

# Warrandyte Diary

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## At last, a new centre is on the way

After making do for five or six years with the old Getson Motors building, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee is planning the development of a new community centre.

The site, on Yarra Street between Mitchell Avenue and Webb Street, was bought for the community in 1980 by the Shire of Eltham and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

The centre is administered by Doncaster and Templestowe Council and WAC is delegated as the committee of management. The Community Centre sub-committee takes care of administration and planning.

Very little has been done to the buildings since they were bought and there is a considerable amount of unused space at the back.

The centre's tenants — who include the Community Education Officer, the Co-op, the youth coffee shop, the Lions Club Opportunity Shop and the blacksmith's display — have only temporary occupancy. There is also a meeting room and storage areas.

The lavatories are unique . . . portables housed in wire cages at the back of the building.

The WAC envisages tenants being rehoused in a new centre with other services being accommodated. These could include a small library, a tourist information service and efficient, off-street parking.

The Community Centre sub-committee convenor, Jan Liddicut, said recently: "WAC believes the time has come to plan better facilities."

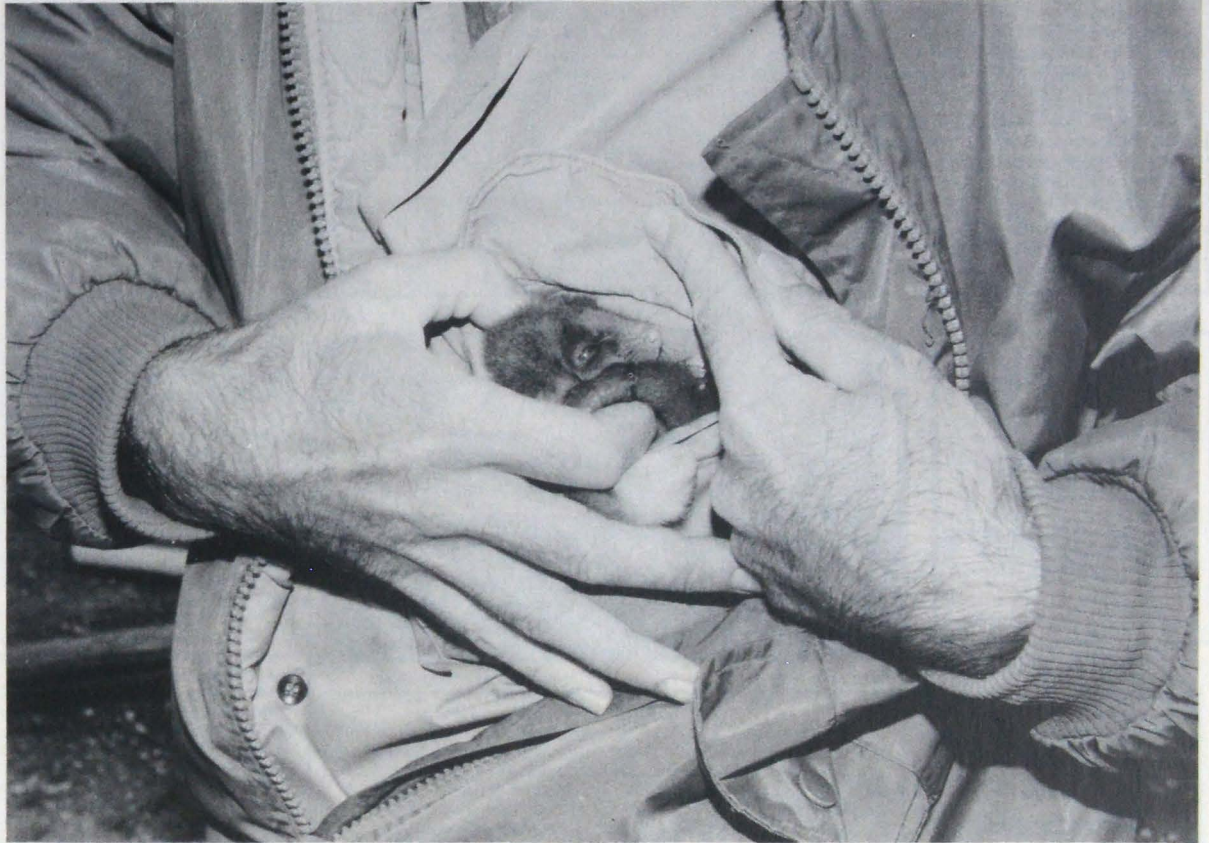
"We need to hear from people and community groups with ideas and enthusiasm, and we will be contacting all community groups and tenants seeking suggestions and expressions of interest."

"The sub-committee is asking for initial responses by February 20 to enable it to move into the next phase of planning."

The market committee has started the fund-raising efforts with a pledge of \$2000 towards the new centre's construction costs.

Jan says: "In recent years Warrandyte has had some very difficult issues to fight and often from a negative stance, but this . . . offers an opportunity for everyone to rally behind a positive project, the achievement of which would benefit the entire community."

"We do hope for strong community support and input to the projects."



This cheeky little possum has found a warm place to live in the shirt pocket of Warrandyte park ranger Ken Gurney.

## Subdividers are on the move

Continuing pressure for subdivision of land to the south and west of Warrandyte is of growing concern to local groups and Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

There has been a significant increase in the number of applications for rezoning to allow subdivisions in the past 12 months, most of which have been refused. Council is still considering some requests.

The fear of council and groups

such as Warrandyte Environment League and Warrandyte Advisory Committee is that the State Government's Green Wedge policy is being threatened.

Most of the rezoning requests have been for land that is zoned Landscape Interest, which is central to the Green Wedge policy.

In October alone, council considered three such requests. All were rejected on three main grounds: that the proposed rezonings would set a precedent resulting in the breakdown of the Green Wedge policy; that they

would be contrary to the objectives of the Landscape Interest A zoning and that approval would set a precedent resulting in more requests.

WAC, WEL, and many residents of the area are determined to keep to an absolute minimum the number of new subdivisions. They believe it is vital that the Conservation and Landscape Interest zonings be maintained over as much land as possible to reduce the impact on Warrandyte of the encroaching urban sprawl.

A WAC official says this is

necessary "to protect the overall character of Warrandyte for the benefit of residents and the wider Melbourne community, who obviously value Warrandyte judging by the number of tourists every weekend."

"There is a significant investment in Warrandyte by all," he says.

A buffer zone was required to protect the state parks, the historical character of Warrandyte, the tourist industry and the environment.

## Compliments of the Season

The Diary now tip-toes off for a holiday. Skilled observers might glimpse it dipping a column or two into the surf or chatting up a nifty little tabloid in a beer garden somewhere.

Your newspaper will be back in February. In the meantime, however, keep those contributions rolling in. Where are the photographers out there? Who is Warrandyte's equivalent of Les Murray? These questions should be answered next year.

The Diary is a community publication and relies on volunteers, so now is the time to pay credit where credit is due.

To Mark Davis is due most of the credit for the high standards of reporting on this newspaper; Olive Davis has helped mightily. Lee Tindale pounds our sports coverage into shape every month. And we have

been helped by Marilyn Moore and Jan Liddicut.

Trish Millington cajoled advertisers while R.W. Fotheringham made order out of the Diary's tangled accounts.

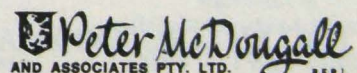
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## IN RED & WHITE



It seems that you can't please anyone these days . . .

The Post Office Preservation Group Committee has been basking a little in the pleasure which people have expressed at the way the old Post Office scrubbed up. Even some of the diehards opposed to the restoration have been seen to look quite fondly at its sturdy, though pink, silhouette.

The committee has made it quite clear in several articles that an authentic restoration needs to restore the building to a specific year . . . and in the Post Office's case the year is 1930.

The bad news is that some of the old timers around are scratching their heads and arguing that "it never looked like that!"

Well it did, and the Historical Society has pictures to prove it.

Smokey would hate to see a splinter group formed called the "1979 Post Office-complete-with-sleepout Preservation Group".

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Smokey hears that one young local lad is proving such a handful that his battle-scarred parents refer to him as Rambo. His favorite past-time is throwing things (throwing up comes in about 16 years), and expensive things at that. His latest exploit takes some beating . . . mum and dad had some friends around for a quiet drink the other day when young Rambo whisked a full bottle of Mr Courvoisier's finest off the coffee table and hurled it into the bath. Dad would have licked it up but for the broken glass.

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Amazing scenes in North Warrandyte the other day as three adults and any number of screaming kids worked up enough courage to

tackle the late-night prowler that had been frightening them witless as it snorted and snuffled its way around their houses. The sounds were something awful, and all that could be seen was a dark shape on four legs. Smokey could have told them that sheep are relatively harmless.

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Wife of local baldie passed this one on: Dad was driving his daughter to work when he pulled the sunvisor down, only to be confronted by a huge spider with more hair on it than he'd ever had. Brave dad thought he'd do the right thing by brushing spider out the car window. The spider had other ideas, and promptly jumped on to dad's gleaming pate. Daughter reckons she now knows what dad looked like in younger, hairier days.

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Smokey sends his regards to Greg Creber and hopes his head is feeling better. It's a sorry pass when a builder's shed falls on a builder's head. Smokey cannot remember when young Crebes went through a year without some disaster befalling him.

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Smokey has been mulling over the ideal mix of shops to be dotted around the new West End supermarket. It's a game anyone can play.

To Smokey's mind this village needs a TAB, a bookshop, a shoe-shop perhaps. But no more butchers or greengrocers and certainly, God save us, no new craft shops.

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# Displan is no disaster

Eltham Council put its new Disaster Plan (Displan) to the test during an eight-hour exercise last month, and it came through with flying colors, according to two North Warrandyte representatives on the Displan committee.

The exercise was to test the systems and co-ordination procedures of the organisations involved; to enhance the spirit of co-operation that exists between the organisations to achieve maximum efficiency in a real disaster and to test the Displan itself.

The Displan was formulated during the past year at the direction of the State Government after the Ash Wednesday bushfires. All municipalities in the state must have such a plan, which is designed to provide formal methods for combatting a variety of disasters, natural and caused by man.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee representative on the committee, Greg Thorpe, and North Riding councillor John Fisher, were delighted with the way the exercise went, particularly in the way that several problems were identified.

They were particularly interested in the way the Displan makes provision for people affected by a disaster, usually a bushfire in Eltham Shire, to get information: for example where a fire front actually is, whether their friends and family are safe, and whether their property is in danger or destroyed.

This issue was of concern after last year's fire in North Warrandyte, when communications between residents and the authorities failed, causing serious problems.

At various stages both men played the part of distraught residents seeking information on their families or properties, and it quickly became obvious that there were problems. The information was not available within a reasonable time.

Following an intensive debriefing later in the month, at which the problem was discussed, Greg and John are confident that a system can be developed to allow this sort



John Fisher plays the part of a worried resident.

of information to be available to residents when it is requested.

Greg says: "The inquiries and information that was handled well was the sort of things that were anticipated. But there were problems in handling unexpected questions. The system must be able to cope with that."

"We tested the system by bowling up and asking questions that these people, volunteers, were not expected to handle. We bundled in and asked questions such as what is the state of the fire at Hurstbridge. We had to go through three people to get them answered."

"These volunteers, and you have to use volunteers, that is beyond question, did not pay enough attention to what to do with questions that they couldn't or shouldn't answer."

"The problem seemed to be in not having someone who knows who can provide the information."

"The system was basically there, but volunteers did not use it properly. They must refer these questions to the professionals, such as the trained co-ordinator of Displan."

"What was missing from the system was someone equipped to

handle questions from the public. What is probably needed is a network of people at all evacuation points who can do this as their primary task."

"This is a specialised task in itself. People should not have to ask questions of people who are actually combatting the crisis. They quite often don't have the full pic-

ture, and in any case they should not be distracted from their primary task."

"We have found the need, and now we are trying to work out how to meet it," Greg says.

(The Diary should point out that telephone lines specifically allocated by the shire to provide public information to the public were not being used during the exercise, and that they will solve part of the problem when they are in use during a genuine emergency.)

Greg believes that the most important thing is for residents to be well prepared, mentally and physically, to handle a disaster, particularly a bushfire.

He recently organised a meeting at North Warrandyte Community Centre as part of the shire's community information activities under Displan.

The speakers were Bill Oakley, the shire's State Emergency Service unit co-ordinator; Bernie Murray, the shire's fire prevention officer; John Swindley, North Warrandyte fire brigade captain, and John Fisher.

Greg says: "The meeting was part of a program to encourage residents to be as self-sufficient as possible in an emergency such as a fire."

"They must be able to handle a crisis independently if necessary, and this depends on prior mental and physical preparation. The aim of the meeting was to raise the consciousness of the community about what they are going to do."

"If you don't know what to do on the crisis day, you are going to be a danger to yourself and a danger to others."

## Our scouts take top spot again

Four boys from 1st Warrandyte Scouts have taken top spot in a competition known as Southhike '85.

One hundred and forty five patrols from Melbourne and as far afield as Shepparton competed in the trial at Mt Disappointment, about 80 kilometres north of Melbourne.

The demanding course included a variety of activities and orienteering.

Three patrols were entered by 1st Warrandyte Scouts. Dingo Patrol

earned a bronze pennant and Bush Rats a silver.

Kookaburra Patrol, with a gold pennant, were the overall winners, covering the activities at 23 out of 24 checkpoints.

Danny Burgess was patrol leader of the Kookaburras. With him were Matthew Hinkley, Justin Kibbell and Cameron Winton.

It is the second year in succession that 1st Warrandyte Scouts have won the Southhike competition. In 1983 they were equal first and they came second in 1982.

## Centre needs a new load of volunteers

They're a tired mob at the North Warrandyte Community Centre committee of management. And with good reason.

All committee members have served for at least six years and some for 12.

They now want to hand over their jobs to a new bunch of local volunteers. They need a chairman, secretary, treasurer, a booking secretary and at least four committee members.

And the committee warns that unless the new blood is found, control of the community centre might have to be transferred to Eltham Council, bringing a cutback in the level of service to the community.

Mike Allen points out that committee membership usually involves only a few hours a month.

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## 'Scandal' goes off with style

Review

CHRIS HALLAM

'The School for Scandal', set in the late eighteenth century, is a play which contains all the classical elements of farce: mistaken identity, crossed purposes, misunderstandings and, above all, deception.

All this presents the actors and director with more than their usual share of problems. Not only do they have to address the task of creating characters of a style in keeping with the period, but a tight hold has to be kept on the narrative of the piece, so that although the characters are deceived and misled, the audience is not.

The recent production of 'The School for Scandal' by the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group at the Mechanics Institute Hall managed to unravel the complexities of plot and present them with dexterity and aplomb.

The production took a little time

to get into gear, but after the machinations of the first scene were under way, the play picked up momentum. Bob Karl's direction was clearly based on a thorough knowledge of the piece, although I was not in agreement with his somewhat over-elaborate lighting design. I understand his objective in spotlighting 'asides' but in this case such over-emphasis became a distraction.

Full marks for the splendid costumes and sets. The time, energy and thought put into these were clearly appreciated by the audience. To set this play, with its multitude of locations, in the limited space available was indeed a triumph.

A spirited performance by the whole ensemble included a stylish and amusing Mr Crabtree, delightfully played by Tom Sherwood. Helen Bennett (Mrs Candour) and Greg Nicolau (Sir Benjamin Backbite) completed a colourful and scandalous threesome. Irving Reid was a suitably stolid Sir Peter Teazle, but I would have liked to have seen more fiery sparring from the attractive but too conservative Anne Vercoe (Lady Teazle).

Gus McLaren, a little inaudible to begin with, gave a very affable and jolly Sir Oliver Surface, Alan Cornell's Charles Surface was a pleasant and well-drawn performance, and Martin Walker made a sneaky and slippery Joseph Surface.

'The School for Scandal' is a difficult play for any drama group to attempt, but in this case, well done!

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The WAC continues to plan the redevelopment of the Community Centre site. The Community Centre sub-committee is contacting all community groups and centre tenants this month for ideas and ex-

pressions of interest. The sub-committee hopes to have a statement of community needs and aspirations for the centre ready for consultants to prepare briefs for both municipal councils in the next financial year.

The WAC has already received its first demonstration of support for the project from the Market Committee, which has pledged \$2000 towards the construction of the centre. This news was received with great delight and is a wonderful start to this exciting project for the community. The WAC hopes it is just the beginning of a community groundswell of enthusiasm.

Like most users of the new roundabout, WAC has been wondering when it will be finished. Advice to hand is late January as the relocation of an SEC pole is necessary first. WAC is also enquiring if the blue fascia board on the

new toilet block is permanent. It is hoped that the council can be persuaded to look at things through greener eyes for the sake of visual harmony.

The Single Parents Support Group has had its inaugural meeting and resolved to spend some of the \$2000 grant on a whipper snipper, lawn mower and brush cutter for the use of single parents in the community who may find such

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necessary household items very difficult to afford. Any single parents interested in this group should contact Jean Chapman or Louise Joy for further information.

It is good to see that interest in WAC is revitalised. This important committee is functioning well under its new structure and is pleased to receive comments and suggestions from any interested residents of either side of the river.

WAC Physical Resources sub-committee, convened by Greg Thorpe, will be preparing a submission to the Local Government Commission Review of Municipal Boundaries, chaired by Mr Stuart Morris. WAC will highlight communities of interest and difficulties the communities experience because of the split of shire boundaries.

## Kostezky home destroyed

The Kostezky family's home in Wyuna Road was destroyed by fire late last month. North Warrandyte CFA captain John Swindley reported that the dwelling was well alight when the brigade arrived a little after 11 pm.

A neighbor had been alerted to the emergency by several explosions, then saw the glow in the sky. He immediately rang the local fire brigade, who were on the site within eight minutes.

Nine units from five local rural brigades attended. The 50 fire-fighters had the blaze under control in 45 minutes, but the last fire truck didn't leave until three hours later.

At the time, the house was standing empty, as the owners were moving to another state. Damage is estimated at \$200,000. Police are investigating.

North Warrandyte CFA reminds residents to ring their local fire brigade in case of fire. Ringing the emergency number 000 is time consuming, as all incoming fire calls are passed to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and it can take valuable minutes for the message to be relayed to the appropriate CFA branch.

### Witnesses sought

Warrandyte police have appealed for witnesses to an accident which took place on Gold Memorial Road, near the entrance to the reserve. The collision, between an orange four-wheel-drive F100 and a white Ford Cortina, occurred at 3.30 pm on Saturday, November 16. Anyone with information should contact the Warrandyte police station.



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## Kinder class gets chop



Diana Williamson and her charges: it's sad, she says.

It's definite. The North Warrandyte Kindergarten will have to discontinue its third group.

The State Government has refused an appeal by the kindergarten to be granted enough money to keep the group going.

The Department of Community Services told the kindergarten that there were not enough children to justify the extra money.

The kindergarten says all four-year-olds who were enrolled in the third group for next year will be placed at Yarra View Kindergarten.

A kindergarten official thanked Warrandyte Primary School, local members Lou Hill, Max Mac-

Donald and Michael Arnold and the Co-op's Jean Chapman for their help in conducting the appeal.

The official said there are already 59 children enrolled for 1987, and that all efforts must be directed towards establishing a third group for that year.

The directress of North Warrandyte Kindergarten's third group, Mrs Diana Williamson, was asked to resign because of the closing of her group.

Mrs Williamson, who has been in charge for the past three years, will continue teaching at the Yarra View Kindergarten, which is also held at the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

She says she is sad that so many children will be disadvantaged by

the closure of the group next year. "Most children in the area have no contact with other children of the same age because of Warrandyte's hilly isolation," she says. "The kindergarten has been an important outlet for mothers and their children to become involved in the community."

Mrs Williamson says Yarra View Kindergarten will have to take children from Eltham, while the North Warrandyte kinder will be overcrowded.

Mrs Williamson's assistant, Mrs Nola Day, has also been asked to vacate her job. But Mrs Day will be working at the North Warrandyte kinder until one staff member returns from maternity leave next year.

## Sergeant Moss dies at 61

Cyril Moss, Warrandyte's sergeant of police for 16 years, died early in December. He was 61.

"Mossy" retired from the force and left Warrandyte for Croydon in 1979.

Sergeant Moss was one of the last Warrandyte policemen to test applicants for driving licences and many locals will remember him as a crusty sort of a bloke making comments from the back seat.

Jim Archbold, of Warrandyte police, remembers another side.

"He was famous for his bread and egg runs for needy families," Jim said.

"He'd collect one-day-old bread and cracked eggs from the Fantasy farm, bung them in the police car and deliver them around the district."

Sergeant Moss was also famous for strolling past the State Bank, oblivious to the robbery going on inside.

He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

## Wet Ones take out second

Warrandyte's own home-grown rock and roll band, the Wet Ones (strange name, that), won second prize in a Battle of the Bands competition run recently by 3RRR FM.

The competition, held on the island in the middle of Albert Park Lake, was paid for by the State Government as part of International Youth Year.

The band comprises four girls who were among the first class to pass through Warrandyte High School. They are Sue World, Kelly

Brimacombe, Genevieve Hassall and Rosi Joy.

The girls began playing at the high school under the guidance of art teacher Godwin Brabbier five years ago.

The prize is worth \$500 in equipment and \$500 in recording time. The Wet Ones were chosen from more than 60 bands.

A tape of their work is available from inner-city record shops, and the girls hope to have a record out soon.

## Petition on policing

Down in Bradleys Lane, residents are taking seriously the increase in housebreakings in the area.

Some 60-odd residents got together at two public meetings recently and decided to ask the authorities to keep Warrandyte police station open for 24 hours.

As well, the residents decided to keep up their own surveillance of the area in an effort to deter burglars.

## Ideas are wanted

The 1986 Warrandyte Festival is in the planning stages and the committee is looking for some new ideas.

Bands are needed for the parade and musicians are being sought for the entertainment afterwards at Stiggants Reserve.

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A sunny day, a wet track, and a BMX bike... what a combination. On the left is Simon Bishop, 8, of Webb Street, who was down at the Stinton's Road bike track recently pulling a few stunts with Darren Brown, 9, of Ringwood, and Mark Grummisch, 10, of East Doncaster. The track, only recently opened, is proving a popular attraction for many children for Warrandyte and surrounding areas.



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# On the move at the coffee shop

Things are on the move at the Co-op's coffee shop in Yarra Street. A committee of members has been formed to raise money for better equipment and to help renovate the building, more and more youngsters are using it, and four local women are running it instead of youth workers from out of town.

The most important change, according to the people who use it and the managers, has been the committee, which helps run the coffee shop with the managers.

The committee consists of Katrina Martin, Ben Green, Rory Hellemons, Brad and Darren Donald, Jason Storey, Ian McKenzie, James Weatherley and David Termoshuizen.

It was formed about two months ago out of an informal meeting between the managers and the young people who use the coffee shop, and helps decide the rules for the shop and how to raise much-needed money rather than rely on hand-outs.

Jacky Law and Leigh Podporin, two of the managers, says having a say in the shop is already paying off for the members. "It is allowing them to learn that they are answerable to the community in that they are now aware of where the money comes from and that there is not an endless supply.

"Now they have to consider what happens if something gets broken or if they want some new equipment.

"It is making them more responsible for their own selves," they say. There is no doubt that the coffee



From left — Ben Green, committee member, Jason Clarke, Nikki Schafer, Jason Storey, committee member, Jude Bainbridge and Toby Law.

shop is filling a desperate need in Warrandyte, where there is little for young people to do after school, at weekends or on holiday. As committee members Jason Storey and Ben Green say: "It's a great place. There's not much to do around here. About the only things going are parties, which aren't held every weekend, and the Blue Light Disco in Ringwood, which is only once a month."

Jacky and Leigh say the committee is working well. Although it has been operating for only two meetings, more and more youngsters are asking to join every day.

"It's been very constructive,

especially as far as money-raising is concerned," they say.

"Although it was not an official activity, one cake stall organised and run by Rory Hellemons and Brad Donald outside the shop raised \$24 for us. They decided that the money should go towards a magazine subscription.

"Now they have decided to hold another cake stall at the Warrandyte market, and the money from that will go towards improving the rooms themselves. That's a great idea, the place really is the pits, in case your readers haven't been inside.

"They have carried out some improvements already and want to

paint the inside, and maybe get some carpets and curtains."

The coffee shop, which is run by Jacky, Leigh, Pam Egglestone and Chris Klymek, is open five days a week — on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30 to 8.30, on Fridays from 3.30 to midnight, on Saturdays from 4.30 to midnight and on Sundays from 3.30 to 7.30.

It offers coffee and snacks, music, snooker, cards, books, television and video movies. Most importantly, it offers a place for young local people to go where they are among friends, well supervised, and can have a say in their own lives away from home and school.

Jason and Ben say the committee system is working well. "We saw what we could do with that first cake stall, and now we plan to hold more, as well as other money-raising ideas that we have talked about.

"The committee is also going to organise a working bee to help paint the inside, clean up the garden, and maybe put up some

curtains and get some carpet or rugs.

"It's making a big difference. We would not have any money to fix the place up without our own fundraising.

"At the moment we would like a new set of snooker balls, a table tennis set and maybe some more magazine subscriptions.

"We have also come up with different ideas about what we can do here now that we are raising our own money.

"It's great being able to help run the place ourselves and discipline ourselves — that is important to us.

"And please say that the ladies who run the place are very nice."

The coffee shop, set up by the Co-op about five years ago, is very much alive and kicking. Attendance is well up on that of several months ago, with more than 45 young people whose average age is 14 using the shop of a Friday night.

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## Sole parent group is underway

The inaugural meeting of the Warrandyte Sole Parent Support Group was held at the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd on Sunday November 3.

The initial planning group, after exploring various options, decided that physical help in the home was most needed by sole parents in this area. It was decided, therefore, to buy a motor mower, whippersniper and brushcutter. The balance of the \$2000 grant will be placed in a high interest-bearing account until a suitable purpose is found.

The equipment will be available for hire to sole-parent families in Warrandyte. Ring 844 2548.

Other suggestions for the group were courses on "How to be single again" and "How to cope with stress". The possibility of approaching the Augustine Centre for specialist courses was raised.

The group noted that common emotional experiences of sole parents, in addition to financial pressures, were lowered self-esteem, feelings of rejection and blame for their condition. The group gained support from recognising that these were common issues, not individual personality problems.

The establishment of an alternative life as a sole parent was seen to be the main goal of the group.

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# Old Bob's almanac

Being a compendium of likely happenstances in the village of Warrandyte during the coming year.

**JANUARY**  
Unseasonal heat. Cricket Club signs up Max Walker as supplementary coach. Local kids start practising "Have a nice day, Mr Walker". Start made on Social Club building.

**FEBRUARY**  
Unseasonal cold. Max Walker resigns, saying \$25 and a side of lamb from Andy & Lil's was not the sort of recompense he had in mind.

New group formed to renovate (reoldvate?) the post office back to the way it looked in 1914.

Slight hitch in social club building.

**MARCH**  
Unseasonal rain. Max Walker appointed football club coach. Iron-clad contract guarantees the \$25, the lamb and a seat on Doncaster and Templestowe Council. Kids practising "Have a nice political career, Mr Walker".

Post office 1914 committee splits with splinter group favoring the 1899 look. Max Walker, called in to mediate, pronounces: "I can't understand why someone didn't burn the thing down years ago."

BLF members on social club site demand club membership.

**APRIL**  
Unseasonal drought. Max Walker makes his first visit to Doncaster and Templestowe Council. Vows never to return. Gives back the \$25 but keeps the lamb.

Social club considers opening temporary premises in the old hut; installs papiere mache roof.

Post office 1899 committee suggests Yarra Street be dug up and replaced with a dirt road for authenticity. Post office 1914 committee holds out for blue metal screenings instead.

**MAY**  
Seasonal rain. Papier mache roof melts. Seven late-night club tippers taken to hospital suffering from ex-

posure. BLF members promised club membership. Rebuilding restarts.

Road construction Authority proposes widening Yarra Street. Post office splinter groups patch up quarrel, saying, "fifteen years doesn't seem to make much difference now."

**JUNE**  
Seasonal cold. Four hundred Sulo bins stacked overnight on roundabout. No one notices. Work begins on new community

centre. Work stops on new community centre. BLF members demand free coffee and doughnuts. Ken McKenzie threatens to soothe his mother on to them. Work restarts.

**JULY**  
Weather indifferent. Councillors McKenzie and Martin demand independence for Warrandyte. Find Doncaster and Templestowe only too anxious to give it. "We've had it up to here with your complaints," says the city. United post office preservation

groups offer the building as Warrandyte town hall. Accepted.

**AUGUST**  
Weather superb. Eltham throws in North Warrandyte to the new city.

Fight breaks out in newly elected Warrandyte town council over the city emblem. Both factions agree it should contain an ant hill but cannot decide whether a developer or a greenie should be staked over it.

**SEPTEMBER**  
Weather even better. Referendum decides city crest should show a bottle of white wine and a pooled collection of car keys.

**OCTOBER**  
BLF members on community centre and social club sites demand Warrandyte citizenship, propose Norm Gallagher for mayor.

**NOVEMBER**  
Unseasonal snow. Social club finished, post office preserved, old hut opened. BLF members escorted to Doncaster and Templestowe border and told never to return.

**DECEMBER**  
Seasonal greetings. Warrandyte voted top Victorian municipality. Start made on re-building Social club.

## Thanks (1)

Warrandyte Cricket Club thanks the following local traders for their donations to its Christmas hamper: Yarra Street butcher, chemist, newsagency, Grand Hotel, grocery, Chantik, haberdashery, Folkart, pizza parlor, Warren Glen Nursery. **Jenny Chapman, WCC**

## Thanks (2)

The president and committee of the Warrandyte RSL Sub Branch wish to offer their sincere thanks to all those members of the community, and the business and professional people of Warrandyte, for their generous and continuing support for our Anzac and Remembrance Day appeals.

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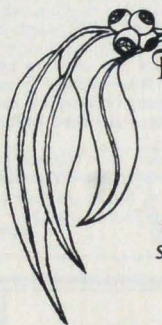
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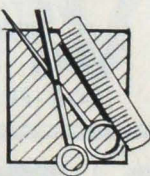
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The father of this small girl was William Alexander Osborne, professor of physiology, and the mother was Ethel Osborne, who became known as Dr Ethel when she had taken her medical course on her return from Britain after the First World War. The child's name was Audrey. Subsequently the Osbornes had three more children, Gerard, Yrsa and, after a few years, Charis.

Within the university environs the children lived in an academic routine but their father had bought a holiday house, called Lowestoft, on the river 20 miles into the bush, at a place called Warrandyte. He then bought a miner's hut called White Cottage, on a little hill with a beautiful view, quite near to Lowestoft, which was extended and rented out to university colleagues.

When holidays came around each year, the family would load themselves into a horse cab to travel to Victoria Park Station, catch a steam train to Heidelberg and board a horse-drawn coach to Warrandyte Bridge. From there on it was a matter of walking.

Their stores and linen were transported by the McCullochs in a horse-drawn van. At a later stage the family bought a pony, "Prince", and governess cart and by this slow means of transport, the children getting out of the cart and walking up the hills to lighten Prince's load, made the journey to and from Warrandyte for the holidays. In the 1920s Audrey and Gerard used to travel back and forth on bicycles.

The children roamed, wild and free, in the exciting world of War-

The Diary is pleased to present this tribute to a noted resident. The story came to us unsolicited. Would that more might?

randyte in those long-ago years, by the beautiful twisting river, learning to swim early and handle their canoes; the only restraint being the meal bell which was the call to congregate. In 1911 small Audrey was taken from her bed to see Halley's Comet stream across the sky, which she remembers clearly to this day.

Living was truly pioneering in those early days. There was no electricity, mains water, telephone or motor transport. The telephone was connected in the 1920s, electricity during the 1940s and a mains water supply in 1962. Kerosene lamps provided lighting, wood-fired stoves were used for cooking and hot water, rain water tanks for drinking water and "shanks pony" for supplies from the few shops in the township.

Fish from the river, rabbits shot or trapped, eggs and milk from the family chooks and cows, and fruit from the local orchards, formed a large part of the holiday diet.

In 1912, Audrey's father took the family to England and Ireland on sabbatical leave and to see both sets of grandparents — one in Yorkshire and one in Belfast. In Belfast Audrey saw the Titanic building. On the family's return voyage to Australia by way of Canada, their ship received the tragic SOS of that great ship, but it was too far away to assist.

In 1916 the family again sailed for Britain during the First World War. Audrey's uncle had been killed in action and her mother felt she should be with her family. There they stayed for two years as it was considered too dangerous for women and children to return, and

then caught one of the first ships to leave after the war.

Back in Victoria again they lived for a year in Warrandyte, their father riding daily to the university on a motor-bike, until they took over the next house allocated to the family in Professor's Row within the university grounds.

The girls then went to Merton Hall Girls Grammar School and Gerard started at Scotch College. Later, Audrey took a degree in agricultural science at the University of Melbourne and subsequently worked at Kraft Walker Cheese Co.

During the 1920s the family acquired the Donaldson property at Kangaroo Ground. Holidays and weekends were spent then at both properties, in Warrandyte and in Kangaroo Ground.

At 23 Audrey married an architect, Leslie Cahn. The great depression hit Australia shortly afterwards and her husband went first to America and then to England looking for any kind of work; Audrey, who was pregnant, remained in Australia with her family. Twins were born, Judy and Jill, and when they were 18 months old, the three of them, Audrey, Judy and Jill, went to join Leslie in Britain. There, to augment the family income, Audrey housekept for her uncle in Belfast in return for bed and breakfast.

On their return to Australia Audrey took up a dietetics course at St Vincents Hospital and then worked in various hospitals. During this period the marriage broke up and Audrey was on her own with responsibility for two little girls.

Family support made it possible for her to work full-time to earn a living and eventually achieve a home for herself and the twins.

She enlisted in 1941 in the Australian Medical Corp, with the rank of Major, for the duration of the war and on until 1946, as chief dietitian in charge of all catering at Heidelberg Military Hospital.

In 1947 she was appointed a junior lecturer in dietetics at the University of Melbourne, and later became senior lecturer in nutrition and dietetics, a post she held until her retirement from the university in 1968.

In the late 1940s she came to live permanently in White Cottage at Warrandyte with the twins who had been to Koornong School and were then at Merton Hall Girls Grammar School.

It is interesting that three members of the family came back to live in the environs of Warrandyte. Audrey's brother Gerard lived in the rebuilt Lowestoft after it had been burnt down in 1939 and her sister Charis rebuilt again in Kangaroo Ground after her house had been burnt down in 1968.

This story is, of course, about Audrey Cahn who lives in our midst; who is a foundation member of the Warrandyte Arts Association and helped start the painting group, who helped set up Potters Cottage Restaurant, who paints pictures, sculpts people and animals in her own highly personable manner, who loves music and dancing, who can turn on a feast for 20 people or more singlehandedly, who drives 100 miles down the coast to her retreat at Wye River with her constant companion, Penny, on the back seat, complete with basket and bone.

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One of Warrandyte's old soldiers, Jack Pridmore, of Trezise Street, died recently after a long illness.

Jack, who was 81, was one of the first Warrandyte men to volunteer in the Second World War, and was in the first 1000 Victorian volunteers for overseas service. He saw action as a gunner with the 6th Division in Greece, Crete and the Middle East.

A TPI pensioner, he had been bed-ridden for several years with chronic back trouble caused by mortar fire.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, son John, daughter Elizabeth, and grandchildren Joel and Timothy.

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Come on all you generous locals and service clubs, the elderly citizens club needs a wheelchair. The club cannot afford to buy one and is interested in hearing from someone who knows where one can be obtained free or at a nominal price. If you can help, ring Maisie Temple at the club on 844 2437.

★ ★ ★

Local lad Mick Hassall and lassie Vicky Downes have made it official at last by holding an engagement party.

★ ★ ★

Congratulations to Elaine and Daryl Weate of Kruses Road on the arrival of their daughter Kathryn, a sister to Ewan.

★ ★ ★

The Fifth Column visited old friends Sue and Mark Gough of



Research Road recently and couldn't help but notice that another member of the family is more than in the planning stages. The Goughs are hoping for a brother for Evie.

★ ★ ★

Well-known local woman Phyllis Thornton died recently. Her friends and relatives in Warrandyte pass on their sympathy to Vincent, Philip and Sally.

★ ★ ★

Peter, Jenny, Darin and Bronwyn Rhind, of Kruses Road, are moving north in the new year. They will be missed, especially Peter, who has become a familiar face at North Warrandyte Fire Brigade.

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A professorial visit to Professor's Hill! Professor's Hill Sanctuary Committee chairman David Cameron was delighted to introduce Professor Liu from China to the beautiful flora of the sanctuary recently. Professor Liu specialises in herbal medicine and was fascinated by the foliage on the Hill . . . perhaps he could help

organise fencing funds from the People's Republic in view of the knockback from Eltham Council recently . . .

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There's no doubt about Dick Davies, he knows just when to pop home from Britain for a quick visit. He's done it twice since he and Jan commenced their English sojourn and both times they have coincided with a wing-ding party at John Fisher's. Either John knows when Dick is coming or Dick will go to extreme lengths for a good rage.

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After first hand experience, it is appropriate for Fifth Column to record its appreciation of the service Glen Martin provides for his clients. He says he could tell some amazing stories but a cute one recently involved prospective vendors who reported with great embarrassment that their baby son had not only destroyed their copy of the contract with Glen's office, he'd eaten it!

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Former Warrandyte couple David and Christine Blackie, now of Euroa, are delighted to report, somewhat belatedly, the arrival of a daughter. Laura Kathleen weighed in at Shepparton on October 11. Grandparents Em and Don Blackie, of Yarra Street, are doing fine, too.

★ ★ ★

dyte, Mr Ron Fletcher, has volunteered advice on the equipment and working conditions needed for the

new bakery. Ron had experience in country bakeries in Strathbogie and elsewhere. He will continue to act as advisor during the project.

## Stand by for fresh bread again

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd is in the process of launching its next job creation project.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has granted a planning permit for the establish-

ment of a new bakery in the old bakery building in Yarra Street, between Peter McDougall's and the Old Toby Jug.

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Former Melbourne champion Dennis Clark will coach Warrandyte Football Club next season.

And he has promised a "new approach".

Clark, who played 129 senior VFL games with the Demons, told the Diary his approach would be "based on fitness, discipline and skills to achieve a long-term objective of reaching first division and staying there".

35-year-old Clark comes to the local club with top credentials as a player and coach.

He was captain and assistant coach of VFA club Sandringham for two seasons after leaving Melbourne, then coached Lilydale, in EDFL second division, for two years.

For the past two seasons, he has coached the Sydney Swans Under-

19s. Simultaneously, he has been skills coach of the Swans' Sydney-based senior players.

Clark has lived in Warrandyte for five years.

"The potential here is unlimited," he said.

"League football is directing more emphasis back on to the community, and Warrandyte is regarded as being very community-minded. So if you're interested, we want you, we want your support."

Clark won the Warrandyte job from two other applicants, including last season's coach Chris Valerkou.

The reserves will be coached by Wayne Cowell, a local player for the past several seasons.

WFC president Jeff Reddie shares Clark's enthusiasm for the coming season.

"We believe Dennis has a great deal to offer both senior and junior players," Mr Reddie said.

"Quite apart from his coaching ability at senior level, his teaching skills will aid the development of other coaches and junior footballers.

## Jeff Reddie beats off leadership challenge

Jeff Reddie has been re-elected president of Warrandyte Football Club.

He defeated former senior coach Kevin McLean at an often-rowdy annual general meeting late last month at North Warrandyte Community Centre. The vote was 50-37.

Kevin Luttick was returned as vice-president and his wife Monica will work with him side-by-side as treasurer.

Anthony Giles-Peters remains secretary.

The expanded committee is: Ian Clarke, John Reid, Daryl Cousins,

Jeff Feltham, Peter Harrison, Royce Beasley, Frank Harris, Greg Dawson and Brian Dunne.

Mr Reddie, who took over the reins last season, said he wanted to personally thank members for their support at the annual meeting.

"I believe the club will move forward from here," he said.

"It is great to see committee double in size from last year.

"It can only be good for the club that so many new people have offered their services and want to be involved."

## Never say never . . .

The football philosophy of Dennis Clark was summed up in a 1980 interview published in the Melbourne Sun.

Then captain and assistant coach of Sandringham, he said:

"Never stop having a go.

"If you keep trying, things will eventually go your way.

"If you stop having a go, things will look worse than what they are and nothing will eventuate."

# Dytes in depths

Warrandyte, beset by batting failures, are still waiting to break the 1985-86 ice in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's senior competition.

The Dytes have run up a string of five defeats in as many matches — thanks to their inability to find any semblance of form with the bat.

"It has been very disappointing," first eleven captain Robert White told the Diary. "We are better than what we have shown and we will win quite a few games after Christmas."

Warrandyte Cricket Club officials put the batting debacle down to lack of confidence.

"It's as if they're all waiting for something to happen," said one official. "So far, it certainly hasn't happened."

Warrandyte's cause has been set back this season by the absence of three top players — batsman John Salter (now playing District cricket again), seam bowler Graeme Lloyd (retired) and wicketkeeper Bruce Kline (who has given up the gloves because of hearing problems which have affected his balance).

The Dytes regarded these three as the best in the competition at their particular trades.

The rebuilding campaign has produced a largely young, inexperienced first eleven, but promoted juniors such as quick bowlers Chris Snaidero and Gerald Walsh and keeper Russell Dorning are already showing the benefit of their introduction to the big league.

The extent of the batting horrors was exemplified in the latest game, against Wantirna South.

The Dytes put on 30 runs in the opening partnership, but collapsed to 5/50.

While the senior batsmen grope for form, the second eleven have emerged from lean recent seasons to be real finals prospects. The seconds have won their past three games.

The women's team are enjoying a great season and are undefeated.

All-rounder Jenny McLaws continues to provide inspiration. In the win over Old Carey, she made 30 and returned match bowling figures of 9/33. She followed up with an unbeaten 25 and 5/5 against East Ringwood.

The season recesses for Christmas-New Year after the game on December 21 and resumes on January 11.

The club will hold a spit roast-disco at the Whitehouse after the December 21 match. Inquiries: Ivan Vojlay (232 0495).

## CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS	
Warrandyte 126 (Chapman 29, Jungwirth 25, Dorning 22) lost to North Ringwood 9/131 (Broome 4/54)	(Chapman 6/14, McGhee 3/27) and 57 (McGhee 5/16)
Warrandyte 75 (Amiguet 20) lost to Lilydale 9/293 (Broome 4/76)	Warrandyte 73 and 3/116 (Chapman 43, McLaws 30, Joy 20 and 22) d. Old Carey 60 and 8/43 (McLaws 4/16 and 5/17, McGhee 4/32)
Warrandyte 122 (Walshe 32 n.o.) v. Wantirna South 0/27	Warrandyte 2/82 (McLaws 25 n.o., Chapman 21 n.o.) v. East Ringwood 155 (McLaws 5/5, Chapman 4/87)
SECONDS	
Warrandyte 9/151 (Peake 37, Kline 26, Sturesteps 24) d. North Ringwood 122 (Snaidero 5/31, Stockley 3/26)	Warrandyte 65 lost to Norwood 6/179 (Vittritti 3/62)
Warrandyte 5/191 (Taylor 58, McCarthy 43, Dorning 37) d. Lilydale 165 (Snaidero 3/27, O'Brien 3/31)	Warrandyte 108 (Day 36, Cameron 28) lost to Ringwood 3/182
Warrandyte 8/219 (Pascoe 84, Scicluna 52, McCarlin 25) v. Wantirna South	Warrandyte 75 v. Mooroolbark 1/12 UNDER-16(3)
THIRDS	
Warrandyte 97 (McCartin 40) and 128 (Day 32, McCarlin 27) lost to North Ringwood 152 and 3/38 (Leguier 3/32)	Warrandyte 74 (Joanadis 26 n.o.) and 7/57 d. Johnson Park 70
Warrandyte 297 (Sturesteps 77, King 71, McCarlin 30, Peters 25) d. Lilydale 8/169 (Leguier 3/25, Snaidero 3/36)	Warrandyte 79 lost to Croydon Hockeyers 6/172 (Croft 3/39)
Warrandyte 8/175 (Snaidero 67 n.o., Peters 37) v. Wantirna South	Warrandyte 61 v. Olinda 1/26 UNDER-14(1)
FOURTHS	
Warrandyte 233 (Walker 92, Cameron 38, Bradley 41) d. North Ringwood 113 and 1/11 (Wilson 4/26, Chipperfield 3/26)	Warrandyte 56 (Bell 20) lost to Norwood 109 (Spencer 4/13, McKenzie 3/18)
Warrandyte 133 (Baker 35, Walker 28) lost to Lilydale 210 (Wilson 5/37)	Warrandyte 9/189 (Bell 73 n.o., White 40, McKenzie 24) d. Vermont 100 (Schubert 3/21, White 3/23)
Warrandyte 9/197 (Walker 81, Blair 29, Hughes 20) v. Wantirna South	Warrandyte 61 lost to South Ringwood 87
FIFTHS	
Warrandyte 192 (Comrie 28, Cameron 24) d. Mt Evelyn 152	Warrandyte 7/144 (Read 50 n.o.) d. Norwood 57 and 96 (Neagle 3/17, Joy 3/19)
Warrandyte 128 lost to Lilydale 154 (Blackburn 5/47, Harris 4/67)	Warrandyte 38 v. Templestowe 1/54 UNDER-12(1)
Warrandyte 213 (Roberts 72, Harris 31, Blackburn 24, Comrie 22) v. Wantirna South	Warrandyte 102 lost to Bayswater Park 103 (Hughes 3/21)
SIXTHS	
Warrandyte 110 (McKenzie 32, Owen 22) d. Templeton 93 (Owen 5/38, Falker 3/19)	Warrandyte 77 and 3/47 decl. (Comrie 26 n.o.) d. St Andrews 23 and 5/84 (Wicks 3/6, Hughes 3/7)
Warrandyte 181 (Chipperfield 72, Lawrence 23) lost to Johnson Park 193 (Chipperfield 4/69, Owen 3/60)	Warrandyte 5/177 (Hughes 30 n.o., Comrie 30 n.o., Jacobs 22)
Warrandyte 158 (Chipperfield 49, Lawrence 40, Bowles 29, Fernando 20) v. Elwood 7/83 (Fernando 3/25)	Warrandyte 6/175 (Bellinger 31 n.o., Jacobs 22 n.o.) d. Croydon 128
WOMEN	
Warrandyte 100 and 2/45 (McLaws 35 and 23, Chapman 29 n.o.) d. Monash 95	Warrandyte 9/131 (Jacobs 30 n.o., Grybas 30 n.o., Bellinger 27) d. Croydon Hockeyers 150

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