Warrandyte Diary

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How 'Yankee Jim' went to meet his maker

Kangaroo Ground, July 1884: I regret to state the death of one of our oldest inhabitants, James McAvoy, snr., commonly known as "Yankee Jim".

Both in this district and Hoddle's Creek, Warburton, and all the other places up the Yarra he was about the best known man about

about.

The deceased, with his brother, were the discoverers of Yankee Jim's Creek and Warburton, which turned out large amounts of gold, and other fields up the

After a very short illness he succumbed to a very severe attack of erysipelas. Working as usual on Thursday, the 3rd inst., on Friday he complained of chills and went to bed, from which he never rose, dying on

the 9th inst.

As he had no medical attendance, and there seemed to be some doubt as to the cause of death, a magisterial inquiry was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Mr Trezise's Union Hotel before Mr W. HutHow we lived

This is the first item of a regular column the Diary will run. The stories are taken from 'The Evelyn Observer' of 100 years ago. They were written by the Anderson's Creek correspon-

chinson, J.P.
Mary McAvoy, wife of the deceased, stated her husband was taken ill on Friday the 4th inst., "his head and face commenc-

the 4th inst., "his head and tace commenced to swell and was very red."

"I went to Mrs Grant and told her, and she gave me some iodine to paint his face with. I knew it was erysipelas; he had it very bad about 5 years ago, and again about two years ago, I, on these occasions, painted his face with iodine, and it went

away, he had no doctor. I saw a similar case, that of Mr Speers.
"My husband never spoke after Saturday, the 5th inst., he was then quite delirious; I had no means to get medical aid, I gave him opening medicine; I did not ask for assistance to take him to the hospital. I went to Constable Arnold on

hospital. I went to Constable Arnold on Tuesday the 8th inst., and told him my husband was very bad and would he come and see him, the Constable came that evening.

"On the following morning about 12 o'clock he died; he did not speak before he died, not since the previous Friday. I went to Mrs Grant and she came and saw him. I sent my daughter Mary to Constable Arnold, he came at once.

"Constable Arnold told me on the 8th that the deceased was not fit to move, that in all probability he would die on the road.

in all probability he would die on the road. To the best of my belief, according to what I have seen before, the cause of death was erysipelas. I did all I could for him. Mrs Grant was very kind to us."

In answer to the Magistrate, "He was addicted to drink?": "I do not think that brought it on. I think it was through rheumatism and cold." Mrs Grant stated that on Mrs McAvoy

applying to her, informing her her hus-band had erysipelas, she told her to be very careful, as it was such a dangerous thing, gave her some iodine, and told her not to give him drink of any kind, they had no

means to get assistance.
"I have always known her to be a kind and affectionate wife to him, and I believe she did all in her power for him. I could not say what he died from. I think his constitu-tion was shattered through drink and he could not stand sickness.

 Researching your family history? Next month the Warrandyte Historical Society is running a family history night. Bring along your notes, charts, anecdotes and photographs. It will be held in the community centre on Tuesday, August 14, commencing at 8 pm.

House prices on the rise

Land and house prices throughout the Warrandyte area are rising steadily, says Glenn Martin, manager of Peter MacDougall's Warrandyte office.

He says local prices have finally followed a general trend that began in the inner city suburbs about six

months ago.

The rises cover all types of land The rises cover all types of land and housing available, except property being offered for sale for more than about \$100,000. He says the market for this price range has not kept pace with the general rise.

Mr Martin emphasises, however, that land prices still depend on the

Mr Martin emphasises, however, that land prices still depend on the size, shape, and slope of the block. Property is also still in short supply, he says. What is available is being bought relatively quickly. "Six months ago the asking price for a standard building block — a quarter-acre — was about \$17,000 to \$18,000. The average price being paid now is about \$25,000," he says. "The top price being paid is about \$30,000. The asking price is obviously higher — up to \$33,000." Mr Martin says there have not been many half-acre blocks on the market, so it is hard to make a pro-

been many half-acre blocks on the market, so it is hard to make a proper estimate of any price rise. "Generally, they have gone from about \$25,000 to \$30,000," he says. The price of acre blocks, however, is keeping pace with the general trend. Mr Martin says: "A good acre block is round about the \$45,000 mark. They were getting

\$30,000 to \$35,000 about 12

months ago.
"Of course it is here that the slope and shape of the block is more important than block sizes. If the block has a substantial slope then it will not get close to the \$45,000

Mr Martin says homes and land suited to first home buyers have risen most in price — "That's the really frightening one," he says. "The \$45,000 to \$55,000 weatherboards and small brick veneers that we had 12 months ago are now \$60,000 to \$65,000, and in some

So,000 to \$65,000, and in some cases higher. The cheapest weatherboard now would be about \$58,000 to \$60,000, the cheapest brick veneer would be \$65,000-plus.

But Mr Martin says that the problem area is the over-\$100,000 property. "They take longer than normal to sell, both houses and land," he ays. "The best you could hope for here would be a 10 percent increase in 12 months. Property up to \$100,000 is moving fairly quickly, but anything over that, the buyers are taking their time.

"Overall, though, I think Warrandyte prices, for what they offer, are as high as anywhere else, although we are a bit behind places closer to the city as far as the timing of the rises is concerned. The prices start to rise closer to the city then

start to rise closer to the city then they spread like a wave outwards. "For example it will take 12 months before the prices being asked in Hawthorn hit here."

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White wearing this strange make-up at school? The answer is an art in education program being run by the State Government. At Warrandyte Primary School the program has brought Rainbow the Clown (Eugenie Knox), who is pictured at left painting base make-up on Danny Laurence. The program has been a roaring success, both for the students and

Milk bar held up

A young Eltham woman has been charged with attempted hold-up and assault with a weapon in the wake of an in-cident at the Yarra View milk bar near the post office late last month

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Smokey Joe

Ah, how some people change. Smokey has it on good authority that a person not a million miles away from responsibility for The Diary has altered in the years since he returned to the fold from the wilds of

the fold from the wilds of Papua New Guinea.
Yes, then he was a happygo-lucky spendthrift. But back in the hills (and Smokey has obtained this from his mother, a most truthful woman) the lure of the bikkies has grabbed him to such an extent that the sorrowing family have taken to calling him MacDavis.

Amazing scenes in the air. A mate of Smokey's was travelling from Brisbane to Mel-bourne recently, and was carrying a sugar bag full of mud crabs. He gave them to a stewardess to put in the galley fridge and arranged to get them back on arrival in Melbourne. Come landing time, a sweet young voice an nounces over the PA: "Would the gentleman who gave me the crabs in Brisbane please see me at the front of the plane?"

The mutterings from the Doncaster end of town are getting louder and louder. It seems that cynical residents smell a rat over the fact that someone wants to give the area a new name and postcode. Smokey wonders whether the name change proposal has anything to do

with a comme He hears tell that a big re-tailer owns land nearby but can't include one of those very profitable liquor stores very profitable liquor stores in any supermarket unless the area gets a new postcode. It seems that there is a limit on the number of liquor stores in any given postcode area and there there are enough in this area. Residents won't have a bar (so to speak) of the name change and the Post Office is quite happy with the present arrangements. Smokey visited Warrandyte

Smokey visited Warrandyte Primary School recently, the scene of many a youthful escapade, and was delighted to see that students still like to "walk the wall", a practice that is likely to have been passed on at the school for many, many years. It involves walking along a narrow ledge at the base of the row ledge at the base of the west wall of the old building with handholds provided by small holes in the mortar. Insmall noies in the mortar. In-deed, some of the handholds are quite fresh. Smokey was not tempted to relive those fond memories — there is a small problem of a big stom-ach. He also noticed that with the seemingly endless expansion of buildings there is very little space to play in. Even the old court has buildings on it. One wonders what use the tattered remnants of the pine plantation are. Perhaps a play area could be built there.



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Many Warrandyte residents will recently have received notification from the Board of Works that it plans to change some land uses in the area.

Five new zonings replace the Landscape Interest A, General Farming A, the Proposed Public Purposes 18 Reservation and parts of the Residential D zones in the Eltham Shire.

Included in the new zonings are some extra controls relating to the removal of native plants, siting and setbacks for buildings, excava-

restrictions on dogs.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee has asked the board to pro-

mittee has asked the board to provide a detailed definition of the Residential D zoning.

Details of the changes, to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme are available from the Warrandyte Environment league, Carole Nikakis, 844 2288, or from the board. the board.

The amendments are on exhibi-tion at the board headquarters in the city and board staff will give advice to landowners. Submissions on the changes must be lodged with the board in writing by August 23.

New bus service

The Melbourne Transit Authority has begun an Eltham-Warrandyte bus service, operated by Hurstbridge Bus Lines.

The service will be reviewed to see if it is warranted. If it is not patronised and has to cease it is unlikely that it will resume.

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Timetables are available from the operators, 833 Main Road, Hurstbridge, 3099. Phone 718 2222.

718 2222.

Buses leave the Recreation Reserve every hour on the half-hour. Those leaving at 9.30, 11.30, 1.30 and 3.30 travel to Eltham by Kangaroo Ground Road. Buses leaving at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30 go along Research Road. All buses will stop anywhere they are flagged. stop anywhere they are flagged

Fisher to stand in North Riding

Mr John Fisher of Stony Creek Road, North Warrandyte, is to nominate as an independent can-didate for the Shire of Eltham North Riding. Elections are to be held on August 4 and John hopes to replace Councillor Helen Wells, who is helieved to be retiring.

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John has lived in Warrandyte for
11 years and is an analytical chemist and teacher. He supports the often expressed view that North Warrandyte needs direct and active repre-

dyte needs direct and active representation on council.

As a past president and vice-president of the Warrandyte Environment League, John is best known in the community for his conservation activities spanning many years. He is vice-president of the Professor's Hill Sanctuary Committee of Management.
"I am very concerned about the future of North Warrandyte in the light of the recent heard of enuity.

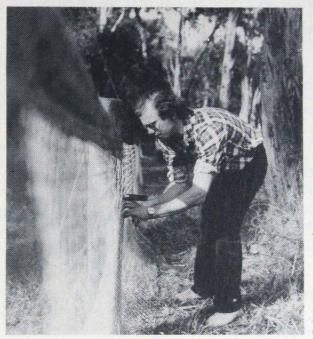
light of the recent board of enquiry into municipal boundaries and I would be very pleased to hear opi-nions from residents on this issue,"

John also believes he has a good understanding of many of the pro-blems faced by people living in the rural parts of the shire. "I farmed a property in Gippsland for five years so I am acquainted with problems

so I am acquainted with problems of rural life. I am confident that I can contribute to the resolution of difficulties faced by these residents in the North Riding," he says.

John ia also very aware of the threat of bushfires that residents face every summer. "I am a resident in a high fire-danger area and a conservationist so I firmly believe conservationist, so I firmly believe we have to strike an acceptable balance between fire prevention and conservation and I intend being active in promoting this attitude in council," he says.

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"I would also like to emphasise
that I give high priority to improved
accessibility to community services. I believe counselling services, child minding and youth training facilities can be improved further and I am anxious to see Eltham Council build on its relationship with Doncaster and Templestowe City Council to improve co-operation on the issues that affect both areas



John Fisher hard at work on the sanctuary fence.

A sanctuary at last

Community spirit prevails! That much-loved plot of bushland in North Warrandyte, Professor's Hill Sanctuary, is being fenced by willing local residents to keep trail bikes, horses and bikes out and increase protection for the delicate flora so abundant on "the bill". The fencing program is being organised by the sanctuary commit-tee of management and materials have been supplied by Eltham Council.

Council candidate John Fisher is co-ordinating the fencing. Two

"I am very encouraged by the strong expressions of support I have been given by local residents

and interest groups. Any resident

working bees have been held, and the Research Road boundary fence has almost been finished.

The committee of management

has written to council expressing its thanks to all councillors for their unanimous support.

It particularly thanked Councillor Robert Marshall, whose in-terest in Professor's Hill and his recognition of its special merit actually pre-date the community interest in the potential value of the

who would like to discuss issues of concern with me, should feel free to contact me at my home on 844 2403."

Helen and Doug Macrae are the proud parents of their first baby, Catherine. Friends are waiting to carletine. Prefets are waiting to see if she has inherited her father's impressive vocal abilities or her mother's acting skills. Likewise, Cherry and Joff are thrilled with their new arrival, Minna.

A plea from Warrandyte children A piea from warrandyte children to drivers parking in the main street. They believe the pedestrian crossing was put in to make the town safer for them. Would it be possible for those who park too close to it (thus preventing traffic from seeing them) to refrain from such anti-social behavior) Children have suggested that persistent offenders might find their numbers taken and given to the police.

* * * Ever felt like grilling your local member? Your chance will come at a "roast" for the federal member for Casey, Peter Steedman, on Saturday August 18 at Brushy Creek Hall, North Croydon. Tickets are available by phoning 726 0855.

Warrandyte Primary School and the Community Music Program would like to thank the Elderley Citizens' Club for the two piano accordions.

Well-known and much-loved local Enid Bird recently reached a grand age (she won't tell us the exact figure, and it would have been impolite to press the point). We believe there were seventy-nine wellwishers to share a magnificant cake share a magnificent cake.

Speaking of birthdays, the Fifth Column hears that local florist Column hears that local florist Ann Green is giving them up—and not for the usual woman's reason. Coming face-to-face with a 21-stone transvestite stripper at the local would be enough to put anyone off. Ann wants to thank her "friends" for helping her celebrate. Don't bother next year — a quiet dinner at home is planned.

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Dick Davies, who is on "loan" to England for a couple of years, was temporarily "at Home" to catch up with friends during his visit to Warrandyte County.

Warrandyte Apex Club has handed over a "cheque" for \$600 towards equipment for Warrandyte Primary's Community Music Room. It would be giving the game away if we named the Apexian who left the real cheque at home. After all it was 9.30 on Sunday morning.

Local sandwich gourmets, already delighted by Mary and Jenny's delicaces, had another treat at the gala opening of the Warrandyte Arts Association's latest production, "Travelling North". The sandwiches, which had been lovingly stuffed with huge chunks of chicken by Noni and Jacki, were magnificent. It was rather amusing to see those "balancers par excellence", our local politicians, trying to cope with sangers, cigars, and champers all at once. Max McDonald, Peter Steedman, Lou Hill, Mike Arnold and Alan Baker are only too aware that a



politician's lot is not an easy one.

The Uniting Church is to put on a ''Music Hall'' night at the Mechanics Institute from July 20. Many residents are waiting to see John Boyle do the can can.

If you remember the excellent production of "HMS Pinafore" put on by Warrandyte High School you won't want to miss their next project, "The Pirates of Penzance", which will start early in August. Chris White will be on deck again in charge of the crew.

Sandwiched (not again, we screamed) in between the pirates and the music hall dancers will be a play reading, "Shifting Hearts", by the WAA Drama Group on July 18.

Some people might say that this is an entirely appropriate production for a town like Warrandyte.

Warrandyte welcomes to its bosom another CEO. No, it's not a clone of Rosi Tovey, Community Education Officer (they broke the mould when they made her), it's Rodney Roscholler, Eltham's Chief Executive Officer. Rod, Wendy and their children fell in love with Warrandyte many years ago. Of course it would be irrelevant to mention which side of the river they are living on.

Warrandyte South principal Graeme Jacobs is known far and wide for his ball-handling ability, in both football and cricket (ho ho ho), but he overstepped the mark in more ways than one recently. After fetching a football from the school roof he came an almighty tumble on the way down and was flat on his back for several days. Maybe he's invented a new type of Jacob's Ladder.

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Work on cottage may start soon

Work on the slab cottage in Castle Road may start within a month, with public viewing beginning in

Plans are being drawn up for a protective covering and the Warrandyte Slab Cottage Project Committee has prepared a preliminary outline of a management plan.

Committee members are still try-ing to establish a full history of the

Policy recommendations have been made by the committee for the other bodies that will become in-

other bodies that will become involved in the project.

They include:

No attempt should be made to recreate any of the original features of the cottage unless sufficient physical evidence remains, leaving no doubt about the authenticity of various features. This would in-clude later additions such as the door frame, the window, reconstruction of the chimney and

the north-west section of the roof.

Although it would seem that the original function of the cottage was original function of the cottage was probably as a private residence, its use as one appears to have been very short-term. A major part of the life-span of the cottage was to function as a memorial within the protective addition built around it. Because the structure is fragile it was felt that any occupation and use of the building would be detrimental to its preservation. On these grounds it was felt the cottage would best serve as a historical, educational memorial. Any adaption, such as the construction of a protective covering, should provide protective covering, should provide for public viewing. It is emphasised that any such plan should take into that any such plan should take into consideration all requirements for the preservation and stabilisation of the cottage in its existing state.

For the public to experience fully the history and feel of the cottage, internal public viewing was felt to be the better alternative. However the difficulties and pro-

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

blems associated with the conservation and preservation of the fabric of the cottage make this dif-ficult. This could be overcome to some extent with the construction of an information centre in the form of a gatehouse to provide information on the history of the building, the building techniques used and a model replica of the building showing internal and ex-ternal features.

☐ Two alternatives are suggested for the fencing of the site: (a) to fence the entire site with a manproof fence with a smaller fence

around the cottage itself or, (b) to build a rural-style fence around the site and a circular man-proof fence around the building. The use of natural timber and fencing wire of a type and color to blend in with the bush setting was recommended.
Any decision on the type of fencing
to be used is however very dependant on the form and style of protective roofing used over the cot-

Pedestrian access to the site was felt to be the only alternative, and that this should be via a bush track (already in existence) from the bridge and Kangaroo Ground Road, Service vehicle access would come from Castle Road.

More historical research is re-

quired to determine what the sur-rounds would have looked like cir-ca 1900. However, until this is determined it was felt that an initial stage of work on the grounds should include general clearing of

rubbish and that some fill be deposited to replace that excavated during the demolition of the addi-tion. This should re-stablilise some of the immediate area around the cottage. This is being examined archaeologically.

That the functional requirements of the building and a plan of

action for future works be deter-mined as quickly as possible in accordance with the cultural and historical significance of the cot-

☐ That any conservation measures required for the preservation of the building in its existing state be determined and undertaken immediately.
☐ That the extent of input — both

at a financial and managerial level

from various state and government bodies involved in the project be determined to prevent further delays in getting the project going.

1900: Crown land. 1905: Mary Morrison listed as ratepayer. Cottage already

on property.
1906: Property (lots 35 and 1906: Property (lots 35 and 36) with cottage on 36, pur-chased by Mary Morrison. Mary Morrison lived at 'Stoney Brae' from this period until about c 1923.

about c 1923.
1921-1923: Leased to Kate
Brady and her sister, who lived
on the property during this
period. This suggests the
additions may have already
been constructed.
1923: Occupied by March

Occupied by Mary Morrison. 1936-1938:

Tenant Mrs Florence Haigreaves. Mary Morrison moved to nursing home.

home.
1939: Purchased(?) by
Dorcus Saunders as well as adjoining section A183296. Some
problem over title.
1941: Purchased by
Charles Sandford. Problems
still associated with title.

1956: Purchased by Mrs Florence Josephine Cashmore. The title at the time of purchase by Florence appears to have been in the name of Mary Mor-

rison. 1963: 1963: Property passed to Bryne Cashmore on death of his mother. 1982: Taken over by Public

Trustee on death of Bryne.
NOTE: Dorcus Saunders (later
Huggins) and Charles Sandford do not appear to have ac-tually lived on the property. A relative of the Cashmores (Mr Moss) mentioned that he thought the Cashmores had used the house and property on weekends since the late 1930s. Further historical work is required to support this state-ment. There are several registered attempts to purchase lot 36 during the period after Mary Morrison's death and 1956. The Cashmores may have made earlier attempts to buy

The presence of the cottage on what was quite obviously Crown Land at the time of its

> FACTS FROM THE PAST

construction rises distinct possibilities of it having been a squatter's residence. Dating of the cottage could still be any where between 1880 and 1904.

The cottage in its original form appears to have been built before 1904 on what was then Crown Land. Changes to the cottage structure, such as an increased height in the door and the inclusion of a larger, more functional window, probably occurred about the time the enveloping additions were put on, that is about 1920-21 to

1923. The top of the chimner was probably removed at this time to make way for the new addition's roof. The original frames of both the door and window can still be observed. Three sets of hinges suggest three changes of doors. The latter was higher and narrower than the previous two than the previous two

Alterations to the fireplace such as the inclusion of rec bricks to line the base of the chimney, can also be observed.

When this occurred has not been established. Brick samples are being tested by the Vic-torian Archaeological Survey.

Archaeological investiga-tions in the form of excavations under the floorboards have established that the floor-boards were laid down after the cottage was completed.

Internal renovations, such as the whitewashing of the walls and the hessian ceiling, are also evident, although it is not yet known when this was done.

It appears from archaeological evidence that the clay daub and the whitewash on the walls was actually prepared inside the cottage. The mixing of the daub created several areas of compact mud inside the cottage. This was initially thought to have been part of an earlier mud floor. The floorboards were floor. The floorboards were placed on joists which were but-ted up against the internal walls.

Samples of the daub and whitewash are being analysed by the VAS to try to find their original source. If restoration of damaged areas proceeds, this will enable the use of material from the original source.

will enable the use of material from the original source.

It is likely that the re-rendering and whitewashing was carried out by Mrs Morrison soon after the cottage was bought.

The date of the addition of iron on the north-west section of the roof has not been yet determined, but was probably just before the 1920-21 additions.

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and 5.

On the Saturday it will be open from 10 am to 6 pm and on the Sunday from 10 to 5 pm. Handicapped people will be able to visit on the Sunday from 9 am to 10 am.

The society is a non-profit organisation which encourages the use and preservation of Australian plant species by propagation and cultivation.

It is also involved in the regenera-

tion of natural bush and parks and has begun a program to grow plants for areas hit by the Ash Wednesday

bushfires.

The show will be Victoria's largest display of wildflowers, and aims to awake public awareness to the possibilities of beautifying and landscaping their gardens with Australia's diverse flora. The theme of the show is "Landscaping with Australian Plants," and experts will be on hand to give information and help. Other displays will complement this theme, including an exhibit entitled "Flowers around Australia".

Practical displays include pruning demonstrations, dealing with pests and diseases, propagating by cuttings and seed, and using glasshouses and trickle irrigation. The use of native plants in craftwork will also be demonstrated.

A well-stocked bookstall will cover a wide range of topics and patrons will be able to select suitable plants from the wide range available.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for pengingers Children will be addeduced.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for pensioners. Children will be admitted for free and each will receive a free plant. Refreshments will be available. Enquiries: John Knight, 844 3344.

open space, like the reserve, contribute to the character of Warrandyte and we believe that the community would most likely want this area to stay as a public reserve. We also believe that the most effective way to ensure this is by local community involvement."

The Department of Conservation, Forests and Land has asked council to comment, and the council has in turn asked WAC and WEL for their thoughts. WEL is preparing environmental and landscape assessments of the reserve. "If there is sufficient interest, we would like to see a local residents

Views sought

on plan

for reserve

The town planning sub-committee of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee has sent out questionnaires

to residents seeking their opinions on the possible purchase of Crown Land known as Scotchman's Hill at

the northern end of Magpie Lane. WAC believes that the land will be sub-divided if it is sold on the

open market.

A WAC official says: "Areas of

open space, like the reserve, con

would like to see a local residents group formed to work towards keeping the reserve as a public area," the official says.

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Mr Martin says, however, that inner city prices seem to be levelling off, which means that the present round of rises in Warrandyte will last at the most for about 12 months

He says the main reasons for the latest rises are the sale about 12 months ago of land in the Don-caster area that had been reserved for the eastern suburbs railway at relatively high prices — all prices got a kick along from that, he says

- the ready availability of cheap finance, and the short supply of

finance, and the short supply of good property.

Despite the higher prices, Mr Martin believes that property here is still very good value. "Warrandyte is an excellent area to buy in—it's close to everything and it's not suburbia," he says. "Warrandyte doesn't compete with any other area—when you buy here you buy a lifestyle, and that's what makes it so attractive. You're not selling just a roof over someone's head, you're selling a complete package."

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Pre-school protests over medical tests

The North Warrandyte Infant Welfare and Pre-school Associa-tion has sent a letter to the State Health Minister, Mr Roper, pro-testing against the withdrawal of full medical examinations of four-

run medical examinations of four-year-old pre-schoolers.

The acting secretary of the association, Mrs Rosemary For-syth, says the letter is part of a cam-paign to keep this vital service.

The withdrawal of the service is part of State Government plans to "rationalise" school medical ser-vices. The examinations may be replaced by a similar service for five-year-olds in their first year at

primary school.

Mrs Forsyth says in the letter to
Mr Roper: "The North Warrandyte Pre-School has been informed
that as part of the Diamond Valley/
Eltham area, it is now entitled to a
viet by a doctor for one day per visit by a doctor for one day per year, which means only 18 children out of our 56 can be examined.

"We see this proposal as totally unsatisfactory in that:

The selection of children to be medically examined is not within an area of responsibility of a pre-school director. He/she is not medically trained and therefore it is considered inappropriate that he/she should be propriate that nershe should be expected to choose which children are to be examined. Often the very child who is at risk is most competent at hiding the problem. ALL children need There may be more than 18 children with problems which have not been detected by parents or teachers. In the past

this has proven to be the case. If a problem such as poor eyesight or hearing is not detected at the pre-school level, the child must struggle on in prep grade until a medical officer recognises the problem. The

child has already been disadvantaged and possibly struggling to keep up with others in his/her grade.

"As a concerned committee, we cannot understand why the Health Commission should cut corners on such vital issues as pre-school children's health. We would ask that you reconsider this matter at your earliest convenience."

WAC and WEL back market

Warrandyte Advisory Committee has received a report from the War-randyte Environment League which says that the community market is not a significant cause of environmental damage to Stiggants

This confirms the general view of WAC that the market will be able to stay there although if substantial work has to be done on the reserve the market might have to be shifted

for a month at the most.

At its last meeting WAC expressed its support for the market re-

maining at Stiggants.

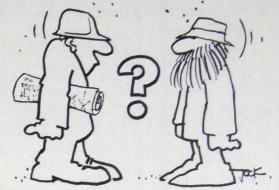
The WEL report says that the

deterioration in grass cover on the reserve seems to have stabilised since a boom gate was installed to prevent casual parking in the area. It also states that WEL would like to see the market remain at Stig-

A WEL official says the group will join others in monitoring the reserve over winter or until the Doncaster and Templestowe Council parks and gardens officer reports. The matter has been refer-red to the officer.

The WEL official believes that

more remedial works might be



Speed limit sought

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee has decided to ask the Road Safety and Traffic Authority to place a 60 kmh speed limit on the section of Harris Gully Road near Anderson's Creek Primary School.

WAC's fire disaster sub-commit-tee is also considering the evacua-tion plan for Doncaster and

Templestowe.

The annual general meeting will be held on July 25 at 8 pm in the Mechanics Institute. The guest speaker will be Brian Harper, chief executive officer of Doncaster and Templestowe. He will talk about "local government and the com-munity".

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

John, 37, cabinet maker, must give up job because of dust causing asthma. He needs other work. Jim, 17, has worked as appren-

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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.

echanics Institute. 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

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ospel Chapel:
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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):

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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.

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

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ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE

Meets first Thursday of the month at 8 pm at home of Jan Vagg, 112 The Boulevarde, 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.

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WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Juniors: Inquiries — Danny Cappellani, 844 2191, Mike Comrie, 844 3483, or Therese Tright, 844 2705. Training: Under-10s and Under-12s Mondays at 4pm. Under-14s and Under-16s, Mondays and Wednesdays at 4,30 pm.

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A few ideas

After reading the last issue of the Diary I feel provoked into writing about a few local issues.

First, the possibility of the market having to move from Stiggants Reserve. What earthly good is a public reserve if it cannot be used for public purposes? It's not as if it's going to be used for go-kart racing or hand grenade-throwing competitions; it's for a good, old-fashioned market just like they used to have in the old days. Surely we can cope with that?

we can cope with that?

If there are problems with soil erosion and drainage then I suggest someone set about solving them. Perhaps the market could temporarily go down to the flats at the bottom of the reserve while a more hardy type of grass is planted and

better drainage provided. To banish it forever would be ludicrous.

My second issue concerns the rear view of the squash courts, rear view of the squash courts, which is indisputably plain. I suggest that a mural be painted on the end wall (as visible from the river) either depicting a riverbank scene or, even better, scenes from Warrandyte's Gold Rush days. Sure, this would cost between five and 10 grand, but that strikes me as money far better spent than on the old Post grand, but that strikes me as money far better spent than on the old Post Office, which I believe is flogging a dead and very barbecued horse, which, if restored, will only be a replica (rather like the proverbial grandfather's axe). To be frank, the Post Office issue reminds me very much of the Monty Python sketch in which the lovely princess Mitzi Gavnor takes her dead dog for a Gaynor takes her dead dog for a drag around the palace gardens each day; she is so lovely and nice that no one has had the heart to tell her about death.

My third issue concerns the How impressed the publicans must have been when told by WEL and WAC that such gems as wooden

would have gone the whole hog and insisted on sawdust for the floors instead of wasting thousands of dollars on those carpets; so authen-tic don't you think? I submit that the new owners are doing a mighty job in restoring the pub — not restoring it into a historic relic, but restoring it into a historic relic, but restoring it into a place the whole family can go to and at the same time making it pleasant to look at. The community should commend them on this, not mutter at them in obscure undertones. "Never knock honest endeavor," my grandfather used to say, and he was right, you know. Let's build on our strengths, not kick people's feet away from not kick people's feet away from under them.

Chris Lovell. Melbourne Hill Road

Football thank-you

I would like to say something about the Under-18 footy team and to thank those people concerned who have finally realised that we have such a side at the Warrandyte Foot-ball Club.

players to the senior side, but they have proved that they can do it, and

have won a few games.

I have followed these players for a number of years, some of them since the Under-10s, for whom it

to lose such good club members. I would also like to thank Joe Scicluna and Ray Walsh, who over the years have given their time and effort to those players and have done a great job.

Dennis.

Musical

The community Music Committee would like to thank the community market for its contribution of \$500. This will be of great assistance to our program and will allow us to buy new equipment and offer places for children to extend their musical talents.

The children of Warrandyte

musical talents.

The children of Warrandyte identify with the market, and that first Saturday of the month is interwoven with their experience of growing up in Warrandyte. It is most appropriate therefore that they know they have benefited from one of their favorite events.

Congratulations are due to the

Congratulations are due to the hard-working market committee, which has contributed in many

Gain weight, lose money

North Warrandyte Fire Brigade will

North Warrandyte Fire Brigade will hold a fund-raising night on July 21 at the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

It will be a pasta night, with a three-course meal (ice cream and spaghetti for sweets?) on offer, plus dancing later to work off the effect of over-indulgence. Tickets, at \$14 of over-indulgence. Tickets, at \$14 a head, can be bought from Jan Skinner (844 2769) or Irene Allen (844 2707).

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ball Club.

In the past this team has not done too well, but, I might add, this is not for lack of trying.

This year I thought it would be even harder as they are now in Division Two and have lost a few players to the senior side but they.

will be the last season. I hope that the club will give them the encour-agement to keep on playing for Warrandyte, as it would be a shame

done a great job.

It seems that this year this team has been given the support it so badly needed, so let's continue to show them that we appreciate all the effort they have given WFC over the years. And thank you Dennis

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Warrandyte police are concerned about traffic problems outside the Golden Gate milk bar in the West

They say people are unaware that it is illegal to park immediately in front of the shop because the area is still designated as a road and, in effect, they are parking in the middle of an intersection. Senior Sergeant Royce Beasley says there have been many minor

accidents there and the legal prob-

lems arising from them have cost people a lot of money. He says people can park only in the spaces

provided next to the bus shelter.

Doncaster and Templestowe
Council has been aware of the
problem for several years, he says, but little has been done.

Senior Sergeant Beasley says that

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SEC to consult when clearing trees: Hill

The SEC will consult Warrandyte people in developing local tree-clearing policies and programs. The member for Warrandyte, Mr

Lou Hill, says the new Tree Clear-ance Consultative Committee will get local community views as well as Government agency views on SEC clearing policies.

Mr Hill says a number of War-randyte people have approached him about the SEC's lack of sensitivity to the local environment when clearing trees.

"The formation of the committee is a demonstration of the government's and the SEC's desire to work with and consult local com-

munities about tree-clearance policies and programs," he says. Mr Hill explained that formation of the committee was one of the most important and innovative provisions of the new SEC (Clearance of Lines) Act. It will play an important role in developing new codes of practice for tree-clearing by the SEC.

Co-op needs more land

"The SEC has the dual and

"The SEC has the dual and sometimes conflicting roles of both keeping trees away from power lines to prevent bushfires and of taking account of local concerns about preserving the environment," he says.

"I believe this committee provides the basis for broad and balanced consultation which neither the SEC nor the Government has had before".

The Co-Op is looking for a bigger piece of land on which to make mud-bricks.

The present yard is too small. It is impossible to get a tractor in, which is the way to make lots of bricks, quickly, which is what is needed to make a successful business of it Five acres or a bit more would do

Students at music festival

Warrandyte Primary School students, led by their music teacher, Jenny Burdett, took part in the recent Kiwanis school music

recent Kiwanis school music festival at the Dallas Brooks Hall. The school's bush band got a special mention.

The band, of 20 grade five and six pupils, has been together for a year under teacher Kevin O'Mara, a member of Paradiddle.

year under teacher Keylin' Mara, a member of Paradiddle.

ABC radio announcer John Anderson, who lives in Warrandyte, was compere of the festival for the fifth consecutive year.

Little Buggas

The annual general meeting of the Little Buggas club was due to be held on July 8, 2.30 pm, at the home of Carl and Jeanette Stevenson, 55/57 Webb Street. Incorporation of the club will be pro-

School building function

Parents, students and the public will be invited to a special function at Warrandyte High School on the afternoon of Saturday July 28 to mark the start of construction of

the new buildings.

The Minister for Education, Mr Fordham, will be among the special guests, and he is expected to announce for the first time the name of the successful tenderer and sign the building contract that day.

Completion of the project, which provides new facilities especially designed for the site in Alexander Road, is expected in 12 months. A full range of facilities for academic

studies, arts and crafts, computer studies, music, drama and physical education are all included in the building, and basic landscaping to ensure that the new building fits into its attractive hillside site sympathetically will be provided.

Special arrangements are being

Special arrangements are being made with the Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham councils to ensure that parts of the new school, specifically a 250-seat theatre capable of being converted into a wide range of formats, and a basketball-sized gymnasium, will be available for hire by community groups each evening and at weekends.

Seminar on Death

A series of lectures on dying, death and bereavement will be held in Warrandyte on four Tuesday evenings (July 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14) in the Gospel Chapel. Subjects to be covered include:

the Gospel Chapel. Subjects to be covered include:
Facing up to death in the 1980s;
Caring for the dying and their families;
Caring for the bereaved person;
Helping children understand death.
The sessions, some of which will use video films, will be led by Mr David Treloar, the director of Death and Bereavement Educational Services for Tobin Bros, funeral directors. Mr Treloar has spoken to thousands of people and helped them handle this important topic.

A fee of \$10 per person, which includes a light supper, is charged for the total series. To register, please ring David Dawson on 844 2528.

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Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group invites applications from builders and contractors interested in tendering for the restoration and reconstruction of the former post office building, Yarra St, Warrandyte. Work is scheduled to commence late 1984. Applicants should indicate their suitability for the work, and provide references, e.g. name, type, value and location of recent work.

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'The Ace' calls it a day

Keith Wilson — a name for so long synonymous with Warrandyte Tennis Club — has stepped down after a record term of presidency and achievement.

Apart from a brief "holiday" in the 1970s, he had been club president since 1959.

When he began his association with the game in this town in 1956, Warrandyte Tennis Club was one concrete court and a tin shed at the

bridge.
Under Keith's leadership, WTC
moved out of the "dark ages" into
its present healthy situation — a
fine complex at Taroona Avenue and a huge increase in member-

ship.

He has also been the prime mover in plans for new clubhouse

extensions.

Keith is a life member of the club and of the EMRLTA.

While his presence at the helm at Warrandyte will obviously be missed, he assured members at the recent annual general meeting that he would be around in a non-administrative capacity "for a long

The new president is Terry Booth. Vice-president is Greg Lawrence and secretary Debbie

Our schoolkids run 'em ragged

The Dytes bounce back

Warrandyte High School is mak-ing a big name for itself in cross-country running. Local runners have achieved

Local runners have achieved outstanding successes in two recent district championships.

They won the grand aggregate title at the Yarra Group bush schools cross-country event—their third such success in the four years the school has competed. Warrandyte won in 1981-82 and were second last year.

And they followed up by sharing first place in the senior boys' teams event in the Eastern Zone championships.

tonships.

The Yarra Group consists of seven schools and the others are much bigger and more established than Warrandyte.

Notable performances in these titles came from Robin Holmes and Glen O'Sullivan, who finished first and second respectively in the senior box' event. senior boys' event. Francene O'Connor and Stewart

Warrandyte High School has bounced back from a disappointing start to the interschool football round with a big win over Templestowe Tech.

The Dytes showed tremendous painting a loaned fine team football and the start of the

spirit and played fine team football to win 16.9 (105) to 9.6 (60). Best for the locals were K. O'Connor, D. Weatherly, D.

Bardwell finished third in the junior boys' and junior girls'

vents.
The junior and senior boys also

won their section pennants.

Coach of the team, teacher Fred
Wubbeling, said the most pleasing
aspect of the victory was not the
achievement of individual stars but
the fact that it showed a great deal
of death in the team. of depth in the team.

of depth in the team.
"It also reflects the generally high level of fitness of students at the school," he said.
"Training for the competition was enhanced by the daily fitness program at the school which has been going for five years."

The Eastern Zone championship produced another excellent performance of the school which has been going for the years."

produced another excellent perfor-mance from Robin Holmes, who won the senior boys' individual

successful Warrandyte boys' team will now go on to the State All High Schools cross-country finals, with the chance of State selection.

Humphreys, Mc. Curry and M. Egglestone.

ject since 1980.

Warrandyte High staff are delighted with the response to the introduction of Year 11 physical education at the school. It is hoped

BLOODS CREEK

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captain Mark Brenchley and Andrew Sanger figuring prominently

— reduced the deficit to 22 points and the Bloods were playing their best football of the game.

Another forward thrust saw diminutive rover Dale McCartin mark, but kick poorly for a behind. It seemed to take the sting out of

the Warrandyte onslaught and the home side wrapped it up when they

ran into an open goal.

Ruck-rover Brenchley was the Bloods' best, setting a fine example

in the absence of skipper Majoor. Centre half-forward Robin Golding and centre half-back Greg Nicholson were also valuable contributors and Wilson battled fiercely on an afternoon not made for full forwards.

An encouraging sign for Warrandyte was the form of youngsters O'Brien and Gerald Walshe.

Safety Houses

All of Warrandyte is now covered by the Safety House program being

sponsored by Apex.
The program was completed last month when Apex established a Safety House zone for students of Anderson's Creek Primary School to complement the one established

for children in emergencies such as

Houses that are part of the program have been carefully selected and can be identified by a plaque. Children have been instructed in

for Warrandyte Primary.
A Safety House offers protection

when a child molester is known to be in the area.

to extend it to Year 12 in 1985.

Physical education has been examinable as a HSC Group 1 sub-GOING BUSH Children have been instructed in the program and are aware of what houses to go to in an emergency. Householders have specific instruc-tions to follow in an emergency. The Warrandyte program was Warrandyte Football Club will hold a bush dance on August 4 at South Warrandyte Hall.

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IT'S DOWN TO THE GULLY AND UP THE CREEK

Bloods in doldrums

Warrandyte's slim chances of making the EDFL second-division finals evaporated with a 22-point loss to Ferntree Gully.

On top of a narrow defeat at home to Olinda, the Ferntree Gully game effectively wrote off last season's third-division premiers as finals possibilities. The Bloods have won only three

of their 10 games since promotion to the tougher competition. They have found the step up in

class bigger than they had antici-pated and their cause has been set

back by protracted, injury-caused absences of key players.

Against Ferntree Gully, for example, Warrandyte were missing captain John Majoor, key defender Mick Hassall and ruckman Colin Rawden. It had been many weeks

Mick Hassall and ruckman Colin Bawden. It had been many weeks since the Bloods had been able to field a full-strength side.

The Ferntree Gully game was played in cold, wet and slippery conditions. Warrandyte made a spirited comeback in the final term after trailing by almost eight goals at three-quarter time, but their thrust run out of puff.

thrust run out of puff.
They had made too many elementary errors earlier in the game and had tended to fall into the short-passing game around the



flanks when the conditions called

for long kicks down the centre.

Warrandyte trailed by 22 points at half-time, but could have been considerably closer had a couple of shots found the mark shortly before the interval.

A long goal to John O'Brien early in the third term reduced the deficit to 15 points and put the Bloods right back in business.

But it was the signal for Ferntree

Gully to regroup and rattle on three quick goals. Full-forward Ron Wilson briefly

stopped the rot when he goaled from a free, but Ferntree Gully kicked three more before the siren

Warrandyte coach Kevin
McLean appealed to his players at
three-quarter time to lift themselves
for a final onslaught. The game was

not lost, he said.

The Bloods responded with a goal to Robert Moon early in the quarter and, to their great credit, fought back grandly after Ferntree Gully had replied twice.

Four quick goals — with acting-

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The firm of Andrew Sanger and John O'Brien were right in business against Olinda in the Bloods' recent home game. What one partner didn't grab, the other did. Above: Centre half-forward Sanger takes a big mark as O'Brien (No. 37) awaits the outcome. And (left) O'Brien is on hand to take a fine chest mark as the ball eludes Sanger and his Olinda opponent. Warrandyte narrowly lost the game which, statistically, they should have won.

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