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Farewell to a rebel for a good cause

Peter Steedman, iconoclast, rebel and motorbike rider, will no longer represent the electorate of Casey in Canberra.

Pete was defeated in the December 1 election by another candidate with an aversion to using his full given name, Liberal Rob Halverson.

And there the resemblance ends. Steedman had worked his way through the Labor Party for 20 years, crunching numbers for the machine, gathering in the vote and editing the "Labor Star", among other things.

Halverson, 47, a former air force officer and financial analyst, joined the Liberal Party only 20 months ago after the Hawke landslide.

On the day after the night before, Pete was inclined to blame his loss on the abnormal number of informal votes for the House of Representatives, and he has a point.

There were more than 3600 of these and, traditionally, informal voters tend to favour Labor.

But even more important, perhaps, is the relentless "gentrification" of the electorate in general and Warrandyte in particular.

OPINION

Bob Millington

Templestowe is filling up and the space in between there and Warrandyte is sprouting \$150,000 homes, hardly the sort of structures to house voters sympathetic to a Left-wing rebel.

A pity. For all his image (and part of that was built up by the media eager for an alternative to those pin-striped drones in Canberra), Steedman was

a hard worker for Casey.

He had taken up the cause of improving North Warrandyte's abominable telephone system and, like Lou Hill, could always be found at the other end of one if help was needed.

Steedman, unlike some, knew the value of being seen in his electorate and made sure that many important Warrandyte projects received a just share of federal money.

Indeed, some people in our community will be wondering what chance they have of continuing that

funding now that they have to go through a Liberal member to a Labor Government.

Whatever our politics, most of us had a giggle at the thought of our representative taking an aisle seat in the house and, with his larrikin mates, flipping over diving judge's score cards to rate the performance of Andrew Peacock.

Rob Halverson has yet to prove himself. Pete Steedman did in his 20 months.

Would it be too much to hope that the pair of them might fight it out again in three years?

The hut gets a hat

The Warrandyte Slab Cottage Project Committee has come up with an innovative way to protect the cottage from the elements while allowing people to see it to its best advantage.

The committee has accepted a design for a tent-like canopy of plastic supported by posts and guywires.

The idea originated with local resident Marg Beecham and her son-in-law Peter Sgourkas, an architect. Another son-in-law, Phil Taylor, a civil engineer with Eltham Council, refined the idea and came up with the final plans.

It is believed to be the first time an historic building has been protected by such a structure, at least in Victoria.

The canopy has been designed to have the minimum impact on the hut. The woven terylene material will be grey, so it blends into the bush surroundings as much as possible. It will be supported by thin steel cables attached to posts set in concrete, thus allowing the whole canopy to flex in high winds.

Committee official Cliff Green

says: "The final results will be evocative of the gold mining days because it looks like a tent or tent fly, the sort of thing used to shelter a large number of people at gatherings such as church services.

"And although it is aesthetically pleasing, it does not dominate the hut. This was one of the big problems. The hut was so tiny that most conventional methods of protecting it would have dominated it. Of course whatever we did had to provide protection, as the building is very fragile.

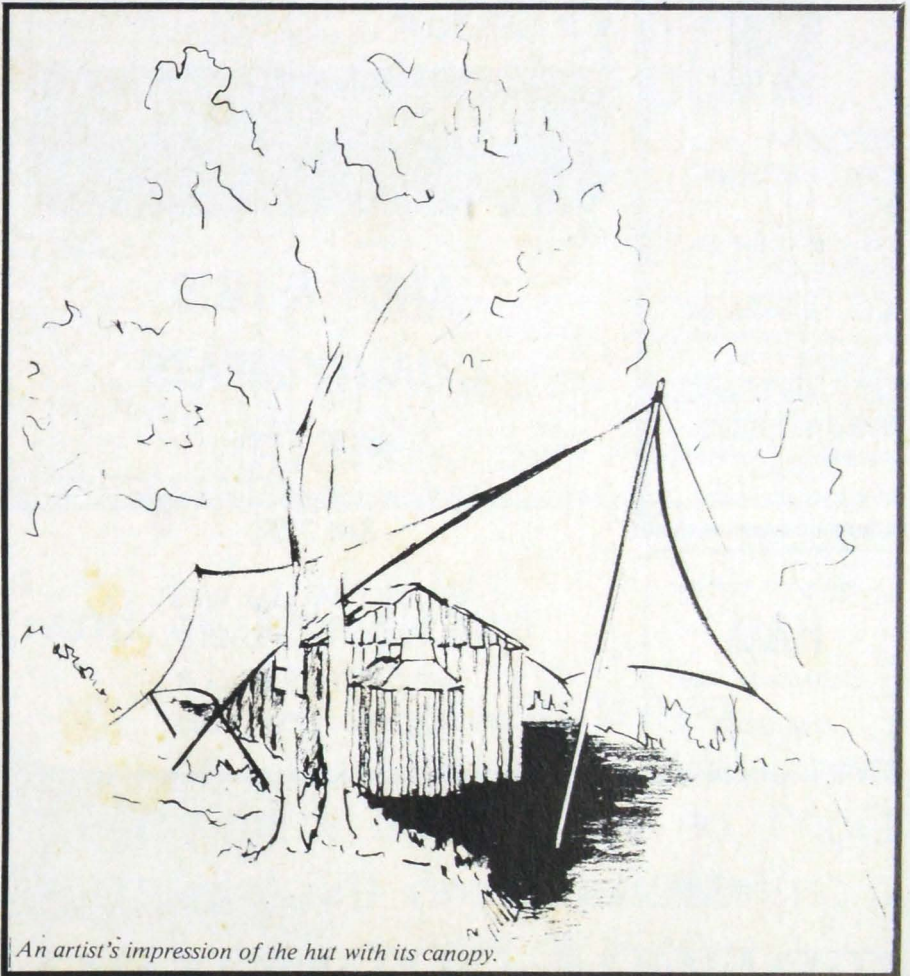
"It was also designed so that when people approach the hut from the path leading from the bridge they will see the hut, not the covering."

The canopy and fittings will cost about \$9000, and the committee will provide all the labour to erect it. Mr Green says the committee will apply for Federal Heritage Commission money to pay for the canopy, and he says there has already been a favourable, but informal, response from the responsible minister, Mr Barry Cohen.

The committee expects the project to be open to the public during the Victorian 150th year, which ends in November next year.

Moves have begun to fence the site, in Castle Road, and the committee believes it has enough money to start on this very soon. A black wire-mesh fence about six feet high is planned.

A small gatehouse will be sited there and Mr Green says this will be in a similar style to the hut itself — probably of rough-sawn timber with a corrugated iron roof. This also depends on money becoming available.



An artist's impression of the hut with its canopy.

See you all in February

The Diary wishes its readers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and goes into a much-needed holiday until February.

But that doesn't mean that you newshounds out there can snooze off, too. The Diary box on the tree will be open for business, so give us your snippets and photos.

February marks the start of our new advertising rates. Details are on Page 2.

We can't let the year end without thanking all those who help put the Diary together. Lee Tindale, Rosie Tovey and R.W. Fotheringham are among the foremost.

And the trustees — Cliff Green, Ken McKenzie and Peter Lovett — contribute valuable advice and real support.

We look forward to a year of bigger and better Diaries.

Cheers.

Mark and Olive Davis and Bob and Trish Millington

Some siteworks will be needed, but they will be kept to a minimum.

The committee is now an official National Trust committee of management, which means local people have kept control of the project.

Mr Green says the committee has been lucky in being able to co-opt two new experts who will give it greater "muscle" when applying for finance.

Peter Staughton of Osborne Road, a noted historic architect who has been in charge of a number of National Trust projects, has become the project's honorary architect.

Dr Peter Coutts, former director of the Victoria Archaeological Survey, has taken over as honorary archaeologist. He replaces local archaeologist Lee Scott-Virtue, who is returning with her husband, Ken, to Western Australia.

Mr Green says: "Dr Coutts has become very interested in local things, and we are rapt that he has

joined us. We could not have asked for anyone better.

"He has a high degree of technical knowledge, and his wide experience gives the committee great strength."

There will be council representatives on the committee. Doncaster and Templestowe has nominated Councillor Ken McKenzie. Eltham has yet to nominate its representative.

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Smokey Joe



A lot of people in this town know Bill Betton. A lot of people probably don't, which is their loss.

Among the first-mentioned category, there will be those who haven't met up with him for quite some time, because his public appearances in Warrandyte these days are all too few.

To them, Smokey is delighted to report that the former Doncaster shire president is lending new meaning to the word "evergreen". He left several dancing partners (including councillor Anne Martin) exhausted in his wake at last month's shire spectacular to celebrate Victoria's 150th birthday.

Quite a performance from a bloke in his 80s. But then Bill Betton is quite a man.

He is best known in these parts these days as a long-serving member of the local cemetery trust.

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Communications breakdown 1:

Smokey has it on the best authority that there was one very worried young woman up Pigeon Bank Lane a couple of weeks ago. The young woman in question had gone to her parents' home unexpectedly, without knowing about the new alarm system that had been installed, and blithely unlocked the front door, only to be greeted by the wailing of a very loud burglar alarm. Of course she hadn't a clue about switching it off, and of course the inevitable happened: a well-intentioned neighbor rang the police. The boys in blue arrived and, guns drawn, surrounded the

place. Being confronted by a large policeman carrying a large gun is not the sort of thing a young woman has to contend with every day.

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Communications breakdown 2: A local family had been sorting out old clothes to be taken down to the Op Shop, and son had left a pile in the lounge room. Daughter, thinking it was a pile of ironing, dropped her new cullottes on top. The Op Shop had sold them within a matter of hours. Thanks, Heide.

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Former Diary reporter John Forster took what many would regard as a busman's holiday recently. He went on a Pacific cruise with a group of workmates. In most circumstances Smokey couldn't think of anything worse; being cooped up with office bores is not his idea of a relaxing time. But, folks, John's not stupid. John is a male nurse, and there aren't all that many male nurses around, are there?

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Purveyors of spirituous liquors in the Warrandyte district are glad to announce that the Gnome can't keep his word. Gnome (Anthony Giles-Peters of football club and pub fame) had foolishly sworn off after a particularly heavy night, and announced his decision publicly (which was probably an even more foolish act). But all is well. Gnome has returned to the fold, and bar and bottleshop owners are breathing easier.

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Roadside verges policy sought

Eltham Council should have a policy on the management of roadside verges, North Riding councillor John Fisher says.

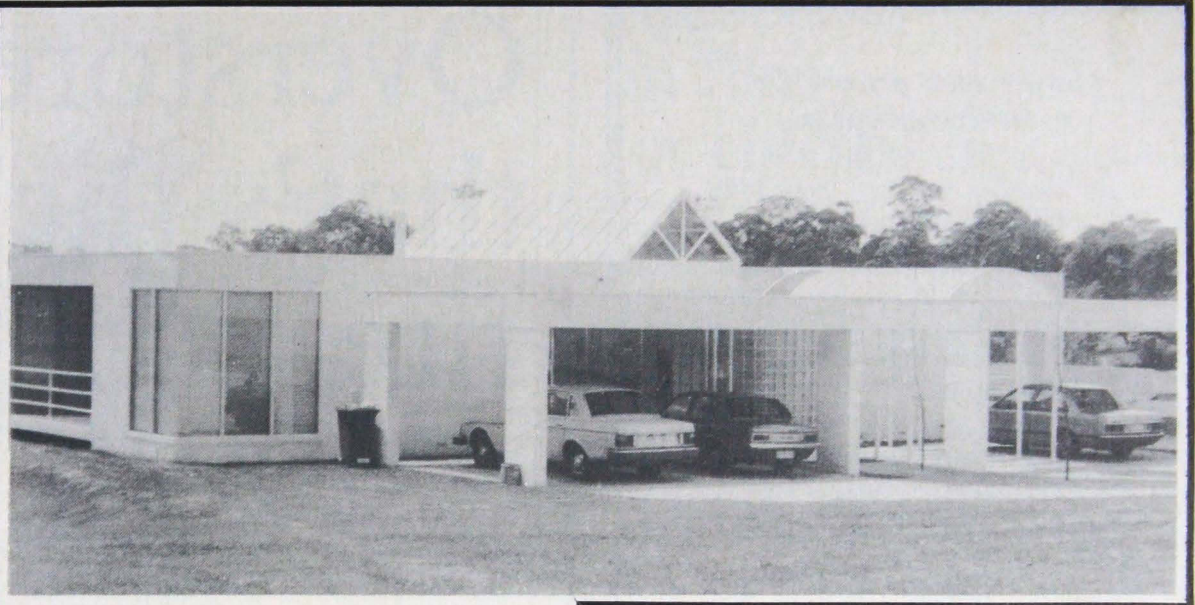
He has asked council officers to prepare a discussion paper on the subject, which will assume greater importance once council takes over from the SEC the responsibility for maintaining power lines in the North Warrandyte area.

He says roadside verges are an important asset for the shire as far as native flora is concerned. "These pieces of land often contain the last remnants of the vegetation that once covered the shire," he says.

"Unfortunately, more and more of this vegetation is disappearing from the roadsides every day, mainly because of the actions of authorities such as the SEC and Telecom and because of fire-prevention measures and weed intrusion.

"As yet council does not have a well-defined policy on the proper management of roadside verges, and as a first step in getting one, it has called for a report on the restoration of local vegetation and weed eradication."

Councillor Fisher says a proper policy will become essential once the shire assumes responsibility for maintaining power lines. He says that because it appears that council will not be getting any extra money to do the extra work, thought should be given to creating maintenance-free verges.



Laminex struts its stuff

The Laminex House, sitting on the road to Templestowe, is hard to miss. Its glassy white walls stand out starkly. Lit up at night it looks like a landed UFO.

However its popularity with curious weekend visitors and success as a display for Laminex products has been marked. (Incidentally, the exterior of the house is of brick, not Laminex.)

The house, which features in a series of television commercials, is designed to dispel the belief that Laminex is useful only for benches and kitchen tables.

The internal walls are made

from Craftwood, a blending of Laminex and selected wood, and the fittings, furniture, cupboards and surfaces basically Laminex products.

The architect is David Napier of Napier-Thomas Architects. They were commissioned by Laminex Industries to find land and build in a fast growing housing development area, and the Warrandyte site was chosen for this reason. Its relative isolation and magnificent views helped in the choice.

While the site for the house is a good one, David does not see the house as becoming a popular design for the natural bushy surroundings of Warrandyte.

Its cost would probably be more than a more conventional home, but then the Laminex House does not pretend to be conventional.

Coffee shop has big plans

Warrandyte's Community coffee shop has provided local teenagers with a relaxed meeting place over the past months.

It closed down temporarily on November 10. Organisers are waiting for a recreational grant from Doncaster-Templestowe Council which will allow the shop to open for extended hours.

The coffee shop will probably not re-open until the start of the next school year. When it does, organiser Jean Chapman hopes it will open 30 hours a week rather than the initial 11 hours, and that the grant will span 48 weeks instead of the previous 30.

New hours would include Sunday afternoon-evenings, some after-school care on Wednesdays and Fridays, and Saturday from 4.30pm to midnight rather than the previous 8.30 to midnight.

Ideally the funds will include monies for a full-time manager to be present whenever the shop is open to organise games and activities, drinks and snacks, and an assistant to "job-share".

The coffee shop already has a donated color television and a pool table, but badly needs recreational games such as chess and backgammon. It also needs an oven.

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Overstorey: that's the fire story

Warrandyte Environment League has prepared a range of information on fire-prevention for local residents this summer.

The information deals with fire prevention itself, what to do when a fire threatens your home and fuel reduction for low-density residential areas.

The work is the result of WEL's own expertise and liaison with Eltham and Doncaster and Templestowe councils and local fire brigades.

A WEL official says: "We are very encouraged by the positive working relationship which is developing with the CFA and all parties involved. We all realise our common objective is to help residents live as safely as possible in a district of great natural beauty.

"As our research and discussion on this issue continues, we are growing increasingly confident in our belief that people can live in relative safety in a bushland residential environment without destroying it."

WEL says several principles are involved in this belief. They are:

- In many critical aspects, good conservation practice and good fire prevention practice are consistent;



- People who take a sensitive and active interest in the preparation of their properties and roadside verges are more likely to be adequately prepared to defend their homes in a fire;
- No single set of simple guidelines can be universally applied to fuel reduction, as fire ecology is a complex subject involving a compromise of objectives in semi-urban areas;
- We need to recognise that the bushfire has always been a part of our environment and that it plays

an important part in the ecology of our native flora.

WEL works with a variety of people and authorities responsible for fire information. The official says a wide range of literature is available to residents, who should study it and then take the advice to heart.

"Most households will shortly receive literature and we know that the Shire of Eltham will soon advertise its advice in the 'Diamond Valley News'. This advertisement will be based on the excellent 1983/84 brochure 'Fire Within the Eltham Shire,'" the official says.

WEL has found that in the available literature several points are made consistently. They are:

- The decision to evacuate or stay needs to be made well in advance and acted upon early when risk arises;
- The chances of a home being saved are considerably improved if it is occupied. A house offers good protection if it is well prepared and defended properly;
- It is sensible to have a reserve, gravity-fed water storage of at least 1200 litres available in addition to other sources near the house, for example a pond, pool or dam.

On fuel reduction, WEL has prepared some draft principles.

The official says it is not necessary, nor desirable, to remove all trees from properties, verges, or adjoining areas. It should be noted that an established overstorey branches and leaves will suppress understorey growth, thereby reducing fuel levels.

In Warrandyte's poor soil, shallow-root trees are interdependent, generally surviving in big clumps. Thinning trees in this type of forest cause a long-term irreversible decline.

"It seems probable to us that overstorey could generate turbulence in a fierce fire, thereby reducing fire momentum," the official says.

A key area of WEL's discussions is the distance from the house which should be subjected to intensive fuel reduction.

The official says: "In general, areas immediately around the house should have dead leaves raked and bark meticulously removed each spring and during the summer. Raking should be just short of dis-

turbing the soil. Some thinning of overstorey and understorey may be necessary.



Guidelines for treating the understorey include:

- Treat your nature strip in the same way you do your own property;
- Excepting for well established or noteworthy specimens or areas of high landscape value, eucalypt growth beneath overhead power lines should be discouraged;
- It is good fire preparation practice to encourage the growth of native understorey and grasses at the expense of introduced species, as the native species generally have a lower growth rate, and therefore lower fuel load and maintenance requirement.

For areas with heavy weed growth: slash in late spring or early summer, with blade set for high clearance. Allow to dry off, then where a controlled burn is possible, burn to kill exotic seed.

Late burning allows native species to seed. With even minimal establishment time native flora is more likely to survive the fuel reduction burn.

For areas with modern high flora value, the favored method of fuel reduction is by controlled burning in the autumn. Repeated slashing of "native-species-dominant" areas will alter the balance of the plant community and increase the maintenance burden.

"Scorched earth" fire breaks on private property seem to be of doubtful value to us and should be reconsidered through consultation with relevant authorities.

WEL will forward you a copy of its paper on fire-resistant species for planting, on request.

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Guidelines on flats for elderly

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has approved guidelines governing the eligibility of people to live in the elderly people's housing project opposite Stiggants Reserve.

The guidelines are in addition to those laid down by the Housing Ministry, which is building the units.

Council has decided on the following eligibility criteria:

- Elderly residents of long standing in the Warrandyte postcode area (more than two years);
- Elderly residents of the municipality (more than two years);
- Former residents of longstanding who want to return to the area;
- Elderly people who have recently arrived in the municipality who can show that they have strong local ties (family, for example); and
- Elderly people who are non-residents but whose families and/or "community supports" are in the municipality.

Invalid pensioners will be assessed according to individual circumstances, taking into account similar criteria for elderly people.

All applicants have to be more than 55 and on a permanent pension. Applicants will not have a suitable home of their own and will have to conform to the eligibility requirements of the Housing Ministry.

Council says applicants must be able to live independently and, in the case of married or supporting applicants, at least one person needs to be able to be independent. Council has agreed to service resi-

dents with Meals-on-Wheels and home help.

Nominations for residency will be taken by council with advice from WAC's housing sub-committee.

The Ministry of Housing gives priority to people who have been evicted from their present homes, people whose property has been compulsorily acquired, people living under protected tenancies; people whose home is sub-standard and likely to be demolished; people whose present accommodation is likely to be detrimental to their physical or emotional well-being; people who have an urgent need to live in a particular area for family reasons or who are supported by a particular community; people whose names have been on the waiting list longest; and aged people.

Council has added its own priority: "Elderly people of long standing in the Warrandyte postcode area", thus ensuring positive discrimination for local people — including those who live on the north of the Yarra.

WAC's human resources sub-committee has had several discussions on the matter with the social planners of Eltham Shire and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe as well as the Ministry of Housing.

The units are for rent, the maximum allowable assets being between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Consideration is now being given to other forms of accommodation for senior citizens in Warrandyte. Would anyone interested in units for purchase or independent accommodation please contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326.



Well done Jock, thanks Phil

Diary cartoonist Jock MacNeish is the winner of a Neighbourhood Watch competition which appeared in the magazine 'Police Life'.

Jock's contribution was selected from a total of 52 entries judged by 'Age' cartoonist Ron Tandberg. His prize of \$100 was presented by the Chief Police Commissioner, Mick Miller, at the opening night of the 1984 Victoria Police Art Exhibition.

Jock says his inspiration to enter the competition came from local policeman Phil Manning.

Jock's cartoon is above and his tribute to Phil at the right.



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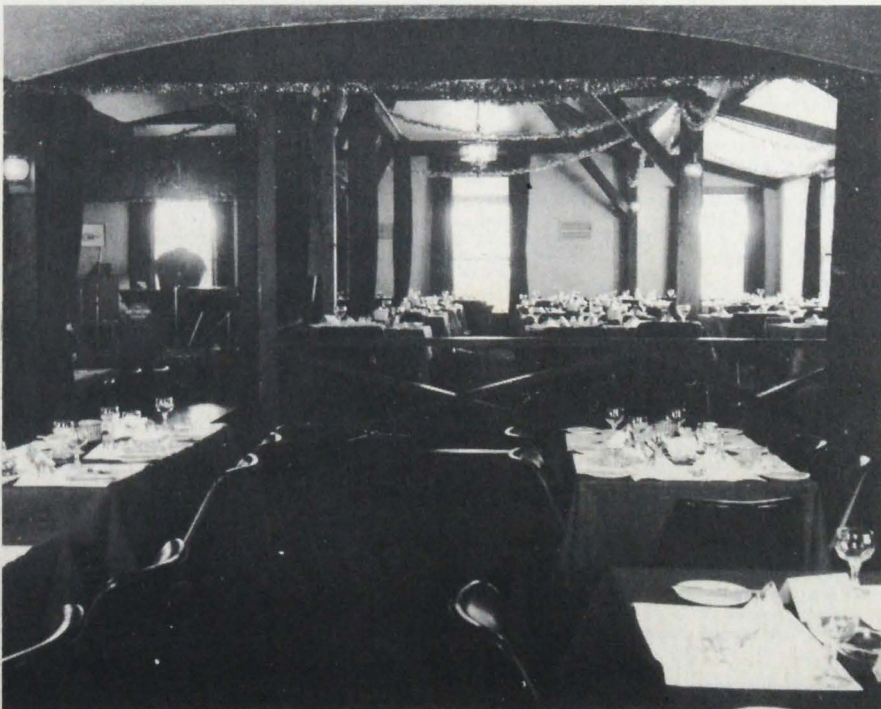
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Fisher wants report on trail bikers

North Warrandyte's Councillor John Fisher has asked Eltham Shire officers to prepare a report on the problems of recreational vehicles, particularly trail bikes, in the area.

He says the problem appears to have been getting worse recently. He wants tougher policing of council by-laws covering recreational vehicles and more police action on

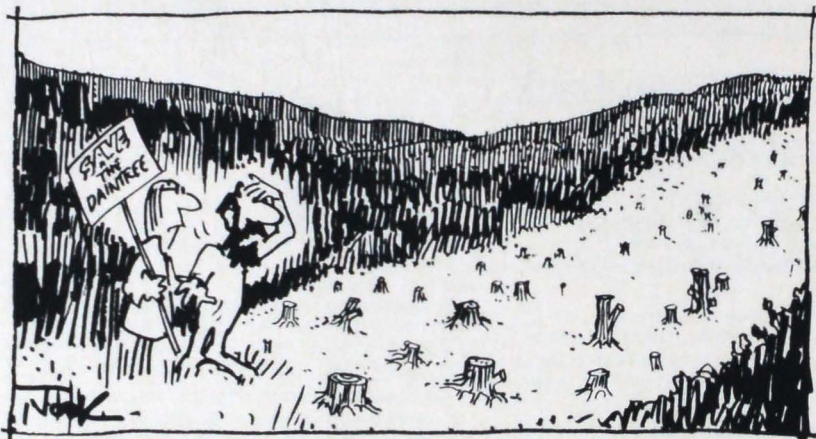
the roads. Councillor Fisher says the local police are already doing a good job, but that the problem is getting out of hand.

In 1982 council introduced a by-law that prohibits or regulates the use of recreational vehicles on private property. People who want to use them on private property must have the written consent of council.

Councillor Fisher says he has

asked council officers to report on the possibility of creating a suitable site for trail-bike riding, possibly in conjunction with the Diamond Valley Shire. He says the number of outsiders using the area to ride their trail bikes is a big worry.

He suggests that residents concerned about the use of recreational vehicles near their homes should contact Eltham's building services manager, Bill Barber.



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Co-Op child care study identifies new needs

The Warrandyte Co-Op has recently carried out a survey of child-care facilities in the area.

Under the direction of Co-Op chairwoman Louise Joy, the objectives of the survey were to determine the extent to which the Warrandyte Child Care Centre meets the needs of its users, to find out how the service could be improved to meet needs more effectively and to identify other family services that need to be available locally.

Fifty-three families, with a total of 115 children (72 under the age of six) were interviewed for their views.

A questionnaire, involving a series of set statements that parents had to decide what was of most or least importance to them, formed the basis of the survey.

The families interviewed provided some ideas on the general child care needs of the community. For example it was found that out of the 43 sets of parents who recorded their type of work, 31 were from professional backgrounds while 12 could be defined as having clerical or trade jobs.

About half the women worked in administration and professional areas. Warrandyte has a high level of professional people.

Responses to the existing child care facilities were generally positive (the centre is clean and hygienic and the staff is friendly and reliable).

People are generally happy with the centre. All but two families would be affected if it closed, with mothers relying on the centre to remain at work.

Families where mothers did not work emphasised the centre's importance in providing social interaction with other children.

Other services suggested by people interviewed included the need for a kindergarten for three-year-olds; before and after-school care; a neighborhood community house for children and parents to meet; a Citizens Advice Bureau, which is being organised now; a women's refuge and family counselling.

Of course, finance will be required, from local, state and federal sources.

N. Warrandyte reps on disaster body

North Warrandyte is represented on Eltham Council's new municipal disaster planning committee through Warrandyte Advisory Committee and Warrandyte Environment League officials and the North Riding's Councillor John Fisher.

The committee had its first meeting late last month and was due to meet early this month.

The committee has to put together a plan for coping with disasters, a State Government requirement flowing from the findings of the Bushfire Review Committee of Inquiry into the Ash Wednesday fires.

Councillor Fisher believes it will be at least six months before a basic plan is drawn up, and this will then have to be approved by the State Government's Disaster Committee.

Council already has a bushfire emergency plan, but the state requires all municipalities to have broad plans for almost any sort of emergency.

WAC drops fire transport survey

WAC has reluctantly decided not to carry out its proposed doorknock of Warrandyte to survey people needing help with transport in a bushfire.

The survey was to update the list of people known to need help through council and voluntary organisations, for example Meals-on-Wheels.

The doorknock has been cancelled for two reasons: that virtually no one apart from the service clubs had offered to help, and that WAC feels that existing arrangements will be stretched in coping with the current list, particularly outside working hours, when council vehicles cannot be relied upon.

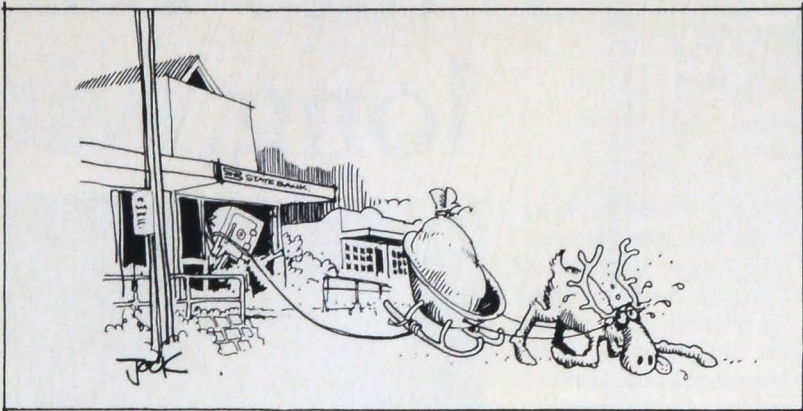
The human resources sub-committee is continuing to explore options for middle-income accommodation for the elderly.

Patrick Nuzum has joined WAC as environment group representative (WEL, Little Buggas and Friends of the State Park).

WAC is to prepare a case to lobby authorities for a more co-ordinated and sensitive approach to their work. We will address the problem of vegetation replacement by the SEC and Board of Works (eg after willow clearing and maintenance of the river banks).

The final meeting of the year will be on Thursday December 20.

Safe as a bank?



Senior-Detective Terry Grinstead said it all: "I'd hate to be putting my money there." Detective Grinstead, of Doncaster CIB, was referring, of course, to the Warrandyte branch of the State Bank, the bank without an alarm system, he says. Detective Grinstead has been charged with investigating what appears to have been the inevitable — an attempted robbery.

It happened about 3.30 on the morning of the first Wednesday of the month — a couple

of enterprising thieves decided that the quaint little building in Yarra Street was ripe for the plucking. What made the attempt remarkable was their modus operandi — that's police jargon for the means to an end. They used a small crane. They actually tried to tow the safe away. And they didn't fail by much. Detective Grinstead says the thieves parked the crane, which they had stolen from Bayswater, close to the bank, hitched the cable to the safe, and planted the foot.

Two things combined to foil them. Detective Grinstead says the crane was probably too small, and the safe got wedged against the front wall. And what a mess the place was in when police arrived. "They virtually destroyed the place," Detective Grinstead says. "The crane pulled office furniture and partitions around and smashed it. "It looked like they'd thrown a stick of gelignite in there." Detective Grinstead says he has a few ideas about the suspects. "Someone used the same methods to rob a bank in Mt Evelyn in March. There is a connection there," he says.

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New pavilion at reserve

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has decided to build a \$110,000 pavilion at Stiggants Reserve, between Park Orchards and Warrandyte.

Warrandyte Football Club and Warrandyte Cricket Club use the ground, and the pavilion, due to be completed before September next year, is sure to get plenty of use.

Councillor Ken McKenzie says the pavilion will mean that the clubs, which are expanding rapidly, will have much-needed extra facilities for junior teams and for practice.

"The next step will be lighting," he says, "so that the Recreation Ground, which is over-used and difficult to maintain, particularly in winter, can be rested."

School wants blankets

Warrandyte Primary School would like to hear from residents who have a blanket or two to spare.

The school is trying to build up a supply of blankets for use during bushfires.

Blankets in any condition will be gratefully accepted, and collection can be arranged.

Contact Gwen Walker, 844 3595, Irene Allen, 844 2707, or Lydia Lorenzini, 844 3999.

Carols by Candlelight

The churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards, under the auspices of the local Inter Church Council, will conduct the annual Carols by Candlelight service this Christmas.

The service, at Stiggants Reserve, will be on December 16 at 8 pm.

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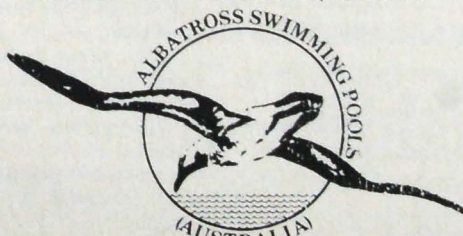


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White House has a long, vivid past

Dulcie Crouch, long-time Warrandyte resident and childhood friend of the Lowe family, recently spoke about the history of the White House at a committee of management meeting. This is an edited version of her talk.

Although I am a descendant of one of our early settlers who came to Bulleen on September 22, 1844, I am afraid my knowledge of our early history is rather limited. I have had to rely on several different sources of information.

One theory is that the original building, constructed of wattle and daub and consisting of two big rooms in front and two skillion rooms at the rear and a small verandah across the front, was a hut for the commissioner in charge of the Anderson's Creek miners, as it was built on a Miner's Right about 1852.

The first known occupants were a Mr and Mrs Walter Pretty and their five children, who moved in in 1856 and paid five shillings a year for the Miner's Right. (This as required until 1930, when the building was put up for auction.)

Mrs Pretty took up private teaching, and when the number of pupils increased she enlisted the aid of her husband. When most of the miners left, about 1857, the Common School was closed. It is uncertain when it reopened, but in 1863 a Miss Mary Blair was teaching in the Anderson's Creek court-house — near where the present school crossing is in Yarra Street — while the school building now in Forbes Street was being built.

Mrs Pretty became Miss Blair's assistant, and in 1864 she became headmistress, a position she held until June 1886 when she became ill. Her husband took her place but resigned two years later because of a row with the school committee.

The next occupant was a market gardener, Mr William Collins, who



Dulcie Crouch: she used to warn away cherry pickers.

took up residence on January 18, 1886. Little is known about him except that he grew excellent asparagus and was captain and wicket-keeper of the local club.

Even less is known about the next occupant, a storekeeper called Harry Squires, who lived there from about 1891 to 1910.

Next came Mr and Mrs Frank Lowe and their four children, soon to be five. They occupied the land as tenants until they bought it as

freehold in 1930. Mr Lowe removed the two back rooms and the front verandah, adding three rooms and a surrounding verandah by 1914, continuing with his work after the first World War.

Realising the potential of the site as a commercial venture, Warrandyte becoming a popular picnic spot, he added a dining room hall, and small shop. It then became known as the Warrandyte Recreation Ground Cafe.

A daughter of the Lowes, Ethel, married Frank Adams, a local or-

chardist. He and his brother George owned an orchard a few hundred yards west of the Tindals-Pound Road intersection, and were the first to grow cherries in the district.

Frank and Ethel Adams had children — a son and a daughter. George Adams and his wife had a daughter, me.

When we children were old enough to attend school we would use any excuse to call in to see "Grandma and Grandpa Lowe", as they were affectionately known, knowing that we would get some sweets or a cool drink or a warm by the fire if the morning was cold.

By this time furniture vans had replaced the charabancs and other forms of transport to the area, and, as most came from the city, this was a concern to our parents in the cherry picking season.

Many visitors would walk by the orchards with the idea of getting a free feed, and it was out job to sit under the nearby pine trees from about 10 am to tea-time to protect the fruit. It was always a surprise to them that after getting their hands on the forbidden fruit these small children would ask them what their intentions were. They never stayed to argue.

In 1932 the Lowes sold out to Mr and Mrs Joe Miller, as Mrs Lowe's health was causing concern. Mr Miller soon started altering the building, first removing the remaining section of wattle and daub, then improving the hall and adding a second storey.

When the Second World War broke out the building became a very busy place, with dances put on for service personnel stationed at Wonga Park. Many charitable organisations also used it, and Mrs Miller received many letters of thanks for her generous hospitality.

Mr Harry Polites, a city cafe proprietor, took over in 1947, and in 1951 Mr and Mrs Wally Cornhill took over. Mr and Mrs Stan Medley came in next, followed by Mr and Mrs Howard Bensch. They were the ones who gave the name the White House to the building, in 1966.

New regulations to help an old landmark

A meeting was held early this month between the White House committee of management and Doncaster and Templestowe councillors to discuss a range of issues concerning the future of the building.

The issues include renovations, finances, and anomalies between the deed of delegation under which council allows the committee to run the building and council's guidelines for the committee.

The committee has prepared a position paper out-

lining the present status of the White House as a community asset and the future intentions of the committee. The paper is also intended to be a basis for community discussion on the White House.

The committee believes that:

- The community has an existing need for the community-use hall with facilities to cater for a variety of recreational, social and educational purposes of up to 150-200 people.
- White House can and

should meet this need, being ideally located at an existing community complex comprising of tennis club, football/cricket club ovals, Elderly Citizens Centre and a pre-school centre.

• The complex has adequate parking spaces and safe entrances.

• The complex has the potential to be renovated to an acceptable standard for a reasonable sum of money.

• White House is at present only approximately 10 per-

cent utilised.

• Its current condition and state of repair is deplorable.

• It reflects no credit whatsoever on the Warrandyte community or Doncaster and Templestowe council, and in fact detracts from the otherwise pleasing environment in which it stands.

• The existing facilities presented as they are now, are completely unacceptable and responsible for many rejections from potential users.

• The condition of the hall is responsible for the low source of revenue.

• White House could become a credit to the Warrandyte community and the Doncaster and Templestowe council.

The committee intends to keep the community informed of its plans, problems and progress. It wants to significantly upgrade the existing useable facilities and to increase income by providing suitable facilities and therefore be able to charge normal rates of hire.

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IN BRIEF

Jumpers net charity \$4317

Children at Warrandyte Primary School recently took part in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign to raise money for the National Heart Foundation.

All students took part, with groups of six skipping for up to three hours.

The outcome, of \$4317, was the fifth-highest total in Victoria (thanks, sponsors).

The last word comes from Melanie Rankin, of Grade 5/6W, who wrote to the Diary:

"Last week the children at Warrandyte Primary School held a Skipathon to raise money for the National Heart Foundation. It was lots of fun but very tiring.

"It's good because at the end everyone gets a badge, but at least we were skipping to help other people."

Holiday fun

Warrandyte State Park rangers have an extensive range of activities planned for children during the school holidays.

The program runs from December 27 to January 27 and includes nature trails, dusk stalks, spotlight walks, fun walks, river rambles and mine exploration. All activities are free, but bookings are essential for night walks and advisable for day activities. Inquiries and bookings can be made through the park office, 844 2659.

A pamphlet outlining all activities organised by Doncaster and Templestowe Council will be distributed to schools.

Green thumbs

Green-thumbed children at Warrandyte South Primary School are certainly reaping rich rewards for their endeavours. For the third year running the school has won the garden award for the eastern region.

As well as having a pleasant school environment, the budding gardeners, if you will excuse the expression, have won \$200 to be spent on more plants and gardening equipment.

Linda passes

Linda Perkins, a Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre worker since the centre began, has completed her formal training. Linda has passed her child care assistants' course at Box Hill TAFE.

Andrea Capehurst, who has been at the centre since April this year, hopes to complete the same course next year.

Firewood

The Co-Op is building up big stocks of firewood for next winter, largely thanks to the co-operation of Reg Wooster, who is storing it free of charge. The wood will be available for sale soon. Customers should ring the Co-Op on 844 2548.



The Minister for Education, Mr Fordham, addresses students, parents and guests at the opening.

School takes shape

Work on the new \$4 million Warrandyte High School was officially started by the State Education Minister, Mr Fordham, on November 7.

A ceremony held at the school was attended by staff, students, local politicians and councillors and representatives of community organisations.

Mr Fordham reviewed the efforts of Warrandyte people in the 1970s to get a secondary school in the area, and the early days of the

school with 44 Year 7 pupils in 1978, in portable classrooms.

An unusual feature of the arrangements for the new buildings is that responsibility for the project, including all design and construction details, has been vested in the school council. This will enable a facility to be built that embodies the aspirations of the local school community.

Mr Fordham paid tribute to the large amount of time and energy

put into the project by parents and teachers at the school, and to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, the Shire of Eltham and the Warrandyte Basketball Club, who have all joined with the school to enable parts of the building to be built to serve the needs of community groups after school hours.

The school is expected to be completed late next year or in early 1986.

Jan: one of the first CABs off the rank

Community work these days is not merely rolling up your sleeves and pitching in.

Because of the complexities of modern society and the widely differing needs of the individuals and groups that make up a community, basic skills are needed in most cases.

Take Citizens' Advice Bureau workers, for example. A CAB is due to open in Warrandyte late in 1985, and volunteer workers have been preparing for the task for several months now.

One is Jan Meehan, a local mother of three, who has had an interest in a Warrandyte CAB since the idea was first suggested, early this year.

After being interviewed and accepted as a volunteer, she attended a basic training course at the Victorian Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux in June. The course was over three consecutive Thurs-

days. Following a favourable assessment, Jan then attended a community information workers' course. This began in July and ran for 16 weeks, half a day each week. At the same time she was undergoing orientation training at the Eltham and Diamond Valley CAB. This took four weeks. Then came a workshop on the McIntyre Indexing System at VACAB headquarters.

Jan has now begun a probationary period at the Eltham-Diamond Valley CAB until the Warrandyte CAB opens.

Anyone wanting to know what it's like being a CAB worker is welcome to phone Jan on 844 2341.

PS. Jan has also served on the Tarroona Ave kindergarten committee; helped at the Warrandyte Primary School canteen and worked at the Toy Library in the Community Centre . . .

Why not hire a trier?

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

Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd. Project.

Ex-muddies seek company

Warrandyte "muddies" Sue and Nick Cutler, formerly of Brackenbury Street, have packed their trowels and headed north to the sun and Mildura.

Nick, formerly chef at the Mitcham Hotel, and Sue, one of the active members of the North Warrandyte Yarra View kindergarten group, have taken out the lease on a caravan park in company with Sue's brother, Hugh Diedrich, and sister-in-law, Jenny, themselves also former Warrandytians from The Boulevard.

The Calder Caravan Park (just on the right before you turn right into Deakin Avenue, Mildura's main street) is the best and shadiest in the city, according to the Cutlers, who say they have forgotten what rain looks like after three months there.

Only problem is . . . it isn't Warrandyte, and Nick and Sue are already missing the people they knew, the market, the river, etc.

So, the Cutlers (and the Diedrichs) will make all those journeying from Warrandyte very welcome, either in their own van or tent, or in one of the on-site vans they have.

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JANUARY
ROSTA decides that a roundabout at the bridge is a necessity. Shelves plan indefinitely.

Old bark hut found to have been a sly grog shop built in 1955.
Warrandyte 3/345cc v Ringwood.

FEBRUARY
Eltham Council and Doncaster and Templestowe Council rule that bridge roundabout must be built, find that plans have been lost.

Slab hut preservation committee decides to restore the cottage to its original purpose. Village-wide search for a sly-grog keeper.

Warrandyte 2/665cc v Hawthorn/East Melbourne.

MARCH
Cement truck and circus injured in massive pile-up at the bridge. State Government announced "in-depth" investigation of Warrandyte's traffic problems. Looks up Melways to find Warrandyte.

Cecilia Throsslebottom, last sly-grog keeper in captivity, announced as the new tenant of the slab hut.

Warrandyte 1/803 v Victoria (exhaustion stopped play).

APRIL
Work starts on bridge roundabout.

Slight licensing problem, to wit a massive protest by the State's hoteliers, delays the opening of Ye Olde Slab Hut Sly Grog Shanty. Ms Throsslebottom distraught and drinking heavily.

Warrandyte Cricket Club declines an invitation to become the Australian XI and play England. "We reckon Border should be given a chance," says club president.

MAY
Builders' Laborers Federation stops work on bridge roundabout.

Ms Throsslebottom issues Supreme Court writ against Australian Hotels Association alleging restraint of trade and says it has been very, very nasty to her.
Warrandyte 45.7 d Norwood 3.2.



JUNE
Grollo brothers take over bridge contract. Announce plans for a 74-storey roundabout, "the biggest in Australia". BLF members resume work.

Ms Throsslebottom awarded \$240,000 damages, described by the papers as the "largest single legal payment ever awarded to a 75-year-old former sly grog keeper who bar-racks for Fitzroy."

Warrandyte 52.3 d Carlton 2.5.

JULY
Excavations for roundabout break into the long-lost Consolidated Aardvark gold mine. BLF members strike for fear-of-the-dark allowance. Some suddenly driving Ferraris.

Croatian nationalists take over slab hut. Claim first sly-grog keeper was Croat Anton Snivelvich. Don't mind shanty plans going ahead but insist that Yugoslavs not be allowed to drink there. Pub demands that Ms Throsslebottom pay drink bill.
Warrandyte 62.10 d Victoria 0.3.

AUGUST
Consolidated Aardvark mine sealed. Roundabout up 10 storeys. Battle of the Slab Hut. Yugoslav community sends suicide company of fish and chip shop proprietors to winkle out Croats. Hut's chimney slightly damaged by pickled onion bottle. Croats retreat.

Warrandyte d Ireland (no, we couldn't figure out the scoring system, either).

SEPTEMBER
Little Buggas discover nests of pied glottalstops on 17th storey of roundabout. Injunction stops building.

Licence granted for sly grog shop. Ms Throsslebottom delighted. Work begins on levelling North Warrandyte for shanty car park.

Warrandyte defeats Essendon in VFL grand final. Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club choir, in front of capacity MCG crowd, sings "Advance Australia Fair" and "Up There Alice Watson".

OCTOBER
State Government rules that a 75-storey roundabout breaks planning rules. Grollos ordered to dismantle it.

Ms Throsslebottom discovers old love Anton Snivelvich living in humpy at the back of the slab hut. They decamp to the Gold Coast.

Warrandyte Football Club declines offer to replace the Swans in Sydney. "We think the Swans should get another go," says the club president. "Besides, it would be a bit far for the lads to go to answer CFA calls."

NOVEMBER
Massed mums delivering children to school break through BLF picket line on bridge. Roundabout site finally levelled.

Sly grog licence revoked. Ms Throsslebottom sends postcard from Surfers, saying "Wish you were here".

Mass swabbing of Warrandyte cricket and football clubs. Authorities later apologise.

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It's that time of the year when we are all vigilant in the pursuit of eradicating bushfire hazards. Rumor has it that this was not the reason why a certain community-conscious chap shaved off his magnificent beard. John Cousins just felt like a cool change.

All the very best to Murray Cridge, who works with the Co-Op supplying firewood and mud-bricks. He and local lass Karen Payne are tying the knot in February.

Special discounts are given to Warrandytians who wander up North seeking the sun. The Cutlers, previously of Brackenberry St, and the Diedricks, of Valias Street, are now the joint owners of the Calder Caravan Park at Mildura. Proof of identity is a mud-brick.

The film club that operates from the North Warrandyte Community Centre is looking for new members. It's an excellent opportunity to catch up on those films you "meant to see", entertain the kids on a wet afternoon, catch up with fellow citizens, and it's close to home.

That jaunty young man of flying machine fame, John MacNeish must have nine lives or God on his side. Wonder what he thought of when he found himself 600 feet up and the plane falling apart.

Ken Virtue, Lee Scott and boys are about to take off for a real wilderness (we have to admit that Warrandyte is a Clayton's one). While most of us will be having turkey for Christmas, Ken and Lee are doing



one better . . . They are off to Turkey Creek in the Bungle Bungle Ranges to run a "railway halt". Not sure whether the railway is built yet, however you can rest assured of good tucker, pleasant company and cold beer if you are in the area. Some people will go to any lengths to avoid the schedules of WAA drama rehearsals. There are many, many people who are very sorry to see them go, but in traditional spirit, we wish them well.

If you thought Warrandyte had been invaded by kids, you were right. Primary schools in the area billeted school children from overseas and interstate while they competed in the Pacific Games, which are part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Many lasting friendships were formed during the week the schools acted as hosts. The visitors delighted in scrambling through gold mines and poking around pottery shops in their very limited spare time. A very worthwhile experience for both the host families and the billet children. Thanks to the 70 Warrandyte families who offered their homes to the children.

Daily commuters will be jumping for joy with the arrival of the school holidays. One will be able to spend an extra 10 minutes in bed in the mornings with the bridge freed of its normal congestion. Guess it's ex-

pecting too much that the round-about will materialise before February and this new-found luxury will be a permanent state of affairs.

Rob Green has put his foot in it again. Cheer up mate, we all know that this isn't your usual style. Rob is laid up with a rather sore foot. Well-wishers please note that it is not gout — Rob says the damage was inflicted by a brick hoist at work.

Congratulations to Max Wilkes, one of our talented yet modest local painters. He has recently been chosen as Artist of the Year by the Victorian Artists Society. It is a highly valued award as the painter is chosen by his or her peers.

How about "dipping our lids" to our wonderful elderlies. Not to be deterred by the many sickies at the moment, they put on a magnificent concert and afternoon tea for more than 100 guests recently. The quality and variety of the music and dance was equalled by their sense of humor and comradeship. We could all learn a lot by sharing their world, which is full of warmth. We wish them a very merry Christmas.

Warrandyte is sending some emissaries to England to ensure that two expatriate families — the Geldards and the Davies, will not be deprived of the flavor of Australia. Claire Dawson, John Fisher and Libby Ferguson are taking armfuls of gumleaves to replace the holly on their Christmas table, just in case they forget us and our hot, dry and dusty surrounds.

1985 festival planning is under way

Our home amongst the gum trees is the theme for the 1985 This Is Warrandyte Festival, which is to be held on the weekend of 30 and 31 March. Planning by the festival committee is well advanced.

The traditional market and parade are expected to be bigger and better than ever. Concerts are planned on the new Stiggants Reserve Stage.

New ideas include a proposal

that decorated Sulo bins will form part of the parade, an art exhibition organised by the Warrandyte Rotary Club, and a variety of

dances.

There will be a disco at the football club rooms, a bush dance at the White House, and old-time dancing at the Elderly Citizens' club, all on Friday 29. One ticket will permit entry to all venues.

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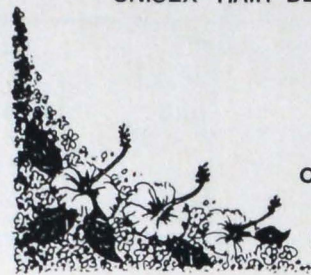
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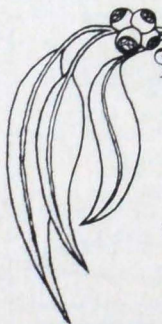
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Life in our village 100 years ago, as seen by the Anderson's Creek correspondent of the Evelyn Observer

The pic-nic was perfect

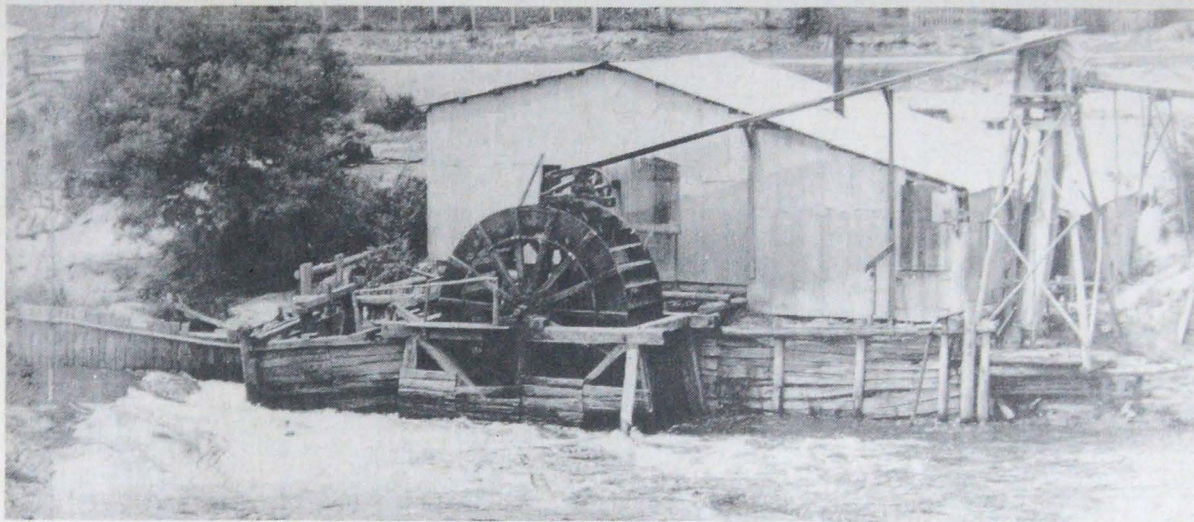
DECEMBER, 1884: Children's Pic-nic, Boxing Day — It was a pretty sight.

Mr Collins, who had charge of the affair, had made a large circle, festooned from a centre tree with numerous small and large flags, the latter with suitable devices. This, combined with the splendid weather, the beautiful green appearance of the ground, and well-dressed, happy-looking children, the *tout ensemble* was perfect.

The circle itself must have cost infinite labor and was the admiration of all present. About 100 children sat down to tea, sports were indulged in, and useful prizes given to the successful ones.

For the liberal responses of the inhabitants, the donation of Mr Arthur Perry of Melbourne, and Mr E. Squires' donation of 12 dozen buns, the children were indebted for the treat. What was left of the good things was divided amongst the children on New Year's Day.

To Mr Collins for his indefatigable labors certainly great praise is due, also to the young ladies who assisted in the distribution to the children.



The State Battery, Yarra River, Warrandyte. The battery was working three shifts daily at the end of 1884, so great was the amount of quartz available.

The ball held in the hall on the 29th inst., although not so crowded as ordinary, was a very enjoyable one, everybody leaving thoroughly satisfied with their night's dancing.

Anderson's Creek Cricket Club — A largely attended meeting was held at the Union Hotel on Saturday evening last to form the above club. The following were the office-bearers appointed:

President, E.H. Cameron, Esq., M.P. Treasurer, Mr Trezise. Secretary, Mr Oldham. Committee: Messrs Masterton, Mullens, Logan, Collins, Allen, Sloane and Arnold.

Donations received — E.H. Cameron, one pound; F. Trezise, Union Hotel, one pound. Several other gentlemen have also promised their support.

About 20 joined, the entrance fee being fixed at 2s 6d. New books were ordered to be got at once, and Wednesdays and Saturdays appointed practice days.

Now that we have started so well it is to be hoped that several matches will take place between this and Easter. We have a pretty good

team and will, I think, report matches favorably.

There is an improvement in the returns from the Crown Company Dyke. In a day or two 3 shifts will be on at the battery, and continuous crushing for some months to come, the contractors slooping being able to get sufficient stuff for that purpose.

The claims generally are looking very well. They will wash off the trail crushing, Yarra tunnel reef, this (Tuesday) evening or Wednesday morning. The plates are looking very well indeed.

The Yarra Tunnel Extended will start in the shaft in the centre of the island this week.

The rush near Pantom Hill is causing a little stir, and I have no doubt that some of our alluvial miners will visit the place.

I understand that the plans and specifications are ready for a commencement at the Evelyn Tunnel. As these works are of some magnitude we can safely predict better times in 1885 with us. What with the recent discoveries in quartz and permanent crushing at the

Crown Battery, work will be plentiful.

Messrs Grant and Holloway obtained 31ozs. 7dwts. from 13½ tons. A cutting vein made a blow in the reef two feet thick. The gold was poorer in the drive.

Several tons of stone were of much inferior quality than the reef either above or below them. They are starting a new shaft north and intend putting up a whip and letting driving and sinking by contract in their present shaft.

Annual Licensing Meeting. The following licenses were renewed:

Mrs Grant, Anderson's Creek Hotel, Anderson's Creek. George Wiggan, Ringwood. Samuel Couits, Burnt Bridge.

The granting of new licence from transfer to Francis Trezise, Union Hotel, Anderson's Creek, was granted.

The Great Southern Quartz Mining Company obtained 15ozs. 7dwts. from 5½ tons of quartz. They intend to have another crushing before Christmas. The shareholders are quietly making between five and ten pounds a week, not bad by any means.

The reef in the private property looks very well. Next Monday they will start a crushing of 20 tons; the crushing will be very fair indeed, but it will not be a criterion of the claim, both above and at the foot the gold shows better than the drive.

The weather is hot and sultry with indications of more rain.

• The Warrandyte Historical Society presents speakers of local and general historical interest. For further information phone the secretary, Ruby Arnaud, 844 3358.

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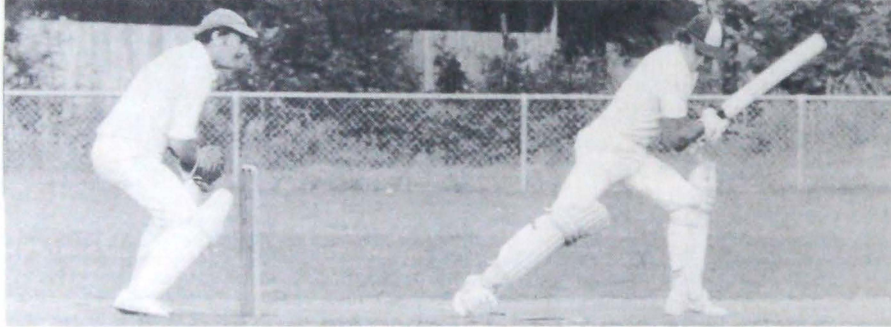
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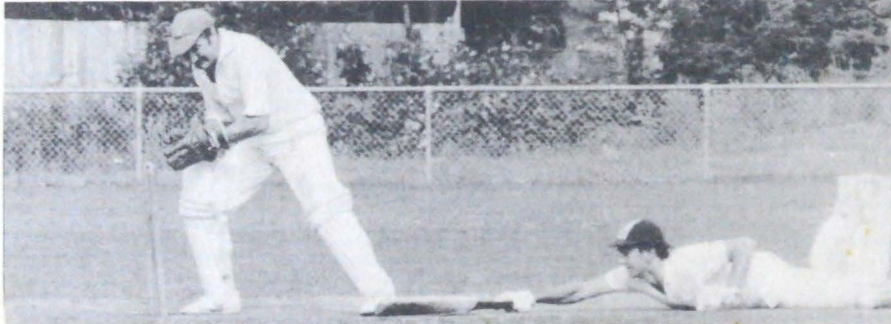
Future in safe hands

WARRANDYTE
Diary
SPORTS NEWS

One of the reasons Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Shield side has had such a successful run for the past couple of years is wicketkeeper Bruce Kline. Kline is one of those wily old veterans who knows every trick in the book, and what's more, opposition batsmen know he knows them. There is nothing more unnerving to a batsman than having a keeper breathing down his neck, especially when a fast bowler is operating. When Kline stands up for Warrandyte's openers Graeme Lloyd or Steve Pascoe, action is sure to follow, as these pictures show.



One more step and you're out, mate!



Not out, but worth a shout!



Success at last. Caught behind!

letters

Grave was desecrated

On the afternoon of Sunday November 11 I went with my family to visit my husband's grave. Imagine my horror when we arrived at the Anderson's Creek Cemetery to find that the grave had been run over by an excavator used for grave digging.

My son has kept the plaque clean and polished and in beautiful condition, but now it is scratched and defaced, and the flower container is broken.

It was very distressing to find the grave in the condition it was. I don't think it is necessary to damage graves when digging others.

Why such large machinery is in use in a small cemetery is beyond my comprehension. It is desecration at its worst, and my husband's

grave was not the only one to suffer.

D.M. Clark,
Brackenbury St.

Board claims are unjust

I have just returned from holidays and collected my six-month-old pedigree boxer bitch from Yarrabrook Kennels in Warrandyte.

Reading your article in the last issue on Mr Ern Yarra, the proprietor of the kennels, has prompted me to write in praise of Yarrabrook's service.

Ern has looked after my previous pedigree boxer bitch and is now looking after this pup, which is from a Letomi litter at \$450 each. I would certainly not leave my pet in the care of just any kennel.

Ern has always fed, cleaned and groomed my dogs and taken an interest in them. He knows the dogs by name and where they have come from. I know he would not let them roam as the Board of Works has claimed he has, and I have always found the kennels clean, even when I have dropped in unexpectedly.

I hope you will pass this information on to the board. Thank you for printing the article and bringing these unjust allegations to the people's notice.

Norm Ellis,
Warringah Crs.,
North Eltham.

Thank you, Warrandyte

On behalf of the fete committee of St Stephen's Warrandyte with Emmanuel Park Orchards, I wish to thank the community as a whole, the local shopkeepers, and the local traders of Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

Their valuable support and generosity has helped to ensure the success of our fete this year, the proceeds of which go not only to the local church, but to the wider church and to a number of church welfare and charity agencies as well.

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FIRSTS
 Warrandyte 6/303 c.c (White 156, Salter 73, Peters 34) drew with South Ringwood 5/295. Game washed out.
 Warrandyte 4/154 dec. (Salter 56, Jacobs 54) d. North Ringwood 114 (Lloyd 8/48) and 3/108.
 Warrandyte 190 (Salter 51, Amiguet 39, Jacobs 29) v. Vermont.

SECONDS
 Warrandyte 86 and 7/144 (McCarthy 37, Kline 26, Peake 23) lost to South Ringwood 128 (Feather 6/41, O'Brien 3/52).
 Warrandyte 143 (Kline 67, Stanley 33) lost to North Ringwood 206.
 Warrandyte 1/47 (Stursteps 20) v. Vermont 200 (Junwirth 5/74).

THIRDS
 Warrandyte 5/262 (O'Brien 94, Wilson 78 n.o., King 38, Kline 25) lost to South Ringwood 5/326.
 Warrandyte 9/199 (Grant 44, Cameron 36, Kline 32) lost to North Ringwood 5/240 (O'Brien 3/57).
 Warrandyte v. Vermont 5/339.

FOURTHS
 Warrandyte 207 (Day 48, Peters 37, Thomas 36, Moore 29) d. South Ringwood 170 (Utt 3/31).
 Warrandyte 82 lost to North Ringwood 142 (Blair 4/49, Moore 3/24).
 Warrandyte 89 v. Vermont 2/43.

FIFTHS
 Warrandyte 90 and 9/88 (Leguier 25) lost to South Ringwood 128 (Blackburn 4/42).
 Warrandyte 94 lost to Ainslee Park 99 and 7/223 (Leguier 4/13, Vitiritti 4/16) and 7/223.
 Warrandyte 94 (Beasley 37) v. Vermont 4/74 (Owen 3/12).

SIXTHS
 Warrandyte 131 (Gathercole 37) lost to Ainslee Park 158 (Harris 4/55, Roberts 3/17, Owen 3/50).
 Warrandyte 164 (Owen 26, Clarke 26, Voljay 23) lost to Kilsyth 7/259 (Roberts 3/68).
 Warrandyte 276 (Voljay 81, Roberts 79, Chipperfield 43) v. Mt. Evelyn 4/57.

WOMEN
 Warrandyte 123 and 121 (McLaws 70 n.o. and 38, Chapman 21) lost to Tecoma 129 and 124 (McLaws 4/21 and 4/59, Martin 3/45).
 Warrandyte 4/267 dec. (Chapman 82, McLaws 73, Martin 70) d. Doncaster 123 and 47 (Chapman 5/33 and 3/5, McLaws 4/20, McGhee 3/17).
 Warrandyte 5/130 (McLaws 44, Chapman 28, McGhee 20) v. Monash 100 (McLaws 4/42, McGhee 4/31).

UNDER-16
 Warrandyte 5/206 (Kline 63, McCartin 51, Day 46 n.o.) d. Vermont 5/205 (Kline 3/38).
 Warrandyte 7/172 (Kline 72, Snaidero 30, McCartin 24) d. Mooroolbark 7/136.
 Warrandyte 0/13 v. East Ringwood 128 (Kline 5/40, King 2/16).

UNDER-14 (1)
 Warrandyte 4/183 (Whitchurch 85 n.o., Hughes 64 n.o.) d. Wantirna South 65.
 Warrandyte 8/132 (Kline 51) d. Mooroolbark 7/129.
 Warrandyte 8/94 (Vitiritti 27 n.o.) v. East Ringwood.

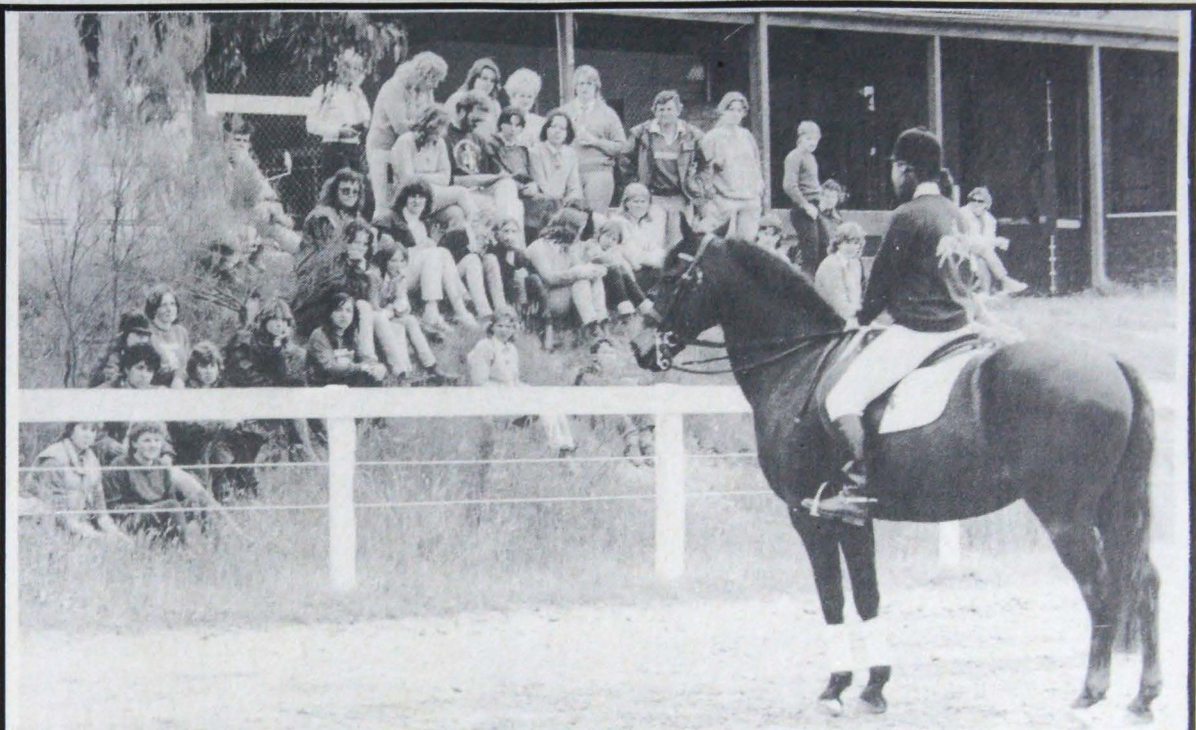
UNDER-14 (3)
 Warrandyte 2/140 (Hanson 70 n.o., Weatherley 42) d. South Croynod 9/125 (Croft 3/39).
 Warrandyte 8/107 d. Chirside Park 33 and 4/33 (McFarlane 6/17).
 Warrandyte v. South Ringwood 7/163 (Croft 4/45).

UNDER-14 (5)
 Warrandyte 26 and 3/48 lost to Mooroolbark 43 (McGinty 5/18 incl. hat-trick, Drew 3/3) and 7/110 dec.
 Warrandyte 53 lost to Parkwood 3/62.
 Warrandyte 93 (Kleinhenz 22) v. St. Andrews.

UNDER-12 (1)
 Warrandyte 129 (Ferguson 37, Elderfield 33 n.o., Hely 28) d. Norwood 12 (Joy 6/8, Hughes 4/2) and 9/109.
 Warrandyte 53 and 82 lost to North Croynod 4/128.
 Warrandyte 8/137 (Elderfield 22, Ferguson 20, Comrie 35 n.o.) v. East Ringwood.

UNDER-12 (3)
 Warrandyte 3/113 (Spencer 32 n.o., Neagle 30 n.o.) d. Croynod North 41 and 7/50 (Keamy 3/8).
 Warrandyte 87 (Spencer 32, Hassall 24) d. Croynod 76.
 Warrandyte 4/29 v. Johnson Park 72 (Wilke 4/28).

UNDER-12 (4)
 Warrandyte 114 (Ellis 29, Provan 28) d. Wantirna 63.
 Warrandyte 87 lost to Montrose 94 (Jacobs 4/15).
 Warrandyte 6/92 (Prangley 31, Valentine 21 n.o., Simatkovich 23) v. East Ringwood 45 (Valentine 3/1).



Virginia Creed, on Ranito, explains some dressage points to her audience at Wyena Pony Club.

Wyena Pony Club were hosts recently to one of Australia's leading equestriennes.

Virginia Creed, a nationally-recognised dressage rider, visited to demonstrate to Wyena and neighbouring clubs the basics of her craft. She explained to local riders some of

A STAR IN THE SADDLE

the training methods she uses and gave a demonstration ride of the Prix St. George (FEI) test on her magnificent horse Ranito.

Virginia also answered many ques-

tions put to her by a most attentive audience.

Her visit was organised by the North Metro Zone of the Pony Club Association of Victoria.

Kids with winning ways . . .

Sport in brief

They take their sport mighty seriously at Anderson's Creek Primary School — so seriously that it could become a bit of an embarrassment.

If the trophies and pennants continue to come in at the current rate, the Education Department may have to extend the school to accommodate them.

Anderson's Creek has developed into a major force in the Templestowe District Schools Sports Association.

This year, the association held seven major interschool competitions — football, softball, T-ball, bat tennis, netball, cricket and rounders.

Anderson's Creek contested six grand finals.

They won the netball, rounders and bat tennis and were runners-up in football, cricket and T-ball.

The latest successes were the bat tennis kids and the rounders girls.

Warrandyte Canoe Club are seeking more paddlers.

The club meets at the bridge at 6.30 pm each Wednesday while daylight saving is on to further their

sponsored their junior champions, Jane Anderson and Paul Kazakis, to the Australian Sports Camp.

As a result, the two will be coached by top Australian players, including Peter McNamara.

The camp will be a four-day, live-in clinic at Presbyterian Ladies College this month.

Warrandyte Netball Club have already brought home two premierships from the spring competition — with the strong possibility of a hat-trick.

The premiers so far are the Under-10(2) and the Under-14(2).

And when this edition of the Diary went to press, the Under-16s were undefeated on their way to the finals.

The Under-10 team showed tremendous improvement on their winter form; the Under-14s were undefeated and convincingly won their grand final 15-9.

Warrandyte Tennis Club have

experience in a water sport which has enjoyed an unprecedented upsurge in popularity.

"Club members presently span the whole range of skill levels," club spokesman John Boyle told the Diary.

"So there'll almost certainly be people to tip in with and people to gain knowledge from."

"Like skiing, tennis, golf etc., a great deal of pleasure and excitement can be had with a little practice of a few basic strokes."

Club outings include day, week-end and week-long trips.

The more venturesome members will tackle the Snowy River over Christmas-New Year.

Prospective paddlers should contact Mr Boyle on 844 3333 or John Morey (844 3832).

Warrandyte Tennis Club are running a nine-week singles competition for juniors.

Junior members have shown great interest in singles play and organisers believe the competition will give them valuable confidence and experience.

Warrandyte women's cricket team vice-captain Sue Smith is certainly following a family sporting tradition.

Sue is the team's wicketkeeper — and it just so happens that her grandfather kept wickets for Warrandyte way, way back.

Sue is deputy skipper to all-rounder Jenny Chapman, a member of one of Warrandyte's most illustrious cricketing families.

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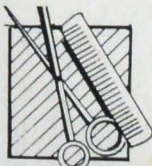
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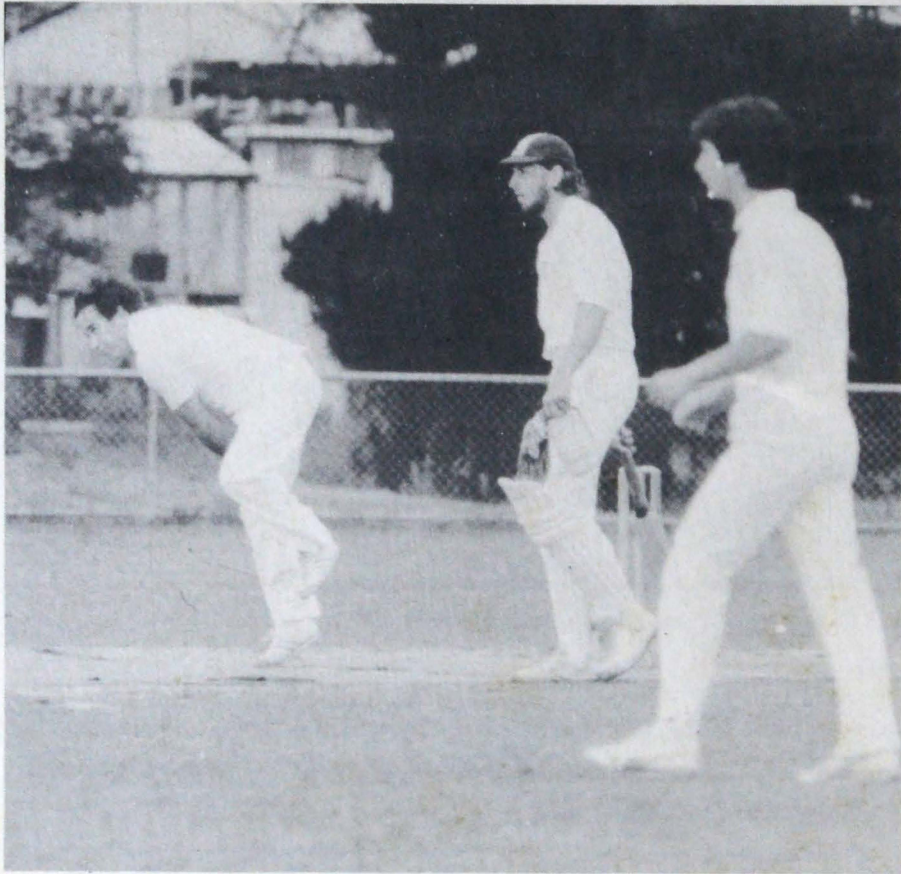
Pity the batsman on the receiving end of this delivery!

The bowler is Graeme Lloyd, one of the keys to Warrandyte first eleven's success these past few seasons.

Recruited from Eastfield, Lloyd is perhaps the most feared bowler in the Ringwood District Cricket Association competition — and he showed just why last month with a superb effort against North Ringwood.

He took 8/48 with his sustained, accurate swing to bundle North Ringwood out for a mere 114 and set up a comfortable win.

It was the best of Lloyd's many fine performances which have earned him a string of club and association trophies.



Bloods name new coach

Former Diamond Valley league captain Chris Valerkou has been appointed senior coach of Warrandyte Football Club.

He replaces Kevin McLean, who retired at the end of last season after leading the Bloods to their memorable EDFL third division flag in 1983.

The reserves will be in the hands of Lance Williams. They were coached last season by stalwart David Mitchell, who combined that job with club presidency.

Williams, who has played much senior football, was captain of Warrandyte reserves when they won their first premiership, in 1980.

The club advertised both coaching positions following the decisions of McLean and Mitchell to step down.

Valerkou, who is in his early 30s, comes to Warrandyte with a big reputation.

He was captain of Lator in the strong Diamond Valley Football League and is a former captain of the Valley's interleague side.

He has been appointed on a non-playing basis but it would not surprise to see him in action at some stage next season.

Valkerou, who played most of his football in the centre, will be moving into Warrandyte before Christmas.

He met the players at a family barbecue early this month at the Warranwood home of club president Brian Tomlinson.

The Bloods will start training early in February.

Warrandyte will start preparations for the 1985 season on a sound financial footing, having converted a deficit into a \$7000 surplus.

"We're in a healthy financial position thanks to the management of affairs by Brian Tomlinson and the guidance of the club by David Mitchell, the outgoing president," secretary Anthony Giles-Peters told the Diary.

The annual general meeting last month adjourned without electing new office-bearers. This will be done at a meeting early in February.

The club are seeking maximum participation in the election and any prospective committee-person seeking further information on it should contact Mr Giles-Peters (844 2573) or Mr Mitchell (844 3538).

Last month's meeting approved the incorporation of the club and moves to effect this are being processed.

Dytes' record at risk

A middle-order batting collapse has jeopardised the unbeaten record this season of Warrandyte Cricket Club's senior eleven.

The Dytes failed to capitalise on a fine start by openers Wayne Amiguet and Graeme Jacobs against competition leaders Vermont and were dismissed for 190.

Amiguet, who made 39, and Jacobs (29) put on 74 for the first wicket but the Dytes slumped to 4/95.

Only captain-coach John Salter, who contributed 51, offered real resistance to the Vermont attack after the opening partnership.

The other batsmen were unable to come to terms with an accurate spin attack.

Warrandyte's prospects of restricting the strong Vermont batting line-up to a losing score depend largely on the ability of opening bowler Graeme Jacobs to get early wickets.

Despite the disappointing

batting display Warrandyte are well placed in their campaign to defend the premiership they won last season.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, the seniors had won three of their four completed games and drawn the other.

There have been some out-

standing performers.

Salter has been a model of consistency with the bat, with scores so far this season of 103, 133, 73, 56 and 51.

Robert White celebrated his delayed return to the crease with an innings of 156 in the washed-out game against South Ringwood.

Ladies lash out

Warrandyte's women cricketers really got their act together last month.

Statisticians were reaching for the record books to find a performance to rank with the one the women put up against Doncaster.

Jenny McLaws and Suzanne Martin set the pattern for a huge win with a record opening partnership of 135.

Jenny contributed 70 runs and Suzanne 73.

Suzanne's sister Jenny Chapman continued the bad news for Doncaster by chipping in with 82.

Warrandyte declared at 4/267.

The Chapman-McLaws combination was equally devastating when Doncaster occupied the crease.

Chapman took 5/33 and 3/5, McLaws 4/20 and Maria McGhee 3/17 as Doncaster were dismissed for 123, then for 47 when they followed on.

Warrandyte won by an innings and 97 runs.

They have won four of their six matches this season to be within striking distance of the top four.

And Graeme Lloyd's 8/48 against North Ringwood was a masterpiece of controlled swing bowling.

The second eleven are finding the going much tougher.

They lost their first four games, but at 1/47 were in with a real chance against Vermont, whom they dismissed for 200.

Spinner Fred Jungwirth contained the Vermont bats with his experience and guile and finished with 5/74.

The Under-16s, heavily stocked with talent, are unbeaten and are being brilliantly led by Reece Kline.

An all-rounder with outstanding potential, Kline is among the runs and wickets each week.

He has been selected captain of the Ringwood District Cricket Association representative team.

A similar honour has been bestowed at senior level on John Salter.

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