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Short shrift for super shire

North Warrandyte may lose its unique character if proposals to widen the scope of the rural shire inquiry being conducted by the Local Government Commission are accepted.

The Commission division that is conducting the inquiry has asked the parties to make submissions on the possibility of considering the amalgamation of Eltham and Diamond Valley shires.

North Warrandyte resident and Eltham Shire chief executive officer Rodney Roscholler warns of a drastic urbanising impact on North Warrandyte if the proposal is accepted and amalgamation goes ahead.

He says Diamond Valley Council has a development-oriented philosophy which would not recognise the special character and needs of North Warrandyte.

The inquiry was set up about three years ago after a petition from the North Riding Action Group — mainly people from St Andrews, Pantom Hill and Hurstbridge — seeking to amalgamate areas of the shires of Eltham, Diamond Valley, Whittlesea, Yea and Healesville into a rural shire.

The latest proposals by the inquiry stem from Labor Party policy to reduce, through amalgamation, the number of Victorian municipalities from 211 to between 160 and 170 within the next four years.

The Diary, without wishing to appear cynical, also suggests that as Diamond Valley is a Labor-controlled council and Eltham has several Labor supporters on council, the amalgamation would probably create one big Labor-controlled council.

The deadline for submissions passed early this month, and this creates a problem for local groups and individuals who might want to appear at the inquiry.

The division can call for submissions only from the parties to the original inquiry, that is the councils and the action, although there is a possibility that special leave might be granted for other groups such as the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and Warrandyte Environment League. They could also put their cases through Eltham Council, but the shire has already prepared its submission. Mr Roscholler suggests that such groups' submission could be attached as late appendices to Eltham's submission.

Eltham is totally opposed to amalgamation.

It has submitted five main grounds of opposition:

- The Shire of Eltham is a successful unit that provides a comprehensive range of services to its citizens. It is clear that the shire's financial position will improve further as its population grows from 38,000 to about 50,000 over the next 10 years.
- The Shire of Eltham has, for many years, been in the forefront of local government on environmental issues. It has been demonstrably active in its support of the Green Wedge and the preservation of its rural townships.
- The development philosophies of the shires of Eltham and Diamond Valley are fundamentally different. Eltham gives a very high priority to the preservation of its physical environment. The Shire of Diamond Valley has a more "normal" approach in that rapid development is encouraged by the council with the aim of providing more revenue to provide more services. It is considered likely that major problems would arise if the above two philosophies were brought together into one municipality.
- Amalgamation would produce arguably the biggest municipality in Victoria based on a consideration of population, area and total revenue. A combined municipality would result in an area in excess of 37,000 hectares and an existing population of about 100,000 people. If the reason for amalgamation are increased efficiency and the effective provision of a wide range of services to a municipality's citizens, then the amalgamation of Eltham and Diamond Valley must be questioned.
- The Shire of Eltham is very strongly committed to meaningful consultation with its citizens on the provision of a wide range of services. This consultation is achieved at a relatively high cost in terms of officers' time. It would not be possible to maintain the same level of consultation with a municipality as large as is proposed.

Mr Roscholler is in the difficult position of speaking both as a

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The program consists of one session of one hour a week between four and seven in the evening.

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There are 104 boys and girls already attending classes at the Yarra Valley Church of England School, Kalinda Road, Warrandyte.

The teaching program is under the direction of Miss Melda Rees, a well-known dancer and choreographer in live theatre and television, both in Australia and overseas. Miss Rees has extensive experience in teaching children in all areas of dance.



Miss Rees and Yarra Valley dance students.

She says the program is run like a school, with very strict discipline. "Children must attend classes regularly. Those who happen to miss classes without any excuses are usually asked to leave. This is to ensure that the regular attenders don't get disadvantaged by those who come one day and miss the next," she says.

However, she adds, unlike schools, they don't have set examinations for their student.

Miss Rees says the program has five different levels — provisional, junior, intermediate, senior and performance. Those who demonstrate a particular aptitude for and interest in a specific style of dance may graduate into specific classes.

On enrolment, students are grouped according to their age and ability.

The Dance Theatre gives three workshop performances throughout the year. "I think the children look forward to having their parents and friends at the workshop, and it's also a fantastic idea for parents to see how their children are progressing and how the teaching program operates in general," Miss Rees says. Children in their first year with the theatre are generally not involved in any public performances.

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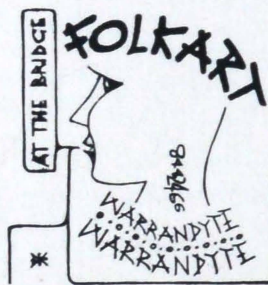
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In days gone by, the way to prove your masculine superiority was to challenge a competitor to a joust. Smokey hears that the new method is a game of golf. Local painter and decorator Tony Graf was having a quiet ale with a couple of mates recently to celebrate his 40th birthday when Warrandyte Cricket Club's answer to Geoff Boycott, Graeme Jacobs, piped up with the astonishing claim that he could whip Graf any time, anywhere. Next Sunday morning Graf and

mates arrive at the Jacobs house ready to do battle, only to be greeted by a sartorially unspendable Jacobs cowering behind the lounge-room curtains refusing to put his money where his mouth is. Smokey thinks this is a very poor performance and is willing to act as referee should Jacobs decide to do the right thing.

Forget Councillor Ken McKenzie, it's W.O.W. McKenzie from now on, or WOW for short, not that anyone would want to use the adjective "long" in any reference to this diminutive bundle of energy. The initials stand for Will O' the Wisp and have been conferred on him by a citizen not unacquainted with Smokey. The point is that without fail people looking for Ken can never find him when they need him, he's got so many different projects on the boil. Smokey has lost count of the number of times he has been talking to Ken when someone or other has rushed up and said something along the lines of "Macka, just the man. Where have you been, I've been looking for you everywhere."

We are delighted to report that the generation gap is not nearly as wide as a lot of people might think. Not in this town anyway. We quote the example of George Docking, who lives in that cream brick house in Yarra Street, just along from the dairy. George took an interest in the activities of a bunch of kids who had set their collective hearts on building a BMX bike track at the back of his home. He met them when they borrowed a shovel from him to carve out the track of their dreams and he encouraged their endeavours, to the point of providing advice, soft drinks and biscuits etc. The kids responded to this show of friendship form an "oldie" by chipping in when the job was done and buying George and wife Molly a box of chocolates. Alas, Board of Works bulldozers must demolish the BMX track as the sewerage project goes through. But there's a happy ending here. Thanks largely to George's representations, the kids will be able to build a new one on the vacant land adjoining his home.

We identify some of the kids involved because for one thing, it might give them a kick to see their names in the paper and, for another, we applaud them for their part in what we considers to be a warm little story, a story about people getting along with each other. They are Jamie and Brad Donald, Rory Halliamns, Ian McKenzie and Nathan, Rory and Silas Croft. There are others, but the informant couldn't remember all the names.

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That familiar bearded face and charming smile is appearing on handbills advertising pubs and rock venues throughout Melbourne, courtesy of five young Warrandyte women who have formed a band.

The five — Rosie Joy, Kelly Brimacombe, Genevieve Hassall, Susan World and Katherine Weals — regard Ken as their guru, and have even written a song about him. They also have Ken McKenzie graffiti on the walls of their homes.

The band, the Wet Ones, is making quite a name for itself around town — and quite a name for Ken McKenzie as well.

When performing their song, "Ken McKenzie", they hand out how-to-vote cards that Ken used for his campaign to get elected to council. They also have a stage act that involves the use of the cards.

Ken's road to fame began when the Wet Ones were performing at the Prince of Wales Hotel in St Kilda one night and began handing

out the how-to-vote cards. A St Kilda identity known as Fred saw them and asked if he could incorporate them in handbills for rock shows.

Mystery man McKenzie is now the talk of rock fans throughout Melbourne.

To help explain the mystery, the band wrote the "Ken McKenzie" song, some of the verses of which the Diary is only too happy to reproduce.

Ken McKenzie, macho man, I bet you drive a panel van, and drive around in Warrandyte, and (words deleted for reasons of taste) at night.

Ken McKenzie, mummy's boy, bet you are her pride and joy, her name is Alice, squeak and pop, she works in Warrandyte Op shop.

Ken McKenzie, chubby cheeks, cute and hairy I love to tweak, you smile so strangely from your beard,

Ken McKenzie, you're so weird.

Ken McKenzie, kamikaze, Kamikaze, Ken McKenzie, Ken McKenzie, McKenzie Ken.

Why not warm up an AGM?

It must be something to do with the July weather — all these annual general meetings.

Smart organisers from at least two groups have arranged annual general meetings next month — the Historical Society and the Post Office Preservation Group.

The Historical Society's meeting will be on Tuesday the ninth, at the community centre in Yarra Street, beginning at 8 pm.

The POPG meeting will be held on Monday the eighth, at the North Warrandyte community centre, Research Road, starting at 8 pm.

POPG is interested in hearing from people with fresh fund-raising ideas now that work is about to start on restoration of the building.

About \$20,000 has been raised by the group, and donations totalling about \$6000 have been promised from the National Estates Program and Victoria's 150th anniversary committee. Although other funding is expected, the group still has a long way to go in raising its own money.

So if you have a new, surefire way of raising moolah, why not POP along. It will be a wine and cheese night, and it's sure to add a bit of interest to what would otherwise be a dull, wintry July night.

Why not hire a trier

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.

Darren, who will be 16 in July, wants an apprenticeship in plumbing.

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Warrandyte is very fortunate to have secured the rights to be the first group, amateur or professional, to produce this play in Victoria.

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Melbourne-born William Chidley, it brings back to life a character more fascinating than any fiction.

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Many believed that Australia was destined to lead the world into a new utopian age. Most did nothing more than dream, but Chidley tried, passionately and alone, to convince his sceptical peers of the value of his theories.

This adults-only comedy/drama

will be presented in-the-round at the Warrandyte Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, July 11, 12, 13, and 18, 19, 20 at 8.15 pm.

Complimentary sherries before the performance, and supper afterwards will help make it a pleasant night at the theatre. New heating has been installed to cope with the winter chills.

Bookings and inquiries may be made by phoning Elaine Henderson on 844 1032, and it is advisable to book early as the season is limited and bookings are already being received.

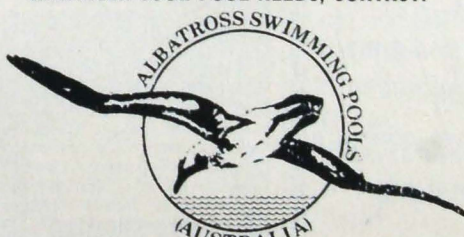


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It has been a busy month for the steering committee of the Warrandyte Citizen's Advice Bureau.

At a meeting on May 27, committee member Brian Bayley reported on talks between the State Health Commission and local communities on the creation of district health councils.

These councils are being considered as a way of keeping the commission in touch with community health needs. The CAB would be involved in a local council if one was set up.

Another committee member, Ainslie Lamb, will maintain contact with developments on a State Government move to set up Neighbourhood Mediation Services, again something that would probably mean CAB involvement.

The service is designed to settle disputes between neighbours, for example arguments about dogs, nature strips etc. The service would settle disputes in a non-legal way and prevent them going to court or worsening.

Ainslie is also in contact with developments on the Legal Aid Service, a state-subsidised body that provides free legal aid for people who cannot otherwise afford it. The CAB hopes to be able to have a legal aid officer in attendance once a month.

She will also represent the Warrandyte CAB steering committee at the State Government's Law Consultation, which is studying the distribution of legal services throughout the state.

It is a way for the government to find out communities' opinions on the administration, delivery and distribution of legal services.

Committee members have visited neighbouring CABs to establish links for the sharing of information

and counselling referrals.

The CAB has also been discussing the serious shortage availability of low-rent housing in the area and the difficulty of providing emergency financial aid.

A CAB official says: "We were delighted to hear of Doncaster and Templestowe Council's approval of renovations for the old post office. Local councillor Ken McKenzie must be thanked for continuing to interpret local needs effectively to hard-pressed council officers. The CAB looks forward to making the old post office a vital place in the community." (The CAB will operate from the building when work is completed.)

Seventeen CAB volunteers are now at various stages of training and orientation in the neighbouring bureaux.

The CAB invites all volunteers and interested people to a bring-your-own lunch on Friday, June 28 from 11 am to hear what is involved in a CAB. It will be at the home of Mary Harry, 66 Bradleys Lane.

Ring Mary, 844 1128, Hilary Hunt, 844 1060, Jan Meehan, 844 2341, or Jenny Harkin, 844 2663, if you would like to come.

The CAB would like to have a wider range of people involved, although its volunteers themselves come from a variety of backgrounds.

The official says: "As well as the specific tasks of working in the bureau, once the post office is finished we see training as an important method of personal development for people in the community."

"In some instances, this has led on to a change in direction of paid work opportunities. For others it represents a small part of their lives that is both enjoyable and helpful in enriching the life of the community."

WAC NOTES

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Warrandyte
Advisory
Committee.

The annual general meeting of WAC will be the forum for the inaugural meeting of an elderly citizens' housing co-operative for Warrandyte.

The meeting will be in two parts. The first will be as short as possible and will cover the formalities of the AGM. The second part will hear from speakers on the question of housing for elderly and retired local residents. Discussion will follow.

A significant number of these people are being forced out of town because of a lack of facilities. Many are long-term residents who own modest houses but will be means-tested out of contention for the proposed Ministry of Housing development in Stiggants Street.

A proposal will be put to the meeting to form a local housing co-op. The meeting will be on July 24 and further details will be published in the next Diary.

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WAC has commented to Eltham Council on the poor state of some roads in North Warrandyte. A review of maintenance programs has been suggested.

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gamation of the shires of Eltham and Diamond Valley.

"It would be highly undesirable to amalgamate a municipality that is economically viable, in touch with its citizens and provides a diverse range of high quality services.

"The benefits to be derived from the proposed amalgamation would have to be very significant and beyond question to outweigh the disruptive effect on both the shires' citizens and staff. To date no benefits have been discerned and in fact a large number of significant problems have come to light.

"It is clear that Eltham is being considered for amalgamation at this point in time because an inquiry had already been set up to look into the possibility of a new rural shire.

"The Eltham Council believes that the government's policy of amalgamation of municipal districts could be seriously jeopardised if this opportunistic proposal is further considered.

"It is very clear where the priorities should be in relation to amalgamations and it is obvious that Eltham would not be high priority or practically any criteria.

"A staged, rational approach to amalgamation is necessary so that the first changes occur where the need is greatest and the success of the concept is measured. On this basis it is considered entirely inappropriate to amalgamate two viable municipalities . . . to create one of the largest municipalities in the state.

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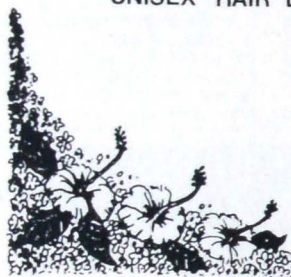
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North Warrandyte resident and as a municipal administrator whose career would be enhanced if he was to become chief executive officer of the big amalgamated council. He also does not criticise the philosophy of Diamond Valley Shire — he says it is as legitimate as Eltham's — but believes strongly that it is not suited to the North Warrandyte way of life.

Mr Roscholler says: "I believe the Shire of Eltham over the years has developed a good working relationship with North Warrandyte people and the philosophies of Eltham and North Warrandyte bodies has been pretty consistent.

"Eltham's philosophy and Diamond Valley's are fundamentally different in that Diamond Valley is a development-oriented municipality. Their approach is that rapid development generates funds that can be fed back into the community to provide services.

"Eltham's philosophy is to give high priority to the environment and to allow residents to live compatibly with that environment.

"A good example is to compare the roads in the two municipalities. Compare the design, form and landscaping of Eltham's roads with those of Diamond Valley. Their roads are straight, wide and formed. If there is a bit of traffic congestion in Diamond Valley they would put in a four-lane road. We ask whether it is worth the money to make traffic move 15 seconds faster from point A to point B at the expense of an attractive environment."

He says another aspect is the simple physical links between rate-payers and council. "Diamond Valley has huge, flash new offices; Eltham's are hopeless," he says. "It would be logical (if amalgamation went ahead) for there to be only one office, and that would be at Diamond Valley." He says this would put North Warrandyte people even

further away from the seat of administration.

Mr Roscholler is angry that there were only 21 days in which the parties to the inquiry could prepare their submissions. He points out that the inquiry itself is almost a year late in preparing its report to the Minister for Local Government.

"This puts groups such as WEL and WAC, for example, in a difficult position," he says. "How can they get their act together in time. Their support for Eltham Council in many areas has been fantastic, and technically they will be too late on this issue."

Mr Roscholler says the biggest impact of amalgamation would be on the environment. "Our policy of maintaining two-acre blocks for North Warrandyte has taken a lot of hard work and commitment," he says. "If amalgamation went ahead the result would be twice as many blocks as have been allowed by us.

"If the urban philosophy was applied here, then there is no physical reason why two-acre blocks could not be subdivided. Basically, North Warrandyte as we know it would be lost.

"Do we want made roads, sewers and drains throughout North Warrandyte? What would follow then would be a continuous push for higher density residential development just to pay for these things through rates.

"The cost of that sort of package would have to \$10,000 to \$15,000 per quarter-acre block; more if we are talking about acre blocks."

Rates would also have to rise a bit, he says, because properties would be valued higher. In fact, for 1984-85, Diamond Valley's general rate was 9.4 percent higher than Eltham's.

The conclusion to Eltham's submission to the inquiry says: "Eltham Council, by resolution, and the citizens of the shire via the attached petitions, are very strongly opposed to the proposed amal-

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Alison died at Warringal Private Hospital in Heidelberg on May 26. She would have been 46 years of age had she lived another month. Alison left us at the watershed of her life, at the very edge of her children's emergence as adults, at the threshold of her greatest artistic achievements. Her life was only half over, as we all would optimistically measure our span of years, yet few of us will be privileged to live such a life of fulfilment, achievement and service.

Alison Margaret Bryne's life began at Kew, Victoria, on June 25, 1939. She was born into a family in comfortable circumstances, a family rich in heritage and ancient associations. Her mother was descended from the clan McLeod, her father was of the honored Irish line of Byrne.

She was educated at primary school in Kew, then at the Methodist Ladies' College. Her working life began as a trainee nurse at the Eye and Ear Hospital in East Melbourne, but after a year of nursing, Alison knew where she was headed. She enrolled as a full-time student in the art school at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, majoring in sculpture. Her father had qualified as an engineer at the same college and last year her son Matthew completed his degree in ceramics at RMIT.

Alison and Walter met in art classes at RMIT. Alison Byrne was already an acclaimed young sculptor when she married art teacher Walter Magilton on January 17, 1962, at Kew Presbyterian Church. They had planned to spend the first night of their honeymoon camping in the bush at Warrandyte. They arrived out here to find the township ringed by fire and were forced to

Compiled by Cliff Green, with help from Alison's family and friends

retreat to a park in Eltham, with the fire in close attendance.

After marriage, Alison taught art at high schools in Oak Park, Murrumbeens and Bayswater, then resigned to raise a family. The first Magilton home was built at East Burwood and it was here that Matthew and Jannie were born.

The Magiltons came to Warrandyte at the end of 1973. They built a house at the junction of Stoney Creek and the Yarra River. Alison wanted to create her own floor coverings so she went to a Council of Adult Education weaving class. Her tutor was the noted artist-weaver, Anne Greenwood. Quite soon, Anne and Alison were exhibiting together and became co-tutors for the CAE. Alison abandoned open texture weaving in favor of the demanding discipline of fine tapestry weaving, as practised by artist-craftsmen through the centuries. Her exquisite draughtsmanship and many years of formal art training made possible this transition. Needless to say, she has never woven those floor coverings.

Alison Magilton is now recognised as one of Victoria's leading tapestry weavers. She has held individual exhibitions in London, Cambridge, Launceston and various Melbourne galleries, and has participated in group showings in South Africa, the National Gallery of Victoria and several exhibitions held under the auspices of the Australian Wool Corporation. In common with the critical apathy afforded fine weaving in general, Alison's work was often ignored in art-establishment circles. Yet she is represented in numerous private and public collections, including the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Ararat Regional Gallery and the Queensland Art Gallery. Perhaps it is the illustrative nature of Alison's tapestries, their very accessibility as works of art, that serves to annoy the critics.

Their scorn is soon forgotten. Their loss is our gain.

Alison's talent had many facets. She not only showed early promise as a sculptor, then went on to achieve major success as an artist-weaver, but she was an accomplished story illustrator, garment designer and water colour painter.

Coming to Warrandyte not only released new creative energies for Alison. The warmth and open character of this community soon had her participating in a wide range of local activities. Her first involvement was on the committee of the North Warrandyte Kindergarten. She was appointed a Justice of the Peace and was available for personal advice all hours. Warrandyte Uniting Church was the Magilton family church from the very beginning of their time here, and Alison was soon involved in the day-to-day life of the church. She was a good neighbor to the folk in Albert Road, and enjoyed in return many close and enduring friendships. She enjoyed the artistic life of the district and was a highly-respected member of the Warrandyte arts community.

By way of contrast, Alison was a skilled sports car driver. She competed at Sandown and in numerous rallies and hill climbs. She had an abiding love of horses. Her earliest drawings were of horses; the horse was a continuing theme in her art; as sculptor, weaver, painter and illustrator. One of her greatest delights was to share her daughter Jannie's passion for horses and witness her developing skill as a rider. Just a couple of days before she was diagnosed as a cancer sufferer, she recommenced riding lessons. She completed a course in horse husbandry only a few weeks before she died.

She was always interested in intellectual pursuits. She read widely and deeply and was an adult matriculant. She was constantly studying and was a gifted teaching of adult craft groups. She shared a wide range of family activities and brought a sense of quiet wisdom and an air of calm confidence



to her relationships, both in the family and in the community beyond.

Alison's life was a triumph. She blessed all our lives. She gave us love and compassion, friendship and strength. As a successful artist, she communicated to use a clearer perception of our world. Yet she left us too early; many years too early. Half-finished on the great loom that dominates her studio is a work of epic proportions. It depicts three young figures and is a glowing celebration of human vitality and spirit. It is a potential masterwork; yet it is a work half-finished.

The cruel grief of personal loss will fade with the years, but the appalling sense of waste at the loss of an artist at the peak of her powers will grow greater and seem more tragic as time passes.

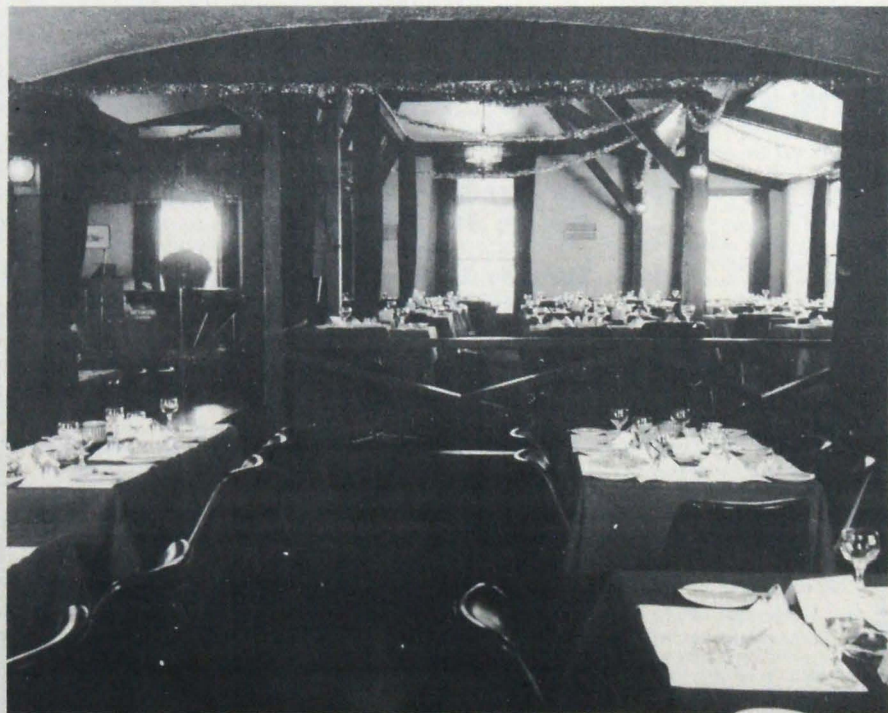
Alison Magilton is held in our hearts and memories; she will live until the threads and fibres of her remarkable creations fall as dust.

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Hasn't Jock done a nice drawing of me under my stump? It's quite a good likeness.

On the subject of Jock, did you like his contribution to last month's front page? I understand that photocopies have been sent to the minister responsible for the SEC, Mr Fordham, to various officers of high rank in the SEC and to the chief at the SEC's Ringwood office.

I wish my column enjoyed such wide distribution!

The Warrandyte community has to deal with the SEC with one hand tied behind its back as some of its best spokesmen are SEC employees who have to keep their noses clean. Can't one of you blokes get a transfer into the Department for the Prevention of Destruction of Bushland? Then you could work for your community and for your supper all at once.

Many things have happened since my last column.

First there was Arbor Week. A good idea put into effect in a silly way. What has a lot of balloons got to do with trees? The organisers could have put their effort into showing the kids of Victoria the difference between trees that belong in their area and weeds. Too few can grasp the difference.

I hear that at the Warrandyte

ROOTS & LEAVES by Wombat



Market weeds are regularly offered for sale. For shame! Tell you what I'll do. In this column soon I will present an interview with local botanist David Cameron to explain what a weed is and why it matters.

Second, there has been a lot more clearing. Our editor tidied up my last column and deleted the more emotional aspects. Apparently the printing process cannot reproduce tear drops.

Anyway, there have been TWO MORE bush-clearing incidents, both touching on the illegal as well

Lock up your homes, say local police

Warrandyte police are concerned about a spate of petty thefts from Warrandyte homes. Station chief Royce Beasley says most occurred while residents were outside, leaving doors and windows open.

He also reports several bigger burglaries from North Warrandyte homes. One house was cleaned out to the tune of \$11,000 in cash and property recently, and there have been several smaller house-breakings.

Vandals have caused several hundred dollars' worth of damage to Warrandyte Primary School in the

past month — mainly broken windows and damage to buildings.

A pack of dogs has been killing sheep and goats — many of them pets — in the Gold Memorial-Beauty Gully Roads area recently. Police remind the owners of dogs to keep them chained at night.

Local police are concerned about the seriousness of the drug problem in the area — mainly possession and use of marijuana. Several young local people have been charged in the past couple of months.

as the immoral. What is it with you humans? You seem to think you own the land.

Third, and on a happier note, was International Wombat Week. A fine and worthy celebration that went on for a fortnight.

Fourth, the Warrandyte Rotary Club chose a speaker for their last meeting on the subject of "the work of the conservationists in Warrandyte".

Rotary couldn't get any of the "big guns" because they were all too busy trying to figure out how they could support Jock without putting their careers in jeopardy. But a bloke was found who would dig up the facts and present them.

It was a pity he went on too long. He just managed to finish before Royce Beasley booked him for loitering.

I was lurking in a corner and found some of his data most disquieting. Apparently the clearing of bushland that I have commented on last month and then again above is occurring at such a rate that if it were kept up, there would not be one plant left in Warrandyte in 12½ years! Slow down, humans! Otherwise in 1998 you'll have to live in your own desert.

A questioner asked: "What about those who came to Warrandyte to keep a horse?" The question was not fielded well by the silly greenie, who could see the difficulty but could not think of a constructive comment.

Of course, like white man, the horse does not belong in Warrandyte. Therefore it behoves each horse, if he wants to be welcomed, to make an effort to assimilate.

First, with good family planning, he should keep his numbers low to avoid over-grazing. If possible he should live on unimproved pasture, as improved pasture means European grasses and that means weeds.

He should also take scrupulous care to avoid dry feed with viable seeds in it. Such seeds will pass right through him and then grow up to be weeds. (It is also considered bad form to step in a wombat's hole.)

Welcome to Warrandyte to all horses and owners who are prepared to make an effort to fit in.

Wilhelmina, a very close friend who shares my hole, was really excited when she heard that Silvie Shaw was planning a special group of the canoe club just for females. She has always liked the idea of canoeing but finds human males a bit frightening. Imagine her disappointment when she discovered that Silvie's group would be for human females only!

This is speciesism at its worst. Help stamp out speciesism.

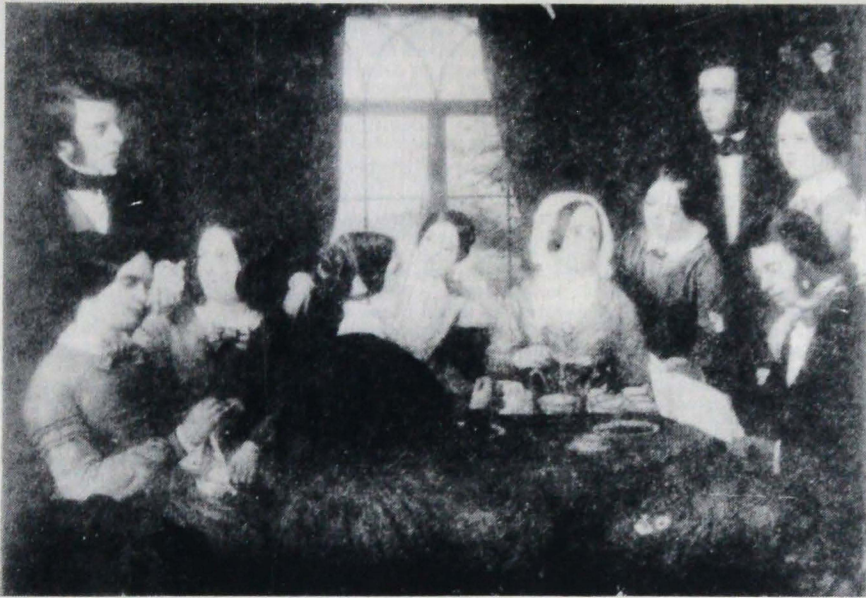
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The family that Penelope Selby left at home in England.

Settler and advocate, our women made history too

Victoria's women are not, and never have been, all of a kind. They dream their own dreams, barrack for separate football teams and political parties and have as widely differing pasts and aspirations as Adam's people.

Yet, they suffer at least one thing in common: their times and tribulations have been largely ignored as the stuff of history.

Men dominate the dreaming time of this state. From Batman to Bolte, our images are of men as the makers and shakers. The little women remain at home, shadowy people of little consequence.

For Victoria's 150th year, two authors set out to change all that. Marilyn Lake and Farley Kelly have edited a narrative of the women who make up our ancestors.

And, as luck would have it, our own village figures prominently in the lives of two of the subjects in the Penguin book "Double Time, Women in Victoria — 150 Years".

They could hardly be more dissimilar.

Penelope Selby was a middle class lady, the daughter of a Hackney bank teller and the wife of a Northern England accountant. A woman of prescience, too. Why stay on in England, she wrote in the late 1830s, "with Bankrupts (sic) and poverty staring us in the face."

They arrived in the pre-gold rush colony in May 1840, having been private passengers on one of the earliest ships to bring assisted emigrants to the young settlement.

Soon afterwards the Selbys and the Dawsons — a couple with whom they had formed a friendship on the voyage — settled in what was to become Warrandyte, on land near the junction of the Yarra and Anderson's Creek.

As writer Susan Janson says, the contrast between the Selby's new life and their urban world at home could hardly have been greater.

"The most obvious difference was that of physical environment: in a survey of the district taken in 1839, the occasional grassy flat along the river was recorded, but most of the area was described as being thickly timbered with gum and stringybark."

The Selbys had to accustom themselves to new definitions of what constituted food. Penelope broiled kangaroo, kangaroo rat and possum, and she wrote home:



Angela Booth

"We eat black magpies, cockatoos and paroquets all in their turn as we can get them, always a change from salt meat."

In 1842, the Yarra burst its banks. Penelope wrote back home to her sister: "... in the very wettest winter ever known here . . . I hope I shall never have such another for dirt. We could not go out of doors for months without being ankle deep, and as the whole family were constantly in and out, the house was never better than a pig sty, and when clean it is such a nice little place that I often wish you could see it."

Joan Dawson, the Scottish farmer's wife, soon taught her friend the skills of survival.

"Thanks to Mrs Dawson," Penelope told London, "I have become a first rate dairy woman and can cure meat, make butter, cheese, fatten calves or pigs equal to Aunt Goddard herself."

In the partnership that developed between husband and wife, sex roles were still fairly rigidly maintained. Penelope Selby took sole responsibility for household chores and for child-rearing.

Yet the "comfortable feeling of independence" in financial matters which the family enjoyed, she wrote, made her willing to bear "the climate and the heat and smoke from the wood fire, and the pigs."

Penelope found some consolation for the absence of family through friendships with her neighbors. She took part in the web of "gossip and tittle tattle" of early Warrandyte. "It is wonderful how every thing connected with every person, what they say and what they do, flies like wildfire through this place, and when I perchance to see any of my neighbors what wonderful tales we have to tell and relate."

Some things in Warrandyte never change. Gossip is one of them, helpfulness is another. George and Penelope's produce and stores were carried to and from Melbourne free of charge on David Gardiner's drays.

Friends and neighbors, important as they were, could never compensate for the loss of close relatives and all the memories held in common.

At one stage Penelope thought that her brother Chester might be coming out to Port Phillip, and such was her delight and anticipation of this event that one day, while riding to see Mrs Dawson, she had "quite a start", for she fancied that a young man coming along the road from Heidelberg was Chester.

The financial knife-balancing act of those days was much more acute than today. The Selbys left Warrandyte for the Port Fairy district in the depression of the mid-1840s, prodded along by the collapse of a Melbourne grocer to whom they sold 20 pounds of butter a week.

Angela Booth was a different kettle of redfin entirely.

This Liverpool-born social worker started off in Broken Hill trying to stamp out prostitution. She and her doctor husband shifted to Melbourne in the years before the First World War, and her bent turned elsewhere.

At a conference in Sydney in 1916 on "The Teaching of Sex and Hygiene", most speakers concentrated on the affront that prostitution made to Christian morality.

Angela Booth's line was that prostitution was the seedbed of venereal disease, and since many married men were the clients of prostitutes, it sent home to the family "disease, sterility, deformity and death".

She invoked the concept of "racial responsibility". In other words, the individual's sexual responsibility was not only that person's own business, it directly affected the future of society.

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and not be obliged to kowtow to male demands, women had to be economically independent. The First World War had slashed the number of eligible men. Angela Booth fought against attempts in the Victorian Parliament to deny equal pay for equal work.

In 1926, Angela Booth ran for local council. Five candidates stood for the newly-created riding of Warrandyte in the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe where the Booths owned a property, "Nilga".

She was one of the three successful, with 139 votes, 27 behind the leader and nine behind the second-placed candidate.

Angela Booth thereby became the third woman elected to local office in Victoria. And the next year she and six others became the state's first justices of the peace.

In late 1929, at the age of 60, Mrs Booth stood for election to the state

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The burden compounded

As one of the "new breed" impoverished members of society, as the media is currently labelling average income/single parents, I read with interest and applaud the article "Beneath the Affluence Lurks Anguish" in the last Diary. Living in Warrandyte as one of these people is difficult. The problems outlined are experienced anywhere by underprivileged people and families, however, they are compounded in Warrandyte by logistical isolation, lack of services and social problems. It is a very expensive and tiring place to live. Its beauty can be a further source of anguish.

Our lovely large blocks in this idyllic setting sadly become a burden for an aged or physically weakened person. A single parent, who is usually battling to maintain a job, commuting, run a home and engender the "joy" of family life into children, simply does not have the time available, let alone the energy, to maintain them. To employ labor is out of the question.

As children grow and need mobility pressures increase as transporting them by car or bus further drains exhausted finances. We cannot buy school shoes, uniforms, text books, "famous label" jeans, etc in Warrandyte. More petrol, less money. Next door is a video, why

can't we have one too? As tertiary education looms for the lucky and determined, and being mindful that without adequate skills the cycle of financial deprivation will continue, parents face the prospect that tertiary institutions are miles away and further-costs are just around the corner.

These physical limitations will remain with Warrandyte and the "Toorak of the North" quip could well end up entirely justified.

However, the emotional isolation of these people is not only exacerbated by the material wealth that surrounds. To seek solace via our incompetent telephones is tantamount to using the "bush telegraph". To open one's mouth to apparently sympathetic ears can end up a painful embarrassment when these "ears" grow "mouths" and comments of "pour soul", "can't keep their act together", etc, get back through the flourishing Warrandyte grapevine most of us fertilise.

It is a fact that people get bored with listening and tired of helping. Aged, physically or emotionally weakened people and single parents need so much practical help. How often can a person comfortably ask a neighbor or friend to chop wood, fix a fuse, mind children, jumpstart a tired battery that finances don't stretch to replace just now? Who do you ask when the house needs repainting and the increasing shabbiness adds to the

letters

already "shabby spirits" living in a tired body — while people tell you that you can do it!

Warrandyte also has the social problem of a large number of "ex's", and of varying kinds! The community jokes that an empty bed won't be for so long, but with the "closeness" of Warrandyte, it is commonplace to know the personal business of people we don't know, as well as those we do. Ex's can find themselves living in uncomfortably close proximity to "currents"! Has anyone dared to ask how this makes already overstressed people feel? Have they been asked how it affects their confidence and morale and ability to rehabilitate?

Poor or troubled people can be rich in pride too. Fear can manifest quickly and people do retreat to grieve in isolation and muster the strength to struggle on. For many people, isolation can become the armor of self defence from uninvited comments and scrutiny or the strain of excessive exposure to reminders of the failures and pain.

When feelings are so raw it can seem preferable to cacon in silent withdrawal. Sadly though, people and life rarely hang around for a re-emergence and we should wonder

how often people just give up under the weight of pressures, or alternatively battle on here in the face of spiritual poverty, as Ms Tovey so aptly described.

It is always easier for people in a position of strength to expect similar strength and motivation from others. It can be convenient for people to lay criticism or pontificate advice, forgetting that a twist of fate could render them one of the needy. The reality for others, who may feel affinity with the trees and river and the soul of the Warrandyte spirit, can be anger with nowhere to place it, unjustified guilt if they give up, or who, weary of the struggle, may move away suffering inner sadness that goes to the core of the heart, looking for relief from stresses and a resurrection of happiness — or just because there is no other choice.

For our old people who have no suitable accommodation here, severance from familiarity must be tragic. I believe it is matched by the multiplicity of problems under which other underprivileged people in the community labor. Time solves many things but wouldn't it be lovely if things were solved more quickly and more kindly.

Name and address supplied

Albert Road, a menace

Dear Shire Engineer,
I am writing to you about the state of Albert Road, North Warrandyte. Obviously the state of the road doesn't concern you very much, otherwise it wouldn't be in its present condition, but it does concern the residents.

Please consider the following points from only one of its resident families:

1) My son and I are members of the North Warrandyte CFA and we are heartily sick of having to rush up the hill at high speed and place undue wear and tear on our vehicle every time the alarm goes off. As I am one of the few men who work at home during the week, it is essential that I get to the station in the shortest possible time, as I am needed to drive one of the trucks. Our present main vehicle is a Subaru station wagon and the only smooth way it can be driven up the hill is by engaging four-wheel-drive. As we are performing a public service, I think we need a little more encouragement than we are getting from Eltham Council at the moment.

2) My wife had acute cancer of the spine and liver and had to be driven out for treatment. I don't think I need to elaborate on this, but I will if you want me to.

3) When we first became Albert Road residents, in 1973, the road was graded about once a year, and I can remember one glorious year when it was actually graded twice. At times it has been graded in very dry periods and has quickly become corrugated, but it has also been graded in rain and compacted and has lasted comparatively well. My memory tells me that it is now about 2½ years since any servicing of worthwhile quality has been carried out. One of the things we ob-

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Mum's nights off for now

Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Association branch have ended its evening discussion groups, which were held every month, because of the resignation of its president and qualified breastfeeding counsellor, Mrs Jan Fisher.

Mrs Fisher, who has been branch leader since 1975, resigned because of family commitments. She said the branch had closed temporarily until another qualified counsellor became available in the area.

Mrs Fisher said there were several trainees who would qualify soon. When the did, the Warrandyte branch would resume evening discussions.

"I feel that the leader of the branch has to be a breastfeeding mother with young children who would be able to relate to the situations better," Mrs Fisher said. She

said that because her children were at school she was not in a position to share relevant views.

"I'm a trained breastfeeding counsellor and it's a 24-hour service. It's a job I enjoy doing, knowing that I'm helping a person in need. Through this job I have gained a lot more in personal development of human relations and of course I have made many friends throughout Victoria," she said.

She said counselling covered topics such as breastfeeding, weaning, introduction to solids, breast refusals, infections and weight gains.

Mrs Fisher said morning coffee sessions would continue at members' homes once a month. Interested members are welcome to attend group discussions at Ringwood, where she is presently

counselling. She said the move to Ringwood would also allow mothers or even mothers-to-be the chance to meet new friends.

The Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Association began in 1968 with only 25 members and has grown to 50.

"Our group is a self-financed group because of its hard-working members. We have our financial members, which is not compulsory, but it kept the branch going. We also have booklets, library facilities, mothering aids, lamb skins and many other items children need, which are sold to those who need them," she said.

Mrs Fisher said mothers or mothers-to-be who are interested in joining the Ringwood group can contact her, 844 3240, or Faye Hamilton, 870 5126.

IN BRIEF

Jenny Lynch, an experienced mothercraft nurse, has been appointed to the Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre as, sadly, Joanna Curven has left for a trip around Australia.

Jenny worked at the Canterbury Family Centre for six years, where she gained experience caring for young children from a wide group of families.

Jenny's main responsibility will be looking after the under two-year-old children in the small house.

For bookings at the centre, please ring Donna Watkins, 844 1205.

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A parent education course will be conducted by the Co-Op, starting on Monday, July 1 from 1.30 to 3 pm at the Co-Op building in Yarra Street. Enjoy the warmth of the pot-belly stove and sit on the magnificent Op Shop furniture.

Ken McKenzie, not in his role as councillor but as a clinical psychologist, friend and helper to many Warrandyte families, will speak on communications between parents and children.

On Monday, July 8, same time, same place, Eileen Woolcott, a researcher from the Institute of Family Studies, will give an overview based on research findings on the family in Australia: *What is Happening to the Family in Australia?*

We hear from Pam Booth that there are places at the Child Care Centre on that day — ring Donna Watkins on 844 1205.

Further sessions are planned. If you have topics you would like raised, please ring Jean Chapman, 844 2548.

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Doncaster and Templestowe Council has approved a permit for Mrs Lyn Colenso to build a creative dance and yoga studio in West End Road.

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Doncaster and Templestowe Council has asked the Road Traffic Authority to lower the speed limit between Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe, and Warrandyte from 100 kilometres per hour to 75.

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The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative has been working on a possible After School Care Program at the Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre, Masonic Avenue.

However, owing to the increase in the numbers of pre-school children and the difficulty in transporting the children from the schools, this is not possible.

School-based After School Care is an alternative that the Co-Op is now investigating. It needs to know the number of children requiring this service to get it off the ground in 1986. Please notify Jean Chapman, 844 2548 or 844 3326, of ages of children and hours of care needed so that submissions may be made for funding as soon as possible.

Cricketers, wowsers strike gold

June 1885. — The cricket club ball held here on the 29th May was a great success, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a respectable balance will accrue to the funds of the club.

In mining matters, the Phoenix line has been struck in the private property, shewing good gold, so there is now every likelihood of the Yarra tunnel reef and it turning out very payable. A dam has been put in the river to strike the Yarra Tunnel reef for the island claim, and there is little doubt payable gold will be struck.

A very successful gospel temperance meeting was held in the

How They Lived

hall last Saturday, when addresses were delivered by Messrs Lewis, Turbull and Mitchell, sacred songs and recitations were given, and at the close several persons took the pledge. It is to be hoped these meetings will continue.

ANDERSON'S CREEK POLICE COURT

Monday 1st June
(Before Mr Hare, P.M., and Mr Hutchinson, J.P.)

Police v Ladham — Insulting language. Fined 7s 6d and 2s 6d costs.

Wiggins v May — Assault. It appeared that a dispute arose out of a prize at the sports at Ringwood on the 25th May. Messrs Riles and Ladham were called for the defence. Fined three pounds and one pound costs, in default, one month's imprisonment.

Police v James McNeil — Insulting language. Fined 10s, and 2s 6d costs.

Police v John Hamill — Insulting behaviour. Fined 10s and 12s 6d costs. In default seven days.

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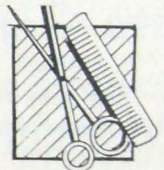
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Our women made history too

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seat of Brighton as an independent Nationalist. One of her platforms was the introduction of "measures for adequately dealing with mental deficients". She polled well, but came third.

Angela Booth had consistently urged women to vote as a bloc on female issues rather than let their strength be diverted to party ends. But during the depression a poverty-stricken woman could identify far more easily with her unemployed husband or neighbor than with her well-off sister who was the doctor's wife.

Angela and Jim Booth were leading members of the Victorian Eugenics Society, dedicated to the notion of selective breeding.

As author Grant McBurnie points out we have been horrified by Hitler's barbaric excesses in the name of racial purity, therefore it is easy to forget that eugenic notions were widespread and respectable between the wars.

Angela Booth was more outspoken than most; more moderate than some. And she did not altogether ignore the causes of social distress.

In response to the charge that women were putting men out of work during the depression, she replied that more damage was being done by unchecked mechanisation.

"Is it worse for man to be displaced by a woman than by the robot he himself creates?" she asked back in the 1930s.

Mrs Booth reluctantly cut back her activities with age. In 1933 she lost her council seat. In 1944 Jim died, a blow from which she never recovered.

There was an obituary of Dr Booth in the daily newspapers. His wife received no such distinction: eugenics was not a popular cause after the war.

In the final five years before her death in 1954, aged 85, Angela Booth had ceased to be an activist.

She was simply a Warrandyte lemon grower.

Door-to-door sales warning

The Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, has issued a strong warning about door-to-door sales.

Mr Hill said that he had received complaints from Warrandyte people about door-to-door sales people using trickery and pressure to secure a sale.

He said it appeared that many people were still unaware of their rights. He explained that under the Consumer Affairs Act, a purchaser has a 10-day "cooling off" period in which a contract could be cancelled where it was signed as a result of an unsolicited approach to the consumer's home.

"The consumer should sign and be provided with a copy of the written agreement for the sale along with written advice that the consumer has the right to cancel the sale within 10 days of the signing of the contract," Mr Hill said.

This "cooling off" period does not apply where the purchaser has invited the trader to call at his or her home and then signed a contract.

Some traders are seeking to evade the law by trying to trick consumers into inviting them into their

homes. One such trick is pretending they are carrying out a survey, rather than selling a product.

"The house-cladding industry is one where particular problems are emerging. Some traders leave samples and unless they are returned, assume this is an invitation to call. Others do not provide consumers with the Schedule One documents about their rights," he said.

Mr Hill said complaints received at Consumer Affairs Ministry indicate that consumers are often subjected to pressure to sign contracts quickly. Salespeople stay late into the night to secure a contract.

"I advise consumers to proceed with caution when entering into a door-to-door sales contract," he said. "On no account sign any document that is not fully understood, and don't be fooled out of demanding your rights."

Mr Hill added that consumers wishing to cancel a contract should do so within 10 days and preferably by registered mail. Any complaints can be directed to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

Letters from page 8

ject to is having to badger you to carry out the work that our rates entitle us to. As residents of North Warrandyte, the fine community centre and gardens, etc of Eltham don't do much for us, but good lines of communication, rubbish collection, water, fire protection, quality of phone, mail delivery etc do.

4) The state of the road is having a detrimental effect on my business. It seemed the last straw a few days ago when a potential client and his wife (both of whom have heart ailments) arrived at the top of Albert Road. The wife wouldn't let her husband drive down for fear of turning the car over, so they walked. He arrived at my studio in a state of near-collapse. I know that such roads don't particularly worry local residents as they get plenty of practice on them. But for people from more civilised regions, it is a different matter. Clients and students don't like coming to the

studio, particularly at night or in wet weather, and I think you can imagine my feelings when I have to transport valuable paintings or my son's ceramics up and down the hill.

5) The region of the intersection of Albert Road and Warrandyte-Research Road has a very poor accident record, but now with the state of Albert Road, another type of accident is imminent — the multi-vehicle pile-up. Cars coming down the hill on the main road and turning into Albert Road are virtually stopping on the main road before negotiating the first of the vicious bumps and pot-holes. This is creating an awful hazard to other downhill vehicles and as yet we haven't experienced much winter rain and fog.

I hope I don't have to write again and that the council will be more diligent in carrying out its work.

I await your reply.

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Local sports club gets a kickalong

A sportsmen's club may be operating in new, extended facilities at the Warrandyte recreation reserve by the start of next football season.

The long-running campaign to bring amenities here into line with those offered by neighbouring districts has received a shot in the arm following intervention by Warrandyte Football Club.

Under the new scheme, the local football and cricket clubs would play a significantly bigger role in a club mooted six years ago as the Warrandyte Sports and Social Club.

The development is a result of a recent meeting between football club president Jeff Reddie, local ward councillor Ken McKenzie and Doncaster-Templestowe Council sports and recreation officers Phil Grey and Dee Westwood.

"Ken, Phil and Dee made it clear to me that the group who have been trying to get this thing done were not going to get much financial help from the council," Mr Reddie told the Diary.

"For one thing they are not a sporting club as such, and they are not tenants of the recreation reserve.

"Under the new proposal, we would be eligible for a council grant of up to \$30,000, a refurbishing grant of \$20,000 and a low-interest construction loan."

Mr Reddie put the cost of the venture at \$120,000.

Plans, which envisage extending the existing pavilion laterally rather than vertically, have been submitted to council for consideration and discussion, but not a final decision.

Going bush

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a bush dance at South Warrandyte Hall on Saturday, June 22. It's BYO and organisers promise a great night.

Enquiries: Craig Townsend (844 3262) or Noddy Ireland (736 2679).

The club's junior disco is at the Whitehouse on Friday, June 14.

The night runs from 7.30 to 11.30 and it's \$3 a head.

They include a balcony, glass frontage and much-improved player and spectator facilities.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, a meeting had been arranged between the football, cricket and social clubs.

It was hoped the meeting would produce a formal submission to council.

A preliminary meeting had indicated general support for the revised project.

"Steve Pascoe, the cricket club representative, has told me he will recommend acceptance of the new format," Mr Reddie said.

"We much appreciate what the Warrandyte Sports and Social Club has done towards an urgently-needed facility in this town," said Mr Reddie.

"Warrandyte is crying out for a respectable club-pavilion and we believe the initiative we have put forward will accelerate the process.

"We believe that it will be an enormous boost for all sports people in Warrandyte.

"If things go according to plan, it will be a reality by the time the 1986 football season gets under way."

Bloods survive acid tests

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sensed an extraordinary hometown victory.

The Bloods had their chances, but two promising forward thrusts saw the ball finish out of bounds.

It had been a great recovery by Warrandyte, but time ran out.

The Blood's best were O'Brien, who was switched into attack in the last quarter and provided great drive; Cippola, who contributed all day; Banks, always a danger; and

defenders Brad Day and Gerald Walsh.

The reserves 18 kept themselves in the firing line with a comfortable win over North Ringwood.

They scored by 35 points, 11.7 (73) to 5.8 (38).

Warrandyte have won three of their seven games and are ninth on a crowded 14-team ladder.

The under-18s were narrowly beaten, but the under-16s lost by more than 20 goals.

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Bloods survive the acid tests

League's big guns know now we mean business

Warrandyte have faced two moments of football truth — and come through with their new-found reputations untarnished.

In consecutive games, they downed EDFL second-division leaders by two points and went down by three points to North Ringwood, who had replaced Bayswater at the top of the ladder. Despite the defeat, their second in seven games, Warrandyte were in fourth place.

The performances stamped the Bloods as real "goers" and genuine premiership contenders.

Warrandyte rattled home against North Ringwood, kicking 4.2 to their highly-rated opposition's solitary point in the last quarter.

While the disappointed players sat silently in the dressingroom after the game, reflecting on what might have been, Warrandyte Football Club president Jeff Reddie saw much merit in their performance.

"North Ringwood are on top of the ladder, but if we'd played anything like four quarters of football, we'd have certainly beaten them," Mr Reddie said.

"As it was, we ran them to three points.

"We probably didn't deserve to win because we went missing in the second quarter.

"But we're very proud of the way the boys came from almost five goals down in the final quarter to get within a kick of victory.

"We can — and will — go right on from here."

Socks down and arms up. It's a long stretch, but not quite long enough for Blood Brett Kline and an Olinda opponent in the reserves match at Warrandyte. Kline, an outstanding cricketer with a big future, is proving himself a real all-round sportsman with his deeds on the football field.



The game, at Warrandyte, produced tough, close-checking football, as had the match at Bayswater a week earlier.

The first quarter was even, with each side testing out the other's strengths and weaknesses. It was pressure football and, in less-than-ideal ground conditions, goals were hard to come by.

North Ringwood ran to what was to be a winning break in the second term, thanks largely to accurate shooting for goal from difficult angles.

They kicked seven goals to Warrandyte's two Warrandyte's two for the term, a result of their own ability and Warrandyte's lack of application.

The Bloods would have been in deeper trouble but for the outstanding contribution of Dennis O'Brien on the half-back line. O'Brien, right back to his brilliant best after a premature and short-lived retirement, was in everything.

Warrandyte were also well-served by centreman Mario Cipolla, whose uncanny ball-handling ability has earned him the nickname "Jezza" since he was recruited this season from Lalor in the Diamond Valley league.

The Bloods held North Ringwood in the third term without making any impression on the leeway. It was still tough football, with neither team giving an inch.

Perhaps it was the three-quarter time address from coach Chris Valerkou; maybe it was the all-in pushing-and-shoving match which developed in the centre of the ground after a Warrandyte player had been felled after the three-quarter time siren.

Whatever it was, it did the trick.

The Bloods attacked the game with new desire from the start of the last quarter and monopolised the attack.


Peter McDonald marked and kicked truly and when Peter Banks goaled twice, Warrandyte were right back in business.

Full-forward Ron Wilson marked in the pocket and steered a goal through to make the difference only three points and the crowd

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Tracey (Snowy) Prior shows the form which has made him a valuable defender for the Warrandyte reserves 18 as he thumps the ball away from a Bayswater adversary in the game at Warrandyte. Prior's close-checking tactics have made him a candidate for senior selection.



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