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Travellin' on, in the company

It's a cold night down by the river but the bulbous gas heater — a sort of vacuum cleaner in reverse — belts out a steady stream of warmth for us over on the left wing. It is quite cosy, in fact. And the potted plants by the entrance and on the stage, courtesy of Warran Glen Nursery, show no signs of wilting.

We are warming up in more ways than one. The sheepskin-clad red-haired pianist who has been entertaining us leaves the stage and returns to wheeling her baby up and down the centre aisle.

A bunch of young people huddle around the tent flap, unsure whether to come in or stay outside. Maybe it's a dare: you go first, no you go . . . The

The organisers of the New Life for All program, sponsored by the Warrandyte Gospel Chapel in co-operation with all Warrandyte churches, say the week-long festival was an outstanding success. A Diary reporter attended on the Sunday night:

congregation is actually young or old. Few middle-aged citizens seem to have been tempted to forego the fireside and "60 Minutes".

A country and western duo takes the stage, toes tapping, to jolly us along. "Travelling on in the company of Jesus," they sing, "it's the only type of life to live." Then, good gracious! The

guitarist breaks into a yodel. Sunday school was never like this.

Mike and Lynn Carlisle hail from Wodonga and apparently travel the country spreading the message. "A lot of people have the idea that living as a Christian is old-fashioned," Mike tells us. "I'm here to inform you that it's not." This leads into another song.

The man in the green coat at the mighty Wurlitzer is grinning. Off he goes. The words are up there on the screen and the people sing them. "He is Lord! He is Lord!" The slide notes "Composer unknown" and, almost as an afterthought, "copyright unknown". "Amazing Grace" is next. We all stand for this one.

Builder David Dawson welcomes the crowd. "We prayed over the past 12 months that God would give us a great day, and he did." David is referring to the previous night's audience, some 500 people, many of them young, who spilled out of the tent and into the car park. They lifted the tent flaps so all could hear.

But all things must end. David Dawson is followed by a fresh-faced gentleman who points out the cost of these turns, and adds, "We will ask for your contributions."

Time to go . . . and without even having seen the Galiehs.



The Galiehs entertain the congregation.



When the tent was full the flaps went up.

Council throws out supermarket plan

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has rejected the latest Davmark proposal for a supermarket in the West End shopping centre.

The decision was made at the most recent council meeting. The motion, in favour of a town planning committee recommendation against the project, was passed without debate.

Warrandyte Ward Councillors Ken McKenzie and Ann Martin were delighted with the result, describing it as a great victory for the people of Warrandyte.

"The attitude of the people of Warrandyte on this matter is very closely aligned with the recommendations of the 1979

Tract report, opposing a big supermarket, which was prepared at community expense," Councillor Martin said.

"The people have not changed their minds, they have been steadfast in their attitudes over all these years, and once again council has given them its support.

"Davmark has refused to accept council's decision on this matter in the past and its applications have been totally out of line with community attitudes and council policy. Now it's time they got the message.

"All these applications have cost the community tens of thousands of dollars in time and legal fees, and it is to be hoped that the proposed rezoning of the land will put an end to this.

(Part of council's decision was to ask the Board of Works to rezone part of the land from restricted business to service business.)

Councillor McKenzie said: "I think this means we will now get a supermarket of a size that will meet the needs of the people who want one, yet will also comply with the objections that have been raised over the years."

The decision by the town planning committee to recommend to full council that the application be refused was based on a report by council officers strongly opposing the project.

The report and committee recommendation, which was unanimous, opposed the project on the following grounds: That it would be prejudicial to



Councillor McKenzie

the proper future planning of the area since the floor area proposed is excessive. (Total floor space proposed was about 2000 square metres);

That there was insufficient space to park cars;

That there was not enough segregation of cars and pedestrians;

That traffic problems would result from the proposal;

That the proposal would be detrimental to the amenity of the area given the semi-rural and informal village character of Warrandyte and the proximity of residential development;

That the proposal does not satisfactorily integrate with the existing West End shopping centre.

The report also recommended that Davmark be advised that council would take into account previous council and Planning Appeals Board decisions which set a limit of 1000 sq. metres in the consideration of any proposal for the development of land on either side of Colin Avenue.

It gives details of objections to the scheme by local residents and representatives of various groups, including the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, local traders, Warrandyte Environment League and Anderson's Creek Primary School.

More than 50 objections were received by council. The main grounds were that the:

Proposal would take trade from existing businesses; supermarket should be located elsewhere in the centre; proposal is not in accord with Tract's report; inadequate car parking is provided so parking problems will occur; erosion of property values; proposed road layouts are undefined or will be dangerous (especially Drysdale Road extension); proposal will necessitate changes of traffic flow which will reduce the viability of the shopping centre; proposal will place a financial burden for roadworks on existing shopkeepers; proposal is contrary to the needs or desires of residents; the locality cannot financially sustain the proposal; closure of Colin Avenue objectionable; plans to not indicate types of shops proposed; public monies would need to be spent to

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• The Diary has three issues missing from its files. They are for July 1976, April 1978 and May 1983. Anyone with a spare copy is asked to contact Mark Davis 844 1186. The Diary has some back copies which it would be willing to swap for one of the missing issues.

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IN RED & WHITE



Smokey Joe

Smokey hears that there are plans for a re-enactment of an historic cricket match early next year, and wonders what all the fuss is about. After all, some of the present players are old enough to have played in the original match, which took place on St Patrick's Day 1887. Smokey also hears that a "good luck drink" is to be held at the pub before the game. He sincerely hopes that none of the present-day players are invited to compete. The organisers would need a lot more than good luck to drag them away from the pub.

whose sensitivity averted a potential tragedy recently. More on this later.

And on the subject of our local boys in blue — the person who has been committing house burglaries lately had better watch out. Smokey hears that Warrandyte police are hot on his trail. Several thousand dollars in cash, jewellery and electrical goods have been stolen from several homes recently, but clues to the thief's identity were left behind.

Local police have also asked Doncaster and Templestowe Council to close Colman Road South Warrandyte, because of its appalling condition. Smokey is willing to bet that this private road will be repaired temporarily and within a short time revert to its present condition.

Councillors Ken McKenzie (Doncaster and Templestowe) and John Fisher (Eltham) recently attended a Municipal Association of Victoria course for new councillors and came away very impressed with the performances of their respective councils when compared to the problems some other councils have. Smokey wonders whether a lot of the credit should go to our local councillors, all of whom do a remarkable job.

Smokey has heard of Dutch treats, but it seems that for two local brothers German treats are the order of the day. The word on the grapevine at the pub is that younger brother bought older brother a dozen bottles for his birthday. Come younger brother's birthday and older brother cuts the carton in half and gives him half a D.

Overhead at a recent Warrandyte cricket match. "Come on boy, have a go, show your old man how good you are." Young batsman: "My dad's been dead for 10 years."

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Mud, toil tears and young sweats

Bye-bye Co-Op, hello Co-op is the catchcry of the five young men working at the Warrandyte Co-Op.

Andy McKenzie, 24, Steve Paynter, 26, Chris Moody, 22, Murray Cridge, 21 and Lynton Reid, 18, are trying to set up their own workers' co-operative mud-brick and wood fuel operation on an 8½ hectare site at Research.

They have been at the local Co-Op since about the middle of the year, and their employment will cease early next year when their Commonwealth Employment Program grant runs out.

Their plan is to attend a New Enterprise Course at Preston Technical and Further Education College to give them the business skills needed. The courses are financed by the Co-operative Development Program through the State Ministry of Employment and Training and are a prerequisite for getting a cheap State Government loan to set up the business.

Already many weeks' research have been put into the idea, and according to Mr Anthony Burgess, a local businessman and accountant, it is a goer. He says that with government funding and a two to three-year moratorium on interest payments, the project can be self-sufficient. The land would have to be sub-divided and half sold off to reduce the debt, he says.

The five recently went before a funding committee set up by the Ministry to put their case for getting into the course, which will cost the State \$26,000. It consists of three weeks at the college learning the basics of business and the remainder researching and preparing a business plan to be submitted to



The Co-Op five, from left, Andrew McKenzie, Lynton Reid, Murray Cridge, Chris Moody and Steve Paynter, discuss their plans.

the committee.

The plan is to buy an existing mud brick operation at Research on the Research-Kangaroo Ground road which consists of a big shed, a two-bedroom flat and a four-bedroom house. The property has been offered at a very good price.

It is profitable at the moment, and in fact the owner is turning away orders for bricks. On the figures that the Co-Op five have come up with, output can be doubled. They believe that after allowing for all costs they can make a profit of about \$6,500 a year.

To get started they need a Co-operative Development Program loan of about \$300,000, an amount they believe they can service relatively easily. The gross estimated income a year is between \$180,000 and \$190,000.

The five believe that even if they don't get a loan the project can go ahead and be operated profitably under a loan at commercial rates.

Mr Burgess supports this belief, although he says that commercial loans are obviously much harder to get and that it would be even more

important to sub-divide and sell half the land.

A decision on their application is expected soon, and if it is not then the five will appeal.

"We could not do it without going through the course. We realise we have shortcomings on the business practices side of things," they say.

"The point is that if something is not up and running by the end of the year then we're all down the road. There is not enough money in the existing business to keep us going."

They feel that the Research operation would also allow them to build up their expertise to the extent that they could make, deliver and lay the bricks. This would allow higher quality and cheaper bricks.

"There is also scope for other income from the land, including rent from the buildings," they say.

"That land is also zoned light industrial, and it is about the only such land left in the area. We hope to be able to build small mud brick factories there so that other co-operatives could work there.

New high school work starts

Work has begun on Warrandyte's new, permanent high school.

The \$3,821,678 contract was signed late last month and work began the next day. The builder is Ian Delbridge Pty Ltd, of Lilydale.

The contract also includes the gymnasium and theatre complex, which is to be built using \$175,000 in community funds.

The president of the school council, Mr Gordon Sanson, says: "It is tremendously satisfying that building has started, and we look forward to having a very, very good school building."

"The facilities for teachers, students and the community at large are excellent. We hope that this will foster a closer relationship between the school and the community, particularly through community use of the gym and theatre."

He says tribute has to be paid to a number of people and groups whose efforts have led to the realisation of "this great project".

"A lot of people have worked very hard for this, and we are particularly grateful to the Minister for Education, Mr Fordham, local councillors and parents and teachers, especially the principal, Mr Kevin Morrish."

Negotiations are continuing with the two councils about the details of their contributions to the gym and theatre.

Eltham proposes to contribute \$45,000 for the complex, and Doncaster and Templestowe \$120,000. Warrandyte Basketball Club proposes to give \$10,000.

Work is expected to be finished by February 28, 1986, although Mr Sanson believes earlier completion is possible.

A ceremony marking the official inauguration of the project was due to be held at the school on Friday, November 16 at 2.45. Mr Fordham was expected to attend.

The member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, says completion of the permanent school buildings will fulfil a 1982 election promise.

"Much of the credit for the new school buildings should go to the parents and teachers. They worked to get a Government commitment to the project and now they are heavily involved in planning and developing the project," he says.

"I congratulate them and know that future Warrandyte parents will thank them for their dedication and determination to get a permanent school in our area."

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Some are still in the initial one-day-a-week stage (a three-week course) and others are at the advanced stage of one-day-a-week for 16 weeks. Two volunteers have already finished the course.

The volunteers have been busy interviewing families who have used the Co-Op's child care centre since January this year.

The Community Education Officer, Rosie Tovey, is investigating the possibility of using her office one morning a week for the CAB to

get files in order and to answer initial inquiries.

A filing cabinet is being purchased and one of the volunteers is attending a conference on information systems.

The third Monday in February at 8 pm in the community centre will be the next progress meeting when a committee of management will be elected. There will be representatives from the community and the volunteers.

The donations of \$50 from the Gospel Chapel and \$100 from the community market were much appreciated and have gone towards the filing cabinet and registration for associate membership with the Victorian Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux. (Our application for FACS funding has led to a grant of \$550 for building a resource file. Congratulations to Sally George for her excellent submission.

New WEL committee

Doug Seymour, of Research Road, is the new Warrandyte Environment League president, replacing Richard Schurmann, who has retired.

Doug, who has worked with WEL for five years, is best known for his leading role in the Professor's Hill issue.

The new committee, elected at WEL's recent meeting, is well supported by retiring committee members, who will maintain their interest.

Claire Dawson will continue as

the WEL Currawong Committee representative, Richard Schurmann as the Roadside Verges Committee representative, and Jan Vagg as market stall co-ordinator. Councillor John Fisher will also maintain his involvement.

The new office-bearers include Peter Martin (newsletter editor), Patrick Nuzum (WAC and Festival Committee), John Cousins (Festival display co-ordinator), John Addie (treasurer/membership) and Andrea Gleeson (state/national issues).

Eltham looks at waste recycling

Eltham Council is to test a waste recycling scheme at the Kangaroo Ground tip to encourage better use of resources and to extend the life of the tip. The council has allocated \$11,000 this year for the scheme.

In other allocations, \$20,000 will be used to re-establish the Eltham Prize for Painting. A literature competition, to be called the Alan Marshall Prize, is to be held for short stories. Council has allocated \$11,000 for this.

In council's loan projects budget,

\$2,000 has been allocated for drainage works at The Boulevard Reserve, \$10,000 for the Warrandyte High School gym and theatre complex, and \$73,400 to buy Professor Hill's Sanctuary.

Approved estimates for the year include \$3,000 for works on the North Warrandyte Community Centre, \$5,000 for research on the Warrandyte Community Centre, \$750 for the This Is Warrandyte Festival and \$500 for cricket nets at Warrandyte Primary School.

IN BRIEF

Housing for the elderly

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has granted a permit for the construction of 10 elderly citizens' residences on Stiggants corner, to be occupied by local people. Work is expected to be well under way by the middle of next year.

Councillor Anne Martin says she will be pushing for more housing of this sort for Warrandyte through local housing/building co-operatives or something similar.

Uniting fete

The Uniting Church will hold a fete in the church grounds, Taroon Avenue, on November 17, from 9.30 am. There will be stalls selling plants, cakes, gifts, recycled clothes, vegetables, books, white elephants (bring own mahout), takeaway food and morning and afternoon teas.

Apex auction

Warrandyte Apex Club will hold a special auction this month, from 11 am at the White House on Sunday the 18th. Items to be auctioned include selected antiques, early building materials, Victorian doors, cedar and blackwood furniture, meat safes, Victorian fire surrounds, pine tables, oregon beams, baltic pine lining and Murray pine lining.

Cubs camp out

Warrandyte Scouts and cubs will attend a camp at the Currawong camping grounds, Reynolds Road, East Doncaster, on November 24 and 25. Families can attend on the Sunday and have lunch with their sons and brothers. On December 1 a jeans sale will be held in the scout hall and the stall at the market will be operating as usual.

Fatal collision

Blooms Road resident Mrs Mavis Watt died in a recent car smash. Mrs Watt, 58, died when the car she was driving was in a collision in Reynolds Road, near the bridge beside the pony club. A Templestowe mother, Mrs Rosemary Pantano, and her three children, Roger, Alex and Phillip, were injured.

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A new range for ranger

Kris Reinertsen, ranger in charge of Warrandyte State Park since 1979, has no qualms about moving. He reckons the park is in good hands — our hands.

He will be leaving to become ranger in charge of the Cathedral Ranges State Park in the mountains at the end of summer after overseeing the development of the Warrandyte park into one of the best in the State.

There will be some regrets, obviously, and the main one is leaving behind the local people who gave him and his staff such a lot of invaluable help. "The thing I like about Warrandyte is the people," he says. "The action groups and such like."

"Everybody was right behind the park from the word go, and the effort those people put in has simply been bloody fantastic."

"Because of the amount of volunteer work put in here, many years of work have been achieved in a much shorter time than it would otherwise have been. All this is due to local people who have been prepared to really have a go rather than just sitting around talking about it."

He attributes this attitude to a strong feeling of pride in the community. "After being here for five years it's easy to see the reasons for being proud," he says. "We have a unique patch of ground here that is worth preserving as much as possible — both from the point of view of man's involvement and because of its natural history."

Ranger Reinertsen is also particularly pleased with the involvement of local schools in the park, mainly through the good offices of



Kris Reinertsen in his native habitat

the Community Education Officer, Rosemary Tovey. "You get a real kick out of it when some young kid comes up to you in the street and says, 'G'day, Ranger Kris', and you realise he was on a wildlife walk five years ago and remembers you."

He says there is still room for great improvements within the park. "Because of the historical

content of the park the sky is the limit," he says. "There are mines here as they were when the miners walked out of them in the 1880s or so. There was also a wide variety of mining techniques used here, and evidence of them abounds. The many old buildings in the area, such as the old bark hut in Castle Road, are also very valuable."

"So when you couple all this with its natural history, this park is the best thing within half an hour of Melbourne. I do think it's a bit of a shame that it's so small, but we've got about all that's worth getting. Now it's a matter of preserving these things."

"With private development causing irreparable damage to

good habitat land all the time, preservation becomes vital.

"When all additions are finally made to the park, we'll probably have close to 1,000 acres, which is not bad considering that it's all prime real estate."

After five years, Ranger Reinertsen has a good idea of just what lives in the park.

He says there are between 50 and 100 grey forrester kangaroos, several small family groups of swamp wallabies, at least two koalas ("They are starting to come back to the area at last," he says), small numbers of rare feather-tail glider, sugar glider and squirrel glider possums, any number of brushy-tailed and ringtail possum, wombats, platypus, echidnas, bush rats and marsupial mice.

He says the bird population is quite astonishing, and his favourite is the sacred kingfisher, which lives along the river. He says it is quite unusual for this bird to live so close to human habitation.

And Ranger Reinertsen will leave us with a word of warning about the future of these magnificent animals. "We have quite a problem with domestic pets. Residents, if they want to maintain the native animal population, must keep their pets properly or get rid of them. One domestic cat can wipe out a whole species in the area in a very short time."

• Ranger Ian Roche has also left the park and Don Arnold is going.

• Friends of the State Park will hold their final activity for the year on November 25 — a tour of the newly acquired areas around Mt Lofty and Yarra Brae. Phone Glen Jameson, 844 2395, or Peter Van Dijk, 725 6348, for details.

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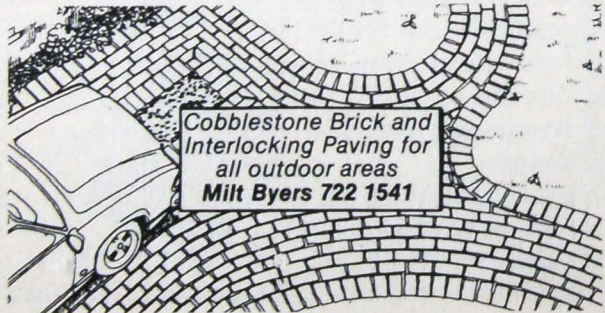
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Man and nature join for a better future

NOVEMBER, 1884: The reduction of the licence fee from the proposed rate of 20s to 5s for greyhounds, etc., in the New Dog Act, has given general satisfaction here.

Hares are getting exceedingly plentiful, and the complaints from orchard owners, etc., are very numerous.

The recent rains have been very beneficial, and there is little fear but plenty of grass for the cattle, etc, will be found on the Common through the whole of summer.

How, after the passing of the new Land Act, acre allotments allowed to be selected for residence areas for holders of miners' rights will affect us can hardly be imagined. It will be an incentive to townspeople who can afford to have a country residence, certainly no prettier place could be found so near the metropolis.

Had we, as I have previously written, an easy transit, or what would be better, nearer railway communication, our little village would soon assume something like township proportions.

The Yarra Tunnel Extended have commenced operations. I believe it is their intention to put a dam in the river opposite to where the reef is now being worked in the private property. I presume this is merely preliminary work, as it would be rather an anomaly working a quartz reef in the middle of a river subject to floods.

How They Lived

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

Chatty and party intend to commence river operations in a few days, I think that this season's work will be of a remunerative nature, it is to be hoped so as last year's dam was a failure.

The Great Southern Quartz claim is looking very well. They intend crushing five tons next Friday, and will, all being well, have another one before the New Year.

The Yarra Flats races bid fair to be very successful this year. I understand a couple of thoroughbreds from the Wonga (Brown's) station will compete, if so the local owners and others of horses will have to look after their laurels.

Persons who are competent to take out electors' rights are reminded that the 1st December is the last day. For the Anderson's Creek division Mr A. McDonald, the electoral registrar, will give any information that is required.

The very marked improvement in the attendance at our Church of England service on Sunday even-

ings is very satisfactory, and I think will be permanent.

Our Mechanics' Institute has now been closed for some weeks. It is to be hoped that with improved prospects now developing, our little township will see some way of not only re-opening it, but in augmenting the library and carrying out what was first intended. I believe there is something like 25 pounds now to the credit of the building fund.

I would suggest that on New Year's Day (the day for the children's pic-nic) that the old buffers, I was going to write, but perhaps the elderly portion of the community would be better, also have an outing on the reserve, in fact make it a general thing, the same marquee would do, and with the cricket match (if we succeeded in getting one on) a jolly day could be spent, Jupiter Pluvius being willing.

The outings, especially on such a day, tend to cement friendship, and there is nothing like commencing a new year with general good feeling and love.

• If you are interested in history, the Warrandyte Historical Society is interested in you. Please telephone the secretary, Ruby Arnaud, on 844 3358.

Teacher Olive Sinclair dies at 93

Many older Warrandyte residents will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Miss Olive Sinclair at the age of 93.

A teacher at Warrandyte Primary School in the late 1920s, Miss Sinclair never lost her love for Warrandyte or for her pupils. Her love of children knew no bounds, and this in itself brought to her its own rewards.

Many former pupils, now grandparents, visited her regularly over the years. Each Christmas she received cards and letters from far and wide from people she had taught at Warrandyte and elsewhere.

At the school's centenary celebrations in 1975, the then Federal Member for Casey, Mr Race Mathews, presented her with a painting of her old school, a gift from former pupils. It was a gift she cherished and it held pride of place in her lounge room.

Until the last week of her life Miss Sinclair was an avid reader of good books and was interested in current affairs. And she therefore remained an interesting and well-informed personality.

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Peter — chef, musician, music teacher. Would like work in any of these fields.

Paul — Has experience cleaning

up gardens, mowing lawns, etc.

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

We have housework jobs available.

Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Limited Project.

An important survey of Warrandyte residents is in the pipeline for November.

The survey, planned by the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, is designed to review the number and location of people needing assistance from council in early evacuation, in the event of approaching bushfire, or any other imminent disaster.

The WAC is very concerned at the inadequacy of the present arrangements for early evacuation.

While early evacuation is provided for in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe disaster plan, the register of Warrandyte (including North Warrandyte, in Shire of Eltham) people needing early evacuation assistance has not been updated for two years and WAC questions the adequacy of the previous update.

The disaster plan provides for early evacuation of registered persons during working hours and includes vehicles to be used and processes for notification and pick-up.

A WAC sub-committee has designed a questionnaire to be circulated at the end of November, to update the existing data.


WAC is seeking help from concerned local groups and individuals prepared to assist with the task. Only with assistance will the survey be accomplished successfully.

While the WAC stresses that registration will not guarantee early evacuation, as many factors will affect council's ability to respond in time, residents who need to be evacuated and people who can help with the survey should contact Don Macdonald on 615 1072 (business) or 844 2195 (home).

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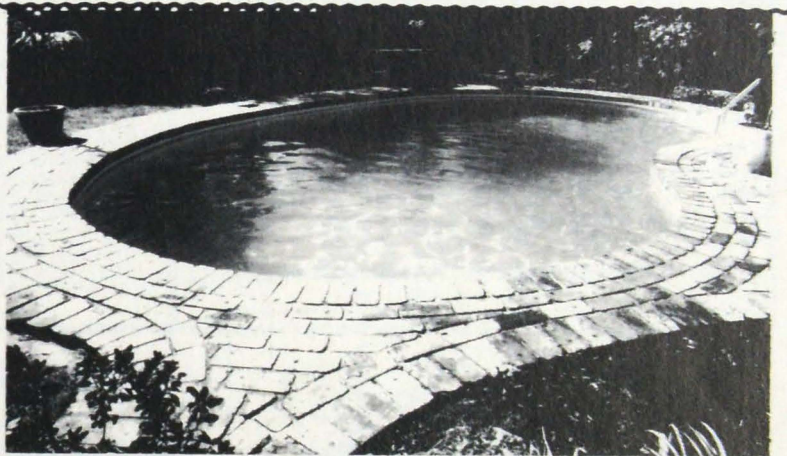
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Lessons wasted

Local fire brigades demonstrated fire-fighting techniques at the recreation reserve recently.

Despite unusually fine weather for a Warrandyte Sunday, cheap food and drinks, and one of the best chances local people will get to learn valuable lessons, attendance was not as good as might have been expected.

A large proportion of the crowd were friends and the families of brigade members.

The displays were of the usual high standard,

and covered a wide variety of problems that could arise during a fire or other emergencies and how to deal with them properly.

The brigades put a lot of time and effort into organising this annual show, and the Diary thinks it is a pity that they don't get the support they so richly deserve. No doubt many people could rue the day a fire hits the town and they have no idea how to look after themselves, their families and their property.



ABOVE: The fat is on fire on a kitchen stove. What you don't do is pour water on it. The result can be seen in the picture at right. The right way to put it out is to smother it with a blanket or by putting a thick board over the top of the saucepan.

Fire poster competition

The children at Warrandyte South Primary School are always eager to enter the Metropolitan Fire Brigade's Poster Competition and this year was no exception. The theme for the competition, and for "Fire Prevention Week", was "People and Fire".

Two entries from the school won prizes in section two of the Eastern Metropolitan Region. Rachael Grant, from grade two, won first prize, and Belinda Bangay, from grade four, won second prize.

The fire brigade visited the school on October 16 to present prizes and to demonstrate one of the hose carriage units.

Craft market coming

The Warrandyte Fire Brigade Firefighters Social Committee is holding a craft market on Saturday, November 24 at the fire station in Harris Gully Road from 9 am to 1 pm.

The committee hopes to hold two such markets a year to raise money for much-needed equipment. The committee is looking for new members, and interested people should contact Sheila Quarendon, the secretary, on 844 2684, Monday to Friday, from 6 to 8 pm. Prospective stallholders should also contact Sheila.

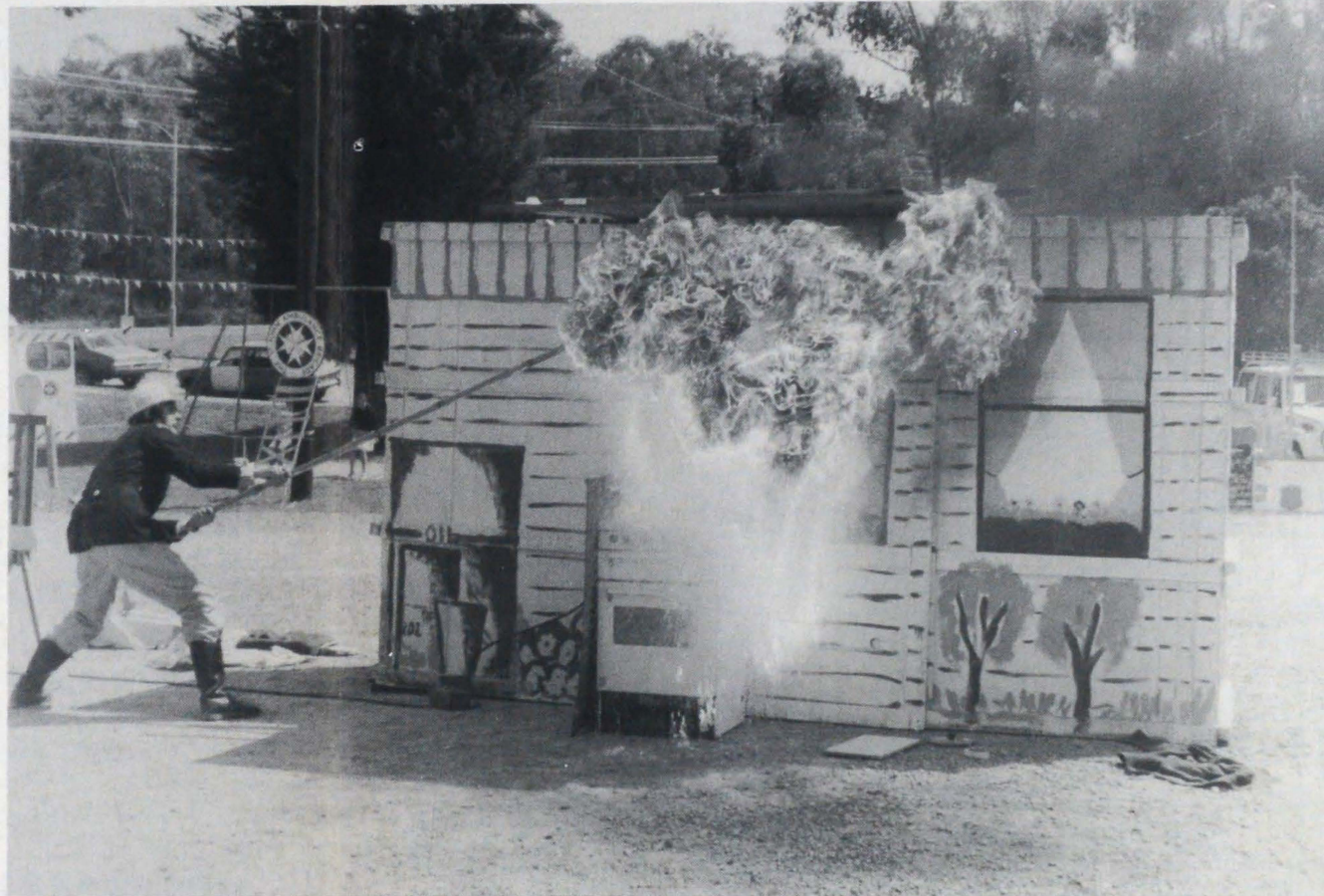
What a pity

On Sunday, October 21, I attended the Fire Prevention Day at the oval. One could easily see the amount of work and organisation that went into the various demonstrations by the numerous brigades and the State Emergency Service.

All of these people are volunteers. They gave up their time to show how we can avoid disasters with fire, etc, and the least the residents of Warrandyte could have done was to have shown some interest by being present.

Instead, the turn-out was very poor. I only hope that when the people of Warrandyte need the assistance of our "fire folk" they don't show the same lack of interest.

J.A. Law
Harris Gully Road



letters

The trouble with phones

In August of this year, a petition was presented to me on your behalf by Mr J.M. Allen, of Research Road, Warrandyte, containing over 450 signatures, complaining of the telephone service in the North Warrandyte area.

I made representations to the Minister on August 14, followed up the issue on September 25, and had two personal meetings in the month of September to put the case of local residents.

I have recently received an answer from the Minister in which he informed me that a thorough investigation had been carried out and revealed that the majority of problems had been caused by faults in external plant (i.e. cable and associated equipment).

It was also found that some faulty links between the Warrandyte Exchange and other exchanges had contributed to complaints of difficulties in hearing during conversations.

Telecom reports that special attention has been given in recent months to the clearance of faults reported in the area and has resulted in a noticeable improvement to the majority of residents who were complaining of poor service.

As a result of my representation, Telecom will spend \$350,000 this financial year on upgrading existing external plant and providing for new telephone services in the Warrandyte exchange area. This will replace much of the sub-standard plant which now exists, but it will be hard to replace all plant because of the difficult terrain in the area.

Telecom plans the progressive replacement of the switching equipment in the exchange by modern computer-controlled equipment within the next few years, commencing in 1986. Work to extend the existing building is due to commence early in 1985.

I understand that the district manager for Box Hill, Mr N. Nelson, visited Mr Allen on 14 September 1984 and discussed the situation. Mr Nelson has left his telephone number for Mr Allen to contact him personally should any more problems occur.

Telecom is very concerned about the seriousness of the problem and the obvious lack of satisfaction with the telephone service, and assures me that work will continue until the quality of service provided in all of the Warrandyte exchange area is at an acceptable standard.

As one who lives in a rural area I can well appreciate the concern and frustration you have expressed and I trust that you will bear with Telecom over the next few months, as they update the system.

If there are any other matters that I can assist with, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Pete Steedman,
Federal Member for Casey.

Old Codger on the run

You asked for a few ideas about the problems of Yarra Street — well, I've got a few.

I came to Warrandyte 65 years ago, and we still have the same old gutters in Yarra Street; very durable (no upkeep), but so ugly and dirty for 1984.

Suggestion for street — from the new post office to Whipstick Gully mark double white lines and prevent overtaking.

If feasible, only cars that have parked for shopping be allowed to cross over the lines to enable them to turn back to the direction from which they came.

The speed limit to be set by the Road Transport Authority, and if it is slow enough traffic lights might not be needed. Drivers could walk straight across the road from their cars.

cars on the left block the view of drivers trying to do a right-hand turn from Webb Street, for example. Mitchell Avenue is as bad, mainly because of the speed of the cars coming round the corner in front of the hall. This is probably the worst spot of all.

Tie a black ribbon round the old cypress tree. It's been dying for the past 10 years, and another two will see it out. Why not give it a quick funeral and help get the main street cleaned up.

The old post office? If it must be rebuilt in the same area, please erect it as far back as possible, then perhaps we might get out street and footpath back. Has anyone noticed that the path is less than two feet wide? It could also be rebuilt where the mud bricks are now made. With the museum next door, a good setting could be created for the site.

A roundabout at the bridge. There are some very dangerous spots in the main street. Parked

I've looked to the right, I've looked to the left, Now I'll run like Hell. Phew, made it!

"Codger" Warr

Worst road in Victoria

I have just had your paper delivered to me, and it contains heaps of interesting news, as Warrandyte was my home town for 62 years.

I am amazed that people still have to travel on that treacherous stretch of road between Five Ways and the recreation ground. This road has not been touched for the past 40 years. It would be the greatest mess of a road in the State of Victoria, and I challenge the authorities to prove otherwise.

With the rise in traffic volume it will soon be the greatest disaster road for its length in Victoria. Perhaps their idea is to leave it as it is and call it a National Trust road.

J. Heitsch,
Inverloch.

Act now to stop bushfires: Fisher

North Warrandyte councillor John Fisher is urging local people to ensure that their homes and land are made safe for the bushfire season.

"People must accept the fact that they have a responsibility to ensure their own safety and the safety of their property," he says. "Eltham Council has given North Warrandyte the highest fire rating in the municipality, so they must take steps to clear any hazard areas on their properties.

"There is a balance between a bush environment and good fire prevention practices," he says.

If people have any worries, they should contact their local fire brigade or the council's proper officer, Mr Bernie Murray, he says. "There is plenty of literature available on the subject, and Mr Murray and the fire brigades can give advice."

"The worry is that if people don't accept their responsibilities, the government may legislate to force them to accept them," he says.

The proper officer already has the power under the Country Fire Authority Act to issue clearance notices after he has decided that any particular area is a fire hazard.

Councillor Fisher says Eltham Council has begun planning to set up a municipal disaster plan, which will include an action plan in the event of a fire. He says the plan will complement the existing comprehensive plans the shire already has for bushfires.

"Let's face it, the main threat to the area is a bushfire, and I am impressed with the way the shire has gone about preparing itself," he says.

"The shire is prepared for the immediate threat and is now working on plans to handle the aftermath and other potential problems such as floods or storm damage.

Taylor leaves child centre

Anne Taylor, co-senior child care worker at the Co-Op's child mind- ing centre and the original staff member, finished work on October 19 to go to Queensland.

She hopes to work in some other form of child care to develop her experience, not to mention enjoying that sunshine.

Joanna Curven is now joined by Donna Watkins as co-senior child care worker.

Jenny Cleary, who has filled the gaps for workers on holidays or sick leave, has found a full-time job.

Pam Booth, an experienced kindergarten teacher well-known in Warrandyte, joins the staff on November 5 for 20 hours per week to develop a program for the older children.

Before leaving, Anne prepared a graph showing the increased use of the centre for full-time, part-time and occasional care.

Over 50 children attended in her last week. The average daily attendance was 22. Over 70 families have

used the centre since the opening in January. They are now being interviewed by the volunteers for the new Citizens Advice Bureau in the town.

An interview schedule was prepared by Eilish Cooke, a social policy analyst who has recently moved from Park Orchards to Warrandyte.

First impressions are that families enjoy the centre as a normal extension of family life and the children think so too.

It is hoped that the survey will be the beginning of an understanding of family needs in this area with the development of appropriate services for the very young, the young, the middle-aged and the elderly, not necessarily in separate compartments, but with recognition of each individual's right to space, care and attention.

Jim Lean, manager of the Co-Op from April 1983 to April 1984, died suddenly after open heart surgery in October.

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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

Children's pantomime, "Handful and Grizzle", on Wednesday November 21. Inquiries — Helen Cahill, 844 1198.

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 Madocks (choir), 844 3992.

BASKETBALL CLUB

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the community centre at 8 pm. Inquiries — Gordon Bate, 844 2923.

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.

Fete: Saturday November 17 in church grounds.

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.

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 FISHING CLUB

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at North Warrandyte Community Centre. Inquiries — Max Green, 844 1351.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE STATE PARK

Tour of Yarra Brae and Mt Lofty, Sunday November 25. Phone Glen Jameson, 844 2395, for details.

GIRL GUIDES

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

General meeting at the community centre at 8 pm on November 13. End-of-year get-together on November 25.

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, 844 1351.

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. Chiropody 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

Open 5 to 7 pm, Monday to Saturday. BYO. Two pool tables, table tennis, darts and indoor bowls. Informal golf game at Healesville most Saturdays. Several organised social functions during the year. New members welcome. Inquiries — 844 3567 between 5 and 7 pm.

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WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Next meeting Wednesday November 28 at the community centre, at 8 pm.

WARRANDYTE CANOE CLUB

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

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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WAC NEWS

Two new members joined WAC at the last monthly meeting. They are Bruce Gangell and Martin Kyne, who represent youth and local traders respectively.

Martin is replacing Pam Hipwell, who is standing down. Many thanks to Pam, who has done a sterling job during a difficult time.

Eltham councillor John Fisher reported on the possibility of works in North Warrandyte to improve vehicle access for fire-fighting and other emergencies. Turning circles at the end of dead-end roads and passing bays in narrow streets are being considered. John emphasised that care will be taken to ensure that the work will be carried out in the most environmentally sensitive way possible.

The means test for entry to the Ministry of Housing accommodation to be built on Stiggants corner will prevent many local residents from getting one.

In the past, groups such as the Lions Club have explored the opportunities for medium-priced alternatives accessible to local residents. A small group is to keep a watching brief on options for financing, land, local needs, etc.

Anyone with an interest or expertise should contact WAC's human resources sub-committee.

Incorporating incorporation

Warrandyte Lions Club (recently incorporated itself) will hold a seminar on November 27 at the Community Centre on "Incorporation of Clubs and Associations".

The seminar will start at 8 pm and admission is free.

Discussions will include topics such as the advantages of incorporation, how to incorporate and public liability insurance.

The benefits of incorporation are many, and local groups are urged to send representatives. Phone Colin Davis on 844 2307 or Barry Fogarty on 844 3989 for details.

S'market plan rejected

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enable proposal to proceed; over-development of the site or area; proposal is contrary to sound town planning principles; proposal will be detrimental to the amenity of the area; council has failed to provide engineering levels for Colin Avenue; noise will be generated; proposal is too close to residences or school; proposal will create a loss of jobs; proposal will be detrimental to the environment and tourist nature of the area; plans are inadequate; Davmark not owner of sites and proposal ignores the safety of children.

Councillor Martin says the town planning report was one of the best councillors had received. "It clearly states the objections and the problems foreseen by Warrandyte people and it goes on to support

them," she says.

She has indicated that her next stand on the land will be to seek community support for the construction of low-cost, cottage-style housing for the elderly, especially those who are now in the middle-income bracket and have yet to retire.

Councillor McKenzie supports Councillor Martin on the report. "It is an excellent report which supports every objection of significance raised by Warrandyte people," he says. "Council officers also told me that the objections themselves were very well thought out and presented."

He was particularly pleased with the number of objectors who attended the town planning committee hearing that accepted the report's recommendations.

"The committee room was packed with local residents," he says.

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Board hounds local dog expert

Mr Ern Yarra, proprietor of Yarrabrook Kennels, Glynn's Road, North Warrandyte, is fighting a decision by the Board of Works not to renew his permit for the kennels.

Mr Yarra operates the kennels on a property known as the Wilderness, which he has leased from the board for the past four years. The property was bought by the board when it was developing the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park.

The board has told Mr Yarra, who has been a member of the Kennel Control Council of Victoria for 18 years and is an experienced and successful dog breeder, judge and exhibitor, that the decision was made following complaints about the kennel and because it wants to use the kennels for injured or orphaned animals from the park when the lease expires on January 31. It also said the operation was inconsistent with good park management objectives.

Mr Yarra strongly denies that there is any basis for complaints about the kennel, and he is backed up by the KCC. "These claims are just plain wrong," he says. "As far as I know no one has made any complaints about the operation, and I am trying to find out details from the board so that I can fight the allegations."

The board has told him only that there have been complaints about dogs getting loose and that there are problems with waste disposal. Mr Yarra has begun action under the Freedom of Information Act to get more specific details.

The KCC has inspected the kennels on three occasions and says they are well run and in an ideal location.

It says that if the kennels are closed then Mr Yarra and his one



Mr Yarra and dog: Denies allegations

employee will be out of work with little chance of re-employment and that the sound business he has built

up will be a complete loss. Mr Yarra has about 400 customers, three-quarters of whom are local people.

The KCC says customers who depend on Yarrabrook to take their animals when they are holiday will have trouble finding somewhere else, and that KCC members exhibiting in other States will have to find other boarding kennels.

It also says that kennel licences are hard to obtain and that if this one is lost a replacement will be unlikely.

The KCC has asked the board to review its decision.

Mr Yarra says: "I am a professional dog man, and under no circumstances would I let dogs loose — it would ruin my reputation. If I let a dog loose up here I'd lose it forever."

"And as for the waste disposal claims, I don't think this is a problem. I bury the solid waste, and the liquid waste could not possibly be causing any problem because of the type of soil and the large absorption area. I also don't let the waste accumulate."

"If I had been told of any waste disposal problem I would have immediately done whatever was required to solve it."

"I have built up a good business here in four years — I have about 400 customers and 75 percent of them are local people. I got those customers by giving their animals the best care possible. They would not accept a kennel owner who let dogs loose."

"This decision is totally unjust and I am doing all I can to get it rescinded, although I must say that I have my doubts. I suspect that there is another motive for wanting the kennels closed."

"I reckon that when the house lease expires, at the end of May next year, they'll terminate that lease as well. This is a very attractive property," Mr Yarra says.

Hallelujah, we chorus. The Messiah returns

In response to popular request (as they say in the classics) the people of Warrandyte will have the chance once again to sing along with the work of a German who became top of the pops in Britain 200 years ago.

The Warrandyte Arts Association music group will be staging Handel's Messiah on Friday, December 7, in the Mechanics Institute Hall, commencing at 8.15 pm.

The evening will be organised on the same lines as on previous occasions: there will be a conductor, an orchestra, some soloists and sufficient regular singers dispersed throughout the hall to hold it all together.

So, no matter how well or badly you sing, this is your chance to come along and join in the spirit of the evening and sing in the choruses.

There will be some scores available for hire at the door and to round off a very thirsty night, there will be supper — wine, Christmas cake, etc — provided. The cost is \$4 a head.

If you are keen to run through some of the choruses beforehand, there will be one or two informal rehearsals arranged.

Tickets are available from the Manser household (844 3922) on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating in the hall is very limited and the event is expected to be popular.

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Corrie Davis celebrated her 90th birthday in style with a party at the Senior Citizens Club on November 8.

Rosi Tovey has been released part-time from her role as Community Education Officer to take up a position as a consultant at the Regional Office for the remainder of the year. The "office", however, is still operating, and Ruth Rankin is available to assist schools and the community.

If you're any good with a needle and thread — gentlemen please take note — you may be interested in the latest fashions from the Vogue Fashion book. The high school fund-raising group is holding a parade on the evening of November 14. Phone Barb Wiches or Jackie Law 844 3852 for details.

The Quarendon family of Third Street have got a lot to live down! We all mislay things from time to time, but mislaying a family is another matter. Their cousins, from Britain via Tullamarine, were whisked to Jan Shugg's birthday party at the White House. The visiting cousins, by now sufferers of jet lag, decided to walk home as



it was only just "around the corner". Hours later the intrepid travellers, finding themselves at Pound Bend, realised they were lost. Clutching her handbag, the English lady felt she would be fine if threatened by the roving kangaroos. Martine and Sheila are trying to explain that hitting a kangaroo with a handbag just isn't on and, anyway, the Warrandyte wildlife is well trained.

Well there certainly has been mixed reaction, drama and bemusement as we have watched the car park taking shape. A number of residents are completely bewildered as to why the SEC poles used to delineate the park were painstakingly painted with brown paint — your rates at work.

Molly and George Docking would like to thank all their friends for the phone calls and personal contact during Molly's illness. It was greatly appreciated.

Diary advertising staffer Olive Davis has given birth to Lakani Thomas, a seven-pound, seven-ounce brother for Seri. Husband and Diary co-editor Mark assures us he'll be out doing stories, taking photographs, placating offended residents and contributors and delivering your paper as soon as possible.

Kerrie Reid of South Warrandyte and Bev Carver of Wonga Park have started their own travel agency in the Wantirna Mall. After more than nine years of experience in the industry, the girls have decided to branch out on their own and have aptly called their agency the Travel Bug.

Judith Davis and Jim Pleasance, well-known identities for many years, have tied the knot. The marriage took place in the Burnley Gardens, where Jim works, and a fine time was had on one of the rare sunny days of the past few months.

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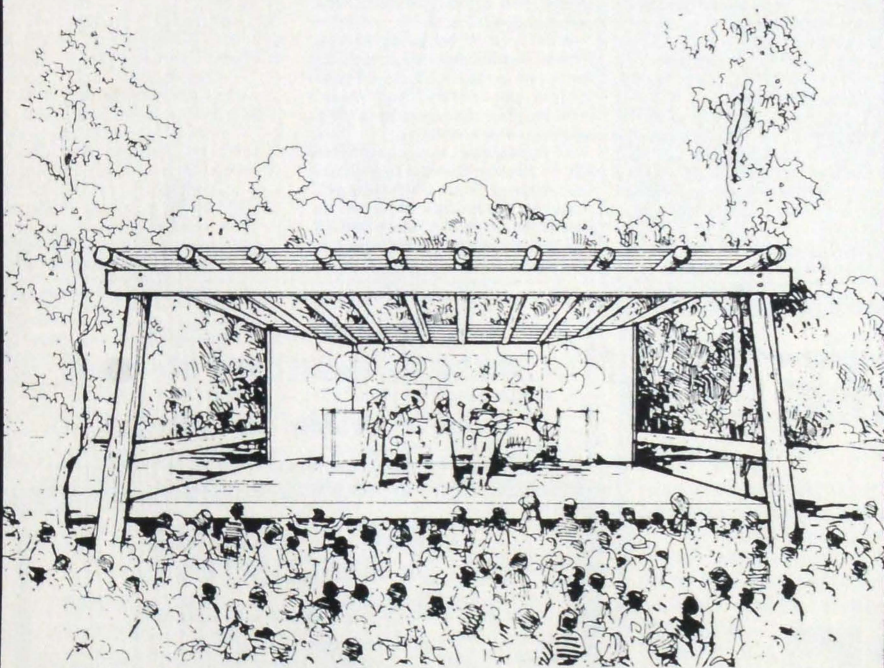
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I suggested something indigenous to our area, angry at the thought of two red ambers glowing in the Warrandyte woods where tones of green and grey are the order of the day.

This person's friends were having difficulty locating the house amidst the forest, dirt roads and disorder of Warrandyte. Many things are difficult to find in Warrandyte.

All sorts of interesting people live here but you only seem to meet them on "Weekend Magazine" or in "The Age".

Likewise our little treasures of the State Park are hidden away, like possum nests, beyond our back yards. No loud signs bark at passing motorists. Those looking for the little parcels of wonder will know the roads to look for. Like special people, perhaps the forest seeks anonymity.

Walk through the Common in early September and the landscape is aglow with friendly wattle. The short, stiff and spiky *Acacia genistifolia*, the "Spreading Wattle", fills the understorey.

Reaching for the eucalypt canopy is *Acacia pycnantha*, "Golden Wattle", with leaves similar to eucalypts.

Similarly-leaved is *Acacia melanoxylon*, the "Blackwood", growing on moister spots and able to survive bushfires. Prostrate *Acacia aculeatissima*, "Thin-Leaved Wattle", flecks the grass with gold.

When their season has passed they seem to disappear in the forest

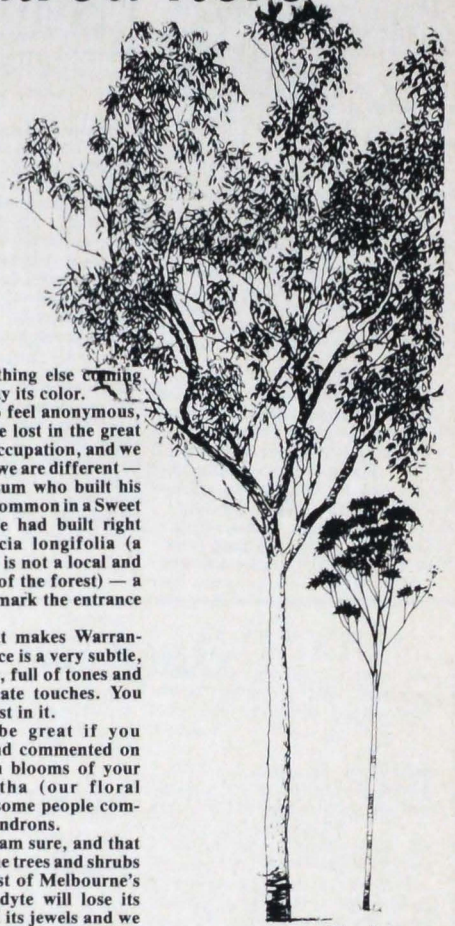
scene with something else coming forward to display its color.

No one likes to feel anonymous, I'm sure, or to be lost in the great human wave of occupation, and we all strive to show we are different — just like the possum who built his nest deep in the Common in a Sweet Bursaria tree. He had built right next to an *Acacia longifolia* (a native shrub that is not a local and is in fact a weed of the forest) — a different tree to mark the entrance to home.

The forest that makes Warrandyte a special place is a very subtle, sensitive creature, full of tones and shades and delicate touches. You can almost get lost in it.

Wouldn't it be great if you friends visited and commented on the lovely golden blooms of your *Acacia pycnantha* (our floral emblem) just as some people comment on rhododendrons.

Of one thing I am sure, and that is if we all plant the trees and shrubs that enshrine most of Melbourne's suburbs, Warrandyte will lose its special forest and its jewels and we will join the anonymous suburban sprawl. Then we will all be lost.



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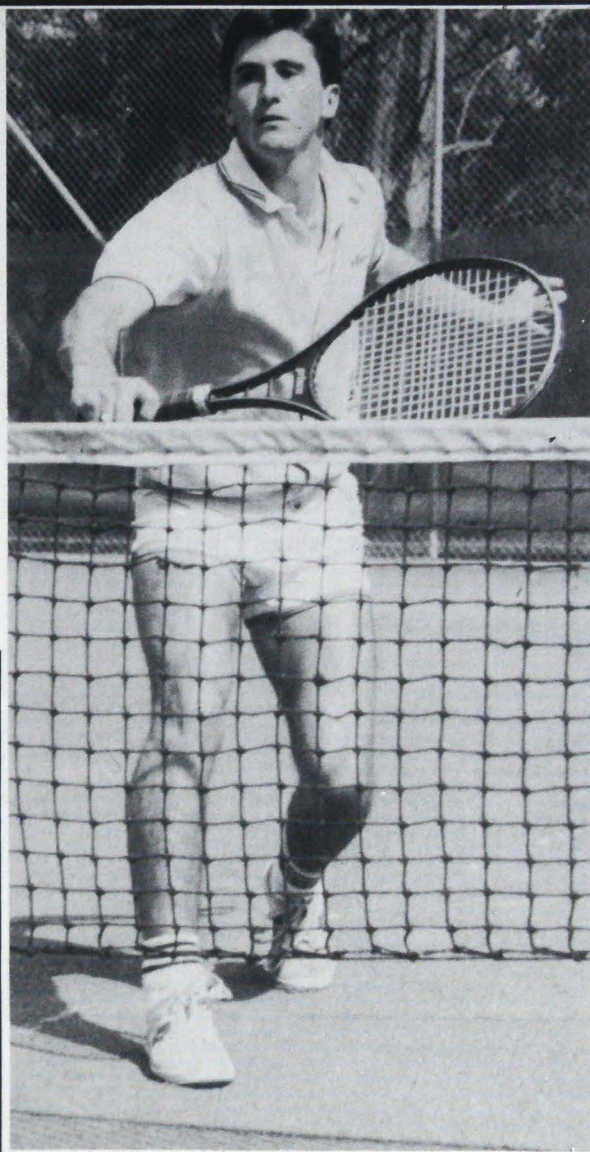
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Take a tip from an ace

Graeme Harris has brought his tennis racquet back to Warrandyte — and what a racquet it is! Graeme, son of Ron and Bonnie Harris of Harris Gully Road, has been on a U.S. tennis scholarship for the past four years, and plans to hold coaching clinics for local tennis players. He was away for a total of five years, at the Middle Tennessee State University (studying tennis and geology) and on the European satellite circuit. He left for the U.S. in early 1981 after being accepted for the scholarship, which is based both on tennis and academic performances. Before he left he was ranked No. 4 junior in Victoria. He did not have a national ranking as he could not afford the money and time necessary to attend the re-

quired tournaments. Graeme is now a freelance coach, and he intends to spend at least the next six months coaching in Melbourne. As he says, what comes next is anybody's guess, although he is looking for a job as a geologist. He has no plans to go on the professional tour. "Touring in Europe taught me one thing — it's not the glamorous life it used to be. It's now very tough and very expensive," he says. "I hope to start coaching in Warrandyte if people are interested. I'll give private lessons or small clinics — four students on court at any one time." For anybody interested, the number to ring is 844 3110 during working hours.



Graeme Harris . . . back in town to coach.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS
 Warrandyte 5/153 cc (Salter 103 n.o.) d. East Ringwood 8/146 (Lloyd 4/57).
 Warrandyte 5/226 (Salter 133, Jacobs 49) d. Wantirna South 170 (Peters 3/55).

SECONDS
 Warrandyte 8/116 (Stanley 30 n.o., Peake 24) lost to East Ringwood 9/124.
 Warrandyte 214 (McCarthy 27, Stanley 39, Day 20, Feather 24 n.o.) lost to Wantirna South 8/283 (Vittritti 4/52).

THIRDS
 Warrandyte 120 (Snaidero 28) lost to East Ringwood 3/194.
 Warrandyte 171 (King 64, Snaidero 23) d. Wantirna South 93 (Snaidero 6/23).

FOURTHS
 Warrandyte 8/135 (Townsend 71) lost to East Ringwood 5/188.
 Warrandyte 6/181 (Blair 95, Moore 52) d. Wantirna South 63 (Grant 3/22, Moore 4/14, Blair 3/10) and 2/124.

FIFTHS
 Warrandyte 98 (Walker 28) d. Norwood 47 and 61 (Walker 3/26, Leguler 6/19, Milton 4/21).
 Warrandyte 97 (Jones 33) d. Lilydale 49 and 112 (Leguler 3/20 and 3/41, Walker 4/14 and 3/33).

SIXTHS
 Warrandyte 162 (Chippierfield 58, Harris 34, Voljay 28) d. Vermont 93 (Roberts 3/15).
 Warrandyte 118 (Doming 32, Owen 21) d. Glen Park 73 (Harris 3/24 and 4/63).

WOMEN
 Warrandyte 2/115 (Chapman 36 n.o., Martin 27) d. Mt. Waverley 8/72 (McGhee 4/37).
 Warrandyte 94 (Chapman 63) lost to Tooronga 157.

UNDER-16s
 Warrandyte 5/111 (Kline 47, Snaidero 29) tied with Croydon United 7/111 (Snaidero 4/46).
 Warrandyte 1/210 (R. Kline 101 n.o., Snaidero 68 n.o.) d. Norwood 148.

UNDER-14 (1)
 Warrandyte 6/35 tied with Bayswater Park 9/35 (Webb 4/9, Reid 4/18).
 Warrandyte 6/133 (Kline 55, Graf 30) lost to Norwood 163 (Graf 3/25).

UNDER-14 (3)
 Warrandyte 9/53 d. Heathmont 7/52 (Croft 5/16).
 Warrandyte 64 (McFarlane 24) lost to Vermont 154 (McFarlane 3/38, Croft 3/15).

UNDER-14 (5)
 Warrandyte 9/56 (Joy 21) lost to Kilsyth 4/74 (Joy 2/10).
 Warrandyte 9/101 d. Croydon 86 (McGinty 4/15, Joy 3/49).

UNDER-12 (1)
 Warrandyte 6/43 lost to Bayswater Park 4/53.
 Warrandyte 67 and 2/62 lost to Mooroolbark 7/131 dec.

UNDER-12 KANGAS
 Kangas 6/78 d. Kilsyth 23 (Curwood 3/5).
 Kangas 3/87 (Spencer 22 n.o.) d. Wantirna 82 (Neagle 3/8).

UNDER-12 (4)
 Warrandyte 35 lost to Bayswater Park 42.
 Warrandyte 111 (Bellinger 23, Prangley 23) d. Croydon South 97 (Bellinger 2/16, Valentine 2/5).

Another pennant

Sport in brief

Warrandyte Netball Club have completed another successful winter season, with seven teams competing. The Under-12 (1) team won their division premiership and the Under-16s were beaten in the grand final. Best and fairest awards went to: Under-10: Sheree Greatrex 1, Tamara Milner 2; Under-12 (1): Cara Grant, Gail Patterson; Under-12 (2): Elizabeth Delaney, Kylie Gandy; Under-12 (3): Jane Kennedy, Melanie Smart; Under-14: Louise McDonald, Andrea Bensch; Under-16: Natalie Manser, Sharon Venton; Open: Sandra Gangell, Kylie Gangell. The club is now well into the spring competition, with the Under-12 (2) electing to go up a section into the Under-14s to improve their skills. The Under-16s have entered a new competition at Templestowe to gain more experience. New members are being sought for the coming seasons and inquiries should be directed to John Delaney (844 2723).

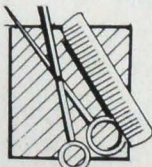
Warrandyte Basketball Club will hold a bush dance at South Warrandyte hall on November 17.
 The Woolly Bulls band will be performing and the cost is \$10 a head. People are asked to bring a basket supper. Coffee and sweets will be provided. Inquiries: Alan Dalli (844 2401).
 The club, formed after a challenge match between the Warrandyte Football Club Under 17s and the netball club's Under-17s, now has 31 junior teams.
 Tom Hay, who coaches a team which is destined to be known as the Spring Chickens (for want of a better description) is looking for players. Ladies over 30 should front at the recreation ground for practice on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Warrandyte South Primary School has done it again! For the second year in a row, they have won the B-grade section of the Warrandyte South District School Sports Association athletics.
 Sports captains Meghan Street and Ben Lo accepted the sports shield on behalf of the school.
 Andersons Creek Primary School held a sports day with a difference at Proclamation Park, Ringwood, last month. While the grade three to sixes performed the traditional athletics, events were modified for the younger competitors. For example, a bean bag was substituted for the shot in the shot put.
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Whacko!

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His accurate deliveries produced three wickets at a cost of 55 runs and kept Wantirna South on the defensive. Peters was ably backed up by Gerald Walshe, another young player. Walshe took a wicket with his steady line and length and generally subdued the batsmen. Wantirna South were all out for 170. Even at this stage, Warrandyte look like taking a big

hand in shaping this season's premiership. They will be considerably strengthened by the return of master batsman Robert White, whose business commitments kept him out of the first two games. White was to return to the side for the next match, against South Ringwood at Warrandyte. The second eleven are yet to open their winning account but results in other divisions point to a successful season for the Warrandyte seniors. The women's team have won one, lost one. The under-16s, Warran-

dyte's other pennant-winners last season, have taken up where they left off. After tying with Croydon United in the opener, they lost only one wicket in a big win over Norwood. Reece Kline hit an unbeaten 101 in the Dytes' 1/210 and Norwood could muster only 148 in reply. With local ground conditions much improved — and with the benefit of daylight saving — Warrandyte Cricket Club hold extended practice sessions at the local recreation reserve from 4.30 pm each Tuesday and Thursday.



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Salter serves up run feast

Warrandyte's senior cricketers have made an outstanding start to the 1984-85 season.

Defending the Ringwood District Cricket Association pennant they won last season, the first eleven are unbeaten after two matches.

They accounted for last season's grand finalists, East Ringwood, in a one-day replay of the grand final, then comfortably beat Wantirna South — who are regarded as finals prospects — in the first two-day fixture.

In both matches they were brilliantly led by captain-coach John Salter, who scored consecutive centuries.

Salter, a former Hawthorn-East Melbourne District player, hit an unconquered 103 against East Ringwood and followed up with 133 against Wantirna South.

Salter and Graeme Jacobs

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mauled the Wantirna South attack in a second-wicket partnership of 189, setting up Warrandyte's score of 5/226.

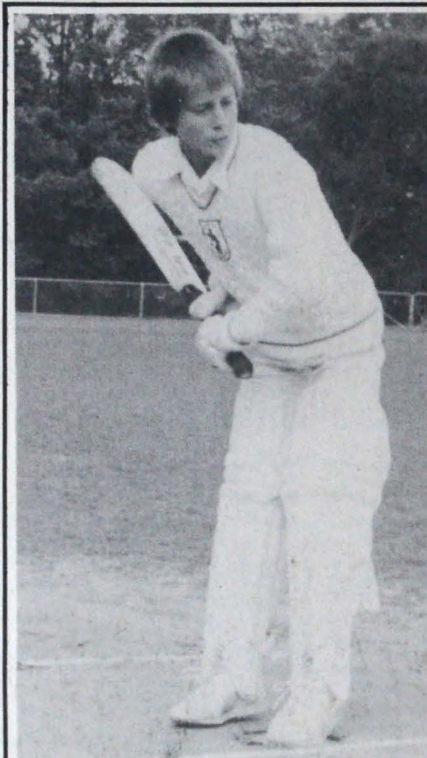
Despite the healthy total, there were worries in the Warrandyte camp with top bowlers Steve Pascoe and Graeme Lloyd ruled out by injury.

Pascoe, who had hamstring trouble, did not play in the second match and Lloyd was unable to bowl because of a poisoned toe.

In their absence, young spare-time medium-pacer Darren Peters came to Warrandyte's rescue.

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There may not be a great deal of them, but these two young Warrandyte cricketers are going places. Jason Kline (left) and Jason Graf are members of the Warrandyte Under-14 (I) side and their performances in the new season give notice of big things to come.

Kline and Graf top-scored with 55 and 30 respectively against Norwood and Graf completed a fine double by taking 3/25. The success of these two — and a host of other juniors — is testimony to the wisdom of Warrandyte Cricket Club's policy of fostering youth.

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