

Warrandyte Diary

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Help for West End supermart opponents

Help will be made available to local residents who want to appear at a Planning Appeals Board hearing on the Daymark supermarket proposal in the West End.

This follows a meeting of objectors in the White House late last month. The meeting, organised and chaired by Councillor Anne Martin, was to discuss the possibility of obtaining legal representation for the community as a whole.

The hearing, set down for April 29 and 30, is the result of an appeal by Daymark against Doncaster and Templestowe Council's refusal to grant a planning permit for a large supermarket.

The meeting was attended by local residents, Warrandyte Advisory Committee officials, representatives of local traders and council officers.

Councillor Martin says: "Several volunteers came forward and they will be contacting all objectors with a view to helping them to put submissions to the board and speak to them."

Councillor Martin, the chairman of WAC, Greg Thorpe, and WAC's trader's representative Martin Kyne will co-ordinate the work.

Mr Thorpe says advice from people who have experience in the area is often necessary because of the technical procedures of such a hearing and restrictions on what issues the board can base its decision on.

"For example you can't say you don't want a supermarket in an area that has been zoned commercial," he says. "You can object to the design, for example, and that a proposal is an overdevelopment or that it would cause traffic problems."

"The advice won't be legal advice, it will be guidance on the basic format of appeal hearings and how you can present your case."

Councillor Martin says: "The mood of the meeting strongly supported the general community attitude that the proposal is unacceptable."

"There were no apparent objections to proceeding with the existing permit for a small supermarket and three shops on the Pisag site."

Councillor Martin is concerned at recent Daymark purchases in the West End, including the garage, with an area of vacant land at the rear and a vacant block at the rear of the Golden Gate. Councillor Martin also believes that Daymark has exercised its options to buy the Pisag and timber yard sites.



Note to historians: the 1980s were characterised by the strange custom of fathers shoving their children into plastic garbage bins. More amazing scenes, MIDDLE PAGES.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FESTIVAL

It was a rotten festival.

The parade stretched from the Stone House to the bridge and for half an hour or more it stopped out-of-towners from using Yarra Street as the straight at Le Mans.

At the 'Follies of Warrandyte', several disparaging remarks were made about Volvos. The Diary believes these were written by the owners of Range Rovers, people who use their ghastly machines to block the line of sight of other drivers while they go to pick up the milk.

And for the second year in a row no one was seriously injured during the tug of war,

robbing senior constable Jim Archbold of the chance to drag the big heater off his hip (do they always wear them butt outwards?) and put out of his misery a fireman or SES worker. Will our youngsters never see life in the raw?

Then again, maybe it wasn't a bad festival.

At last count no one was missing after the tunnel tour (no one found the fabled Tattslotto be Damned Nugget, either) and the Nastases and McEnroes were conspicuously absent from the Goldtown Open.

The sun shone most of the time, drying

out the equine Richard the Thirds that dotted Stiggants Reserve before they could attach themselves to kids' feet.

No, it was a great festival!

Sausages sizzled, Paraddiddle played, young people fell in love and, if you were on high enough ground on Sunday night, you could have seen Croydon's fireworks. The only trouble is waiting another year for the fun.

Yes, the Warrandyte Festival comes around as often and lasts considerably longer than an Eltham hard garbage collection.

Magilton exhibition

Works by local artist Walter Magilton are on exhibition at the Victorian Artists Society, Albert Road, East Melbourne.

The exhibition opened on Friday April 19 and will continue to April 28.

The works are mainly recent landscapes, including a series done on Norfolk Island, portraits, and watercolors.

Walter has had an excellent year, winning the Mornington Rotary Exhibition, the Victor Harbor Shire Prize and four minor awards.

Road block assurance

Warrandyte police have assured residents that they will be able to reach their homes during bushfires if it is safe and if they are able to identify themselves.

Their assurance is in response to criticisms of traffic control by police from outside the area during the recent North Warrandyte fire.

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IN RED & WHITE



Smokey Joe

Local park rangers have long suspected that koalas were slowly making their way back to Warrandyte, but have had no hard evidence (a sighting, you fools) to support their theory. Smokey is delighted to be able to report that a North Warrandyte woman saw one high in the trees above her house recently, and has a photo to prove it.

Smokey has also heard tales concerning a less savory aspect of animal behavior. Another local lady reports that the area around her in-ground swimming pool is a favorite spot with local kangaroos. She also has photos to prove it, but Smokey deems them too obscene to print. It seems there's not much difference between the activities at a kangaroo pool party and a human one.

And speaking of animal behavior, your correspondent has heard disturbing reports concerning the rock concert on the festival Saturday night. Several older residents say the goings-on among the bushes and under blankets would have shocked the parents of the youngsters involved. Police were called twice to sort out minor problems involving drunken teenagers. Smokey is no prude, but some of the kids were as young as 13 or 14.

Local member Lou Hill has a fine sense of humor. At a recent Warrandyte ALP branch barbecue in the gardens of Parliament House he asked the new labor member for Nunawading Province, Bob Ives, to draw the raffle. Ives, of course, won his seat in a raffle conducted by the Electoral Office.

Local Environment Leaguer is not happy with Doncaster police. She saw a couple of kids camped by the river in North Warrandyte recently and noticed that they had lit a camp fire in an uncleared area. After being unable to contact the local police or fire brigade, she rang Doncaster police. The reply was basically to the effect that it was none of their business.

The great cemetery debate at WAC had its lighter moments. One wit remarked that the lawn cemetery "was a bit of an overkill". Another made the point that the cemetery had "only 10 years' life left in it anyway". In fact, the puns were so awful that one WAC member had to leave the room, she was laughing so much.

The debate was so complicated and a decision so hard to make that Rosi Tovey, the local Community Education Officer and WAC member, was lost for words. That is indeed a first.

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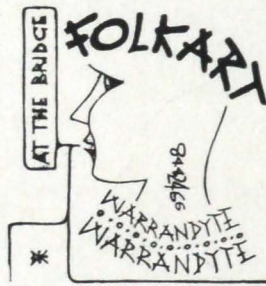
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Quentin (left) and Adrian Underhill hold their trophies as joint top Victorian cooking apprentices for 1984.

The best cooks in the state come from Warrandyte — and that's official, more or less.

Three young Warrandyte men have won gold medals for topping their apprentice year.

Not only is it believed to be the first time that the three winners have come from one area, it is certainly the first time that two of them have been brothers.

And the brothers were named Victoria's joint top cooking apprentice of the year. Now the Australasian Guild of Professional Cooks has to separate the two and decide which one will go to Sydney to compete for the national title.

Hodsons Street's Quentin

Three many cooks win top awards

Underhill, 21, took out the three-year prize and Adrian Underhill, 19, got the medal for best second-year apprentice.

The top first-year apprentice is Mark Ferguson, 18, of Warrandyte Rd.

It was Quentin's second triumph in six months.

Last October he cooked for Australia in the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt and he and his three

teammates were awarded first prize in the apprentice section.

Quentin is rather vague about why he took up cooking but has no doubts about where he is going.

Last month he registered the name "Quentin's Folly" and one of these days it will hang on a signboard over a restaurant in

Bright.

Quentin says Bright has a consistently high turnover of tourists the year round. Just the spot for a motel run by the Underhill seniors with an eatery attached, staffed by the Underhill juniors.

Until then anyone who wants to sample Quentin's fare will find him still apprenticing in the kitchen of Rickards Restaurant in Oban Place, Toorak.

And any ANZ staffers who eat in the bank's city headquarters get to taste Adrian's cooking.

Scouting about for help

The local scouting movement is growing apace, with about 60 cubs and 30 scouts, and more leaders are required to look after them.

Group Leader Max Garner says: "Helping the youth of Warrandyte in a positive way is a rewarding experience, so if anyone is interested, please phone me on 437 1666.

Local councillors propose to hold resident meetings

Local councillors Ken McKenzie, Ann Martin and Doug Upham (Park Orchards) are interested in holding twice-yearly meetings with local residents to help them develop policies for Warrandyte.

They believe that in some cases they are not putting to council fully representative views on issues.

The proposed meetings would enable them to get a wider range of views on issues before decisions have to be made in council.

Councillor Martin says the meetings would discuss forward planning and decide on policies that could be presented to council.

"They will help us have a wider knowledge of community attitudes, and not just an awareness of pressure groups," she says.

"They will give us a wider understanding of general community attitudes and needs.

"They will assist in reducing fears and objections lodged by local residents affected by council decisions.

"They will aid in developing policies that are more acceptable to the general community.

"They will effectively give opposing groups the opportunity to resolve their differences.

"Overall, it will mean that we can head off a lot of the objections that in the past have caused long delays and disruption and duplication of work on various council

projects and decisions," Councillor Martin says.

Councillor McKenzie says: "I have a feeling that the only people we hear about are people with a grievance. That's okay, we can deal with that properly, but we really need to know more people's feelings on decisions.

"We would give plenty of notice of the meetings so that people who are thinking about the community can put their cases. We need to know what people's priorities are.

"If a big issue comes up out of these meetings, we can get together and thrash it out. It's a bit like the old parish pump sort of thing where people would sit around and just talk. Then when something does come up we can hold a special meeting on the issue, form a policy before the issue gets to council, then put the community's attitude to council.

"The idea can work and it will be of great help in planning. It will bring residents closer to local government, which is becoming more and more important as responsibilities are devolved to councils," Councillor McKenzie says.

And he saves the nicest bit to last. "We could hold these meetings at council, which has all the facilities required, and the residents could enjoy the hospitality they pay for," he says.

CAB is well on road to success

The Citizen's Advice Bureau steering committee is continuing to lay the groundwork for the establishment of a bureau in Warrandyte late this year or early next year.

There is a core group of 18 volunteers developing their skills and establishing the basis of good working relationships.

This is an opportunity for real personal development available for residents.

Contact Jenny Harkin on 844 2663 if you wish to apply.

The time involvement is about half a day a week, but in some weeks can be one day with additional meetings or training.

The plan is to share the renovated post office with the Warrandyte Historical Society, who will staff the building at the weekends while the CAB will be open during the week as an information centre.

"We realise that people with sensitive personal problems will often wish to go outside the area for attention. The focus of the bureau will be on building local networks of information and relationships for people in the area," a committee official says.

"Our first task is to build up local Warrandyte information from bus timetables to local artists wishing to have their work made known to commercial enterprises."

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Spare a thought for those hard-working and long-suffering community-minded people who are members of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

Each and every month they are confronted with all the issues and problems that a small, fairly close-knit community has to deal with.

Some are minor problems that can be sorted out with a minimum of fuss; others are important matters that require sensitive handling and complicated negotiations with residents, pressure groups, local government, the State Government and the bureaucracy.

Take for example a recent request by the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust for three acres of land to be rezoned public use — cemetery. The present zoning is public open space.

The trust says the land, in the Warrandyte State Park behind the existing cemetery, is vital to the future of the cemetery.

Residents in the area do not want the cemetery extended.

The issue has its origins in the fifties, when a 10-acre extension to the cemetery was sought.

This was refused, but in the mid-seventies a three-acre block was approved for cemetery use. This took the form of a gazettal notice, which is really a warning to people that they should look at what the proposed land use is. Another gazettal notice was issued in 1980.

WAC, because it is a formal advisory body to Doncaster and Templestowe Council, was asked to state its attitude to council, which then makes a recommendation to the Board of Works, which then approves or rejects the re-zoning.

Residents and trust officials attended the last WAC meeting to put their points of view.

The trust told WAC that there is enough space remaining in the present cemetery for about 10 years at 80 burials a year.

It estimates that it needs 80 burials a year to get enough money to run the cemetery and then maintain it once it closes. The trust is obliged to maintain the cemetery for 99 years after it closes. The extra three acres would allow the cemetery to operate for a further 20 to 30 years.

The trust, because of State Government financial arrangements, can obtain money only from burials and plot sales.

At present about half of all burials are Warrandyte people. A lot of the others are Public Trustee burials — pauper burials or burials of people who have put their estates in the hands of the Public Trustee.

The trust is legally obliged to comply with all requests for people to be buried in the cemetery, no matter who they are or where they come from.

The trust has always led a hand-to-mouth existence. It just can't get enough money by other means.

Its answer is to go ahead with the rezoning and build a bushland cemetery, which it believes would fit in with Warrandyte's environment yet keep enough money coming in to run the cemetery and build up a maintenance fund.

Graves would be dug among the trees and marked only by small plaques. The bush would be allowed to grow back around the graves. When completed, there would be two access drives.

The rezoning does not oblige the trust to go ahead with this plan, but it has assured WAC that if the rezoning goes ahead a bush cemetery will be built.

Residents in the area told WAC that it is no longer suited to a cemetery. They say it was an ideal location when the cemetery was first built, but most of the immediate area is now residential. They also say the existing cemetery is inadequately screened from the street.

Residents say drainage is a big problem already and that it could get worse. The lawn cemetery area used to be bush, but was cleared in 1972. A marked increase in run-off was noticed, and there was substan-

How the hard decisions are made for Warrandyte

tial flooding along the Blair Street gully in 1973.

WAC was told by the residents that the trust's plans do not give drainage details, but that run-off will apparently be directed along the proposed access drives and into Blair Street. They fear there will be even greater run-off into residential properties.

Parking is also a problem. WAC was told that there have been several big funerals in recent years, with cars being parked in all surrounding streets. There is room for only five cars outside the cemetery gates.

Access to the cemetery from Yarra Street is dangerous, and big, slow-moving motorcades merely add one more hazard, WAC was told.

The residents also say that the nature of the ground makes the area unsuitable for a cemetery and that it would mean unnecessary destruction of a popular area of bush.

WAC spent most of its meeting discussing this one problem. After a long debate it decided to write to council saying that the majority of its members opposed the rezoning.

The difficulty of the decision is reflected in the voting. There was one abstention, a group of outright "no's", a group of "yes's" and a number of members who said "no" because although they thought it was a good idea, they felt it could not be put into effect satisfactorily.

WAC chairman Greg Thorpe says: "We are not going to say that it was a unanimous decision, and we realise that for a number of reasons council and the Board of Works may agree to the rezoning."

"WAC does feel that if a cemetery goes ahead you will not get a much better cemetery than this — if you accept a cemetery on the land."

There are no firm costings on the proposal yet, and WAC feels this could be a problem. "Drainage

works could be much more expensive than expected, there may need to be a big barrel drain right down Blair Street," Mr Thorpe says.

"The cost and impact of drainage works on the amenity of the area are unknown."

"This may affect the idea that 80 burials a year will be sufficient — a bushland cemetery might be impractical. No one knows, although in theory the drainage problems can be overcome."

"The screening problems on the existing cemetery can also be solved — if the trust can get enough money — and there is probably sufficient screening around the proposed bush cemetery."

"If the rezoning is approved, then, there are a couple of points that will have to be mandatory: before any work starts it should be clear that matters such as drainage, traffic management and environmental degradation can be controlled."

"This could lead to a vicious circle in that if development starts, then the trust has to keep money coming in from current operations to finance it, forcing it to increase current operations."

"It's not hard to perceive a situation where this could get out of control of even the most able and professional cemetery trust," Mr Thorpe says.

The "no's" felt that, overall, the result would be a short-term solution and that the trade-off — degradation to the state park and of residential amenity — was not worth it.

The "yes's" thought it should go ahead because it was basically a public service that should be provided in Warrandyte for as long as possible.

The other "no" votes accepted most of the trust's arguments but felt that there were too many problems involved and the risks of not achieving an appropriate development were too great.

BRIEFLY

COMMUNITY CENTRE TALKS

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has referred a \$250,000 allocation for a community centre in Warrandyte to its 1985-86 estimates and to its five-year capital works program.

Council plans more discussions on what is needed and how the project is to be carried out.

Council's arts and leisure committee had given a community centre twelfth priority on a list of 18 buildings and community projects, but full council moved it up to seventh priority.

White House works

Improvements to the White House worth about \$20,000 are expected to be carried out this year.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has approved the spending and is negotiating with the committee of management on exactly what needs to be done.

The hall is expected to be facelifted and the toilets, kitchen and electrical wiring modernised.

An office for Bob

The new Federal member for Casey, Mr Bob Halvorsen, has opened an electoral office at suite 107, Chirnside Park shopping centre.

Elderlies' clubrooms

Work is expected to start this winter on alterations and improvements to the elderly citizens' clubrooms in Taroona Avenue.

A tender worth about \$70,000 has been let to Leur Developments of Carnegie.

\$3000 State grant for the slab cottage

The historic slab cottage in Castle Road has received a grant of \$3000 from the State Government.

This was announced recently by Mr Max McDonald, the Member for Whittlesea.

"The grant will be used to assist with conservation work on the roof of the bark hut," Mr McDonald said. "The hut has caused much interest amongst local residents and conservation groups, including the National Trust."

Welcoming the grant, management committee chairman Cliff Green said that funds available for conservation work were now ap-

proaching \$5000. "We still need a lot more before we can properly protect the building, fence the site and develop it as an open museum, but this grant gives us a much-needed boost," he said.

"We are hoping to obtain the balance from federal sources. The Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Barry Cohen, gave us a verbal assurance that support would be forthcoming when he visited Warrandyte last year."

Progress on plans and documentation for the project has been delayed owing to the unavoidable resignation of honorary architect

Mr Peter Straughton. "Unexpected work commitments caused Peter's resignation," Mr Green said. "The National Trust is searching for a replacement for us."

"A quite special person is required. A sensitivity to the project is not enough. The architect appointed must have considerable expertise in the conservation of primitive Australian colonial buildings."

"We faced a similar crisis when our honorary archaeologist, Lee Scott-Virtue, left Warrandyte for Western Australia late last year."

"Lee did a magnificent job from

the moment the building was discovered. Her commitment as a local and her specialist knowledge were critical to us getting the project to its current stage."

"But she found a splendid replacement in the person of Dr Peter Coutts, one of the most highly-regarded people in the field in Australia."

"Formerly director of the Victoria Archaeological Survey, Peter carried out the original archaeological survey of the building and has supported us right through."

"His agreement to act as our honorary archaeologist is a real

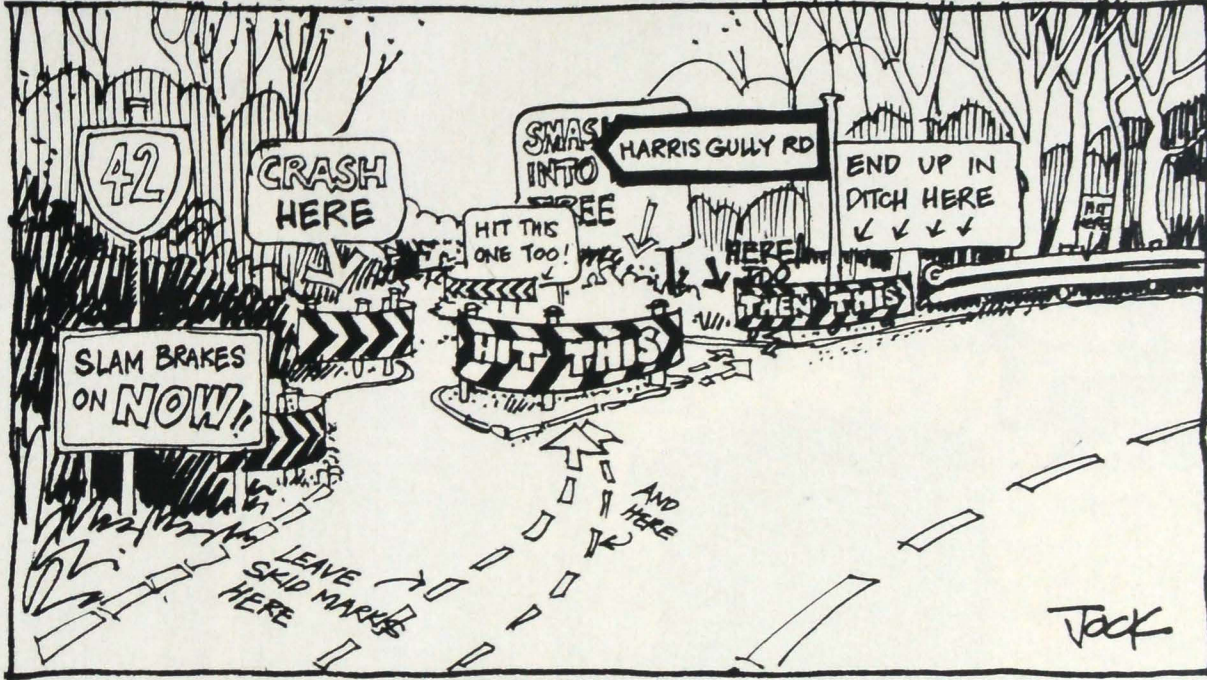
coup. We only need to find a similarly-qualified architect and our consultancy team is complete once more."

"The project has now reached the stage where the work and advice of these honorary professionals is vital. We cannot proceed further without it," Mr Green said.

The mysteries surrounding the little cottage are no nearer to solution than they were 12 months ago.

"We certainly know who enclosed the hut within the newer house," Cliff Green said. "But we still don't know who built it, or exactly when."

"Unless someone comes forward and says 'My grandad built it and here's a photo of him standing beside it,' we may never know. We have put a possible construction date of the late 1880s on it, but that's really little more than an educated guess."



Why not hire a trier

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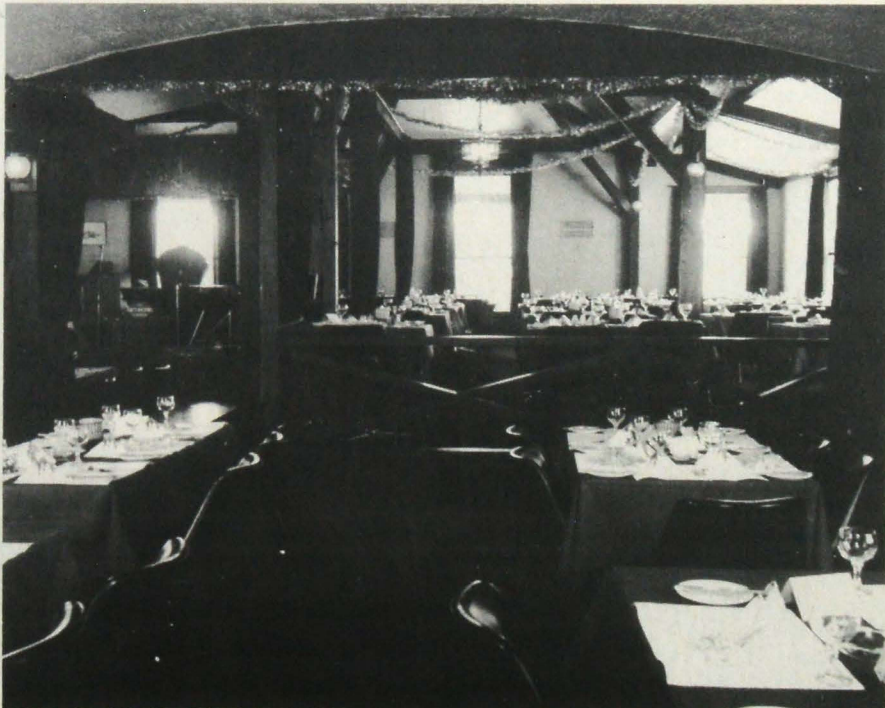
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Warrandyte takes the strain . . . and eventually this tug-of-war against the State Emergency Service.



Kids still love Punch and Judy, even a pair with an environmentally-oriented viewpoint.



letters

SEC action's heavy-handed

After spending six weeks without power just before Christmas and, more recently, on learning of the plight of other local residents similarly affected at the hands of the SEC, I feel that more public awareness of the commission's current activities in the area is needed. My own case was marked by conflicting reports from two inspectors from the same SEC office as to the need for pole-guys and other overhead line requirements, reflecting a good deal of inconsistency of interpretation of the commission's guidelines.

Many local residents, pensioners and the disadvantaged included, have been suddenly required to place their lines underground. This may be at a cost of several thousand dollars, especially if rock blasting is required for the trench to carry the cable.

Insufficient time is allowed for consumers to make decisions, obtain quotes from contractors, who are overworked and in short supply, and to complete the work. There is no room at all for argument: the power is simply disconnected if the work has not been done by the due date.

In my own case the SEC continued to withhold power for several weeks despite information from my contractor and from the Ombudsman that fittings required

for the job were completely unobtainable.

The commission's whole policy of promoting underground cable for private users and refusing to allow the replacement of condemned poles, while it continues to install overhead services on the roadways of new developments, e.g. the Boyd Street estate, seriously raises the question of a double standard.

The stand-over tactics of the SEC officers are more reflective of a litigation paranoia than of a genuine concern for the safety of residents in a fire risk area. Their authoritarian application of new requirements to consumers, many of whom are elderly and lack both the financial resources to pay and the audacity to make their complaints heard, is generating a vast amount of ill-feeling in the community. Both WEL and WAC are compiling files on the matter and would be interested in hearing from any further residents affected.

What is needed is a great deal more understanding and sensitivity on the part of the SEC and its officers in their dealings with the public. Reduction of the fire risk is of the utmost importance but so is the right of the individual to a fair hearing in the particular aspects of his or her own case.

Rob Pierce

Thanks from Gracia

I would like to express through your columns my most sincere thanks to all those who supported me in the recent State election for the seat of Warrandyte.

We achieved a remarkable result, coming within 87 votes of winning. This represents a swing of well over 4 percent and in human terms means that about 1500 people changed their vote from Labor to Liberal this time round.

I am encouraged by the fact that just on half the people of Warrandyte voted for me and the seat has

now become one of the most winnable in Victoria, needing just forty-four people to change their minds at the next election, whenever that may be.

While continuing to be actively involved in community affairs I will, from time to time, be putting appropriate alternative views before the public so that an ongoing assessment of the government's performance will enable the electorate to make informed judgments on issues as they arise.

Gracia Baylor

Thanks from Meals

The Warrandyte and District Welfare Service — Warrandyte Meals on Wheels — wishes to sincerely thank the community of Warrandyte for their generous support of our Election Day collection. This amounted to \$544.16 and is

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You humans are a strange lot. Your species seems to have no unity of purpose.

I heard on the grapevine that a few of you were concerned about mechanical slashing of roadside verges and similar land.

I hear that an experiment has been planned to seek other ways to reduce fuel and keep fire risk down.

A small patch of land known as Cox Park, on the corner of Harris Gully and Gold Memorial Roads, was chosen for the purpose.

The idea, so I'm told, was to eliminate as far as possible the annual foreign grasses that need constant slashing, and encourage indigenous plants.

The indigenous plants would, one would imagine, present some fuel load and vector for bushfire, but present very much less fire risk than the long, thick, dry exotic grasses.

How sensible! Who could criticise you for that. The general feeling among the marsupials is that this sort of activity marks one of the best features of your species.

What a disappointment, then, to find that the whole plan has been steadily white-anted, not by some other group in the animal kingdom, but by members of your own species.

Chopped eucalypt mulch was kindly donated by the SEC. This was to be spread out to discourage the exotic grasses.

It began to disappear!
Some people were actually



ROOTS & LEAVES

by

W. WOMBAT

The Diary would like to introduce you to a new member of staff, **Wally Wombat**, who will be writing an occasional column on behalf of our local flora and fauna.

caught in the act of knocking it off. Others confessed to this dastardly deed under interrogation.

A fence was built to protect the mulch.

Then the fence was knocked off. Not all at once, mind you, but bit by bit. Someone with a very anti-social bent returned night after night to get every last bit. Police are keeping a lookout for the missing fence.

But now that it is gone, the steady attrition of the mulch has begun again. Shame, humans, shame!

A sign has mysteriously appeared on Cox Park, reading "Environmental Tip, No Unauthorised Dumping". This is a good-natured dig at the environmentally aware. It does not harm at all. I wonder, though, how long it will be before it, too, is knocked off.

was a great success. What a pity there were two deaths to spoil an otherwise idyllic time.

Aunt Ariadne and little cousin Phoebe were run down and killed by the motorcade. We marsupials have learnt to be very wary of the homo sapean sub-species "homo red-neckus", but we didn't realise how dangerous a flying zoologist could be.

IN BRIEF

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Co-operative Workshop Ltd will be held at the Co-Op building in Yarra Street on Thursday May 30 at 8 pm.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has granted a planning permit for the pensioner housing to be built next to Stiggant's Reserve. Work is expected to start by June, depending on State Government financial arrangements.

Council has referred \$500,000 worth of drainage works in Warrandyte to its 1985-86 estimates.

Councillor Ken McKenzie says the work, improving drainage in various areas, could start within the next two financial years.

The work is likely to include drainage in Taroona Avenue-Everard Drive and Melbourne Hill Road-Houghton Road.

The Co-Op's Coffee Shop has reopened following the appointment of Dorothy Quarby as youth worker.

The appointment was made possible by a grant from Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

The shop will be open on Wednesdays from 3.30 to 11.30 pm, on Fridays from 3.30 pm to midnight, on Saturdays from 4.30 pm to midnight and on Sundays from 4.30 to 10.30 pm.

Refreshments and a range of activities will be available.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council is considering a grant of \$6500 to the Colman Park Reserve committee of management to complete the fencing around the oval, improve the barbecue area, alter the pavilion and erect a plaque.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has rejected an application by the Gospel Chapel for a grant of \$400 for a fence to protect children who attend two play groups in the chapel.

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Council no to yoga studio for W. End

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has refused a planning permit for a creative dance and yoga studio in West End Road.

The application had been sought by Lyn Colenso, who has been running dance and yoga classes in Warrandyte for many years.

Council said the development allowed insufficient room for car parking, that the proposed use would intrude on the area, would be too noisy and would increase non-residential traffic in West End Road. It could also result in on-street parking nearby, to the detriment of pedestrian safety and neighborhood amenity.

Council has referred the application back to its town planning and strategy committee, which should seek legal opinion whether any precedent exists from the Planning Appeals Board for a permit to be issued under these circumstances.

Friends hard at it already

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park have started their program of work in the local park for the year.

Members of the group have dug gutters to drain Fourth Hill tunnel, removed graffiti from the walls and carted away rubble.

After the tunnel work they went to the Hanson's home in Webb Street to study the landscaping carried out by Bev Hanson and a fire sprinkler system installed by John Hanson.

On the festival weekend the group planted out the island under the bridge. The Friends also had a float in the parade and handed out leaflets describing the work they do.

On the last Sunday of each month, from noon to 4.30 pm, Friends of all ages and abilities participate in a project designed in conjunction with the park rangers to heal areas that have been abused.

Afternoon tea is served and a guest speaker presents a short talk on subjects such as local flora and fauna, the geology of the area, gold

history, Aboriginal archaeology, and bush poetry.

The program for the remainder of 1985 is:

April 28: Spread jute mats and plant trees on Fourth Hill. Meet at the Gold Memorial car park.

May 26: Cut steps and make tracks at the Gold Memorial. Meet in the car park.

June 30: Continue work at Gold Memorial.

July 28: Pot up at Pound Bend nursery and plant out old orchard areas. Meet at nursery (follow signs).

August 25: Remove onion weed from Gold Memorial area.

September 29: Remove broome from Fourth Hill and orchid walk. Meet at Tunnel Street car park.

October 27: Remove cherryplum trees from along Everard Drive. Meet at Everard Drive car park.

November 24: Yarra Brae barbecue. Meet at the gate car park. Jumping Creek Reserve.

Well-known local lady Ann Dixon recently married Kevin Gurnow. We are assured that this is not a ploy by Warrandyte High School to get cheaper bus rates. Kevin, manager of Hurstbridge Bus Lines, and Ann were married in the Warrandyte tradition(?) — in a mud brick house by the Yarra.

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Warrandyte is at last in the big league (not that this is necessarily a good thing). Our ancestors are no doubt turning in their graves at the news that a one-acre block was recently sold for \$100,000.

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Congratulations to Marni and Bob Hickman of Harris Gully Road on the birth of their second daughter, Karli.

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Local park head ranger Kris Reinertsen has had more farewells than Dame Nellie. If you see him around don't blame him. The wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly. It's almost like watching the grass grow. Native grass, that is.

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And on the park rangers, Scott Coultts is the only familiar face from 18 months ago. The new caretakers are Ken Gurney, from Ferntree Gully; Russell Manning, from Rainbow in the Mallee; and Richard Houlihan from Lower Glenelg. Attitudes don't change, though. People are still most welcome to drop in for a look and a chat.

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the fifth column...

And speaking of Rainbow, our much-loved clown will return to Warrandyte in May. Rainbow, alias Eugenie Knox, will be offering classes in clowning. Eugenie, who recently made a film with local youngsters, teaches children drama, mime, aerobics, dance, tumbling and make-up. Two local women, Nonnie Seymour and Sylvia Shaw, have also recently completed clowning courses.

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We all know that Warrandyte is a green belt, but this is ridiculous. Joining the long list of local Greens is Wendy Robertson and her children, Abbie, Jessie and Alistair. Wendy is to marry Gavin Green this month. And as if that isn't enough, Wendy runs the local florist shop with Ann Green. We suppose they both have green thumbs.

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A timely arrival, Kerry Legassick gave birth to her second daughter, Kirra, after attending ante-natal yoga classes. Kerry and Rod are delighted.

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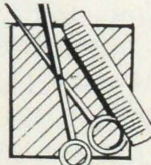
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How They Lived

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



Warrandyte Cricket Club enthusiasts gathered beneath a bough-covered refreshment booth in 1908.

March, 1885: Cricket — Anderson's Creek v. West End Brewery, Melbourne.

At Anderson's Creek on St Patrick's Day, our visitors arrived early and play commenced at once.

Compliments were passed at the luncheon held at Mr Collins', and after the match they drove through the township with their trap and four, returned, although beaten, having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing.

The following are the scores:

ANDERSON'S CREEK First Innings

J. Masterton, b M'Laughlin	25
M. Blair, b M'Laughlin	4
J. Logan, b Wardell	2
J. Mullens, c Cathie b M'Laughlin	1
Collins, std Oakley	0
Oldham, c Wardell b M'Laughlin	0
Treize, c & b Cathie	11
F. Mullens, hit wicket	8
E. Blair, b Cathie	10
Thomas, c Collect b Seyler	0
Harris, n.o.	0
Sundries	16
	78

Second Innings

J. Masterton, c Seyler	28
J. Logan, n.o.	32
J. Mullens, c Cathie	0
Collins, c Seyler b M'Laughlin	8
E. Blair, b Cathie	8
Sundries	6
	82

WEST END BREWERY First Innings

Harmer, run out	0
Cathie, c Masterton b Logan	10
Collett, c Logan b Blair	6
Seyler, c Masterton b Blair	0
Cathie, c Blair b Logan	3
Wardle, c Blair b Blair	0
Oakley, c Blair b Blair	2
M'Laughlin, b Logan	15
Clarke, c Logan b Blair	0
Carter, c Logan b Logan	0
Maynes, n.o.	3
Sundries	6
	45

Mining News: — The splendid yield from the Yarra Tribute Company (Grant and Holloway) — 90 ozs 15 dwts from 14½ tons of quartz — will certainly cause a stir here, very deservedly so I think.

Seven ounces to the ton is going back to old times for yields from quartz. Many years ago it was not thought a great deal of, but under existing circumstances it means a revival in quartz mining.

The Yarra Tunnel Extended expect to strike the reef on the island in a few days.

The Young Colonial obtained 7 ozs 15 dwts from about a ton and a half of stone. They have been prospecting for some time and are now sinking shafts.

The Great Southern obtained 5 ozs from 3½ tons. They expect a better crushing next time.

As the falling off of alluvial gold takes place with us it seems that the natural turn is for the reefs, and it only proves that when legitimate prospecting takes place it is remunerative.

An incentive will now be given to person who have the means to use a portion of it for prospecting for new and for further developing the old known lodes that were so profitably worked on the surface some years ago.

We have a large area to practise on, and now gold has been proved a further quarter of a mile on the Yarra Tunnel line, certainly other lines should be prospected ahead.

In alluvial, there is nothing to report.

Owing to production problems, this item did not appear in the March issue of the Diary.

April, 1885 — Anderson's Creek Police Court (before John Bell, Esq., J.P.).

Police v. Ewan Cameron — Maintenance arrears for his child in Industrial School. Order for amount, and 2s 6d costs.

Police v. Samuel Cutts — Sunday trading. Case adjourned for one month.

Police v. John Masterton — Using obscene language in a public place. Fined 5s, and 2s 6d costs, in default 48 hours' imprisonment.

Police v. William Oldham — Using obscene language in a public place. Fined 5s and 2s 6d costs, in default 48 hours' imprisonment.

Police v. John Hamill — Insulting behaviour in a public place. Fined 40s and 42s 6d costs, in default two months' imprisonment.

Police v. Phillip Dynes — Insulting behaviour. Case dismissed.

Police v. Henry Hoare — Removing timber from Crown Lands. Case adjourned for one month.

Application for transfer of licence of the Club Hotel, Ringwood, from G. Wiggins to James Lindsay. Adjourned for one month.

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'Goldtown' booms

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Goldtown Open — played for the second time late last month — is now established as the strongest tournament in Victoria outside Kooyong.

More than 500 players participated in the 1985 event and attendances were trebled.

The open was played over four days and ran at a handsome financial profit.

Cash prizes of \$1500 and \$1300 worth of tennis equipment were distributed.

Brad Guan repeated last year's success by taking the men's open singles title. He defeated Victorian State coach John McCurdy 6-4, 7-6 in the final.

Women's open winner was much-improved 15 year-old Nicole Provis, who beat Bernadette Randall 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Last year's champion Sue Saliba had to be content with a share of the doubles title, combining with Vicki

Collins to beat Miss Provis and C. Miller.

Guan and his partner A. Ross were beaten in the men's doubles final by Craig Tregonning and M. McKee.

Two special grandstands were erected to accommodate the crowd and there was rarely a seat vacant.

Other finals results:

Men's singles A: Chris Ellis d. S. Dickinson' men's singles B: G. Spierings d. S. Mayne; men's singles C: A. Hunt d. A. Mucchiante.

Women's singles B: J. Downes d. C. Paoli.

Men's open doubles: C. Tregonning and M. McKee d. B. Guan and A. Ross; men's doubles B: F. Forlano and P. Lord d. S. Hancox and G. Munckhof; men's doubles C: S. Mayne and D. Greenhill d. P. Grey and P. Trotter.

Women's open doubles: S. Saliba and V. Collins d. C. Miller and N. Provis; women's doubles B: J. Anderson and C. Glennon d. A. Rugg and A. Johnstone.

Mixed doubles: S. Ingall and N.

Rose d. S. and J. Mayne.

Men's veteran singles: J. Pedemont d. J. Kronk; men's veteran doubles: K. Rose and B. Bryant d. J. Kronk and D. Bennett; women's veteran doubles: A. Rugg and A. Johnstone d. L. Ryan and V. Mackintosh.

Kids kick on

Home-grown young Warrandyte footballers John O'Brien and Darren Peters have hit the big time.

Both are set to make names for themselves this season in the VFL under-19s.

O'Brien kicked five goals in his debut with Fitzroy and Peters has been signed by Essendon.

Cricket is very much a way of life for Wayne Amiguet who doubles as publicity officer and senior eleven batsmen for Warrandyte.

Even an extended overseas holiday had to be squeezed in between seasons.

Wayne and wife Vicki, who live at Scoresby, left late last month — immediately after the finals — for Britain and Europe. They'll be back in November . . . just in time for the new season.

Cricket scores

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SEMI-FINALS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 5/316 (Dorning 96 n.o., Salter 80, Pascoe 69, White 45) lost to East Ringwood 8/317 (White 4/92, Lloyd 3/110).

SIXTHS: Warrandyte 316 (Chipperfield 99, Roberts 68, Gathercole 68, Harris 27) d. Ainslie Park 116 (Harris 5/47, Chipperfield 3/30).

WOMEN: Warrandyte 187 (Chapman 74, Martin 43, McLaws 30) lost to Tooronga 267 (Chapman 3/72, McGhee 3/73).

UNDER-16s: Warrandyte 142 (Kline 80) lost to Ringwood 180 (Kline 4/77, Snaidero 3/31).

GRAND FINAL

SIXTHS: Warrandyte 184 (Roberts 90 n.o., Lietens 40) lost to Parkwood 321 (Chipperfield 5/74, Harris 3/75).

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Dytes done in cliff-hanger

Warrandyte came home empty-handed from the Ringwood District Cricket Association finals.

But with an ounce of luck, it might have been a very different story.

• The Dytes' first eleven were beaten by one run in the last over in their semi-final against East Ringwood, who went on to win the pennant.

• The sixth eleven were forced into an impossible helter-skelter situation in their grand final against Parkdale, who took advantage of the rules governing rain-affected play and batted into the last day of the three-day game.

Warrandyte's other finalists, the women's team and the under-16s, were both beaten in the semi-finals.

The seniors, defending the Chandler Shield, won the toss and elected to bat against East Ringwood in the match at the North Ringwood football ground.

They started badly and were in deep trouble at 2/13 before captain-coach John Salter and Steve Pascoe got together.

Salter made 80 and Pascoe 69 as the Warrandyte score mounted to what was shaping as a match-winning total.

The reliable Robert White contributed 45, but the real hero of the innings was 17-year-old Colin Dorning, who hit up an unbeaten 96 before the compulsory closure at 5/316.

It was a timely return to form by Dorning, an innings which fully justified Warrandyte Cricket Club selectors' perseverance with him amid a disappointing run of scores.

Despite their respectable score, Warrandyte knew they still had the job ahead of them because East Ringwood are recognised as a strong batting side.

They lived right up to that reputation and were only one wicket down as they approached the halfway mark in the run chase.

But the Warrandyte attack, led by White and Graeme Lloyd, persisted and East Ringwood were eight down, with scores level, at the start of the last over.

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It was breathless cricket, with the teams locked together and just three balls to go.

A single off the next ball, the fourth of the six-ball over, gave East Ringwood the game.

The Dytes' cause was set back before the start of play when wicketkeeper Bruce Kline had to withdraw because of illness. His place behind the stumps was taken by Salter, whose innings had taken his season's run aggregate past the 900 mark.

The sixths, who had advanced to the grand final by comfortably disposing of Ainslie park in their semi, were set the impossible task of making 322 in just 54 overs to beat Parkwood.

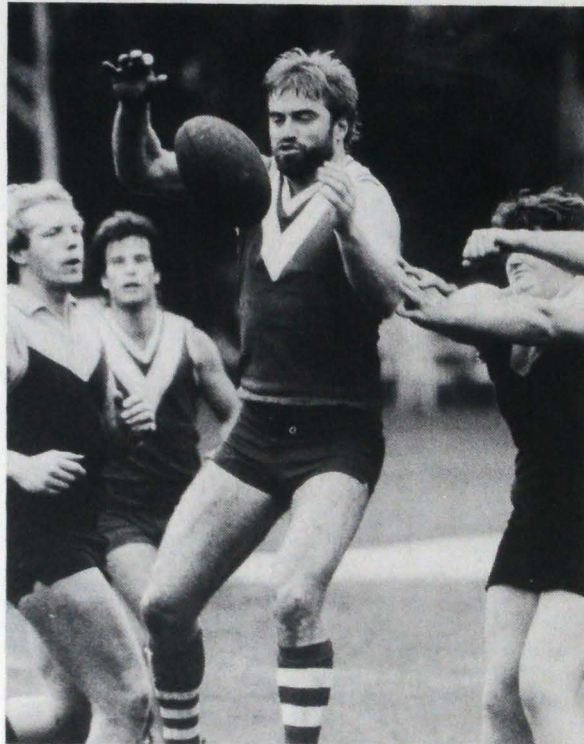
They attacked the assignment in swashbuckling style, but were dismissed for 184.

Opener Graeme Roberts led the assault and was unbeaten on 90.

The surprise package was Peter Lietens, who had totalled only 14 runs for the season. Lietens hit out lustily and made a career-best 40.

Despite some fine individual performances, the women's team were no match for Tooronga, and the under-16s failed by 38 runs against Ringwood.

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"It's mine!" says Warrandyte first 18 player Uve Morzinek as he attacks the ball in a practice match. And it would take a brave man indeed to argue with such a fierce-looking fellow.

Bloods buy for 1985

Warrandyte Football Club have recruited vigorously for the 1985 season, which kicks off at home on Saturday, April 20.

New senior coach Chris Valerkou has been a pace-setter in attracting new blood to the Bloods to fill gaps left by the loss of key players and to generally strengthen the ranks.

Latest recruits include 24-year-old Greensborough ruck-rover Peter Banks, a former Morrish Medal winner with Collingwood's under-19s.

He is accompanied by another former Magpie — key position player Peter McDonald, who has represented the Diamond Valley in inter-league football.

From Hurstbridge comes big ruckman Wally Walsh and from East Malvern, half-back flanker Craig Bretherton.

The Bloods have also won defender and ruck-rover Shawn Stewart from Caulfield.

Warrandyte open their 1985 EDFL second-division campaign against big-name newcomers Clayton.

Bloods president Jeff Reddie told the Diary that enthusiasm was running high within the club and that new coach Valerkou had "clicked" instantly with his players.

"Chris has already made a big impact and obviously we are hoping for big things this season," Mr Reddie said.

"The juniors are shaping well, but we'd still like to hear from any boy, under-10 upwards, who wants a game of football."

Prospective young Bloods should contact John Read on 844 2180.

The club will hold a dance after the season's opener. Inquiries: Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).

Truly, a captain's knock

Warrandyte Cricket Club captain-coach John Salter has capped a magnificent season by winning the senior XI batting trophy and the club champion award.

Salter also took out the Ringwood District Cricket Association batting trophy.

His successes come amid speculation that Salter will leave Warrandyte to return to District ranks next

season, but strong moves are already under way to keep him here.

Senior trophies were presented at a function late last month at East Ringwood Social Club.

Graeme Lloyd again won the senior bowling award, Darren Peters the fielding trophy and Robert White the captain's trophy.

Jenni McLaws was adjudged women's champion and Harvey Harris took out the club all-rounder award.

Other winners:

Seconds: Gerald Walshe (batting), Steve Peake (bowling), John O'Brien (fielding), Mark O'Brien (captain's trophy).

Thirds: Alan King, Chris Snaidero, Richard Wilson, David Jungwirth.

Fourths: Wayne Moore, Bernie Blair, Rowan Walker, Mark Thomas.

Fifths: Godfrey Walker, Bob LeGuier, Colin Blackburn, Royce Beasley.

Sixths: Harvey Harris, Graeme Roberts, Jim Gathercole, Colin Chipperfield.

Women: Jenni McLaws (batting and bowling), Maria McGhee, Heidi Joy.

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