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Seeing red over St Louis blues

It was brutal, I tell you. I was totally unprepared. "Take your shoes off," she said. I was sitting down enjoying a stubby and 'Days of our Lives' and, you know how it is, you'll do anything to stop the nagging. So I slipped them off and slipped back into the beer.

And?

She picked them up, opened the front door and threw them out!

Which shoes were . . . ?

The brogues, chum of my childhood, the brogues. The genuine Irish brogues. Guaranteed simulated Polish leather uppers and Korean substitute rubber soles. Eighty dollars at Eastland. The St Louis blues I'd been wearing for three years, rain, hail or shine.

I remember. The black ones.

They were brown, actually. I just didn't clean them that often.

Go on.

Well, the dog probably thought they were a couple of lumps of steak because she grabbed them and shot through. I found one of them two days later buried under the mock orange. I reckon she swapped the other for the bag of rubbish she stole from somewhere and re-arranged over the driveway.

And you remonstrated with Madame?

That, as you well know, my old pal, is a very thankless task. But I was all fired up. A bloke can't go to work in thongs, after all. Well, you can, but Workcare doesn't cover you if you drop a frozen can on your unprotected tootsies.

Shame, that.

Yeah, well . . . I suggested politely that perhaps Carlton's loss in the big one had left her temporarily bereft of her senses, that her well-known propensity to violence at the time of the full moon was exhibiting itself and finally that she might be the first woman to visit the same if she didn't come up with some suitable footwear tout suite.

Tout suite?

That's Frog for ten minutes before yesterday. But she had it all planned. "Here you go, my love," she says. "A new pair of shoes for youse." And there they were, a couple of perfectly formed brown cut-off winklepickers. "How much do I have to pay?" I said gaily.

How much?

Not a sausage, old mate. When Uncle Cecil visited . . . you remember Uncle Cecil?

Jack's brother from the West? Great bloke. And Fay was a treat.

Quite right. Cecil takes a 7½ and accidentally bought a size seven. So he bequeathed the little lovelies to me.

So you're set?

Set? You're joking! I take a size eight. The plates are killing me. But try to tell that to her . . .

Big tennis tourney is on the way

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte will further consolidate its position on the international tennis circuit over the coming weeks with the staging of the second Satellite Classic Tournament at the tennis club courts.

The classic, an integral part of the Davis Cup Foundation satellite circuit, will begin on Monday, November 17, and run through until Saturday, November 22.

An impressive line-up of overseas and Australian top-class players and up-and-coming stars is already assembling for the event.

More than 100 entrants are expected, including players from Britain, the US, Canada, South Africa, Pakistan, India, France and Mexico.

The first Warrandyte Classic, held last year, was won by star NSW player Peter Doohan, now based in Little Rock, Arkansas. He defeated Canadian Chris Pridham in the singles final.

As well as winning Warrandyte, Doohan captured the Australian Hardcourt Championship and later beat such players as Wally Masur, Brad Drewett, Darren Cahill and Mark Kratzmann in reaching the finals of the South Australian and Victorian Opens.

The Warrandyte Classic is the final round of the satellite circuit, and is part of the elimination process for the Masters tournament at Yarra Valley, leading to the Australian Open.

Apart from the prize money, which totals US\$5000, success at Warrandyte scores points on the computer world ranking, admitting players to the bigger tournaments.

Tournament co-ordinator and local club official Ian Ennis explained how Warrandyte managed to secure such a prestigious event.

"Following the continuing success of our Gold Town Open in March each year, we were approached by the Victorian Tennis Association on behalf of the Davis



Last year's winner Peter Doohan went on to bigger things.

Cup Foundation and the LTAA, and asked if we would like to stage the final tournament on the satellite circuit.

"This was a great honor to the club, and although we knew it would involve us in a fearful amount of work, we had confidence in our members and our club, so we agreed.

"Quite apart from its value in

focusing the attention of the tennis world on Warrandyte for that week in November, it also makes a valuable contribution to the club's finances. All entry fees go to the club and profits from catering and refreshments help immensely."

The classic is a fitting culmination to a quiet tennis revolution that has been taking place in Warrandyte over the past few years.

With the building of the new courts at the Recreation Reserve and the re-siting of the club from its old riverbank home below the bridge, progress has been dramatic.

First the new, uniquely-sited, elevated clubhouse was built — largely by local volunteer labor — and the courts were floodlit. Then the courageous step of launching the Gold Town Open was taken, with great success.

Finally the satellite tournament was secured, prompting extensions that doubled the size of the clubhouse and provided first-class amenities.

Club membership has grown spectacularly during this time, with members playing in various competitions at all levels. Particular emphasis has been placed on activities for junior players.

"One important aspect of staging the tournament in Warrandyte," Ian Ennis said, "is the opportunity it gives our young members to mix with these international standard players and watch them in action."

Most of the satellite competitors are billeted with local families, and many friendships have been forged. A number of the players returned to their Warrandyte "homes" when they came back to Melbourne to compete in both the Victorian and Australian Opens.

A special feature of the satellite tournament is the night matches, played under lights, giving locals a unique opportunity to watch first-class tennis, free of charge and close to home.

"The players were most impressed by this aspect of our tournament," Ian Ennis said. "They enjoyed playing to comparatively large and appreciative audiences. The total number of spectators exceeded 2000. This is unusual on the satellite circuit."

There is a distinct feeling around the Warrandyte Tennis Club that even with the successful Satellite classic they have not yet achieved their final goal.

"Perhaps we'll score the Australian Hardcourt Championships one day," Ian Ennis laughingly concluded.

Prosecution over trees

The manager of Warran Glen Nurseries and two employees are being prosecuted by council for allegedly removing five eucalypts from the roadside outside the nursery in June.

The nursery manager, Mr Raper, says the trees hindered motorists' visibility.

The nursery has offered to replant the area.

The Warrandyte Environment League reported the matter to Doncaster and Templestowe Council

and the Road Construction Authority.

Cr Ken McKenzie has called the destruction of the trees "outright vandalism".

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month, Jarod took the under-14 singles title at the Australian White Water Slalom Championships on the Howqua River, near Mansfield. Kaine, who won four gold medals, missed out on the under-18 singles title by a tenth of a second.

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"Board of Jerks" reads the graffiti scrawled across the workmen's amenities caravan. But it's just not true. Mates of Smokey, who are among the chosen being connected to the outside world of severed civilisation, report that the blokes in hard hats are leaving gardens, bushland, fences and paths better than they found them.

They tunnel under large trees, remove rubbish and generally behave like they live here. And they must have the best plant nursery in Melbourne. Smokey takes pleasure in awarding each and every one the Great Grand Order of the Golden Gumnut.

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It's easy to find the Pinder boys when the river's running high. They'll be in their kayaks at the end of The Tunnel doing loops in the waves. Jarod (13) and Kaine (16), of Everard Drive, each started to kayak and walk at roughly the same time, having inherited the love of the sport from dad, Trevor. Last

Bearing in mind what the consequences might be, Smokey considers it unwise of David Hart to admit that he has struck gold. He did, you know, while turning dirt at the back of the Grand Hotel, the pub he co-manages very efficiently. A nice nugget conservatively estimated at an ounce and a half. Unwise? Yeah, well we don't want the developers drifting in and staking out bits of the public bar, do we?

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Watchers are needed

Warrandyte is about to become part of the police Neighborhood Watch program.

Rosalie Vlek, of Valias Street, says the scheme has already started under the guidance of Heidelberg Police and a considerable number of signatures have been obtained.

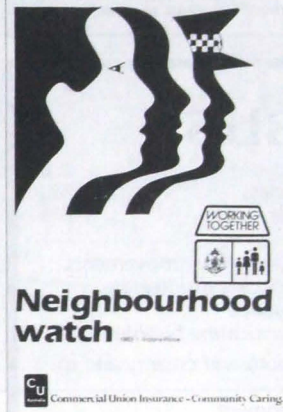
"But the area intended to be covered by the scheme is so vast that it is extremely difficult to visit each residence personally to sign up people for the program."

So five spots have been designated where people can sign up. Mrs Vlek hopes that Warrandyte residents will sign by October 31 so a Neighborhood Watch can be operating by the start of the Christmas season.

The five "signature depots" are: North Warrandyte Kindergarten, the police station, the post office, the newsagency and the Warrandyte Tennis Club.

Neighborhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program, aimed particularly at cutting down burglaries, which police say happen at the rate of one every seven minutes in Victoria.

An area of about 600 residences is defined and an area co-ordinator is appointed from among the volunteers. This co-ordinator liaises with police and citizens.



The Neighborhood Watch . . . designed by none other than our own cartoonist, Jock.

Each are is divided into zones, each of about 30 houses.

Residents taking part in the scheme are encouraged to have their valuable household equipment marked for easy identification and told how to safeguard their houses.

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Lions help High School with cash, computer

Warrandyte Lions have given \$2500 to the Warrandyte High School council to help buy equipment for the new school buildings. The club has also handed over a new Apple computer.

A new project offered by the Lions is to help develop the grounds, donating both money and labor.

Gordon Sanson, who is the council's acting president, says: "Help with the transformation of the present rather muddy site into grassed and landscaped areas would undoubtedly be very much appreciated by everyone at the school."

He goes on: "The school council would like to express publicly its heartfelt thanks to Lions for their

generosity with all their efforts."

Mr Sanson says work on the new buildings is progressing well, and they will be occupied at the beginning of the 1987 school year.

"On a recent site tour parents and students were especially impressed by the exciting and versatile theatre and gymnasium complex, which will be available for community use.

He says the whole school community, and particularly the students, seem to have accepted with enthusiasm the adoption of uniforms, which are being worn by Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils.

Year 10 students will be in uniform next year.

Why not hire a trier?

Each month we publish the names of two job seekers. If you need a job done we ask you to hire, as a community service, one of our triers.

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Ah, sweet mystery of life ... confound you!

There is a type that is commonly described as the "girl next door": pretty face, healthy body and a hint of hidden sensuality.

The trouble is, they never really do live next door. Girls like Susan Bromford live next door. And although Susan had a healthy body that could pin me to the pavement quicker than King Kong Bundy, she looked no more like Sandra Dee than he did.

Susan's only real asset was prox-

imity. And the chance to discover her hidden sensuality.

So I played mothers and fathers with Susan Bromford, and the mysteries of life remained a mystery. Every time I acted like a father, she pinned me to pavement.

The funny thing was that she never pinned Tommy Munro to the pavement when he acted like a father. Quite the reverse.

In any case, I discovered that watching mothers and fathers was more fun than playing it yourself.

Review

ALAN CORNELL

the wisdom of which was confirmed recently watching the Warrandyte Drama Group's production of a wonderful romp of the same name.

Martin Walker acted like a father, but was only acting; Elaine Henderson acted like a mother but was only acting on behalf of Carol

Keating. Carol sat by and acted as though she didn't mind, and Don Macrae sat by Carol until he decided to act, too.

The story runs that Sally, played by Carol, cannot conceive, and Bernard, played by Marton, cannot conceive that he might be to blame. Being a solicitor, he solicits a surrogate mother and chooses Geraldine, played by Elaine, for the job, which frankly was the only good decision he made all night.

But the best-laid plans sometimes

go astray, and after six months' hard work the contract had not been filled. On the other hand, Geraldine's traffic cop husband Terry, played by Don, soon has success on both fronts, proving once again that when it comes to virility you can't go past a man on a motorbike.

Martin & Carol & Don & Elaine had more fun playing Bernard & Sally & Terry & Geraldine than Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice.

For my part I was happy to watch.

BUBBLES

*Bubble, bubble, toil, and trouble . . .
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As they twirl and turn
their shiny clear coating enlarges their movements.
Slowly and gracefully their bodies disintegrate,
and all that is left is the fragrance
and illusion of the round intoxicating bubbles.
Step by step they grow, smooth and creamy and to
hold
them would be a magical moment.
Look at them floating away in their own world,
full of contentment and peace,
Soundless and sometimes motionless,
Their brilliant colors welcomed by all who see.
As they drift along the sky or water-beds,
to see them free from all the troubles of
everyday living, and to think all they are . . .
Momentary, exasperating, BUBBLES.*

— Anita Wilson,
Year 11, Warrandyte High

Hill backs bike path

The Member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, is backing a scheme to build a bike path alongside the Yarra River in Warrandyte.

Mr Hill said the Melbourne Bike Plan proposed a bike path be developed on the south side of the Yarra River from west of Stiggart Street to north of Tills Drive. He has called on Doncaster/ Templestowe Council to apply for a government grant to help build a bike path.

"Bicycles are an excellent form of transport in and around Warrandyte. They are cheap to run, provide good exercise, and don't damage the environment.

"But if we are to encourage bike riding we must first and foremost make it safe. A bike path along the river would ensure safe and pleasant riding in Warrandyte. I urge Doncaster/ Templestowe Council to take up the offer from the Road Traffic Authority for funds for bicycle engineering works," Mr Hill said.

CAB opens its doors to business

The Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau is open for business in its temporary headquarters at the back of the Community Centre.

And it was a true community effort that got the bureau on its feet: Rotary found a desk for the volunteers and Eltham Council came up with a grant for a typewriter. Sally George is organising the office routine.

Thea Webb is in charge of pamphlets. At the moment the bureau has information on:

HARP: Free home inspection and renovation advice for the elderly;

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Volunteers are still needed to staff Warrandyte's own Citizens Advice Bureau. They should ring Jenny Harkin (home: 844 2663).

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Back to work soon at Post Office

The Post Office Preservation Group has got over a minor financial hiccup and work on renovating the old slice of Warrandyte history should resume soon.

Work had been at a standstill for six months because the group had only \$11,000 or so to go on with. But the Citizens' Advice Bureau, which will have its headquarters in the post office, sent letters to both councils seeking more money.

Doncaster Templestowe has promised \$14,000 and the Shire of Eltham says it will give \$10,000. The cash should come through in the next two months.

Jo Laurence writes in the latest edition of the Warrandyte Historical Society newsletter: "These welcome grants will allow the preservation group to have a well-earned rest from their constant fund-raising activities."

The group has raised nearly \$30,000 since the fire that burned out the building in 1980.

There's to be one last push, however. The group will be raffling fine handmade jewellery donated for the cause by local silversmith Simon Baigent.

Tickets will be on sale at local shops or through any member of the preservation committee. Anyone wanting to help sell tickets can contact Jo on 844 3694 or Priscilla (844 2761).

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TV yarn animates so many locals

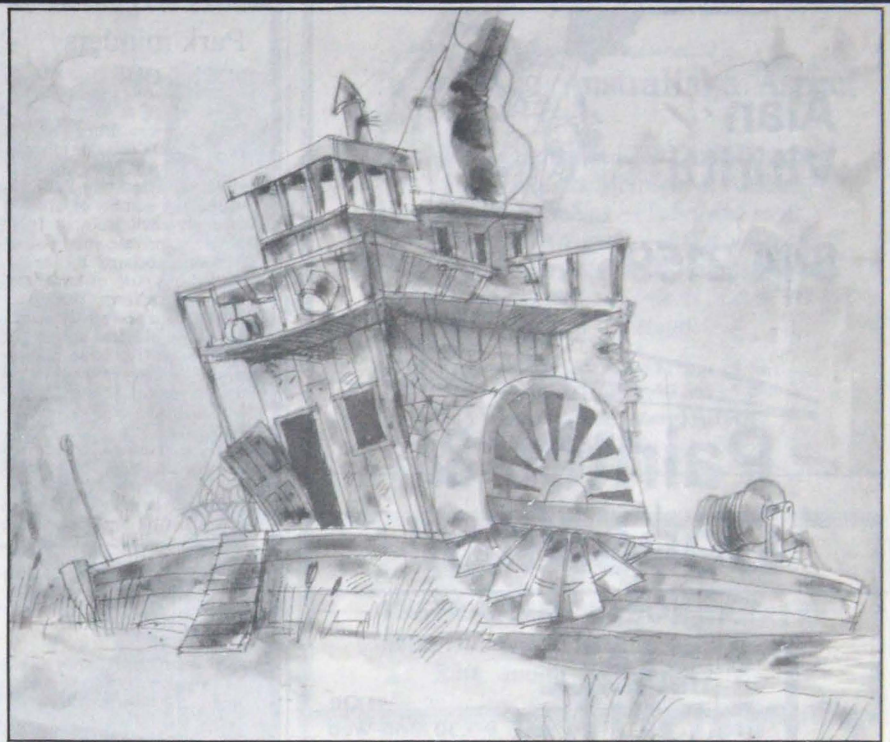
A fire-breathing bunyip, River Murray paddlesteamers, a bush-ranger who turns to pirating and an exciting chase by hot-air balloon and steam train all feature in local film-maker Paul Williams' latest project.

Entitled 'The Steam-Driven Adventures of Riverboat Bill' the recently completed, full-length animated TV film is Paul's fourth production.

The screenplay was written by another local, Cliff Green, and is based on the first two stories in his well-known series of children's books.

Paul's earlier films have all sold well around the world, including the US, Canada, Britain and Europe. His previous film, 'The Phantom Tree House', was recently bought by the BBC.

Paul's interest in the Riverboat Bill books as likely source material for an animated film was kindled



Illustrations from the film.

a number of years ago when his older son Ben brought home one of the books from primary school.

"I had long wanted to do a film set on the River Murray," Paul explained. "Then I read Cliff's books and realised I had a story ready-made. What's more the author was living right here in Warrandyte."

"I approached Cliff and found that he had written a screenplay based on the first two books and was looking for a producer. As the original script was designed for live action filming, we worked together adjusting it to suit animation."

Paul and Cliff are not the only Warrandyte folk involved in the production of "The Steam-Driven Adventures of Riverboat Bill."

Gus McLaren, well-known local potter and artist has done a lot of the animation work. Children's voices in the film have been provided by Beate Harrison and Paul's sons, Ben and Adam. The sound recordist was Brian Lawrence.

Camera operators have included Maureen Geldard and Nancy McGregor, Joanne Newman, Jewell Berringer, Lorraine Green, Diane Nightingale and Colleen Baines all worked as tracers and painters and

Joyce Wilks helped with track reading.

The 75-minute film, costing several hundred thousand dollars to produce, was financed by a number of private investors, with help from Film Victoria. It took two years to make, from the commencement of script development, through to delivery of the final answer print.

In the meantime, Cliff Green has written a third book in the series, entitled "Riverboat Bill Steams Again." Paul is hopeful of filming a sequel and Cliff has just finished a screenplay based on the new book.

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Park minders speak out

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Warrandyte State Park is comprised of a number of Crown Land reserves each isolated from the other by private subdivisions but loosely associated by the narrow continuous strip of land along the banks of the Yarra. There is a touch of magic to the place; scenic, historical, biological and geological features attract large numbers of people to an area which is no further from Melbourne than Ringwood is.

The park is particularly enjoyed by those of us so fortunate as to live nearby. It is, however, a public asset, established by an act of parliament to be made available for the benefit of all and to be preserved

and protected for the enjoyment and use of this and future generations.

Around 380,000 people visit the park annually and the pressures placed upon the environment need to be controlled to minimise their impact. This does mean that vehicular access has to be limited by closing tracks and providing car parks, pedestrian and equestrian movements restricted to defined trails, canoes launched using only the facilities provided and swimmers and fishermen encouraged to confine their recreation to suitable locations. All of this to prevent destruction of vegetation, soil erosion and degradation of faunal habitat.

Regulations and their attendant boards are there because not all visitors (or neighbors) are responsible in their use of the park. Nature walks provide an educational forum for some 10,000 schoolchildren who visit on an organised basis

Pines, not gates, need attention

As a resident with family roots going back to the early days of gold mining in the area, I am appalled and angry to find that I am now excluded from the Fourth Hill tunnel.

Generations of children have grown up in the area without coming to any harm. Exploring the mines and roaming the bush was one of the things that made Warrandyte such a good place to bring up a family.

Like Ian Gedge, I don't know of anyone who has ever been hurt in the mines, and there are few boys who grew up in the area who haven't climbed the air shaft, before the Mines Department filled it in in the late 50s and early 60s.

The area should be left in its natural state, free from the development and improvements which inevitably follows the publicity once an area becomes a State or National Park. More people are attracted, and they in turn require more facilities.

The work of the park rangers has been excellent up to date, providing basic requirements for the park and guided tours for those who want them. But there are still many people who don't want to be organised.

The highlight of a trip to Warrandyte for the family, friends and children of residents has been a tour of the mines, long before there was a State Park.

As a bushwalker I've visited so many areas where once you could walk all day without seeing another person, or even a track. Now the same areas are a network of roads, tracks, steps and iron rails.

There are even fences around mountain peaks which not so long ago took a day's walk and a free climb at the end to reach the top.

I fear that the people who first fought to preserve the Warrandyte area will be sadly disappointed if any of them are around to see it all in 20 years time.

The only work that does need urgent attention is the removal of the pine trees, which are fast turning areas of the reserve into a pine forest. This despite the clearing of more than 1500 young pines from about three hectares of park in the past eight or nine years.

It is ironical that draining the water from the entrance to the tunnel has made access easy, and reopening the air shaft no doubt encourages people to climb it.

Both undertakings have been carried out since the area became a State Park, and are now used as an excuse for locking the tunnel.

Bruce Bence

Positive feedback

My husband informs me we don't have enough "positive feedback" these days, so I am writing with just that in mind.

I have two teenagers who go to Warrandyte High School, and I am very pleased with the new school uniform.

Gone are all the "heavy metal" jackets (I'm not knocking them: my son has one and I sewed the patches on!). Gone are the many other trendy outfits that really don't belong at school.

In place of all this we have a

letters

each year, apart from the great number of casual users who take home 50,000 brochures in the same period. The benefits of fencing off areas to allow revegetation to occur must be obvious to anyone who can remember the condition of the reserves a decade ago and yes, we do use treated pine to reduce the demands for posts placed on our dwindling hardwood forests.

The future of the mines on Fourth Hill appears of particular concern to your readers as it certainly is to us. Many more people either live in or visit the Warrandyte area than in years past and the mines are subsequently a greater attraction not only for those who wish to explore their history but also for those who abuse and vandalise public property wherever

uniform that is very smart and looks marvellous on all who are wearing it.

The students, I feel, are also happy with it, and I firmly believe that it engenders pride in appearance and a feeling of belonging.

My congratulations go to those who implemented and chose the uniform. Well done.

A very pleased and proud parent

Putting our foot in it?

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A design committee, charged with the task of keeping the streets of Bandung, West Java, free of horse manure, came up with rubber pants made from old car tyres that neither leak nor chafe the horses — and cost only \$3.30 each.

This was in *The Age*. Perhaps someone could find out more and try it at Warrandyte before we are all buried under the stuff.

Even up in the park areas near the orchids (now coming out), the "foreign" weeds are growing in the manure on paths, etc and so will probably "take over" in a few years.

Joan Ragg,
South Warrandyte

More facts on the tunnel

On reading the letters in the September Diary concerning a gate

Church fete

The annual Uniting Church fete will be held in the church grounds, opposite the oval, on Saturday, November 22, starting at 9.30 am.

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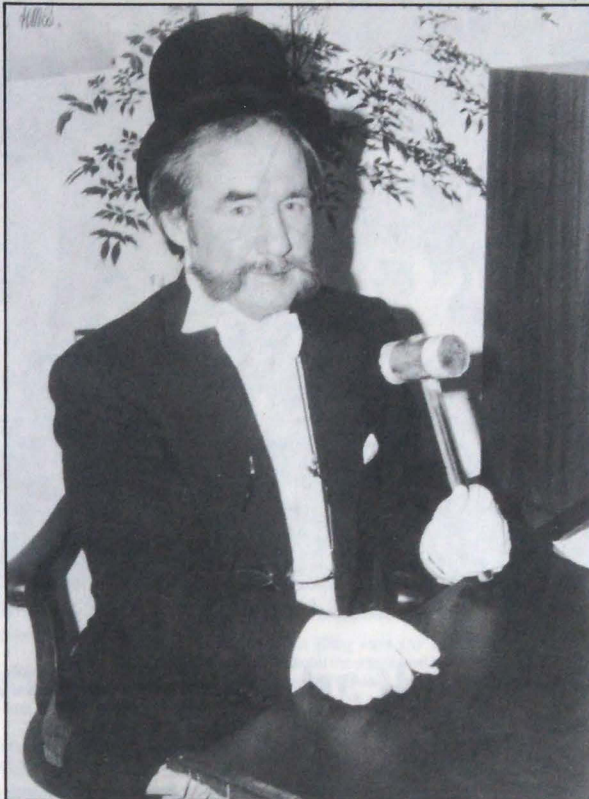
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they go. It is because of the irresponsibles who are lighting fires, drinking and breaking the bottles, scrawling graffiti on the walls or daubing them with paint, and actively excavating the leads that we are forced to gate the entrance to the tunnel.

You will no doubt be interested that the Lions Club have approached us with an offer of assistance with both labor and finance to carry out restoration and safety works on several of the shafts which will otherwise be closed permanently by the Mines Inspector. We hope this will include cleaning out the tunnel floor to allow the elderly and disabled to experience the pleasures enjoyed by the more active members of society. I would therefore prevail upon everyone interested in preserving the magic of Warrandyte to lend a hand to our efforts to mind their park.

Ken Gurney,
Ranger-in-Charge



Why is this respected citizen dressed up like a member of the Undertakers' Glee Club? Find out on Page 9.

being placed on the Fourth Hill Tunnel I became alarmed, as I consider this to be one of the biggest attractions in that section of the State Park.

I often take groups through this tunnel, both day and night, and almost every time someone else is exploring there. I had heard of some mis-use of the tunnel but wondered why 99.99 per cent of people who do the right thing should miss out because of a minority. However, before I reacted further I decided to ring Ken Gurney, the head ranger, and was told the following:

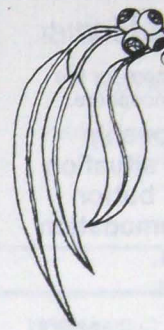
A gate has already been made and will be erected in the future, the reasons being that people are constantly digging, fires are lit, and graffiti and rubbish left behind.

He intends to leave the gate open during the day and closed each night, apparently when most of the above happens. Any group which uses the tunnel at night would be given keys.

Further improvements will be made so that even the disabled will be able to explore. The Lions Club is also going to help improve the tunnels. Concerning the Victory Mine in Whipstick Gully, one of the richest of Warrandyte mines, the front section will be left open but the higher tunnel at the back, which is unsafe, will have a grille placed across it to prevent entry but will still allow people to see in.

The Mines Department still has to make a safety check on the Johnson Tunnel up from the Gold Memorial.

John Hanson



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Brian Armstrong talks to ERA students (from left) Lincoln Dent, Simon Dewer and Simon Rose.

Adult art classes now at ERA

Portrait painter Brian Armstrong of Warrandyte has set up studio for adult art classes in the new ERA Community Arts and Crafts Centre

in Springvale Road, Donvale. His mud brick studio and bushland surrounds have already attracted a number of beginners and

advanced students interested in learning the craft of traditional tonal painting.

"Proper training in this art is hard to find these days," said Brian who studied under painter Graham Moore for many years. His talent for painting was kindled, initially, at school by artist Ray Horsefield.

"I spent many lunch hours in the art room exploring the fascinating world and its different techniques under the watchful eye of Ray. The advantage of having professional expertise at school for me, was invaluable," said Brian.

"That is why ERA school's project of helping professional arts and crafts people run their own individual businesses on campus is so worthwhile to the community," he added.

Brian teaches ERA students separately for three hours a week. His own adult day and evening classes also run for three hours with a maximum of 10 people a class.

Brian has run a painting school in Mornington and taught at the VAS. He has won Rotary art show awards and held several solo exhibitions.

His portrait work includes La Trobe University vice-chancellor David Myer, actor Terry Gill on display at Hawthorn's Bull and Bush Hotel, and a lot of children's work.

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Music hall beauties Bev Hanson (left) and Bev Jungwirth flank John Hanson.

Old time music hall raises \$3000

"Someone stole the toilet seat from the Warrandyte police station, and when asked how the investigation was going, Sergeant Beasley said they had nothing to go on."

Despite a standard of humor which rarely rose above that flash in the pan (pun intended), this year's Uniting Church Music Hall was a great success, raising some \$3000.

The show, played over four nights, was chaired with authority and a liberal supply of weak jokes by

Walter Magilton, and involved 60 or so Warrandyte citizens in its planning and execution.

Director Alan King says the music hall is a fun time for both those on stage and in the audience and is an ideal way of raising money for church projects.

Some of this year's funds went to buy a piano which was dedicated at a service on Sunday, October 12.



Two minutes to curtain, and Libby Skeels adjusts the tie of moderator Walter Magilton.

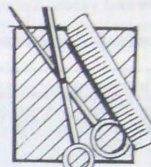
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Hope of Warrandyte arrives

October, 1886: The formal starting and christening of the engine erected on the Yarra Tunnel claim (Captain Selby's paddock), took place on Saturday, the 16th inst.

Messrs Eick and other Melbourne shareholders, with Mr Roberts, arrived at about 11 o'clock and proceeded at once to the claim. The orthodox ceremony was then proceeded with.

Mr Lewis Grant stated that the claim was started with a windlass; afterwards a waterwheel was erected and pumps put in the shaft, and now they were met to start an engine which had been necessitated by the increase of water.

On the success of this claim depended the future of the place. He had full faith in the claim and trusted that its success would be the means of initiating a new era in mining at Warrandyte.

Mr Grant complimented Mr Bradley, by whom and under whose direction the machinery had been erected, on the admirable and

How We Lived



A report 100 years old from the Warrandyte correspondent of the Evelyn Observer

successful style in which the work had been completed, and he felt sure that for durability of fixture and general completeness the work could not be surpassed in the country.

Mr A. Armstrong, mining surveyor, in wishing every success to the Company, stated the Yarra Tunnel reef was the most defined one for size and quality in the district; the body of stone averaging from 9 to 16 inches. He had great faith in the future and predicted a better state of things.

The ceremony of christening was then proceeded with. The engine having been started Miss Anne Grant (daughter of Mr Lewis Grant), holding the bottle of wine, said, in clear voice, I christen this engine "The Hope of Warrandyte."

The bottle was duly smashed on the fly-wheel amidst the loud and continuous cheering of those present.

Mr Eick stated that he had been connected with the district for over 20 years. He was very much pleased with the machinery and congratulated Mr Bradley on his efficient work. Although he had not been hitherto very successful in his ventures in this district he had great faith in this claim.

Captain Selby paid a very high compliment to Mr Grant, stating that

he had overcome all obstacles by sheer indomitable perseverance, and was sure that any other man under the circumstances with less stay in him would have been non-plussed. He hoped and felt confident that this venture would prove a better time for Anderson's Creek.

Messrs Christy and others also wished success to the undertaking, winding up with a cordial and enthusiastic vote of thanks to Miss Anne Grant and to the ladies present for their attendance.

The prosperity of the new venture having been duly drunk the company dispersed.

With other appliances 40 tons of quartz raised yielded 200oz smelted gold, averaging 5oz to the ton, with a reef from 9 to 16 inches thick.

FOUND DEAD

A magisterial inquiry took place at the Union Hotel, Warrandyte, on Tuesday last before Mr Wm Hutchinson JP, touching the death of a miner named Thomas Lepar, who was found dead in his hut, Ha'penny Gully, Nillumbik, near Anderson's Creek, early in the morning of the same day.

The deceased was in very poor circumstances, and had been ailing for some time. Since his circumstances were reported to the police Constable Arnold had daily visited him, and seen that he did not want for food.

A.V. Hutchinson MD, residing at Lilydale (sworn)—I made a post mortem examination on a man known as Thomas Lepar, and find the cause of death has been inflammation of the lungs, combined with heart disease. There were no external marks or violence on the body. All the organs were in good condition.

W.H. Hobson (sworn)—I have seen the dead body, and recognise it as the body of Thomas Lepar, who resided in a hut close to me in the Ha'penny Gully. I have known the deceased for about one and a half years. I am quite satisfied that Constable Arnold did all he could for him whilst he was alive. I went with him and examined the body after death; there was no appearance of a struggle.

The magistrate found that Thomas Lepar died at Ha'penny Gully, Nillumbik, from inflammation of the lungs, combined with heart disease.

The Young Colonial Company ("Jones's Tribute") intend crushing in a day or two. I understand it is their intention to commence sinking the shaft again, and erecting a whim for that purpose.

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Tenders have been called for the long-awaited project following Town Planning and Health Department approval of plans.

Final plans and specifications have gone to Doncaster and Templestowe City Council and their approval is regarded as a formality.

The new premises, to be shared by the local cricket and football clubs, will bring the pavilion into line with amenities available at other suburban grounds in the eastern district.

The two clubs are seeking loans (in \$100 units) and donations to the pavilion building fund.

Enquiries should be made in writing to Box 151, Warrandyte Post Office.

Wanted: Little athletes

The new Little Athletics season is off and running and Maroondah, the club which caters for all schools in North Ringwood, Warrandyte and Park Orchards, is seeking new members.

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full program of running, jumping, throwing and walking events.

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Enquiries should be directed to Rob McNaught (873 5725) or Barry Thompson (876 3643).

Seniors on the move

Members of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre enjoyed a ladies coffee night at the Gospel Hall last month. This was followed by a film show and supper.

In other activities, members went on a day trip to Gumbuya Park and staged a variety show at the centre.

Guides need some help

Warrandyte's Guides, Brownies and Rangers need a bit of a helping hand.

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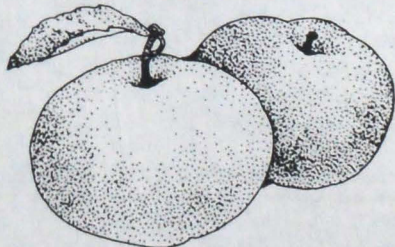
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Young Bloods' finest hour

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Two Warrandyte players were sent off after an incident with 10 minutes to play. But the "impossible" circumstances brought out the best in the team who had qualified on top of the ladder and comfortably beaten Boronia in the second semi-final.

The Bloods hit back hard, were six points in front with three minutes to go and hung on to win by five — 9.9 (63) to 8.10 (58).

Team officials declined to nominate Warrandyte's best

players, describing the win as "a team effort in every sense".

Warrandyte Football Club's senior presentation night was held late last month. The winners:

SENIORS

Best and fairest: Len Halley 1, John Majoor 2, Robin Golding 3.

Daryl Valentine Perpetual Shield (most determined): Mick Hassall.

Most consistent: Gerald Walshe.

RESERVES

Best and fairest: Bruce Onken 1, Michael Sporton 2, David Gray 3.

Jeff Darby Perpetual Trophy (most determined): Roger Dalli.

Most improved: Carl Hammond.

Coach's award: John Kriete-meyer.

Best clubman: Ray Walshe.

The clubman award was made to Mr Walshe in recognition of his outstanding behind-the-scenes services over a long period.



Back row: Matthew Drew, Dale Comrie, Lachlan McLean, Eugene Hansen, Matthew Luttick, Dale Vitiritti.

Second back row: Adam Smark, Josh Revell, John Colenso, Jarrod Dickson, Stewart Bardwell, Tony Groves, Jason Marceddo, Christian Guskich, Kimberley O'Connor, Eric Houghton (Assistant Coach).

Seated: Terry O'Connor (Property Manager), Cam Day, Michael Curry (Vice Captain), Tahn Reid, Steven Yoannidis (Captain), Nathan Croft, Rodney Valentine, Bill Luttick (Coach).

Seated at front: Chris Smirnis, Matthew Hurley, Duc Reid.

Jeff Reddie bows out

Jeff Reddie, Warrandyte Football Club president for the past two years, will not seek re-election.

"Pressure of business has largely influenced my decision not to seek a third term," Mr Reddie told the Diary. "Besides, I do not believe long-term occupancy of such a position is

conducive to the ongoing input of ideas.

"I shall certainly be remaining a loyal and vocal supporter of the Bloods."

Office-bearers will be elected at the annual general meeting at North Warrandyte Community Centre on November 26.

For Warrandyte bowlers, the news is all good

Work has started on the construction of two greens at the newly-formed Donvale Bowls Club, on the corner of Reynolds and Springvale Roads.

And a general meeting will be held this month to elect club office-bearers.

The developments will be applauded by Warrandyte lawn bowls enthusiasts, who have long sought a local venue for their sport.

The club has been run by a steering committee since April and is seeking maximum membership. It is also seeking as many young and

new bowlers as possible and coaching will be available.

The general meeting will be held at Doncaster Bowls Club, J.J. Tully Drive, on Tuesday, October 28, starting at 7.30 pm. The steering committee will report on progress so far and a RVBA executive member will be on hand to answer questions.

All members are prospective members are urged to attend.

Enquiries about the club can be made to Jim Morrison (842 7292) or Barry Bowen (844 2799).



Kimberley O'Connor receives his under-16s best and fairest award from Roger Drew (right). It is a Warrandyte Lions Club award and Mr Drew officiated in a dual capacity as under-16s team manager and a Lion representing president Gerald Morrow. Also in the picture is Eric Houghton, assistant coach and himself a Lion. Mr Houghton presented the Houghton Perpetual Trophy to another under-16s star, Stewart Bardwell.

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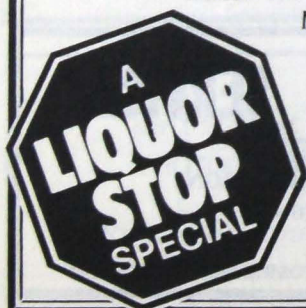
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