their credit.

Backward Bloods

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O'Brien and Gerald Walshe — who are either playing in the seniors or pressing established seniors for a place in the team," he said.

"We've had more than our share of early-season injuries and we've players like John Majoor, Andrew Sanger and Greg Nicholson to come back.

"We have a good chance of making the finals."

Club vice-president Ken McKenzie agreed that the Bloods had to lift their game.

"We knew it when we advanced to second division. We knew it wasn't going to be easy," he said.

"Everyone — coach included — has to do a little more.

"We are in a bigger league and we have to respond to the challenge."

Club secretary Anthony Giles-Peters said the return of injured players would make a big difference.

"We're not making excuses for the past two games, but it would be fairer to judge us on our performances when we're at full strength," he said.

Programs

Programs for Eltham and North Riding Living and Learning Centres, Donvale and Templestowe Arts Centre and South Warrandyte and Park Orchards Community Houses for term three are now available in shops and from the Community Education Office.

Elderlies meet the youngsters

Warrandyte Elderly citizens were very busy with activities during Heritage Week recently.

The main event was a concert for friends, councillors and politicians. They also visited Warrandyte Primary School to talk to students about the good old days in Warrandyte. The students prepared tea and scones for them.

What's on

Warrandyte Football Club have three social events on their calendar:

- May 26 — Bush Dance (venue to be decided).
- June 22 — Sportsmen's Night at North Eltham.
- July 7 — Dine and Dance Night, Grand Hotel.

All enquiries to Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).

Kiss to tell

Warrandyte Lions Club will hold a combined services club dinner/meeting at Alfred's on May 24 starting at 7 pm. The guest speaker will be Father Vincent Kiss. Enquiries: Ron Cuthbert, 725 8222.

Winding up

Warrandyte Cricket Club will wind up its double premierships year at its annual general meeting at the North Warrandyte Hall on May 28 at 8 pm.

Cabinet wanted

To make room for the normal amenities of living, the editors of the Warrandyte Diary are in urgent need of an office filing cabinet. Any offers will be gratefully considered by Bob Millington (844 2820) or Mark Davis (844 1186).

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Bad news: Bloods go backwards

Warrandyte Football Club's plans for consecutive premierships have gone back to the drawing board.

The committee, and coach Kevin McLean, admit that the big step to Division 2 of the EDFL competition has been steeper than imagined.

After a dream start to the new season — huge wins over Lilydale and Upper Ferntree Gully — the Bloods have come back to earth with a thud.

They turned in their worst performance for several seasons to go down by more than 10 goals to Heathmont.

It was a game coach McLean has not let his players forget.

He reminded them that Warrandyte were beaten in all key positions, that their teamwork was ragged and their passing too bad to be true.

The message got through to the extent of the Bloods lifting their game a little — but not enough — at home against Boronia.

They started well, but deteriorated and untidiness became the rule rather than the exception.

WARRANDYTE Diary SPORTS NEWS

The Bloods ruined promising forward thrusts by haphazard kicking for goal. They lost 21.16 (142) to 18.15 (111).

There were, however, several encouraging signs.

Neil Crosthwaite, returning from injury, started slowly but improved with every kick and is approaching the form which made him a key player in last year's premiership team.

Still to return is powerhouse ruckman Colin Bawden.

McLean said the team had not yet been able to cover the loss of Dennis O'Brien, Phil Taylor, Mark Field and Basil Risteuski at senior level.

"On the other hand, we have several under-18 players — Wayne Clarke, Chris Snaidero, John

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LOU'S OUR NEW No. 1

Warrandyte Football Club's new No. 1 member, Lou Hill (left), accepts his ticket from club president David Mitchell at the recreation reserve. Mr Hill, Labor MLA for Warrandyte, told the crowd at the Bloods' 1983 premiership pennant unfurling that he hoped to be closely involved with the club this season. And he hoped that his involvement would bring him into closer contact with the people of Warrandyte.

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