

Warrandyte Diary

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Goodbye mate, cold-blooded though you may have been

I feel as though I've lost a friend today. A friend who has been there for more than a decade of Warrandyte summers.

When first sighting him, I was wary. He didn't use the path to the house, but shambled up a steep bank below where I sat, stopping just beyond the line of impropriety.

He looked old even then. Weather beaten skin, and strange hooded eyes, which I then thought sinister, but came to know only as sleepy.

He spent many a summer day lazing on our grass, often dozing, but ever watchful of

my children and me. Every winter he went away, and we looked forward to his return, as it seemed to herald the sun.

This summer was different. The cooler, overcast days were getting to his rheumatics, and he adopted a corner of our paved terrace which caught even the last rays of sunlight. Many a summer evening he would doze there, while the air was still warmed by the locked-in heat of the paving.

Our animals joined him on these nights; the old cat lying close with affected

unawareness, but watching any move with slit-eyed interest. The dog, almost blind, completed the odd threesome — veterans, warming their ageing bones.

My friend started staying on even when we had guests; still and unobtrusive, only slipping home to the shadow-filled valley when a cooler evening breeze chilled his skin. Some guests disliked him on sight, and wondered at our encouraging him. He would never dine with us, although coaxed, and was usually so unobtrusive that we have brushed

against him in the half night, startling each of us.

He won't be back though. I knew that I had lost my friend when I found him on our road, unmarked — except by flies with no respect for death or age — but with the lazy eyes closed for the last time, his nose pointed towards our terrace and a small spot of blood near his mouth.

I never did see his blue tongue, but he was altogether the nicest lizard I have ever known.

JUDY MACDONALD

A festival of fun

The banners are up, the tug-of-war teams are adjusting their hernia protectors and only Blind Freddie has failed to notice that the Warrandyte Festival is about to descend on us again.

This year's festival, the ninth, has as a special feature a raft race from the bridge to Stiggants Reserve.

There's a whisper about that Doncaster Council will enter a raft and that it will be crewed by Warrandyte Ward councillors. Anyone spotted down by the riverside with a torpedo tube will be instantly reported to the police.

Once again there'll be a free shuttle service between festival sites in mini buses provided by Eltham and Doncaster councils. Or if you are a little old-fashioned you can take a hayride on a dray drawn by a Clydesdale.

New this year is a progressive dance. One ticket buys your way into a disco, a bush dance and an old-time knees-up. The dance will be held at the Recreation Reserve. More below.

The festival kicks off on Friday night with an art show at the Warrandyte Primary School.

Next morning there's the Lions gymkhana and the Apex fun run. The open-air craft market will be setting up shop at Stiggants Reserve while the festival parade gets under way.

The organisers have collected a varied mob of performers to appear on stage at Stiggants Reserve. They include a couple of bands from the high school, the Warrandyte Karate Group and the Helen Briggs Dancers.

The gold mine tour is on again. Remember the comfortable shoes and a torch.

Sunday sees the billy card derby, the tug-of-war, the pet parade and Warrandyte's answer to professional wrestling, the sulo bin race.

New is the Yarra Yobbo competition. Down by the riverside again there'll be gumboot throwing, wheelbarrow races and something ominously entitled "water balloon bombs".

The festivities end with a six-hour free outdoor concert starring Warrandyte's own Paradiddle Band.

The full program is on the centre pages of the Diary.



"Warrandyte, Our Home on the Banks of the Yarra '86" is available on T-shirts. Orders will be taken at the high school and limited sizes will also be available for sale over the festival weekend.

Proceeds will help support the school.

For the past two years the Warrandyte Festival committee has chosen a theme that depicts our village.

Last year it was "Our Home Among the Gum Trees". This year it takes on a watery flavor. On both occasions Warrandyte High School teacher Chris White has drawn the logo.



Getting ready for the Warrandyte Festival are members of the Warrandyte Karate Group. The group, set up in June 1984, has 40 members, young and old, learning Australian freestyle combat under instructor Maurice Demolis. They already have one black belt in Rex Brent.

In this scene at the back is brown belt Dale Comrie, 15. The others are (from the left) Jared Parke, 8; Scott Cappellani, 11; Evan Zigmantis, 11; and Dean Comrie.

The price of progress is \$12 a family

You've heard of the progressive dinner. Now cop the progressive dance.

As part of the frolics, the festival committee has organised a Terpsichorean triple-header to be held at the Recreation Reserve on the night of Saturday, March 22.

The idea is that one ticket will gain admittance for the heel-and-toe-and-away-we-go brigade to any one or all of three dances.

These are a disco at the football

club rooms, a bush dance at the White House with the Billabong Band, and an old-time knees-up, with the Blue Notes, at the Senior Citizens' Club.

The fun kicks off at 7.30 pm. There'll be adult supervision at the disco and no alcohol allowed, but drinks and snacks will be available.

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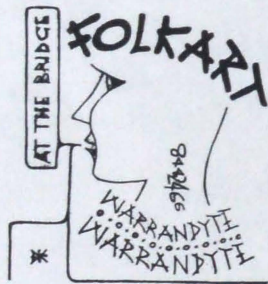
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In Red and White is pleased to report that three grand dames of the district have recently gone under the knife (as they say) and are doing splendidly.
 Alice Watson is back ruling the roost in the Op Shop after an abdominal operation. Smokey believes the hospital simply had to forget its no-smoking rule when confronted with the formidable Alice.

Lil Whitehead lost a kidney but not her sense of humor. Go to it, Lil.

Mary Huxtable gained a knee, a plastic gizmo to match the one implanted in her left leg last year. Mary doesn't expect to be playing for the Bombers this season but is certainly shaping up well enough to train with Collingwood.

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Brian told me? I know everything I need to know because Brian told me so? Strange. Smokey believed that that sort of thought-management vanished with Hitler and Mussolini.

This column invites readers, especially those secondary school students studying clear thinking, to comment on the preceding proposition.

★ ★

Who'd like a port? he asked, as does a dill. "We want a port!" roared the four-year-olds. What became of the Tarax Generation?

★ ★

Moon-faced mate of Smokey's trundled up for school on that terrible first day of term. He sailed through it, with mother nearby.

But two days later the lad jacks up. "It's not bad, mummy, but I'd like to go only on Fridays."

★ ★

Former Warrandyte citizen and ace newshound, now reporting at large for "The Age", had huddled a

group of almost newsworthy people into a corner of the room at the Moomba news conference.

Lo, a man with a video camera and a woman with a clipboard appeared at his shoulder. Our man exploded. "You cannibals!" he roared. "I'm sick of you TV people bludging on press reporters. We set up the picture and you horn in. I'm sick of it." And here, our man used an expression which implied an immediate departure.

The couple begat off. Our man turned to the accompanying PR woman: "Which channel do those bastards come from, anyway?"

Said the PR woman: "Well, actually, they were members of the public."

Smokey is not in the habit of praising PR people. In the world of business they are grasping, prodding creatures, intent on pressing for maximum media coverage for shoddy wares.

Let us now praise Lynne Cappellani, voluntary publicist for the Warrandyte Festival committee. Lynne has cheerfully gathered information and organised pictures to make sure that Warrandyte people have the best possible foreknowledge of their own carnival.

Smokey points out that a lot of professional PRs could learn a lot from this amateur.

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It was horrible. Jock McNeish, the Diary's cartoonist since time immemorial, had dropped off his latest scribbling. The man dripped with sweat from his T-shirt to his shorts.

Thanks, said the paper's advertising manager, where are you off to now? "Park Orchards", was the reply. And off he padded on the outward journey.

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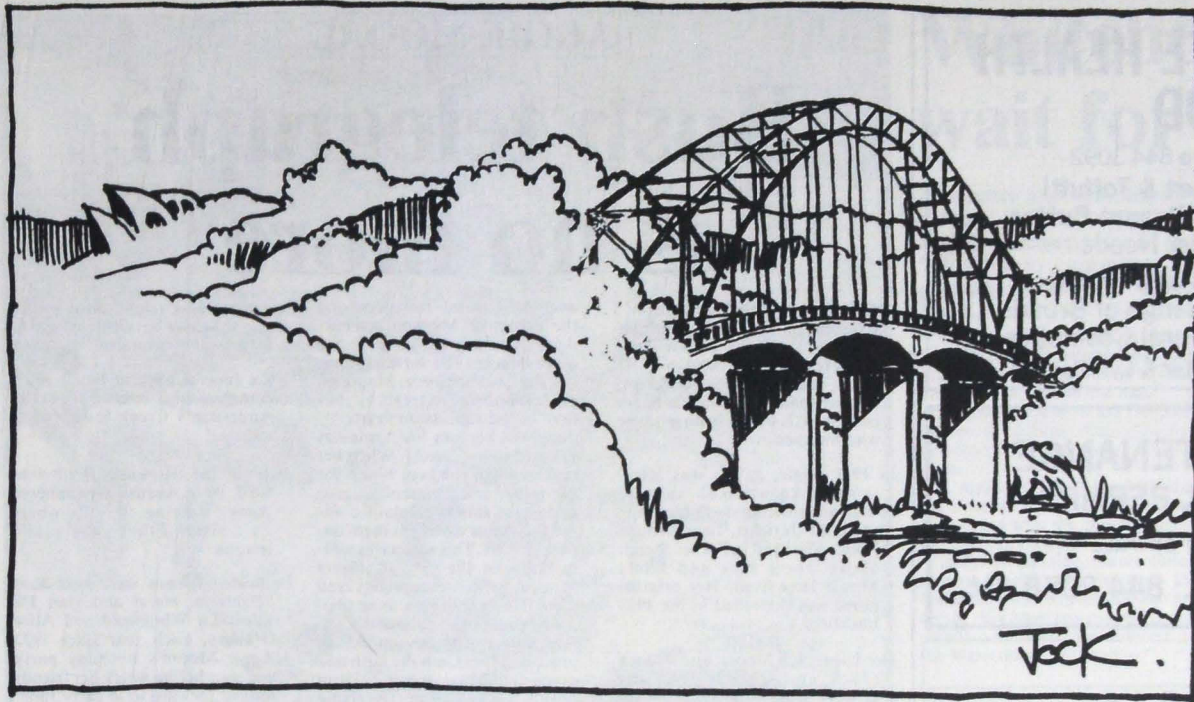


Diary advertising gets results



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After school care program

Planning for an after-school care program based on Warrandyte State School is under way.

A committee has been formed with representatives from Warrandyte, Anderson's Creek, South Warrandyte primary schools and from St Anne's, Park Orchards.

The Warrandyte Primary School council has agreed to sponsor the program and arrangements are being made to instal a telephone in the school's multi-purpose room.

Jean Chapman of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Committee has been behind the project.

Jean said she had received requests from more than 70 parents with children needing after-school care, an indication of the growing number of women in the workforce.

She is pressing for government finance for the program. This would cover 75 percent of the wages of two workers.

The balance to cover the running costs would come from fees, which Jean expects to be between \$3 and \$4 an evening.

Anyone interested in the program — either needing a place for children or with ideas to contribute — should contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326.

Last of the summer whine . . .

So that was summer?

Yup.
Not much of a one?
Nope.

Old mate, I appreciate your Gary Cooper imitations — not many others do — but a spot more comment on the topic would be appreciated.

Right. Tomatoes. I've never known a worse summer for tomatoes. It didn't matter if you planted them on Show Day, as some of the cognoscenti do, or at the beginning of December, when the realists start handling the hoe, this year the little beggars refused to start reddening up until the middle of February. Now I ask you . . .

I didn't see any tomato plants around your house this year.

Prescience, oh chum of my childhood. We all have a limited number of heartbeats allotted us and this time I chose not to waste any of mine on surly bushes refusing to fruit until the football season kicked off. Besides . . .

Besides what?
The sister-in-law put in 40 bushes in November.

Makes sense.

And did you read that this summer was hotter than last? Make you weep, it would. All I can figure is that the Bureau of Met boys must sit in air-conditioned offices with tinted windows. They couldn't spot the clouds outside or see the poor bloody office workers huddled up in jumpers.

Still . . .

Still nothing. That wet spring made the grass pop up faster than

law suits around Derryn Hinch. A good hot summer kills off the little mongrels and you don't have to trim the sward until autumn.

Your lawn looks more like jungle than sward.

The principle remains, my curly-headed friend. The absence of Old Sol this summer means that I've been slashing and hacking at the greenery every two . . . er . . . four weeks.

Ain't life tough. By the way . . . Your whipper-snipper will be returned almost as good as new, the repair man assures me.

There were some good days.
Granted. The boy and I got in a day or two in the pool.
I don't see it.

Didn't I tell you? The sister-in-law put in a pool just alongside the tomatoes.

Must have been pleasant.
Pleasant? Bloody thing's full of leaves. Every time we wanted to swim I had to rouse that stolph husband of hers.

So?

It was horrible. I had to share half a dozen cans with him every time he cleaned the bloody bottom. Something about bacteria on the floor.

Yeah, but you swam.
Swam? Yes, for five minutes. The pool's got no shallow end so I had to hold the kid all the time.

Tough.

Yup.
Anything else?
Nope.
See you later Coop.

Ecuminism prospers

Lindsay Thatcher from the Gospel Chapel has been elected president of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Interchurch Council. He replaces Dorothy Reid, who held the position from 1981.

Bruce Liddell says ecumenism has been very strong in the area since 1979 when members of the Gospel Chapel, Catholic, Uniting and Anglican Churches first met. Carols by Candlelight at Stiggants

Reserve is now a well-established and well-known public event organised by the Interchurch Council.

Says Bruce Liddell: "Right now shops in Warrandyte and Park Orchards carry posters of Easter services.

"How many other suburbs could boast of four churches publicly advertising their Easter church services on the one printed form?"

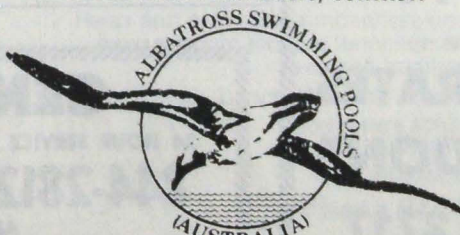


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The Labor Exchange of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative has been bringing people to jobs and jobs to people for almost five years.

Jean Chapman is always at the other end of the phone and many people in Warrandyte will have had first-hand experience of her com-

petence and astuteness in matching situations.

But many employers have not paid their \$1 to the Co-op. The cost of phone calls mounts up. So please, says the Co-op, everyone who has used the Labor Exchange and forgotten to pay up, call in with your \$1 or a higher donation if you like.

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AGGIE MOORE

Bush telegraph is no more

Warrandyte's "bush telegraph" service is no more. The death on January 31 of one of our well-loved residents, at the age of 83 years, leaves us all wondering how we shall know who has had a baby, who is sick or in hospital or who has died.

In 1921 Aggie, as she was affectionately known to all, came to Warrandyte from the goldmining town of Jericho, near Woods Point. She lived in Forbes Street, above where Jack and Emily Moore later lived. Her original home was destroyed in the 1939 bushfires.

Her father, J.J. Moore, and his sons (Jack and Charlie) ran the grocery store in the stables opposite the Grand Hotel. These burnt down in the late 1950s. When Jack remarried, Aggie took

over the Central Tea-rooms, on the corner of Mitchell Avenue. Aggie was a great cook and a good dancer. The birthday parties she gave her niece, Maureen, are remembered as treats by children of the depression years.

Throughout her long life Aggie was devoted to her family. When her mother died, she kept house for her father and brothers, Charlie and Henry (Harry) remained single and Aggie cared for them until they died. This was particularly noble in the case of Harry Moore, who never recovered from his experiences as a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

Aggie Moore was devout in the practice of her Catholic faith and attended Mass until failing health resulted in her receiving Communion regularly in her own home at the corner of Anderson Street.

Relatives and friends, including many former residents who travelled long distances, attended

the funeral mass at St Gerard's church and her interment in the Anderson's Creek lawn cemetery.

Reminiscing afterwards, Ev Retchford, 90 in August, remembered Agnes walking to Tills where Ev's sister Ethel gave piano lessons.

Dedicated friends were next-door neighbors, Hazel and Dan Elward, Lil Whitehead and Alice O'Leary. Each year since 1977 Aggie Moore's birthday party was a gathering which her friends looked forward to in early June. Rene Smith has captured these happy occasions on film.

AUDREY DRECHSLER

RSL seeks support

The Warrandyte section of the annual Anzac Day appeal will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. The local RSL Sub-branch urges local residents to respond as generously this year as they have in the past.

It reminds the public that funds donated are devoted exclusively to the welfare of ex-servicemen and women and their families.

The sub-branch also extends an open invitation to the local community to attend its Anzac Day service in the memorial grounds opposite the bridge on Friday, April 25, starting 10 am.

Kinder needs soft wood

The North Warrandyte Kindergarten needs off-cuts of soft wood for its four-year-old would-be carpenters to practise on.

Anyone who can help should see Mrs Manley at the kindergarten.

BILL BETTON

Councillor and trustee

Former Warrandyte identity Bill Betton died recently, aged 83. He was well-known in this town over many years for his warm personality, keen sense of humor and active involvement in many community interests.

Bill was born in England in 1903 and migrated to Australia with his parents in 1915. The family settled in Warrandyte in a bungalow in Research Road when Bill was 17.

He was a Doncaster and Templestowe councillor for nine years (from 1953) and served as shire president. He played an important role in the provision of a

water supply for Warrandyte and the formation of the Warrandyte Waterworks Trust.

Bill was best known in more recent years as a member of the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust. He was a trustee for 32 years, from February 25, 1954, until his death, and president of the trust for most of that time. He was a key figure in the maintenance and development of our historic cemetery.

Bill Betton will be sadly missed by a lot of people in Warrandyte and elsewhere. He was, in many respects, a most memorable character.

Mud brick tour will help Post Office project

Warrandyte will again be invaded by "mud brick" enthusiasts on April 13 when the Post Office Preservation Group stages its fourth Mud Brick and Hand-Made House Tour.

In the past, the tour has attracted more than 700 "tourers", many from country areas. Full details will be broadcast on most radio stations before the event and will appear in the Melbourne dailies.

All funds will be ploughed straight back into the restoration work on the old Post Office.

A search for a sash window-

frame specialist has recently held up the completion of the building to lock-up stage. Final external painting will be completed when this stage is reached. Paint colors have been specially mixed by Bristol Decorator Centre, Eltham, which is donating the paint. Colors will be authentic to the restoration period, identified by scrapings from the building before the fire.

The group is organising a National Trust Appeal. Donations to this appeal will be a tax deduction. The preservation group hopes that this will inspire future donors.

During the Warrandyte Festival the group will work with the Citizens Advice Bureau to launch a display in the old building. The CAB is hoping to move into part of the building on completion.

One CAB volunteer has commented that the serene, riverside setting of the back verandah will be a perfect place for settling down

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Customers were able to pick up an item or three for next to nothing.

Whitehouse must wait for money

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has put on the back boiler a request from the Whitehouse committee of management for extra funds.

The committee had asked council for \$100,000 to be allotted over four years. It wanted the money to complete renovations on the hall.

Council decided to ask the committee of management for full details of the proposed renovations.

It also told the committee that the council would not direct any money towards the project before the 1987/88 financial year.

In almost an aside, the resolution directs council "to approach the National Trust to ascertain whether or not they have any interest (in) or details on the cottage adjacent to the Warrandyte Whitehouse".

Councillor Ken McKenzie says councillors felt they could not justify an immediate grant to the Whitehouse because of the commitment to several other projects in the Warrandyte Ward that need capital funds.

According to Ken these include the Community Centre and the Doncaster East Hall, "which is in poor condition and the only facility available to an area which has one of the highest growth rates in the city".

He says: "My own personal opinion is that council has acted responsibly. The ward councillors have to accept that the residents are finding rate increases harder to meet and so they must be kept to the lowest possible level.

"Also, increased borrowings mean more and more rate dollars having to be committed to paying interest."

Council suspends garbage payment

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has suspended payments to the city's garbage contractor.

At its meeting on March 4 the council's corporate development committee reported that "the performance of the garbage contractor has not shown permanent improvement since the resolution of the industrial dispute and is still below an acceptable level."

The meeting resolved to suspend payments until the supervisor is satisfied that the terms and conditions of the contract agreement are being carried out.

A progress report on the performance of the garbage contractor is to be submitted each month to the corporate development committee.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has been reviewing the garbage situation almost constantly and has in the past imposed fines of thousands of dollars on the contractor.

Councillor Ken McKenzie described the situation as "an appalling state of affairs".

He said: "I can give one example where a young single-parent mother of three children was moving from a home in Templestowe to one in Warrandyte.

"She was informed that the contractor would not be able to provide her with a 'big bin' for a fortnight.

"Fortunately the officers in the council health department arranged that — contrary to the rules — the woman would have her garbage collected by other means," said Councillor McKenzie.

"This cannot be an isolated incident."

Councillor McKenzie said it was fortunate that the city had officials who were sensitive to the needs of residents.

A task group of councillors has also been set up to investigate the options open to council for the collection of garbage.

CAB nets some more expert advice

The catcher has been caught. Warrandyte's forming Citizens' Advice Bureau has hooked Colin Bentley, angler and superb fish cook, and hauled him into its ranks.

Colin, of Aton Street, gives classes in fish cookery at the Panton Hill Living and Learning Centre. But it's not his culinary skills that makes him an asset for the CAB.

Colin is a retired organiser for the Municipal Employees' Union and brings to the bureau a wide knowledge of industrial affairs and workers' compensation.

At the CAB's last meeting,

Lesley McInerney, the new appointed Health Department representative to establish a District Health Council, spoke of the plans.

A course in "Understanding Health Care" will be run soon. Those interested in participating should ring Lesley on 617 4647. The consumer's point of view is wanted.

Louise Joy says the volunteers now training are enjoying the course. The new training session starts in April.

Prospective CAB workers can telephone Linda Draeger on 844 2062 or Jenny Harkin on 844 2663.

Venturers go aroving

The Warrandyte and Park Orchards Venturers joined forces during the holidays and travelled down the Murray River on rafts they made themselves (with a little bit of help).

The Venturers are part of the scouting organisation and are aged between 14 and 17 years.

A shore support team travelled along the bank and all enjoyed

warm days and cool starry nights on the slow drift from Yarrowonga to Tocumal.

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Mr Cameron comes wooing the voters

February 26, 1886: Mr Cameron addressed over 100 electors in the hall, Anderson's Creek, on Saturday evening last. Captain Selby in the chair.

The chairman stated that either before or after Mr Cameron addressed them he would like to say a few words. The latter course being decided upon he introduced the candidate.

When the cheers had subsided Mr Cameron said that it had been an effort to appear there that evening. The fatigue of the last week combined with the intense heat had completely knocked him up. However, he had braced himself up so that the people of Anderson's Creek should not be disappointed.

The candidate then stated that some years ago he was opposed to a Coalition Government, but after a time he had good cause to alter his opinion, as he found that under that regime the business of the country was expedited and he now thoroughly believed in its efficiency.

With respect to the Prospecting Vote, besides obtaining grants for other portions of the electorate he had obtained 250 pounds for one claim, and 50 pounds with a further promise of another 50 pounds for the Young Colonial Quartz Mining Company, and he sincerely hoped that it would be the means of pushing the place on a bit.

With reference to the Land Act, he stated that anyone could take up 1,000 acres at 2d per acre rental for 14 years. He thought that very equitable, and no one could cry out for land now. With reference to the "mallee", an enormous quantity of land which up to the present time has been tenanted by wild dogs and

How They Lived

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

rabbits, will now by the facilities offered by the Government be reclaimed and the revenue increased accordingly.

In conclusion he urged upon every elector to vote. There were men in that room who had known him for the last 30 years, he had been identified with the Creek for that number of years, and he was proud to say that where he was best known he had the entire confidence of the electors. Election after election his majority had increased, and he felt sure that his majority here would be larger than ever at the forthcoming election.

Mr Cameron resumed his seat amidst great cheering.

The chairman stated that Mr Cameron would be glad to answer any questions.

A stranger, who looked like a Collingwood larrikin, asked if he was a Conservative or a Liberal.

Mr Cameron stated he was a Liberal.

The same party asked if the candidate was in favor of taxing bachelors.

Mr Cameron replied — I certainly would not be in favor to tax you, for I am sure that no decent woman in the country would marry you. (Great cheers and laughter.)

Mr Andrew proposed and Mr Hutchinson J.P. seconded, that Mr Cameron was a fit and proper per-

son to represent them. On the chairman putting it to the meeting every hand was held up in its favor, not a single hand being held up against it.

Captain Selby then said — I should like to say a few words respecting the utility of every man recording his vote. He had known a case where a party of persons, himself included, had made so sure of their man getting in that they went out shooting instead of recording their votes, and their man was defeated. Had they voted the scale would have been turned.

With reference to Mr Cameron, when he first came to Anderson's Creek and had tributaries working in the paddock, asking where the absent men were, he was informed, "Gone to Mr Cameron's", and he used to wonder at it, but since he had had the pleasure of knowing him he was not surprised.

Mr Cameron was a man who if the poorest man in this electorate went to him on any business he would take as much pains with as the richest. (Cheers.) Don't be misled by the promises of the other candidates. They would promise a railway to the moon, etc. Mr Cameron has fulfilled all his promises and more, and the tried man was worth any number of men with promises.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting closed.

Mr Cameron was heartily cheered on his leaving the township.

Pavilion date set

Long-awaited extensions to the Warrandyte recreation reserve pavilion are expected to be finished by the end of this year.

Funding — expected to amount to \$110,000 — is assured and tenders are expected to be let in June.

Work is expected to start in July or August.

The new premises will be jointly occupied and managed by the local football and cricket clubs and the Warrandyte Sports and Social Club.

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Mary Symes of Yarra Street has scored a most notable success recently in the form of having her first book accepted for publication. It's called "Grief Through Dreaming".

Lee is very keen for Warrandytes to go to Perth for "The Cup". (No, not the Perth Cup . . . the other one!). They both looked terrific.

Diary readers will remember that Ken and Lee Virtue left last year for the Hammersley Ranges in Western Australia. Fifth Column can now reveal that they never got there.

A year or so ago John and Lesley Corbett moved to the Boulevard, and ever since have been visited by family and friends.

The visitors liked the area so much that when Ewan and Maggie Innes's house came up for sale on one side and Jan Liddicut's a little while later on the other, John's brother bought one house and his mother the other.

Eltham gets \$8000 grant

The Minister for Local Government, Jim Simmonds, recently released details of the Municipal Assistance allocations for 1985/86, which will result in a share of \$1 million for Victoria's municipal councils.

Max McDonald, the member for Whittlesea, said the Shire of Eltham would receive a grant of \$8000. He said: "Councils can spend the grant on community or recreational works on crown or council land used for public purposes. A purely population distribution was considered, but inclusion of an area factor gives special consideration for rural municipalities."

The distribution between the six levels of grants with a minimum of \$2500 and a maximum of \$12,000, is based on 85 percent population and 15 percent area.

Centre gets a clean-up

Warrandyte residents may have noticed that the generally scruffy appearance around the Community Centre has been somewhat improved.

One evening in January a task force of Rotarians swiped away at grass and cleaned up rubbish.

They have now put up a small storage shed for Co-op and Sole Parent Support Group equipment.

Cleaner windows

The window cleaning business donated to the Co-operative by Robert Stewart is now in the hands of Tim Bury, whom many Warrandyte residents will know from the woodyard.

Orders are still being taken at the Co-operative as Tim doesn't have a phone. Ring 844 2548.



Lesley says the family is used to living together, and anyone who knows these gentle-minded people can vouch for their affinity with each other (and others).

Now, the only question remains: Will the Boulevard be renamed Corbett's Alley?

Secretarial service

Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative established a secretarial service in 1985 and wants Warrandyte residents to know that the service is still going.

The Co-op has a photocopier, electronic stencil cutter, duplicator and electronic typewriter.

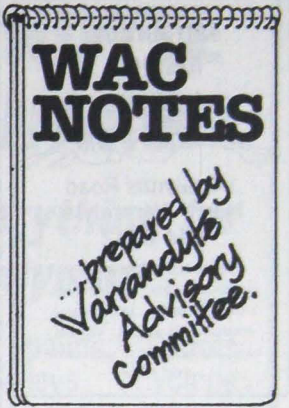
Raewyn O'Shea is an experienced typist and office worker who will promptly attend to orders. These can be placed with Jean Chapman on 844 2548 between 8 am and 3.30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and between 8 am and 10 am on Friday.

Representatives of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee were present at a meeting last November concerning public housing in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

The meeting heard from the Ministry of Housing that its policy is to establish public housing throughout the metropolitan area. The plan is to buy or build individual housing with a density of not more than one in 10 houses in any one particular area.

The present Government's policy is designed to prevent a ghetto-like development of large tenement housing which was a feature of the Housing Commission building in the fifties and sixties.

In the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, there are 38 public housing properties. There are approximately 200 people on the waiting list.



precipitated into financial disasters.

One public housing property has been purchased in this locality.

The WAC representatives at the Doncaster meeting were concerned at the anger of some Doncaster residents at the thought of living near low-income families in public housing.

Warrandyte has always been a place where people of different incomes and lifestyles have merged to make a vibrant community. It would be a pity if the increased land values made our village an exclusive "ghetto" where people are judged on the size of their wallets rather than on their quality as human beings.

It appears that the applicants are usually people who have previously lived in the municipality who have met with some form of financial misfortune, often associated with a marital breakdown. These families have their roots in the area. Their children attend local schools. At the time of difficulty they particularly need the support of long-standing friendships and associations with local groups.

With the high rate of marital breakdown and family disruption in the community at large, most people in Warrandyte will be aware of families who suddenly have been

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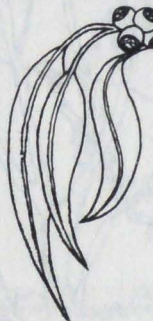
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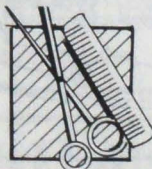


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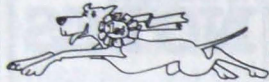
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Bakery moves a step closer.

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative is preparing for its next project, the reopening of the old Warrandyte bakery. This is not a hot bread kitchen in the modern mode but a good old-fashioned bakery.

In fact, the Warrandyte Co-op has as honorary consultant a good old-fashioned country baker, Ron Fletcher, who has baked bread in Strathbogie and other country towns.

Audrey Drechsler, daughter of the Walsh family, the last bakers in Warrandyte, asked the Co-op to get the project going.

"I hope the smell of fresh bread

will once again waft through the valley of Warrandyte," said Audrey.

She is keen that the project be both a commercial success and an opportunity for creating employment, objectives of the Co-operative as well.

A planning permit has been obtained and advice has been sought from the health officers of Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

Plans are being prepared upon which estimates of the cost of the work necessary can be based.

The Co-op hopes that four local people will get jobs in the bakery.



In providing pictures last month of the Golden Gate store tumbling down we neglected this one of the man who helped to build it.

Stonemason Ralph McAuley of Trezise Street built the front wall of the store in 1948 and collected a stone block as a souvenir.

Sole parents' group gets cracking

The sole parent support group in Warrandyte is beginning to get moving for 1986. Jane Webber is collecting information concerning the rights and benefits available for sole parents from the various government departments such as housing and social security. When compiled this information will be made easily available to Warrandyte residents.

The group has agreed to buy a motor mower, brushcutter and whippersnapper for hire to local sole parents for \$1 per time (to be

returned with full petrol in tank where appropriate). This service should be operating early in April.

Some parents want to start a baby-sitting group on a roster basis. This will be one of the topics for discussion at the next meeting.

A questionnaire is being prepared for distribution through schools and health centres. If you do not receive one of these please contact Jean Chapman at the Co-op, 844 2548.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 20, at 2 pm at the Co-op.

Thanks, from the Diary

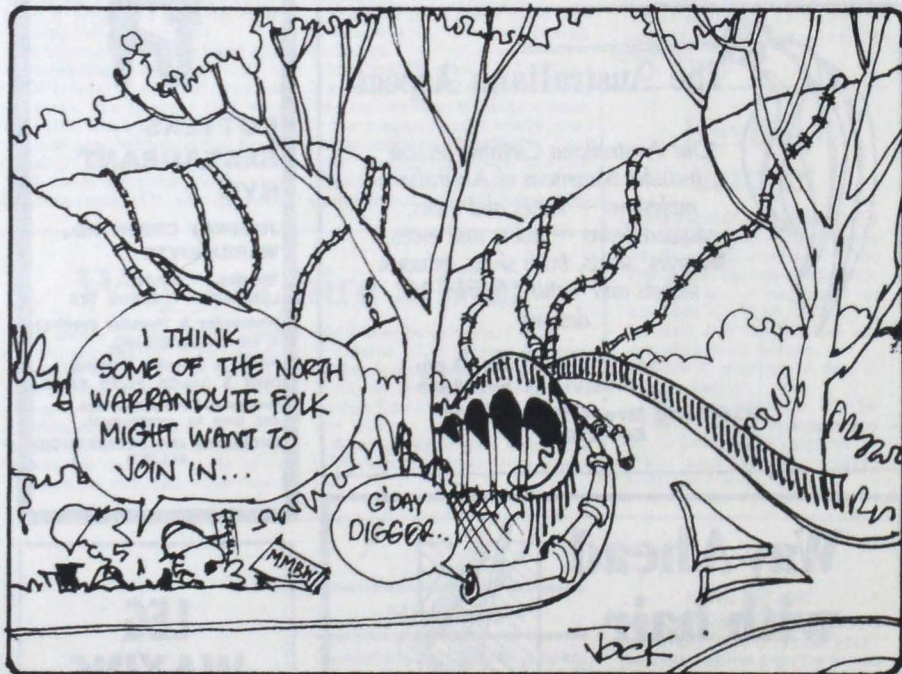
The Diary thanks those who contributed to this edition; it's a pleasure to find unsolicited gems in the elm tree box.

Could we have more of the same, please? Cartoons, photographs, memories, short stories, poetry... all will be gratefully received.

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Silence can be harmful

I am writing to you concerning an issue which I feel should be brought to the attention of the public, particularly women.

The issue to which I am referring is the apparent apathy which exists among the local women where sexual harassment is concerned. Just recently, my girlfriend and I were followed home by a male who, self admittedly, had been watching us as we went about doing our shopping in Warrandyte

He followed us in his car — unbeknown to us — and then knocked on the back door and proceeded to ask us extremely personal questions about the sex life of a female. Luckily, I am not one of these simpering females who feels totally unsafe unless she has male protection and I stood up to the creep. This seemed to put him off quite a bit, and he left the property.

We decided to ring the police in case he was known to them and after I had given them a description of him and his car, I was informed that he fitted the description of a male who has been sleazing around the river in Warrandyte exposing himself and masturbating in front of women.

Much to my disgust — when one also takes into account that women have been raped in the area recently — I was informed that *none* of the women or girls who had reported this low-life to the police were willing to give their names or be involved in any way. Does this mean that sexual harassment isn't quite so

letters

devastating if it is committed in a neutral place like beside the river? Or is it indicative of the attitude of women?

I find it horrifying to think that males can go parading around wherever they like, upsetting and forcing themselves upon women, and even more upsetting that women cannot or will not do anything to put a stop to that behaviour.

I fully realise that matters such as sex crimes, when brought before a court, can be a nightmare for the woman concerned (because it would seem that the law protects rapists and molesters alike) but surely by reporting creeps such as the one we encountered and getting involved in an attempt to see justice done we might avert a crime of greater magnitude such as rape or serious psychological damage?

We were told by the police that if just *one* of the females who had been assaulted by this creep had been willing to leave her name in case he was apprehended, then the police could have done something about him. My girlfriend and I were able to get his number plate and he has been traced by the police, but apparently what he did to us does not constitute a crime per se, so the police cannot do anything until he is reported again.

I certainly hope that this letter stirs the consciences of local women

as this creep should be caught and punished. He was not mentally ill — otherwise, why did he run away when we told him we were going to ring the police?

What a pity that a beautiful place such as Warrandyte has to become tainted with sexist, egotistical creeps. It is enough that the majority of women live in fear all their lives of someone breaking into their homes and attacking them without scum like this male being able to follow women home, permeate fear that he may return and get away with it.

Next time he attacks someone, it may be a lot worse. Let's hope he is caught before that happens.

Ms R.J. Youlten

Old hall was on pharmacy site

I was quite interested in the article on the Mechanics Institute. There was one statement I would like to correct. The old hall was built on the site of Sue Jones' pharmacy, although I haven't the exact date.

It was sold to Mr Aird, grocer, in the middle 20s. I remember this quite well, as a children's fancy dress do was held there. Two of my daughters were there in fancy dress.

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Local girls go for glory

Dytes grab grand final berths



Jenny Chapman . . . one of the stars

A hat-trick of outstanding all-round performances has whisked Warrandyte into the grand final of the women's cricket competition.

It is only the second grand final appearance in 11 years for the local women's team.

Jenny McLaws and the Chapman sisters — Jenny, and Suzanne Martin — were in superb form with both bat and ball to spearhead Warrandyte's runaway semi-final win over Monash.

All-rounders were also responsible for Warrandyte's win over top side Norwood in the under-16 (1) semi-final.

The Dytes' other finalists — the under-12 (1) side — qualified unbeaten on top of the ladder and advanced automatically to the grand final.

In the women's 229-run win:

- Ms McLaws made 152 and followed up with 3/22.

- Ms Chapman contributed 57 runs and 3/26.

- Ms Martin put together an unbeaten 28 and took 3/6.

It was one of the most memorable victories in the history of women's cricket in this town. And it was particularly memorable for a fourth-wicket stand of 167 between McLaws and Chapman which rescued Warrandyte from a precarious 3/40.

McLaws occupied the crease for five hours for her 152 and received solid support, after Chapman's dismissal, from Maria McGhee, Martin and Sharon Smith.

At the end of the first day, Warrandyte were commanding 6/293.

Warrandyte struck early in the Monash innings, with Elizabeth McGhee snapping up a sharp chance at second slip.

Monash wickets tumbled under the McLaws-Chapman-Martin onslaught and the only real resistance was removed by a smart stumping by Liz Brown. Monash were bundled out for 64.

Lachlan McLean (41 runs and 4/22) and Sean Cameron (31 and 3/34) paved the way for the

under-16's victory over a side beaten only once previously this season.

Cameron Day chipped in with 30 and Dale Vitiritti was outstanding in the field, with three catches.

The senior men's eleven finished an otherwise disappointing season on a high note by winning three of their last four games.

Senior prospects for next season are good.

Fast bowler Ian Broome will be back after his third season of county cricket in England and young players Darren Peters, Jason Kline (a wicketkeeper following in the footsteps of his father, Bruce) and Tony Sturesteps promise to add strength to the senior ranks.

At last! A chance for us to bowl along

The prayers of Warrandyte's would-be lawn bowlers are about to be answered.

Bowling greens are to be built virtually on their doorstep.

Two eight-rink greens are planned as part of a sporting complex on the corner of Springvale and Reynolds Roads, East Doncaster.

The complex, to be known as Doncaster Sports Club, will also cater for hockey and tennis.

A preliminary meeting of interested parties this month was told that the bowls side of the project would involve an initial cost of about \$100,000. This comprised \$36,000 for each green and \$15,000-\$17,000 per year for a greenkeeper.

The project has the support of Doncaster and Templestowe Council and part of the finance would be raised through a debenture issue.

The meeting was chaired by council employee Ross McDonald, one of the masterminds of the sports complex. A special guest was Royal Victorian Bowling Association vice-president Sam Murphy.

It is expected that the greens will be sown by October this year. They should be in use a year later.

Several previous attempts have been made to have bowls facilities built in the Warrandyte area. They have failed largely because of the unavailability of suitable flat land.

An existing residence on the planned sports complex site will serve as a clubhouse until permanent clubrooms are built.

Any prospective bowler interested in the new development should contact Jim Harris on 844 3493.

Three stars missing, but Bloods count the days

Warrandyte Football Club will tackle the new season without three of last year's senior stars.

But players and officials are hungry for action and believe a blend of new blood and improved, home-grown talent will produce big results in the EDFL second division.

Missing from last season's line-up will be 1985 captain Neil Crosthwaite, prolific goal-getter Ron Wilson and mercurial centreman Mario Cippola. Crosthwaite and Wilson have taken coaching positions elsewhere; Cippola has returned to the Diamond Valley league.

The good news is the return from overseas of classy utility player Robin Golding, the club's best and fairest two seasons ago.

Warrandyte have also recruited actively. Among their coups is the signing of Montmorency centre half-forward Doug Bryon, a combined Diamond Valley representative.

The Bloods' season starts on April 13, against Montrose at Mon-



Denis Clark . . . new Bloods coach

trouse. It is a Sunday game preceded by the under-18s and reserves. Pre-season training has been most encouraging and the influence and expertise of new coach Denis Clark is already being felt.

Club president Jeff Reddie believes Warrandyte will bounce

back from the disappointments of 1985. "Last season, we started well and failed to go on with it," Mr Reddie said.

"I think we've all learned from that unhappy experience. This year, we are aiming at consistency and I think we have just the players to achieve that. The youngsters we introduced to senior football last year will be all the better for the experience and I think they will blend in very well with the recruits and the seasoned, regular players.

"I'm confident that we are back on course for the finals."

Warrandyte will field eight teams this season — firsts, reserves and six junior sides (under-18 down to under-10).

Former seniors coach Kevin McLean will co-ordinate junior coaching this season and his experience is expected to lift performances. Senior players will also be more involved with the junior ranks.

The club are seeking an under-12s coach and applicants should con-

tact Mr Reddie (844 2176) or John Reid (844 2180).

The senior side will start the season with four full-scale practice matches under their belts. They played Olinda on March 9 and have three more Sunday matches listed — against Dorchester at Doncaster (March 16), Donvale (venue to be announced) on March 23, and Croydon at Croydon on April 5.

CRICKET DETAILS

ROUND 13

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 6/261 (White 100, Sloan 49, Amiguet 43, Jacobs 22) d. Croydon North 9/227.

SECONDS: Warrandyte 8/241 lost to Croydon North 6/365.

THIRDS: Warrandyte 8/220 lost to Croydon North 7/257 (King 3/73).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 145 lost to Croydon North 202.

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 9/237 (Comrie 52, Dorning 30, Roberts 24) d. Croydon North 9/156.

SIXTHS: Warrandyte 90 and 7/247 (Fernando 56, Patterson 42, Clothier 39, Humphries 30) lost to Wantirna South 7/183.

WOMEN: Warrandyte 8/277 d. Swinburne 90 and 68 (Martin 7/7, Chapman 3/25).

UNDER-16 (1): Warrandyte 6/183 (Day 55, Cameron 43) d. Wonga Park 9/125.

UNDER-14 (1): Warrandyte 6/102 (Weatherly 23, McKenzie 22, Schubert 22) lost to Parwood 7/211.

UNDER-14 (3): Warrandyte 86 and 7/59 (Wilks 43 n.o.) lost to Lilydale 2/219.

UNDER-12 (1): Warrandyte 7/154 dec. (Frybas 34 n.o., Hughes 29, Proven 23 n.o.) d. Kilsyth 144 and 1/28.

UNDER-12 (3): 8/176 (Harmer 35 n.o., Baker 27, Howarth 22) lost to Academy 192.

SEMI-FINALS

WOMEN: Warrandyte 6/293 (McLaws 152, Chapman 57, Martin 28 n.o.) d. Monash 64 (McLaws 3/22, Chapman 3/26, Martin 3/6).

UNDER 16 (1): Warrandyte 169 (McLean 41, Cameron 31, Day 30) d. Norwood 145 (McLean 4/22, Cameron 3/34).

'Goldtown' joins the elite

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Goldtown Open has been nominated by the Victorian Tennis Association as one of the major tournaments on the annual circuit.

A system has been introduced whereby the winners of the men's and women's open titles will be awarded points that will go towards deciding an overall State champion each year.

The Goldtown will be one of the highest scoring events in Victoria and has attracted entries from virtually every top-ranked Victorian player.

The tournament has grown spec-

tacularly since its humble beginnings in 1984.

Warrandyte is now considered a number one venue for top tennis, especially since their hosting of the Davis Cup Satellite event in November. Each year crowds increase and the organisers this year expect a solid audience, particularly on Sunday afternoon for the finals matches.

Finals this year will be conducted under strict tournament conditions with Victoria's top umpires officiating. Top catering is promised.

Many local businesses have sponsored this year's Goldtown in association with Dunlop. The com-

mittee wishes to personally thank: Tremont Timber, Grand Hotel, Peter McDougall Real Estate, Tom Kerkhof Television, Warrandyte Hardware, Ian Worland Television, Warrandyte Cellars, Potters Restaurant, Baron Signs, Don's Chooks and Fish, John Ryan Plumber, Sue Jones Chemist, Riverview Motors and Panel Works.

Goldtown Open hours of play: Sunday, March 16, Open qualifying; Friday evening, March 21, until 9 pm; Saturday, March 22, until 9 pm; Sunday, March 23, finals 1-6 pm.

Netballers' triple treat

Warrandyte Netball Club have brought home three flags from the Doncaster competition finals.

The premiership combinations were the open team, the under-14A, coached by Sandy Gangell, and John Delaney's under-14B side.

The open team comprised Natalie Manser, Robyn Clarke, Malia McIntyre, Sandra Withers, Denise and Michelle Gandy, Judy McWhinney and Louise Badman.

All finals were hard-fought affairs and the open clash was described as a real grudge match. The under-14A girls got home by a solitary goal.

Warrandyte hopes to field eight teams in the winter competition, which begins next month.

New players are welcome (particularly in the open, under-12 and under-10 divisions) and registration forms are available from president Sue Hollyoak (437 1491).



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