

Warrandyte Diary

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West End project gets new chance

A supermarket and commercial development for the West End moved a step closer recently.

GROWING WITH YOU

Ah, the problems of success. The Diary will probably have to be expanded to 16 pages next month, and this means that more editorial copy will be needed and that editorial and advertising copy will have to be in on time.

Groups and individuals seeking publicity are encouraged to write contributions and leave them in the Diary box in the cypress tree opposite the Yarra Street newsagency.

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Readers should note that the Diary will no longer be available at the Yarra View milkbar at the post office shopping centre.

Doncaster and Templestowe's town planning strategy committee recommended that council consider proposals for the development of land on either side of Colin Avenue.

The report of the City Engineer, Peter Parkinson, says that proposals might allow for the closing of Colin Avenue to traffic and its conversion to a pedestrian mall.

But, says the recommendation, Clark Hopkins and Clark — architects for Davmark Nominees Pty Ltd — must supply data to justify the size of the development in the context of the West End's total commercial requirements.

The committee accepted Councillor Anne Martin's plea that any plan must preserve the "village green" grassed area near the Golden Gate.

Davmark's latest proposal envisages a supermarket of around 750 square metres in floor space, a bank and about 10 shops.

Parking for about 130 cars would be provided.

The committee describes the new plan as an attempt to integrate the Davmark proposal with the remainder of the existing commercial area.

This is in line with the recommendations of a meeting directed to be held by council to resolve the differences that had arisen over the site.

"The proposal is submitted to obtain an understanding of the council's view for development on the site having regard to the protracted history of the site," the recommendation says.

And protracted it has been.

Since 1980, the council has considered at least seven proposals for the development of the Davmark site (east of Colin Avenue) and the Pisag site (west of the avenue).



Rod Mackenzie and Lou Hill, MP, pose with an ANAD worker at the book launch.

PRAISE FOR OUR PARK PLANNERS

The Warrandyte State Park was a pioneer in opening up the state's parks and reserves to the disabled, the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Rod McKenzie, said recently.

Development of Pound Bend and the Jumping Creek Reserve had been done with the disabled in mind, he said.

The Minister was speaking at the launch of a book, 'Outdoor Victoria, a guide for the disabled', held appropriately, at Pound Bend.

The book is the brainchild of Dan and Kathy Smith. Kathy, an occupational therapist at Yooralla, and Dan, a planner with the National Parks Service, devoted their weekends for a couple of years to touring Victoria's natural areas and assessing them.

Their research led to the formation of ANAD (Access to Natural Areas for the Disabled), a voluntary group whose members compiled the text and tables for the book.

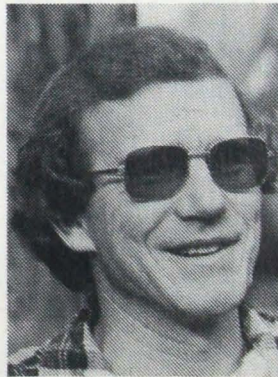
The 107 places described are grouped into eight regions, four

around Melbourne and four in the country. Maps and summaries of facilities are provided.

For the record, Pound Bend's accessibility is rated as "easy" in

terms of parking, shelters, toilets, walking tracks and picnic areas. Jumping Creek is described as "easy" for toilets and "moderate" for parking and picnic areas.

John Fisher is voted in



The August 4 council elections have produced a new representative for Warrandyte's people over the river.

The new North Riding Councillor for Eltham is John Fisher, who defeated F.S. Wenborn by 2430 votes to 1634. But only 56 per cent of us bothered to turn out to vote.

John, who classes himself as a Warrandyte resident "for some time", promises to inform Eltham Council residents of the village a lot more about what is going on.

On the other side of the river, in the only contested ward of Doncaster-Templestowe, sitting councillor Anne Martin easily defeated S. Kearney by 5598 votes to 3720.

Coining a record

Children at Warrandyte Primary School helped set a new record recently.

They laid a coin trail 275 metres long. At approximately 50 coins a metre, that's around 13,750 coins. Together with other schools in the district, they were hoping to break the coin trail record of 6.86 kilometres. They did. The new figure is 7.8 kilometres.

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IN RED & WHITE

Smokey Joe



Ahhh, the joys of being non-chauvinistic. A local lad of many years made one of those silly promises young men make under the influence of . . . love. It was quite a substantial promise, this one, and centred on the way in which the relationship should operate concerning household chores. The basic idea was sharing — you know, doing the dishes, the washing, the ironing and that sort of thing. And cooking. Which brings Smokey to the heart of this lamentable tale. Our man was sharing the cooking on this particular night, and from some misguided sense of fair play decided that tonight would be special. So out come the cookery book that dear old mum (not the same one) gave him on the day he left home to "move into a flat wif me mates, mutter mutter". Tonight would be frog food night. Muggins was doing fine for a while, until he reached the part that read "bouquet garni". "Bouquet garni?" What in the blue blazes was that? Feminine advice was sought and the answer was something along the lines of "oh, it's one of those little paper sachets with herbs in it on the spice rack". So our man got the little sachet with the herbs in it on the spice rack and dumped it into the pot. The meal was going swimmingly until Mrs Why Don't You Listen For A Change pulled out the "bouquet garni" and asked Mr Why Can't You Ever Be Precise what the teabag was doing in the main course.

Whose mum has got a big mouth. Smokey knows, and having suffered from it for a number of years is only too happy to take this opportunity to even the score. Dear old mum has had a new set of dentures installed and, believe it or not, they're too small for her. In fact they are downright uncomfortable at times. Anyway, mum has taken to examining the offending fangs with the aid of a hand mirror. One day not so long ago the old girl (?) picked up her mirror, held it to her kisser and began poking round inside with her finger. It did not take long for the huge, gruesome, hairy spider skulking around the back of the mirror to decide it was time to look on the brighter side of things. Down it marched, off the mirror and onto mum's hand, mum unable to move a muscle for fear she might frighten the beast into scuttling in to the nearest dark spot . . . her gaping mouth. Smokey has it from what can only be described as close sources that the thing sat on mum's finger for fully five minutes before she could flick it off.

They think big at Warrandyte High School — and act accordingly. So when Year 12 student Robin Holmes won State selection as a cross-country runner, it was a case of everyone pitching in to help him on his way to the Australian schools championships in Darwin. Staff and fellow-students spontaneously organised a "special effort" which raised \$450 to defray travelling expenses and equip him for the big event. The cheque was presented to Robin (17) late last month to accompany the school's best wishes. Robin, who flew out on August 2, forced his way into the Victorian team with a string of outstanding performances. There's no doubt about these Warrandyte hills — they sure build up stamina if you're game enough to tackle them.

Calling all carpenters! Warrandyte's next generation of chippies is under threat. North Warrandyte pre-schoolers are such avid hammerers that their supply of softwood is exhausted. Offcuts are desperately needed so they can let their little heads go, so to speak. People who can help should ring Mrs Manly during kinder hours on 844 3808 or Julie Batty on 844 2720.

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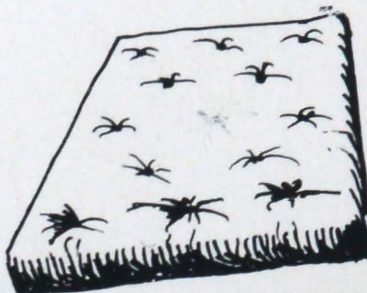
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There's no doubt that our elderlies are always ready to kick their heels up. In spite of the number of sickies at present, they entertained 40 members of the Blue Hill Club. Our resident poet, Fred Fryer, on piano accompanied Tom Pye on drums and the forever youthful Dolly sang. Puts all of the mid-lifers to shame.

And speaking of times gone by, if you want to know how women handled their menfolk in 411 BC, come and see the WAA production of "Lysistrata". Warrandyte feminists (with a little help from some males) will show you Aristophanes novel approach.

There really are some very talented yet modest folk around. Composer Barry McKimm recently had the world premiere of his new

work "Om Pa Pa", a dramatic tone poem about the Ash Wednesday fires.

Rainbow the Clown is returning to Warrandyte in November. The local children didn't want to let her go and are thrilled to know she will be offering after-school classes in clowning. More details later.

Quick thinking was required when Brian Harper, Doncaster's chief executive officer, arrived to speak at the WAC annual meeting, which was in the midst of the Uniting Church's review. The sign which read "Peanuts for throwing — 20c", was hastily removed.

Local painter David Moore welcomes gifts of berets, french wine and parlez vous Francois. After all one has to acclimatise oneself to such a trip. Sharie

McKenzie, recently back from Canada, has been helping out.

Bouquets of wattle to Dorothy Rush for her consistent concern and work for Warrandyte's residents over many years. Dorothy was the last member of the original WAC Committee to retire. We will miss her contribution.

Another thankyou note for what is more often than not a thankless task. Bob Karl can now join the rest of us who lounge in front of her open fireplaces and watch redgum logs burning. On behalf of Warrandyte Bob, many thanks for your time as chairman of WAC.

Is there life after 40 or after Apex? Suggest you ask David Crockett for the answer.

Who said there was such a thing

as a generation gap? A year 11 student was heard to ask his mate as they listened to the strains of that Barbershop Quartet old favorite 'Lloyd George Knew My Father', "How did Boy George know your father?"

Brian Harper, Doncaster's executive officer, was explaining why advisory committees are successful in Warrandyte yet not so in other parts where people seem to come home and tuck themselves away happily in their private lives. Wonder whether he meant to imply that we charge off to an endless stream of meetings because we are unhappy in our private lives?

Oh for the days when decisions were made quickly, even if they weren't necessarily the right ones. Twenty-one years ago, when the

the fifth column...

proprietor of the local, Ken Watson, wanted to extend, the earth-movers simply dumped the dirt over on to the riverbank. Four years later after the earth was flattened by cars, the MMBW arrived and said it was a naughty thing to do but agreed it would be okay if \$50 a year was paid as rental. Can you imagine the processes that would be involved today!



At the annual meeting, Tania Provan (left), district commissioner Jennifer Curwood (centre) and Heather Spratt, who was given a 10-year service award.

All this, and a spot of camping, too

It's a full life when you're a member of the pack, as the annual report of the Warrandyte Girl Guides Local Association shows.

During the year the "Road-runners" Range Guide unit went ballroom dancing, bike-hiked around Phillip Island, played soccer, hockey and basketball and camped.

Girls of the First Warrandyte Guide Company swam, made scones and chocolates, held a cook-out, won one silver and two gold pennants and went camping, of course.

The second guide company sang carols for some of Warrandyte's elderly citizens, saw the area around Mortlake recovering from the Ash Wednesday fires, visited a hair salon, roller skated . . . and camped.

Brownies in the second pack

celebrated American Independence Day, put on a nativity play, sizzled sausages, entertained fathers for fathers' day and mothers for mothers' day, and learned to sing a song in Hindi.

The 3rd Brownie pack learned about fire prevention, set up a library, conquered compasses and earned a bundle of badges.

Elizabeth Forster and Tania Provan both gained the coveted BP emblem and Tania — as reported earlier in the Diary — has been selected to go to the international Camp Olympus in Greece. Sam Jones will be attending the Asia-Pacific Jamborella in Dandenong in December.

Yes, it's a full life. And to paraphrase that US Army recruiting poster: Warrandyte Guides and Brownies still have vacancies for a few good girls.

BRIEFLY

Fun meeting

We all know that it's hard to get a laugh out of an annual general meeting.

The Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group has decided to make sure that you get a laugh after theirs, at least.

The AGM will be held at the Mechanics Institute at 7.15 pm on Friday 7 September. The fun will start after 7.30, when the comedy "Lysistrata" is staged by the WAA drama group.

To ensure enjoyment the WPOPG has made it a cabaret night, which means BYO everything, sit at a table and have a laugh to shake off AGM yawns.

For those who can't stay on there is no charge of course, and your support is earnestly sought. (As the group is calling for tenders at the moment, action rather than fraction will be seen in the 1984/85 years).

Poem

Early morning tea
Warrandyte, Jan '84

This morning the magpies sing
as I make tea.

To my ear their warble never changes
and the tea, a little milk or sugar
more or less . . .

The sun seeps through my dressing gown
like a lovely woman's love.

Over the fence, the Doberman Storm
paces her enclosure. She
howls her protest.

A small cloud having passed
I'm warmed again.

I am tempered by the sameness
in the magpies throat, the honeyed
sun,

while a hanging pot plant
brushed by my leaping dog
becomes a swinging
pendulum.

For the stayers the cost is \$7.50, which will help swell the funds for the Post Office as well as supporting the drama group.

WPOPG is also having a fundraising film night, "Terms of Endearment", on 5 October at the North Warrandyte community centre. Tickets are \$6, including supper.

Bookings for either night: 844 3331 (AH) Marg Hannah or 844 2761 (AH) Priscilla Troedel.

Grand indeed

The Grand Hotel's new Vienna Room opens on August 17, and very swishy indeed does the old Sportsmen's Bar look now.

The pool tables and pews have been replaced by U-shaped booths and tapestry-covered seats. Bigger windows let in more light.

In the bag

The National Parks Service is cracking down on those morons who dump their green-bagged garbage in Warrandyte's state parks.

Several people have been taken to court recently and fined \$250.

Police warn that it is relatively easy to trace dumpers.

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First mate to Skipper



Simon Baigent at work: picking up ideas from Matcham Skipper.

Although Simon Baigent's jewellery is quite different to the image most people have of high-quality jewellery, there is something strangely familiar about it.

The secret lies in a combination of factors — his upbringing, the type of apprenticeship he has served and the environment in which he works, the mix of art and craftsmanship he employs, a dislike of purely decorative work, and a strong belief that a piece of jewellery has to suit the personality and lifestyle of the person it is being made for.

The result is work that has a strong Victorian air about it; work that is classically elegant yet practical; work that will retain a time-

lessness that will mean it will be handed down to many succeeding generations.

A lot of his pieces are gadgets, knick-knacks if you like, the sort of things that grandmothers salt away in bottom drawers and bring out on special occasions to the delight of grandchildren. Yet the originality of the design, the craftsmanship and the sheer beauty of the works makes them more than mere trinkets.

Perhaps the best example of Baigent's philosophy is what he describes as living vases. These are small tubes of gold or silver that are worn as a brooch and can be filled with water to keep a flower fresh for long periods. Intricate encrustations of precious stones or tiny gold or silver nuggets flash and glitter when caught by the light.

They are proving one of the most popular of his designs, with men and women — a friend told him that at the last Melbourne Cup he saw four people wearing them.

Baigent, 29, of Koornong Crescent, also makes things such as gold and silver frames for magnifying glasses and fits them to ebony handles; candle snuffers of silver and wood, thimbles, tiny containers that can be put to a variety of uses, small, solid gold or

silver spikes that doctors use to test patients' reactions to local anaesthetics, buttons, medicine spoons and other more traditional items of jewellery such as rings.

He works from a small, poky workshop at Montsalvat crammed with all manner of strange tools. It is a long, narrow, dimly lit place that looks like it has been lifted straight out of the Middle Ages — the type of place that an alchemist might have worked in.

He has been there for about 11 years, picking up from Montsalvat craftsman Matcham Skipper some of the ideas and techniques that have made Baigent's work unique in Australia.

He left school at 17, having already developed an interest in jewellery through enamelling and copper work, then went to night school for a short time, more to pick up the skills that would allow him to make jewellery without doing himself a serious injury than to pick up ideas. "I found it very unsatisfactory," he says. "I found that the only thing I wanted to know was the techniques for making jewellery, not what to make."

He is applying for a Churchill Fellowship to study in France, Italy and Germany. Then he hopes to spend some time in Japan, whose fashions he believes are the coming thing.

Market funds help the young and the elderly

That success story down by the river — the once-a-month market — continues to help the people who patronise it: the local community.

Since April, the market committee has given \$200 each to the Occasional Child Care Centre, run by the Uniting Church, and the Toy Library.

Five hundred dollars went to the Community Music Program and \$100 aid to Warrandyte Primary School safety house scheme.

The Post Office preservation group got \$300, as did the Historical Society and the Doncaster and Templestowe Community Nursing Home project.

The Warrandyte Co-Op was given \$200.

Sue Boyle says the market committee has put aside \$2000 to go towards preliminary planning for the new community centre.

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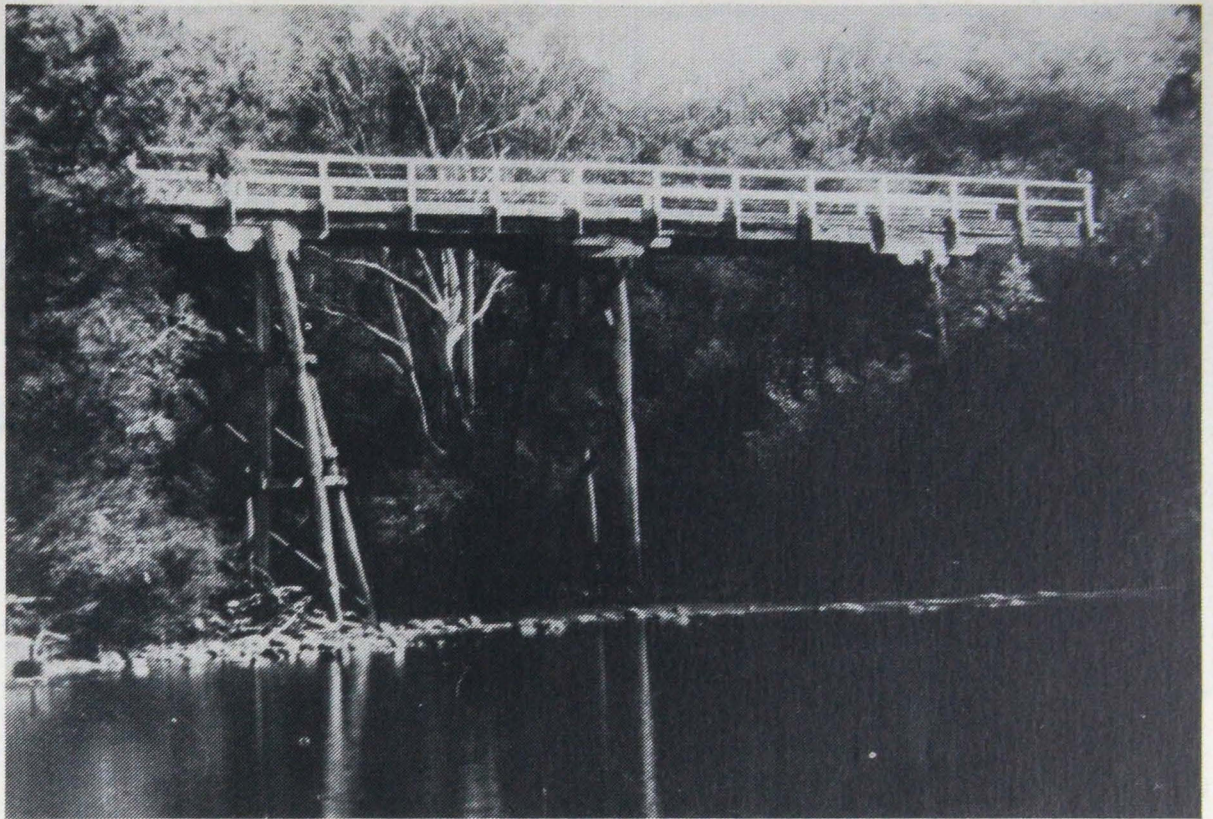
I merely suggest that the engineers of both councils should inspect it and see what is required. The bridge is a great boon to us, and at present it is hardly safe.

The further driving of the Hope tunnel has been let, but work has not been commenced.

A fresh start has been made in the Young Colonial quartz claim. The present co-operative party intend fully proving their ground; at present they are sinking the 4th hill shaft.

I think that some effort should be made to get some portion of the Prospecting Vote for Anderson's Creek. If the Government would assist us in putting a dam across the Yarra at the mouth of the tunnel (Pound Bend) it would leave some three miles of the Yarra bed to be worked, in fact it would be a living for a large number of miners for years, besides allowing the banks to be worked and hurt no one.

About two hundred pounds would do this, and if, say, one shilling a week was charged to miners and fossickers it would not prove an unremunerative thing for the Government. We have not the means to do it ourselves, and at



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present things are very bad with us.

I regret that Mr R. Allen, an old resident here, was taken to the Hospital this (Monday) morning, suffering from rheumatic gout.

Spring is certainly the nicest time of the year with us, and as the wattle blossoms are now in full bloom it is a treat looking at the river.

The rain also has been of great benefit to us. Looking at the meteorological returns for the six months ending June, I find only 3.40 inches of rain is credited for Warrandyte. This is something

astonishing. Besides being the lowest in the returns, it is something like ten inches lower than in ordinary seasons.

If there is anyone in this locality that would give some explanation for this I should be glad to read it. At the same time we are credited with rain on sixty days for the half-year.

There is some talk of getting up a concert in aid of the Church of England. I think it would be a very successful one, and the cause is richly deserving of a great deal bet-

ter support than it receives.

• Interested in history? The Warrandyte Historical Society meets

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The crusaders are coming

The churches of Warrandyte will conduct a 'New Life For All' crusade next month as part of an extensive, evangelistic Good News Festival.

The development of the crusade began with the work of international evangelists George and Rita Galieh. The Galiehs, originally from Sydney, have conducted 150 similar crusades during the past 11 years with churches in Australia and overseas.

"We are attempting to get the churches together because it shows a watching world that churches of all denominations and Christ are united," George says. "All the churches have different ways, but we will try to unite the churches on the basis of Christ."

George and Rita began organising meetings and dinners in February between the various church groups in Warrandyte to stimulate interest.

The couple believe there is no better way to proclaim Christ to an area than to "saturate the community with the knowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ is the answer to their needs," George says. "Service and youth committees have been formed to reach out into areas such as schools and youth

groups in Warrandyte."

The local groups will have a big say in the crusade. Rita says: "We will be leaving the planning up to the church committees because they can develop new ideas. We have discovered that there is a general air of excitement and anticipation over the crusade."

George and Rita form an interesting combination. George is also an accomplished violinist. He performs with Rita who is an artist and a prolific singer/songwriter, who has produced two records.

The couple conduct the crusades with an up-dated program of preaching, music and art.

George says: "While I'm preaching, Rita will illustrate the message and when I play the violin, she sings the message to the audience."

The New Life For All Crusade is due to commence at the beginning of September for 10 days.

Rita says: "The people of Warrandyte will be given new life through evangelism. We believe the message we have is the most important in the world and once man has received personal salvation, he too will also want to share the message."

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And could we pass the ticket along to the Warrandyte Historical Society for its archives.

We will, Bill. Thanks and good luck.

Treading the bawds

The WAA drama group goes a touch raunchy for its next production; the classic Greek drama 'Lysistrata'.

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Jenny Harkin says: "On one level the action is outrageously bawdy, comic nonsense; on another, the play is saying important things about human relationships."

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Travelling North to Queensland in their radial tuned camper van,

Gus McLaren as Frank and Margaret Volk

as his girlfriend Francis entertained us

with playwright David Williamson's engaging

mixture of the familiar and the surprising

in Australian life. Portraying the retired civil

engineer, Gus dominated the stage with commanding

presence and natural ease. His many years of experience lend him an air of

authority on which the credibility of this production was largely based. Margaret

worked harder to achieve our radial tuned suspension of disbelief, but provided an

effectively poised contrast to Gus's more flamboyant character. Frances' daughters

were played by Elaine Henderson and Jenny Harkin. Both were ideally cast to take

advantage of their considerable acting skills. Elaine's powerful sustained

performance of the bitchy Helen was as convincing as Jenny's studied and subtle

portrait of the gentler Sophie. Ken Virtue played the part of good neighbour

Freddy with warmth and natural good humour...and the local G.P., of dry wit and

Jewish persuasion, was accurately portrayed by Roger Kibell. The work which both

men put into their characterisations was well-worth the effort. Their performances

were a delight. Lee Scott Virtue gave a brief but stylish performance as Frank's

daughter Joan, providing a useful insight into Frank's family identity. After many

years of dedicated work backstage, Gail Macrae delighted us with a competent stage

debut as the marriage celebrant. Denise Farran played an entertaining attendant at

a Brett Whiteley exhibition. The production showed the smoothness and flair typical

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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.

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

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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).

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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.

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NORTH WARRANDYTE FIREWORKERS' ASSOCIATION

Brigade social club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 pm at the station. Inquiries: 844 2418, 844 3528. Pasta night on July 21 at North Warrandyte Kindergarten. Phone Irene Allen, 844 2707, for tickets.

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Nigel takes his medicine

First Warrantdyte, tomorrow the Guinness Book of Records. Nigel Morris, normally a level-headed, sensible sort of chap, spent two hours on June 16 setting a world record. Nigel and his partner — friend Judy Rolfe — sat across from each

other on a mat at the Workout 602 fitness club in Mitcham and threw a four-kilo medicine ball between themselves 4260 times. The previous unofficial record for tossing the ball over two hours was 3408, set by a couple of policemen in Melbourne.

Nigel, from Dingley Dell Road, is a trainee instructor at Workout 602, and had a JP (a member at the club) standing by to verify his effort. Now he is waiting on a letter from the record book's representative in Sydney.

Bite on dogs

It appears that there will be a new policy on dog registration in Doncaster and Templestowe. The council's administrative and financial committee has recommended that a registration fee of \$12 be set for all dogs and bitches, spayed and unspayed. Pensioners will be allowed one dog free of registration fees; they will have to pay the \$12 for any further dogs. The committee also recommends that the Australian Veterinary Association be told that Doncaster and Templestowe wants to take part in the dog de-sexing voucher system.

Bigwigs visit the cottage

The politicians and bureaucrats looked over Warrantdyte's slab cottage last month and appeared pleased with what they saw. Which is just as well, since the

IN BRIEF

slab cottage project committee is preparing a submission to the State Government seeking help with the cost of cleaning the site and putting a protective canopy over the hut.

The visitors were the Member for Warrantdyte, Lou Hill, the Minister for Lands and Conservation, Mr MacKenzie, and Don Saunders, director of the National Parks Service.

Committee members have been working on the site, removing rubbish and sprucing up the grounds.

And they have removed the hut's chimney, which they have determined was a later addition.

Festival AGM

Mid-winter is not the time of year when many of us would be concerned about a possible Warrantdyte Festival. Yet, on a dark, cold, Tuesday night on July 3, a small group of dedicated festival organisers was holding the 1984 annual general meeting of the festival committee.

The committee re-elected John Boyle as co-ordinator, Clare Dawson as secretary, and Colin Davis as treasurer.

The next festival committee meeting will be held at the community centre on Wednesday, August 5 at 8 pm.

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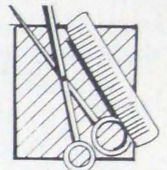
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Minister sees a light on the Hill

The Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Rod McKenzie, has responded enthusiastically to calls to preserve the Scotchman's Hill bushland reserve.

Addressing a meeting of residents arranged by Lou Hill, the Minister said he was optimistic about the land becoming a permanent reserve.

"Lou Hill has made a number of representations to me about this land. Now after listening to local residents, I think there is cause for hope. But the final details still have to be worked out.

Lou Hill explained that Scotchman's Hill is 2 hectares of bushland which the Department of Crown Lands and Survey plans to sell for subdivision. This is consistent with the government's policy of rationalizing unwanted land holdings.

Mr Hill has backed local residents in their bid to stop the subdivision.

"I asked the Minister to inspect the land and meet local residents so that he could see for himself how the land is environmentally very sensitive. It is a buffer zone between the State Park and the high-density residential area," Lou Hill said.

A spokesman for the residents, Don Knight, said they were determined to keep the land as public open space.

"The area is signposted as Crown Lands Bushland Reserve. The people who bought homes here had a reasonable expectation that it would remain so," he said.

Mr Knight said the area is historically significant as the site of one of Warrandyte's earliest gold mines.

Help for the handicapped

Park Orchards Primary School's efforts to integrate disabled children have received a \$2854 boost from the State Government.

The Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, announced the letting of a tender to build ramps for children attending the school who use wheelchairs or crutches.

The ramps will give access to a relocatable classroom and senior building which houses speciality areas and a special toilet built for the disabled during a recent upgrading of facilities.

Lou Hill said that Park Orchards Primary School already has one disabled boy in grade 4 who uses a wheelchair and crutches.

"The new ramps will give him free access to his classroom and enable him to use the specialist rooms. It's a small price to pay for a

boy's mobility and independence," he said.

School fire protection

Warrandyte Primary School will get extra fire protection with a \$7880 State Government grant.

The Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, said recently that internal hose reels will be installed in all main buildings together with a booster pump connection point.

"Warrandyte Primary School is in one of the most fire prone parts of the State," he said. "For the sake of the 450 children at the school, we must do everything we can to make the school safe."

Mr Hill congratulated the school council on its fire safety efforts. He said that the School Council has developed evacuation plans and fire fighting plans.

Ideas are needed for Getson's rebuilding

The future of the Getson's site — set aside for a community centre — will be high on the list of Warrandyte councillors this new financial year.

Ken McKenzie and Anne Martin are hoping that Doncaster and Templestowe Council will put up around \$20,000 for detailed planning for the site.

But they need to know what the people of Warrandyte want in the way of a community centre.

One idea is for a proper library. "I was all for the notion of a shopfront library," Ken McKenzie said. "Then I realised the problems with traffic noise and so on."

"A proper library would be a great addition for Warrandyte."

Ken McKenzie has several other suggestions.

"We have plenty of craft groups around the town but none of them working in community-owned property. That would seem a good use for our facilities."

Ken can also see space being used for chamber music, for example.

The important point is that Warrandyte's councillors need Warrandyte's ideas.

Federal cash for Casey's roads

Councils in the electorate of Casey are to get an extra \$706,000 in Federal money for road building and repairs this financial year.

Eltham Shire is to be given \$82,025 and Doncaster and Templestowe will have \$1590 to play around with.

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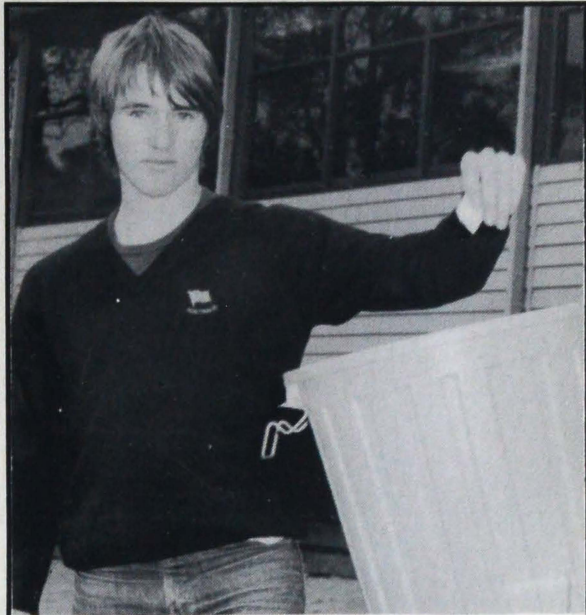
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Robin Holmes (17) draws a raffle organised by Warrandyte High School to help pay his way to the Australian schools cross-country running championships in Darwin. Robin, of Main Road, qualified in a series of regional championships and a State selection trial. See *Smokey Joe's* story, page 2.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

Warrandyte Football Club play a Sunday game at home against Doncaster on August 19.

There will be three matches — under-18s, reserves and seniors. A spit-roast will be available and the club urge supporters to make it a real family day.

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It's Ladies' Day — boots and all

Those fickle fans unkind enough to suggest that Warrandyte footballers have been playing like girls this season will be given quite an education later this month.

They will learn that there is no similarity in the way boys and girls play the game.

The occasion will be Warrandyte Football Club's annual women's match, at the recreation reserve on Sunday, August 26.

This year the opponents are Melbourne University, which suggests the local girls may be at a disadvantage in the thinking aspects of the game.

But form-followers say Warrandyte more than compensate physically for what they may lack academically.

Mighty little science but a mighty lot of dash, as Banjo Paterson would have said.

The game kicks off at noon and will be followed by a Super Rules match between Melbourne East (largely Warrandyte players) and Diamond Valley.

For those hungry for things other than football, there will be a barbecue.

The laughs will continue well into the night, at the annual players' play and concert at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

The nature of this year's play is something of a mystery, but it is known that it will be a melodrama.

On a more serious note, the club's senior presentation night will be held on Show Eve at Alfred's Homestead, South Warrandyte.

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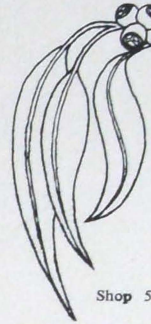
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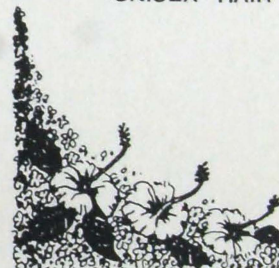
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KIDS ON THE RUN

It takes a super-fit teacher to keep up with some of the kids at Warrandyte High School. The group pictured here with teacher-coach Fred Wubbeling has put Warrandyte to the forefront of interschool cross country running with a series of successes in zone championships. Left to right, they are: Paul Kazakis, Stewart Bardwell, Robin Holmes, Kirsty McCormick, Glen O'Sullivan, Francene O'Connor and Dean Williams.



Bloods to seek home-grown cure

Warrandyte Football Club will seek a home-grown remedy for the ailments of the 1984 season.

In a refreshing change from the attitude which so dominates football at most levels, they will look not much further than their own backyard for talent to lift them up the EDFL second division ladder.

The Bloods will concentrate on developing the considerable young local talent at their disposal rather than recruiting on a big scale from elsewhere.

"We are planning for the future," club president David Mitchell told the Diary.

"And we will be looking to our young players rather than imports."

The emphasis on youth is already paying dividends.

John O'Brien, an outstanding prospect, was one of the seniors' best in their losing home game

against Heathmont.

The match — which Warrandyte lost by 56 points — unearthed another junior with a big future.

Guy Frowd, who started in a back pocket and was interchanged during the game, showed exciting potential.

The Bloods are eighth on the ladder in the 12-team competition and, with four rounds to go, cannot be relegated back to third division for next season.

They have won four of their 14 matches.

"We expect to finish no lower than eighth," Mr Mitchell said. "We would hope to win at least two of our last four games."

It has been a big let-down for Warrandyte in the stronger competition after the heady atmosphere of last year's third division premiership, but injuries have played no small part in the disappointing season.

Mr Mitchell described the 1984



injury list as the biggest in his 23-year association with the club.

Unfortunately for the Bloods, those hardest hit have been among the recognised stars.

Captain John Majoor, top ruckman Colin Bawden and dependable defender Mick Hassall have been on the sidelines for many weeks and strong centreman Greg Nicholson is a more recent addition to the casualty list.

Denis O'Brien, a key figure in last year's premiership made a comeback recently after announcing his retirement pre-season, but has been ruled out again with an arm injury.

The exasperating injury run continued in the game against Heathmont when centreman Robert Moon was carried from the field in the second quarter with a leg injury.

The spate of injuries has put an enormous strain on Warrandyte's depth of reserves, but at the same time it has hastened the promotion to senior level of juniors who can only benefit from the experience. The Heathmont game was played in wet and muddy conditions at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve. The Bloods, in keeping with an all-too-familiar pattern this season, started well, but faded.

Heathmont set up their win in a powerhouse second quarter when they kicked with the wind.

They had winners in many positions and were too cohesive and experienced for Warrandyte.

Even the elements were working

against the local side and hopes of a big third-quarter revival faded when the wind dropped.

Heathmont were untroubled in the second half and won 15.12 (102) to 7.4 (46).

Acting captain Mark Brenchley again led by example and was one of Warrandyte's best. He must again be a top fancy for the club's best and fairest award.

The Bloods also had two fine forwards — Robin Golding and Ron Wilson — in conditions which favoured defenders.

Golding was a four-quarter contributor at centre half-forward and Wilson, a prolific goal-getter in the past few seasons, battled fiercely all day.

Rival coaches and defenders were well aware of the big reputation Wilson brought with him from third division and he has been paid close attention all season.

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