

Warrandyte Diary

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Something for all at festival

The weekend of March 30 and 31 is the time the Warrandyte community gets together to have fun.

The weekend commences this year with a progressive dance on Friday night, March 29, at the Recreation Reserve, Tarooma Ave. To cater for all tastes the progressive dance will include a bush dance at the White House, a disco at the Football Club, and an old-time dance at the Senior Citizens Club.

One ticket will provide entry to any one of these dances. Tickets are

\$5 single, \$12 family and \$2 for students and pensioners. For information, contact Lyn Cappellani, 844 2191, or Claire Dawson, 844 2373.

The traditional Apex Fun Run of 9 km around Warrandyte will start things off at 8 am on Saturday March 30, followed by the Parade down Yarra Street at 11 am. This year there will be all the regular community groups, jazz bands, old cars, horses, decorated bikes, wagons, fire brigades, a Cobb & Co coach, as well as decorated — wait

for it — SULO BINS!

The market will be conducted on both the Saturday and Sunday, with other attractions being school concerts, a billycart derby, pet parade, art show, historical exhibition, Aboriginal dancers, fancy dress, canoe race, Cobb & Co coach rides, spotlight walks and a variety of activities on the Stiggants Reserve stage. The scouts are also organising Sulo bin races.

Paradiddle will be playing with Shenanigans, Tim O'Brien, Bush Turkey and Lazy Harry at the Sun-

day afternoon concern, which is always a fitting finale to the weekend.

For more information, please see program details published in this issue.

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Local keeps us in the dark; All's fair in love, war, and the Warrandyte Billycart Derby; Monster is really a guiding light; Watch out for the fastest load of rubbish on earth; Sheer folly, but you'll love it.

This is
WARRANDYTE



North Warrandyte firefighters Irene Allen, left, and Phil Swindley put out smouldering stumps the quick way: by foot.

Fire liaison breaks down

Judging from problems that arose during the recent North Warrandyte fire, Eltham Council's Displan Committee on natural disasters has plenty of work to do before the next fire season.

Poor communications between various authorities and between the authorities and the public meant some children were alone at home near the fire area because parents had been stopped by police at the bridge.

The Diary has been told that some parents, caught in a long line of traffic, swam across the river to get to their homes and children.

Angry parents who remonstrated with police at the bridge road block were told that the fire was far more serious than it actually was, the Diary has been told.

Representatives of local groups have told the Diary that the block-

ing of the bridge was not required, and that it was a pointless exercise anyway because traffic was able to enter North Warrandyte from Research.

An official from one local group says the fire exposed a big gap in communications procedures, and that the lessons from the experience should be carefully studied.

Local groups are still trying to determine the exact cause of the communications problems and what can be done about them.

Other aspects of the performance of the various authorities are also being studied.

North Warrandyte fire chief Graeme Lawrence says the bridge road block was closed on the order of police headquarters, and not at the request of the CFA. He says the

New Davmark shops appeal

Davmark, the company that wants to build a supermarket in the West End, has appealed to the Planning Appeals Board against Doncaster and Templestowe Council's rejection of its latest proposal.

The appeal had been set down for February 27 and 28, but was deferred when the appeals board found it had failed to notify objectors properly.

It is now likely to be heard next month.

Councillor Anne Martin has organised a public meeting at the White House for March 25 at 8.30 pm. Councillor Martin, who will chair the meeting, says all residents and local organisations are welcome to attend.

She hopes the meeting will result in the community hiring a lawyer to represent it at the appeal.

So far the council is the only objector appearing with counsel. Warrandyte Advisory Committee will represent itself and the Warrandyte Environment League.

Councillor Martin also hopes that the meeting will agree on a community view on West End planning that can be put during the appeal.

Council has adopted a proposal by Councillor Martin that it ask the Board of Works to rezone Davmark's timberyard site from commercial to service business, which would preclude a supermarket but allow a low-cost housing development for elderly people. Councillor Martin is keen to have such a development on the site.

Since council rejected Davmark's proposal, the firm is believed to have bought Cowden's garage.

There are doubts that the community and local traders will be able to afford legal representation at the appeal.

WAC chairman Greg Thorpe says WAC certainly cannot afford it. "It would be nice if we could," he says, "but there are certain benefits in having a community group being seen to be putting its own case."

"Council for one is pleased to have us there supporting its view."

He says the continuous round of proposals, rejections and appeals has got out of hand. "The problem lies in the legal and planning systems," he says. "It's not so much Davmark's fault, it's really

up to the planning system to tell developers what they can and cannot do.

"The planning system and the legal system have failed.

"This can unfortunately have the consequence that when one party reaches its financial limit the other party gets its way.

"For example, local residents have had legal representation in the past but cannot afford to do so now.

"There is also a risk that Doncaster and Templestowe Council may no longer be able to justify the cost of legal representation if this issue goes on much longer.

"On the other hand the same may apply to the developer. He has to justify the cost the same as anyone else."

The local traders' representative

on WAC, Martin Kyne, says co-ordinated action is required to prevent a big supermarket being built.

"It is agreed by most that the West End complex needs to be better co-ordinated and integrated, but not to the extent of nearly doubling the size of Warrandyte existing shopping outlets," he says.

"As a trader in Warrandyte for just over 12 months (Martin helps run Warrandyte Cellars), I find it difficult to accept that no co-ordinated action by the traders is being taken to stop the large development at the West End.

"Perhaps, like most of us, the traders are frightened at being involved as it may mean spending money they just haven't got. But if we all pulled together it would be nothing in view of what will be lost if this development goes ahead."

Wheels turning faster on bridge roundabout

Warrandyte at last looks set to get the long-awaited roundabout at the bridge.

Councillor Ken McKenzie says great progress on a couple of problems has been made in the past couple of weeks.

He says Doncaster and Templestowe Council has won funding for the roundabout under the State Government's Traffic Facilities Program and that work will probably start soon. Under the pro-

gram it will have to be finished by June.

The council design has been with the Road Transport Authority for the past six months. Several amendments were suggested, but these have been sorted out by council's traffic engineer, Kelvin Ward.

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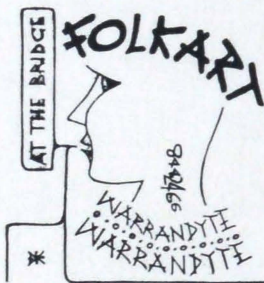
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solitary average kid in Warrandyte. Smokey has it on good authority that local mums who have been enrolling their little darlings in one particular community activity have, without exception, demanded special arrangements for little Johnnie/Mary, who "is very advanced for his/her age".

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Young local blokes invited married couple round to dinner. Married couple are 10 minutes late, but not to worry, everyone likes a beer and a bit of a chat before eating, there's plenty of time. Wrong. Young local bloke greets them at the door: "You're late," he says. "The dinner is burnt." Halfway through sipped chicken and vegetables a la charcoal, the phone rings. Young local bloke answers. "Nah, I can't mate," he says. "I've got a married couple (his exact words, mind you) round for dinner. Yeah, I'd love to, but what will I say." Pause. "OK, I'll be round in half an hour." Hangs up. "Sorry," he says. "... (name deleted) wants me to go to the Underground with him. Lock up when you leave."

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The phone had malfunctioned a good hour before the little North Warrandyte lady saw the Telecom man. She on her way down Research Road to pick up the kids. He just standing there looking important.

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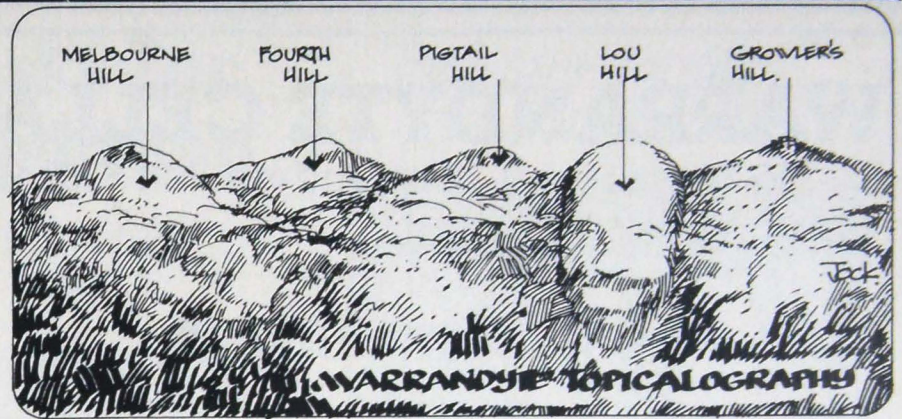
Not only was he the first Labor representative to hold the seat, he has held on to it for a second term, and he has also bought a house here.

Lou defeated the Liberal candidate, Mrs Gracia Baylor, by fewer than 100 votes in a tussle that

was always going to be closely fought.

Lou was perhaps representative of the big Labor win in the last election, achieving a swing of about 8.5 percent, one of the biggest in the state, to take the seat from the Liberals.

Ironically, Mrs Baylor stepped down from her upper house seat of Boronia to have a shot at Warrandyte. The Liberals lost Boronia as well as failing to win Warrandyte.



Cluster housing sought on 62-hectare site

The Board of Works has asked council to comment on a proposal to subdivide a large area of land between Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

The developers, Doncaster Pastoral Company, want the land rezoned from Landscape Interest A and Conservation A to allow them to put in a cluster housing development.

Council's planning strategy committee has recommended that council reject the proposal. Councillors have decided to defer a decision to allow local groups and individuals to look at the proposal and make submissions.

The land stretches from Harris Gully Road, just past the Beauty Gully Road intersection, east towards Knees Road.

The planning strategy committee says the proposal should be opposed by council because it is contrary to the urban corridor/green wedge Board of Works concept; because it is contrary to the objectives of the Conservation A and Landscape Interest A zones; because it would lead to pressure to rezone similar adjacent areas; because the land is of significant landscape interest; because it is inappropriate given the terrain, the possibility of soil erosion, bushfire risks, poor access and lack of urban services and because the proposed subdivision is contrary to the Country Fire Authority's design and siting guidelines.

The committee also says the suggested zoning, Environmental Living, is not compatible with the proposed subdivision.

The 62 hectares of land is largely undeveloped, and was at one stage suggested by council as a tip site, a suggestion that was vigorously and successfully opposed by local residents.

Almost two hectares of the land is zoned Landscape Interest A, and the remainder is Conservation A. Under the Landscape Interest A zoning, allotments must be at least eight hectares. The Conservation A zoning specifies a minimum block size of 40 hectares. Any clearing of native vegetation, subdivision, buildings, works, and use of the land requires permission from the Board of Works.

The developer wants to subdivide the land into 40 lots, ranging from about half a hectare to about three-quarters of a hectare. About 60 percent of the land would be open space, with the houses in three clusters in courts, with access from Harris Gully Road and Knees Road.

The developer says there are serious doubts that the land should ever have been zoned Conservation A and that the urban corridor/green wedge concept cannot be fully achieved.

The owners have had the land since 1966 for farming and possible subdivision: they say they have suffered because of the rezoning of the land from rural to Conservation A and that it appears they are being made to bear the full cost for the community of enabling the govern-

ment to try to achieve the urban wedge/green belt concept.

They also say that local residents are in favor of some sort of development and that this would allow the land to be properly managed at a low cost to the council.

The council planning strategy committee says landscape and conservation areas are fulfilling their role of maintaining the rural character of areas.

It says the proposed subdivision is similar in density to a Residential D zone, where the minimum block size is about half a hectare. It says such a density is excessive given the terrain, bushfire risk, poor access and lack of urban services. The land is also of significant landscape interest, it says.

The committee says that because much of the area has a slope of more than 20 degrees, development would be difficult and effective waste disposal questionable.

On the suggestion that the land be rezoned Environmental Living, the committee says the Shire of Healesville experience offers a guide.

Healesville has such a zone, and cluster development is permitted provided that there is a maximum of one dwelling per 10 hectares. This would mean only six dwellings on the 62 hectares.

WAC has told Council that it believes the proposed housing density is out of the question, but that a

lower density could be considered.

It believes that the Conservation A land use rules are insufficient and that with careful planning a low-density residential development could help preserve the quality of the area. It says the problem with the Conservation A zoning is that unsympathetic management of the land by government and semi-government authorities is possible.

Warrandyte Environment League has asked council to consider buying the land for natural bushland/passive recreation purposes. It says the purchase would provide a natural link with the 100 Acres reserve at Park Orchards and the Warrandyte State Park.

It also says the proposed housing density is far too high. The WEL president, Doug Seymour, says a cluster development with one house

to between eight and 10 hectares could be suitable.

He says council should not agree to access from Harris Gully Road because of the necessary earthworks would spoil a valuable piece of bush.

WEL has also told council that this rezoning application and one by the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust are part of a general process of degradation of the administration of the Metropolitan Planning Scheme.

Mr Seymour says: "Only by the most strenuous efforts can the steady erosion of the balanced planning intent of the scheme be arrested."

"We submit that these two applications are further examples of a short-sighted, 'each to its own merits' method of review, causing a steady loss of irreplaceable natural landscape character beneath a suburban monotone."

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Cemetery trust asks for more land for expansion

The Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust has asked the Board of Works to rezone 1.3 hectares of land behind the cemetery from public open space to allow it to extend the cemetery.

The board has asked Doncaster and Templestowe Council to comment on the proposal.

The council's town planning strategy committee has recommended that council not object to the proposal subject to submissions from the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and the National Parks Service (the land is part of the Warrandyte State Park).

Council has deferred a decision until submissions are considered.

Councillor Ken McKenzie says the trust has told him that the cemetery cannot be run properly unless the present level of burials is maintained, providing a constant source of money. This would require more land.

He says the trust wants to create a "bush cemetery" similar to one that is operating in Western Australia. There would be no headstones and graves would be placed between trees and the bush allowed to grow back.

The town planning strategy committee says the existing cemetery is close to capacity and that the proposal appears to be environmentally sensitive, with

minimum impact on the surrounding area.

Residents of Blair Street, Brackenbury Street and Cemetery Road and the Warrandyte Environment League oppose the proposal.

The residents say the extension would cut into an area of natural bush that is used regularly by bushwalkers and horse riders. The extension would detract from the natural beauty of the area, they say.

They say the cemetery was originally for local people and that if cemetery space is needed for people from other areas, then another area should be chosen.

Property values would be harmed if the cemetery was extended, they say.

The residents also say that the slope of the land makes it unsuitable for a cemetery and that erosion could be a problem.

Warrandyte Environment League says any extension into an area managed by the National Parks Service would be contrary to good planning practice, and that there are serious consequences for Australia as a whole from the loss of tree cover and the attrition of parkland.

WEL has written to the State Minister for Health opposing the proposal.

Full-time family head for church



The Fishleys and church officials, from left: Anna Fishley, Mr Fishley senior, Dr Murray, Mr Fishley, Karen Fishley, Margaret Fishley and the Reverend Gordon Watson, chairman of the Bourke Presbytery.

Warrandyte Uniting Church has at last got its own full-time minister.

He is the Reverend Stan Fishley, who was inducted in a ceremony at the church on January 22.

The service was conducted by the chairman of the Bourke Presbytery, the Reverend Gordon Watson, and attended by the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Victoria, Dr Stuart Murray.

Mr Fishley and his family were welcomed by the chief elder, Mr Alistair Davison, at a social function after the service.

Mr Fishley's previous ministries were at Romsey/Lancefield Presbyterian congregations and at the Donald and Euroa Uniting Churches.

He and his wife, Margaret, and daughters Anna and Karen, have moved into the Trezise Street manse, and can be contacted on 844 3476.

Soft-shoe shuffle down south

Got nothing to do on the night of Saturday April 13?

Why not put on your dancing gear and head off to the hall beside South Warrandyte Primary School, in Hall Road.

A 50/50 dance has been held there for many, many years, but local attendance is dropping.

Organisers say the proportion of people attending from outside the district is rising all the time.

It's a good family night — children are welcome — and about the cheapest entertainment in the district. Entry is only \$3.50 a head.

There is a BYO licence, and tea and coffee are provided.

Going going gone: Apex auction coming

The people who brought you the stage at Stiggants Reserve now make you an offer you can't refuse: bargains galore.

Apex's annual auction will get under way at 10.30 am on Sunday, March 24, at the White House.

As at the previous auction last year, Apexians will be offering a heap of antique building materials including leadlight windows,

French doors and Baltic and Murray pine lining.

On the "brand-new" side there will be 12 14-inch (no, convert it yourself) color TV sets to go under the hammer.

Proceeds of the auction will help Apex's local projects, so the club is appealing to residents for household goods, furniture, bric-a-brac and antiques. In short, anything

that can be sold.

Goods will be accepted as donations or sold on commission.

You can arrange for collection of your goods by ringing David Evans on 844 1046 after hours or you can take them to the White House on Saturday, March 23, between 9 am and 3 pm.

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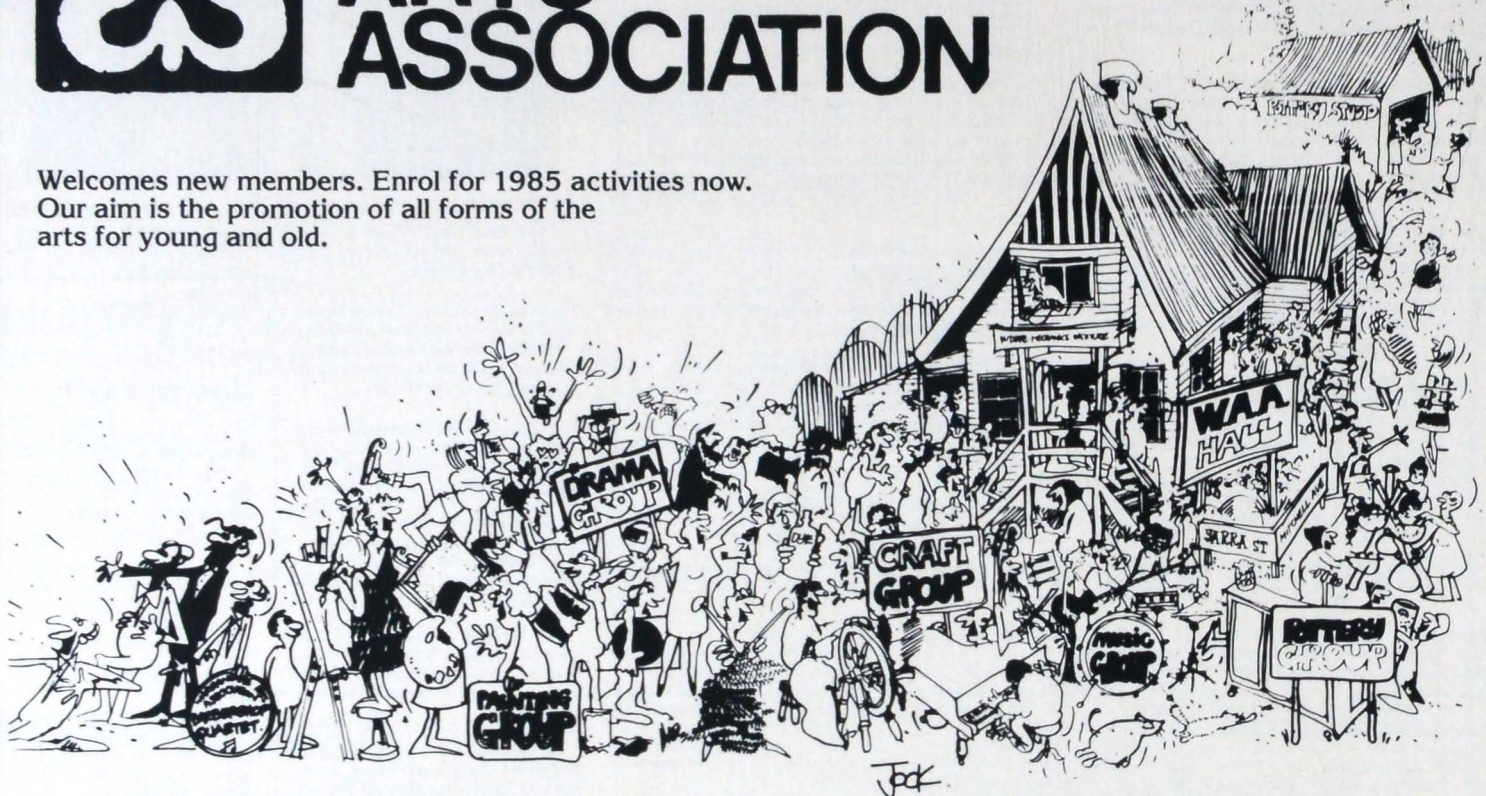
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Bookings open March 1, phone Yvonne, 844 3832.

WAC has opposed a 40-house cluster development proposed on Conservation A land between Park Orchards and Warrandyte. The land had been proposed as the site for a tip. WAC supports the local residents who believe, ironically, that the best way to protect this land is to allow controlled, low-density residential development.

A proposal to rezone land that is presently part of the Warrandyte State Park has been put to the Board of Works. WAC is deciding its attitude at its meeting this month. The proposal has been put by the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust to allow it to extend the cemetery. Should the cemetery be for Warrandyte people only? If so, less space might be needed.

WAC NOTES

...prepared by Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

The roundabout at the bridge is surfacing again. We might even see a start within the next few months. Bev Hanson is coordinating a comment on the landscape design for WAC to consider.

Rotary holds art show as part of festival

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte will celebrate its first birthday with an art show in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival. This is the local club's first show, and it is to be an annual event.

About 300 paintings and many varieties of craft will be exhibited. There will be a special prize for the best painting by a Warrandyte artist, and a prize for a painting with a Warrandyte theme.

The show will be officially opened at 7 pm on Friday March 29. Pre-buying will take place on this night. Tickets for this night may be obtained from Peter Murphy (842 8422) or Pat Digregorio (873 2647) at \$5 each. Wine and cheese will be available.

The show will be open on Saturday 30 between 10 am and 11 pm and on Sunday 31 between 10 am and 4 pm.

The aim of the show is to help and publicise the high level of art in Warrandyte.

It is fitting that the show will be held in both the multi-purpose room and music complex at Warrandyte Primary school. The music rooms were built in 1983 as both a school and community facility. Because of assistance received at that time from local service organisations and the Warrandyte community, the complex is now to be used to support Warrandyte artists.

Members of the Warrandyte Arts Association Pottery Group were enthusiastically greeting old friends and welcoming new ones when a most unwelcome newcomer ventured through the studio door. A one-metre snake for a student? No thank you, says Kathie, whose knees are still knocking in terror.

Well, how did we fare in our first fire scare this summer? There are lots of stories around. It seems that many reacted as well as could be expected, busying themselves filling gutters and containers and getting into sensible clothing. Certainly much concern was expressed by those residents who were unable to get home when the bridge was blocked. It was the same old problem... how to get hold of accurate information on which to base a rational decision. Maybe we should all get ourselves a weather vane.

Dick and Jan Davies, our English correspondents, would like their mates to know that they will be visiting Warrandyte at Easter.

Community patronage is needed for the Co-Op's businesses — mud bricks, wood fuel, secretarial services and child care. The funding to help start these projects has run out and now they're on their own. Jean, Rae and Ken would like to hear from you on 844 2548.

The intent of the new Sex

Discrimination Act is to ensure that girls are given the same opportunity as boys. It is ironical, therefore, that the practical result of the Act could well result in the reverse. There is some concern based on many schools' experiences that most girls would have to be included in sporting events with boys if the letter of the law is followed.

The replay of the cricket match between Warrandyte Cricket Club and the Brewers of 97 years ago achieved a similar result. Well, very approximately. A draw was declared. Commentators David Crockett and Martin Walker enjoyed it so much they are looking for a job with a radio station. Bouquets to Jenny Chapman, who stoically put up with many comments and much attention, without her game suffering.

One young student from Warrandyte High School deserves a pat on the back for his involvement in the community.

the fifth column...

Not only does he play and coach basketball, he is the junior representative on the basketball committee and more recently has joined the Warrandyte Festival Committee, where he has contributed greatly. Through his influence, pupils and staff at Warrandyte High School will participate in this year's festival. Congratulations Nick Arnott.

The Coffee Shop has got a grant from Doncaster and Templestowe Council. It means the Co-Op will be able to hire a youth worker for the shop, which has been closed for seven months. The Co-Op is looking for suitable applicants. If you are interested, phone the Co-Op on 844 2548.

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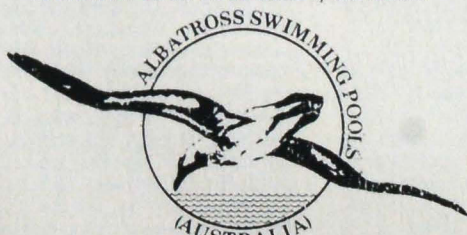
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FESTIVAL 85

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The map will show you where everything is, and the information in this program will give you the when, the what and the who.

A special feature of this year's festival is a Cobb & Co coach travelling between Stiggants and central Warrandyte. Free festival shuttle service in mini-buses provided by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Shire of Eltham will take you to each venue in time for special events. So why not leave your car at one of the parking areas shown on the map and leave the driving to us?

Have a fun week-end!

Don't forget to have a close look at the 50 banners along Yarra Street (from the bridge to the White House). All these decorative symbols of Warrandyte were produced by local children and community groups.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

3.30 — 12.00: COFFEE SHOP

Warrandyte Community Co-operative.

Enjoy a coffee and snacks. TV, pool table. (Community Centre)

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 29

7.30: 'FOLLIES OF WARRANDYTE'
WAA Drama Group revue-cabaret. BYO. \$7.50 per head. Also Fri 22, Sat 23, Thurs 28, Fri 29, Sat 30 March. BOOKINGS: Yvonne Morey, 844 3832.

7.30: PROGRESSIVE DANCE

One venue, three dances.

Disco — Warrandyte Football Club. Bush dance — White House, Billabong band. Old-time — Senior Citizens Club, Blue Notes band. One ticket allows entry to any dance. \$5 adults; \$12 family; \$2 students and pensioners. BOOK EARLY: Lyn Cappellani, 844 2191, or Clair Dawson, 844 2375.

7.30 — 11.00: ART SHOW

Rotary Club of Warrandyte. Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes St. Presentation night. \$5 per head (includes wine and cheese). Inquiries, Peter Murphy, 844 3085 (AH).

8.00: SPOTLIGHT WALK

Jumping Creek Reserve to Blue-tongue Bend. Wear flat shoes, bring a torch. Children welcome. State Park Rangers. Further information, 844 2659 or 844 2985.

SATURDAY

8.30 am: APEX FUN RUN

Stiggants Reserve. 9-km course. Contact Bruce Youl, 844 2833.

10 am-11 pm: ART SHOW

Rotary Club of Warrandyte. Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes Street. Categories includes best painting on any subject in any medium by local artists and a This is Warrandyte award. Catalogues available, \$2 each.

10 am: OPEN AIR CRAFT

MARKETS

Stiggants Reserve, Saturday and Sunday. Behind Community Centre (Getsons), Saturday only.

WAA EXHIBITION

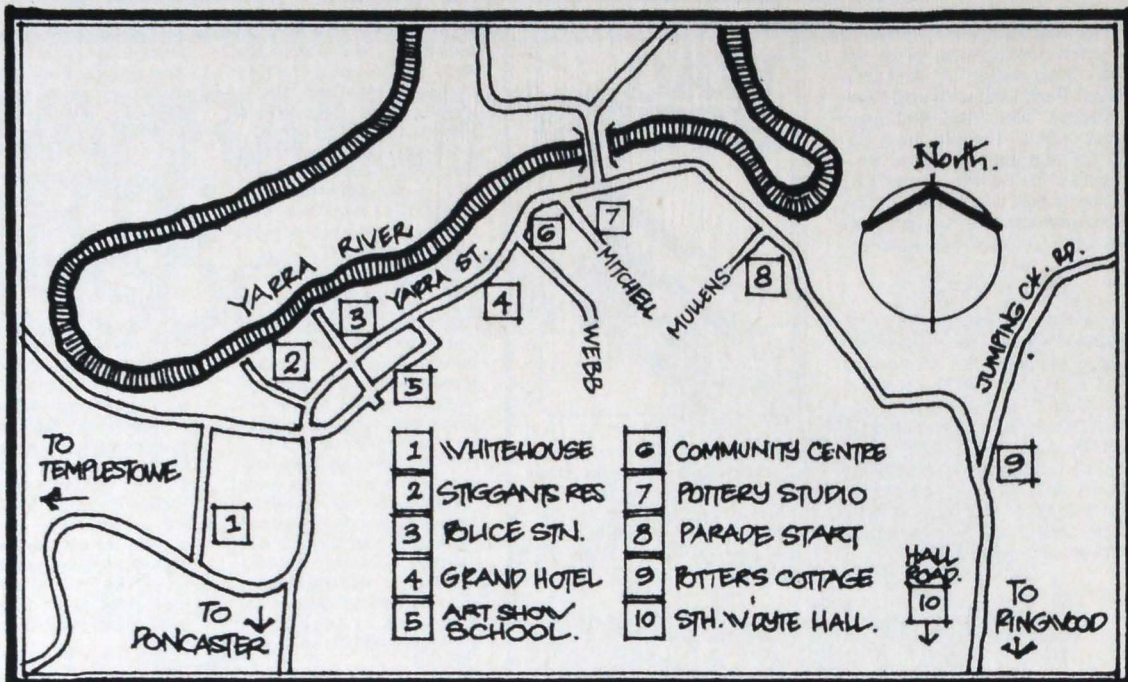
Mitchell Avenue, old Fire Station (near Community Centre). Pottery, painting and craft groups' display.

KIDS' MARKET

St Stephen's Anglican Church grounds, Stiggants Street. Inquiries: Luanda Pianta, 844 3230.

11 am: FESTIVAL PARADE

One of the highlights of our festival weekend. The parade includes pony clubs, kinders, school and church groups, senior citizens and local fire brigades. The only parade in which 95 percent of the population participates. Watch for decorated Sulo bins, Cobb &



Co coach, mystery scout float. Parade starts at the bridge (vehicles muster at Mullens Road, 10.30 am).

WARRANDYTE ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE DISPLAY

Enjoy a cuppa with the WEL. Little Buggas display at Stiggants Reserve. STATE PARK DISPLAY

"On the Roads with National Parks".

NOON — 5 pm HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION

"Our Golden Past" (history of gold in Warrandyte). Community Centre, Yarra Street.

NOON: FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Directly after parade at the stage, Stiggants Reserve. Entry free.

SULO BINS — BEST DECORATED COMPETITION

Judging near stage by Friends of Warrandyte State Park. Decorate your Sulo bins and be there.

SULO BIN RACE

Organised by local scouts. Inquiries: David Mott, 844 2718. On river bank after best decorated judging. Entry fee. Worthwhile prizes for each category.

BIKE REGISTRATION

Is your bike registered? If not, the Lions Club of Warrandyte and the Victoria Police will register it for you free of charge. Bring your bike to Stiggants, where there will be a security compound and bike registration.

12.30: STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Static display.

CFA DISPLAY

An extensive display by all our local brigades. On the river bank below Stiggants Reserve.

1.00: CANOE RACE

Warrandyte Canoe Club, from Stiggants Reserve up to the bridge and back. Entries on the day.

1.00: DEVONSHIRE TEAS

Organised by Brownies and Guides. At the Warrandyte Palette, corner Yarra and Forbes Streets.

1.30: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS

Continuing entertainment provided by Warrandyte High School students and teachers, senior citizens, Andersons Creek Primary School (bush dancing), Warrandyte Primary School (choirs), Rainbow the Clown and students from her class, Helen Briggs disco dancers, Aboriginal dancers (children from Worowa Aboriginal School), Eltham Steel Drum Band (students past and present from Eltham Primary School), St Anne's School, Warrandyte Primary School Bush

Band, Odyssey House Choir.

2.00: GOLD MINE TOUR

Bring a torch, comfortable walking shoes and join our tour guide, John Hanson, for an hour-and-a-half walk through Warrandyte's gold rush days and visit an actual 1850s gold mine. Run by Warrandyte Uniting Church. Gather at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte (free festival buses will take you there).

4.30 — 12.00: COFFEE SHOP

Warrandyte Community Co-operative. Coffee and snacks. TV, pool table. (Community Centre.)

5.00 — 9.30: THE ROCK CONCERT

Featuring local and imported talent. Organised by Lions and Apex Clubs of Warrandyte. On stage at Stiggants Reserve.

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SUNDAY

8.30 am: BILLY CART DERBY

Boys and girls can join in the action on this one! Enter your cart in the derby. Crash helmets compulsory. No go-karts, no commercial entries. Billycarts must satisfy marshalls. Inquiries: John, 844 3832; Doug, 844 2740. Forbes Street, outside police station. Entries 50c on day.

9.30 am: LIONS CLUB GYMKHANA

Wyena Pony Club grounds, Croydon Road, Warrandyte. All day. Inquiries: Alan Caulfield, 844 3882.

10 am: OPEN AIR CRAFT

MARKETS

Stiggants Reserve. WAA, Historical Society, WEL, Little Buggas, State Park Display. All as for Saturday.

BEARDED COLLIE CLUB DISPLAY

Bearded Collie Club of Vic. presenting a breed competition and obedience display. See this delightful breed at work. Inquiries: Mrs Gilbert, 725 4909.

10 am — noon: SUPER SHOT COMPETITION

Goal shooting competition open to everyone, basketball players, netball players, anyone who wants to try their skill. Prizes for winners in each age group. 50c entrance fee entitles competitor to 15 shots. Basketball Courts, Tarooma Avenue (near the oval). Refreshments will be available.

10 am — 4 pm: ART SHOW

Rotary Club of Warrandyte. Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes Street. Catalogues available, \$2. Your last chance to see and purchase.

10.30: INTER-BRIGADE COMPETITION

See our three local fire brigades compete for the Yarra Bent Branch, a trophy highly prized among local firefighters, and demonstrate their skills. Stiggants Reserve, on the river bank.

Noon: PET PARADE

Warrandyte High School. Have you a special pet? Then bring it along to Stiggants Reserve. All pets must be under owner's control. Details, 844 2749.

Noon: STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Static display.

Noon — 4 pm: FRIENDS OF STATE PARKS

Tree-planting and billy tea on the island near the bridge.

1 pm: TUG OF WAR

Warrandyte Fire Brigades. See local groups competing for the Tug of War trophy. Fire Brigades, Apex, Lions, sporting groups. Stiggants Reserve, on the river bank.

1.30 — 2.30: SUPER SHOT FINALS

Warrandyte Basketball Club. Final of the goal-shooting competition held at 10 am. Basketball courts, Tarooma Avenue.

2.00: THE BUSH AND FOLK CONCERT

The Grand Finale to the This is Warrandyte Festival! A six-hour free outdoor concert on stage at Stiggants Reserve. Bring your rugs, folding chairs, friends and family and join us on the grass. Enjoy a picnic or barbecue tea, or buy Sunday dinner from the fast-food stalls.

2.00: GOLD MINE TOUR

Did you miss it yesterday? Last chance to visit a genuine gold mine. 104 Webb Street, take the free bus from Stiggants Reserve or the oval.

'THIS IS WARRANDYTE' FESTIVAL gratefully acknowledges the support of The City of Doncaster and Templestowe, The Shire of Eltham, The Apex Club of Warrandyte, Warrandyte Lions Club, Department of Youth Sport & Recreation, WAA, Victorian Ministry for the Arts, and our many sponsors and friends, without whose unstinting support, this weekend would not take place. Special thanks also to the three CFA Brigades, SES, St John's Ambulance, police, Doncaster Council departments, bus drivers, local schools and participating community groups.

Local keeps us in the dark



John Hanson deep in the Fourth Hill tunnel

There is no light at the end of the tunnel for local resident John Hanson, who has been running the festival gold mine tours since festivities began.

"The turn-up is rising all the time," he says. "Some people are even coming back for a second look."

"We've had up to 200 people on the festival Sunday wanting to go on the tour, and with the festival bus in operation even more can be expected."

When John, a teacher, bought his block of land in Webb Street in 1969, he was not aware that there were old mines almost next door.

As he got to know his neighbor, Ern Pettigrew, he began to get interested in local history and started exploring the mines.

John, who is involved with the local Uniting Church, was discussing ideas for church involvement in the first festival, and suggested he take a few people on a tour of the tunnels. The idea proved more popular than expected, and donations from tour participants now provide about \$50 a year for World Vision's Walk Against Want fundraising program.

The tours cover the Fourth Hill tunnel, the Johnson tunnel near the Gold Memorial parking area, and the Gold Memorial itself.

There is a guided tour of the Johnson tunnel, but people can go into the Fourth Hill tunnel on their own if they want to.

The tours begin at the Hanson's, on the corner of Webb and Tunnel Streets, appropriately enough, at 2 pm on the Saturday and Sunday. People are asked to bring a torch and wear sensible clothes and footwear. The tours take about 1½ hours. John

says the terrain is a bit steep but not enough to cause problems for children and the elderly.

"We've had kids in prams and 80-year-olds in the past, and although we've got to put a few limits on who comes along, most people should be able to cope," he says.

"There haven't been many problems, although one bloke got claustrophobic half-

way along a tunnel and we did lose one young kid for a short time. He nipped off alone and without a torch and we had to go looking for him. When we found him he was scared out of his wits.

"But there's nothing really to worry about. The tunnels we visit are very safe — they were dug through solid rock in the 1880s and are still in good condition."

All's fair in love, war, and the Warrandyte Billycart Derby

The billycart derby, for years one of the festival's more popular events, is on again this year.

Organisers are anxious that potential entrants abide by rules laid down to promote safety and to ensure that all entrants have a fair go.

To encourage safety, all carts will have to pass an inspection. Drivers should wear long-sleeve shirts, long trousers, shoes and gloves. Helmets are compulsory and sophisticated carts must have brakes.

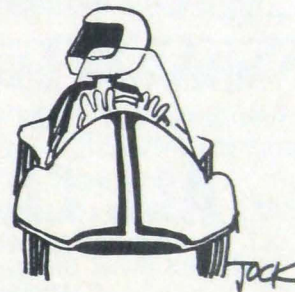
There are two classes, one for sophisticated carts with wheel bearings, and one for standard carts. There are two categories in each class — for primary age entrants and for secondary age entrants.

DESIGN RULES:

- No cart will be allowed to have a track (measured between the centre of the wheels) of less than 60 centimetres.
- No cart will be allowed to have a wheel base of less than one metre.
- The outside wheel diameter (plus tyre) will not be allowed to exceed 30 centimetres.
- No ballast will be allowed.
- Sophisticated carts must have a brake.

RACE RULES:

- No cart will be able to accept more than one place per class.
- The derby will be run as an elimination trial, the winner of each heat going into the next elimination round.
- Carts will be held on the starting line by a 30-cm string. No other starting method will be allowed.



- Scrutineers will have some discretion and may allot a cart not to a specification to a class.
- The judge's decision is final.

The derby will be held in Forbes Street

near the police station and will start at 8.30 am on the Sunday. The entrance fee is 50 cents.

For more information, contact John on 844 3832 or Doug on 844 2740.

Watch out for the fastest load of rubbish on earth

Ever wondered what other purposes those appalling Sulo bins could be used for?

The local scouts have the answer. A Sulo bin race as part of the festival.

The races will be held on the flat below Stiggants Reserve after the grand parade on Saturday. There will be events for mums and dads and various races for children.

The modest entry fee will help local scouts go to the Australian Jamboree in New South Wales later this year.

The Sulo races are the first of a series of fund-raising events to be held during the year, and a good turn-up will be of great help for this worthwhile cause.

Perhaps North Warrandyte residents might like to put wheels on their rubbish bins.



Local real estate agent and Rotary man Peter Murphy and his sons and a friend practise for the Sulo bin race: Toots and cheers from passers-by were ignored. Warrandyte people push rubbish bins over the bridge all the time.

Sheer folly, and you'll love it

What would the festival be without the Follies, that madcap program of entertainment put on by Warrandytians for Warrandytians?

A duller event, we say, so don't miss what is traditionally a night of hilarity this year. Make a booking with Yvonne on 844 3832.

The theme is based on Warrandyte from the mining days to the present. It is a fascinating and entertaining look at the town and its people.

The program is devised by Warrandyte people about Warrandyte people for War-

randyte people. There are songs, sketches, can-can (as opposed to can't-can't or won't-won't) girls, melodrama and jokes.

The producers this year are Elaine Henderson and Gail Macrae, who have pulled together a wide variety of local talent and skills.

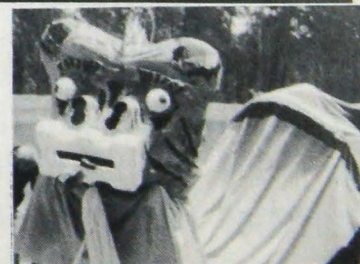
The Follies will be on March 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30. The audience/victims must be seated by 7.30 pm sharp for the start of the show at 8.15. The cost is \$7.50 a head and bring your own drinks and glasses.

See you at the Mechanics Institute.

Monster really a guiding light

This repulsive-looking creature will be patrolling the festival area for the two days and will take part in the parade, courtesy of the local guides and brownies.

If you need a hot cuppa just ask it. The guides and brownies inside will be only too happy to lead you to a Devonshire tea stall they will be conducting outside the Warrandyte Palette.



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CAB gets a driver and new fare

A steering committee of community representatives and Citizens' Advice Bureau volunteers has been formed for the proposed Warrandyte CAB.

The committee is Dr Brian Bayly, a local doctor; Ms Ainslie Lamb, a solicitor; Mr John Curry, a businessman; Ms Eilish Cook, a social policy analyst; Mr Allan Rickard, Warrandyte Rotary Club; Mr Richard Morton, a Technical and Further Education official (community representatives); Louise Joy, Jenny Harkin, Jan Meehan, Sally George, Mary Harry and Linda Draegar (CAB volunteers).

The committee has been told by

the Post Office Preservation Group that the CAB can use the post office when it is restored. It has agreed in principle to let three rooms for five days a week at a peppercorn rent. The old post office is expected to be ready for use late this year.

The Department of Community Welfare Services has given the committee a grant of \$500.

Eltham Council has told the committee that Warrandyte CAB's chances of getting a council grant would be enhanced if it was an autonomous body. Doncaster and Templestowe Councils says it will consider financing an information service.

The CAB will send requests for money to both councils.

**Why not hire
local jobless?**

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

Pat wants part-time work. Experienced at phone work, cosmetics, nursing and sales.

Anne 19, wants clerical work. Has one year's experience.

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

Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-Operative Ltd. Project.

**Churches to hold
Baptism talks**

Members of the four local churches will be holding discussion meetings on Thursday evenings for the six weeks of Lent.

The meetings will be at St Stephen's Anglican Church, starting at 7.45 pm.

The topic will be Baptism, the common heritage and differing customs and beliefs. All are welcome.

Posters giving details of Easter services will be put up throughout the area soon.

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letters

I am writing this in the hope that the Diary will continue to serve the Warrandyte community, something it won't do if it becomes just another vehicle for political argument.

Pete Steedman lost an election, an election that did not have to be held, and one that most people would have been happy to do without. His party's how-to-vote cards apparently did not improve his chances.

Close elections are always chancy, the winner frequently being decided by the position of a candidate's name on the ballot paper, a process that is controlled by pure chance.

Let's not use Pete Steedman's loss as an excuse for endless political argument to the detriment of the service the Diary performs for the whole community.

Bruce Bence,
Brackenbury St.

EDITORS' NOTE: We do not believe the ONE item on the federal election and two letters in reply is endless political argument. The Diary would be failing in its duty if it ignored an election altogether. It would also have been grossly unfair to Sir George Reid and Mr Adkins if we had not printed their letters in the February issue. Letters are part and parcel of the service the Diary provides.

What a good idea to have school uniforms for the kids of Warrandyte State School. After all, they will look much neater, as do the nice uniform Sulo bins.

In fact, there are probably many ways we could neaten up Warrandyte with a bit of uniformity, to give us all a sense of unity.

For a start, perhaps all our cars could be green or brown, allowing, of course, a combination of the two colors for those wishing to express some individuality.

And please, could we only hang out washing on Mondays and Thursdays? If we must upset the look of the village with ugly lines of washing, let's all do it at the same time to minimise the visual assault.

Come on, parents, if we want our children to wear uniforms then we must clean up our own act and set an example.

Perhaps other readers may have further suggestions to help avoid the untidiness of individuality?

B. Lawrence,
Kangaroo Ground Rd.

Stonygrad on mud brick homes tour

A rare opportunity exists for the public to see historic Stonygrad, the hand-made home of artist Danila Vassilieff.

The house is included in a mud brick and hand-made house tour to be run by the Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group on March 17.

In 1939 avant-garde artist Danila Vassilieff came to Warrandyte to teach and paint, while building himself what is still considered today to be the town's most unusual and fascinating home.

His Russian background provided the knowledge of building with available materials, and the inspiration for the name he gave it.

The lower rooms are carved out of the rocky hillside, while stone walls of the upper area are up to two feet thick and topped by heavy logs from the surrounding bush.

Vassilieff, now famous for his paintings and sculpture which provide a catalyst for the modern art movement, created a house that has also provided stimulation for the hand-made house builder.

Although Stonygrad is privately owned and not usually open to the

public, it is one of five houses open for the tour.

Other houses include an 80-year-old cottage that has been expanded into a beautiful modern mud brick home while retaining the cottage style; a magnificent three-storey home built of Lilydale stone, and two fascinating and unusual homes in mud brick and stone.

The tour is by private car, following a map included with tickets purchased at the Community Centre, Yarra Street. Start any time between 12.30 and 4 pm.

The cost is \$4 a head, with all funds going towards the restoration of Warrandyte's historic post office.

Afternoon tea will be available at one of the homes, and it is asked that children are closely supervised in these private homes.

Further information is available on 844 2761.

Last year more than 700 people went on the tour, which raised more than \$2000 towards the renovation of the old post office.

Tenders have been received from four builders to carry out the work, and a building permit has been sought.

Workers leave

Stephanie Iwanowicz and Linda Perkins will be leaving the Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre at the end of the Community Employment Program funding on March 8.

Linda has got another job and Stephanie has decided to work there on a casual basis.

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March 17 to March 23 is Senior Citizens' Week, and the local elderly have invited all residents to visit their clubrooms, in Taroona Avenue, during the celebrations (open every day except Wednesday).

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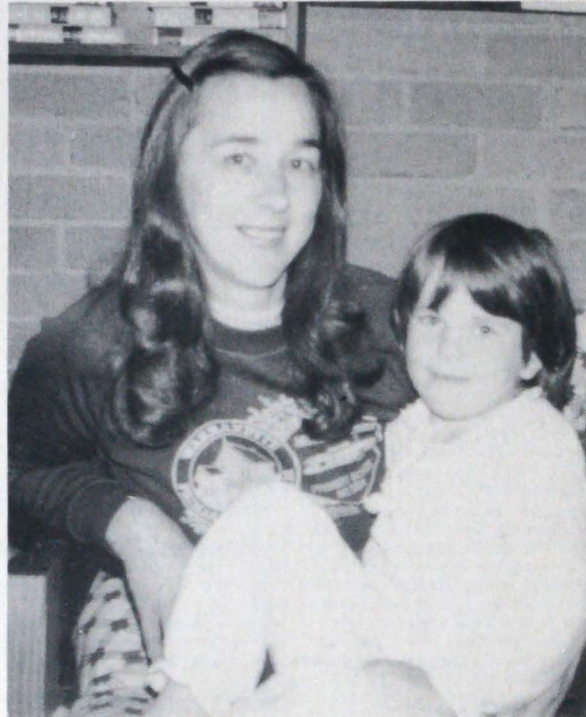
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Jenny Vincent and daughter Maree.

Jenny Vincent was a 35-year-old book-keeper when she felt the call and enlisted in the Phillip Institute as a prospective primary teacher.

In May last year she graduated from the Institute's Coburg campus as top dog, the winner of the Linton Medal, with a straight honors result.

And this year she is teaching preps and grade 1 — "quite good but a bit exhausting" — at Sylvan State School. Jenny is one of only three teachers there.

Jenny, of Brackenbury Street, says the call to teaching came quietly after overseeing the development of her own children, Andrew

(now 15), Matthew, 12, and Maree, 4.

Things are easier now, but Jenny had to cope with attending college for four days a week, taking care of her family afterwards and then working on assignments after the children had gone to bed. But it was worth it.

"I just found children interesting. It's funny, but in our extended family I'm the first primary teacher. The others are into secondary teaching," she says.

Jenny is now doing a post-graduate course, involving lectures two or three nights a week, in educational studies, which entails looking at children and their skills in literature.

Dave Simons, former local draper, dies

Former Warrandyte identity Dave Simons died recently in Yarrawonga. He was 69.

Dave and his family arrived in Warrandyte in the early 50s and took over the draper's shop, which later became Peter McDougall's real estate office.

Dave left the shop and became a company secretary for several years. His Magpie Lane neighbor at that stage, Keith Wilson, remembers him as "someone who had definite opinions on everything but a bloke who did lots of things for the community."

"He was treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, treasurer of the tennis club and auditor of just about everything in Warrandyte that needed auditing."

Dave Simons' great passion was golf, and when he and his wife Amy left the district in the late 70s it was to buy a home close to the Yarrawonga Golf Club. Their daughter, Karen, had married Philip Droop, the club professional there.

Keith Wilson says: "Dave had just completed a rip-snorting round of golf and was sitting in the lounge room telling his family about it when he dropped dead."

"It was the way he would have wanted to go."

Co-Op courses start soon

Never mind the crummy exterior of the Co-Op building in Yarra Street, it's the people and activities inside that count.

This year's program of activities is about to begin, and first up is Joan Golding's textile classes (spinning and weaving, etc).

These will be held on Wednesday mornings, and interested people can phone Joan on 844 3280.

On Thursdays, starting on April 11, Danny Gil from Doncaster Community Youth Support Scheme will be holding skills and recreational classes covering photography, catering, computers, typing and driving.

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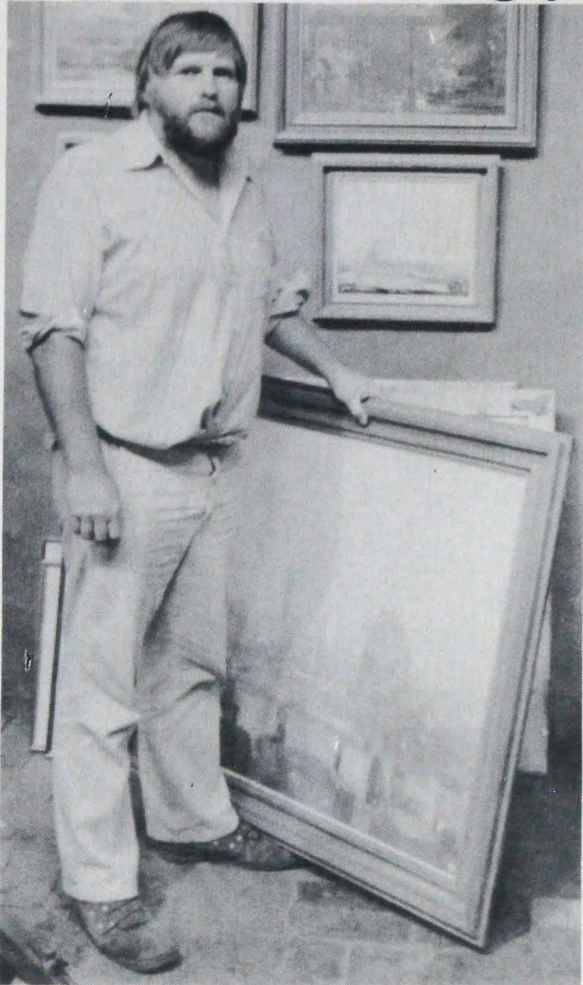
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Max Wilkes: Capturing fleeting moments

By Jacqueline Wright

Warrandyte's Max Wilkes is not joking when he says that being an artist is "a very nice life". After all, Max spends days out of doors doing what many can do only after earning a hard living.

But, when most people knock off work each evening, Max keeps working. "Thinking as an artist is an everyday occurrence. Most of the time I'm thinking of painting. I can't even go away on holidays without painting," he says.

Perhaps this attitude is central to his success. Max was the winner of the 1982 AME Bale art travelling scholarship and Victoria's Artist of the Year in 1982 and 1984.

His work is represented in private collections throughout Australia and in Britain, West Germany, the US, China and Japan. The Commonwealth Government Lending Collection has bought several of his paintings, as have the cities of Waverley and Caulfield.

Max has won the Victorian Artists Society's Artist of the Year award — from about 300 entries — for consistent and high-quality work.

The AME Bale was equally significant. Max had only just begun to exhibit and sell his paintings. The scholarship enabled him to paint and study in Britain and Europe for six months.

Although he spent a lot of time painting gentle English countrysides and European cities, his main concern was to see the paintings of the masters.

"The best thing for any artist is to look at other paintings. A person can paint as much as he wants but he really learns by looking," he says.

Max held a one-man exhibition

near Oxford and was received "quite well", despite what he says is a British tendency to buy the works of dead artists.

Max stresses, however, that he does not paint primarily to make money. His mudbrick studio is crammed with paintings and sketches which he never intends to sell.

"If you want to make money you flood the market and flog everything. I believe it's important to show a good painting every time," he says.

At first glance, Max's paintings seem to be mere washes of color. But then objects begin to emerge: ships' masts and packing crates, for example. Gradually the viewer begins to fill in details that are only suggested: quaint buildings, narrow alleys and hurrying people.

Max says the key to his style is light and speed. "I'm trying to capture the fleeting moment so I would never spend more than 90 minutes on one painting. The light can change so quickly," he says.

Max did not start to paint until he

was in his mid-20s. His tonal/realist style evolved in the Melbourne National School. "I was put into a room with hundreds of others. The room was full of plaster casts of every conceivable part of the body," he says.

He moved on to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and studied oil painting for two years.

In his search for different subjects Max moves around regularly, but he is always pleased to return home to Warrandyte.

"I like to live in a place where you are close to the environment. I think that applies to a lot of artists," he says.

"It's refreshing to look out of the window and see bush rather than suburbia. When I started building my studio I moved the site around a number of times just so I didn't have to chop down a lot of trees."

And Max finds Warrandyte people appealing. . . "It's a rich mixture of people from many professions with many interests. . . and they're all friendly. There are not many places like Warrandyte," he says.

Town plan strategy is WELL in hand

Warrandyte Environment League has begun work on an ambitious town planning strategy plan for Warrandyte.

WEL president Doug Seymour says the move was one of two initiatives arising out of a priorities review that the WEL committee conducted during Christmas.

The committee canvassed WEL members and found that many were concerned with the physical identity of Warrandyte as a community. They also wanted more op-

portunities to get to know the local bushland.

Mr Seymour says WEL is very concerned at the steady erosion of the "green belt" around Warrandyte and believes there is a widespread fear that "the village" is steadily being submerged in characterless suburbia.

"We hope to be working closely with the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and local councils to address the key problems of land use — management, zoning and economics (rate burdens)," he says.

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Style comes to town

Tatty jeans and sandals or shorts and thongs may be the typical Warrandyte fashion, but residents will soon be seeing more eye-catching outfits around town — and locally-designed ones at that.

Miss Holly Lamb, a fashion designer, plans to open a workshop in Kangaroo Ground Road, and hopes to get work from local men and women.

Her designs have a strong Australian influence, but outfits are tailored to suit individual clients' personalities, color and shapes.

"I design clothes for individuals," she says. "The type of outfit depends on the person's taste in color, and his or her style, mood and shape. After all he or she is the one who is going to wear it."

She says satisfying her customers is the most important factor in her business, but she does get a lot of personal pleasure seeing someone wearing something that she thinks suits them.

Miss Lamb ultimately hopes to be able to open a shop selling clothes made only from natural fabrics.

"The materials I use are natural because there are many people who are allergic to man-made fabrics," she says.

At the moment she is experimenting with Australian-style outfits, for example using gumnuts as buttons, and appliques in colored leather.

Miss Lamb does not like the mass-produced clothes sold in most shops. She says her clothes are individualistic. People must be able to dress according to their tastes, she says. "They bring themselves in and we work out an outfit



Miss Lamb in one of her outfits.

together," she says. Miss Lamb became interested in sewing as a child, and by the time she was 13 she was designing clothes for her friends and family. Although she has no formal training as a fashion designer, she did a drafting and pattern-making course through correspondence.

When she was 17 she was accepted by the Melbourne Theatre Company to gain work experience for 12 months.

Her big year was 1969, when she won the fantasy section in the Victorian Gown of the Year competition. In 1980 she attended the Gippsland Institute, studying the visual arts and majoring in sculpture.

Fire liaison breaks down

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brigade asked police headquarters to arrange traffic control along Research Road because of problems with sightseers.

He agrees there were problems with liaison between the various authorities and the public, but that steps have been taken to ensure they do not happen again.

Mr Lawrence says the fire was good from the point of view of operations procedures. "We learnt

a lot from it. You can only learn from experience, and we have not had a fire in the North Warrandyte area since 1969."

The fire burnt through about 25 hectares of Crown land between Research and Kangaroo Ground Roads.

It is believed to have been caused by sparks from trail bikes. Mr Lawrence says: "We are able to identify where the fire started, and it was right beside a track used by trail bike riders. There were trail bikes in the area at the time.

"We can't be 100 percent certain that this was the cause, but trail bikes are a common cause of such fires.

"Trail bikes are dangerous, like any sort of machinery, in a fire risk area, especially if they are not tuned properly or have faulty mufflers," he says.

"The fire probably did more good than harm — it happened in the right sort of weather conditions and burnt off a lot of leaf litter and undergrowth without really getting into the trees."

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'Goldtown' a smash hit

Warrandyte Tennis Club expect more than 500 entries — up 300 on last year — for this month's Goldtown Open.

The success of the inaugural event, and the promise of a huge response this year, has prompted an increased in prize money to \$1500 — the highest stakes offered in a suburban tournament.

Also up for grabs will be \$1500 worth of prizes and trophies.

The open will be played on March 29, 30 and 31.

To accommodate the heavy entry, the program will spill from Warrandyte to North Ringwood and Park Orchards tennis clubs on the Saturday (March 30).

Finals will be held at Warrandyte on the Sunday, starting about 11 am.

The open is fully catered, including a sports medicine clinic and pro shop.

Defending singles champions are Brad Guan and Sue Saliba, both big names in Victorian tennis.

The Goldtown Open is a top-class event strongly supported by the State's leading coaches.

It precedes the opening of the pennant season and players regard it as an invaluable warm-up.

An innovation this year is a section for veterans (over 40s). Veterans' tennis has become increasingly popular in Australia as a result of the outstanding success overseas of Frank Sedgman and others.

The open has been timed to coincide with the annual Warrandyte festival.

Admission is free and reasonably-priced refreshments will be available.

Warrandyte Tennis Club will hold a disco and spit roast on the Saturday night of the open.

It will be held at the club, in Tarooma Avenue, starting 8.30.

Elderlies bowl along

They're a biased lot at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club — and it's paying off very nicely.

The club's "red" team have conquered all in the Eastern Suburbs Senior Citizens' Indoor Bias Bowls Association.

Their pennant is the latest of a

series of successes since the team got together about five years ago.

The triumphant members are Bill Ward and Jack Garone (captains), Marj Hailey, Sylvia Garone, Sam Fox, Thelma McDonough, Helen Ward, Betty Baker and Arthur Donald.

IN BRIEF

Warrandyte Lions Club will hold its annual horse show and gymkhana at the Wyena Pony Club grounds, Croydon Road, South Warrandyte, on Sunday, March 31.

It starts at 8.30 am and it's open to all Warrandyte kids with horses.

Ribbons to sixth place and lots of events.

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold their presentation night at East Ringwood Social Club on March 30.

It's \$21 a head and tickets (selling fast) can be arranged at the club-rooms.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS

Warrandyte 8/299 (Salter 114, Pascoe 63, White 31, Amiguet 23) d. Croydon North 230 (Jungwirth 7/77).

Warrandyte 6/253 (Salter 104, White 100) d. Wantirna 8/201 (White 4/66).

Warrandyte 7/311 (Amiguet 90, Jacobs 51, Dorning 61 n.o., Pascoe 43) and 1/72 d. Ainslie Park 248 (Lloyd 5/90).

Warrandyte 5/260 (Pascoe 100, White 72 n.o., Salter 48) d. St. Andrews 190 (Feather 3/45, Jungwirth 3/51, Lloyd 3/69).

SECONDS

Warrandyte 126 (McCartin 32, Dorning 20) lost to Croydon North 311 (Peake 4/26) and 3/80.

Warrandyte 5/194 (J. O'Brien 78, Pederson 50, Sloan 20 n.o.) d. Wantirna 160 (M. O'Brien 4/55).

Warrandyte 224 (Walshe 50, Stanley 40) lost to Ainslie Park 227 (Walshe 4/49, D. Jungwirth 3/45).

Warrandyte 269 (Walshe 101, Sloan 28, Dorning, McCarthy 24) lost to St. Andrews 449 (O'Brien 3/83).

THIRDS

Warrandyte 5/383 (Snaidero 121 n.o., King 119 n.o., Day 51, Barr 31) d. Croydon 182 (Snaidero 6/59) and 2/46.

Warrandyte 6/304 (King 112 n.o., Wilson 95) d. Ainslie Park 272 (Stockley 6/85).

Warrandyte 8/346 (Peters 112, Crockett 66, King 45, Day 37) lost to St. Andrews 7/391 (Wilson 4/87).

FOURTHS

Warrandyte 241 (Walker 37, Thomas 36, Vittritti 31, Scicluna 25, Moore 23) lost to Croydon North 242.

Warrandyte 8/391 (Vittritti 175, Moore 97, Walker 47) and 2/38 d. Ainslie Park 166 (Moore 6/34).

Warrandyte 137 and 5/119 (Peters 42, Scott 37, Moore 28 and 30) lost to St. Andrews 9/231 (Moore 3/42).

FIFTHS

Warrandyte 118 (Blackburn 27, Peters 25 n.o.) and 5/8 lost to Croydon North 244 (Legueur 7/56).

Warrandyte 1/228 (Walker 80 n.o., Baker 54) and 0/67 (Baker 37 n.o., Camneron 21 n.o.) d. Croydon United 107 and 3/63 (Legueur 4/43, Blackburn 6/23 and 3/36).

Warrandyte 70 and 9/202 (Beck 51 n.o., Walker 34, Cameron 25, Jones 23) lost to St. Andrews 252 and 124 (Blackburn 4/104, Legueur 4/79).

SIXTHS

Warrandyte 316 (Harris 94, Gathercole 67, Clothier 45, Voljay 29, McKenzie 20) d. Mooroolbark 178.

Warrandyte 264 (Harris 100, Chipperfield 47, Voljay 30) lost to Parkwood 274 (Owen 4/41) and 1/81.

Warrandyte 272 (Roberts 125, Owen 35, Harris 46) d. Kilsyth 240 (Harris 3/71).

WOMEN

Warrandyte 7/145 (McLaws 23, Chapman 40, McGhee 39) and 2/36 d. Swinburne 88 and 160 (McLaws 7/26, Chapman 3/26).

Warrandyte 261 (McLaws 115 n.o., Martin 47, Smith 28) lost to Doncaster 256 (Chapman 6/56, McLaws 3/115).

UNDER-16

Warrandyte 8/123 (Kline 49, O'Connor 20) lost to Ringwood 4/177.

Warrandyte 3/212 (Kline 105 n.o., McCartney 46, Day 27 n.o.) d. North Ringwood 7/207 (Humphries 4/28).

Warrandyte 81 lost to North Croydon 224 and 4/203 (King 4/75).

UNDER-14 (1)

Warrandyte 8/143 (Graf 60, Luttick 41) lost to Ringwood 4/152.

Warrandyte 3/157 (Kline 65 n.o., Hughes 37) d. Knox City 9/119 (Yoannidis 5/49).

Warrandyte 2/176 (Kline 72, Graf 63, Hughes 26 n.o.) d. North Croydon 109 (Hansen 3/16).

UNDER-14 (3)

Warrandyte 78 lost to Templeton 7/104.

Warrandyte 173 (McFarlane 35) lost to Croydon United 8/225.

Warrandyte 128 (Hurley 46 n.o., Weatherley 21) d. Academy 119.

UNDER-14 (5)

Warrandyte 8/196 (McGinty 34 n.o., David 32, Bell 29, Kleinhenz 28) d. Lilydale 79 and 5/128 (McGinty 6/22 and 4/68, Prangley 3/41).

Warrandyte 5/163 dec. d. Templeton 83 and 66 (White 5/36, Prangley 4/20).

Warrandyte 7/151 dec. (Bell 73) d. Wantirna South 43 and 20 (McGinty 4/20 and 4/5, Joy 4/15, 3/5).

UNDER-12 (1)

Warrandyte 59 and 5/97 lost to Kilsyth 145 (Wickes 3/25).

Warrandyte 103 (Comrie 25, Elderfield 23) lost to Lilydale 126.

Warrandyte 7/243 (Valentine 49 n.o., Hely 32 n.o., Simatkovich 22, Provan 21, Elderfield 31) d. Glen Park 85 and 3/34.

UNDER-12 (3)

Warrandyte 64 and 4/67 (Hassall 22 n.o.) lost to Montrose 126.

Warrandyte 118 lost to Croydon Hockeys 9/143.

Warrandyte 46, South Croydon 1/99. No further details available.

UNDER-12 (4)

Warrandyte 69 and 2/68 (Lyndon 30 n.o., Jacobs 20) lost to Mooroolbark 8/239.

Warrandyte 121 (Edwards 30, Dunn 30) lost to Scoresby 6/187.

Warrandyte 134 (Lyndon 52, Meehan 30) v. Boronia 5/97.



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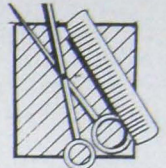
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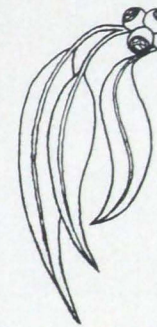
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And Jenny Chapman bowls . . . and . . . John McCartin clips her away backward of square . . . Lovely action shots by Mark Davis, but a different ball game altogether. Jenny, young veteran of the local women's team, is pictured sending one down during the game against the CUB. John is seen at his not-so-elegant best hitting out in a recent game for Warrandyte second eleven.

Those Dytes deliver!

Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven reversed a mid-season slump to blaze their way into the RDCA Chandler Shield finals.

The Dytes had to win their last four games — after a hat-trick of defeats — to defend the title they won last season.

They did just that, defeating third-placed St. Andrews in the last qualifying match.

Set 191 to win, Warrandyte responded with 5/260.

They were steered to victory by Steve Pascoe, Robert White and captain-coach John Salter, with 100, 72 not out and 48 respectively.

A couple of wheels fell off the Warrandyte cricket machine halfway to the finals and what ap-

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peared to be a freeway turned into an uphill track pitted with hazards.

The repair work was done largely by the return of opening batsman Graeme Jacobs from holiday, the re-emergence of spin bowler Fred Jungwirth, the selectors' faith in young batsman Colin Dorning — and the explosion on to the scene of a teenage quickie named Matthew Feather.

Feather, who has been nursed along by the Warrandyte selectors, set up the win over St. Andrews

with three valuable wickets. He finished with 3/45.

Jungwirth took 3/51 and Graeme Lloyd 3/69.

The value of Salter — and the wisdom of the club in recruiting him — cannot be overstated.

Salter has scored four centuries this season and numbers only one innings in the "failure" category.

Robert White has been a consistent rungetter and a more-than-handful bowler since he was able to return to the team, and Pascoe has relished his elevation in the batting order.

Pascoe has been the "steadier" the team has so badly needed in the middle order.

Warrandyte's other finalists are the sixth eleven and the under-16s. The sixth have been superbly led

all season by Ivan Vojlay and were always going to be in the finals.

Vojlay's job has, however, been simplified by the all-round talents of Harvey Harris.

The under-16s, who won the pennant last season and started their defence brilliantly, have been forced to rethink.

They were outclassed in two of their last three qualifying games and must recapture their early-season form to have a real chance in the finals.

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A heady brew

Warrandyte entered into the spirit of the thing . . . but did Carlton and United come the bottom of the barrel?

There were allegations larger than life and bitter murmurings — but generally they were ale and hearty and nobody complained about the draught — last month when the local cricket club met the brewery in a re-enactment of a memorable, similar 1888 encounter.

The return joust was played as part of Victoria's 150th birthday celebrations . . .

The brewery had a score to settle and they sent in their very best team against our President's XI, picked from various grade captains, with a couple of lady players and a couple of juniors included.

They won. Last time, way back then, we scored by 17 runs; this time they beat us by 43.

But what should worry the beer barons before they pick their next team is a young local bloke named Jason Kline.

He's one of our under-14s. Great day, though. Even if the brewery do take it a little seriously.

• One-day cricket was multiplied by four last month for the local club's six-a-side competition.

Winners after eight teams had given it their all at a furious pace were John O'Brien's side of Wayne Amiguet, Dale Vitiritti, Sharon Smith, Rohan Walker, and Wayne Peters.

The runners-up were led by Tony Graf.

Testing time for 'new' Bloods

Warrandyte Football Club face the 1985 season with a new administration and a new challenge.

The challenge will be to survive in the Eastern Districts Football League's second division, which has been enlarged this season from 12 to 14 teams.

Under a planned restructuring of the competition, the bottom six teams will be relegated to third division in 1986.

So the Bloods must lift their game after a disappointing 1984 season to retain their status.

Leading the club on what they hope will be the recovery trail will be new president Jeff Reddie (a former committeeman) and new coaches Chris Valerkou (seniors) and Lance Williams (reserves).

It is a new-look committee almost all the way through. Only three of last year's committee — Anthony Giles-Peters, Jeff Carter and Robert Ireland — will serve again.

The other committeemen are vice-president Kevin Luttick (a life member and former treasurer), Max McGill (treasurer), John Read (juniors chairman), Ian Clark, Daryl Cousins and Craig Townsend.

Warrandyte will field seven teams this season — seniors, reserves, under-16s, under-14s, two under-12s and an under-10 side.

The seniors start their campaign at home on April 20 against Clayton, one of the new EDFL second-division teams.

Clayton join the competition with a big reputation in the South-East Suburban Football League.

The match will be a big test for the Bloods and an early indication of their chances of making a big name for themselves this season.

Warrandyte have been recruiting energetically to cover the loss of key senior players.

Missing from last year's line-up will be best and fairest winner Robin Golding, Mark Brenchley (a former club and competition best and fairest) and top ruckman Colin Bawden, who missed much of last season with injuries.

Golding will be overseas for the coming season. Brenchley will coach East Camberwell and Bawden has accepted the coaching job at Wonga Park.

Warrandyte talent scouts have roamed as far afield as Queensland to pick up utility player Andrew Peart.

They have also signed half-forward Peter Irving from Port Fairy and Diamond Valley star Mario Capoli.

The Bloods have arranged at least three practice matches — against Coburg Amateurs at Coburg on Sunday, March 17; Monbulk at Warrandyte on Saturday, March 30; and Doncaster (last year's second-division premiers) at Doncaster on Sunday, April 14.

Tentatively arranged is a practice game against Brenchley's East Camberwell on Sunday, March 24.

WFC looking for juniors

The Warrandyte Junior Football Club would like to hear from any junior footballers who would like to be part of our Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 or Under 16 teams for the coming season. Contact the club president, Mr John Read, on 844 2180.

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