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. thank heaven Holidays come once a year.

So you're back. Have a good holiday? Up to a point. What do you mean by that? You either en-joyed yourselves or you didn't. Well, you asked for it. Here's the short version. You remember how the amp light was showing on the car? Veeb Yeah.

Yeah. That, my friend, was the alternator. One hundred and twenty bucks to fix it, and they had to do it on the day we were due to leave. Made us half a day late. Anyway, we get half way along Springvale Road and I pull into a service station to fill up. That's when I notice that we've got a flat.

And the spare is at the . . .

The Warrandyte Environment League is worried by what it sees as increasing pressure for the urbanisation of our village.

League president Doug Seymour has written to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Ministry for Planning and Environment to express the group's concern over re-cent changes in State Government planning regulations and proposed alterations to Doncaster's land use code

code. Specifically, it is Spring Street's easing of the rules to permit, in some cases, two dwellings on one site that is causing the concern. In his letter, Doug Seymour points out that "the Melbourne community has a substantial recreational investment in Warran-dyte, which in turn relies very much on the low residential density and natural bushland character of the residential area". He says many dwellings are built on allotments bigger than a quarter

on allotments bigger than a quarter of a hectare, "which causes us to fear not dual but multi-unit residential development with its associated . . . loss of tree cover."

Doug Seymour suggests that "no such development should be per-mitted in the absence of reticulated sewerage, and this service will not be available throughout this 'Residential C' area for many years

The WEL president says in the group's latest newsletter: "The Shire of Eltham needed no urging on this one. They've already sent in a submission calling for modifica-tions to suit the particular objec-tives of the shire." Another point not raised by the WEL is that one of the reasons rais-ed for dual occupancy was to make better use of inner-city and middle-subtrb resources. Warrandyte fits neither category. "More massive earthworks will

'More massive earthworks will "More massive earthworks will now be required and the eastern elevation will now be two storeys with an additional higher corridor roof across the building." Greg Thorpe notes: "This com-plete re-doing has been approved

Bottom of the boot. Out with the suitcases and the carfridge full of herbs and tomato sauce and bloody tea bags. Then I find the spare's flat.

spare's flat. More trouble than the early settlers. More trouble than the Liberal Party, mate. But I was lucky. I pumped up the spare and it held. Packed everything back in — suitcases, bloody tea bags and all — and off we went.

Everything OK then? Oh yeah, if you discount the tarpaulin on the roof rack that kept flapping around like Bob Hawke at a Timorese picnic, and the mat that slipped off the roof this side of Eden and wrapped itself around the wind-

shield of the car behind.

Gawd. Do much damage? Not much . . . and they were from New South Wales anyway.

Go on. We get to the caravan park to find that they've booked us in for 10 days and not the fortnight we asked for. So you saved some money, eh? You are joking, my old friend. Have you ever been on holiday and spent the amount you budgeted for?

you budgeted for? Come to think of it, no.

I rest my case. And there's another point. You remember how I decided not to carry a great wad of money away on holidays? No

fingers dipping into the back pocket of the Stubbies while I disported myself in the rollers of the great Pacific Ocean. Oh no, I would take advantage of that marvellous in-stitution, the credit union, and stash the cash there to be withdrawn at my leisure and pleasure.

You weren't as poetic as that, but yes. Well, Eden doesn't have a bank with an automatic teller, so I had to drive the 25 bloody kilometres to Merimbula every time I wanted \$200. And you know how many times you need \$200 when you're on holiday. Not really.

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Changes worry ...and some folks say that the ghosts of the gold miners still haunt Pts of a TU

by the board, i.e. a different build-ing to that which was the subject of the appeal will now be built." The league is also concerned at

what it says are massive changes made to the Davmark supermarket centre to be built at the West End.

The Planning Appeals Board directed Davmark to provide more parking spaces, so, says the WEL newsletter, "rather than reduce the rentable floorspace from that pro-posed, the shops are to be built over a car park a car park

Marauding dogs are in rangers' sights

Some Warrandyte dog owners will be missing their animals soon if things don't change. Park rangers are on the point of shooting half a dozen domestic pets that have been killing wildlife.

The problem lies in the Stan Brae and Yarra Brae areas of Wonga Park. Ranger Scott Coutts said that in

Ranger Scott Coutts said that in the last week of January the dogs killed five sheep plus wallabies, kangaroos and wombats. "They're domestic dogs ...

three or four of them running wild most of the time," he said. "We've seen the tags in some cases. We're on the lookout and they'll be shot."

on the lookout and they'll be shot." Scott Coutts advised all owners of dogs in the area to make sure they kept them out of the park. "We haven't been able to get close to these dogs so we'll have to assume that any we find in the area are killers," he said. Marauding dogs have been a problem in the Warrandyte district for many years.

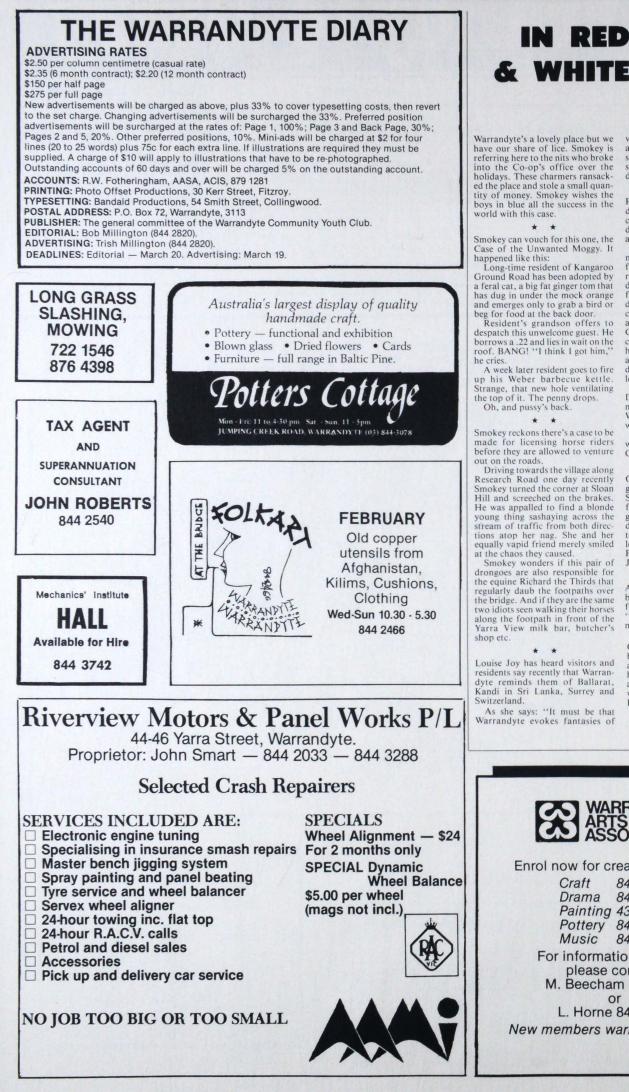
for many years.

council officials had to deal with packs of dogs killing sheep. They found that some packs were wandering more than 20 kilometres from home to do their killing.

In the early seventies rangers and

"That's not so much a problem now," said ranger Coutts, "Perhaps it's because the area is more densely settled. "But we've inherited Stan Brae ...we're new to that area ... and we're going to put a stop to the kill-ing." ing.





does she carry the conscience of the community on her slender shoul-ders, she has to deal with the nutters as well. It was late last year and late at It was late last year and late at night when Jean received a call from an irate North Warrandyte resident. What was she prepared to do, the caller asked, about the flood that was carrying away his driveway? Well, said Jean, she could give him the number of the appropriate official of Eltham appropriate official official coun-council, and, failing that, a coun-cillor. Mr Irate rang off. Half an hour later, Mrs Irate rang back with a tirade of abuse. Why wasn't Jean doing something about this problem? In case the Irate family read the

village life, country towns, hilly and mountainous country, a gentle sloping countryside. Perhaps we should do a survey . . . "And why did you move to Warrandyte?".

Poor Jean Chapman. Not only

In case the Irate family read the Diary, may we point out that Jean is merely (merely!) chairman of the Warrandyte Co-op, not a council worker or an elected representative. In short, Ms Chapman is Super-woman, but there's a limit to it, as Clarke Kent said to Lois Lane.

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Once again Smokey is the bearer of glad tidings. Hazel and Keith Shields, residents of Pound Road for many years, have just become great-grandparents. Grand-daughter Naomi Peters gave birth to 6lb loz (damn your metrics: look up the conversion) Sarah at Frankston Community Hospital on January 16.

And there was the four-year-old, beloved of Smokey and suffering from chicken pox, who announced: "Mummy, I've got a headache in my back."

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Chantik changed hands at the beginning of the year when Karen and Di Fields decided to sell up and have a good rest. New on the scene are Lyndall Cornall of Eltham, who owns the shop, and Cathy Fraser of Warrandyte, in the salon.

Smokey Joe



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L. Horne 844 2685 New members warmly welcomed

JACK MCAULEY An allrounder in sport and life

Jack McAuley's life was a celebration of masculinity; not the cheap, physical masculinity that seems to be the vogue, but a quiet expression of old-fashioned virtues.

He was a loving husband and He was a loving husband and father, a generous man to his relatives and mates, a steadfast friend, honest to a fault, an extraor-dinarily hard worker, a renowned sportsman.

sportsman. He was a Warrandyte man to his bootlaces, having spent 75 of his 78 years here. He went to school here, he worked here, he distinguished himself on our football and cricket fields, he built a home and raised a formuly here. He period family here. He got into trouble here and he got others still among us out of trouble.

of trouble. When he died, on Christmas Eve in the Austin Hospital, Jack left more than his wife, Dorothy, daughter Elaine and sons Rod and daugnter Elaine and sons kod and Bruce, other relatives, friends and in-laws. He left a legacy of kindness and generosity that will not be forgotten for many long years. Jack was born in Templestowe in

Jack was born in Templestowe in 1907, the first son of Eva (Belzer) and Samuel McAuley, on the fami-ly farm, Ponphil. Even then the family had Warrandyte connec-tions: Eva had been brought up in Warrandyte and was one of the first to pass through Warrandyte Primary School (Anderson's Creek, as it was then). In fact, four generations of McAuleys have passed through the school, including Jack's sisters Ger-trude, Evelyn, Lil (Whitehead), who still lives in Forbes Street, and his brothers Bill, who died in New Guinea in the Second World War, and Ralph, who lives nearby in Trezise Street.

Trezise Sfreet. In 1909, after several poor years on the farm, the family moved to Warrandyte, where the young Jack helped his father in his work as a woodcutter and carrier, supplying local bakeries and the Ruwolt foun-dry in Richmond. It was a hard up-bringing, but one that stood Jack in good stead throughout his life. A strong man like all the McAuleys, Jack had a reputation as a hard worker second to none. He was a labourer for most of his life (although he could turn his hand to almost any trade with great

almost any trade with great success).

He worked for the then Country Roads Board, he ran his brother Bill's orchard during the war, he worked at the Glen Iris brickworks at Templestowe for many years, he was a builder's labourer (at one time a union rep) and he was a quarryman (the quarry he operated single-handedly was on the Warrandyte-Templestowe road past Blackburn Road on the city side. It was recently filled in during the development of a housing estate).

hearted retirement: until he had a stroke about 18 months ago he did a

variety of odd jobs around town as well as exercising his extraordinarily green thumbs. His vegetables were the envy of lesser mortals, whose attempts were a source of some amuse-ment to him.

Contemporaries say he tackled sport with the same single-minded determination. In fact he was somewhat obsessive about his cricket, which he began playing while still a boy and did not stop until the war began. He was a life member of Warran-

He was a life member of Warran-dyte Cricket Club, a past president and the captain of a premiership team, a rare hat-trick despite the club's long history. Former team-mates say he was the classic all-rounder. He had been known to open the batting and make fast runs, go into the field, then come on for a spell of spin bowling which, more often than not, brought results. results

Until two years ago he attended most local games and was a regular most local games and was a regular visitor on training nights, senior and junior. And he needed little prompt-ing to offer advice on any facet of the game. And if the advice was not enough, he would demonstrate. At the age of 75. Jack was a competitive man, and it was on the football field that it showed more than anywhere else. He played on the half-back line, and fearless player with a

tough and fearless player with a reputation throughout the competition

Younger brothers Bill and Ralph

were the better footballers, Bill possibly the best full-back in the league at the time. As such, op-ponents were apt to single them out for special attention, and although not being incapable of looking after themselves quite nicely, thank you very much, Jack was always around should the need arise. He stood no nonsense on the football field, and with his Irish up was a man to be reckoned with.

reckoned with. There was, of course, a gentle side to his nature. He loved a party and had by his own account a fine tenor voice that did more than justice to "Song of Hawaii", his fourwrite piece

favourite piece. His courtship of young Dorothy, whom he met during a dance at the Mechanics' Institute, could not have been more gentlemanly. His sister Lil tells the story: "Doss (her family nickname) had come to Warrandyte for the dance with some friends, and Jack met her.

Jack McAuley. This portrait of him was sketched by Harry Hudson in 1955.

"She was going home by bus on the Sunday night, and we were hav-ing dinner. Mum went out the back to shake the tablecloth, and hap-pened to see a big bunch of lilacs — it was lilac time — hidden under the

"She said nothing, but a short time later noticed that Jack had left. She went out and saw that the lilacs, which he had jinched from the Husseys' garden, had disap-peared. Jack said it with flowers, the traditional way." They were married in 1928.

Jack was a man of tradition, a man of his times. Warrandyte is the poorer for his passing. Dorothy and family sincerely

of whom came a great distance — for their personal expressions of sympathy on the death of husband and father Jack McAuley.

MARK DAVIS

PHYLLIS THORNTON Solid roots in our village

Phyllis Thornton died on the after-noon of Monday, November 18 in the Royal Hobart Hospital after a determined fight against cancer. Phyllis was a long-time resident

of Warrandyte and was the great-granddaughter of Ben Logan, a gold miner who took out a gold licence at Andersons Creek in March 1853.

March 1853. Phyllis was the fourth of five daughters born to Sylvia and Bill Hussey, or in her own words, when explaining the family to a Tas-manian friend recently, "There was me and four others"

me and four others". Phyllis grew up in Warrandyte when it was a small, closely-knit community. She and her sisters often played tennis on the main road in front of their home in Yarra Street, only moving off to let the occasional car or bus go by.

Phyllis and her sisters went to Warrandyte State School and she wars an outstanding swimmer, as were many of the Warrandyte children in the days when the river ran fresh and clean.

Phyllis went on to attend Univer-Phylins went on to attend Univer-sity High School and it was while travelling on the bus to school she met Graham ("Tiger") Thornton, son of Dr Mary Thornton — author, doctor, Sunday school superintendent, bread cart driver (when her friends, the Walsh fami-

ly, couldn't get anyone to drive the latter during the war years) and well-known local character. Phyllis and Graham developed a very special relationship that lasted all the days of her life. They mar-ried in 1948 and lived in Warrandyte

before going to Derby, Western Australia, in 1955 where Graham was base director at the newlywas base director at the newly-opened Flying Doctor Base. After nine eventful years they returned to Warrandyte. Ten years ago they moved to Hobart. Graham and Phyllis had four children: Phillip, Vincent, Sally and Mary, and six grandchildren. Phillip and Vincent, who have both moved from Warrandyte, will be remembered through their association with the cricket and football clubs and the fire brigade. Sally Hailey, who is the charming young lady at the Anderson Street school crossing, is the only one of the children still living in Warran-dyte.

dyte. Phyllis's family have a record of 74

Phyllis's family have a record of battling adversity. At the age of 74 her grandmother, Mary Hussey, helped by her son-in-law, Bill Knee, and Jack Coleman, saved her weatherboard home in Husseys Lane by throwing buckets of water on to it (the water was pumped by hand from an underground tank) as the fires on Black Friday, January 13, 1939, swept up to the house while her husband lay dying inside. Phyllis's father, Bill Hussey, was 75 when the fires jumped the river behind the family home in Yarra Street in 1962. Bill, a foundation member of the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade, had the fires out on

Fire Brigade, had the fires out on the properties on either side and his own place well in hand by the time own place well in hand by the time help arrived, so it is perhaps not so surprising that Phyllis faced her own ordeal with such remarkable courage, determination and a sense of humor that never deserted her. — BRUCE BENCE



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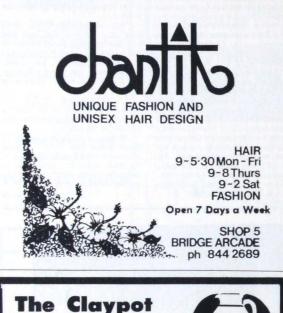
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New life waiting for an old institution

Most residents of Warrandyte are familiar with the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute hall in Yarra Street that big green building opposite Peter McDougall's Real Estate - but many recent arrivals will be unaware of what it is, who owns it, how it came to be there, or why it is called a Mechanics' Institute, so that the announcement on page seven of the Diary that a special general meeting of members of the institute is to be held Thursday February 27 on will probably pass unnoticed.

The meeting is being called to expedite the merger of the institute with the Warrandyte Arts Associa-tion, a move that will be welcomed by many who see the continued ex-istence of the institute as an important link with our past, and a contiwith our past, and a conti-nuance of a movement that began with the Industrial Revolution in Britain in 1823, and spread to Vic-toria in 1839, when the Melbourne Institute was founded.

From 1855, other institutes were created in nearly every suburb and town of any size, being generally regarded as one of the first essential community institutions, and were essentially centres for adult education (the term "mechanic" in those days referring to one who was employed in manual labor, not in the maintenance of machinery). These ill-educated victims of in-

dustrialisation were given the op-portunity through the mechanics' institutes of bettering themselves by attending lectures and evening classes, and the use of reading rooms and libraries. Gradually, however, the institutes, which were entirely self-supporting, found that "the lower classes" were more in-terested in entertainment than enlightenment, and the institutes became venues for recreation and social intercourse.

Unfortunately, only fragments remain of the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute's history, due to the loss of all records prior to 1962 in a bushfire which destroyed several homes in Warrandyte in that year, including that of the then secretary of the institute.

However, it is known that the

present hall was erected on the site of the old Warrandyte Hotel after it was destroyed by fire in 1925, and was built with funds raised from subscriptions, donations, fund-raisings, and the letting and later sale of a public hall on Crown land between Peter McDougall's offices and Sue Jones' pharmacy. A public meeting was held in the new hall on June 15, 1928, and ap-proval was given to a set of rules and regulations relating to the management and control of the land and buildings comprising the institute's property, and granting

institute's property, and granting membership of the institute to those residents over the age of 21 who had lived for not less than three months within a two-mile redux of the pert office.

radius of the post office. Over the next 20 years and more, the institute's hall provided a focal point for the social life of the War-randyte community, with regular Saturday night dances, film screen-ings and "socials" bringing in the revenue needed for maintenance and remain and repairs. The hall also became a centre for

relief activities and civil defence when bushfires threatened the area, and the institute made a site available on its property for the Warran-dyte Rural Fire Brigade's fire station, leasing the land to the brigade at the rate of one shilling a year from 1942 to 1980.

By the 1950s, however, the pat-tern of life was beginning to change. Dances were less popular, and people were beginning to discover other forms of entertainment that kept them closer to the comforts of home. Hall hirings were decreasing and with them dwindled the finances necessary to upgrade the institute's facilities.

Little interest was taken in the management of the institute by the management of the institute by the informal membership, and atten-dances at annual meetings was poor. The committee of manage-ment faced a constant battle to maintain the property and make basic improvements such as the in-stallation of a toilet block to replace the outdoor "dunnies", and the ad-dition of a committee room to the basic structure in 1956-57. The birth of the Warrandyte Arts Association in 1956 introduced a much-needed new tenant to the

much-needed new tenant to the much-needed new tenant to the hall, and income from rentals to the arts associations gave a boost to the institute's failing finances, but it was not enough. Fund-raising events, the sale of debentures, over-drafts and loans from committee members managed to keep the hall

open, but the next 17 years saw a steady decline in public support, and the deterioration of the building to such an extent that the offer from a local property developer to purchase the property, and an indication from the Doncas-ter-Templestowe Council that an ter-lemplestowe Council that an alternative site could be made available for a public hall, seemed to offer the only hope of a solution to the institute's problems. However, at an unusually well-attended annual general meeting in 1973, the members present voted to stop negotiations with the prospec-tive hyper tive buyer.

Sadly, the interest of those members was not sustained, and, while anxious to exercise their rights to determine the fate of the hall, they did not accept the respon-sibility of membership in offering assistance to the institute in over coming its overwhelming financial difficulties.

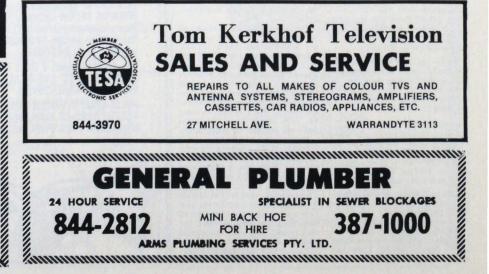
At a special general meeting in October 1975, members approved the transfer of ownership of the in-stitute's property to the Warrandyte Arts Association, which had been the major (and often sole) sup-porter, both financially and in spirit, of the Institute since WAA's incention. inception. Since that time, the WAA has not

only provided the main source of revenue for the Institute through hirings, but has continued to advance funds to maintain the proper-ty and to enable the hall to remain open. In addition, it has prepared plans for necessary extensions and improvements to increse the hiring potential of the hall and to make it pay its way again. The proposals to be put to the

special general meeting of the in-stitute reflect a procedural change in expediting the planned transfer of the institute's property to the arts association, by amalgamating the

association, by amalgamating the two bodies. The proposed name of the new body will be the "Warrandyte Mechanics" Institute and Arts Association", indicating the conti-nuance of both the institute and arts association. In conjunction with this merger, it is proposed to with this merger, it is proposed to seek the incorporation of the new organisation under the Associa-tions Incorporation Act 1981, which will enable it to be recognised by the law as a corporate body. The Warrandyte Mechanics' In-stitute is about to be given, literally, a new lease of life, to enable it to

continue the 147-year-old history of mechanics' institutes in Victoria.



Warrandyte Diary 5

One night in the spring of 1965 or off, the south side of the river felt and heard a loud explosion. "Emil Lim's safe has been blown," I thought, and wanting to see our constabulary in action I drove our old Prefect van down to Yarra Street.

Outside the police station stood Sgt Moss, shining a beam from a silver five-cell torch and calling "what happened?" to everyone as they came from the surrounding

"Must have been Lim's safe; do you want to come by car?" I called. We made the 150 metre trip together that doors intact and no sign of a to find doors intact and no sign of a recent explosion. "Must have been Cowden's, then," said Sgt Moss, seemingly pleased to have a driver, "take me there."

But at the Golden Gate there was but at the Golden Gate there was no sign of anything recently blown up. "Maybe they blew it down by the river, then." So we drove back to Stiggants Reserve and turned down to the river.

In those days the foreshore reserve did not have its sentinel rocks preventing cars from driving down along the riverbank, so we inspected all the picnic places with the powerful torch. Reaching the foot of Forbes Street, I turned up the hill to return Warrandyte's resident guardian to his bed.

"Ahah, p'raps it was the police station," he chuckled as we came abreast of his back gate. "It was the police station!" he yelled, "let me out!" Then the fun really began. The little verended was hanging

out!" Then the fun really began. The little verandah was hanging off the building, and the front door was blown in. Inside, we found papers blown everywhere, but the lights still worked. Mrs Moss followed us in: "What will you do, Cyril?" "Same as anybody else who is attacked by a bloody humor-ist; I'm phoning D24!" The trouble was that D24 thought that the humorist was phoning them! "This is Sgt Moss

Cyril Moss and the big bang theory

STEWART JOY shares a memory of Cyril Moss who died recently.

(then he gave his official number), Warrandyte Police. Someone has tried to blow up my station!" "Of course I'm phoning from

it!" "Well, it's only partly blown

up." "Put me on to the duty sergeant,

Then followed the story repeat-ed, with official number, as unbelievable as in the first telling. "No, I do not need assistance, the place has already been wrecked.

If I knew who did it I would be tell-ing you, not out chasing them myself."

I thought that the police station was going to see its second explo sion that night, but Mrs Moss, who had seen these things before, asked:

Who are they sending?" "The Heidelberg division car. and the duty inspector.

"I thought there would be a mob for an important event like this. I've put the big kettle on. Tell me when they arrive." So I kept Sergeant Moss com-

pany in the sea of forms and reports on the floor of the little station until reinforcements arrived. After 20 minutes, he joked: "Perhaps they can't find Warrandyte!"

need specific directions to find a police station," said Cyril as he reached over to switch on the blue "Police" sign up on Yarra Street. About five minutes later, having

presumably been half way to Five Ways, help arrived. I drove up Forbes Street to home and bed, reassured that Warrandyte was in such good hands.

Some time later the law arrived, blue light flashing, but it departed simultaneously, zooming right through the town at high speed. "I overestimated them; they

The disabled young look for friends

Local families now have the opportunity to help disabled children mix with other children and adults in the local community.

A government-funded program called Interchange is making this possible. Program co-ordinator Geraldine Fowler says the main aims of the program are to offer disabled children opportunities to mix with other children, develop new friendships and experience new social activities.

It also provides a break for parents from the constant care and attention involved in looking after

attention involved in looking after a disabled child. "Many parents never get a chance to spend a week-end away together," she said. Interchange matches a disabled child with another family in the community. This family becomes a volunter host family for the child. Initially the child visits his or her Initially the child visits his or her special family for a few hours and as the bond grows the visits become longer, extending to an overnight or weekend stay once a month. Interchange Northern Region

covers the shires of Eltham, Whittlesea, and Diamond Valley and the cities of Preston, Heidelberg and Northcote.

Host families play a vital role in the program. Ms Fowler believes that as well as host families having a that as well as nost ramiles having a lot to offer a disabled child, they also have a lot to gain from this ex-perience. "For a start, hosts learn to experience the thrill of minor achievements which are true triumphs for the disabled. They have an opportunity to help another family in the community and they can watch their own children develop acceptance, friendship and under-standing of a disabled child," she said

Host families can be single, married, with or without children, or grandparents. Information ses-sions are provided for interested host parents who would like to join the program. These will be held in late February. Ms Fowler would like to extend

an invitation to anyone who would like to know more about Inter-change to contact her on 478 9633.

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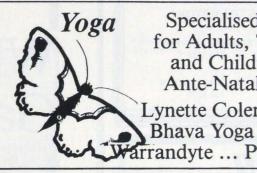
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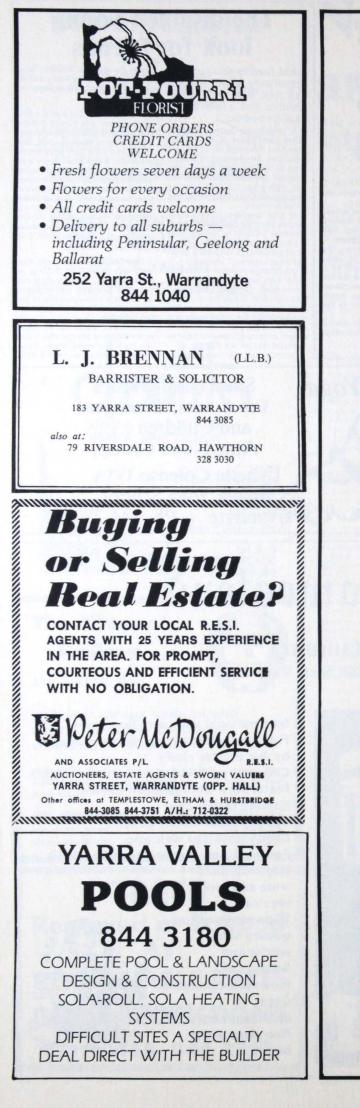
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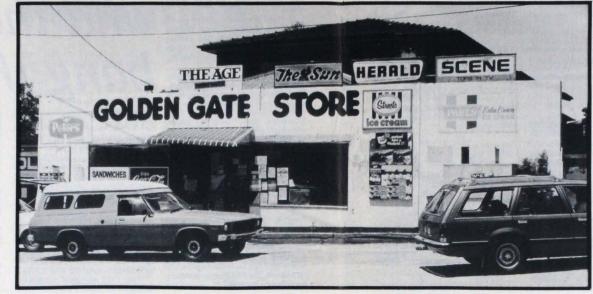


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When the Gate shut

In the twinkling of an eye - or rather the space of a day - The West End's Golden Gate store bit the dust.

First all the groceries, soft drinks and magazines were moved out, then the wreckers moved in. By nightfall nothing much remained apart from old timber and corrugated iron.

The memories were moved out, too, but they were easy to carry: contrary to the opinions of some people, the Diary believes the demolished store was built only in 1949.

The Diary would like to hear more about the history of the store and the site. Whence, for instance, comes the name? From a homesick Californian miner perhaps?

What occupied the ground before the old store? Was there some sort of shop there to satisfy the needs of miners on nearby Anderson's Creek?

Enlightenment, please.





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CRASH! BANG! Ho hum . . . here we go again

It was a little Japanese car, and it skidded to perdition outside our place. The driver, a young man with a bare chest, climbed out of the cabin without a scratch. His car was hanging over the edge of the other side of Research Road. Only a small tree was involved this time. On the last occasion a middle-aged gum was despatched.

He was apologetic. Some expletive deleted had tail-gated him for the last kilometre or so and had decided to pass right at this point. Just look at the tyre marks out the front of your drive, he said. You wouldn't mind testify-ing if need be, would you? I think I must have hit a patch

ing if need be, would you? I think I must have hit a patch of oil. Yes, if you could ring the RACV. Sure mate, and I'll lend you this warning triangle. The bloke in the last accident but three left it here and I've popped it out every time. Take care. So inside I go. Ring Warrandyte police. No answer. They're out directing traffic around another crash in Kangaroo Ground Road. Can't ring Smart's for a tow truck. You have to go through the Accident Allocation Centre (one would have thought that this mob might allocate tow trucks instead of accidents).

While I'm on the telephone the familiar sound comes from out the front. This time a middle-aged gentleman seems to have tried to pass the butt of the Japanese car still poking out from the roadside. A woman in a Valiant, going the other way, appears to have thought she also had room to get by.

also had room to get by. I re-ring the Accident Allocation mob. Could we have another tow truck, please. And D24. There's a mess out-side our place — a car broadside to the road — and we need someone to control the traffic. Sure, says the lady

need someone to control the traffic. Sure, says the lady on the phone, we'll send someone. Someone turns out to be the Warrandyte CFA, on their way back from the accident on Kangaroo Ground Road. They seal off Warrandyte-bound traffic. These poor blighters must divert along Blooms Road. The CFA unfurl their hoses, unkink the kinks, and flush the red Commodore's petrol from the road. Neighbors gather to see the latest disaster. Jill worries that husband Bill, the mad jogger of North Warrandyte, won't be able to pull into their driveway. Jill and Bill have seen it all before. Late last year a

young woman, boozed at noon, demolished their wooden front fence

The piece of road in question is that curve and final straight stretching from Banning Road to the sharp lefthand turn down to Sloan Hill.

Other roads in the district have warning signs; our murderous patch merely has a 40 kmh "around-thebend" suggestion.

Basically, we poor sods find that we average a smash every three weeks. The RACV says we occupy one of the most dangerous spots on the state's highways. And who are we to argue.

To whom it may concern: we, your humble petitioners pray (in the ridiculous form we have inherited from our Pommie ancestors) that you — Eltham Council being a good start — extract a digit or three and save us from others cited to a start a start of the start of th other's sins. We await your reply.

Alison Magilton's

works exhibited

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New old post office takes shape

the windows

The old Warrandyte post office has regained some of its former dignity by discarding blushing pink and donning undercoat white during January. Two well-attended working bees

have pushed the work along, with the most tedious part - six layers of burned paint on the south wall taking heat-gun treatment to remove it. Black and Decker lent the tools for this work over Christmas

A couple of stalwarts, Alan Alder and Peter Mann, had to be pulled from their ladders as night fell.

ing donated by Ken Simpson of the Bristol Decorator Centre in Eltham. Glazing and doors will be in place by late February. Warrandyte's own Hakea Glass is taking care of

With things on the boil, the Post

Office Preservation Group is not about to relax. In fact the group reckons this will be its hardest fund-

raising year. Although the restoration will

The group has plans for a tour of mud brick houses on April 13 and an art sale and auction in June. These events have been successful fundraisers in the past.

The post office group's stall at the Warrandyte Market is a steady fundraiser and will continue. In the meantime working bees will continue and potential painters

are welcome to wander along with their brush. They can check on work dates by ringing 844 3694.

An exhibition of the works of Warrandyte artist weaver the late Alison Magilton is underway. Alison, who died last year, had her works shown in Britain and South Africa as well as in galleries in her home state and

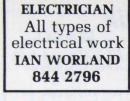
in Tasmania. She was also tutor in weaving for the Council of Adult Education in Melbourne and is represented

in several corporate collections. This retrospective exhibition is of her weaving and tapestry. There are also drawings, watercolors, samples and sketches

The exhibition is being held until February 25 at the Blackwood

Street Gallery at the Meat Market Craft Centre, 42 Courtney Street, North Melbourne.





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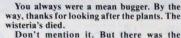
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Of course. Lovely, apart from the under-tow and the cross-rip. There was a pretty lit-tle rock pool for the kids. We were cut off by the tide there only once.

Plenty of sunshine? Sure. We were all sunburnt by the second day. Did you ever get sunburnt on your feet?

Makes it terribly hard to open a can with vour toes

Tried that. Took the boy and his cousins along to Eden Wharf with those rods you lent us — look, I'll replace them when I get a chance.

No worries. What happened? You ever tried fishing with three kids? First you bait four hooks including your own, then you show them how to cast. By the time you go to throw your line in the water the first of them has lost his bait and From page 1

the second has hooked some visitor from Western Australia through the alligator on his shirt. The third one has caught his hook under the jetty somehow and you have to cut everything adrift. And by this time the first one's lost his bait again. No fun?

No fun, chum

Catch anything? I didn't, but my boy caught chicken pox. I thought he was looking a bit spotty. But you must have enjoyed the weather.

Don't talk to me about the weather. On the fifth day it started to rain and it hardly let up. Great fun in a caravan, I can tell you. Couldn't light a barbecue.

So you had to eat out? Yeah. Went to a seafood restaurant. First time I've ever seen a drink waiter anchored to the bar; had to go and beard him every time. And I was dill enough to order a steak diane. It came out covered in a thick garlic sauce. "That's not steak diane," I quipped to the waitress, "where's the Worcestershire sauce?" She goes away. I haved the wire sauce?" She goes away, I beard the wine

waiter again, and she returns. "The chef says he put Worcestershire sauce in it, sir," she says, and you could tell that she was spelling that "cur". Not quite like Slattery's Cafe, eh? You've got it. And for the rest of our stay, there I was, with a driver's window jammed half open shuttling between that rain-soaked

caravan park and the bloody bank in Merim-bula that begrudgingly gave me money and back to the van, trying to hide in a corner while the kids raged all around. Do you know how many times I read Blinky-bloody-**Bill to them?**

No. Good. I'm trying to forget.

So?

So, we packed up early and headed off into the blizzard. It seemed like every car was towing a caravan or boat and every one of them propped in front of us on the way home

Well, you won't go back there in a hurry. Not exactly. We've put down a deposit for next year. You've got to have a holiday, you As a matter of fact you look like you know. could do with one.

New fire rules protect pupils

Special procedures to protect the more than 70,000 children travell-ing through bushfire danger areas in school buses were recently announced

The Member for Whittlesea, Max McDonald, says: "The objec-tive is to keep school buses well away from any danger and to en-sure that school bus users are not left to fend for themselves."

Copies of the bushfire procedures compiled by the Road Traffic Authority in consultation with the Country Fire Authority, Forest Commission, Education Department and Victoria Police have been circulated to operators and drivers of the state's 1800 contract school buses and other buses likely to carry

Church group

They have a good old time at the Warrandyte Uniting Church's Young People's Group.

Young People's Group. Activities set down for 1986 in-clude a camp at Anglesea, night football, a cricket match, sports night and a raft race. The group — ages range from 16 to 22 — meets every second Friday night at the church. Meeting hours are 7.30 to 11

are 7.30 to 11.

Anyone interested should ring John Boyle on 844 3333.

schoolchildren in fire danger zone periods

Mr McDonald said: "Victoria is one of the most potentially dangerous bushfire areas in the world. With this year's high rainfall and a rapid growth of grasses and plants a major bushfire could be dumential devastating.

"Not only should parents be aware of safety precautions for children, but they have a respon-sibility, as do all Victorians, to pre-vent fire hazards occurring.

"During the fire danger periods, parents should ensure that children are accompanied to and from the bus stop. Wait at the bus stop rather than go looking for the bus that might have been delayed by fire or smoke, or diverted from a danger

IN BRIEF

"Parents should listen to radio bulletins on school bus movements and keep telephone lines free for emergency uses. New residents to bushfire danger areas should ac quaint themselves with school bus routes, timetables and bushfire danger practices in general," Mr McDonald said. He said the unusually wet sum-

mer this year had caused rapid growth in grasslands around the Whittlesea electorate area, greatly increasing the bushfire danger to residents.

"The guidelines for school bus drivers detail procedures to be adopted if a bus is caught in a fire as well as precautions to be taken before setting out on a run.

ed approval to build a yoga studio in West End Road and construction is expected to begin soon.

Mrs Colenso intends to offer classes in Hatha yoga for adults, with special pre-natal classes. There will also be tuition in creative danc-

ing for adults, teenagers and younger children.

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Uniting Church plans for the future

Warrandyte Uniting Church unveil-ed its Project '86 in December when long-time resident Alma Watt turn-ed the first piece of ground for an extension to the church building

The extension to the church building. The extension will contain meeting rooms, a vestry, a kitchen and space for youth activities. It will also serve as an additional area for church services as the congregation continues to grow. Church officials say the con-

gregation has "responded magnifi-cently" to the financial challenge required for the extensions, and, if all the various approvals are ob-tained in time, construction will commence in the middle of the

The building committee is on the lookout for any local residents who might care to give the church the

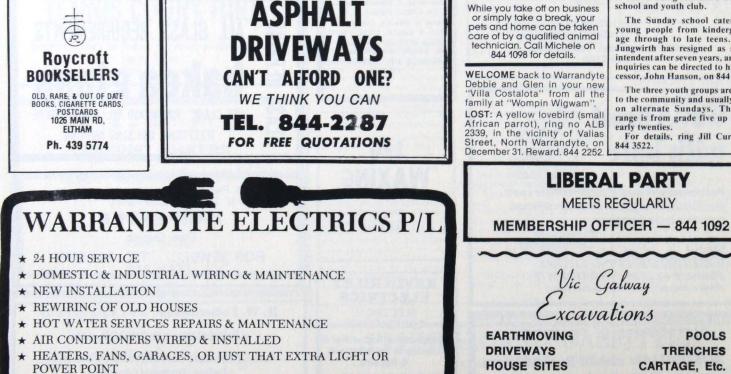
benefit of their expertise in building design and construction. Bruce Gongell, on 844 2342, would be delighted to listen to their views

The extension will be a great help to the Uniting Church's Sunday school and youth club.

The Sunday school caters for young people from kindergarten age through to late teens. Fred Jungwirth has resigned as superintendent after seven years, and any inquiries can be directed to his successor, John Hanson, on 844 3906.

The three youth groups are open to the community and usually meet on alternate Sundays. The age range is from grade five up to the early twenties.

For details, ring Jill Curry on 844 3522



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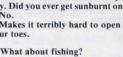
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Sunday school classes have recom-menced at St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street. Classes are from kindergarten to

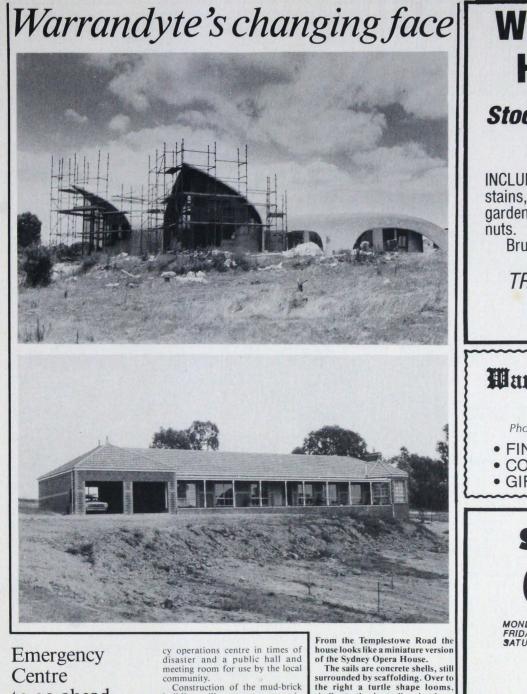
Sunday school

grade six level and there is also a Bible study class for young people. New children will be very wel-come. Enquiries: Lynne Sherwood, 844 3443.

Yoga studio Lynette Colenso has finally receiv



Warrandyte Diary



to go ahead Max McDonald, the Member for Whittlesea, has announced a Com-munity Employment Program grant of \$311,909 for the Eltham Emergency Operations Centre pro-ient

ject

This will enable the centre to go ahead. The centre will provide a much-needed, combined emergen-

community. Construction of the mud-brick building will commence soon in Main Road, Kangaroo Ground. The Centre will be the new home of the Lower Yarra Group of Fire Brigades and will provide opera-tions rooms for the Country Fire Authority, the State Emergency Service and the police. The project will create 23 jobs for long-term unemployed over 26 weeks.

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Relegation avoided

It's official. Warrandyte's cricketers have avoided relegation.

For most of the year the First Eleven wallowed at the bottom of the ladder. But performances pick-ed up towards the end of the season, and with one match to go the team was safe on third spot from the end from the end. Captain Robert White helped lift

the standard of batting with scores of 174, 97 and 71.

Younger players have done well. David Sloan was put in to open the batting and has succeeded there; Colin Dorning was promoted to number three with good results. Gerald Walshe has lifted the side with his batting and bowling. Looking back, Warrandyte were

Looking back, warrandite were unlucky early in the season to have lost two games by only two runs. The scorebooks would have had Warrandyte higher in the points table but for that misfortune.

The team has had to concentrate on rebuilding to make up for the loss of experienced players John Salter, Graeme Lloyd and wicketkeeper Bruce Kline.

If the men have had a less-than-average year, the opposite is true for Warrandyte's women's cricket team

The women finished on top of the ladder and were undefeated un-til the second last match of the ason

In one match against Swinburne, Jenny McLaws made 184 and Jenny Chapman 127 as the team rolled along to a score of 6/403.

In the junior section, our Under 12 (section 1) team were on top of the ladder with just one game to play. The boys of Under 16 (section 1) have a chance of making the four

four. Most players have improved under junior coach lan Broom, but there are still a few spots left for next season. Interested juniors should contact the club. The scapa matting pitch put

down at the start of the season was a trifle controversial at first but the club says it was playing perfectly at the end.

presentation night will be held on Saturday, April 5, at the South Warrandyte Hall.

bureaucratic paper to be processed. But the club still hopes that building will start in winter and be completed for October and the start of the cricket season.

Warrandyte Cricket Club's The committee of the social club still waiting for various pieces of

RESULTS 21, Walshe 37; Sth R'wood 203, White 4/67, Broome 3/79. 2nds: W'dyte 226, O'Brien 86, Scicluna 25, Kline 34, McCarthy 25, Sth R'wood 341. 3rds: W'dyte 9/215, Sturesteps 61,



Ah the river. To the right of our picture, upstream, canoeists are slipping through the buoys. Nearby a husband and wife are playing a wonky game of tennis on the Lions courts. Downstream a couple of kilometres away Warrandyte's cricketers are practising on the oval.

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1sts: W'dyte 4/337, White 174, Jacobs 40, Dorning 70, Pascoe 24; East R'wood 143, Broome 6/50, White 4/44.

White 4/44. 2nds: W'dyte 137, O'Brien 44, McCarthy 126; East R'wood 7/257, Stockley 4/60. 3rds: W'dyte 219, Day 60, Crocket 40, Grant 37, Day 33 n.o.; East R'wood 8/231, King 4/73, Peters 3/70.

3/70. 4ths: W'dyte 194, Blair 50, Snaidero 43; East R'wood 252, Wilson 3/41, Owen 3/53. 5ths: W'dyte 44; East R'wood 115, Roberts 4/25, Blackburn 4/54.

6ths: Wiyte 214, Chipperfield 43, Bowles 24, Vojlay 43 n.o., Lawrence 22, Beck 33, Broome 22; Parkwood 236, Fernando 3/55.

Parkwood 236, Fernando 3/55. Women: W'dyte 6/403, McLaws 184, Chapman 127, McGhee 33; Swinburn 159, Chapman 6/44. U16(1): W'dyte 9/144, McLean 60, Day 29; Nth Croydon 6/162. U16(3): W'dyte 81, Webb 24, Hurley 23; Lilydale 9/180. U14(1): W'dyte 8120, Yoannidis 48, Schubert 22; Lilydale 117. U14(3): W'dyte 123, Yoannidis 48, n.o., Long 23, Wilks 21; Kilsyth 166, Yoannidis 3/22. U12(1): W'dyte 5/121, Lyndon 21;

Yoannidis 3/22. U12(1): W'dyte 5/121, Lyndon 21; Wantima Sth 96. U12(3): W'dyte 2/58 dec. & 4/46, Harmer 23 n.o.; Heathmont Baptists 43 & 60, Green 4/6, Potaznik 4/0. U12(4): W'dyte 80; Nth Croydon 115, Farmer 3/10. Round 8 – 2 games only: 1sts: W'dyte 128, Broome 28, Walshe 25, Pascoe 28; Mt. Evelyn 4/155.

4/155.

2nds: W'dyte 8/138, McCartin 51, Peters 42; Mt Evelyn 129, Jungwirth 5/44, Peake 4/33.

Jungwirth 5/44, Peake 4/33. Round 9: 1sts: W'dyte 8/157, Amiguet 51, Peters 26, Pascoe 22; Vermont 4/216, Broome 3/56. 2nds: W'dyte 9/139, Scicluna 35, Peake 25, Kline 22; Vermont 9/137, Peake 3/14, Sloan 3/41. 3rds: W'dyte 8/151, M. Day 51, C. Day 28; Vermont 94, Leguier 6/48, Vithirthi 4/18.

4ths: W'dyte 6/130, Walker 54, Thomas 27; Vermont 9/175, Wilson 3/53

3/53. 5th: W'dyte 29 & 7/57; Vermont 164, Walker 3/20, Roberts 3/50. 6th: W'dyte 126, Chipperfield 30; Kilsyth 132, Chipperfield 3/35. U16(1): W'dyte 4/105, Day 40, Cameron 40 n.o.; St. Andrews 8/98, Cameron 4/32 (incl. Hat-frick). U14(1): W'dyte 80, Wheatherley 23; St. Andrews 74, Schubert 4/11, Miller 3/28.

Miller 3/28 Only 2 Junior Matches played.

Round 10: 1sts: W'dyte 282, White 97, McCartin 28, Peters 44, Dorning

Day 39, King 60 n.o.; Sth R'wood 159 & 7/129, Snaidero 4/39, King 3/20. 3/20. 4ths: W'dyte 156, Thomas 24, Scicluna 22, Beck 23, Blair 21; Sth

R'wood 258. 5ths: W'dyte W'dyte 100; Sth R'wood 68,

Blackburn 5/25, Maroney 3/25. óths: W'dyte 194, Chipperfield 65, Vojlay 20, Martin 21, Broome 20; Vermont 200, Chipperfield 3/67.

Vermont 200, Chipperfield 3/67. Wormen – Bye. U16(1) W'dyte 3/214, McLean 108 n.o., Kline 63 n.o.; Glen Park 206, Graf 3/46. U14(1): W'dyte 3/100 dec. & 5/103, Kinane 34 & 26, Joy 21 n.o.; East R'wood 168, Schubert 3/23. U14(3): W'dyte 9/71; Academy 149. U14(1): W'dyte 3/92, Lyndon 32 n.o., Comrie 23; Moor/bark 9/83, Hughes 3/12. U12(3): W'dyte 5/53, Day 22; R'wood 1/101. U12(4) W'dyte 52, Johnson 22;

R'wood 1/101. U12(4) W'dyte 52, Johnson 22; Scoresby 148. Round 11: – 2 matches only: 1sts: W'dyte 7/216, White 71, Pascoe 33, Amiguet 35, Sloan 27; Croydon United 218, Broome 7/70. 2nds: W'dyte 6/209, Taylor 91, Peake 32 n.o., Sturesteps 44; Croydon United 320.

Croydon United 320. Round 12 — Half way through, cont'd next Saturday. 1sts: W'dyte 8/261, Peters 97, Pascoe 95, Broome 28; Norwood 9/237, Pascoe 3/50. 2nds: W'dyte, Sturesteps 115, Chapman 56, Kline 25; Norwood 240.

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240. 3rds: W'dyte 8/252, Wilson 55 n.o., Cameron, Snaidero 46, McCartin 37; Norwood 90 and 9/226, Grab 4/19 and 4/52, Wilson 4/27. 4ths: W'dyte 151, Walker 42, Blackburn 36, Hughes 26; Nor-wood 192, Martin 4/30. 5ths: W'dyte 218, Beasley 55, Baker 53 n.o., Maroney 45; Nor-wood 341.

wood 341.

6ths: W'dyte 9/233, Clothier 94 n.o., Heinz 37; Boronia 7/242, Beck 3/48.

3/48. Women: W'dyte 171, Chapman 55, McLaws 30, Brown 28; Monash 347, McLaws 5/81. U16(1): W'dyte 5/212, Day 62, Kline 52 n.o., Cameron 53, Graf 21; Ainslee Park 7/210.

U14(1): W'dyte 62 & 6/40; Kilsyth 4/127.

4/127. U14(3): W'dyte 82 & 5/52, Yoannidis 23 n.o., Wicks 20; Scoresby 9/183. U12(1): W'dyte 9/172, Wicks 31 n.o., Hughes 21; Ainslee Park 134. U12(3) W'dyte 80 & 3/13, Chaimers 22; Mt Evelyn 198. U12(4): W'dyte 86; Kilsyth 199.