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Grant to improve sports pavilion

The State Government has given \$30,000 to renovate and extend the Recreation Ground pavilion.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council, depending on negotiations still under at the time the Diary went to press, is likely to at least match the grant.

The football and cricket clubs are finalising plans for the work, which is likely to include a bar area, a proper kitchen, a medical room and proper toilets for guests after games.

The existing changing rooms will be substantially improved.

The work will be the first of any size since the pavilion was built 30 years ago by voluntary labour after the old wooden building was burnt down.

Minor extensions and improvements have been carried out over the years, but the building has slowly been deteriorating to the point where it is now one of the worst in the leagues that the two clubs belong to.

The grant follows a visit to the ground by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Neil Trezise, at the instigation of the member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, who is a football club member.

Mr Trezise was appalled at the condition of the rooms and organised the grant almost immediately.

The presidents of the two clubs

were delighted at the news, and have been quick to organise the preparation of final plans.

They expect work to begin very soon, and hope to have it completed by the start of next football season.

The football club's Jeff Reddie says: "The grant will enable us to provide a number of things that we have had to do without over the years, including adequate changing rooms, medical facilities, a canteen and social facilities for players, members and supporters.

"The rooms at the moment are archaic and below the standard of other pavilions in the council area.

"The ground tenants, us and the cricket club, deserve the opportunity to have better facilities. A hell of a lot of people use them," he said.

The cricket club's Steve Pascoe said: "We are very grateful to Lou Hill, as a member of Warrandyte Football Club, for getting things moving.

"He was well aware of the problems with the rooms, which are in very poor condition.

"He and Bob Ives, the candidate for Nunawading, helped arrange the grant and helped us approach council for the matching grant.

"To get the grant is fantastic — we can get cracking straight away on plans and, hopefully, have the thing completed by next footy season.

"This sort of facility is something that has been lacking in Warrandyte for many years."



In the June issue of the Diary, Jock drew a cartoon offering the bridge roundabout for sale.

Within days of the Diary appearing, someone took him at his word, and stole a Peter McDougall "for sale" sign and erected it on the roundabout.

Peter McDougall's Glen Martin was kind enough to provide the Diary with the photograph.

Jock was kind enough to come up with ideas for a buyer.

The Diary doubts that this is the end of the matter.



Peter McDougall and Associates are normally eager to oil the wheels of commerce but are strangely reluctant to discuss the sale of the Warrandyte Roundabout. The main question is . . . Who bought it?

I'm certain that it could only have been one of our local community groups. No-one else could afford the time involved in the complex conveyancing transactions.

My first guess was the Environment League. The roundabout would seem to be the only position that they could fall back to after the supermarket business. Building on their market stall experience, I imagine WEL could construct an alternative supermarket to rival the West End complex. What it lacked in size could be made up by being close to the passing traffic.

But then again, another local group has a vital interest in being close to the edge of the road. Perhaps the Post Office Preservation Group intend to rebuild their relic on the roundabout. You can't get closer to the edge of the road than that can you?

Mind you, talking about being close to the edge, maybe the Arts Association bought the roundabout as a less troublesome site for their proposed hall extensions. Following the success of the Drama Group's in-the-round production, who's to say that there's "No room for Dreamers"?

But perhaps after all it was the Warrandyte Advisory Committee who bought the "compact circular block". The consultative process is, after all, a roundabout affair. It practically guarantees that you'll end up back where you started.

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hits the streets is more than sufficient compensation. The financial rewards are infinitesimal.

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IN RED & WHITE



Local lady Kaye Thorpe has the answer to the Great Watery Eyes When You Cut Onions Problem. She cuts them outside. No kidding. Smokey has a different but equally effective solution. Wear a diving mask and snorkel. It may look silly, but it works.

Strange way to run a business in a small town. New people in an old Warrandyte business are fast losing a large number of customers because of their unusual ways. For example a customer of long standing called in recently and was told that before the goods were handed over, money would have to change hands. Smokey always thought the relationship between cash and purchase was the other way round — you chose what you wanted then paid for it. And another regular customer reports that she was told not to use one particular area of the business unless it was raining. This order in effect cuts in half the space available for customers to use. Yet a third went in to make a purchase on account and was told he no longer had an account. Nor was he allowed to pay by cheque. Owner just couldn't understand why he no longer had this customer. Smokey himself also has reason to take his custom elsewhere. Meanwhile the owners of another similar business are smiling all the way to the bank.

There's nothing like an open fire in the depths of a Warrandyte winter, but first you need some kindling. As Smokey knows only too well, this can be a problem, but one Warrandyte mum has come up with the perfect answer. An In Red and White spy reports that a hair-dryer is being put to good use in at least one local household.

What's scarier than hen's teeth and more incredible than a politi-

cian knocking back a pay rise? A Ron Wilson handpass, that's what! The Warrandyte full-forward has kicked a multitude of goals since some genius recruited him, but handball has never been his strong point. It is a trait of all class full-forwards! Why risk using a potentially-injurable fist when you have a golden boot? We are overjoyed to report that Ron actually handpassed in the recent game against Heathmont and that the recipient kicked a goal. Those privileged to witness the remarkable event say it was not just a good handpass, but a great one. The name Polly Farmer has been mentioned in comparisons. Ron's personal goals tally for the day was a mere nine.

The few hoons in students' guise can forget about getting the better of the brusque little man on the 8.04 bus from Warrandyte. He's much too good for them, this bloke who gets on at the Templestowe T-junction and rightfully believes he is entitled to a seat among the lounging louts (who weren't taught those manners at home, you know). They lie in wait for this bloke, making life as difficult as is reasonably possible as he treads and threads the tortuous track over and among errant schoolbags and insolent youngsters. At last sighting, he said a few words to a yobbo occupying an entire seat (banana-lounge fashion), picked up a trespassing knee and threw it neatly and forcefully against the aforementioned yobbo's similar joint. Whereupon, the Templestowe fellow sat down and read the Age while the sullen one blushed and blinked all the way to his stop. More power to the man from the T-junction. Although he doesn't really need it.

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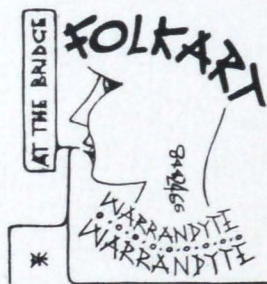
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Cot death: one woman's quest



Margaret Butler and her daughter Amanda, 3

The death of a child is a shattering event. But the unexplained death of an infant — cot death, as it's called — can bring the world tumbling down around the ears of uncomprehending parents.

"What if...?" "If only...?" "Why us?"

Margaret and Geoff Butler of Valias Street have asked those questions and know some of the answers. Their son Nicholas died last December, three months to the day after he was born.

Like many people in her situation, Margaret decided then that she had an obligation to help avoid a repetition of her own tragedy.

That is why she joined the Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation. And that is why she hopes Warrandyte people will rally around to help her entry in the Mrs Victoria Award, a charity quest that raises money to help the foundation.

"It's amazing how little people know about cot death," Margaret said recently. "People said to us, 'You must have wrapped him up too much.' That's not so. It's just that no one has found out why these deaths occur.

"We went through a lot of guilt... a lot of blaming ourselves... until we went to see the doctor at the Royal Children's Hospital, the doctor who deals with the autopsies.

"He explained that the babies don't choke, they don't suffocate, they feel no pain. It's as if their whole system just packs it in.

"Geoff had put Nicholas down that night and I found him in the morning. Geoff had gone to work. I rang him and asked him to come home. Poor thing, he arrived to find the ambulance and police there..."

Margaret and Geoff have a three-year-old daughter, Amanda. "It's hard on the little ones," said Margaret. "She can't understand why her little brother isn't here any more. And at the start I tended to go into Amanda's room every 15 minutes during the night to make sure that SHE was breathing.

"It's incredible, but my mother had rung

the day before to talk about cot death; she'd read a story in the paper. And then the next day it happened.

"You tend to believe that it will never happen to you, that's why it's important that we help to finance research into SIDS."

Margaret and Geoff were lucky in having understanding relatives and friends but they value highly the support they get from the Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation.

"All the people in the foundation, all the counsellors, have been through what we've been through," Margaret said. "They've all lost a baby the same way.

"It's a worthwhile group to get into with everybody supporting each other. We've made quite a few friends out of the foundation.

"In some ways it's hard for the men in a situation like this. They can't express themselves... they're not supposed to cry. But at SIDS gatherings the men can talk to each other and get it out of their systems.

"When Geoff went back to work he found it really hard. People were avoiding him. They didn't know what to say to him. And I guess Geoff felt particularly bad because he was the last to see Nicholas.

"At least the doctor was able to reassure him that nothing he had done was in any way responsible for Nicholas's death.

"It's a terrible experience, but people can help each other get through it."

To raise money for SIDS research, Margaret has entered the Mrs Victoria Quest and has arranged a women's and children's fashion parade at the Yarra Valley Country Club at 1 pm on Saturday, September 14.

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A piece of history in danger

The future of the historic youth hostel at Pound Bend is in doubt because of State Government ownership changes.

The Youth Hostels Association of Victoria's lease on the land expired in March, and has been renewed for only 12 months while negotiations continue.

The hostel, a former soldier settlement farmhouse built just after World War One, was the first youth hostel in Australia. The association bought it in 1940, and soon after a meeting was held there to form the national youth hostels body.

The executive officer of the Victorian association, Mr John Mitchell, says the land will become part of the Warrandyte State Park.

"Although we still have to negotiate with the authority that is taking over the land, we believe

there is a possibility that we can stay there," he says. "But whatever happens will be a little different to the present arrangements.

"There is still a demand for the hostel — from Australians and foreign tourists. It is seen as a good spot to relax during a hectic tour. Warrandyte lends itself to that sort of thing very well.

"The other thing is that we still make extensive use of the hostel and that stretch of the river for our canoe groups. It is ideal for teaching beginners. The canoe group is very keen to stay there."

Mr Mitchell says there is a lot of support, including from Doncaster and Templestowe Council, for the hostel to stay where it is.

"What its actual future is I cannot say," he said. "But from many aspects it deserves preservation."

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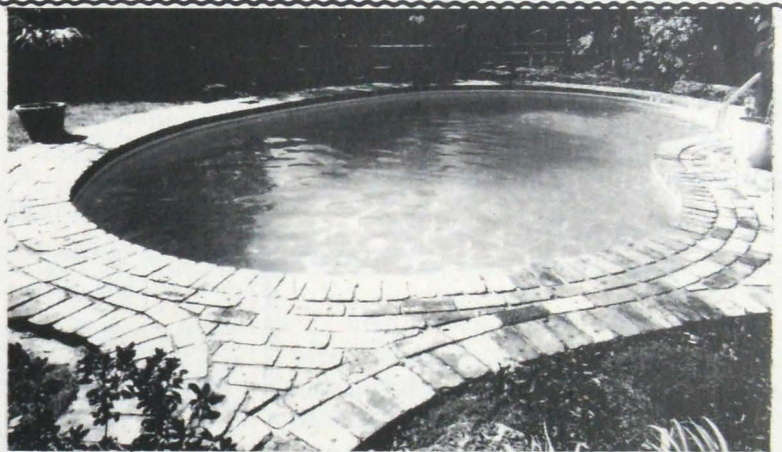
The North Metropolitan branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association is in need of voluntary helpers.

The Templestowe group needs mature people interested in helping disabled riders learn riding skills.

They should be fit enough to lead horses for the duration of the lesson and be able to donate their time for one Saturday afternoon a month.

For further information, contact Lee Hartman, 846 1427.

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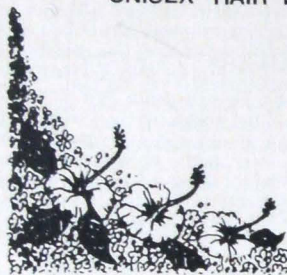
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Rocky roads for residents and councillors

The Diary has been apprised of even more dissatisfaction about the condition of North Warrandyte roads since the recent letter by Walter Magilton.

What has been muted mumbling is reaching a crescendo, and the Diary wonders how long it will be before Eltham Council takes proper action — something more than covering the corrugations on the corner of Bradley's Lane and Research Road with a thin coat of sealing that disappeared within a week. And something better than the job it did on the first section of Pigeonbank Lane, which is now as rough as it ever was in a couple of spots.

Mr Robert Gooch of Glynn's Road certainly believes it is time the council got off its collective backside.

He describes the condition of the road as deplorable and says the dust in summer poses an extreme hazard to residents.

Mr Gooch says Glynn's Road residents have been fighting to get the road sealed for many years. He says that in March last year most residents signed a petition calling on council to act.

He says traffic along the road has increased enormously in recent years, particularly since the Board of Works has been developing public open space near the end of the road.

"I challenge any council member to find another road in North Warrandyte where the residents suffer more dust pollution," he says.

He says that in July last year a council officer inspected the road and made the following recommendations:

- That council agrees in principle to the sealing of Glynn's Road;
- That the sealing be considered in conjunction with the preparation of the 1985-86, 1986-87 capital works program and;
- That a contribution be sought from the Board of Works.

"On September 7, the shire Engineer, Mr J. Stamp, confirmed the officer's recommendations," Mr Gooch says.

"On December 16, I wrote to councillors Grant, Fisher and Marshall urging them to consider our case and to include the sealing in the 1985-86 capital works program.

"Might I add that in the past I have had several phone conversations with councillors Grant and Fisher urging them to take up our cause. To this day I don't believe that either has bothered to inspect the road despite invitations on my part.

"Before his election to council I phoned Mr Fisher seeking his support for our cause, and at the time he clearly indicated his willingness to do so.

"I have since tried to contact Mr Fisher many times but it would seem that since his election he has other things on his mind.

"I recently phoned Mr Fred Harrington, a council engineer who was extremely co-operative, and he informed me that council had not included the sealing in the 85-86 works program.

"Council should be aware that the residents are determined in their resolve.

"Perhaps this issue should be treated by residents in a manner like those who participated in the Federal Government tax summit — a rejection where it hurts most, in the hip pocket. In other words, the non-payment of rates," Mr Gooch says.

Councillor Fisher is well aware of the poor condition of North Warrandyte roads. He says that having lived in the area for 13 years, he has negotiated most of them himself, and knows the problems residents face.

He says: "I think that in recent times council, with the limited resources available, has tried to maintain them in a serviceable state.

"It is obvious that many of these roads have been graded down to bedrock, creating problems for the maintenance crews and requiring the addition of surfacing material to build them up, all adding to council's expenses.

"The problems and costs of road maintenance are of particular concern to council, especially North Riding councillors. I believe there is a need for the shire's engineering department to review and revise, if necessary, its road maintenance procedures to make them more efficient and cost-effective.

Councillor Fisher agrees that it is time something is done about the Banning Road to Bradleys Lane section of Research Road.

"This road is currently third on council's list of unclassified road-works, so I am hopeful that we will see some action in the not-too-distant future," he says.

"With regard to Pigeonbank Lane, this road was treated with a lightweight seal designed for private vehicle use. Unfortunately heavy trucks, associated with the development of an estate off this

road, have damaged part of the surface. This damage will be repaired in the next couple of weeks followed by a second seal when the surface has stabilised."

Councillor Fisher says he is surprised and somewhat offended by Mr Gooch's comments about Glynn's Road.

"Council has agreed in principle to the sealing of Glynn's Road and resolved that it be considered as part of the 1985-86 to 1987-88 three-year capital works program," he says.

"At the time council gave no undertaking on a precise time for sealing, except to say that it would be done as soon as possible.

"Contrary to what Mr Gooch believes, I have inspected Glynn's Road. I have also lived in North Warrandyte for 13 years and I believe I know the roads in the area quite well.

"I certainly know that Councillor Mary Grant has put a lot of time and effort into this particular problem.

"I suggest Mr Gooch takes a trip down Osborne and Hamilton roads on a summer afternoon, or Stony Creek-Floods Road, or try Mount Pleasant Road and Reynolds Road in Research, or have a look at the Cattlesbridge-Strathewan Road and see what the orchardists there have to put up with.

"All these roads and more require attention.

"It would be nice to seal them all straight away, but this of course is not possible, and therefore priorities have to be established.

"As far as I am concerned Glynn's Road must be sealed as soon as possible, but it cannot be done this year. I am hopeful that the sealing can be done late next year: we will know more towards the end of this year when council considers the second part of the capital works program.

"Regarding Mr Gooch's communications problem, I have no idea how hard he has tried to contact me. Other residents with problems and concerns do not seem to have too much problem doing so.

"A note in my letterbox or a letter by post are alternative methods to the telephone.

"Finally I believe that most people chose to live in North Warrandyte because of this bushland environment. Many do not want made roads, footpaths or drains as they see this as the first step towards suburbanisation.



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WAC acts on dual occupancy proposal

Warrandyte Advisory Committee is concerned about a proposed change to the Board of Works' Melbourne and Metropolitan Planning Scheme allowing two dwellings on any one block in a Residential C zone.

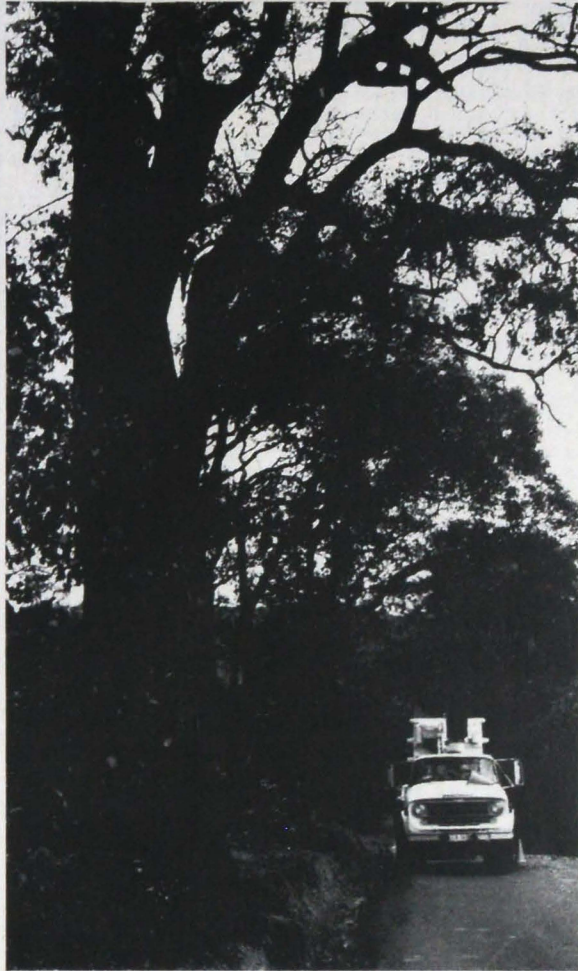
WAC is concerned that when the sewerage is connected to the Warrandyte township, pressure will increase for dual occupancy in the area.

WAC has written to Doncaster and Templestowe Council which implements the planning scheme in the municipality, to say that the proposed amendment should not be allowed to apply to Warrandyte township.

Council has been asked to prepare a submission to the Board of Works if the amendment is approved seeking a further amendment to the effect of banning dual occupancy in the area.

WAC is seeking council advice on the issue and consultation with council on any submission to the Board of Works if the dual occupancy amendment is approved.

WAC wrote to council in May this year expressing its concern.



The tree: An ever-present threat.

Tree is saved once again, but at a cost

For the second time in three years John Morrey has ridden into battle for his favourite tree, a 100-year-old red box that sits like a sentinel where the bitumen ends in Pigeonbank Lane.

But whereas he saved the gum from the loppers back in 1982, this time he and his neighbours along the North Warrandyte road have had to settle for an uneasy compromise.

The tree will remain, but minus its top third. About 10 metres will be chopped from the top to protect the SEC power line extension that workmen are stringing to service new estates on the south side of the lane.

John Morrey accepts the inevitable. "We got a tree surgeon in and he found a cavity eight feet deep in the middle of it. He was the one who said that the top third had to go, otherwise it could have broken off in a nasty manner," he said.

"I accept that. It's better to have two-thirds of a grand old tree to look at and appreciate than none at all."

John is concerned, however at the lack of communication between Eltham Council and the SEC, and those two bodies' apparent disregard of the sentiments of local residents.

"Both authorities must have realised that this pole was going in and we went to a lot of trouble to tell them of our concern, and yet they pegged to within 20 feet of the tree."

In fact, John went out one morning to find a gang hired by the developers lopping and slashing along the power line route and about the start on the red box.

John stopped that temporarily by calling in council officers who agreed to talk the matter over with the SEC. That, in turn, saw the tree surgeon give his learned opinion.

"The SEC is moving its pole back three metres or so . . . it's as far as they can go," John says. "And with its top removed the tree will now be considered safe."

"The SEC has agreed to review the situation every three years in conjunction with Denis McKay of the Eltham parks and gardens section. This is important. It's a guarantee that we won't wake up one morning to find the slashers have moved in without us having been told."

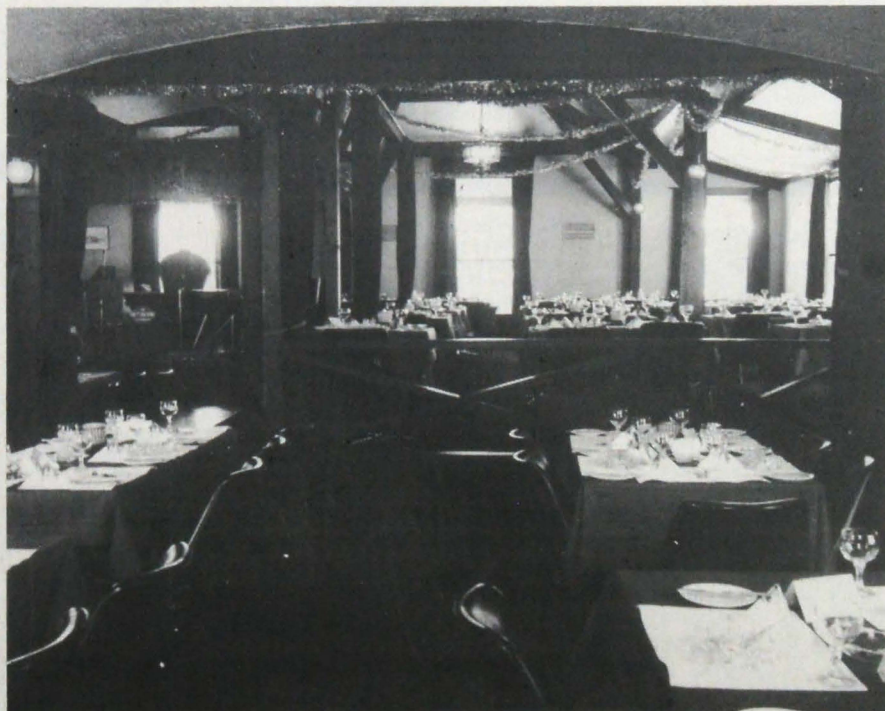
"I'm more or less satisfied. The removal can be done in a responsible manner and it will still look reasonable."

"It's sad to think, however, that that old tree could survive the gold rush but not the electrification of Pigeonbank Lane."

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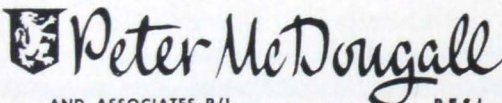
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Put the upper house in

order: Hill

Why has the Labor Party put such stress on winning the Nunawading re-election? Why is it so important?

It's important so that we can implement the policies that we went to the people with back in March, and on which we were re-elected. It's all very well for the Liberals to say they haven't been obstructive in the Legislative Council . . . they say that they have amended or knocked back very few bills, but the fact of the matter is that if you know you have a hostile Legislative Council, then you're not going to put up certain legislation because it won't get through anyway.

The Liberals also complain that under Henry Bolte — the so-called golden years of Liberal rule — they were able to govern without a majority in the upper house, but the fact is the conservatives had a majority in the upper house; it wasn't as if Labor had a majority. They had a coalition of Liberal and Country Party in the upper house, which seems to me to be a far different thing to having a conservative majority for a Labor government.

It just seems to me as a matter of principle that it's only right that if the people elect a government in the lower house, which theoretically is the voice of the people, that the government should be reflected in the upper house and that the upper house can still be a house of review.

One reason why it is important for Bob Ives to win is the reform of the upper house. We have promised . . . proportional representation, a system of committees to ensure an adequate review of legislation. That sort of reform will allow minority parties, minority interests to be represented. Without a majority in the upper house we would not be able to implement those reforms because the Liberal Party has made it quite clear that they will not reform the upper house to give proportional representation.

The other important reform of the upper house is, of course, the withdrawal of the power to block Supply. I think the electorate would agree that that's important, especially after the 1975 experience.

You've had more than three years in Parliament now. Specifically, what have you done for Warrandyte in that time?

Specifically? I suppose specifically what I've done is to encourage the processes in the community and in government that allow local people to set up and develop services for themselves and their neighbours.

The Warrandyte Co-op, for instance?

That's a good example. My general approach as a local member is to get away from the cargo cult mentality where you come along with the goodies and say 'here you are'.

Diary co-editor Bob Millington managed recently to tie down Lou Hill, MP, long enough for an interview. It took place in his Croydon office, a frontline headquarters for the Nunawading battle. This is an edited transcript of his remarks:

I suppose, to be honest, a certain amount of pork-barrelling does go on at times, but even that is a response to initiatives taken by the people themselves.

I think that if governments were simply to give money or provide services without consulting local people and without allowing initiatives at a grass-root level to develop, you'd achieve very little, because that would be a paternalistic approach, or a patronising approach, that doesn't really result in the development of individuals or the community. And the money would then probably be not well used anyway.

For a project to succeed, the money to be well spent and the services to be effective, the project has to spring from the initiative of the community.

The Warrandyte Co-op is a good example of that. What's happened there — what's happening at the moment — has all been the result of some individuals who cared about creating jobs for people in the area.

When the Government first made a grant of money to the Co-op to create jobs, those people had certain ideas about what they would do. But circumstances developed from there, things changed.

As a result, the jobs that have been created haven't necessarily been created in ways that were foreseen. They found new opportunities all along the line by relying on local people who were in touch with what was going on locally.

Warrandyte is one of the most evenly divided of all Victorian electorates. Do you have any thoughts on that?

Well, it's certainly a very diverse and interesting electorate. And it's one of the largest electorates in the metropolitan area, geographically.

It's a number of different communities. It's the Warrandyte community, the Park Orchards community, the Croydon Community, the Wonga Park community . . . and each of those communities has its own needs.

I suppose it just so happens, by a quirk of the pen of the man who drew the maps of the Warrandyte electorate, that the result of putting all those communities together is that you've got an almost evenly

balanced vote between Labor and Liberal. I guess it's a coincidence of history.

Do you live in Warrandyte now?

Yes, I live in Warrandyte, just off Pound Road. I've been there since last year. Before that we were in Park Orchards for a couple of years.

One of the least attractive aspects of living in Warrandyte is the public transport. Our buses are few and infrequent. Is there any way that can be improved?

Yes, there is a way, and that's for the taxpayer to put more money into public transport. That's always the difficulty, of course.

That's the sort of answer that the Minister would like to give, but I'm sure there are other ways as well.

Already there's been an improvement in public transport in parts of the electorate. One area on which I concentrated during the last term was the new Croydon Hills estate, where a new bus service was provided.

I also initiated a survey of the Mooroolbark telebus service, and the results of that are still being analysed.

Warrandyte itself has its own peculiar problems because it's some distance from a railway station and it's always been a bit isolated, I think, on the public transport authority's maps because it doesn't quite fit in to the rest of the network.

Again I think there's a need here for the community itself to take some initiative.

For example, a few weeks ago I chaired a meeting in Park Orchards after inviting local people to come along and discuss the transport problems of Park Orchards.

As a result of that, as a result of discussions between that group of people and an official from the Ministry of Transport, those people are now making submissions about their particular needs.

I take it you'd be willing to do the same for Warrandyte.

Oh, my word. It seems to me that the more active your local community is and, more particularly, the more the local community can identify the problem, the more chance you've got of getting the solution.

Amalgamation makes sense

I would like to comment on the front-page story in the June Diary concerning plans for the amalgamation of Diamond Valley and Eltham shires.

When the Ministry of Local Government was first set up some 20 years ago, an independent committee was formed by the Government to inquire into all aspects of local government, and one of the final conclusions of that committee was that, to become more viable, local councils should be bigger rather than smaller. So by reducing the number of local councils, the present Government is putting into effect previous recommendations.

One would conclude, after reading the news item, that subdivisions in North Warrandyte were of two-acre lots. A study of the subdivision map of North Warrandyte reveals that approximately 60 per-

cent of dwellings are built on lots of half an acre or smaller, 30 per cent are on lots of one acre and 10 per cent are on lots in excess of one acre. With lots of this size in the area there is something amiss with the morality of opposing newer subdivisions of less than two acres.

In the 30 years I have lived in Warrandyte I have seen the turbidity of the river increase, aided no doubt by the dirt washed from our unmade roads, and the smaller fish killed off by the sullage water discharged into the drains and natural watercourses. If the price of restoring the quality of the water in the river is made roads and sewerage, then that is what we should do. That would be a restoration and conservation project worthy of us all.

Concerning the quality of our roads in general, my understanding is that all the unmade roads are classified as private streets, and as such the council has no legal liabilities in regard to their main-

tenance. These roads are a relic of horse-and-buggy era, and as no one wants to drive their cars at horse-and-buggy speeds, the proper course to follow would be to have all our roads sealed, so that it is safer to drive at normal speeds.

If, as your news item suggests, this is the policy adopted by Diamond Valley council, then we should be supporting the move rather than opposing it.

From one who belongs to the majority of the area who are usually silent on such matters,

John Gilbert,
Valias Street.

Angela Booth remembered

I was most interested in the article in the June Diary on two of our

lett

One of the problems of the Ministry of Transport is that it hasn't got lots of people on the ground discovering what the troubles are. Only the people in the local area can do that.

But just to sit down and say that there should be a bus service between A and B because there's a road between A and B is not good enough.

And too often I ask people how they like their new bus service and they reply, 'Oh, it's great of course I don't use it myself'.

Some of us would say that Warrandyte's problems are exacerbated by being split between two councils by a river. Have you any thoughts on that?

Well, I'd certainly like to have North Warrandyte in my electorate when I consider how they voted there last time.

You've been doing a lot of Max McDonald's work for him . . .

Yes, because the services for North Warrandyte happen to be in my electorate. That's where the shops are, the schools are . . . There's a crossover. But that happens, really, on the boundaries of all electorates.

It's not so much a problem for me, it's more a question of community identity. I think it would certainly be very nice if the whole Warrandyte community was in the one electorate and in the one local government area as well.

It would make it easier to foster the sense of community and to work together as a community on local issues. But the community is split and there's not much we can do about it.

Finally, what has it meant to you, becoming an MP? What changes has it made to your life and how hard has it been?

It's been very hard, in the sense that it has been very hard work, not in the sense that it has been really difficult, I suppose. It's meant an awful lot to me in that I've learnt an awful lot about the community, about government . . . about how society works.

That's been a tremendously broadening sort of experience. A satisfying experience. Even if I were to resign tomorrow, the three and a half years that I've been a member of parliament has been an invaluable learning process that will help me for the rest of my life.

Yes, it has been a struggle at times. One of the major difficulties that I find with the job is keeping an equanimity with my family life as it competes with the demands of the job.

It's very difficult to leave your work at the office or at the parliament. So, often if I'm under stress it's easily felt by other members of my family. And even though you might try to divorce the two completely, it's very difficult to do that in political life, particularly if you're living in the electorate and part of the community.

ROOTS & LEAVES by Wombat



*Of Jags,
jalopies,
asphalt,
flora and
funny
attitudes*

I've been thinking about the laws relating to car accidents. It is accepted that vehicle owners are entitled to have a damaged car repaired and brought up to the standard of finish that they enjoyed before the accident.

For example, if a beat-up old truck owned by a plumber runs into a gleaming new Jaguar owned by a company director, the plumber has to pay for the Jaguar to be repaired to pre-accident standard of finish.

If, on the other hand, the prang was the fault of the director, he has to pay only to have the truck restored to being merely beat-up.

There must be an upper limit to the expensiveness of finish one can expect to have maintained at the expense of those who run into you, but as far as I know the law hasn't set it.

If you were to engage a Warrandyte artist to paint scenery all over your Morris Minor and then someone has the misfortune to run into you, would he or she be up for the cost of repairing a \$100 banger or a \$100,000 work of art?

Astute readers will have noticed that there is a redistribution of wealth here: poor drivers are subsidising the wealthy by paying for luxurious finishes whenever they have the misfortune to run into an expensive car.

That's not my main point, however.

What interests me is that, within limits, each car owner is taken to be entitled to have HIS standard of finish restored by anyone who accidentally or deliberately damages it.

What's all this got to do with a Wombat? Watch it. You'll have to answer a question on this further down the column.

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Back to Warrandyte.

I have been hearing complaints in the community about the prevailing level of "Dorothy Dixism". I must agree with the complaints.

If, for example, I were to include in this column responses such as "Dear Possum, forget all about him. A possum of your charms needn't put up with any nonsense", it would open the floodgates and I would find myself acting as sexual

adviser to every marsupial in the community, a role I do not seek.

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When talking to a Warrandyte resident recently, a senior executive from one of the service authorities (it was either the SEC, the Board of Works, Telecom or the Gas and Fuel Corporation) made an interesting point.

He said that the design of the authority's roadside equipment was on the basis of cost-effectiveness only. It is, he said, not proper to consider the roadside flora.

Why not? Because it is not reasonable of us to expect people living in Collingwood to subsidise the added expense involved in considering the flora of Warrandyte.

His argument is not valid, for at least two reasons.

First, when any of the service authorities dig up a street or footpath in Collingwood, they replace the concrete with asphalt when they have finished.

Is it reasonable for Warrandyte residents to subsidise the cost of roadside surface restoration in Collingwood?

Second, the replacement of asphalt is something that the authorities have always done. They know how to budget for it.

To return to original condition a roadside that is occupied by native vegetation would be much more expensive.

But the law relating to car accidents shows us that when an asset is damaged, the person or body responsible for the damage must repair the damage, and the repair must be of a condition set by the original condition of the asset; not to some lower standard that the responsible part considers adequate for his own assets.

Do you think that the reasonable requirements that have always been met by the service authorities in the inner suburbs should also apply in Warrandyte?

reserve and sanctuary.

The cottage and outhouses were all burnt in the 1965 fires, but the old house has withstood the fires of 1939, 1962, 1965, and 1968, although being surrounded by fire on several occasions.

We are grateful to the writer of the article, and for the authors of the book 'Double Time, Women in Victoria — 150 Years' for the knowledge of the woman who has left her mark on our home and property as well as on the history of Victoria.

Dorothy Reid,
Alexander Road,

Mammal survey

Dear Vombatus,
Just a note for your column so that you may let the fair people of Warrandyte know that the Friends of the Warrandyte State Park are beginning a mammal survey of the area.

It will be conducted with help from the Mammal Survey Group of the Field Naturalists of Victoria.

It was during a talk to our group by Lance Williams on the subject of an Atlas of Victorian Mammals that Lance is working on that obvious gaps in our knowledge of local fauna became apparent.

Records exist of the eastern grey kangaroo, the swamp wallaby, the brush-tailed possum, yourself, Tuan (1946 sighting), Antechinus, water rates, three types of bat, foxes, introduced rodents and echidnas, but strangely enough, there are none on the platypus, the koala, the long-nosed bandicoot, the feathertail glider and others.

Lance emphasised the importance of sightings by local residents and others, so anyone can participate. Only animals that are unusual or that have not been reported are of interest.

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early women settlers in the district, especially Angela Booth.

I met Mrs Booth, very briefly, in 1948 when she was a very old lady. My parents, my sister and I had just returned from living in England since 1932 and had purchased from Mrs Booth the property 'Nilja' in the spring of 1948, preparatory to moving there on Boxing Day 1948.

On the day of the auction of the contents of the house, my mother and I took some tea over to Mrs Booth, who was "hiding" in the little cottage on the property. I remember someone tall and thin, and felt in awe of her.

My husband and I still live at Nilja and the house and property are virtually unchanged. Originally the house was a four-room cottage transported from Port Melbourne as a holiday house for Dr Booth and his wife. They added to this cottage and eventually retired here, setting up the property as a nature

Co-op begets new co-op

The Co-op's child care centre on the corner of Masonic Avenue and Ringwood-Warrandyte Road is now a new co-operative in its own right, run by parents of children who use it.

At the recent inaugural meeting of the Child Care Co-op, a committee of management was elected. Members are Pam Booth, Leonie Thomas, Linda Young, Lesley Corbett, Greg Lazarus, Geoff Osler, Richard Potter.

Leonie is secretary, Linda is treasurer, and Richard is chairman. The committee has co-opted Jean Chapman, Ken McKenzie, Louise Joy and Anthony Burgess to help manage the centre.

Committee members would like to stress the open nature of committee meetings. Any co-op member or other interested person is welcome to attend.

It is hoped that having the day divided into morning and afternoon sessions may help alleviate the booking problem in the lunch-time hours — an issue of vital concern

for funding purposes.

During the last couple of months the centre has had a revenue deficit of \$1000 a week, which has been covered by the workshop Co-op, leaving that co-op starved of funds.

In view of this, the fees have had to be increased.

The committee has appointed Leonie Thomas as administrator of the centre — a paid position of 12.5 hours a week as approved by the Office of Child Care. This was felt to be valuable in giving the committee of management closer contact with the centre's operation.

Some consideration is being given to the design and placement of an outdoor climbing structure. Pam Booth is gathering information and suggestions.

Recent working fees have achieved significant results particularly in the garden. Many trees and shrubs were planted, shelves were erected in the shed, a new sandpit established for the under two-year-olds and a good deal of tidying up done.

We have WAC and WEL, now stand by for WADS. The inaugural meeting of this small but determined group, Women against Development Society, was held in a secluded North Warrandyte home recently.

The instigator, who shall remain anonymous, announced that its first aim was to bring to public attention its fury at the size of the supermarket proposed for the West End.

Over the lip of a sherry glass she said: "I have never laid down before a bulldozer before, but I feel the time has come. We shall have to do it."

Another member declared that WADS should become an army of Boadiceas, a concept that was fully supported by other founding members.

The group is now looking for a helmet designer to come up with something in keeping with the members' militant stance. A contract may also be let for the design of tinfoil breast-plates.

A spokeswoman told the Diary: "We shall not fight them in the appeals tribunal nor the council chamber. We shall fight them in the mud of Warrandyte. Our weapon will be the emotive hysteria accorded women throughout the ages."

"We remind feminists that the greatest weapon women have is to confuse the male of the species and keep him guessing. This we shall do, and at unpredictable times and in unexpected places."

"As the bulldozers roll the earth of Warrandyte in destructive sweeps, they can roll the members of WADS with it."

"They can build the foundations of their monuments to bad taste on

Fred, who ran a gift shop in the town for some time, leaves a wife, Mary, and two children.

Local botanist David Cameron and his wife, Lee, have done it again. Number four son, Felix, arrived safely in July, bringing the family tally to five, counting little Maria, who is heavily outnumbered.

And let us all give local estate agent Glen Martin a cheer. Not only does he like his mother-in-law, he takes her out to functions and gives her roses. This historic event took place at Potters Cottage recently during a farewell for former Community Education Officer Rosmary Tovey. There should be more of it.

The Fifth Column is happy to report that former Warrandytian Garry Bensch is back to his youthful self despite ravages inflicted by 35 years of hard work and good living. Wife Ronnie recently put on a birthday party in an attempt to put some spring back in the poor old bloke's step. As the many mates in attendance will attest, she succeeded, with a bit of help.



our souls and we shall haunt their cash registers till they break."

With such fervent militarism there is hope in Warrandyte yet. The developers' wads of money will have to measure up against the might of the WADS of Warrandyte. Watch this space.

Well-known former resident Fred Brookes died last month after a two-year battle against cancer.

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It has received many requests for such accommodation but has not been able to meet the demands.

Co-op worker Jean Chapman says, "The request comes from young people who want to establish their own, independent lives by moving into this sort of accommodation."

"There does seem to be a great need for one-bedroom units for local youth, or for single people of any age group," she says.

If you are able to help, please ring Jean on 844 2548.

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The churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards held their annual dinner recently at St Anne's church, Knees Road Park Orchards.

The dinner was held to co-incide with the state's 150th anniversary, and representatives spoke on the origins of their churches in the district.

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Warrandyte residents gave more than \$590 during the recent Salvation Army Red Shield appeal doorknock.

The collectors, eight from North Warrandyte (including Lyn Mitchell, far and away the eldest), pass on their thanks.

The local Rotarians raised a further \$4891 and the Warrandyte Football Club \$808.

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The Warrandyte Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of St Laurence will hold its annual luncheon on Wednesday August 21 at St Stephen's Church, at 11 am.

The speaker will be Mr Justice Asche, senior judge of the Family Court in Victoria.

All welcome. Book by ringing 844 3265 or 844 3203.

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In many municipalities a family aid service has developed to help families bring up children.

The service is really doing the job that an extended family still does for some families, but is not available for many.

The Warrandyte Co-op has started this service in an informal way through Labor Exchange.

Jean Chapman matches people with jobs of any variety, leaving the individuals to work out the financial arrangements between themselves.

Increasingly, Jean has received requests for help with child care at times when parents cannot cope.

Also, after-school care for the children of working parents who prefer their children to be at home rather than in a programme is another common request.

Occasionally Jean has found people to care for children whose parents have gone overseas for a few weeks.

She also refers the parent to the Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre, on the corner of Masonic Avenue and Ringwood/Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte.

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The contact person is Pam Booth, 844 1205.

Phone Jean on 844 2548 if you need help.

Better plan,
says council

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has decided to advise the Board of Works that a new proposal to subdivide land in the Knees Road-Harris Gully Road area is a significant improvement on a previous plan.

The developers had originally sought approval for a 40-lot cluster housing development, but this met with strong opposition from the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, the Warrandyte Environment League and local residents. Council was opposed to the plan.

The new proposal is for a 15-lot cluster housing development. Council neither approves or disapproves of it. The developers also want the land rezoned.

Most of the land, about 60 hectares, is zoned conservation A, which prevents subdivision into blocks of less than 40 hectares. Also, Board of Works permission is needed for the clearing of native vegetation, subdivision, building works and the proposed use of the land.

The 15-lot plan was presented to a recent meeting involving the Board of Works, the council, the developers, the Park Orchards Resident Action Group, WEL, WAC, the owner of the land, the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society and about 10 local residents.

The Diary has been told that there are still strong fears by residents and organisations about the smaller development, especially about the likelihood of approval leading to increased pressure for subdivision of other land in the area.

Strict conditions

In its decision, council said it would support a rezoning of the land from Conservation A to a new zone with equivalent residential density to Landscape Interest A or C.

Strict conditions would apply:

- An average density of one dwelling per eight hectares;
- A minimum building block of two hectares;
- Application of Board of Works Metropolitan Planning Scheme Amendment 279 to the land (this sets strict height controls on buildings);
- An agreement covering the management and landscaping of communal land;
- Design and height controls over fences and buildings;
- Tree-clearing controls throughout the area;
- At least 70 percent of the land to be public open spaces, and;
- Access only from Knees Road.

These conditions would in effect mean a seven-lot cluster subdivision.

Council's physical resources subcommittee believes rezoning to Landscape Interest A or C would be consistent with State Government metropolitan strategic objectives.

But it says that the Board of Works and the Planning Ministry are unlikely to approve the new proposal because it is not consistent with the State Government's Green Wedge policy and the objectives of non-urban zones.

The 15-lot subdivision allows for

about 44 hectares of communal land. With allotments ranging from 0.8 to 2.1 hectares, this means an average occupation density of four hectares. The allotment size set down under the Landscape Interest A zoning is eight hectares. The original proposal had average block sizes of two hectares, ranging from 0.4 to 0.7 hectares plus 38 hectares of communal land.

At the meeting to which the 15-lot proposal was presented, Mr Alan Flett, a Park Orchards Resident Action Group spokesman, said the group was concerned that any rezoning would not protect the land as comprehensively as the present Conservation A zoning.

He said the group's main aim was to preserve a valuable environment in the area.

The group believed that something had to be done because the present owner has no incentive to manage the land adequately. A compromise was required to allow good management and protection of environmentally sensitive land.

The WAC and WEL representative, Doug Seymour, said the groups opposed rezoning and subdivision, mainly because it would lead to increased pressure for subdivision of nearby land.

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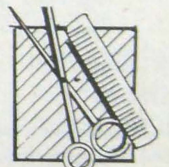
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Friends call meeting on possible parkland buy

Local groups and interested people who are concerned with the future of the Yarra Brae and Stane Brae estates near Wonga Park are invited to a meeting, date to be set, convened by the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

Permits for subdivision and development have been issued by Lillydale Council, and survey work has commenced.

The Friends and other groups such as the Warrandyte Environment League see the acquisition of this land as vital for the future viability of the Warrandyte park because of the great botanical and zoological interest of the area.

The relatively undisturbed woodlands in the estates support breeding colonies of the eastern grey kangaroo and the less common black wallaby. These are recognised as being the closest population centres to the city.

A 1974 Board of Works report states that the area is the possible habitat of at least 20 local mammals, including the rarer white-footed dunnart. No detailed zoological or botanical survey has been done in the area under question, so there is little information available on exactly what else may be there.

The Friends hope to meet local member Lou Hill and Nunawading Province candidate Bob Ives and raise the possibility of acquisition with the Minister for Conservation, Joan Kirner.

It is hoped the Minister can visit the area with local groups and see for herself the integrity of the bushland community and be convinced of the importance of the acquisition of the land for future generations.

Interested local organisations involved in this issue include Ringwood Field naturalists, the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society, the Wonga Park Resident's Association, the Blackburn Tree Preservation Group, the Bend of Isles Conservation Association, the Waringal Conservation Group, the Maroondah Society for Growing Australian Plants, the Victorian Mammal Survey Group, the Bird Observers Club, Boronia Technical School, Maroondah Bushwalking Club, the Education Department, Maroondah Region, and the Victorian Board of Canoe Education.

The meeting is for dissemination of information and to discuss planning a biological report for the Minister's evaluation.

A Friends official says: "Increasing urban pressure and the almost daily destruction of remnant woodlands in the locality make the acquisition of a large portion of this land absolutely imperative for the continued survival of native animals in their natural environment."

"The disjointed nature of our present park and its encirclement by urban development make it vulnerable to degradation, and an unsafe habitat."

"Native fauna is on the retreat from the urban sprawl."

"With zoos becoming an increasingly inviable solution to safeguarding animal species, this area provides a unique opportunity for the Melbourne population to observe an evolution of plants and animals millions of years old."

"The Tasmanian pademelon is already extinct from its Warrandyte and mainland environments, let's not add to that list."

Lions help with hearing

The Lions Club of Warrandyte is taking part in a program to help the deaf through "hearing ear" dogs.

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Michelle Cameron: have language, will travel.

Prize sends Michelle off flying

A raffle win is good news in any language, but for Michelle Cameron, formerly of Glynn's Road, North Warrandyte, there is a bonus.

It means she will be able to put her expertise in languages to good use earlier, and much more cheaply than she had expected.

Michelle's mother, Mrs Barbara Cameron, recently enrolled Michelle and her sister Annette in Spanish courses at the Linguaphone Institute.

The enrolment automatically entitled Mrs Cameron to entry in a raffle, with two free tickets to London by British Airways as first prize.

Much to her surprise (Mrs Cameron says she has never won anything in her life, and had told the enrolment officer not to bother putting her name down) her number came up.

Mrs Cameron says she will give on of the tickets to Michelle, who has not travelled overseas, and is still deciding what to do with the other.

Michelle, 25, and Annette are the only daughters who have not travelled overseas, and Mrs Cameron bought the courses in preparation for their first trip. Michelle plans to travel through Europe and South America. At the moment she is working at a boatyard in Sydney.

Footy? It's a family affair

Football — in one form or another — is not so much a game as a way of life for the Hassall family.

Four sons play for Warrandyte Football Club — but they didn't inherit their love of Australian rules from their father, Mark.

He played rugby. So did eldest son Matthew, who made interstate level.

Now, the youngest of the footballing Floods Road Hassalls — 11-year-old John — has iced the cake by winning selection in the Victorian State schools team (Aussie Rules, by way of explanation).

He is believed to be the first Warrandyte player to make a State side.

A member of the local under-12s, John is described by junior club

administrator John Reid as a joy to coach and a youngster who is really going places.

He has been helped along by elder brothers Mick, who plays in the seniors, Mark jun. (reserves) and Joe (under-18s).

The State schools interstate carnival is played in Melbourne this month.

Cricket coach quits

Warrandyte Cricket Club have lost the services of captain-coach John Salter for the new season.

Salter, recruited from Hawthorn-East Melbourne, is returning to District ranks, this time with Ringwood.

He made a valuable contribution on and off the field during his stint with Warrandyte, coaching at all levels and leading by example with the bat.

Warrandyte will also miss the talents of Bruce Kline, who has quit the arena to follow the fortunes of his son Reece. An outstanding young prospect, Reece will join Salter at Ringwood.

Travel and family commitments will restrict the availability of four other senior XI players of last season. The Dytes will fill the gaps by adhering to their long-held policy of promoting youth.

Dytes looking to juniors for depleted senior XI

Warrandyte will field 16 teams in the 1985-86 season. An innovation is a girls' under-14 side.

There will be six men's teams, a women's XI, two under 16s, three under-14s, the girls' team and three under-12s.

The formation of the girls' side is particularly significant because it makes the club founder members of a competition previously untried outside interschool competitions.

The club are keen to hear from any girl interested in trying her hand at cricket. The contact is Jenni McLaws (842 4718).

New projects on the go for the coming season include:

- Replacement of the existing

No. 1 oval wicket with a synthetic scapapitch.

- Two extra practice wickets.
- Involvement with Warrandyte Football Club in extensions to the pavilion.

- A clinic to train coaches.

Coaching positions are currently available for all grades. Remuneration is negotiable.

The club are also seeking players for all grades and have launched a drive for social members.

Inquiries should be directed to club president Steve Pascoe (844 1213) or co-ordinators Bob Le Guier (men, 844 3857), Jenni McLaws (women) and Ian Cameron (juniors, 876 3581).

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This year's event will be no exception.

It's at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Saturday, August 24 and bookings can be made through Robert Ireland (736 2679) or Craig Townsend (844 3262).

We blow it

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Warrandyte helped the highly-rated opposition against the breeze in the third quarter and trailed by three goals at the last change.

They battled it out but too often resorted to indirect play.

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Bloods blow finals fling

Warrandyte too easily accept defeat on the football field.

That is coach Chris Valerkou's verdict on a string of reversals which have ousted the Bloods out of contention for the EDFL finals.

Warrandyte's 32-point defeat by top team Boronia — after they had led by four goals in the second quarter — was their fourth loss in as many games.

It ruled out a finals berth which had been widely regarded as a formality.

Valerkou, in his first season as coach after crossing from the Diamond Valley league, blames the slump on attitude more than anything else.

"The acceptance of losing in this club is a bad thing," he told the Diary.

"In the Diamond Valley competition winning is everything. Every player regards every defeat as a disaster, a personal disaster.

"It doesn't matter if you've been best player on the ground, you do not accept a defeat as just one of those things.

"Unfortunately, that attitude does not exist here yet. Too many of our players — particularly the younger ones — are too ready to just shrug off a loss."

Valerkou blamed a lack of desire for the ball for two of the Bloods' recent defeats.

But he predicted, with qualifications, a bright future.

"We are not far short of being a top side," he said.

"We are, in fact, three players short — a big ruckman, a centre half-forward and a rover. "We particularly need a ruckman. and we need the will to win."

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Valerkou has made it clear to Warrandyte Football Club officials that he will coach next season only if he gets the players he wants and if the clubroom facilities are greatly improved.

He believes that satisfactory facilities are essential to a club's well-being and his demand on that score will be met by renovations and extensions to be completed by the start of next season (see Page 1).

The club will base their recruiting campaign for next season on his "shopping list".

Club president Jeff Reddie sees 1985 as a stepping stone towards the goal of a EDFL second-division premiership.

"Thanks to a lot of dedication on and off the field, we have improved considerably this season and we will build from here," he said.

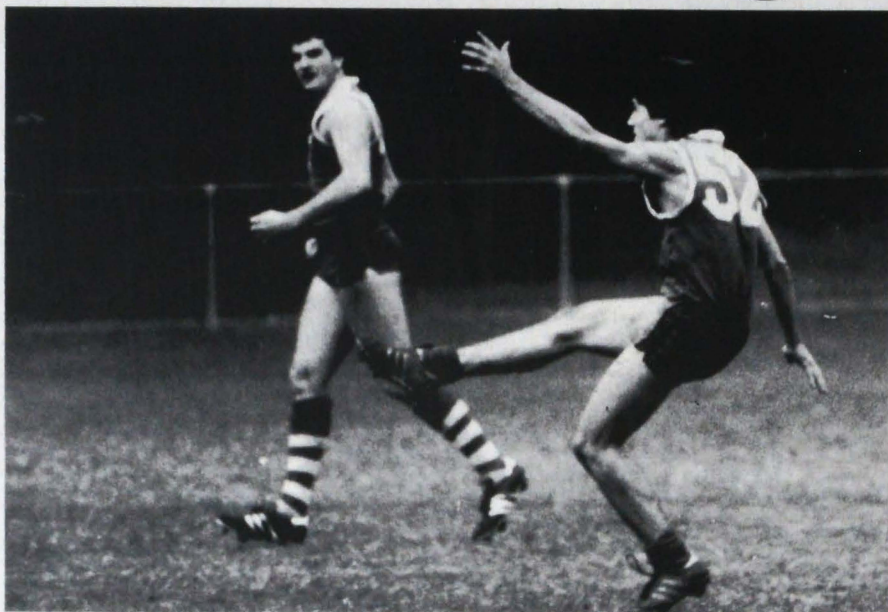
Warrandyte's best in the home game against Boronia were Mark O'Brien, Robert Moon, Peter Banks, Mario Cipolla and Craig Townsend.

Final score was Boronia 20.20 (140), Warrandyte 16.12 (108).

It was a tough, physical encounter and Warrandyte looked good as they ran to a handy lead midway through the second term.

However, errors in defence let Boronia in and they capitalised on their opportunities to lead 11.10 to 9.5 at half-time.

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Warrandyte's Adrian Manser shoots for goal in a reserves match at the recreation reserve. The interested spectator is team-mate Mick Sporton.



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