

Warrandyte Diary

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Ambassador from little old Warrandyte

They must put something in the students' water down at Warrandyte High School.

In the relatively brief time the school has been operating it has churned out young adults who would be a credit to any community. They range from tops sportsmen and women, top students, to just nice kids overall.

The latest success is Sharon Smith, a Year 11 student who has been chosen to participate in this year's Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians.

Sharon, 17, falls into all three categories. She is an excellent student, one of Warrandyte Cricket Club's top players, and a nice kid into the bargain.

The trust has four main aims: to give secondary students insights into shaping the law and administering it in a democracy; to explain the planning and development of the national capital; to help students understand Australia's diplomatic and trade relations, and to generate an interest in national affairs.

Sharon, one of only 16 students chosen to represent Victoria, spent a week in Canberra taking part in an intensive course of lectures and meetings conducted by the trust, which included informal sessions



Sharon, centre, gets some help from her mother, Helen, and classmate Annabelle Arnott, to fill in a trust form.

with leading politicians, diplomats and public servants.

When the Diary spoke to her before she left, Sharon was still a little shell-shocked by her good fortune. "It was very good to be chosen, for me and for the school," she said.

"I was a little bit pessimistic about my chances when I heard that the school had nominated me. I was pretty stunned when I learnt that I had been chosen.

"I didn't think for a moment

that Sharon Smith from little old Warrandyte High School would have a chance.

"It's good for the school as much for me, and it will give the school a bit of recognition, and it will give a bit of recognition to the Year 11 coordinator, Don Harrison, who has just done so much for us. He deserves it as much as me."

Sharon was looking forward most of all to talking to some of Australia's most important people and making new friends among the

other students on the course. "We have got to do a lot of public speaking, and that will be a good experience as well," she says. "It'll also give me more independence going up there on my own, too."

And what does the future hold for Sharon Smith from little old Warrandyte High School? "I hope to go to uni after I leave high school, but I don't want to decide exactly what I want to do just yet. There are so many options open," she says.

People are sought for CAB

The Warrandyte Community Co-operative believes there is a strong need for a Citizens' Advice Bureau in the Warrandyte area and for the past few months has been working towards establishing a team of qualified volunteers.

These volunteers, who undertake a series of training courses in counselling, will then be equipped to help residents with a range of personal and/or family problems when the CAB is formally operating, next year.

Three residents have attended the first stage of the training course at the Greensborough CAB, with a further two also offering their services for training and counselling.

However, to ensure the success of the CAB, it is necessary to offer residents a cross-section of counsellors. This means recruiting men and women of all age groups who have experiences in a variety of areas.

Volunteers would be required to work about one day a fortnight. Those interested should contact Sally George (842 5453), Pat Guile (844 2945), Jenny Harkin (844 2663), Louise Joy (844 3600), Jeanette Stevens (844 2722), Jan Meehan (844 2341) or Jean Chapman (844 126).

The next meeting for the formation of a Citizens' Advice Bureau in Warrandyte will be held at 8 p.m. on October 15 at the community centre in Yarra Street.

Yarra St Action sought

Warrandyte police, and people the Diary has spoken to in the past couple of weeks, believe it is time the community got together to demand immediate action to solve the problems of Yarra Street.

They believe the hazards to life and limb in the main street have reached such serious proportions that strong and immediate action is required.

The Diary has spoken to the police and informally to local residents doing their Saturday morning shopping and found a great deal of anger in the community about the dangers that the traffic problems pose.

The greatest concerns centre on the speed limit, the pedestrian crossing, car parking, arrangements for delivery trucks in the main shopping centre, and the sheer volume of traffic.

Local police statistics show there have been 27 accidents in Yarra Street since January 1983. People were killed in three of them, and several more are regarded by police as serious. The figures rise if accidents out of local police hours are taken into account.

The officer in charge at Warrandyte, Senior Sergeant Royce Beasley, says there is always concern about Yarra Street. The main problems are that the surface is bad and too narrow, and the design cannot handle the speed and

volume of modern traffic.

"The design is 30 years out of date," he says. "There is far too much traffic using it — it is a main arterial road now — and the speed limit is too high.

"It is a very bad proposition for drivers. Quite obviously it has got to be updated — regraded and reformed — or the freeway built. It hasn't been touched since the 1950s, and it's a disgrace."

Snr Sgt Beasley believes that the pedestrian crossing, although better than nothing, is still not satisfactory, and that great care needs to be taken when using it.

"Delivery trucks are causing problems at the crossing," he says, "and something has got to be done to allow them to deliver their products without endangering people.

"I'd also like to see the speed limit cut to 45 kilometres an hour through Yarra Street. Sixty kph through the main shopping centre is far too fast," he says.

"It just seems that nothing gets done, and it's time some action was taken by the community to see that this problem is sorted out. The community has got to get together on this."

Snr Sgt Beasley's comments were echoed by residents the Diary spoke to, although in stronger terms. Nearly all had some story to tell about near misses, and in fact on several occasions as we were talking our conversations were punctuated by the squeal of tyres as drivers made emergency stops at the pedestrian crossing.

What about it Warrandyte? The Diary would like to hear your ideas.

Yes, your Diary is bigger and better this month. We have more stories and pictures and more advertisements.

And a lot of the pics and news come from Diary readers. Many thanks for your help. But we still need more.

Our Fifth Columnist (we

can't identify the little sneak) is on the look-out for good, clean little-tattle.

And Smokey Joe — when we can prize him out of the rubbidy — is always ready for a bit of healthy gossip.

Just pop your news and photos in the Diary Box.

Cards for cottage

The Diary and the Slab Cottage Project Committee are combining to offer a Christmas card of unique local interest.

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Full details on page 13.

Good news for wombats

It's official. Warrandyte's wombats are no longer varminths.

Until recently the wombats of Victoria were divided into those who lived west of the Melbourne-Sydney rail line (relatively safe) and those on the east (classed as vermin, and therefore definitely unsafe).

The law has now been changed to make all wombats equal. We wonder if it is too late, however, for the lady wombat who used to shepherd her family along the roads leading to the bridge in the wee hours a couple of years ago.

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IN RED & WHITE

Smokey Joe



A certain village citizen, not unconnected with Smokey's column, has for years been accustomed to waking before sparrow's chirp, munching half of the contents of the vegetable crisper, and then returning contented to the cot.

Despairing wife — tired of having her greens run out six days before shopping day — takes remaining vegies and secretes them around the Research Road house.

And she forgets, doesn't she? The result is a bunch of mouldy beans sprouting in the cupboard and load of washing sporting a lovely pea-green pattern. Smokey has never been one to dob in his mates, but Lee Tindale, this is your life.

And speaking of eating, dear old Smokey has spies everywhere. One wishes it known around the town

that Sean Dealy, a man who has a certain fondness for tucker, has changed his habits of late.

Apparently in his younger days Sean was somewhat finicky about what disappeared down the old gullet. In fact, Smokey's spy says that on one particular occasion, at a family gathering, Sean was heard to protest about the "bloody gum leaves in the stew".

Most people recognise bay leaves, Sean.

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It's bad enough not being able to find the house you want because of the inconsistencies of local street numbering, but one local family will tell you it's doubly bad when someone finds the right number but the wrong house. This happened to a Hall Road South Warrandyte family recently, and with disastrous results. It seems that a towing firm had been called to a house to pick up a Mercedes-Benz that needed repairs. The tow truck driver wasn't to know there were two houses with the same number in the street, and, by an amazing coincidence, that the two families owned identical cars. Smokey has heard from the horse's mouth that the driver pulled into the wrong house, picked up the wrong car, and blithely drove off. The woman of the family was inside at the time, and heard nothing. She got quite a shock when she went outside and saw the car missing. Hubbie, the police, and friends were called, and a huge search for the "stolen" car began. Several frantic hours passed before a rather sheepish tow truck driver returned the car, after inquiries had been made by the other family as to why their car had not been picked up.

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Smokey believes it is high time that people who plan to buy properties in the area are forewarned about our community's love of the bush environment. For example a new family in North Warrandyte recently bulldozed their big block of land, which to Smokey's way of thinking was a rather attractive area full of birds and animals. The newcomers wanted a firebreak around their home and a paddock in which to graze their children's horses. There is no doubt that some people are not too happy about this but Smokey believes that the fault is not entirely the newcomers'. It always takes time to get the feel of a new place, and mistakes are inevitable along the way. Smokey would like to suggest to our local estate agents that they explain to prospective customers what the Warrandyte lifestyle is. This could save a lot of heartburn.

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When Bruce McLean first saw the block of land between Hall Road and the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, South Warrandyte, he knew it was just the place to realise his vision.

The transformation has been taking place for the past six years, and the most obvious sign of it is the huge half-hectare dam that can be seen from either road, a couple of hundred metres on the Ringwood side of the South Warrandyte store.

Bruce McLean, 40, electrical contractor and family man, wanted the right environment for his three young sons to grow up in, so he and his wife, Roselyn, decided to leave Upwey.

He says: "From the moment I walked on the land I knew that it needed water. Water is very restful and relaxing, it has all sorts of different moods, and I knew I could have this just by putting a wall across the valley."

What locals (who must have wondered what was happening) can see today is the lake, plus a BMX track that winds through more than 4000 newly planted trees and



The family, from left, Bruce, Roselyn, Chad, Gavin and Elton.

shrubs; a small area for volleyball or badminton, and several bigger flat areas where the boys, Gavin, 11, Elton, 10, and Chad, 7, can play cricket or football, or whatever.

The lake itself is divided into several areas, including a swamp, which attracts numerous water birds including ducks, herons, ibis and cranes; a barbecue area, a Hawaiian beach, an alpine tarn and an island. It is full of fish, although Mr McLean has no idea where they came from, yabbies, and a tortoise that was found wandering along a nearby road.

More than 70,000 cubic metres of fill were needed to complete the project, more than 50,000 metres on the lake alone.

Mc McLean says: "We decided that it was better to have something like this than a top-shelf home. Instead we went for the better living atmosphere."



The lake: A monument to a family.

He is particularly pleased that the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has recognised the land as a voluntary wildlife reserve. "They have given it their seal of approval, if you like," Mr McLean says. "They inspected the place and have given us an official sign to show that it is a wildlife reserve."

It's now just the place to raise a family.

WACko! This is the year that was

It's another year for the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, and another pile of pressing problems to be sorted out, some new, some old.

Outgoing chairman Bob Karl says progress has been relatively slow on a number of issues, but nevertheless there have been quite a few successes.

He told the annual general meeting several weeks ago that in the community needs area one oval became available at the former Stinton's Road tip. At Stiggants Reserve the play park had been completed, the new stage was being built, but that drainage work, which has been sought for the past 10 years, had not begun. Blackberry removal and toilet improvements had also not started. Fencing and gates had been installed and planting was proceeding.

A permit for the Yarra bank bike track was expected soon, and work could start soon after, he said.

Repairs to the White House were on Doncaster and Templestowe Council estimates for 1984-85.

The AGM was also told that Eltham and Doncaster and Templestowe councils had been asked for \$5000 each to pay for a develop-

ment brief for the proposed new community centre. Mr Karl said a neighbourhood library could still be included in the centre.

He told the meeting that another set of amended plans for the proposed bridge roundabout had been received.

In the town planning area, many applications had been considered during the year, that the pedestrian crossing had been completed, design work on the Ministry of Housing's elderly citizens' flats near Stiggants Reserve was proceeding.

The guest speaker at the AGM was Brian Harper, chief executive officer at Doncaster and Templestowe, who spoke on the role of local government.

He said the mission of local government was to do for people what they could not do for themselves individually. He said that in recent years greater emphasis had been placed on leisure activities, welfare, the provision of information and, of particular importance to Warrandyte, environmental control.

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A visitor to the West End, overcome by the putrid smell of sewage, commented recently that Warrandyte reminded him of another place he had visited. Calcutta.

Multi-culturalism has finally come to our town. We can now add the "Austrian Aspect" to the "Austrian Aspect". All right, it might be more than a decade behind elsewhere, but that shouldn't bother us, as many locals expend a great deal of energy delaying "progress" in one form or another.

Now that our local has moved into the 1980s in decor and cuisine, we await with bated breath to see if it follows the trend towards "affirmative action". Women of Warrandyte place take note if you think the pub is presently a male preserve.

Behind the scenes in virtually all musical happenings in Warrandyte is that amazingly vibrant grand old lady of music, Rene Maddocks. Almost within the hour of the lengthy and successful "Pirates" season ending, she was wielding her baton for the WAA. She must regard the Mechanics Institute as home.

Have you found it easier to catch up

the fifth column...



with friends and neighbours since the video onslaught hit Warrandyte. Wonder if this "at-home" craze is a new form of escapism or simply exhaustion from the never-ending round of meetings.

The community music program, which offers tuition in a wide range of instruments at local schools after classes, has begun again.

A case of mistaken identity. Near the Harris Gully Road intersection on the second Thursday of the month a band of uniformed lads and a lone lassie appears to be bringing a message to Warrandyte. Strange how the new CFA urban brigade uniforms look like those of the Salvos.

Who said footballers have only one thing on the brain? Our multi-talented local teams have just wowed their audiences at their August talent quest.

Just what was that member of the local constabulary doing outside the Golden Gate, head in "Herald", teeth stuck in a Mars Bar? Supervising the car park, you sillies. We won't ask who bought him the Mars Bar, but remember, a Mars Bar a day "helps you work, arrest and play".

Is wearing shorts in mid-winter a new trend? Or is it just that some of our better-known locals have had trouble adjusting to our dress standards after a time in Papua New Guinea.

One wonders if there are any joys associated with living a few feet off Research Road. What with the zillions of vehicles that zoom down the hill, it seems that a certain sense of humour is required. Just ask the Fergusson family to show you their collection of trash and treasure, courtesy of passing cars. You might pick up some interesting rejects, or at least gain some sort of insight into the nature of our species — once you climb over the pile of beer cans and assorted knickers. What does go on as they go down the hill?

Talking of clothing, parents should be wary of any sudden demand for new pyjamas. With the approaching spate of school camps, the younger generation is refusing to go off armed with the usual collection of odd tops and bottoms — it seems that one's peers might mistake one for a bed-wetter.

Fran Croft certainly does things in a big way, and her 9 lb 5 oz baby girl is no exception. Father Hans van Bergen, grandfather Fred Fryor, and the three brothers are said to be quite smitten by their new mate Mia.

Eltham Council meetings have occasionally been the scene of flying fists and ruffled feathers, but with the selection of mild-mannered John Fisher we are hoping that a new era has dawned.

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Telecom gets an earbashing on our phones

Like most North Warrandyte residents Mike Allen is heartily sick of the snap, crackle and pop that punctuates most of the telephone calls we make or receive.

Unlike most of us, he is doing something about it.

Mike was round and about on council polling day, thrusting his petition under the noses of voters. His message: "If your telephone's not working then it's not just your problem. There are 500 in the same boat."

Mike got 453 signatures to that petition and sent it off to the Minister for Telecommunications, Mr Duffy; Warrandyte's MLA, Lou Hill; North Warrandyte's state member, Max McDonald; Pete Steedman, MHR; and the chairman of Telecom.

Within a couple of weeks the Telecom vans were buzzing around the village. Tents were put down and lines dug up. But, says Mike Allen, the problem has not been solved. "They've been in the area now and it looks like they're doing something but nothing's happening."

"I had to make a phone call recently and the first time I rang I just couldn't hear. The second time we both had to shout. I don't see that anything has improved."

"The technicians are doing what they can . . . they come out and try to help but I don't think they're really tackling the problem."

The problem, says Mike, is prob-

ably the exchange, a mechanical affair built in the late 50s, just before electronic switching came in. The antiquity of the equipment, by the way, is the reason why Warrandyte has yet to be connected to the ISD system.

Mike received a reply to the petition. "I had a letter from the secretary of Telecom telling me that the matter is under review and that when they've finished their investigation they'll tell me what happened."

So far, he says, nothing has happened.

But, "if from now on every time somebody complains they realise that it's not their telephone it may make a difference."

Mike Allen also believes that many complaints to Telecom go unheeded. The technician who eventually came to his house (at the corner of Albert Street and Research Road) suggested that Mike and Irene had not bothered reporting their previous troubles. "Now, how stupid," says Mike. "Just in one week, three or four weeks ago, I reported a fault three times and then they turn up and they say, 'gee, we've got no record of it', and that's what they are telling everybody."

Mike Allen adds a warning to anyone about to get together a petition. "You know whose (signature) I didn't get? I forgot to sign the bloody thing myself."

Prestons are pottering off



Reg Preston and Phyl Dunn

Potters Reg Preston and Phyl Dunn will soon be leaving Warrandyte to stay in their holiday house at Phillip Island while they supervise the building of a new residence and pottery on a high hill overlooking Western Port Bay.

Reg Preston's association with Warrandyte goes back more than 40 years to the days of the wooden bridge over the Yarra and bread baked daily at Walsh's bakery. Those same days when you would be likely to see chatting outside Jack Moore's general store artists such as Danila Vassilieff, Adrian Lawlor or Jo Sweatman and many other interesting people who chose to live in what was then a tiny village quite remote from the city and suburbs of Melbourne.

Originally trained as a sculptor in Paris before World War II Reg

Preston has, of course, become one of our country's master potters represented in public and private galleries and collections throughout Australia. That his name is permanently recorded in the continuing history of Australian art is beyond doubt.

Reg, together with his wife, Phyl Dunn, were founding members of Potters Cottage, Reg later taking a particular interest in the establishment of the Potters' School where, for some years, fortunate students had the opportunity of learning to pot under his guidance.

Throughout the potters' fraternity, Reg Preston is known for his generosity. He has been heard to say "There are no secrets except in these hands" and any number of both professional and amateur pot-

ters have benefited from his willingness to share his great knowledge of the art and craft of the potter.

First of all interested in painting (she had lessons from Vassilieff) Phyl Dunn then turned to pottery, also became a master potter and is also represented in many private and public collections. In latter years she has made a speciality of porcelain wares.

The new owner of the Preston residence in Kangaroo Ground is Richard Haese, author of 'Rebels and Precursors'.

The Prestons will be missed in Warrandyte but living in a new and beautiful environment and working in a new purpose-built pottery, their best days and their best work may yet be to come.

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Boys' group members (from left) Ben Manson, Simon Berger, Rodney Valentine and Luke Wright show off the sign they have prepared for the big day.

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Loads of fun and bargains galore will once again highlight the Anglican Church fete at St Stephens, Stiggant Street, on Saturday October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual monster raffle will again be held, with the drawing at 3 p.m. First prize this year will be a home computer.

Traditional home-made cakes, bread, sweets, cakes, jam and gourmet food will be on sale as usual.

The church's 25-member boys group is preparing woodcrafts, wine racks, hanging baskets and toys for sale. They will also be washing cars (at a price, of course).

Stands selling cheap clothing, native plants and odds and sods will be there. Other activities include horse rides, lucky dips, trampolining and a Life. Be in It program. Refreshments are available, including a barbecue, afternoon tea and lunch.

Libs oppose land sale

The State Opposition is opposed to the sale of Crown land at Scotchman's Hill, Mr Robert Knowles, MLC, and Shadow Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, has told the Diary.

Mr Knowles recently visited Warrandyte at the invitation of local Liberal MP Mrs Gracia Baylor, who is the candidate for Warrandyte at the next State election.

Mr Knowles and Mrs Baylor inspected a number of areas of in-

terest with councillors Anne Martin and Ken McKenzie, and Warrandyte Environment League members David Cameron and Richard Schurmann.

The tour included a visit to Professor's Hill, the slab cottage and other areas and projects.

Mrs Baylor said the Scotchman's Hill area was of significance to the local community for exercise and leisure activities and should be reserved for these purposes.

Why not hire a trier?

Each month we publish the names of two job-seekers. If you need a job done we ask you to hire, as a community service, one of our triers.

Dale, has had jobs as kitchen hand, waitress, typist, receptionist and shop assistant. She is interested in any work.

Peter, 16, would like an apprenticeship in plumbing, however he is prepared to try other jobs.

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The further driving of the Hope Tunnel on the dyke will be commenced at once.

Some good prospecting is going on at the Fifth Hill by the Messrs Grants and Burton with every probability of payable quartz being developed.

I understand the Messrs Gardiners have obtained a portion of Brown's private property and intend at once working a reef found by Mr H. Gardiner many years ago.

The passing of the Mining on Private Property Bill will, I think, be a great benefit to us as there is no doubt that both quartz reef, dykes, and alluvial gold will be found and worked on the Wonga station.

The lovers of the taxidermist's art should not lose the opportunity of taking a chance in Mr Collin's beautiful group of stuffed birds now showing at Mr Purcell's Hotel, Eltham. It is an opportunity that does not often present itself.

The funeral of the late respected Mr Fred Davis, Warrandyte, was very largely attended last Sunday, the 7th inst. Mr Davis's death will leave a gap which will not very easily

How They Lived

Life in our village 100 years ago, as seen by the Anderson's Creek correspondent of the Evelyn Observer



West Warrandyte, probably around the turn of the century, with the Great Southern Mine in the background.

ly be filled up. Foremost in everything appertaining to the benefit of the district, he combined uprightness with good general intelligence.

A nasty accident occurred to a person named Miln. The cart he

was driving came in contact with a stump, he was thrown out and had his arm broken.

The weather is wretchedly cold. If a colonial Goldsmith presented himself here, he would

find data for a third edition of the "Deserted Village".

Our pactolyian river with its golden fringe is either exhausted, or we are not lucky enough to drop across its patches, and now that the wood carters are joining in sending up their wail to heaven, it makes us lively indeed. Everything seems at a standstill.

Nature has the best of it with us, the smiling landscape alters not a jot, the river, like Tennyson's brooke, rolls on forever, poverty and sickness causes it no grumbling or pain. I think I have written enough in this style, but it is only a reflex of what I hear every day.

We intend starting our cricket club at once, and if surrounding clubs will accept this notice we should be glad to hear from them so as to arrange matches.

• At the next meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society, Mr George Cage will speak on "Steamships in Australian waters". The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11 at 8 p.m. at the Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra Street. All welcome.

IN BRIEF

Meals on wheels

The Warrandyte and District Welfare Service finished its 14th year of serving Meals on Wheels, having delivered more than 3000 meals.

It was a good year, says president Keith Wilson, with the organisation in a sound financial position, having built up a satisfactory contingency fund.

Labor group

A Labor Youth Assembly has been formed in the Casey electorate.

If you are under 26 and interested or know someone who is, you are welcome to attend. Enquiries may be made by phoning 726 0855 or 870 1062 (AH).

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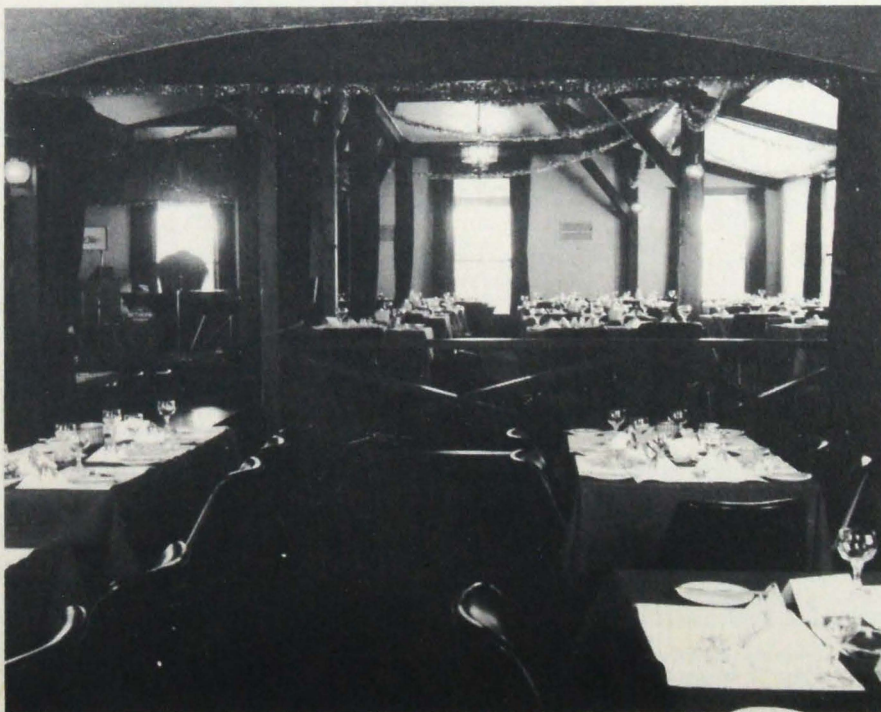
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the fifth column...

From page 4
And in the other half of Warrandyte it was nice to see Anne Martin returned at the polls. If you need to bail up a councillor, Anne is instantly recognisable. Look for the old blue Mazda wagon rushing between the schools, car parks and shops with a full load of kids on board.

Do you often see the same cars driving up and down Yarra Street all day? According to Gavin James, this is not because we have short memories or an insatiable appetite for knowing whose car is parked where and for how long, it's simply a result of old habits dying hard. Some of us, apparently, have still not got used to not having a block to drive round.

It's well known that the wheels of bureaucracy take a long time to get round to a decision, so it's probably appropriate that the proposed plans for the bridge roundabout won't be operating until around some time next year.

Do you ever wonder which Sulo bin is yours? Some of our more innovative residents have overcome this problem by painting designs on theirs. Two that spring to mind are a clown and a hippopotamus. Perhaps the festival committee could run a competition for the design most representative of the household — apologies to those who live north of the divide.

If you recall the magnificent music of the Solitaire Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble at the Octubafest last year, the group will be performing at the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, City, at 8 p.m. on Monday September 17. The program will include works by local composer Barry McKimm. Tickets are available at the door for \$6.

It's not that we in this column like to sit round gossiping over endless cups of herbal tea. We would, in fact, like you to lighten this onerous burden by contributing to the column. Please phone 844 2985 if you have some tittle-tattle to pass on.

Tree clearing

A number of WEL committee members have received calls regarding the extensive clearing of a steeply sloping property off Kangaroo Ground Road, North Warrandyte. Evidently the Shire of Eltham's Town Planning Policy (Tree Preservation) is one of the district's best-kept secrets. For the information of residents and groups, the following policy applies to the North Riding (extracts):
• No permit is required for tree-felling or clearing of native vegetation within a distance of 10 metres surrounding any existing house or for any building site (including access) approved by council.
• Where significant trees are affected by a proposed house site and alternative arrangements are possible, then the matter should be referred to council for consideration.
• Otherwise, a permit is required to:
• Cut down any individual tree with a girth of 75 cm or greater at a height of 75 cm from the ground, regardless of situation;

Friends for life

We all know that it's bad enough having to weed our own back yards, but spare a thought for one local group whose back yard is the local Warrandyte State Park.

On Sunday September 30, from midday to 4 p.m., members of the Friends of the State Park will be on their hands and knees on the steep slopes of Fourth Hill pulling out broome, which anyone whose back yard is infested will be able to tell you is sheer murder to pull out.

This hardy group of volunteers spends four hours on the last Sunday of just about every month doing something to make our park a better place. And there are all too few of them. There is a mailing list of about 60, but most of the hard yakka is done by a hard core of about 12 people, rising to up to 25 during good weather.

The Friends have been going for about three years now, and have performed some remarkable achievements, including tree-planting, erosion prevention, rubbish removal and eradication of exotic plants.

One Friend, Glenn Jameson, of Everard Drive, estimates that in about 100 hours' total work in those three years more than 1000 trees have been planted; significant erosion has been controlled in several areas; many tracks have been built or restored; tonnes of rubbish, including old car bodies and water tanks, removed; and several truckloads of exotic plants carted off.

And you might be forgiven for thinking that, given the amount of work done, the Friends are some sort



Friends at work: Building a track on Fourth Hill.

of Superman clones. They're not. Members, male and female, range from young children to 60-year-olds. And they're not all local people — some come from as far away as Prahran. Their only reward is a cup of tea and a biscuit and the knowledge that Warrandyte is a better place for their efforts.

Right: Just pottering around: Friends pot on seedlings at the Blacks Flat rangers' quarters for planting later.



Friend Glen Jameson plants a tree on Fourth Hill.

letters

A further outline of the requirements may be obtained from the shire office.
Doug Seymour, Research Road.

(Editors' note: Doug's letter was condensed slightly for space reasons. Residents should also check whether their land is covered by the Shire of Eltham Interim Development Order or the Board of Works Metropolitan Planning Scheme before cutting down any tree. The regulations vary.)

Dogs and idiots

Why are dogs left to roam the streets of Warrandyte? As a frustrated walker, I wish to complain to residents who break the law by not keeping their dogs tied up or behind fences. Recently, I tried to walk with my toddler from my house at the top end of Melbourne Hill Road, down Houghton Road, to the playground.

I met seven dogs on the way, all of which were unrestrained and barking as I approached, and two of them confronted me, growling. Their owners, if they bothered, would probably say, "It's O.K. He won't bite." That's fine for those who like and trust dogs. However, as I neither trust nor like them, I find this most annoying and at times frightening — particularly the two German Shepherds who roam around near my house. I do not enjoy walking because of this problem and consider it an infringement of my rights as a local resident. Many people I have spoken with on this matter agree that the inconsideration of some dog owners is surprising!

Lise Moran, Melbourne Hill Road

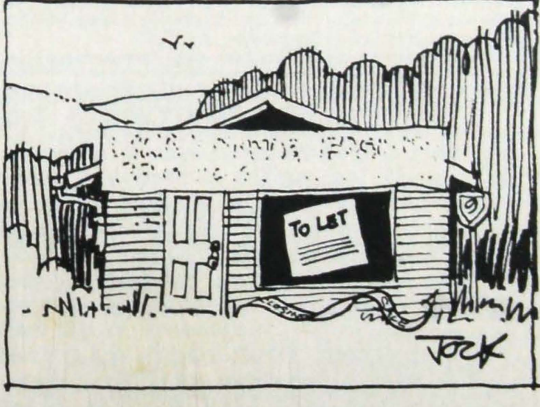
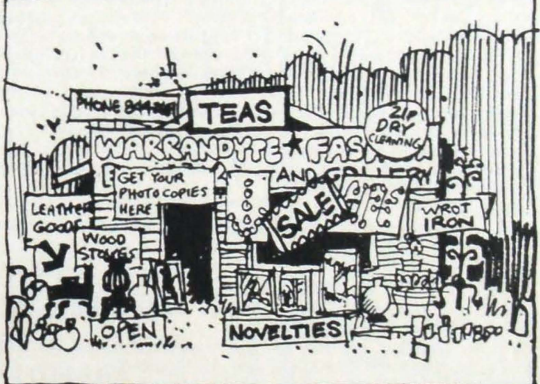
Guns and idiots

During a short visit to Tasmania recently we stopped for lunch at a

wayside stop on the road between Queenstown and Hobart. The setting was very good and well maintained. On the outside wall of a shelter was a sign carrying the following verse:

ALL WAS BEAUTY HERE
Come friend, enjoy your picnic at your ease,
Beside the creek beneath the spreading trees.
But leave no trace of your wayside meal,
No empty bags, nor scattered orange peel,
No bottles littered through the grass.
Others may view this with distaste — and pass.
So let it not be said and to your shame,
That all was beauty here, before you came.

Unfortunately some brainless twit had showed his prowess with a rifle and spoil it somewhat. I thought this might be of some interest concerning our local situation. Name and address supplied



Track work starts soon

Construction of the bike/pedestrian/horse track along the Yarra is to start soon following the approval of cash for the work under the Commonwealth Employment Program.

Much of the work will have to be done by hand, so there are good prospects for work for jobless young people in the area. Representatives of local groups, the Board of Works and Doncaster and Templestowe Council recently inspected the route of the track and the planned sewer to "fine-tune" the alignments.

Work on the main sewer, between the bridge and the recreation reserve, is expected to start late this year or early next. The bulk of the track is expected to be completed by then.

It is clear that the sewer will not be finished for at least 18 months, mainly because of the time requirements to finalise the route for the main pipe between a pumping station at the recreation reserve and the existing sewer near the Crystal Brook Caravan Park.

After walking the route the main pipe is to take, the party agreed that it would have to be changed slightly to minimise environmental damage. Board engineers agreed in principle that imported topsoil and seed would not be used until natural regeneration had been evaluated. Further discussion will be held on this.

Site conditions and pipe depth will determine whether tunnelling or trenching is required, and the method will be determined as work proceeds. Provisionally, the following areas will require tunnelling: under the small oval at the recreation reserve, the last link to Stiggants Street, from the Gospel Chapel to the eastern side of the Yarra Street car park and, possibly, the last section, which will run under the tennis courts at the bridge. The balance of the open trench route avoids the new track and most trees.

All residents will receive board notices regarding alignment and connection points from next month. Residents are urged to take an interest.

The site engineer will be a local man, Mr Glenn Pearson, and construction will be carried out by a board day labor crew, which will allow close supervision.

White House

The White House committee of management annual general meeting will be held at the White House on September 24 (Monday) at 8 p.m.

This will be one of the most important meetings to be held on the future of the building, as this will be the year in which major renovations are expected to start, and possibly rebuilding. Attendance of residents and users of the White House is vital.

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DIARY CALENDAR

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APEX CLUB

Meets first and third Thursday each month at the Coffee Bean restaurant, 7 pm. Inquiries — Bruce Youl, 844 2835.

ARTS ASSOCIATION

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

Painting Group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 am at various locations.

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.

BASKETBALL CLUB

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

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Sunday 5 and 19 August. Free concerts sponsored by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, held at the municipal offices. All residents welcome.

CHURCHES

Gospel Chapel:

Services: Sundays at 10 am. Coffee afterwards.

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

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

Home Bible studies: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Youth Activities: each weekend.

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

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

Vicar, The Reverend Jeff Berger, 844 3473.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uniting Church:

Minister, The Reverend Charles Marshall, 726 6408.

Worship, Sundays at 10.15 am. Sunday School at 9 am. Inquiries — Fred Jungwirth, 844 3843.

Youth Clubs: Junior (5-7) 844 3906; Intermediate (8-9) 844 3723; Senior (10 and over) 844 2342. Activities: September 21 — Macrame night at the Vleks, 15 Valias Street. Bring \$1. September 29 — Youth Encounter in tent next to Gospel Chapel. 7.30. Entertainment and refreshments for sale. September 30 — Gospel concert and coffee shop in tent at 2.30. October 5 — Coffee shop, drama and music in tent from 7.15 to 11 pm. October 9 — Skating at Eltham. Meet at the Hansons at 7 pm. Cost \$1.50, inc. skates.

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

Evening Bible Study, at 8 pm on Wednesdays, phone 844 3447.

Occasional Child Care, Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 11.30 am. Phone Tricia Sheehan, 844 1004.

COFFEE SHOP

Now open at the Community Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11pm and on Saturdays from 8 to 12pm. Inquiries — 844 3326.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE

Inquiries — Rosemary Tovey, 844 2985.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Held on the first Saturday of the month. Bookings: Written applications for stalls should be sent to Warrandyte Community Market, P.O. Box 8, Warrandyte.

DIAMOND VALLEY SPORT AND GAME CLUB

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

FIRE BRIGADES

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

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

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

NORTH WARRANDYTE FIREWORKERS' ASSOCIATION

Brigade social club meets 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.

FRIENDS OF THE STATE PARK

30 September: Weed removal and I.D., on Fourth Hill, and a talk about local orchids. Rendezvous at Tunnel Road car park at midday.

GIRL GUIDES

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

LIONS CLUB

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

OCCASIONAL CARE CENTRE

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

ROTARY CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm at Alfred's Homestead Restaurant. Inquiries: Kevin Morrish, 844 2749 or Brett Roulston, 844 2482.

SCOUTS

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL CLUB

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WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 26th September.

WARRANDYTE CANOE CLUB

October 14: Lower McAlister River trip. Contact Peter Maddern, 221 9953.

WARRANDYTE FOOTBALL CLUB

Membership: New members are welcome. Inquiries and tickets: Shane Revell, 844 3887 (AH).

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.

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

WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday October 9: General meeting 8 pm at the community centre. Guest speaker George Cage, "Steamships in Australian Waters".

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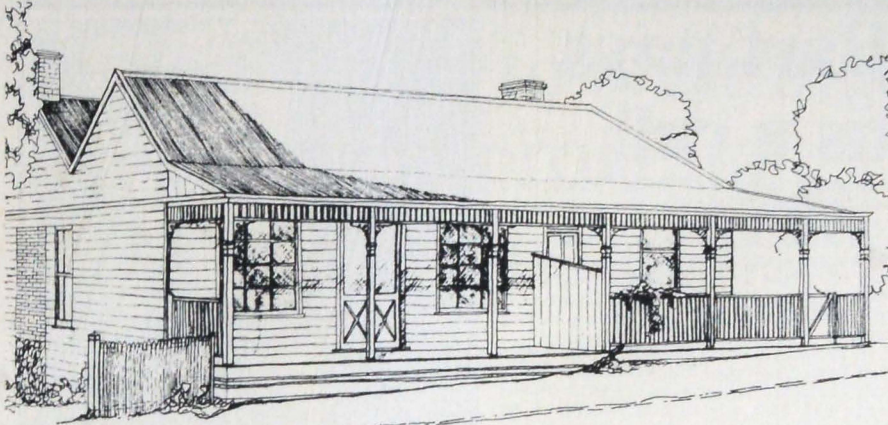
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The colony of Victoria was just 40 years old when the old Warrandyte Post Office was erected on its present site.

Now, moves are afoot to ensure that work on the building is completed by the end of Victoria's 150th anniversary year — 1985.

A \$5000 grant from the 150th Anniversary Committee depends on completion by that date.

With restoration funds at more than \$23,000, the Post Office Preservation Group is receiving registrations of interest in the work from builders.

Last year the group became an incorporated body enabling the letting of contracts and giving legal protection for work on-site.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council is working with group

Hoping for a happy birthday

members to create conditions for the group to lease the site from council, which has been made committee of management.

The Post Office site was recently gazetted as a historic site. Lease of the site will give the group control over the rebuilding and use of the building, within the guidelines set out in the gazettal.

The group would like to see the building functioning as an active

and integral part of community life. Ideally, it would return to being a post office; however security problems may make that impossible.

Plans for a community information centre, incorporating tourism, park rangers and a Citizens' Advice Bureau, are all being considered.

Members of the community are urged to submit their ideas about future use.

The group's next fundraising night will be a film night at the North Warrandyte Community Centre on 5 October. The film will be *Terms of Endearment* and supper will be served. Tickets for the film are available from Marg Hannah: AH 844 3331 and Priscilla Troedel: AH 844 2761. Interested builders and ideas for use: P.O. Box 8 Warrandyte.

WACko! This is the year that was

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control mechanisms, he said. Environmental matters required a great deal of community discussion.

Mr Harper said that because planning responsibilities were moving from the Board of Works into the hands of the Ministry of Planning and Environment, there were opportunities for different ideas and procedures for places like Warrandyte.

"If the community wants development without destruction, then it needs to tell council what it wants for the future," he said.

There was also a need for communities to clarify what they want in terms of leisure activities services, for example the types of sports in their area, facilities for arts and crafts, and the requirements of youth, including jobs and

information.
"Council would rather the community presented what it values rather than specific proposals," he said. "Let council devise a way of meeting community objectives."

□ The Diary proposes to carry each month a brief report on the WAC meetings, prepared by WAC. These are the main items at the August meeting:

Members of the human resources sub-committee have been active in planning the establishment of a Citizens' Advice Bureau. The CAB requires more volunteers to be trained, particularly people available for duty in the evenings.

WAC is to ask the relevant authorities to co-ordinate the issue of fire information to be delivered to residents.

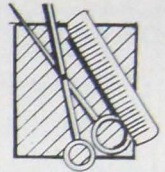
WAC was pleased to see that

Doncaster and Templestowe Council is taking a wider view on West End planning. WAC has previously submitted that site-by-site treatment of development applications is not the best approach. Future retail development and the dangerous pedestrian/traffic problems in front of the Golden Gate must be addressed by council.

WAC is to have another look at techniques for the establishment of an integrated planning approach for the whole of Warrandyte to balance historical/environmental/tourist/residential/retail/interests. Any residents interested in this concept or with expertise and who can help are asked to contact the town planning sub-committee (leave a note at the community centre).

Greg Thorpe was elected new chairman, Pam Hipwell is the new treasurer and Don McDonald continues as secretary.

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Bart pays us a call

Warrandyte Rotary Club, which is only about a year old, has organised its first visit to the area by an exchange student.

He is Bart Staker, 16, from Silverdale, Washington State, in the north-west of the US. Bart should not have much trouble adapting to life in Warrandyte — Silverdale is also a small community of about 5000, although it is growing rapidly.

He should also fit in rather well at Warrandyte High School, which he will be attending during his stay. The school has a top cross-country running team, and Bart lists running as one of his favourite pastimes.

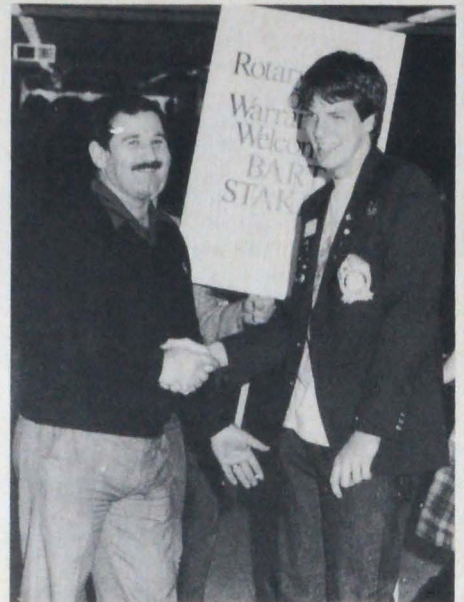
"I like to run at least three miles a day, but preferably five to seven," he says.

His other hobbies include bike riding, skiing, hiking, camping and water-skiing. He is also a keen scout.

His family are Mormons, and at home he goes to church every morning.

When he leaves high school Bart plans to go on a church mission before continuing with higher education or joining the armed forces.

He has four sisters and a brother. At present he is staying with the family of local Rotarian Peter Murphy.



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Apex sets the stage

The temporary stage at Stiggants Reserve is being replaced, courtesy of the Warrandyte Apex Club.


Members have given up their weekends to build the new structure, which features a bluestone base.

Long-lasting jarrah will be used for the decking and the superstructure will be of treated pine, supporting a pergola that can be

canvassed over when it rains.

The new stage should be completed late this month or early in October and the club hopes to open it with a music session, perhaps after a market.

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Little Buggas to rearrange their outings program

The Little Buggas Club held its second AGM on July 8, and despite having had a rather low profile in the past 12 months, there still seems to be quite a lot of enthusiastic young naturalists who enjoy the club meetings.

However, the club is faced with the common problem of having only a few, already over-committed parents who are willing to play an active role in organisation.

It was therefore decided to change the club's method of operating, to reduce and spread the load around. Instead of meeting monthly, four meetings are planned for the coming year, three of which will be camping weekends.

The first function, which has already taken place, was spotlighting at Coranderk Reserve, behind Healesville Sanctuary, on August 5. In spite of the weather, possums, kangaroos and wallabies were 'spotted', in an interesting and enjoyable evening.

The second meeting will be a camping weekend, in October, either in the Grampians or the Little Desert, and is being organised by Ann Sanson (844 2829) and Anne Warren (844 1296).

The third, in January, is a

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weekend at a ski lodge on Mt Baw Baw, to be organised by Tim and Libby Ferguson (844 3139).

The fourth will be on the Labor Day long weekend in March, when we will join the Warrandyte Canoe Club at Wilson's Promontory (organised by Bob Winters, 844 2574).

We will publicise further details of these events in the Diary, and also on the Community Centre windows, but those interested should contact the organisers to get full details. It will be the responsibility of parents to arrange for their children to be cared for by other adults if they are not attending themselves.

Rather than running organised programs we will be encouraging Little Buggas to take their discoveries and questions to the various 'experts' we have among the adult members (zoologists, geologists, palaeontologists, botanists, birdos, etc), on an informal basis.

New members are of course always welcome. The club is open to any child above the age of five who enjoys the bush and its inhabitants. Interested people should ring the membership secretary, Pat Anderson (844 3442). Yearly subscriptions are \$5 for the first child, and \$4 for subsequent children, and are due now.

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Chapel getting bigger, in more ways than one

The Elders of the Gospel Chapel are negotiating with Doncaster and Templestowe Council to extend the building.

They are concerned that their work has been hampered recently by a lack of room in the present building, following a steady increase in church attendance over the past few years.

The chapel is basically unchanged since it was rebuilt after the 1939 bushfires, which destroyed it and a number of other churches in the district.

A number of people from Preston, together with some local residents, did the work. One local resident, Mrs Bathia Speer,

donated the land, and work began at the end of World War II. The stained glass windows were donated by residents in memory of those who died in the war. The church bell was originally a ship's bell. The chapel was officially opened in late 1948 by Mr Everard, MLA.

Today chapel activities include childrens' play groups, a girls' club, ladies coffee evenings and youth work. A family service is held each Sunday between 10 a.m. and mid-day with a coffee break during the service.

The chapel has just concluded a four-week seminar on grief and bereavement, conducted by Mr

David Treloar, educational officer with Tobin Bros.

A highlight for the chapel this year will be the 'New Life for All' services from September 29 to October 7, which will be conducted with the support of local churches. The chapel believes this will be the first time such a mission has been held in Warrandyte, at least in more recent times. A large marquee will be erected in the car park next to the chapel, and venues such as the squash court, Coffee Bean Restaurant, School Hall and Alfred's Homestead will be used.

For general inquiries, phone the secretary on 844 2528.

Scouts unprepared for Sulo invasion

The new Sulo rubbish bins might be a great idea for local households, but they are a big problem for the scouts.

It seems there is so much room in them that people are no longer taking their empty bottles down to the scouts' bottle dump.

This of course is eating into the cash that the local troop gets from bottle sales, and has meant that new fund-raising ventures are needed.

The newest idea is a stall at the community market selling hambur-

gers, pikelets, tea, coffee, hot soup, jams and relishes.

The goods sold well, but the troop needs more people to help at the stall. Those who can help are asked to ring Alan Caornell on 844 2398.

Other money-raising activities are being planned, and people with ideas or offers of help are also asked to contact Alan.

And on the topic of fund-raising, the 1st Warrandyte troop has some great budding salesmen just waiting

to be hired by big business when they leave school.

The troop recently sold 300 dozen lamingtons, for a profit of \$120. Top sales were recorded by Brett Thompson, 44 dozen; David Garner, 25 dozen; Luke Worthy, 23 dozen; Mark Glendenning, 21 dozen; Andrew Allardice, 16 dozen; Campbell Davis, 15 dozen and Jacob Bexley, 15 dozen. The Diary has been told that 26 scouting families did not sell any.

The keys to success

The Community Workshop Co-Op has bought a new electric typewriter and is looking for work for it and Raewyn O'Shea, who has just been appointed to the staff. The office also has a photocopier, stencil cutter and duplicator. Letters, theses, essays, and much more can now be done at reasonable rates by the Co-Op. Phone 844 2548 or 844 3326 or call in at the office.

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All this and football too

They may not have set the world afire on the field this season, but Warrandyte's footballers are sensational on the stage.

The Bloods took the Mechanics Institute Hall by storm last month

at the annual "Playnight".

It was enough to make Will Shakespeare rotate briskly in his crypt and have a captive audience rolling in the aisles.

First half of the program was a

talent quest highlighted by Andrew Sanger and Paul Murphy sending up the Leyland Brothers; the "Dytettes" singing group being ever-so-seductive; Anthony Giles-Peters doing a sensational impersonation of Paddington Bear; and a risqué little act called "The Perfect Snatch".

Second half was an hilarious melodrama directed by the multi-talented Phil Taylor.

Show business in this town might never be quite the same.

Bloods coaches quit

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"Obviously we will have to recruit from outside — injuries and retirements left us with less than 40 players to fill the two senior teams by the season's end — but basically the future is in the hands of the many talented younger players coming up through the ranks."

Mr Mitchell said that in the longer term, the club was particularly heartened by the success of the under-16 and under-14 teams, both of whom made the finals.

"It says a great deal for our future prospects," he said.

The under-16s have unearthed a potential champion in Darren Peters, runaway winner of the EDFL's best and fairest award in his division.

Peters polled 29 votes, nine better than the runner-up.

Uwe Morzinek's promotion to the seniors for seven matches probably cost him the competition's reserves best and fairest trophy.

Morzinek played only 11 games in the seconds and was beaten by a mere three votes.

For the third season on end, seniors full-forward Ron Wilson took the league's goalkicking honours in his division. He finished with 89.

The vote count for Warrandyte club awards will be held at the home of Brian Tomlinson, Brysons Road, Warranwood, on Sunday, September 16.

It will be a barbecue function and all players and supporters are welcome.

Senior presentation night is at Alfred's Homestead, South Warrandyte, on September 26.

Tickets are available from Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573) or David Mitchell (844 3538).



The smiles of success. From left, Meg, Karen and Jane after beating all-comers in the Technical Schools hockey State finals.

CHAMPIONS ALL

Maybe our women hockey team didn't win gold at the Los Angeles Olympics — but three Warrandyte girls were big winners last month in State finals of the Technical Schools hockey championships.

Meganne and Jane Hodgkinson and Karen Rother-

ham were members of the premier Mitcham Tech. team.

After an unbeaten season, Mitcham met Box Hill in the final on the Royal Park astroturf.

Mitcham won 2-0 after an absorbing struggle.

Dytes seek new recruits

Warrandyte Cricket Club have launched a membership drive to attract new players.

As part of the campaign, the club will hold a "meet the committee, coach and players" barbecue at noon on Sunday, September 30.

It will be at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve and food and refreshments will be available.

The club have started pre-season training at the Eltham Indoor Cricket Centre, 13A Brougham St., on Mondays from 9 p.m. and new players are welcome to join in.

Last season the first eleven took

out the coveted Chandler Shield in the Ringwood District Cricket Association and the under-16 side also won a premiership.

Club officials are hoping to at least emulate that performance in the 1984-85 season.

Warrandyte plan to field six senior teams, seven junior sides and a women's team in the new season, which gets underway on October 6.

Anyone wanting further information about the club should contact Steve Pascoe (876 2454) or Bruce Kline (712 0345).

Local MPs back Co-Op cash plea

Local parliamentarians Lou Hill and Max McDonald have backed the efforts of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-Operative to put its child care centre on a sound financial footing.

Mr Hill and Mr McDonald visited the child care centre recently and discussed the Co-Op's submission to the Office of Child Care with the Co-Op Chairwoman, Ms Louise Joy.

Mr Hill said the centre's staff were paid with part of the Co-op's \$166,000 Community Employment Program grant. "But the Co-Operative wants the child care centre to be funded as a children's service by the Federal Government's Office of Child Care, and not only as an employment program," he said.

Mr Hill was the founding chairman of the Co-Op in 1981 and has seen it grow from an idea to a major operation running the child care centre, a mud brick-making business and a wood fuel sales business.

The girls grab the glory

It was a case of sixth time lucky for the girls of the Warrandyte U17C2 basketball team.

This season six local teams made it to a grand final of the Eastern District Junior Basketball Association but only U17C2 — made up of girls from Warrandyte High School — won.

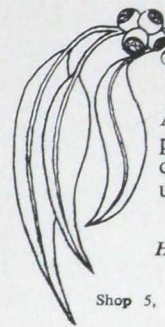
The Warrandyte girls were 12 points down to Koonung with just 10 minutes to go but battled back to present coach John Harding with a one-point win. Final scores: Warrandyte 32, Koonung 31.

The girls U15C2 team, coached by Alan Woolcock, received a most improved team award from the association.

The only Warrandyte boys team to reach a grand final, Tom Thwaites' U15DA, lost to Marcellin.

Four boys teams were judged the most improved in their grades: U11D4 (Chris Sargeant), U15B1 (Stan Slaton), U15CM (Arthur Vincent) and U17D2 (Tom Szabo).

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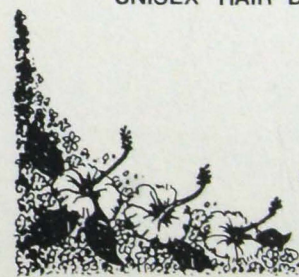
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Top coaches quit

'Big Ms' bow out

Warrandyte Football Club will advertise for two new senior coaches for the 1985 season.

Kevin McLean, who guided the firsts to the EDFL third-division premiership last season, and long-serving reserves coach David Mitchell have both announced their retirement.

They bow out with impressive records.

Under McLean, the firsts finished third in his first year (1981), second in 1982, won the long-awaited flag in '83 and this season consolidated themselves in the tough second-division competition.

He has had a big impact on football in this town.

So has Mitchell, who this year doubled as reserves coach and club president. He led the seconds to three premierships (1980-82-83) in seven years.

Mr Mitchell told the Diary he had not yet decided whether or not to seek the presidency again next year.

He is, however, confident that 1985 will see a considerable improvement in the Bloods' on-field performance.

"Generally, 1984 has been a tough year for the club," he said.

"As far as results go, it was our most unsuccessful season for some time.



"The seniors won only six of their 18 games — but we had more than our share of injuries to key players and we knew that the step up to second-division was not going to be a picnic.

"We started well, experienced a mid-season slump, but picked ourselves up towards the end and won two of our last three games.

"I think we proved that we are good enough for second division."

Mr Mitchell said the spate of injuries had given the club the oppor-

tunity to blood a lot of junior players who would be the basis of the senior team in future seasons.

"We used six under-18 players in the seniors at various stages of the season and a similar number in the reserves," he said.

"We will be looking for big things from these players next season and in the ensuing years.

"We are going to have to build on what we've got.

It's one for the umpire.

A Doncaster player has Warrandyte full-forward Ron Wilson by the jumper and is appealing for the free kick in a scramble for the ball at the local recreation reserve.

The Bloods lost this game but ended an otherwise disappointing season on a winning note, beating Bennettswood by eight points (16.16 to 15.15).

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