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New West End plan opposed

Community groups and local residents and councillors plan to oppose strongly the latest, and biggest, Davmark proposal for a supermarket in the West End.

They say it is far too big, at almost 2000 square metres of shopping space, out of keeping with the area and that the proposed extension of Drysdale Road is extremely dangerous.

Local traders are also against the proposal on the same grounds, and also that it could spell the end of the main street shops.

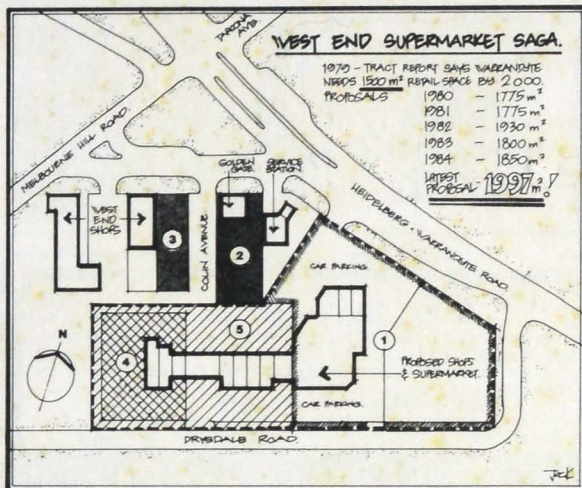
All opponents also say that such a supermarket is unnecessary because a big Safeway supermarket is planned for the corner of Reynolds Road and Blackburn Road.

The main opponents are the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, ward councillors Ken McKenzie and Anne Martin, and the traders.

The latest plan is for a supermarket of about 1000 square metres and other shop space totalling another 1000 square metres. The opponents point to the fact that Doncaster and Templestowe Council has already rejected five proposals for smaller supermarkets and that the 1979 Tract planning report, commissioned by council, estimated that there would be a requirement for 1500 square metres of retail space by the year 2000.

They say that if this plan is approved, and work for which retail permits have been issued goes ahead, there will be almost 3000 square metres of shopping space in the West End.

That is made up of the 2000



KEY TO ILLUSTRATION

Area 1: Timberyard site (Davmark has option to buy).

Area 2: Golden Gate permit area.

Area 3: Permit for commercial development

Area 4: Pisag site (Davmark has option to buy).

Area 5: Space considered suitable for development by councillors McKenzie and Martin.

square metre Davmark plan, which occupies part of the Timberyard and Pisag sites, over which Davmark has options to buy; the Golden Gate site, for which there is a permit for two shops totalling about 180 square metres (area 2 in the accompanying illustration); area three, for which a permit has been issued for commercial development of 500 square metres; and the existing shops, which comprise about 400 square metres.

WAC councillors Martin and McKenzie are particularly concerned about the traffic hazards that could be posed if Drysdale Road was extended to the main road just

near the Andersons Creek bridge. They say it is about the worst place imaginable for an intersection. They also say that the plan does nothing to help overcome other traffic problems that already exist in the area, and in fact could make them worse.

Most Warrandyte groups and residents accept that a supermarket in the area is inevitable, but the fight is over how big it is going to be and exactly where it is placed. There is also doubt about whether West End residents will accept the closure of Colin Avenue, especially

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The time has come...

To speak of several things: of our thanks to our loyal readers (we'll continue to keep up the service) and our appreciation of our advertisers (you lot make the Diary possible).

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To mention just a few of the few: Lee Tindale (sports reporter extraordinaire), Rosemary Tovey (can't say too much about her) and Bob Fotheringham (the man with his finger on the figures).

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The increases are about par for the course.

Xmas card offer

The Diary/Slab Cottage Project Committee Christmas card offer is still open, but hurry up, orders have been flooding in. Details of how to buy these attractive cards are on Page 10.

Council votes Martin off Yarra body

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has dismissed Councillor Anne Martin as its representative on the Middle Yarra Advisory Council.

Councillor Martin was voted out at a special meeting of councillors late last month. She could not attend the meeting to defend herself because she was chairing the White House Committee of Management annual general meeting.

The advisory council was set up in 1971 to advise the Board of Works on the planning, development and maintenance of the Yarra Valley park between Pound Bend and Dights Falls. Councillor Martin has been a member for three years, as one of the six representatives of the councils in the area.

Councillor Martin says the vote came as a complete surprise to her. She says she knew her position was going to be discussed, but believed the council was happy with her performance.

"I had been talking informally to councillors for several weeks and it had been indicated to me that there was no dissent to my continuing appointment," she says.

Councillor Martin says she has been told that the ground for dismissal was that she "pushes her own opinion that does not represent council's views".

"I deny that and I have asked that the matter be relisted for full discussion," she says. "I also want a public inquiry into it."

"I have also asked all councillors private to indicate to me precise examples to justify their accusations so that I can prepare a full dossier and report on my activities and involvement on the advisory council."

"The issues addressed by the council are particularly pertinent to all development north of the Warrandyte-Heidelberg Road throughout the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and Warrandyte township."

"I have succeeded in gaining the Middle Yarra Advisory Council's support for preservation in Warrandyte in matters relating to development, particularly as it affects the river bank," she says.

Councillor Martin hopes that a public inquiry will be held into



Councillor Martin: Denies accusations

her dismissal "because I believe they have accused me of unethical behaviour on no justifiable grounds and in my absence."

"This is only part of a wide range of issues in which the Warrandyte ward has been involved and in which it has been disappointed. The electorate is becoming disillusioned with council's performance."

"I feel that only six weeks ago I was returned to council with a two-thirds majority vote and that other councillors have taken it upon themselves to totally ignore my representations on behalf of the community."

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IN RED & WHITE



Smokey Joe

Two-each-way department. Smokey was driving through the Otways during school holidays last month when he noticed a sign on a cute old building: "Gellibrand Progress and Historical Society".

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Smokey loves to wander around the stalls at the community market — a plant for the missus here, a snag sandwich for the ankle-biter there, some mittens for the rug-rat somewhere else . . . all sorts of goodies. But last month beat all. There she was, a lovely old lady selling plants and in pride of place a bunch of onion weed.

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And speaking of plants, Smokey is amazed at how many local gardens have broome . . . not infestations of the rotten stuff but an ornamental tree or two. The proud owners of these particular gardens just won't believe it when they are

told the plant can take over whole acres within a couple of years. All they need for proof is to take a look at Smokey's "garden". After five years on the knees every Spring the stuff is still there. And so is the onion weed.

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In October an unusual reunion will take place in Ringwood and Donvale. Shipmates will get together after 43 years to celebrate their 46-day voyage in October/November 1941 from Sydney to Liverpool, and their subsequent service in the Royal Navy for the remainder of World War 2. All were volunteers enlisting in the seaman branch and graduated from cadet college to commissioned rank. All but one of the originals survive. Former shipmates include Geoff Hancock of Forest Hill, Keith Nicol of Donvale and Bob Fotheringham of Ringwood. Others will be coming from interstate. All men saw action in the North Atlantic, the Arctic, the D-Day landings, the Mediterranean campaigns, and some in the Pacific.

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Simon and Garfunkel had a song for it: "The Sound of Silence". And now Warrandyte has an explanation for it: Ian Lloyd's out of town.

Ian (Rowdy to anyone who's been within earshot of him) has gone to Canberra in his multi-talented capacity in the building game to be some sort of VIP in the construction of the new military academy there.

Rowdy is to decibels what Dean Lukin is to barbells. He is quite the loudest person of our experience. Has to be heard to be believed.

We're not altogether sure that Canberra is ready for him, but the lovely Maureen has gone along to keep a loose rein on The Big Noise From Wattleblossom Road and, hopefully, to apply the gag before his outrageous sense of fun gets the better of him and he appoints himself Minister for Culture for the People of Foster's Lager Party.

He will be missed in this town. But not forgotten. His mates at the Warrandyte RSL Social Club will keep his memory alive by holding two minutes' noise at an appropriate hour each Friday night.

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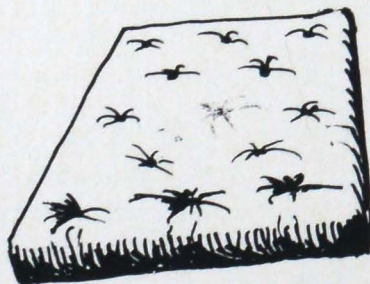
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New move on Yarra St

There is light at the end of Yarra Street for residents who are frustrated at the traffic problems in Warrandyte.

The Department of Transport has issued a paper discussing various options for access to the outer suburbs from the Eastern Freeway, and it comes out in favour of the northern route — the link from the freeway via Reynolds Road to the Maroondah Highway.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee chairman, Greg Thorpe, and two Warrandyte Ward councillors, Ken McKenzie and Anne Martin, believe that the paper is significant for Warrandyte.

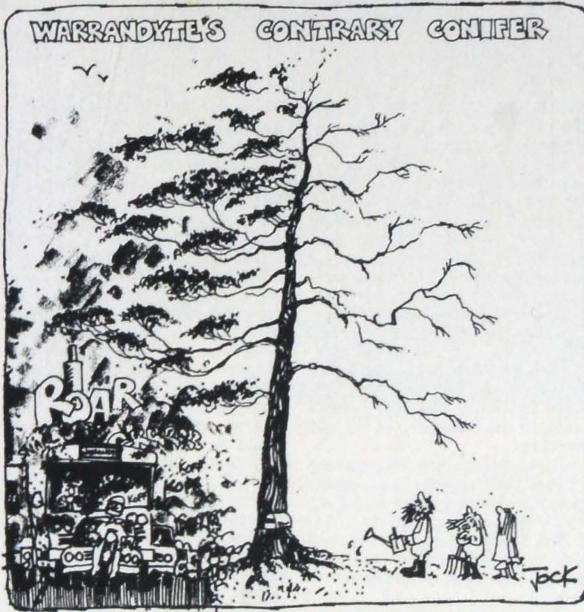
Mr Thorpe says WAC had been asked to comment on the paper. "Our response was that we were basically happy with what was being produced because it was consistent with removing traffic from Yarra Street — providing an alternative route and making Yarra Street less attractive for through traffic," he says. The Diary has been told that through traffic now makes up 20 per cent of Yarra Street traffic.

Councillor McKenzie says: "Doncaster and Templestowe Council has always been in favor of the northern route. The hold-up over the last three years has been the municipalities of Ringwood, Croydon and Lilydale as to where the route would come out.

"Now the Road Traffic Authority thinks it has resolved that, although not formally. They think it will go ahead." Doncaster and Templestowe has already set aside money to work on the Templestowe-South Warrandyte section of the route.

Both say that drivers are also contributing in a big way to the problems of Yarra Street, particularly drivers who break the speed limit. They say council has no power to lower the speed limit. The Road Traffic Authority will not agree to a lower speed because it is interested in keeping the traffic flowing smoothly, they say.

This problem has also caused the rejection by the RTA of two lots of plans for the bridge roundabout. Another propo-



posal is being drawn up and the councillors hope that it will be accepted quickly.

They and Mr Thorpe say the main ground for the rejection of the earlier plans was that the roundabout would have interrupted traffic flow too severely. Also, it would not have allowed buses to turn safely and easily.

Councillor McKenzie says: "This last proposal is bigger again, but they want to take a slice out of the embankment in front of the RSL to allow the buses to turn."

music course included his shopping list. Son was eventually consulted in class and went home with a size 12 chicken, 2 kilos of thin sausages and a packet of Wheeties.

Introducing bonza, the Oz version of the noble Japanese art of growing little trees and bushes. Geoff Voce, Warrandyte Primary principal, has been getting into the new form after a stay in hospital. Seems the lad hasn't been able to recuperate outdoors because of the recent rodent-dropping type weather.

Get-well wishes to one of our senior citizens, Molly Docking, who is recovering in hospital. Molly and mates at the Elderly Citizens Club invite fellow residents to a birthday party and concert in November.

A lady recently moved to savor the delights of the north side of the village is wondering whether she should have stayed down south. The boys want so much to blast the rocks for a swimming pool that she is contemplating a

Councillor Martin believes, however, that most of the problems will be solved. "One problem at the moment is that people are standing on the pedestrian crossing approach island and can't see what's coming because of cars and trucks parked beside it," she says. "That island is to be extended to the full width of the parking spaces and this should allow people to see what's coming and allow drivers to see the pedestrians."

Also, a loading zone is to be set aside in front of the shops for certain hours of the day to allow deliveries to be made without truck drivers having to block off part of the street. Both councillors are appealing to residents to abide by the rules. If they don't they will probably be booked as Councillors Martin and McKenzie say traffic officers will be policing the area very strictly.

WAC's Mr Thorpe says the new parking arrangements were designed by council alone.

He says local groups were asked to comment on the council proposal earlier this year, and that the main objection was that the central exit/entry point was to be closed and that traffic would have to pass through the car park in only one direction — entry at the hotel end and exit at the chemist.

As it is, the central exit/entry is now closed. Mr Thorpe says: "The reason for that was given as safety in that there were problems with cars coming in and out next to the pedestrian crossing."

"One of the consequences of closing it off was that it required the design to be more formalised and also required the whole thing to be one-way. We put in some comments which were trying to encourage it to be informal."

"Our comment was, 'Okay, let's give it a go until the end of the year because at that stage there was also a trial on how long the cypress tree would last'. If the cypress was going to go at the end of the year then that would be an appropriate time to chop it off at its roots and have a complete re-think about the design of the car park."

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New plan opposed

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as traffic is so bad in the area already and the latest plan offers no workable solution.

Both WAC and councillors Martin and McKenzie believe, however, that some elements of the plan provide the basis for council to negotiate a suitable compromise — for a smaller supermarket in a less conspicuous position and with better traffic arrangements.

However the big fear of people the Diary has spoken to is that council will approve the plan with only small changes. WAC, the traders and the two councillors are committed to opposing it, but many people fear this might not be enough.

At its last meeting WAC resolved to oppose the plan on several grounds: serious deficiencies appear in traffic handling (Drysdale Road extension and closure of Col-in Avenue); the overall size of the proposal — it is too big for the area's needs, particularly the number of small shops; that it will pull the focus of the area into itself and away from the existing shops; and that the development would have far-reaching effects on the West End and the surrounding area. A WAC spokesman says WAC believes council should accept responsibility for planning on this scale rather than letting private developers call the shots.

Petitions signed by local residents have been sent to council, and WAC will put its views strongly, as will councillors McKenzie and Martin.

The proposal is likely to be discussed by council this month and go before full council late next month.

Locked into their monthly huddle WAC members were intrigued if not distracted by the Boys in Blue's interest in their meeting. Short, sharp bursts on the siren are apparently their way of saying g'day to cobbler Ken McKenzie and, on this evening of encouraging the WACCERS to wind up so Ken could nip over to the footy club presentation night.

A certain Apex gent (a crossover from the Lions) must be a busy housekeeper with lots on his mind. His cheque for a local

fish pond or lessons in shallow diving.

'Lysistrata' (no, others pronounce it both ways, so don't worry) was such a success that the WAA plans to follow on by switching from Greek to Scottish for their next production. It will be pleasant to see 'Macbeth' again.

What will our wombats do after ranger Kris Reinerstein quits Warrandyte? We humans, too,



will be the poorer for his leaving us. Kris and two other rangers have been transferred from Warrandyte State Park. We thank them, wish them well and hope that they wander back this way again.

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The prospectors, after several weeks' labor, succeeded, last Wednesday week, in striking the reef a foot thick containing good payable gold.

They have 80 yards on the line of reef in private property, and have taken up under lease the ground south to the boundary of the old workings.

Capt. Selby intends starting north of their boundary and removing the portable engine which is on the claim to pump the water.

This discovery is an important one, as the Yarra tunnel reef is the largest and most permanent one here.

The Pigtail also will now, I trust, be immediately worked, as the shoots of gold now proved to be continuous in the Yarra reef will be an incentive for capitalists to work what has hitherto been a good, payable claim.

The machinery is in first-class order, and everything ready for working. I consider that nothing

during the past 10 years has been discovered here equal to this. Its permanency cannot be doubted.

The Great Southern quartz claim on the same day struck some very good stone, and a crushing of four tons yielded 6 oz. 14 dwts, smelted gold. A share has since changed hands for 25 pounds. I suppose this is the first share sold for anything like this sum for some years.

The Young Colonial quartz claim had a small crushing and obtained 4 oz. 7 dwts., it was hardly up to expectation but the shareholders intend further prospecting what will, I think be very payable ground. The water is rather heavy, but a whim would be sufficient power for a long time to come.

The Government have passed or granted the works intended for the company who are about to utilize the Pound Bend tunnel, and I suppose work will commence in a few days.

The contractors have softer ground in the Good Hope tunnel and are making progress. They intend crushing in a few days.

I omitted to mention that the old Yarra tunnel worked 110 feet under the bed of the Yarra, and at the time they were swamped out good gold was showing.

One formation they passed through — a deposit of sea shells,

Scotchman's Hill will become a bush reserve

Lou Hill, MP, attended part of the last WAC meeting for an informal discussion. He was able to announce that the Scotchman's Hill bushland reserve will not be sold, and will be rezoned to allow it to remain as a nature reserve. Well done local residents, particularly Don Knight.

WAC has been discussing landscaping plans for the car park opposite the hotel with council. The plans were produced by an external consultant/landscape designer and initially showed 190 Cordyline Australis (approx. six-metre high palm-like trees) along either side of Yarra Street. Bev Hanson has negotiated on behalf of WAC for a more appropriate selection. Many thanks Bev. WAC comments on other features of the car park, for example the kerbing and channel-

ing and the degree of formalisation, were rejected earlier in the year, although it should be noted that options are limited by standards required by the Road Traffic Authority around pedestrian crossings and because Yarra St still has main road status.

In the light of the car park debate, WAC intends asking council to await community comment on plans for works associated with the proposed roundabout at the bridge before starting work. Surely landscaping is one area the community knows best.

Cr John Fisher reported that Eltham Council's budget includes \$10,000 for Warrandyte High School, \$5000 for Warrandyte Community Centre (Getson) planning and \$750 for the Warrandyte Festival Committee.

How They Lived

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

specimens of which I have seen, about 60 feet below the bed of the present Yarra — would designate a very ancient formation, and deserving the notice of geologists.

There has been a good deal of talk relative to the uncerimous (sic) manner in which the late lay reader left us, he gave no notification to the church authorities of his removal, and the congregation attended last Sunday week as usual, but had to retire.

I am sorry that the gentleman appointed on his arrival last Sunday found blank premises, it certainly was unfair to him, and I am afraid that the action of the last lay reader will have a very bad effect.

• Interested in history? The Warrandyte Historical Society meets every month. Telephone the secretary, Mrs Ruby Arnaud (844 3358), for further information.

Steedman is re-endorsed

Pete Steedman has been re-endorsed unopposed by the Labor Party for the seat of Casey in the next Federal election.

Mr Steedman said he was pleased that his work had been recognised by the party and hoped that his record would enable him to hold one of the most marginal seats in the Federal Parliament.

Commenting on rumours that he might have tried for a safer seat, Mr Steedman said: "I was offered a couple of alternatives but there are projects I want to see completed, especially the revitalisation of the Yarra Valley. I have taken the harder path, but my idea of being in the Parliament was to work for my electorate, not just to secure a sinecure for myself."

Students visit Parliament

Politics students from Warrandyte High School visited State Parliament in September as guests of the Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill.

Mr Hill showed the 29 students and two teachers over Parliament House and then shouted them afternoon tea. He explained parliamentary procedures and discussed the role of parliament in the system of government.

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Blacksmith Burke calls it a day in Warrandyte

Vincent Burke the blacksmith is packing up his anvil and forge after two years' work in Warrandyte.

Mr Burke says there is not enough business in the area to justify the shop. He says the work here is mainly small jobs such as sharpening picks and shovels, which he performs mainly as a service to the community.

"I need work such as architectural ironwork to support this sort of thing and keep the shop operating," he says.

Another problem he and other blacksmiths face is the competition from imports, particularly tools, which he describes as rubbish.

"You can go to McEwans and buy a Taiwanese pick or shovel for \$8 or \$10," he says. "For me to make a pick it's \$8 or \$10 just for the steel."

"The only time I can justify making something like that is if someone wants a special tool such as an adze or a special wood-turning chisel."

Tourists are also not interested in the sort of quality items that Mr Burke turns out. "I don't think I've ever sold one thing to a tourist," he says. "They just come in for a look and a chat and that's it. Also, I don't make the cheap rubbish that tourists are looking for."

"I said when I came here that I'd give it a try making authentic ironwork, traditional ironwork, and if



Vincent Burke: Rubbish defeats him

it works it works, if it doesn't it doesn't. Well, it hasn't worked, and I've decided to go.

"In a way it's a bit surprising with the number of owner-builders around here, but they're still putting rubbishy hardware in their houses. They're not prepared to go that one step further and put in decent hardware — for example light fittings, door hinges and latches, racks for their kitchens and that sort of thing."

Mr Burke believes that Warrandyte is a good enough cross-section of society to indicate that there is not much point setting up somewhere else. "The answer has been fairly well given here that people aren't interested," he says.

Although Mr Burke did not set up the shop in Warrandyte to make a fortune, the costs, including travel, coke and metal, have meant that he has been making a loss.

"When I came here most of the blokes in the trade said this would happen. I suppose I hoped to be able to prove them wrong, but it just hasn't worked out that way," he says.

"Make no mistake about it, however, I've made a lot of friends in Warrandyte, it's been great in that regard, so it hasn't all been negative," he says. "There have also been some good jobs come in, and I've been able to develop my skills while I've been here."

Warrandyte won't be losing blacksmith Burke completely. He plans to open a stall at the community markets where he will sell a range of items and take some orders.

Also, some of the equipment in the shop belongs to the Historical Society, and he hopes that a static display of blacksmithing will be kept in place.

WELL, WELL, that was the year that was

Thirty WEL members crammed the room of GB's Pizza Parlor on September 26 to thank retiring committee members and elect a new committee. This smaller venue had been selected to give the meeting a "homely" atmosphere but attendance gratifyingly exceeded expectations.

Gracia Baylor, MLC for Boronia, read of the meeting in the press and attended. An enjoyable night was had, and thanks were expressed to the outgoing president, Richard Schurmann, and retiring members Claire Dawson, John Fisher and Jan Vagg.

Richard, supported by his wife, Shirley, took time out from increasingly pressing business commitments to lead the committee through a demanding year. WEL's contribution to the winning of the Professor's Hill appeal is recognised as the outstanding achievement for 1983/84, but a glance at any monthly WEL agenda would indicate the constant pressure on the organisation.

The personal interest Richard has shown in the natural environment, as distinct from the built environment, will influence the priorities of the new committee.

The 1984/85 committee, which will elect office bearers in early October, has the following members:

Doug Seymour, John Addie, John Cousins, Andria Gleeson, Peter Martin, Patrick Nuzum, Elaine Voce and Anne Warren. The guest speaker was Andrew McMahon, a fire ecologist at Latrobe University, who presented a most informative illustrated resume of the influence of fire on the development and conservation of the Australian plant community. Members felt the subject was particularly relevant to Warrandyte.

One of the issues discussed at the meeting and which WEL must continue to pursue, is the handling of the Kingswood College appeal (see Diary June 84). The planning issue concerned has now spawned two other concerns — one about how the Planning Appeals Board is being directed and the other concerns the tone of the replies WEL has been receiving to inquiries about the conduct of the appeal.

WEL believes citizens can expect better than the brusque and evasive responses it has been receiving from the Planning Appeals Board and the Minister for Planning and the Environment on this matter.

In the meantime, residents contemplating bringing a case before the Planning Appeals Board should note that a fortnight's notice of appeal is all that may be expected, and that professional representation is now virtually essential for a fair hearing.

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Council asks landowner to repair damage

Eltham Council has asked the owners of recently cleared land in Kangaroo Ground Road to submit detailed landscaping plans for repairing environmental damage caused during the clearing.

The owner, Dulwan Holdings Pty Ltd, has to have the plans prepared by a person qualified or experienced in landscape design. They have to be submitted before any further work is carried out on the property.

The owner is also required to lodge a bond with the council for a period of two years after the landscaping has been completed. The bond will be refunded after the two years provided the landscaping has been established and maintained properly.

If these requirements are not met, a contravention notice will be issued under the Town and Country Planning Act.

The property, occupied by Mr Marcel Bucello and his family, was recently bulldozed to provide a firebreak and space to graze animals.

Guidelines for the landscaping include:

- That native plant indigenous to the area be used in selected locations;
- That plants are to be protected from stock by fencing or other appropriate means;
- That areas selected for native plants are not to be sown or planted with exotic species of grass, and;
- That chemical fertilisers harmful to native vegetation are not to be used.

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Kate, 17, would like an apprenticeship as a chef. She has had work experience in a hospital kitchen.

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

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Memorial service for Karl Moppert

On September 26, Karl Moppert, long time resident of Warrandyte was remembered in a memorial service at Monash University.

His wife, Fiona, members of his Australian and American family, Warrandyte friends and Monash colleagues heard his daughter, Fia, recite two poems. A maths department colleague recalled his design of the sundial for the north wall of the Union and for the Foucault pendulum installed in the mathematics building.

Karl Moppert practised lateral thinking long before the term was invented. He annoyed his colleagues by not sticking to the syllabus, so keen was he to demonstrate the growth of mathematics in the whole cultural tradition. A Swiss by birth, he had an interest in English, French and German literature as well as a fine appreciation of modern art.

As a teacher, he had the capacity to inspire students and has the record for the largest number of PhD students.

A non-religious man, he sometimes spoke of understanding God when he realised a mathematical truth. Two days before his death, he knew that an article of his on a mathematical subject had been accepted by a noted journal.

An old friend remembered Karl Moppert in terms of the Jewish word "mensch", which means an authentic person, someone real, honorable, honest. He faced his death courageously. He was known around Monash for his humour and as a character enlivening the place.

— Louise Joy

Grants for our councils

The Shire of Eltham has been given \$1 million under the State/Federal system of untied grants.

The MLA for Evelyn, Max McDonald, said the money could be used for any purpose that council deemed appropriate. "This year's allocation represents a 5.9 per cent increase on last year's figures," Mr McDonald said.

The Federal Member for Casey, Pete Steedman, said the City of Doncaster and Templestowe would get \$1,460,000, an increase of 5.4 per cent.

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The recent bad weather has proved very costly to the Co-Op.

About 1000 mud bricks that were ready for delivery have been destroyed, a loss of about \$400 in sales and about three weeks' work quite literally down the drain.

"This is a big kick in the bum for us," a Co-Op official has told the Diary. "It also highlights the need for the Co-Op to get a bigger block of land for the mud brick operation. The present area behind the Getsons site is just too small.

"We need at least four acres so we can build a shed to make and dry the bricks and buy more equipment to make the



Co-Op workers and the ruined bricks

bricks more efficiently." Anyone who can help is asked to phone the Co-Op on 844 2548.

Scheme to make dough, and jobs

Something is cooking at the Co-Op, and the smell is delicious.

The Co-Op plans to reopen the old bakery in the main street as part of its job-creation program.

Investigations have revealed that the old wood-fired oven that served Warrandyte so well for so many years is still in working order.

A Co-Op official has told the Diary that Audrey Dreschler (nee Walsh) has agreed to allow the use of the bakery rent-free for five years.

There are also two retired bakers living in the area who are willing to run the operation and teach unemployed bakers the old methods of baking. At least two assistants would be required and they could be drawn from local unemployed youths.

The Co-Op has held informal discussions with council about the proposal and the official says the response has been enthusiastic.

A Warrandyte family is also interested in opening a sandwich bar in conjunction with the Co-Op scheme, and the Co-Op official says there is room to employ local people there as well.

The Co-Op has sent a submission for funding to the Community Employment Program, but the official says very little money would be needed.

"We believe it can be self-supporting," he says. "We are sure it will be a great success if it gets going. You only have to look at the number of people who buy fresh

bread from other bakeries in the area to know how big the demand is."

Poem

LONELY
By R. Adams

*Oh, to live in someone's home
to realise — to be alone
The picture hanging on the wall
of children growing — yet so small
Their laughing faces, crying eyes
The want for knowledge
wheres and whys
So when I feel alone at times
I think of kids with nursery rhymes*

Help for families in trouble

The Co-Op plans to start a new service for the area — the provision of family aides for families that have problems.

A Co-Op official says the Co-Op has been very concerned for some time about the number of such families in the area.

Problems include financial worries, ill-health causing child care difficulties and stress caused by parents losing their jobs.

The Co-Op official says: "Family aides can go into homes and help parents identify problems, for example with budgeting, or health, and refer them to professionals who can help them."

"They can also do tasks such as cleaning, cooking, shopping, child-minding and such like."

The Co-Op will arrange for local people to be trained as aides. The official says there is already a nucleus of people who have offered their services and are prepared to be trained. He also says that the training is inevitably a big help in getting employment in related areas.


The Co-Op hopes to have the service operating by early next year.

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Child care centre offer

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has made a firm commitment to buy the land and houses at the Warrandyte Child Care Centre, a Co-Op official says.

Negotiations are in progress between the council and the owner, John Storey of Yarra Street.

If the negotiations are successful, the centre will be eligible under new

State and Federal Government rules for funding.

The Co-Op official says the move will go a long way towards securing the future of the centre, depending on the attitude of the Office of Child Care, a State and Federal body that oversees child care funding.

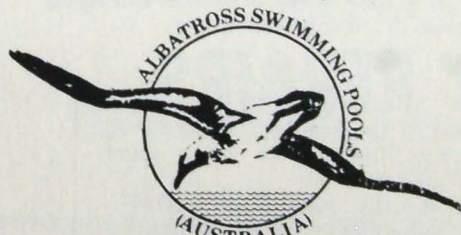


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ARTS ASSOCIATION

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. Ken Virtue, 844 3147.

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

BASKETBALL CLUB

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

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.

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

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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.

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.

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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.

FRIENDS OF THE STATE PARK

Meet at the Common, Johansons Road, at midday on October 25 for weed removal and rubbish clearing.

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.

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Loss of a great character

With the passing of Ida Walsh, Warrandyte has lost one of its outstanding characters. Older residents will well remember this cheerful, outgoing personality, who ran the local baker's shop, which did more than sell bread.

The other commodities dispensed by Ida were entertainment and news. She presided over a vast information exchange network, which would be the envy of any modern-day intelligence service!

Her comments were gems, rich to behold. She would return to her inner sanctums, exhausted by the fray. "Oh", she would complain, "they will keep me talking in that shop." Truth was, of course, "they" had very little say in the matter!

Some notable quotations:

- On tea that is too weak — "Cat's p... and pepper!"
- On PMG workmen, digging a trench in front of the bakehouse — "I could dig that trench faster with me false teeth!"

Graham Thornton, now living in Tasmania, recalls another yarn: "Our somewhat boisterous billy-goat, named Abdul, was boarded at the Walshes. In the middle of the night, Abdul broke loose and penetrated Ida's basement boudoir.

"He must have been in an amorous mood, for he nuzzled Ida on the cheek. Awakened, startled, to see what she took to be her flour-encrusted husband in from the bakehouse, she yelled, "Oh! Get away Jim, get away!" Her customers were entertained by this story, told against herself, for weeks to come."

Ida and the late Jim Walsh, with two-year-old son Walter in tow, took over the Warrandyte bakery in 1928, turning it into a profitable business, despite the Depression, by the end of the thirties. Daughter Audrey was born in 1933.

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Big year ahead at White House

The new White House Committee of Management is gearing up for a big year, with the prospects of renovations worth up to \$20,000 being carried out on the interior of the hall and the caretaker's residence.

The money has been referred to Doncaster and Templestowe Council estimates, and Councillor Anne Martin, a White House stalwart for many years, is confident that it will be approved.

At the annual general meeting last month new committee members were elected. They are: Val Wood, Heather Sprout, Martin Quarendon, Jenny Curwood, John Ingram, Bill Butler and Alice Watson. A meeting was due to be held early this month to elect office bearers and allocate specific tasks. Councillor Martin says several

priorities were identified at the meeting:

- That the caretaker's residence ought to be referred to the Warrandyte Historical Society for classification by the National Trust.
- That the committee combine Doncaster and Templestowe Council's deed of delegation of authority to the committee and more recent guidelines for the running of public halls into a constitution. The meeting identified several discrepancies between the two documents, Councillor Martin told the Diary.

A guest speaker at the meeting was Mrs Dulcie Crouch, a local resident whose grandparents once owned the White House. She spoke about the history of the building, and the Diary hopes to carry an edited version of her speech next month.

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Peter Renn,
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that our tourists take it in their stride and not as synonymous with Warrandyte's hospitality.

One does not need the eye of a Hawke to see our Loo is in need of a Peacockean repair.

Regular Visitors

Dear regular visitors, relief is at hand. A leak in Doncaster and Templestowe says the Council has made \$50,000 available to repair our dunnies. You might have to hold on though: the money is allocated to the lavatory block in the car park beside the Gospel Chapel. The bridge and recreation reserve amenities will be next.

you have to have an alternative and we don't have an alternative.

Mr Thorpe says that from the council's point of view the only thing that is permanent about the new arrangement is the kerbing and channelling. The design and layout of the whole area is considered interim, he says.

On the northern route and Yarra Street generally, the Yarra Street Task Force is continuing its discussions with State Ministers, local MPs, and the Transport Ministry.

One of its aims is to have the old 10-foot widening strip now under the control of the RTA rezoned to prevent its future use for road upgrading.

An official says: "Our current direction is to have the strip between the bridge and the car park at the end of Whipstick Gully come under the control of Crown Lands. This would then fall within the control of the Committee of Management for the River Reserve—effective control would be in the hands of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

"It follows that any future road widening proposal would have to involve the council, and the normal local-level consultation and advertising of the proposal would follow.

"This procedure would constitute a mechanism alerting residents to a road development proposal at an early stage." The Task Force has not responded to the Ministry of Transport northern route paper but members prepared the WAC response in favor of the route.

Yarra St bypass

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"If you accept the restrictions involved in what can be done, and if you accept the argument from a safety point of view, no one on WAC has said they can do something better, and to be constructive

Loo blues

Warrandyte's public toilet block on the corner of the bridge and Yarra Street is in need of urgent repair. With it exposed to the perils of nature and human intervention, wind, rain, floods, cascading waterfalls, leaky cisterns and provocative graffiti, one can only hope

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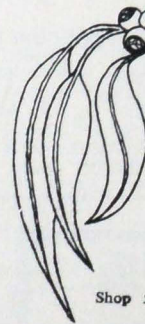
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Apex goes into life saving

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The Apex Club points out that heart massage or resuscitation can be invaluable in cases of shock or choking, or when someone appears to have drowned.

Warrandyte residents are invited to take part in a night's CPR training.

Sessions are monthly. Ring 844 1265 for details.

Warrandyte Apexians are looking for ideas for next year's Warrandyte Festival.

Give John Boyle a ring or contact someone in the club.

Apexians have given 250 manhours so far to building the new stage at Stiggants Reserve, and

by the end of October the steps at the back, jarrah flooring and the pine poles for the roof should be in place.

In November comes the pergola decking, the backboards, safety rails and final landscaping.

The club will be contacting local

groups to ensure a fun handover day, probably following the December market. A sausage sizzle for the kids is planned and Apex will provide a band.

But more entertainment is wanted. Got any ideas? Give Alex Kay a bell on 44 1385.

Off and running (almost)

Warrandyte RSL Social Club will hold its annual Cup Eve Spit Roast on Monday, November 5, at the clubrooms in Brackenbury Street.

It's \$30 a double all-inclusive and the festivities run from 7.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.

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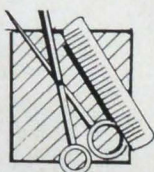
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Soggy spring KOs cricket

Victoria's sodden September has delayed the start of Warrandyte's 1984-85 cricket season.

The first round of Ringwood District Cricket Association fixtures have been postponed because of the state of the grounds.

December 22 — which was to have been the start of the Christmas-New Year recess — has been tentatively set as the new date for the round.

The reorganised program means that Warrandyte's senior eleven will meet East Ringwood, whom they beat in last season's grand final, in their first match.

Until the local recreation ground is in a suitable condition, the Dytes will continue to practice each Monday night at the Eltham Indoor Cricket Centre.

Warrandyte, under captain-coach John Salter, will field 14 teams in the new season — six senior, seven junior and one women's side.

Salter, a former Hawthorn-East Melbourne District player, was an instant success for the local club last season, steering the seniors to the pennant and taking a hand in the progress of the successful under-16 side.

The senior team is intact, so prospects of a back-to-back premiership are obviously good.

Warrandyte's policy of fostering and promoting youth will be pursued this season.

"We are aware that some other clubs have bought coaches and players, but we believe our future lies with home-grown talent," a Warrandyte Cricket Club official told the Diary.



"Our policy of coaching and encouraging youth has worked very well for us in recent seasons and it would be foolish for us to depart from that formula.

Warrandyte's 1983-84 premiership pennants were unfurled by RDCA president Bill Dean at a barbecue at the reserve last month.

The club would still like to hear from any new players in the district. Contacts are Steve Pascoe (876 2454) and Bruce Kline (712 0345).

Gutsy Golding grabs gold

Robin Golding has put the icing on a great season with a runaway win in Warrandyte Football Club's best and fairest award for 1984.

Golding, a centreman and ruck-rover, scored from last year's winner and this season's vice captain Mark Brenchley.

Prolific goalgetter Ron Wilson was third.

Wilson, who kicked 89 for the season, also won the EDFL goal-kicking award.

Best and fairest in the reserves went to Uwe Morzinek, from Kevin Bush and Wayne Cowell.

Morzinek also won the EDFL runner-up trophy.

Awards were presented by the Member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, at Alfred's Homestead late last month.

The roll-up, estimated at 170, was down on last year's, when the heady atmosphere of two senior premierships was still being absorbed.

Brad Day, who started the season as a defender, suffered injury and returned as a forward, won the Daryl Valentine Memorial Shield for the most determined senior player.

The performance of outstanding junior John O'Brien was truly

reflected in the voting.

O'Brien, a ruckman-forward promoted from the under-18s, was judged the most consistent in the seniors and also took the best first-year player award.

Special trophies went to club stalwarts Shirley McCartin and Shane Revell.

Mrs McCartin won the president's trophy, awarded for outstanding service.

As manager and organiser of the canteen — and as a willing volunteer when just about anything

needed to be done — she has been a tireless worker.

Revell, whose efforts at both senior and junior level have exceeded the normal bounds of a committeeman's duties, won the best clubman award.

The club will hold a pre-annual general meeting at North Warrandyte Community Centre on October 29, starting 7.30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend this meeting and the AGM, at the same venue, same time on November 12.

The best of the Bloods

SENIORS

Best and fairest: Robin Golding 1; Mark Brenchley 2; Ron Wilson 3.

Daryl Valentine Memorial Shield: Brad Day.

Most consistent: John O'Brien.

Most improved: Craig Townsend.

Best first-year: John O'Brien.

Goalkicking: Ron Wilson

Coach's trophy: Gerald Walshe.

RESERVES

Best and fairest: Uwe Morzinek 1; Kevin Bush 2; Wayne Cowell 3.

Geoff Darby Memorial Shield: Bruce Onken.

Most consistent: Don Arnold.

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