

# Warrandyte Diary

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## Supermarket gets nod

The Planning Appeals Board has approved an 1850-square metre shopping centre in the West End proposed by Davmark Nominees Pty. Ltd.

The decision ends a five-year fight by Doncaster and Templestowe Council and local groups and residents to prevent a big supermarket and shops being built in the area.

It also means that what is seen as one of the biggest and most unsuitable developments proposed for the area gets the go-ahead.

The supermarket will be 1030 square metres and there will be nine shops with a total area of 820 square metres. The plans show 148 car parking spaces.

Davmark had appealed to the board against council's refusal to grant a permit for the proposal.

Greg Thorpe, Chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, which had strongly opposed such a development, told the Diary: "I thought this decision was inevitable after attending the hearing. 'I feel that the board was under a lot of pressure to show that it was capable of resolving this matter. The case would have been taken elsewhere if a decision had not been reached.

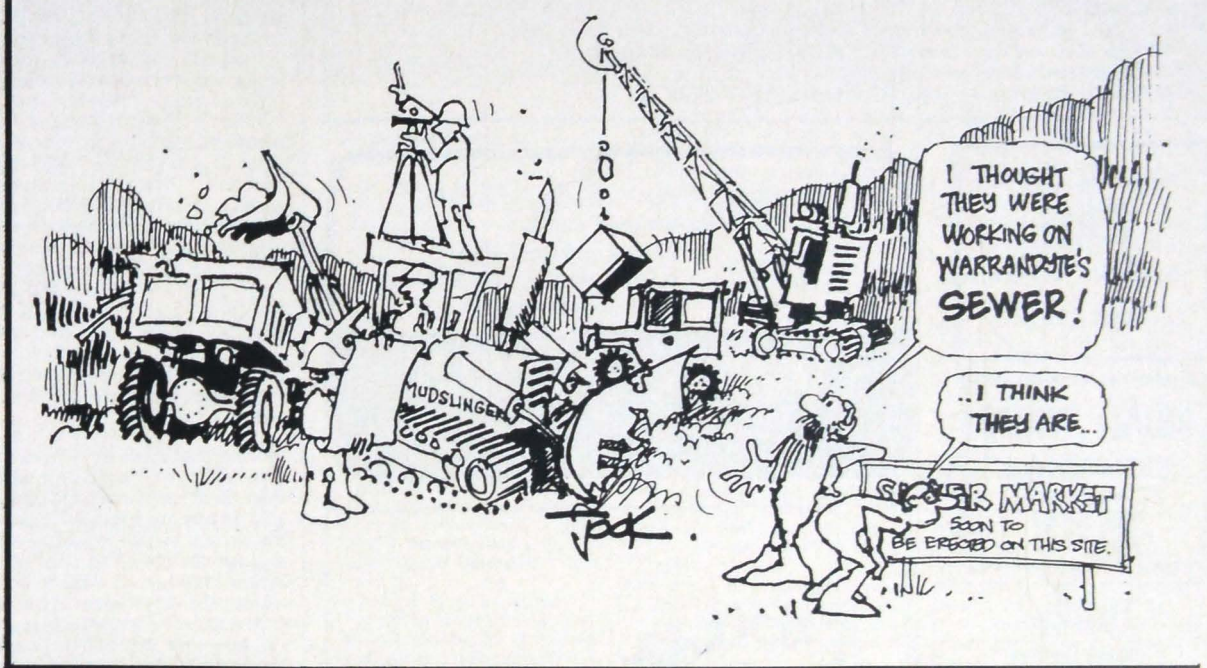
"The case was a threat to the appeals system — if the board had not resolved the matter it would have been seen to have been unable to operate. It was a good case for outside bodies to handle at the request of any of the parties."

Mr Thorpe believed the case could have been taken out of the appeals system and into the political arena had the board not made a decision. "That is not said in disrespect of the board — but it was a factor," he said.

"One of the worst aspects of the case was that the board quite clearly said that an appeal on another proposal, which Davmark withdrew for tactical reasons, had a lot to recommend it. This was the one that closed Colin Avenue. All the opponents thought that this scheme provided a basis for negotiating a development suitable for all parties. Even Davmark thought it was the best scheme.

"This, in effect, means that the appeals system forced the one proposal that basically everyone accepted out of contention. I am disappointed that the system has forced acceptance of less than the best solution."

This board said on this issue: "It is the board's view that the plans (accompanying the withdrawn appeal) adequately achieve the



physical design objectives for the centre whilst meeting the needs of the local population. The (plans for the successful proposal) do not achieve those objectives so successfully, but they do represent an adequate solution."

Mr Thorpe said he would like Davmark to take up an offer it made during the appeal to present a proposal based on the withdrawn appeal for a development that closed Colin Avenue. He said this was still a possibility, although a slim one.

He believes that a Doncaster and Templestowe Council move to rezone the timber yard site to prevent a shopping centre being built there is doomed to failure following Davmark's win.

Councillor Anne Martin was instrumental in getting council to ask the Board of Works for the rezoning so the land could be used for a housing project for old people.

The Planning Appeals Board appears to have accepted the lack of integration with the existing shops on the basis that they will be put to other uses — probably offices and professional suites — and that the owners will move into the Davmark development.

Mr Thorpe says there was no evidence presented to the appeal by the shopkeepers to justify this. The Diary believes that the shopkeepers have been placed under extreme

commercial pressure to do so, and that many will.

Mr Thorpe said "In accepting this, the board was making a subjective judgment, and I don't necessarily agree with it. If that is the basis for rejecting the idea of integration, then I am disappointed."

Mr Thorpe believes that the biggest failure of the board's decision is that it has not considered how the rest of the commercial land in the area is to be used. Davmark still owns the PISAG site, although the decision requires it to surrender the shopping centre permits it has for the land.

"We argued that this was just as important as the existing and proposed use of the land in question at the appeal," he said.

"The board did not pick up an option put during the appeal of investigating a means of having the PISAG site rezoned so it cannot be developed as a commercial site." (The PISAG land is on the corner of Drysdale Road and Colin Avenue.)

"This leaves completely open the possible uses for the PISAG site."

On the question of the impact of

any development of this size will have an impact.

"The point is that the function the development on the amenity of the West End, Mr Thorpe said: "I can only say that it is a truism that

and use of the remainder of the West End land is going to have a further impact on the area. The amenity of the area is going to suffer in this respect as well.

"The board has taken the view that the West End is a suburban area," he said.

The board said the proposal was not likely to be "detrimental to the amenity of the area. The West End of Warrandyte is slightly different from the rest of Warrandyte. The eastern and central components have a 'village-like' atmosphere to their advantage and to the benefit of the many tourists who visit the area. The intense vegetation and the interesting topography... enable those parts of Warrandyte to be justifiably distinct from the West End. The West End of Warrandyte is the first part of Warrandyte to meet suburbia head-on. Subdivision and development close to the West End has brought it into outer Melbourne whilst the centre and east end of Warrandyte remain isolated and separate. The amenity of the West End is different from the rest of Warrandyte as there is a

proliferation of conventional suburban housing, a large primary school and a large recreation area all centred around the West End shopping centre, which is 'surviving but not thriving'. Its amenity is different from the rest of Warrandyte. Its amenity is, in the board's view, sufficiently different for it to be able to comfortably accommodate (the proposal) and such accommodation would compliment the immediate area."

Mr Thorpe says: "The board has taken it upon itself to accept and accelerate the suburbanisation of the West End as if it was inevitable and desirable.

"The board heard no evidence whatsoever to support the view that the West End should be suburbanised. There could have been strong argument that the West End required special protection from suburbanisation," he said.

Mr Thorpe is also concerned about traffic problems that will arise. "The techniques for controlling traffic where the only access is from Warrandyte Road will necessarily be severe in appearance and further accentuate suburbanisation," he said.

### Wanted: a martyr for the cause

It would be hard to exaggerate the extent of Mark's influence on the Diary. He expanded news coverage, brought in crisper writing

Mark Davis, co-editor of the Dairy for the past two years, has decided reluctantly to give up his position, although he will continue to write for Warrandyte's own newspaper

and helped redesign the layout. New features such as Fifth Column were his ideas. We will miss his drive.

Co-editor Bob Millington will stay on, but here's the pitch...

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ly with organising ability, to collate copy, chase up late contributors, write a story or two and take the odd happy snap.

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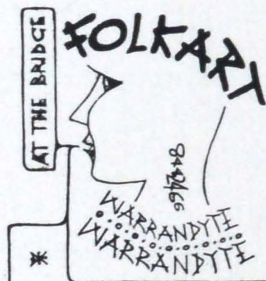
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### Smokey Joe

For the subject of this dissertation, it had been a long, hard day after an even longer and harder night. He was out the back preparing his car for sale, and was having a lot of trouble, not being mechanically minded and all that. Forget the fact that he was merely swapping batteries so that his potential buyer did not get the good one that he had paid for. As far as he was concerned he might as well have been doing a full engine changeover. Anyway, an hour or so of cursing and several bruised knuckles later, the job is finished. He slams down the bonnet and proudly announces to his wife that that is that. Wife, being a practical person, asks the obvious question — what is the hammer doing sticking out between the bonnet and the mudguard? "Oh (expletive deleted)," says husband. "What were you doing with the hammer anyway," asks wife. "Why don't you go and get (expletive deleted)," says husband. "You're a stupid (expletive deleted)," says wife. "Why don't you just (go away?)," says husband. "Don't you speak to me like that," says wife. "I'll speak to you any way I like," says husband. Wife takes a swing at husband. Husband goes inside. Wife's frail mother is sitting in a chair looking out the window. Son-in-law is too angry to explain, and heads for the bedroom for a sulk. Wife comes in, rings Riverview Motors and asks for help. Riverview Motors man doesn't really want to know, but would like to meet the only man in the world who can damage a car with a hammer while cheating the potential buyer out of a good battery that could have been bought for \$50 at Riverview Motors anyway. And for husband, a long and hard day turns into a very long and very hard week.

Smokey had cause to visit the local constabulary the other day, and came away wondering about the gullibility of his fellow man. It seems that a local business had a call from a man who told an employee that the boss owed him \$150. Employee was a bit unsure, so visitor said he would ring the boss on the phone and get the OK. The employee agreed and listened in as the visitor "has a word with the boss". After a five-minute conversation, the visitor assured the employee that everything was in order, so \$150 changed hands and flunkey drove off. No doubt thinking that Warrandyte people are the most generous he has ever come across. With that in mind he called in at another local establishment. The result was the same, except that this time the visitor did not have to go through the act with the phone. The second employee gave him the bread without a second thought. Come to think of it, Smokey could do with a bit of the ready.

And on the subject of money, a certain matter concerning Ken McKenzie has come to Smokey's attention. It appears that Councillor Ken had put down his wallet somewhere and gone about his business. Came the time to fork out a dollar or two and there was no wallet. A huge search ensued, but to no avail. Meanwhile, Ken's mum, the much-admired and equally hard-working Alice Watson, had gone out to do some shopping. Imagine her surprise when, on opening her wallet, she found herself rich beyond her wildest dreams. Of course, honest woman and loving mother that she is, Alice returned her son's wallet intact, much to Ken's relief. Now any reasonable man or woman would probably expect this to be the end of the story. But no, it is not. And this is where Smokey comes in. Your correspondent had cause to have a chat with the good councillor down at the Co-Op, where staff regaled him with this tale amid much laughter. Smokey was sitting next to a small table covered in assorted papers and junk when he spied a wallet. Yes, it was none other than the forgetful Mr McKenzie's.

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## Yoga: it means peace of mind

You may not realise it, but not far from your doorstep could be relief for your stressful body and soul.

It may not be your style, but yoga is helping many Warrandyte people to relax and find peace of mind.

Local yoga teacher Mrs Lynette Colenso says: "Yoga means the union of mind, body and soul. It brings energy and vitality into the body. But most of all it brings an awareness of one's capacity to love. It gradually dissolves away all restrictions so that one can realise the wonder and magic of existence."

Mrs Colenso believes that relaxation is of vital importance to the body, and that failure to relax can often lead to illness.

"Yoga helps people to improve their ability to relax, it corrects their posture and allows them to have a complete awareness of their inner selves," she says.

She was attracted to yoga after suffering a bad skin complaint, which she says was caused basically by a nervous condition. The problem was so bad that she was taking large amounts of medication.

"My husband came home one night and told me about yoga



helping people to calm down," she says. "He was the one who got me going, and he is still my number one supporter to this day."

"I didn't know how to relax properly until I took up yoga. After 14 months' of it all the tablets were gone and my skin condition had cleared up."

"I knew then that since yoga had helped me get well I could teach it to other people to help them overcome whatever problems they might have."

To qualify as a teacher, Mrs Colenso attended the Sivananda School of Yoga and classes at the Mangala Studios in Carlton. She also spent many hours reading books and attending seminars.

After spending many years holding classes in Warrandyte in hired premises, Mrs Colenso has recently been granted a permit by Doncaster and Templestowe Council to build a yoga studio in West End Road.

It was a hard-won victory, because

**Lynette Colenso at work: "Relaxation is basically in the mind."**

council had at first refused the permit as it was unsure how the building should be classified.

But after getting legal opinion, the permit was finally approved, with a list of conditions aimed at preventing the studio causing a nuisance to nearby residents — not that that was likely in any case.

Winning the permit was important, because the surroundings are vital to achieving the right frame of mind for yoga. The hired facilities were cold and uncomfortable to say the least.

Mrs Colenso says perfect peace and quiet are needed for classes.

"Relaxation is basically in the mind and I provide soft music to enhance the atmosphere," she says.

"Relaxation is spontaneous . . . one thinks about being high on a mountain top, or on a beach with waves splashing gently on

the shoreline and seagulls gliding by, or during winter, enjoying the warmth of a pot belly-stove, or imagining the trickling of water bouncing off fern leaves as the sunlight sprays its rays through the leaves causing them to glitter.

She also holds classes for pregnant women to help them prepare for childbirth.

"This includes exercises to improve posture that will help to create attitudes of calmness during labor. It doesn't mean that yoga is going to make childbirth an easy task. I prepare them to make themselves become aware that knowing how to relax their body, mind and soul will at least ease some of the discomforts of childbirth," she says.

There are also classes for four to six-year-olds and 10 to 14 year olds.

She says the children are taught creative movements that will enable them to stimulate their imagination and awareness of their bodies.

## WAC puts off AGM and talks on housing

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee annual general meeting, which was to have been held on July 24, has been deferred.

It had been intended to form a resident-funded Elderly and Retired Citizens' Housing Co-operative at the meeting, but this has also been put off. Not enough "loose ends" had been tidied up to go ahead with the proposal.

A small group including potential users, representatives of service clubs, the churches and members of the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club are continuing to work on the idea and hope to have a proposal ready for public discussion within three months.

Any organisations or individuals who would like to contribute or comment are invited to contact the secretary of WAC by writing to P.O. Box 74, Warrandyte, 3113, or by dropping a note in at the community centre, Yarra Street.

The WAC annual general meeting has tentatively been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 14.

After the formalities are over, including the election of one new independent representative, the meeting will consider the impact of SEC fire prevention measures on the character of Warrandyte.

Any Wombats attending must be neatly attired (see June Diary for clues).

## Local schools lose a community friend

There comes a time when a community and the people who serve it need a change.

For Warrandyte and its Community Education Officer, Rosie Tovey, that time has arrived. Not that Rosie is moving out — she's moving on and upwards in the Education Department.

Rosie was appointed Warrandyte's first CEO nearly four years ago, and in that time has worked tirelessly at bringing the schools and the community closer together, creating an environment where children are able to grow and learn outside the classroom as well as inside.

For Rosie, too, those four years were an education in themselves. "I found some aspects terrific — living and working in my own community," she says.

"But sometimes there is so little distinction between your work and your private life that it can be a bit overpowering. This happens with a lot of people in the community service area.

"I'm definitely going to miss it, but in some senses change is good for people.

"The community also probably needed a change. A person can stagnate in this sort of job — you get set in your ways — and it all becomes a bit inter-dependant.

"It's time for new ideas and that sort of thing. It is best for me and the community," she says.

Rosie's new job is student co-ordinator for the Commonwealth Schools Commission's Participation and Equity Program in secondary schools.

The program is about redressing inequities in education, making schools more accountable to their communities and making them more receptive to community needs.



Rosie Tovey: schools to be proud of

Rosie's role will be to co-ordinate student involvement in the program by supporting them in having a say in what happens in their schools.

She says Warrandyte schools are already well advanced in these areas.

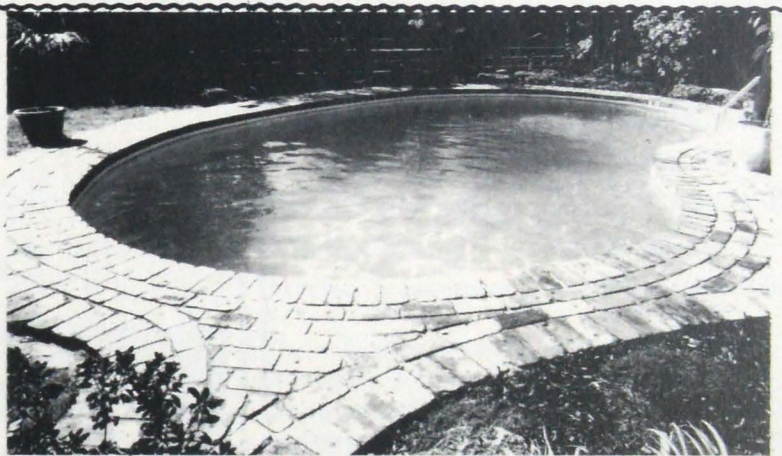
"The local state schools here are excellent," she says. "They have good people and good philosophies; they are rich in both areas."

"Warrandyte is a very lucky community. Our locals are putting in a lot of time and energy into the schools and this is reflected in their standards.

"We are always looking at ways to improve things — we don't just sit back and let events wash over us."

"I dips me lid to those people and hope that more will become willing to do the same."

Rosie's replacement is Margaret James, who has extensive experience with schools and youth groups.

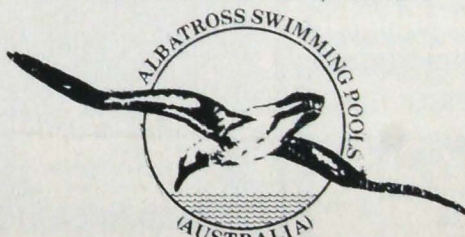


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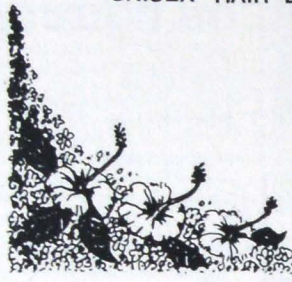
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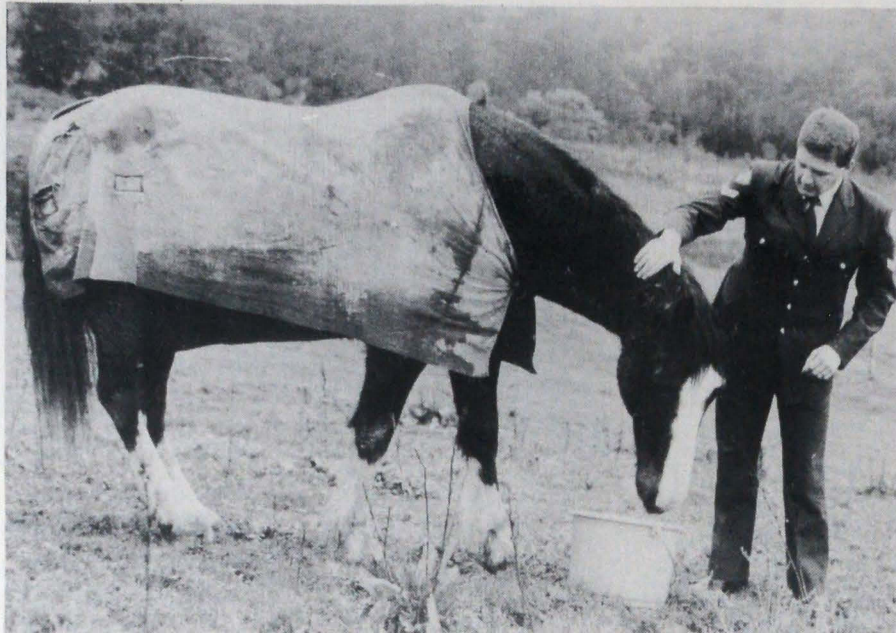
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## Wombat on the wanted list

I will never understand the workings of the placental mind.

It seems that after my last column I am considered fair game by SEC employees, canoeists and horse lovers.

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And they are not always necessarily the winners. Up Osborne Road way they are definitely on the losing side. Humans 0, sheep 1. Baaaa.

### THEY DO IT BY NUMBERS

Why is it that people need to put numbers to everything? I've always wondered what all those numbers and codes are for.

For example I have been assured that the letters and numbers on car number plates have no particular meaning.

Take for example the number plate BED 231 *Two hundred & thirty-one what?*

And while on the subject of number plates, I am reminded that on Tuesday June 25 a Fairlane, registered KOD 001, was parked outside the Golden Gate while the driver threw wrapping paper out the window.

It really makes me ashamed to be a mammal when I see this sort of behaviour. Just what sort of burrow could he have been brought up in?

### WOMBAT BOOK REVIEW NUMBER ONE

Many Warrandyte people are painfully aware of the steady degradation of their environment. This is not news, but it is saddening all the same. What is tragic is that other people are unaware of it.

The first group needs hope, the second needs education. Both are offered a little of what they need in an excellent little book called 'Bush Regeneration', by Joan Bradley.

Starting from the premise that the bush doesn't need improving, she lays down the ground rules for giving the ground back to nature.

Her approach is to encourage natural regeneration rather than planting. Weeds are pulled and then, except where the seeds and shoots present a danger, left to contribute to the mulch.

She stresses the danger of doing too much. If weeds are removed gradually, sites are provided for natives to colonise, and unwelcome plants can easily be dealt with.

ROOTS & LEAVES

by  
Wombat



If a large area is weeded, regeneration will be slower and there is a serious risk that the return of the weeds will over-tax the follow-up task force.

The Bradley priorities are: 1) Prevent deterioration of the good areas. 2) Improve the next best. 3) Cautiously move into the really bad areas.

Unfortunately, many places in Warrandyte are so alienated that there is nothing left to regenerate and the Bradley method cannot be used.

In other places, the germ of a wonderful bush garden lies in the soil and can be brought to fruition AT NO COST if you can provide a little help and resist the temptation to bugger it all with a Bobcat and a pile of rocks.

I hear that the Friends of the State Park are planning to give the Bradley method a try, and it is being used in a slightly "Cameronised" form by Warrandyte Environment league people at Cox Park.

'Bush Regeneration', by Joan Bradley, published by the Mosman Parklands and Ashton Park Association, New South Wales.

### HORSES

I haven't been the only one looking at the horse question. The City of Doncaster and Templestowe leisure and recreation people have conducted a survey of horse riders to establish what need there is for a network of horse trails in the area.

A horse trail takes up space and might conflict with the needs already being met by that space. I look forward to the results of that study and to some consultation with the community as a whole.

## Community constables

Warrandyte has done well out of the latest round of transfers to and from the local police station.

Two new young senior Constables, Wayne Pattison and Andrew Baker, are already making their presence felt in the town — Pattison as a Warrandyte footballer and Baker among local horse lovers.

Pattison, who transferred from Thomastown, is more than a handy footballer, and is a regular player in the firsts.

Baker, who transferred from the mounted branch, has already served a tour of duty in Warrandyte, from 1979 to 1980. He keeps four horses in the district and has offered to help young local horse lovers with advice on how to care for their horses.



Constable Pattison and Warrandyte mud

# Woman stands for council

A Doncaster East woman, Mrs Chris Day, is standing for the Warrandyte Ward Council elections to be held on August 3.

She is standing for the seat being vacated by Councillor Doug Upham, of Park Orchards, who is not seeking re-election.

Mrs Day has lived in the municipality for 13 years, the past three within the ward. She is a book-keeper and is married with two children.

She says that during her 13 years' residence she has had many dealings with Council, other authorities such as the Board of Works and the Planning Appeals Board, local schools and local residents.

"Warrandyte Ward is the biggest ward in Doncaster and Templestowe," she says. "The areas of Warrandyte and Park Orchards have their own individuality, and this must be preserved. But residents of the developing areas of North Ringwood, Donvale, Templestowe and Doncaster East must be allowed involvement in the creation of their own area identities."

Mrs Day says her priorities are children, the elderly and migrants. Her policies in these areas are:

**Human services** — "Existing assistance must be maintained and improved for the elderly, youth, children, the handicapped and families. There is an urgent need to establish services from child care and kindergartens upwards in parts of the ward where there are few, if any, of these services," she says.

**Roads** — "There is a strong need for thorough forward planning in

regard to main and arterial roads to ensure that through traffic is not encouraged to use suburban streets as main road links or short cuts," she says. "I support the need to provide adequate road construction at reasonable cost to residents. There is also a need to preserve our roadside verges and street scapes in established areas and for planning of these in developing areas."

**Transport** — "Most residents are well aware of our inadequate public transport system. I shall do my utmost to improve this poor situation, using whatever means that may be available to me," she says.

**Parks and recreation areas** — "There is a strong need to preserve our special conservation areas, from our linear parks to the Yarra Valley. Land currently designated Public Open Space must be retained. I support the need for planning of our recreational space for both active and passive use," she says.

In general, she says she will be seeking interviews with the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and the Warrandyte Environment League to get to know their policies on a variety of issues.

"To be of more positive use to our residents, I have made an effort to educate myself in the area of local government," she says. "I have attended most monthly meetings of council as a whole, and have attended seminars on the subject whenever possible."

"I really do care for our community and my ambition is to reduce need, and to assist wherever possible."



The man in the centre was once on the Left, the man on the left might be out in the cold, and the man on the right . . . ?

Is some secret plot being hatched at the community market? Whatever, it was a strange meeting that took place recently outside the Warrandyte Environment League stall. There they were, Warrandyte Environment League supremo Doug Seymour (right), former Labor Deputy Prime Minister Jim Cairns (centre) and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party candidate for Nunawading Province Bob Ives having a friendly chat and a cuppa. And what were they talking about? Nothing more sinister than proposals to create an Alpine National Park.

★ ★ ★  
To Mandy Smith and Max Moegerlein, twin daughters, and identical at that. Max and Mandy, of Kangaroo Ground Road, have named them Anna and Kirsten.  
★ ★ ★

## the fifth column...

To Janet and Graeme Ballinger, also of Kangaroo Ground Road, their first daughter, Chloe, a sister to Wesley.

★ ★ ★  
The Fifth Column thinks they're a boring lot up Kangaroo Ground Road. Haven't they got anything better to do?

★ ★ ★  
As they say, it's a woman's privilege to change her mind! Jan Vagg has changed her mind and her name —

she is now Jan Liddicut. No, the altar has not reclaimed her, she's just reverting to her maiden name. In the words of Shakespeare, "wot's in a name".

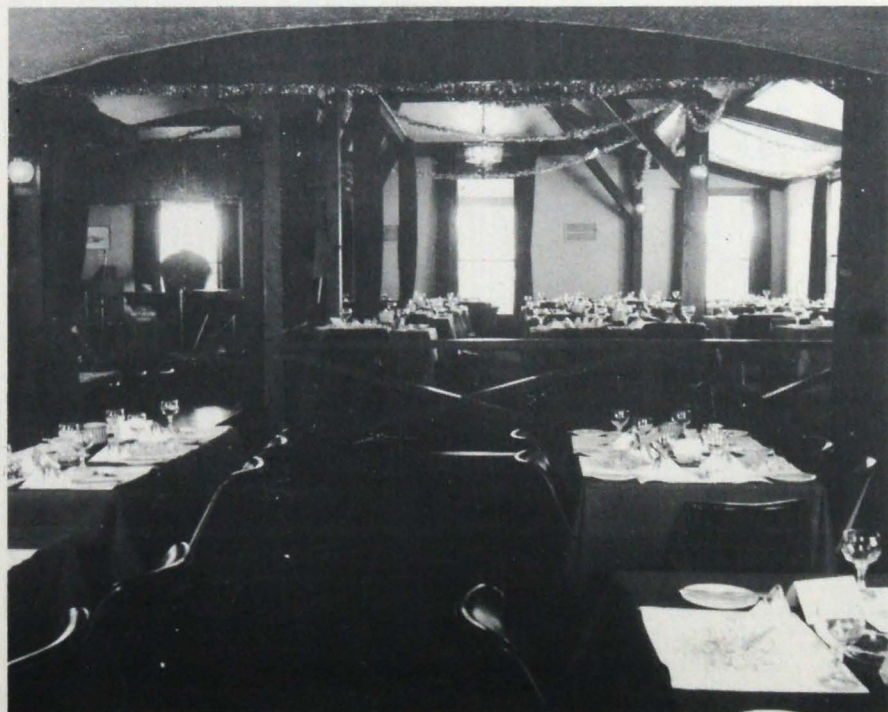
★ ★ ★  
Well-known market potter Amanda Chong (Goodge) and her loving man John are thrilled with the safe but early arrival of their lovely daughter Jade on June 17. She weighed in around 3 kg and the question uppermost in everyone's mind is, have they broken the mould?

★ ★ ★  
Mary Huxtable, of Kangaroo Ground Road, wants all her friends to know that she has come through her leg operation with flying colors, and to thank them for their good wishes. What's a plastic knee between friends, eh Jack?

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## Ives gets \$10,000 grant for school

Andersons Creek Primary School has received a special \$10,000 State Government grant following the intervention of the member-elect for Nunawading province, Mr Bob Ives.

Mr Ives said the money would be used to provide an asphalt basketball court and a dry play area.

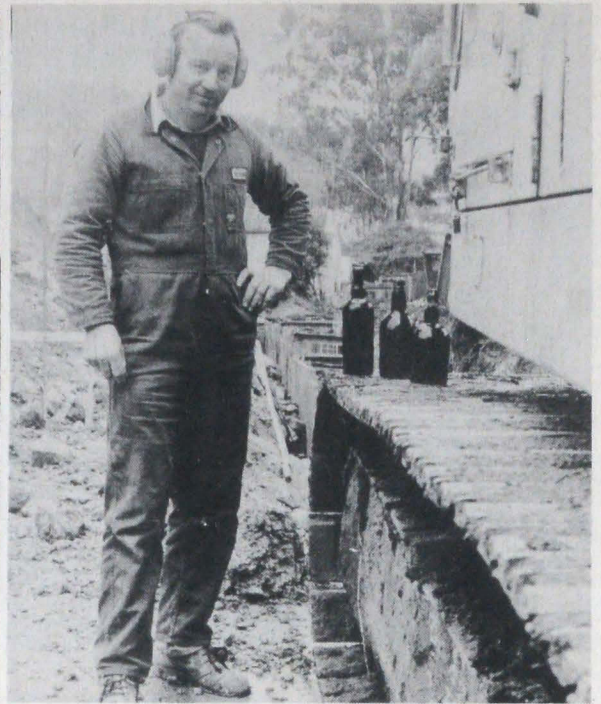
Mr Ives and local MLA Mr Lou Hill met the School Council following rejection of the school's application by the Education Department's Regional Priorities Review Committee. The committee refused a grant on the grounds that the school already had the asphalt area it is entitled to.

"The committee was technically correct in rejecting the application but the present asphalted area is laid out in such a way that it cannot be used for basketball or large group games," they said.

"I put the school's case directly to the Minister for Education, Mr Ian Cathie, and he agreed to the grant because of the anomaly and because the School Council is prepared to raise the extra \$6000 to cover the cost of the project."

Mr Hill and Mr Ives said parents had done a great deal for the school and rarely asked for extra government funds. "Andersons Creek families have worked tirelessly to improve facilities at the school and mostly raised the money themselves," they said. "It's about time they were given a bit of extra Government support."

"This grant will help them improve sport and play opportunities that are so vital to the children's development," Mr Ives said.



*Dino and part of his find*

## What a bottler!

It began as just another day for Board of Works excavator driver Dino Eramo.

He was working on the Warrandyte-Heidelberg sewerage line beside the river below the Warrandyte Primary School Crossing.

Suddenly he noticed that his scoop was bringing up large amounts of broken glass where large amounts of broken glass should not be.

The trench he was digging was about two metres deep, and all he had previously seen brought up was dirt and rocks and more dirt and

more rocks.

So he stopped his machine and climbed down to have a look. And to his astonishment, there, buried in the dirt, in an orderly row about a metre wide, were bottles.

And these were not ordinary bottles. They are all hand made, and very old.

In total he pulled out about 60, in perfect condition.

Dino, an amateur bottle collector, plans to have them valued.

He expects that what began as just another day will prove to be very profitable indeed.

## Police report

Warrandyte police report an upsurge in the number of stolen cars being stripped and dumped in the area, mostly off Kangaroo Ground Road.

Police warn locals not to leave valuables in their cars where they can be seen. Several parked cars have been broken into recently, and cash and goods stolen. One victim left a bag containing \$500 in cash

and personal documents on the back seat.

Thieves have broken into St Anne's Primary School at Park Orchards, escaping with \$200 in cash and \$4000 worth of electrical equipment and toys.

Housebreakings continue to be a problem. The latest victims were a Park Orchards family who lost cash and goods, mostly electrical equipment, worth \$14,500.

## Alien invasion is thwarted

No one really knows how or why what is now known as Cox Park — the vacant land on the corner of Harris Gully and Gold Memorial roads — was cleared.

It seems that someone thought the area would look nice covered in lawns and the occasional tree rather than bush.

When the local experts had a look, they thought that only about one-third could be rescued, and only through a great deal of hard work at that, such as pulling weeds and spreading mulch by hand.

So down to work it was, a group of about 12 Warrandyte Environment Leaguers pushing barrows, harrowing, mowing, slashing, weeding and spreading.

Slowly but surely the mintbush, tussock grass, dusky miller,

manna gum and dichondra began to appear as the weeds and grass were removed. Perhaps by now there are even orchids beginning to surface.

The flurry of activity in what had long been a forgotten corner of Warrandyte attracted a lot of attention.

What was happening? Why bother? Who says bush is better than lawn? There were many questions, even some from people who love the bush. Would all this disturbance just let more weeds in? Could the job be finished properly?

In balance, the work is now seen by those who carried it out as an experiment in preservation. The hope is that they will succeed in restoring a fascinating diversity of flora to its rightful place in one small corner of Warrandyte.

## Bonnie job, Bonnie, says hospital

The Royal Women's Hospital has honored local woman Bonnie Peake, who has given more than 40 years' service to the Warrandyte branch of its auxiliary.

Mrs Peake, of Harris Gully Road, and other members of the Warrandyte branch were guests at a special ceremony at the hospital recently.

The branch's latest project, a special piece of operating theatre equipment, has been inscribed with Mrs Peake's name.

After the ceremony the auxiliary members were taken on a tour of the hospital and had afternoon tea.

The Warrandyte branch has been meeting for 55 years and has provided seven beds for the hospital, each bearing the names of members.

People wishing to join the auxiliary should ring Alice O'Leary on 844 3453.

## Child centre wins subsidy

The Co-Op's community child care centre has been granted a special federal government subsidy to cover salaries.

The grant, from the Office of Child Care, was announced recently by local MP Lou Hill and the member-elect for Nunawading Province, Mr Bob Ives.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council recently bought the child care centre site, which had been rented since it began two years ago.

# Heigh-ho, they come to the fair

There is more to community markets than just buying things — they are social events in their own right, and the Warrandyte market is no exception.

Take a look around on any market day and you'll see friends having a chat, children playing, politicians talking, families having brunch, buskers busking and, of course, customers browsing and buying.

The market has been going for about six years now, and from small beginnings has grown into a huge success, not only for the stall-holders but for Warrandyte itself.

It raises about \$4000 a year for various community groups such as the fire brigades, the Historical Society, the Occasional Child Care Centre, the Co-op and others.

And that very success poses problems — the market committee has had to limit the number of stalls to 110 and take bookings by post.

Each month more than 25 applicants for space are turned away. There is now a 12-month wait for permanent sites.

Although the bulk of stall-holders come from outside Warrandyte, more than half the casual stalls are run by locals. Of the permanent stall-holders, 14 are Warrandyte residents and a further 35 are operated by people from the surrounding area.

Preference is given to Warrandyte people, although the committee points out that it cannot forget the outsiders who have made the market what it is now.

The market is held on the first Saturday of every month (except January and April) from 9 am to 1 pm.

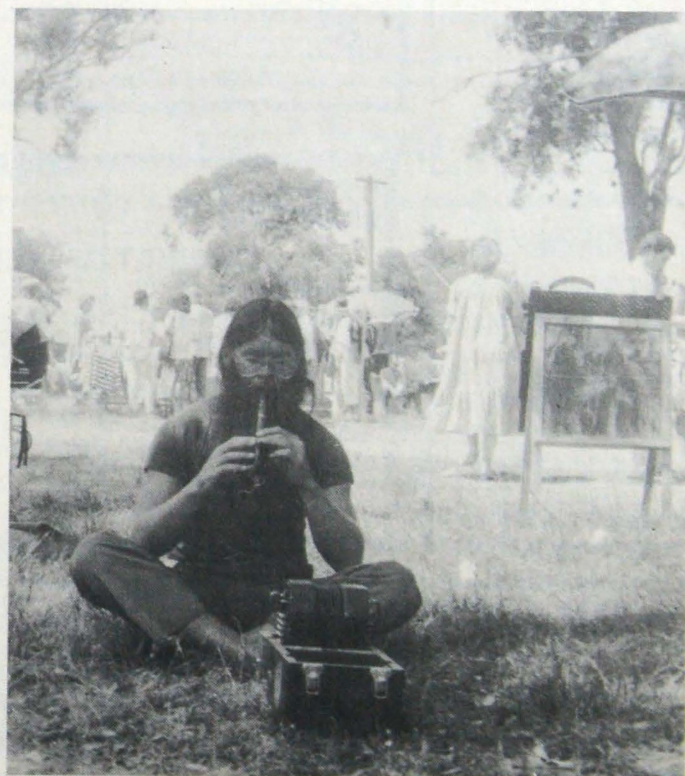
Potential stall-holders should be aware that the committee's policy is to permit the sale of hand-made or home-produced goods only. It is hard to check every item put up for sale, but committee members are on duty on every market day and would be pleased to hear of any contravention of this rule.



*Since fairs began, pretty little girls have gone out in the pride of the morning with a few coins in their pocket and a lot of expectation in their hearts.*

*Music, too, has always been present. And good things to eat.*

*The past lives on in the present at the Warrandyte Market.*



## Jock not funny

I must express both my concern and regret at the cartoon and accompanying letter from correspondent Jock which appeared on page 1 of the Warrandyte Diary (in May).

The agreement referred to was simply an undertaking by Jock to keep trees clear of the overhead line along his property frontage.

The agreement did not and was never intended to prevent this commission from undertaking tree clearing, nor did it remove any of the responsibilities which this commission has towards ensuring the safety of its assets and the general community.

The recent action in cutting trees along Hawkes Road resulted from a high voltage line being provided for a new subdivision.

I will be entering into discussions with Jock on the issue in the near future.

M.E. Miller,  
district manager,  
SEC

Thanks, says  
the co-op

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd wishes to place on record the support

received from many sources since 1982 when a survey was conducted by a social worker student in Warrandyte, indicating the need for a day care centre for pre-school children.

The local community, with the guidance of Lou Hill, MLA had already formed a co-operative which became the base from which a day care centre could evolve. In addition, mudbrick making and woodfuel businesses were being conducted.

Two houses were renovated at the corner of Masonic Avenue and Ringwood/Warrandyte Road with money from the Employment Initiatives Program and the Community Employment Program. Young people were given a chance of employment and an opportunity to establish a day care centre.

In January, 1984 the first children came to the centre and work continued on developing the facilities through the hard work of a voluntary committee.

Experienced staff were employed later in the year as funds allowed. The numbers of children increased. During March, April and May 1985 the centre operated without any government funding, however, parents' payment for care cannot equal the cost of running the centre staffed by qualified mothercraft

## letters

nurses and kindergarten teachers, and therefore the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative financed the centre to the approximate amount of \$8000.

After six months careful preparation an application was made to the Office of Child Care in 1984, but the Warrandyte centre missed out because of the new Federal Government agreement to fund 42 centres in different municipalities. Warrandyte was the second choice in Doncaster and Templestowe municipality. Warrandyte Community Workshop persisted and eventually were successful in obtaining funding from June 1, 1985. This entailed establishing the Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-operative Ltd., separate from the WCWC. The board of directors, comprised of six parents and one worker, is now fully operational.

WCWC Ltd., at this point, wishes to place on record its appreciation of the help received from various federal, state and municipal government departments.

First, our thanks to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe for \$84,000, and the Shire of Eltham for \$2000 towards the purchase of the land and buildings. The untiring efforts of councillor Ken McKenzie are well known in Warrandyte. Councillor John Fisher from Eltham has been most helpful.

At the State Government level we have found officers of the Office of Child Care and the Registrar of Co-operatives have been prepared to discuss the detailed proposals at length when we have shown a willingness to sit down with them to consider local needs.

Lou Hill, MLA, who is also a parent user of the centre, has been a staunch advocate of the needs of Warrandyte in this and many other matters.

Max McDonald, MLA, has supported our centre from its inception.

Federal Government funding, enabling the centre to employ two fully qualified mothercraft nurses and one kindergarten teacher, gives a base for continuing service to children of Warrandyte.

Jean Chapman

who was apparently unable to contact the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade. We would like the residents of the area to be aware that the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade can be contacted in two ways:

- 1) By ringing 844 3283, 844 2418 or 844 2707. These are inquiry numbers and should not be used for emergency purposes.
- 2) By ringing 844 3683 which is the emergency fire reporting number.

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All residents should be aware that, once they ring the emergency fire reporting number, the telephone will eventually be answered. They should allow the telephone to keep ringing until such time as it is answered.

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# No weeping for the willow

By GLEN JAMESON, of FRIENDS OF THE WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

Breezes come up the river and gently sway the pendulous boughs of the willows. Various winged creatures shrill in orchestration as they make their sleeping arrangements for the night. The moon, almost full, rises in the glowing pink and mauve twilight, creating waves of quicksilver on the rapids.

Just a scene for Badger and Mole to make their entry, perhaps taking a stroll or perhaps looking for Ratty or old Toad.

But what's this? Magpies carol from red box trees, bellbirds chime from their nests in sweet bursaria, black ducks huddle among the reeds and kookaburras call an end to the day from massive manna gums.

The forest of Warrandyte gently enters the night, and Badger and Mole are not to be found. They have not made their way into this river story — although Toad and Ratty have distant relatives in this new land.

All creatures can hear the wind in the willows, and the wind spreads the news that the willows must go. For as far as this river story is concerned, the willows are a disaster, destroying everything in the areas in which they establish themselves.

Gone is the complex riverbank plant community with its resident native animals. Instead of a diverse range of ecological niches and habitats, a monoculture of willows is enforcing its reign.

The thick pink mat of willow roots spreads out into the river, changing the natural flow and collecting foetid and unhealthy mud. Gone from these places are the plants of the water's edge — water plantain, gypsy wort, water pepper, pink knotweed, large bindweed and river mint. Disappearing from the banks are the silver wattles, woolly tea-trees, lomaria, tree violets and bottlebrushes. Where are the nests of the sacred kingfisher, the platypus and the water rat?

Willows have not always been part of this story, although they are etched in most memories now — to the extent that their presence to some people is as natural as the fish that jump in the dusk.

There is nothing botanically like the willow along the Yarra. Their ability to grow quickly into big trees has no parallel in the native vegetation — the species is a wild card, totally outside the normal rules of bush behaviour.

The willow has become a very big problem. If we want to look at the Yarra as part of the Australian Bush, the willows must be weeded out, root and branch.

As many will already have noticed, the Board of Works has been removing some willows, but theirs is an awesome task as some of the trees are very old and very big.

Some people are overjoyed and want to see them gone; others are angry at the disturbance on the banks. Bare earth instead of leaf and grass does not promote tranquillity during a stroll.

A stretch of river near my house has been cleared of willows, and the view from up on the road was wonderful — the river had returned to its full width, creating a charming scene. I had visions of Streeter walking along some intimately-known path.

But delight was quickly turned to disorientation by the disappearance of a special place — my wife's childhood swimming hole. The sandy bank, the mammoth log over the water, the clump of swamp paperbark — all gone, machined into memories.

For a dizzy moment I walked back and forth along the bank to make sure that this was the same spot that had given such an insight into carefree, simple times of someone whom I knew so well. I felt like an old blackfish whose stretch of the river had been de-snagged.

The problem of grappling with our environment is that although we feel strongly attached to it, very few of us know anything about it. Bush knowledge to a large part depends on the tea-towel and plaster kooka. It is a knowledge outside our routine of work and play.

It must be sought after, as not many people can teach you about it. Many people, for example, do not know that natives from other parts of Australia can do great damage.

Each stretch of the river is unique, and appreciation of this varies from place to place. Upstream, some community groups have taken the willow problem into their



own hands and have begun removing the trees.

They want to protect their unique environment from invasion. They look out from a forest full of creatures and plants onto the surrounding farmlands full of alien animals and work together to keep the invaders at bay.

Once the habitat changes too much, the animals go. It is a simple story, and the same throughout the world.

River sounds. Water passing through the rapids like the passing

of time, and in the sleepy forest that follows the Yarra, the dreamy village of Warrandyte is being shaken from its peaceful past.

Gone are some of the swimming holes. Lost are many of the habitats (or changed hands once again).

The wind in the gums whispers change, and all hands must join to make the transition as peaceful as possible.

□ Friends of Warrandyte State park meets on the last Sunday of each month.

## How They Lived

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

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The Pride of the Zana Company, on the same line and south of the Enterprize claim, are busy sinking their main shaft and expect to cut the reef in another ten feet.

The True Blue Number One North have suspended operations for a time for the purpose of forming a company to erect pumping machinery, the water being too heavy for bailing.

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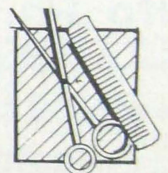
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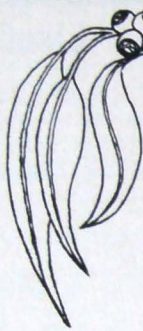
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Apart from the preparations for the end of the WAC year and the annual general meeting, issues that have attracted our attention have included:

□ The permit for the West End supermarket. The substance of the decision is of concern, but more importantly the manner of finally pro-

ducing a result and the assumptions implicit in it are most worrying. For example did you know that the boundary between suburbia and the rural outskirts of Melbourne lies between the West End and the central shopping area? The Planning Appeals Board thinks so.

□ Further negotiations on a proposal to subdivide land on the north side of Knees Road next to the old tip site highlighted the precedent such a move would establish. Again the "system" may force a less than optimum result.

□ Judging from the low level of debate, the possibility of amalgamation of Eltham and Diamond Valley shires has not been well recognised around Warrandyte. The intangible "quality of life issues" that affect the Warrandyte character would inevitably be downgraded in a larger shire. The character of North Warrandyte, and by association all of Warrandyte, would be likely to suffer.

Finally, remember the annual general meeting. WAC is a vehicle for community involvement and offers a chance to exercise some control over part of our destiny. Support it.

### IN BRIEF

#### Fire officials

North Warrandyte Fire Brigade recently held elections, and the new officials are:

Captain, J. Swindley; First Lieutenant, G. Lawrence; Second Lieutenant, R. Skinner; Third Lieutenant, R. Warwick; Fourth Lieutenant, M. Allen; Secretary, P. Sleeth; Apparatus Officer, M. Keating; Communications Officer, R. Van de Velde and President, P. Batrouney.

For information on the operation of the brigade, residents can phone 844 3283, 844 2418, 844 2707 or 844 2936.

#### Festival AGM

Residents are invited by the Warrandyte Festival Committee to attend the annual general meeting on Tuesday, August 6, from 8 pm at

the community centre.

If you have any ideas for improving the festival or adding extra events, the committee would like to hear from you.

#### Golden oldies

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club will be held at the clubrooms on August 1 at 1 pm. All welcome.

### 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.

Jane, 21, has a physical disability, but can work sitting down. She has done library work, but is willing to do anything she is capable of.

Judith, 20 has clerical babysitting and housework experience.

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

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(target at which  
the object is thrown  
— aboriginal)

*i leave the  
crowd  
to fondle a  
stone  
and pick up poems  
growing in  
secluded places  
where silence  
and great beauty  
kneel  
as history  
moves  
past*

*— a black man  
knew this stone  
threw and  
danced this  
stone  
danced  
kangaroo  
emu  
dingo*

*tree and  
drought  
rain and  
season  
danced the sun  
into the sun  
the night  
into day  
the dreamtime  
into  
daylight  
— this stone i  
fondle  
stained  
by my  
blood*

MAL MORGAN

A book, 'States Don't Bleed', written by Mal, who lives in the West End, is available at the Bridge Gallery, Yarra Street.



It's three up and no result as the ball eludes the Bloods' Wayne Pattison and Lou Amos and an opponent in a seniors match at Warrandyte.

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# Bloods back on finals course

Warrandyte have put themselves squarely back on course for a shot at the Eastern Districts Football League second-division premiership.

The Bloods bounced back from consecutive defeats by North Ringwood and Montrose with big wins over Upper Ferntree Gully and Heathmont.

It restored them to fourth spot on the ladder — seven wins, three losses — and, with a relatively easy run home, should have ensured a finals berth.

The big pre-finals test will be against Boronia, who won the previous encounter comprehensively in what was by far Warrandyte's worst performance of the season to date.

Warrandyte showed little mercy in their away game against Heathmont, winning by a percentage-boosting 96 points — 17.15 to 3.3.

The onslaught started from the opening bounce, with Lou Amos and Mark O'Brien dominating the ruck, Peter McDonald repulsing everything that came his way at centre half-back and the entire team combining well.

O'Brien left the field with a leg injury late in the first term, but far from wilting under the extra workload, Amos relished it.

Only goalfront inaccuracy on



Warrandyte's part kept Heathmont within coo-ee, but those fences were mended in the second quarter as the Bloods poured on the pressure.

Full-forward Ron Wilson, who finished with nine goals and gave away at least four others in a best-a-field performance, was already exerting a huge influence.

The versatile Dennis O'Brien was superb on a wing, rover Mick Hassall was everywhere, centreman Mario Cipolla was true to form and utility players Craig Townsend and Peter Banks were in everything.

The game was virtually over by half-time, but coach Chris Valerkou impressed on the Bloods the importance of a four-quarter effort.

Warrandyte responded by producing one of their best quarters of the season.

The teamwork was precisely what Valerkou had demanded and Warrandyte's dominance was such

that their defenders were given little chance to get warm.

The final term was a formality as the Bloods cruised to a win reminiscent of the drubbing they delivered in their third-division premiership year of 1983.

Best of a very impressive Warrandyte combination were Wilson, Dennis O'Brien, Cipolla, Banks, Townsend and Matthew Elliott.

The reserves, seventh on the ladder in an even competition, delighted their supporters with a huge win over Heathmont, 30.31 (211) to 1.1 (7).

The under-18s, who are still finals chances, won by four points (11.6 to 10.8) and the under-16s, out of the race but steadily improving, were beaten 9.10 to 7.7.

## Disco dates

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a "bad taste" disco at South Warrandyte Hall on Saturday, July 20. It's a family night, \$5 a head for adults, children admitted free and hot supper is provided. Tickets from Robert Ireland (736 2679) or at the door.

A junior disco will be held at the Whitehouse on Friday, July 26, from 7.30 p.m. Admission is \$3.

## Yes please, Minister . . .

The Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Neil Trezise, saw for himself this month just why Warrandyte needs a bigger, better sports pavilion.

Mr Trezise and his State Government colleagues Lou Hill and Bob Ives inspected the recreation reserve rooms at the invitation of Warrandyte Football Club. The visit was arranged by Mr Hill, Member for Warrandyte and the club's No.1 ticket-holder.

President Jeff Reddie told the minister the football club was looking at \$60,000 to \$70,000 to extend and upgrade the pavilion.

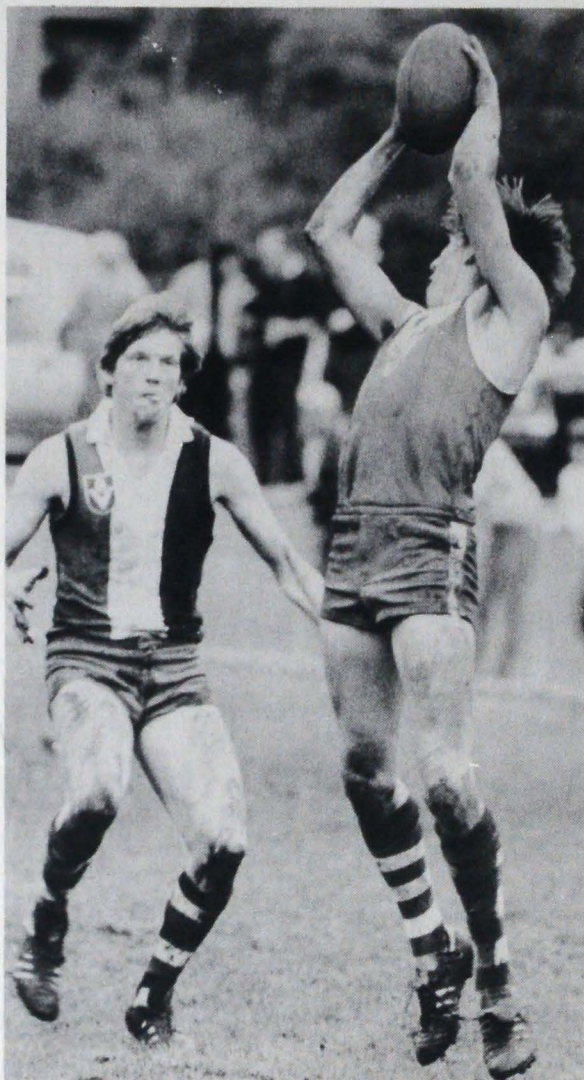
"Mr Trezise indicated that pro-

vided we have council backing, the amount was not out of the question," Mr Reddie told the Diary.

"He was impressed enough by our needs to offer to visit us again later this month for further discussions.

"Mr Trezise will be here at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, and I urge as many members and parents of junior players as possible to come along and lend support."

The football club, cricket club and Warrandyte Sports and Social Club are still discussing a proposal for a jointly-run venture to operate in a much-extended pavilion.



Above: "It's mine!" Warrandyte's Robert Moon takes a fine mark — much to the obvious disappointment and frustration of his opponent. Below: Blood stalwart Uwe Morzinek strikes an uncharacteristic ballet pose as the ball gets the better of him. Awaiting the outcome is team-mate and centreman Mario Cipolla, Warrandyte's recruit of the season.



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