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Never mind the width, feel the quality

All right. Don't mind if I do. There's something different about the *Diary* this month. I can't quite put my finger on it. It's gone tabloid, old son.

The paper seems the same, and they haven't changed the type. Jock's in, and so are the regular features. Has Murdoch taken over? Or Holmes a Court? Or Bondie?

No it's become a tabloid

No, it's become a tabloid.

The ads seem to be the same. Bit more space around some of them. Pictures. Is it the

Chum of my childhood, I'11 say it once Chum of my childhood, I'll say it once more. The Warrandyte Diary has changed to tabloid. It has increased in size to what is a standard format for a lot of newspapers, towhit the Diamond Valley Whatsit, the Doncaster Templestowe Whatever, the Melbourne Sun News Pictorial and the London Daily Mail.

You don't say.

I do say.
Why?
Order us two more and I'11 explain.



The old size was what they call in the printing trade...,you'll excuse my French...a bastard measure, neither one thing or the other. When they started off the *Diary* more than 12 years ago they adopted that odd size, somewhere between A4 and tabloid, for reasons which are hidden in the mists of time and beer-blown brain cells. The best guess is that the Diary's first printer had paper stock of that size that he was willing to flog off cheaply.

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I'm with you.

So these days the *Diary* has a different printer, and it causes all sorts of problems to trim paper to the *Diary* size. But every Johnny with an offset press can accomodate tabloid size. And remember, the *Diary* was bouncing between 12 and 16 pages every edition. This gives the editor the chance to settle on 12 pages must times. settle on 12 pages most times.

And?
And, finally, it's more economical to settle
a standard tabloid size.
Ah, ha! Money. It always comes down to

woney.
Up to a point, old mate. But look at it this way. You'll be getting about 25 per cent more newspaper for the same price. And how much were you paying for it before?
Well, nothing. It says so up the top there, under the name, "priceless".
And so are you, Curly. It's your shout.

Double trouble tipped for flats

By CLIFF GREEN

The character of Warrandyte township will change forever if Government and Council planning policies already proclaimed are pursued to their full extent.

Under rules allowing 'closer density' housing, many residential blocks within the township area can be further subdivided, permitting two or more dwellings per block, subject to certain

Residents were alerted to the potential dangers of the new regulations when a sign appeared on a site at the corner of Yarra and Anderson Streets, formerly occupied by the late Miss Aggie Moore, advising of the new owner's intention to apply for a permit for 'dual occupancy' of the site.

A number of locals, and the Warrandyte Environment League, have lodged formal objections to this proposal with Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

WEL is objecting on the grounds that the proposed development is too intensive and is out of keeping with the character of the area. They believe the proposed subdivision would cause a loss of amenity to nearby residents.

"Our main concern however," WEL president Kevin Parker told the Diary, "is the precedent this sets for the future. If this permit is granted, it could result in the content of the proposed subdivision to the subdivision of the subdivision to the subdivision of the Residents were alerted to the poten-

If this permit is granted, it could result in an immediate domino effect, with a na in immediate domino effect, with a rash of similar applications and an upsurge of interest in township real estate, especially in the many older houses on blocks larger than the minimum size.

minimum size.
"Many of these houses could be demolished, their gardens uprooted and their sites covered with additional houses, flats and units. The special character of Warrandyte would be

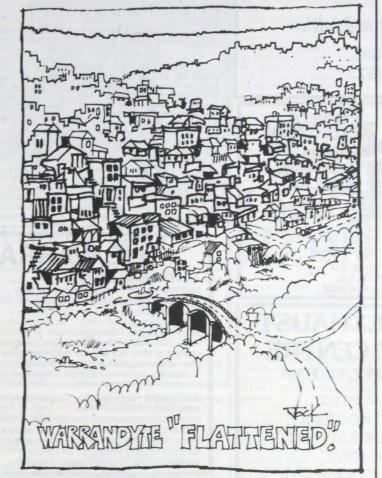
"Council should place a freeze on the residential C township area until the appropriateness of dual occupancy is resolved."

resolved."
Cr Ken McKenzie has expressed

ilar concerns.
'I support the basic principle of dual occupancy, designed as it is to provide accommodation for people with spe-cial needs, and to allow better use of resources and facilities, but only in areas where closer density is approp-

"The township of Warrandyte is not such an area. It is one of the most interesting and attractive precincts in





the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, if not the whole Melbourne area. More than 130 years of neighborhood history must not disappear beneath a spread of brick, concrete and bitumen. "Council and its officers have no intention of letting this happen. It is our hope that the rigorous upholding of special provisions under the regulations will enable us to protect Warrandyte. If this turns out not to be the case, we will press for Government recognition of Warrandyte township as an area of special interest, requiring additional protection."

The township of Park Orchards has been exempted from closer density zoning.

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Residents are asking why dual occupancy and closer density regulations have been applied to Warrandyte in the first place, encouraging developers to consider the area ripe for closer subdivision and lifting expectations among locals who find themselves tempted — or forced — to sell.

Much of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe has been recently subjected to closer density zoning. The Warrandyte township area has been zoned 'Density Area 4', the least dense of all, with a minimum of one resi

of all, with a minimum of one residence per 650 metres square. This

allows for a dwelling on each site of between one-fifth and one-sixth of an

However, few existing township blocks are this small. Some are quarter acre, many are a third to a half, a number are one acre or larger. All of these could be considered suitable for closer density development, subject to certain conditions.

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Few would argue the sense in granting a permit for a temporary 'granny that' on a large Warrandyte block. Under the existing rules, however, application can now be made — with some expectation of success — for a permit for up to five or six additional residences on a typical larger block.

Council may seek to control the situation by refusing permits, but the possibility of applicants succeeding on appeal to a higher tribunal would appear to be strong.

Ironically, the coming of sewerage, installed to enhance the environment, has made closer density possible. The need to contain sullage on residential blocks has protected us in the past.

The dangers to our township are real and immediate. Urgent resident action is needed if they are to be averted.

Page 11: Map, letter

Chapel buys squash centre

The Gospel Chapel has bought the Warrandyte Squash Centre and intends to hold its Sunday services

For the rest of the week the Yarra

For the rest of the week the Yarra Street centre will revert to its original purpose: squash courts. The chapel hall will remain as part of the church. As David Dawson, one of the committee appointed to oversee the move, put it: "There will be times when we will need to use the old hall.
"For instance, I don't think we'd be looking at having mid-week funerals or marriages in the squash centre."

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The Diary believes that various local groups would also object to the old hall being sold and then used for something other than religious meetings.

David Dawson says the reason behind the squash centre buy was success. The Gospel Chapel is a growing church, but extensions on the present site were thought to be unfeasible. Buying land and putting up a new building were also unattractive because of the cost.

Chapel members began to think about taking over the squash courts, and late last year successfully approached the management.

David Dawson says the squash centre was doubly attractive.

The chapel could buy the centre without heavy cost to members, since the squash and gym business will help pay for the building.

A second point, says David Dawson, is that "leaders and members of the Gospel Chapel would rather be where the people are, making friends and sharing, and maybe helping those in need in our community."

Chapel leaders believe the centre can be run as a squash and gymnasium business for six days a week and then be turned into a meeting hall on the Sunday with little modification.

But they also intend to introduce 'a wide variety' of activities a' the centre, including counselling.

A new manager, P. 1 Byford, who married a Warradyte girl, Carole Johnson, began work at the centre on February 2.

Architect is named for slab hut

Work on the preservation and protection of the historic slab cottage in Castle Road is expected to begin during 1987.

The National Trust, which has classified the cottage and is now its legal owner, has informed the local committee of management that an

committee of management that an architect, Mr Jonathan Wade, has

been appointed to design and supervise the project.

This month the *Diary* brings you once again its guide to what's on in the fileds of learning and is sure in the coming year. You find this comprehensive list in the center omprehensive list in the center pages.

The Dairy's solicitors, Messrs Su. Carboit and Runne, advise that is newspaper cannot be held responsible for any reader takes up the tarot card cours then finds that Auntie Stelle nagone against the prophecy and failed to leave him/her/it the and Coast properties.

The Warrandyte sub branch of the Returned Services League has moved to distance itself from the recent comments of the RSL state secretary, Bruce Ruxton.

arly in January Mr Ruxton said and black South African archbishop Desmond Tutu was visiting Australia to "breathe hatred". He also described him as a "witchdoctor".

Mr Ruxton's remarks were quickly condemned by churchmen politicians and the Victorian's bosses.

In a letter to the *Diary*, Lyn Mitchell, secretary of the Warrandyte RSL sub branch, writes: "We, as a sub branch, are not too happy with recent actions of and remarks

with recent actions of and remarks by Mr Ruxton."

Mr Mitchell says that Ruxton's ments might obscure the chart one work that is at the core of the P SL philosophy.

His letter continues: "We, the members and friend's of the Warrandyte sub gran n, would ke to clearly state to the chart of the property of the property

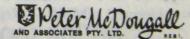
physical assistance to those who have served and are still serving their country in the Australian defence forces, and their families.

"The Victorian branch of the RSL has over the years built and now so bostels, flats and units in - 16 adities...for the care of the mainly aged ex-service men and women and widows...

"We appreciate and thank the members of our whole community for their assistance given in the past and which, we trust, will continue in the future."

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It's amazing whom you can meet in the main street. It's not unusual to come across Marion Francis, head woofer (with husband Ernie) of Yarrabrook Kennels, the holiday home for pampered Warrandyte pooches. But her companion was a little out of the ordinary.

Dominic Harris is a visiting International Dog Judge (doggy people tend to capitalise) from Ireland. To be exact, he lives in Kiltrle, County Meath. To be even more exact, says Dominic, Kiltrle has only two small shops, a church and — wait for it, folks — no pub. Dominic says it's the only town, village or hamlet in the Old Sod without a place to gargle.

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Dominic was in these parts to judge the International Dog Club championship at the Showgrounds. In the great Australian journalistic tradition this column asked Mr Harris his impression of Warrandyte after 24 hours' residence. "It's bigger than what I left behind," he replied.

Ah sure, blessed be Saint Patrick,

Ah sure, blessed be Saint Patrick, at least we have a pub.

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And, speaking of those lovely places, they do things differently up there on the Sapphire Coast. Smokey stopped in late one night at a Pambula hostelry for a bottle of port to brighten the darkness back at the tent in Eden he was inhabiting. He wandered across to the bottleshop in the main bar. No attendant. Five-minute wait. Finally, an elderly inebriated person (no, attendant. Five-minute wait. Final-ly, an elderly inebriated person (no, we mustn't call them old drunks) sidles up alongside. "No worries, mate," he slurs, unfolds the top of the bar and invites Smokey to go inside and make his selection. After a millisecond's hesitation, Smokey

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does. "No worries, love" echoes the barmaid from across the crowded room. Civilised people.

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But are we too civilised? It was at a motel in Bairnsdale. Smokey emerged for his 7 am scratch, yawn and stretch in the sun when he noticed the bridal car, still ribbon bedecked, three units down. How nice, he thought. An hour later the happy couple packed the car and drove off. Nice looking couple of blokes they were, too. blokes they were, too.

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She always manages to sneak one in. It was at the zoo, and Smokey was looking at those great shaggy beasts so beloved of the Western films of his youth. 'I hear the zoo's getting 10 more next year,' said madame. 'Oh, really', replied Smokey. 'Yes,' she said, 'it's to be a bison-tennery gift.'

But how the gods frown on people who make jokes as bad as that. A day later the allergy-wallah, who charges \$100 a sneeze, suggested that the cause of madame's runny eyes could be the result of exposure to the smell of newsprint and tobacco smoke. There's no way those two odors will disappear from Chateau Smokey.

The reporting may be slightly lacking in detail but Alice O'Leary's heart is in the right place and her news instincts true. She tells Smokey that the winner of the Warrandyte Womens Hospital Auxiliary Christmas raffle was B. Davison (the hamper), with second prize (the Christmas cake) going to "Madame Brown". And they are both Warrandyte folk, adds Alice.

A far better result than that achieved by the Warrandyte High School at its fete last year. As reported exclusively in the Diary, the organisers blew their raffle, with all prizes going to out-oftowners. The obvious solution is to let the fair Alice organise all Warrandyte raffles.

Smokey notes that Safeway over at Smokey notes that safeway over at the Pines shopping centre says it will deliver to "Park Orchids". Makes you wonder about other parts of Donc-aster. (Loyal readers please note: no more flower jokes will be entertained).

For nine months or so Warrandyte will miss the happy face of Sally George. As a dutiful wife Sally is accompanying husband Alan to Sarawak while he sorts out a few engineering problems. Sally was settling in nicely as information

officer of the Citizens Advice Bureau. Her place will be taken by Chris Stammers.

As if she hasn't got enough on her plate, Jean Chapman has now been appointed a justice of the peace. But don't spread it around. Jean doesn't want to be rung up at 3 am by drunks seeking bail.

Smokey Joe

Childcare pair appointed

The After-School Care Program is underway at Warrandyte Primary School. Joint co-ordinators Gail Brown

School.

Joint co-ordinators Gail Brown and Helen Rosmalen are mature local women who have had considerable experience in child care both with their families and in local programs. They will work on a jobsharing basis.

Their assistant is Leanda Bensch, another local with excellent credentials.

dentials.

Enquiries about the program may be made to Gail on 844 2497 or Helen on 876 3920.

Sole parents

The Sole Parent Support Group will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 2 pm in the Co-op to decide on plans for 1987.
All sole parents living in Warrandyte are welcome.

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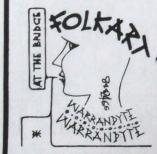
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Amid the muck. the CAB finds St Patrick

By JAN LIDDICUT
Mud, mud, glorious mud...there's nothing quite like it for cooling the blood. So says the song.
However on January 5, the Citizens Advice Bureau was awash with the stuff, and the floor of the meeting room in the community centre was sporting a new hue reflecting the Warrandyte spirit — mud yellow.
The CAB volunteer on duty for the day was in a bit of a flap. Whom do you contact when the council owns the site and the outside and WAC looks after the inside?

outside and WAC looks after the inside?

Our intrepid Diary reporter barged in and suggested a polite but assertive telephone call to council seeking help to lift the rotting and rank carpet tiles (some say they've been this way for years, but at least they didn't squelch and feel wet underfoot).

Of course the trouble is that our makeshift community centre doesn't have any proper drainage around it, and the stacks of beaut terracotta pipes which the Board of Works is storing out the back only added to the fury. A few laid around the back would be great.

Council did put in nice support posts and steps down to the temporary CAB, nicely stoned (the steps, not the workmen). It's just that the only place for the water and mud to go in a downpour is under the rotting door, deplete of a weatherstrip. The nice steps helped the water get away ... er, under ... quicker.

The story doesn't end here, and

the water get away ... er, under ... quicker.

The story doesn't end here, and despite the CAB volunteer being most politely advised by a council employee to write a letter (was this for an insurance claim or to get help?), we were left in the dark.

The bossy Diary reporter slipped a note under the volunteer insisting that she ask for help to lift the tiles which were getting smaller by the minute.

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Some say you should always go to the top when you want action, but if this exercise is any indication, then go to the workers.

Like a knight in a shining Toyota Hi-Ace van the depot assistant superintendent of works, Patrick Dan O'Connell, arrived barely 10 minutes after saying goodbye on the phone to inspect the damage and decide on action.

A quick call on the two-way and Russ and the boys bowled up in the other council Toyota charger (they're faster than horses at traffic iights) and strode in confidently with big towels.

Heck, a bigger job than first thought. A bit of sustenance in the van in the form of a light lunch and the boys sprang into action. They cleaned up the unsightly, stinky mess in about as quick a time as you can say 'Pat's your man'.

The point of this account is now apparent. Council officers frequently — some say usually — come in for a bit of verbal bashing. Whether that is justified or not, they certainly know how to choose the workers at Doncaster Templesthey certainly know how to choose the workers at Doncaster Temples

Patrick Daniel told us he was named after a saint. Around the CAB they think he is one.

Yooralla seeks aid

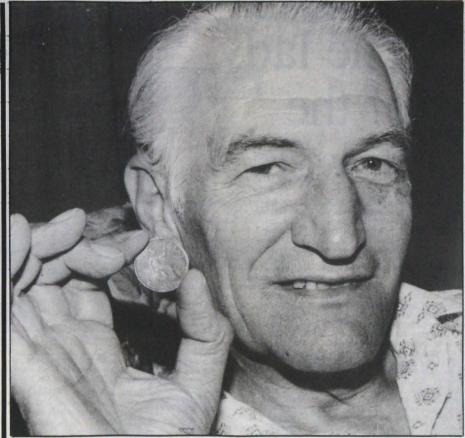
The Yooralla Society's Recreation The Yooralla Society's Recreation Department is seeking people aged between 18 and 24 years of age to participate in the leisure buddy program.

Leisure buddies are community volunteers who share their time, knowledge and experience with people with disabilities. Volunteers take part in a training program run by the Society which provides them with all necessary information and skills.

If you are interested in the

Information and skills.

If you are interested in the program please contact Fred Brumhead at the Yooralla Society of Victoria, phone 698 5222.



Penny that wasn't spent

It was after the deluge that Warrandyte endured in the early hours of January 3 that Eric Scrimshaw emerged to survey the damage.

The torrential rain had formed a small rivulet through the garden of the Scrimshaw's Yarra Street house. Amid the muck at the base of the new stream Eric spotted a round object.

object.
Picking it up he found it was an 1877 penny, minted in England and

in relatively good condition after all those years in the ground.

Eric's wife Muriel takes up the story: "We have had so much fun fantasising about who lost the penny and just how much it would have bought in 1877.

"Beside our house runs an 8-foot wide 'no man's land' laneway, marked on the earliest map of Warrandyte, which the prospectors

apparently used to push their carts down to the river to wash their gold," says Muriel Scrimshaw.

"It could easily be that the penny dropped out of the pocket of one of these miners during a trek to the Yarra. And here it is, all those years later, eventually coming to the surface.

"Strange how eventually the earth gives up its secrets."

Sunday school is on again

St Stephen's Anglican Church in Stiggant Street has recommenced its Sunday school classes and has some vacancies.
Classes are at 9 am and range from kindergarten to grade 6 level.

There is also a Bible study class for young people.
For information ring Sue Stevens on 844 3196.

Free concerts in the park

Doncaster/Templestowe has organised a series of free outdoor

entertainments as part of its Swing Through Summer program.

On Sunday, February 8, the Bushwazee Bush Band will play between 2 and 4 pm in the Municipal Gardens, George Street. The Melways reference is 33 F10 for the entrance to the park.

Same time, same place, a week later the program is "Jazz in the Gardens".

Festival theme is magic

The Warrandyte Festival is about to burst upon this unsuspecting hamlet again.

Lynne Cappellani, secretary of the organising committee, says that this year's festival — the tenth — will be bigger and brighter than ever

ever.

The dates to bear in mind are Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29.

March 29.
This year's theme is 'The Magic of Warrandyte'. Lynne hopes that this theme will conjure up weird and wonderful ideas for those taking part in the parade.
She envisages witches, wizards and goblins, all armed with wands and magic notions. Those with

and magic potions. Those with ideas are invited to call John Boyle on 844 3333.

The Saturday night will see an old-time dance held in the Senior Citizens' club rooms. Ring John Hanson on 844 3906.



Vacancies still exist for the festival market. Goods must be hand-made or home-grown. Appli-cations can be made through Ma-rylyn Parsons, 13 Koornung Cres-

And for the young, Warrandyte scouts are planning a waterslide attraction.

Local groups get \$13,000 in grants

Warrandyte community groups received over \$13,000 in the latest round of State Government Com-munity Service grants announced by the Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill.

Mr Hill said that the Youth Coffee Shop run by the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative has been granted \$11,413 for a coffee shop co-

The founding chairman of the Workshop Co-operative, Mr Hill said the coffee shop was a very important recreation centre for dozens of youths in Warrandyte. "It provides a great service for our young people. This grant shows the State Government is backing community initiative and encouraging youth services," he said.

Mr Hill also announced a \$1463 boost to the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau. The money will help purchase a computer-based information system for the use of the C.A.B. volunteers.

The Warrandyte Occasional Child Care Group also received a \$300 grant towards running ex-

Mr Hill explained that the grants were part of \$4.5 million allocated statewide by the Cain Government.

"The grants are an indication of the Government's commitment to support and encourage local partic-ipation in developing community services," he said.

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JEAN DOMEYER The lady of the

flowers

On December 6, 1986, Jean Domeyer died in the Donvale Private Hospital, after many years of ill-health. The Rev. Fishley conducted the funeral service in the Warrandyte Uniting Church, which was packed with her many friends, and she was buried in the Warrandyte Cemetery.

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Afterwards members of the Elderly Citizens Club and ladies from Uniting Church served tea and sandwiches in their club rooms. Our sympathy must go to Ted and lan in their great loss.

Jean Domeyer was born Jean Lochhead in Mildura on January 16, 1906. She must have been born with a keen sense of adventure, for history has it that as a young woman, she and a girlfriend careered all over New South Wales and Oueensland, covering some 4000 kilometres in a car that had seen better days - and what's more, wrote it all up in instalments for the local newspaper!

In Mildura she was famous for her pretty contralto voice and her beautiful garden. She won many prizes in singing competitions and

If bushfires ever threatened the Warrandyte area the human inhabitants could be at grave risk as others were on Ash Wednesdav in 1983. This article discusses the advantages and disadvantages of either evacuating the area or staying with your home to help save it. Many people have abandoned the safety of well-maintained homes and have taken to their cars to escape the fire "front". Any experienced firelighter will tell you that evacuation at the last minute has a very high risk. Crowded roads with low visibility (because of dense smoke) have a very high risk, and cars often malfunction in high temparatures. The traffic is bed

and cars often malfunction in high temperatures. The traffic is bad enough in the morning when you

for the flowers she grew, especially her great love, roses.

She married Ted Domeyer on September 7, 1940 and soon afterwards he went away to the war. Eventually he returned to Mildura, and their son law was born on

wards he went away to the war, and their son, Ian, was born on November 18, 1945, in Margaret Coles Hospital.

The Domeyers moved to Warrandyte in January, 1950. They bought a new house in MacDougal Street, but it was not exactly what they wanted and Ted has been 'renovating' it ever since. Ironically, the house was finished not so very long before Jean died. The Domeyers had brought many plants and seeds with them from Mildura and they established a magnificent garden which is now a mass of beautiful shrubs and flowers. The pin-oaks they planted then are now more than 70 feet high and the Domeyer's roses are famous.

I first met Jean in the late 1950s when she joined the then Warrandyte Country Women's Association choir which was conducted by Mrs.

choir which was conducted by Mrs Hilda Barbour. We met in Mrs Barbour's home once a week,

Jean Domeyer: Born with a keen sense of adventure.

learned a lot of songs, sang at concerts, competed in CWA competitions and had a lot of fun.

In her later years, she joined the Elderly Citizens Club and sang regularly at the excellent concerts they produced.

Jean was a very generous friend to many people in Warrandyte. No one who visited her ever left with-out a bunch of flowers, a cutting from a plant, or a pot of jam or chutney. Anyone arranging the

flowers for the church always knew where they could find as many as they wanted. Her neighbors often found little bunches of lavender popped into their letter boxes.

She had a lovely sense of humor and I'll always remember the wicked twinkle in her eye when she 'saw' a somewhat outrageous joke. Jean has passed on now and Warrandyte is the poorer for her passing.

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take the kids to school. Imagine what it would be like in a panic situation when the area has low visibility — remember there are really only two roads out of the

area.

If you decide to evacuate your house when a bushfire threatens you should do so early — preferably 2 to 3 hours beforehand. You

should also evacuate in a direction away from the oncoming fire and to a "fire safe" area. There is strong evidence that you have a much greater chance of saving your home if you are able to stay with it and help protect it.

However, before you consider such an action you have got to consider

your own life and whether the risk is worth it.

When assessing the degree of risk of a home the most dangerous places to live are:

On a ridge top above a steeply wooded slope (especially facing northern or western slopes).

Surrounded by dense undergrowth in flat or hilly locations.

Near high grassland which has not been cut (more homes are lost in open grassland than in forest locations).

However, even in the forested

However, even in the forested areas of Mt Macedon 90% of occupied houses were saved under the most severe conditions in the Ash Wednesday fires (as compared with only a 30% survival rate for homes without anyone in attendance)

Able-bodied residents can save Able-bodied residents can save their homes providing they plan well ahead and prepare their defences. You should not however, risk the lives people who cannot help in saving the house. Ensure that no young children and no adult persons who are infirm, or not able-bodied are left alone.

Before the fire approaches, take these actions:

bodied are left alone.

Before the fire approaches, take these actions:

Fill the bath with water — leave buckets full of water in the bathroom or laundry.

Soak towels, including hand towels which you can use for eye protection and ease of breathing in heavy smoke.

Soak travel rugs to use as protection if you need to move out of the house.

Check hose is connected to pumps/taps outside.

Check equipment is operating, and sufficient water is available.

This may all sound very dramatic, but it is a very real possibility — it happened in various areas similar to Warrandyte on Ash Wednesday and it could happen again. If you have any further queries, contact your local CFA fire brigade (844 2707 or 844 2418 if you live in North Warrandyte)

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'This,' said Gail, handing me something that looked like a cross between a computer printout offcut and a ticket in Tatts, 'is a free pass to 'Heaven Help Us'. It's worth eight dollars. All you have to do is write the

"You're on,' I said, for I'll go anywhere for a bit of culture and I like the Warrandyte Christmas shows

too.

I began writing immediately.

'What are you doing?' asked Gail.

'I thought I'd get the crit out of the way so that I can concentrate on the show,' I said.

'I wonder,' said Gail, 'if you're the right man for the job.'

It all started in the Box Hill Hospital where Helen Cahill and Linda Mitchell woke up one morning in adjoining beds, found that they each had a baby and thought. Heaven help us! What are you doing? Gail asked me.

I'm writing the review. You can't say that. You're supposed to talk about

"I'm discussing the conception."
And there's no need for filth, either."
I picked my nose. I think I know wheatd. what you mean,

REVIEW

Now what?' asked Gail.

Now what: asked Gain!
I can't get started.
Start with the beginning of the show.
There was a lot of noise, I remembered, 'and a od bottle of Chateau Pennewarra and some runny

good bottle o. Brie...
'Go on.'
'Then a naughty scene with four girls and a man

You've forgotten the comma, said Gail.
'It was a particularly good bottle of Pennewarra,'

Talk about the plot, suggested Gail.
'I couldn't follow it,' I replied. 'Explain it to me.'
'I can't,' said Gail. 'I helped write it.'
'That's reasonable,' I said. 'I remember a clever carol, a priest with a fabulous voice, and a man called Anyman. Now that,' I said proudly, 'is a thinly veiled literary allusion.' Interary allusion. 'Don't ask me, said Gail. I only helped write it.'

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Once the show moved to Heaven it really hotted

up. Jim Dickson as a saturated seraph took great care never to remove both feet from the ground at the same time. Daryl Cousins was positively angelic as a deceased MASH reject on the lam...

'How about the feminists?' Gail wanted to know. Richard and Sharry provided the slickest moments of the evening with a contrapuntal conservational comedy crosstalk act...

'The feminists?' asked Gail.
Kylie Moppert was divine...

'Did you like the feminists?' shouted Gail, hitting me across the ear with what looked like a closed fist.
'I loved the little blonde one,' I replied.
'Now that's a typical male chauvinist response! I knew I should never have invited you to do this crit. You're just the same as all other men. You treat women in the tired, old-fashioned unimaginative traditional way, You should be ashamed of yourself! I suppose you noticed Meredith too..?'

'You mean the girl with the long legs?'
'Yes.'

And the garter?

Yes.'
And the short gold skirt?'

Yes.'
No. Not particularly.'
That does it,' said Gail. 'Go ahead and write your review but don't expect us to print it.'

Mark Maddocks' power of concentration was positively exemplary. After all, having to stand about with a girl stroking each leg is usually enough to try the patience of a saint. But this is indicative of the dedicated training and hours of dutiful rehearsal that the Warrandyte players put in in a determined effort to get things right. Clearly nothing is too much trouble for this band of devoted thespians. For do not get the idea that drama is easy.

There are times when even the greatest of actors must feel like saying, 'Kathie, Meredith, give us a break will you?' But you just can't afford to indulge in this kind of selfish, thoughtless behavior. Never was a truer word spoken than 'The show must go on'. Whatever the cost, the only reality is the continuing, enduring challenge of the spirit of Dionysus which lives on in the breasts of all true performers... 'Bollocks,' said Gail. 'Pardon?'

Tell the truth What happened?'

Pardon?'
'Tell the truth. What happened?'
The table in the corner was so excited by the media man scene that it emitted a series of wild catcalls and the man in the black and red football jumper had to be forcibly restrained from taking a quick celestial trip of his own. When the lights went up for the interval I found I had upset the Pennewarra over the boss' wife and my elbow was in a salami sandwich.

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Information exchange is working at CAB

Warrandyte's Citizens' Advice
Bureau is really an information
exchange, and it is interesting to see
what information the still-new
organisation has gathered already.
For instance:

• A family income supplement
of \$14 a week is available for some
families with low incomes;
• Application forms for copies of
birth, death, marriage and changeof-name certificates are obtainable
from Victorian post offices;
• For a child's surname, the
mother's name, the father's name or
both can be registered on the birth
certificate:
• Hals for depressed or suicidal

certificate;

• Help for depressed or suicidal teenagers is available from the Austin Hospital crisis centre, telephone 450 5111.

Louise Joy says a swag of mail has arrived from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. These include complaint forms for goods and



Catherine Harboe-Ree, principal librarian of the Box Hill- Doncaster Regional Library, explains to Sally George how the telephone link between the bureau and the library will work. Brian Bayly, a member of the committee, is on the other side of the desk for a change.

services, a guide to the Small Claims Tribunal, a copy of the Motor Car Traders Act plus a check list for those buying second-hand vehicles, guidelines for doorto-door sales and for bag searches

Colin Bentley, who has special knowledge of workers' compensa-tion and union affairs, will be available for special consultation

on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30 am to noon, by appointment. Ring the bureau on 844 2985.

And the CAB is still looking for a few good volunteers to be trained as counsellors.

Coffee shop is flourishing

The Coffee Shop gang ended 1986 with a barbecue and some good news. The barbecue saw Councillor John Fisher, local policeman Andy Baker and members of the Co-op management join in the fun to entertainment provided by Royal Jade Band, lan McKenzie, Nathan Croft, David Mooney and Karl Kleinhenz.

The good news is that the state Department of Community Services has come up with some money towards employing a co-ordinator for the coffee shop. He will be local man Craig Milburn, who is married with one child and who has had extensive experience in youth work.

with one child and who has had extensive experience in youth work. Craig will be available for more personal work with young people and their families, as well as continuing on coffee shop duty with Jackie Law, Lee Podporin, Pam Egglestone and Peter Knott.

The coffee shop continues to flourish in the backroom of the Coop building at 176 Yarra Street

every Friday between 6 pm and midnight, Saturday (2 pm to midnight) and Sunday (1 pm to 6pm).

There is a mix of "deep and meaningful discussion", light-hearted discussion, games of pool and Trivial Pursuit, video machines and plenty of food and drink for sale.

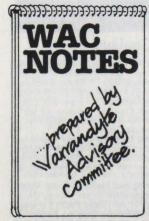
There are now 112 members. Their \$3 yearly membership fee covers video nights and the end-of-year break-up.

Eltham Council provided money for the games and the coffee mugs, Warrandyte Lions gave a microwave oven, an electric urn and carpet and carried out alterations to the building.

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As well as the fun there is work to be done on the committee of young people and workers which makes decisions about the running of the coffee shop.

Any enquiries about the coffee shop can be made on 844 2548.



At the first meeting for 1987, Warrandyte Advisory Committee members felt that the most important issue for the year concerning our community was the zoning study being conducted by Doncaster and Templestowe Council on the Warrandyte/Park Orchards "green wedge" areas of the city. Council is concerned about the increasing number of rezoning requests and that the existing controls were not adequate to preserve the landscape quality of the area.

The results could have farreaching effects on our town.

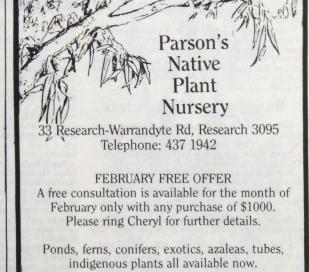
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WAC will be conferring over the next few months with representatives of council, the Warrandyte Environment League and Park Orchards residents.

The committee feels, however, that the study conducted by Loder & Bayly for council on the Warrandyte township addressed most of the problems faced now. But this study has been largely ignored.

WAC will also be addressing the dual occupancy question in conjunction with the study and notes the growing number of concerned residents.



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ADULT **COURSES**

Donvale Art Centre: Fimo Craft, Thursday 1 - 3 Donvale Art Centre: Fimo Craft, Thursday 1 - 3 pm; Flower Arranging, Tuesday 1 - 3 pm; Crafty Gifts, Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Crafty Gifts, Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Creative Craft, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Fabric Painting, Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Dressmaking, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Dressmaking, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Dressmaking, Tuesdays 12.30 - 3 pm; Tapestry, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Applique and Machine Embroidery, Tuesdays 10 am - noon; Basic Patchwork, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Pattering Albering, Wednesdays 9.30 am - noon; To am - noon; Basic Patchwork, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Pattern Altering, Wednesdays 9.30 am - noon; Curtain Making, Fridays 10 am - noon; Leadlight and Copperfoil Mondays 12.30 - 3 pm and Wednesdays 7.30 - 10 pm; Upholstery, Tuesdays 7.30 - 10 pm and Wednesdays 9.30 am - noon; Picture Framing, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm. (There are also numerous weekday and weekend

workshops in various types of fabric craft.)

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: An Art and
Craft Skill Sharing Group meets on Mondays, 1 - 3 Warrandyte M.I. and Arts Association: Craft

am - 2.30 pm, for general craft sessions and for the exchange of ideas, with occasional demonstrations

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: (Some of these course run for a full 15 week semester, others for a half semester). Rug Weaving, Mondays 10 am - noon; Smocking, Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Fun with Fabric, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Sewing, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Kenitting, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Patchwork, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Crochet, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; China Painting, Fridays 9 am - 12.30 pm; Flower Arranging, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Woolly Wonders, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Stretch Knit Sewing, Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Leadlighting, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Photography, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm and 7.30 - 9.30 pm. There are also several Saturday workshops in sewing and craft. turday workshops in sewing and craft.

North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: First

nall semester, equivalent to Term 1. Leadlighting, Mondays 10 am - noon; Patchwork, Tuesdays 10 am

half semester, equivalent to Term 1. Leadighting, Mondays 10 am - noon: Patchwork, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Tanning Sheep Skins, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Wool Dyeing, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Rug Weaving, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Rug Weaving, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Spinning, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Track Suits and Sleepwear, Wednesdays 10 am - noon: Spinning, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; French Polishing, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm. Second half semester. Knitting and Crochet, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Inkle Loom Weaving, Tuesdays 10 am - noon: Embroidery, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Fabric Lampshades, Wednesdays 10 am - noon: Children's Clothes, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Cottage Crafts, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Cottage Crafts, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Cottage Crafts, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Cottage Crafts am - noon: Bark Pictures, Thursdays 10 am - noon. Also several workshops in assorted crafts such as Natural Basketry, Felt Making and Hessian Dolls.

North Ringwood Community House: First Term. Craft Morning, Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am; French Polishing, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Leadlighting Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Basic Sewing, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Calligraphy, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Patchwork, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Old World Crafts, Wednesdays 8 - 10 pm; Bark Pictures, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Floral Art, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Second Term. Haircutting, Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Upholstery, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Creative Knitting, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Calligraphy, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Calico and Luce, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Floral Art, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Bark Pictures, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Park Orchards Community House: First Term. China Painting, Mondays 12.30 - 3 pm and Thursdays 12.30 - 3 pm; Dressmaking, Tuesdays 12.30 - 3 pm; Leadlighting and Copperfoil, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Patchwork, Fridays 1 - 3 pm; Pot Porri, Thursdays 8 - 9 pm.

pm and Thursdays 12.30 - 3 pm; Crafty Capers, Wednesdays 12.30 - 3.30 pm; French Hand Sewing Fridays 1 - 3 pm; Leadlighting and Copperfoil, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Templestowe Art Centre: China Painting, Wednes-

Templestowe Art Centre: China Painting, Wednesdays 9.30 am - noon and 12.30 - 3 pm; Silver Jewellery, Tuesdays 7 - 9.30 pm; Calligraphy, Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm and Thursdays 10 am - noon; Basic Color Photography, V dnesd 2.30 - 9.30 pm. Canvas Stitchery, Tuesdays 10 ad oon and 1 - 3 pm; Hardanger and Cro. Stitch 1 dery, Fridays 12.30 - 2.30 pm; Patchwork, que and Quilting, Mondays 12.30 - 2.30 pm; fican Patchwork, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Hand Knitting, Thursdays 10 am - noon; Four-Shaft Weaving, Wednesdays 12.30 - 2.30 pm; Spinning, Thursdays 12.30 - 2.30 pm; Leatherwork, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; French Polishing/Restoration, Thursdays 7 - 10 pm. Also a huge range of workshops in sewing, knitting, crafts, glass painting and calligraphy.

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Macrame: Tuition by Rosalie Vlek, 844 2248,
Thursdays 1 - 3 pm and 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Knitwit: 47 Tunstall Square, East Doncaster.
Classes in Stretch Knit Sewing, phone 842 1851 for

Drawing and Painting

Selleck, flute, 844 2510.
Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Recorder for Beginners, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
Park Orchards Community House: Guitar — modern, Wednesdays 9 - 10 am.
Caledonia Singers: A singing group (S.A.T.B.) that meets for fun and local performance, Tuesdays, 8 pm at St Matthews Hall, Panton Hill.

Language, Literacy, Film, Personal Development, General Interest

Brian Armstrong: Tuition in oils and pastels. Day and evening classes Wednesdays. Phone 844 2925.

David Moore: Tuition in oils — studio and landscape. Small day and evening classes, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Phone 844 3439.

Walter Magilton: Tuition in Painting and Drawing, watercolor and oils, beginners to advanced, day and evening classes, Mondays and Tuesdays. Phone 844 3616. David Taylor: Tuition, studio — watercolors. Day and evening classes, Tuesdays and occasional weekend workshops. Phone 844 1006.

Warrandyte M.I. and Arts Association: Painting Group meets on Wednesdays at various locations for indoor and outdoor activities. Phone Pauline Cross, 439 1775 or Bobbie Wilson, 844 3522.

Studio Space: Vast studio space and some equipment in Donvale, available for artists and crafts people to set up their own studios. Phone Peter Gough, 842 2182 or 842 6268.

Donvale Art Centre: Learn to Draw, Wednesdays

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Life Drawing, Mondays 10 am - noon; Art for Everyone, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Watercolor Painting, Thursdays 10 am - noon; Oil Painting, Fridays 10 am - noon; General Drawing, Saturdays 10 am - noon.

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North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Traditional Chinese Brush Painting, Mondays 1.30 - 3.30 pm; Landscape Painting, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Life Drawing, Fridays 10 am - noon; Abstract Painting, Transfast, 1.3 pm;

Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Drawing as Creative Expression, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Watercolor for Beginners, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Life Drawing, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Park Orchards Community House: Oil Painting Self Help Groups, Thursdays 12.30 - 3 pm and Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Watercolor Painting, times to be advised.

Templestowe Art Centre: Drawing, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm and Thursdays 12.30 - 2.30 pm; Oil Painting for Pleasure, Thursdays 10 am - noon and 1 - 3 pm; Watercolor, Wednesdays 9.30 am - noon; Painting for Pleasure, Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm: Drawing and Painting, Thursdays 10 am - noon. City of Doncaster and Templestowe Art Gallery:

Available for hire by community groups for Arts and Art-related activities. Phone Helen Millicer, 848

Ceramics/Pottery

Warrandyte M.I. and Arts Association: Pottery workshops for people to work at their own pace in the Arts Association Studio, Mitchell Avenue, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am. Phone Marjorie Reccham 844 3206

eecham, 844 3206.
The Potters School, Potters Cottage: Evening classes, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Day classes, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30 am - 3.30 pm and Saturdays, 10 am - 4 pm. Phone Carmel and Frank Turtle at the Potters School, 844 2333 or after hours, 844 3248. Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Current Affairs, Mondays 10 am - noon; Book Discussion, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; French Conversation, Thursdays 10 am - noon; Serendipity, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Morse Code, Fridays 10 am - noon; Genealogy, Mondays 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Public Speaking, Tuesdays 8 - 10 pm; Contract Bridge, Wednesdays 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Conscientious Consumerism, Thursdays 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Creative Writing, Thursdays 7,30 - 9,30 pm; North Riding Living and Learning Co-op; French Conversation, Mondays 10.15 - 11.45; Astrology, Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Writing Workshop, Tuesdays 10 am - 3pm; Book Discussion, first Monday evening of the month.

School, 844 2333 or after hours, 844 3248.

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: (in the new pottery building) Ceramics, Mondays 10 am - noon; Pottery for Beginners, Tuesdays, 10 am - noon and Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Handbuilt Pottery, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Pottery Co-operative, Wednesdays 10 am - noon and Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

North Ringwood Community House: Beginners

Pottery, Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am. Templestowe Art Centre: Pottery classes, Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am and 7.30 - 10 pm, Wednesdays 7 - 9.30 pm, Thursdays 9.30 am - noon and 7.30 - 10



Music and Drama

Warrandyte M.I. and Arts Association: Music Group meets for informal music nights. All forms of music welcome. Phone Doug Macrae, 844 1198 for details. Drama Group meets for plays, readings, poetry readings and theatre visits. Phone Yvonne Morey, 844 3832.

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Keyboard — Private Tuition: Ann Arnold, 844 3250; Virginia Ellis, 876 2171; Judith Hayward, 844 3671; Linda Mitchell, 844 1409; Pauline Saaksjarvi, 844 3233; Ruth Staughton, 844 3614.

Woodwind — Private Tuition: Allan Bower, clarinet, flute and saxaphone, 844 3313; Geraldine Mackie, flute, clarinet, and saxaphone, 844 2006; Joanna Selleck, flute, 844 2510.

Council of Adult Education: Several book discus-tion groups in Warrandyte, at the Donvale Living & North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Under-

Your guide to fun and learning

Compiled by PAT HENDERSON

This month the *Diary* publishes its annual list of activities available to local residents. Enrolments for many courses will be taken in early February with classes beginning a few weeks later.

classes held at various community learning centres. Note that the various people and organisations offering courses have different

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: Astrology

North Ringwood Community House: Understand-

North Ringwood Community House: Understanding your Dreams, Mondays noon - 3 pm; Back to Paid Work?, Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Migrant English, Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am and 1 - 3 pm; Speaking with Confidence, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm; Behind the News, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; Tracing your Family Tree, Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Park Orchards Community House: French Language, Tuesdays 8 - 9 pm; Genealogy, Saturdays 3 - 5 pm; Book Discussion, last Wednesday of the month. Eltham Adult Literacy: Phone Jo Ilian, 439 9633, for details.

Warrandyte Historical Society: Maintains the local

International Training in Communications:

museum and meets monthly for discussion, research and speakers. Phone Ruby Arnaud, 844 3358, for

(Formerly Toast Mistress) Warrandyte Organizing Unit. Training in speaking with confidence and meeting and committee management skills. Sessions held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at St Stevens Church Hall. Phone Anita Baragwaneth, 844 1092, for details.

Business and Computers

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Book

Keeping, Tuesdays 10 am - noon; Typing, Wednes-days 9.30 - 11.30 am. North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Typing,

Thursdays 10 am - noon.

North Ringwood Community House: Typing,

Fuesdays 7 - 8.30 pm.

Templestowe Art Centre: Starting Your Own Business, Mondays 7 - 9 pm; Basic Typing, Tuesdays

Templestowe Technical School: Word Processing, rening course, details not yet available. Phone 850

in Business Skills and Computers. The nearest ones are Box Hill College of T.A.F.E., phone 890 0571, Outer Eastern College of T.A.F.E., phone 220 8836 and Preston College of T.A.F.E., phone 480 5166 or 479 3267.

Study and Education

Diamond Valley Learning Centre: Greensborough, lso runs daytime VCE/HSC classes. Phone 435

Otham Living and Learning Centre: Electronics

emphasis and philosophies so that the costs will

Most centres offer some form of child care in conjunction with classes.

Brochures listing activities, enrolment details and term dates are generally available in local shops from mid-January, or can be obtained by phoning: Donvale Art Centre: 840 9381; Donvale Living and Learning Centre: 842 6726; Eltham Living and Learning Centre: 439 3463; North Riding Living and Learning

Learning, the North Riding Living & Learning Co-op and Park Orchards Community House. Phone the C.A.E., 652 0611 for details, or for Warrandyte Groups, phone Di Winters, 844 2574, Rosalie Dance, 712 0484 or Bonnie Harris, 844 3110.

North Ringwood Community House: Introduction Electronics, Mondays 12.30 - 3 pm; Maths evisited, Fidays 9.30 am - noon.

Park Orchards Community House: VCE English

- a Parent's Guide, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Doncaster East High School: Evening classes in eneral education run by the C.A.E. Phone 652 0611 Box Hill Adult Education Evening School: VCE/

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: Astrology—for beginners, Tuesdays, 1 - 3 pm, advanced, Thursdays, 1 - 3 pm; Tarot Cards, Fridays 10 am—noon; Numerology, Thursdays 10 am—noon; Speaking with Confidence, Thursdays 8 - 10 pm; Exploring Jung—for beginners, Mondays 1 - 3 pm, advanced, Mondays 10 am—noon; Dream Interpretation, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm; Science for Ourselves, Fridays 10 am—noon; Film Group, first Monday evening of the month; Scrabble Group, Thursdays, Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Current Affairs, Mondays 10 am—noon; Book Discussion, Wednes-Croydon Adult Evening School: VCE/HSC



Cookery

Donvale Art Centre: Cake Decorating, Mondays and Thursdays 10 am - noon, Mondays 1 - 3 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Entertaining with Ease, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm and 7,30 - 9 30 pm; Vegetarian Cookery, Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm and 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Microwave Cookery, Tuesdays 10 am - noon and Thursdays 7 - 9 pm. Also several Friday workshops in Microwave Cookery.

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Vegetarian Cooking, Wednesdays 9,30 am - noon and Tuesdays 6,30 - 9 pm; International Cooking, Thursdays, 9,30 am - noon. Also several Saturday workshops in cookery.

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orth Riding Living and Learning Co-op: VegeCooking Wednesdays 10 am - noon; Bread tarian Cooking, Wednesdays 10 am - noon; Bread Making, Wednesdays 10 am - noon; Pastry Cooking, Thursdays 1 am - noon; Pritikin Cooking, Fridays 10 am - noon; Strawberry Delights, Fridays 10 am noon; Microwave and Convection Cooking, Wednesdays 10 am - noon; Cake Decorating, Thursdays, 10 am - noon; International Cooking, Fridays 10 am - noon.

North Ringwood Community House: International Cooking, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am; Chinese Cooking, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Park Orchards Community House: Vegetarian Cooking, Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Fitness, Sport, Dance

Bhava School of Yoga and Creative Dance: Studio at 5A, West End Road, Warrandyte. Day and evening classes in Dance and Yoga and special classes for "Mothers to Be". Phone Lyn Colenso at the Studio, 844 1128 or at home, 844 3802.

Maydowns School of Dance: Principal — Renie Anne Martini. Classes for adults in jazz ballet and modern dance at the North Warrandyte Community Centre, Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm. Phone 842 9487 or 857 5527 for details.

Warrandyte Squash Centre: Squash, Volley Ball. Warrandyte High School: For enrolment procedure for mature students in daytime VCE/HSC classes, phone Mr. Doig, 844 2749 or 844 3942.

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: Daytime VCE/HSC subjects include Human Development and Society, Fridays 9.30 am - noon; European History, Thursdays, 1 - 3 pm, Australian History, Thursdays 9.30 am - noon; Politics, Tuesdays 9.30 am - noon; Legal Studies, Tuesdays 12.30 - 3 pm. General study classes in English, Thursdays 10 am - noon and Basic Maths, Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm.

Diamond Valley Learning Centres Greenshorough

Warrandyte Squash Centre: Squash, Volley Ball, acquet Ball and Aerobics Phone 844 3001 for

Eltham Leisure Centre: Classes in Aerobics, Swimming, Gymnasium. Phone 439 2266.

Eccacentre: Heated Pool, Squash Courts, Gymnasium and Sauna. For membership details phone 437 1695. Diamond Valley Bush Walking Club: Regular

courses for a semester or half year, while the programs for Donvale and Templestowe apply to first term only.

A comprehensive list of Warrandyte organ-

Co-op: 719 7506; North Ringwood Community House: 876 3421; Park Orchards Community

House: 876 4381; Templestowe Art Centre:

In line with the school term re-organisation

in 1987, the various learning centres have adjusted their terms, and most brochures list

840 9382.

weekend bush walks, from beginners to experienced, and meetings on the second Thursday of the month in Eltham. Phone Dorothy Reidy, 438 3448 or David Charles, 435 2101 for details.

Horse Riding: Tuition and Trail Rides with Tandevale Equestrian Centre, phone 844 3882, or Warrandyte Riding Centre, phone 844 3708 or 844 1491

Calisthenics: Warranwood Calisthenics College, South Warrandyte Hall. Seniors Group on Monday evenings. Phone Ruth Smith, 726 0949 or Narelle Telford, 844 2279 for details.



Tennis: Warrandyte Tennis Club. For information on membership, competitive and social tennis, phone Val Mackintosh, 844 2302.

Fishing: Diamond Valley Sports Fishing Club: Meets second Wednesday of the month at the North Warrandyte Community Centre. Phone Max Green, 844 1351. Canoeing: Warrandyte Canoe Club. Phone John

Boyle, 844 3333.

Tae Kwon Do: Classes on Thursdays at the Elderly Citizens Centre. Phone 725 4971.

Karate: North Warrandyte Community Centre. Phone Rex Brent, 844 3968.

International Country Dancing: Classes on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, 7.30 pm at St. Margarets Hall, Eltham. Also occasional social dances. Phone Ina Bertrand, 439 9991 for details.

Scottish Country Dancing: McGowans Road.

St. Margarets Hall, Eltham. Also occasional social dances. Phone Ina Bertrand, 439 9991 for details.

Scottish Country Dancing: McGowans Road, Donvale, Thursday evenings - see advertisement in the Age Entertainment Guide during term time.

Donvale Art Centre: Ballet refresher course, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.15 pm; Gentle Aerobics, Mondays 10 - 11 am and 7 - 8 pm and Thursdays 9.15 - 10.15 am; Shaping up for Young Mums, Mondays 11.15 am - 12.15 pm; Yoga, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am and 7.30 - 8.30 pm.

Basketball: Gordon Bates, 844 2923 for details.

Netball: Sue Hollyoak, 437 1491 for details.

Baseball: Doug Ramsey, 848 6580 for details.

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Walking Group, Wednesdays 9.30 am - 1 or 3 pm; Badminton, Thursdays 10 am - noon, Yoga, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm.

Also a weekend workshop in Orienteering.

North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Exercise for Health, Mondays 1.15 - 2.15 pm; Tennis for Beginners, Fridays 10 - 11.30 am.

North Ringwood Community House: Dance Class and Social, Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Keep Fit/ Aerobics, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.30 am and 10.30 - 11.30 am; Beginners Tap Dancing, Thursdays 1 - 2 pm.

Park Orchards Community House: Aerobics.

pm.
Park Orchards Community House: Aerobics, Thursdays 7 - 7.45 pm; Greek Dancing, Tuesdays 8 - 9 pm; Gentle Exercise for Women, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.15 - 10 am; Early morning Walks, most days of the week, 6.15 - 7 am and 8.45 - 9.30 am; Weekend Runs, Saturdays and Sundays 7 - 9 am; Yoga, Mondays 8 - 9.45 pm.
Templestowe Art Centre: Golf and Tennis coaching, Monday mornings and evenings.

Health and Human Relations

isations is available in the Cricket Club

Directory and additional information is

available from the Citizens' Advice Bureau in

meeting room. The hours are Mondays and

9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 844 2985.

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: After the

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Assertive Training, Mondays 10 am - noon; Time for a Change, Thursdays 1 - 3 pm; S.T.E.P.(Teen), Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm; Relaxation Massage, Thursdays 7,30 - 9,30 pm; Men and Stress, Mondays 7,30 - 8,30 pm; Stress, Relaxation and your Lifestyle, Thursdays noon - 1 pm; Independence with a Disability, Fridays 1 - 2,30

North Ringwood Community House: S.T.E.P. North Ringwood Community House: S.T.E.P. (Teen.), Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.30 pm; First Aid (Red Cross). Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.30 pm; Naturopathy, Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm; International Social Afternoons, Fridays 12.30 - 3 pm. Also a Monday workshop on Calcium and Health.

Park Orchards Community House: First Aid, Mondays 7.30 - 10.30 pm; "People working with People" — Volunteers' Training Course, Mondays 12.30 - 3 pm.

Building and Home Maintenance

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Car Mainte-

7.30 - 9.30 pm.

North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Workshops in Mud Brick Making and Laying, Saturday afternoon and Owner Building — Regulations and Permits, Monday evening.

For Furniture Restoration, Upholstery and Leadlight, see "Craft" section and for Landscape Design, see Gardening and Nature Studies.



Gardening, Nature Studies and Environment

Donvale Living and Learning Centre: Nature

Eltham Living and Learning Centre: Herbs, sdays 10 am - noon; Bonsai and Pottery, Fridays 9 pm. Also weekend workshops in Native Plants d Landscaping. North Riding Living and Learning Co-op: Grow-

and Using Herbs, Saturdays, 2 - 3.30 pm; andscape Design, Thursdays 8 - 9.30 pm.

North Ringwood Community House: Walking ith a Naturalist, Mondays; Discovering Herbs, hursdays 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Park Orchards Community House: Birding, Vednesdays, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm; Walking with a laturalist, Mondays.

Templestowe Art Centre: Garden Design, Tues-ys 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Warrandyte State Park: General Information and activities, Phone 844 2659 between 9.30 and 12.30,

weekdays.

Friends of the State Park: Meets on the last Sunday of the month for walks, talks and work. Phone Glen Jamieson, 844 2395.

Warrandyte Environment League: Meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Phone Kevin Parker, 437 1943, or Garry McElvie, 844 1346, for details.

Society for Growing Native Plants: Maroondah

Group, meets regularly in the Nunawading Library. Phone Paul Kennedy, 729 4292, for details. Also a Yarra Yarra Group meets in Eltham. Phone Lorna Rebbechi, 439 3086.

Assorted Information

Library: Warrandyte is serviced by Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library Mobile Service, Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30 at West End and Tuesdays, 6.30 - 8 pm at the Gospel Chapel.

Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group:

warrandyte Festival Committee: Phone Claire

Dawson, 844 2375.
There are several other organisations listed on the Cricket Club Directory - Brotherhood of St. Lawrence Auxiliary, Lion's Club, R.S.L., Bible Study,

Fridays from 1 - 3 pm and Wednesdays from C.F.A.

Community Market: First Saturday of the month.
Bookings by mail only, P.O. Box 8, Warrandyte. For information Phone Sue Boyle, 844 2683.

Citizens' Advice Bureau: Mondays 1 - 3 pm, Wednesdays 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, Fridays 1 - 3 pm.
Phone 844 2985 for information. A free legal aid service is to be exhibited.

rvice is to be established.

Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club: Mondays

Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club: Mondays — swimming classes 10.30 am, bus to Doncaster Pool. Afternoon singalong. Tuesdays and Wednesdays — Carpet Bowls from 12.30 pm. Thursdays — Open at 9 am for Chiropody, Hairdressing, Fitness etc. Lunch, followed by afternoon activities. Fridays and Saturdays — open from 1 pm. Phone Maisie Temple, 844 3852, for details.

Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative: Joh Exchange Information on Youth Issues Sole.

Job Exchange, Information on Youth Issues, Sole Parent Support Group, Coffee Shop. Phone 844 2548

CHILD CARE

Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre:
Corner of Masonic Avenue and Yarra Street. Full or
part time care, children to six years. Phone 844 1205.
After School Child Care: Multi-purpose Room of
Warrandyte Primary School for children from the
four Primary Schools - Warrandyte, Andersons
Creek, South Warrandyte and St. Anne's - from 3,30
- 6.30 pm. Phone Jean Chapman, 844 2548 or Gail
Brown, 844 2497, for details.
Uniting Church Occasional Care: Tuesdays and
Fridays. Phone Ann Hardy, 844 1039, for details.
Baby Sitting Groups: Several in Warrandyte.
Phone Ronnie Peterson, 844 3704, Rainie Skinner,
844 2217, Jenny McGreesh, 844 3914 and for South
Warrandyte, Lorraine Woodward, 876 2943.

e evenings and for coffee mornings. Phone Kristin rth, 431 1443, for details. Toy Library: At Warrandyte Community Centre Thursday mornings Nursing Mothers Association: Meets m

PRE-SCHOOL **ACTIVITIES**

Play Groups

North Warrandyte Community Centre: Mondays, phone Chris Marchi, 844 1177; Tuesday afternoons, phone Janet George, 844 2695; Thursday mornings, phone Maralyn Moore, 844 1072, N.B. There is a

ong waiting list for the Thursday group.

Warrandyte South Community House: Tuesday mornings, phone Jane Eaton, 876 3557.

Gospel Chapel: Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Phone Meryl Dawson, 844 2528. Donvale Art Centre: Wednesday and Friday

Classes

Donvale Art Centre: Dance for Pre Schoolers, Mondays 9.15 - 10 am and Thursdays 10.15 - 11 am, Family Music Workshop in preparation for a Term 2

Park Orchards Community House: Developmen-Music, three sessions on Thursday mornings.

Bhava School of Yoga and Creative Dance: classes

CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Youth Clubs and Associations

Guides/Brownies: Weeknights at the Whitehouse. Phone Jennifer Curwood, 844 3830 or Rosemary Gigliotti, 844 2496, for details.

Cubs/Scouts/Venturers: Most weeknights at the cout Hall. Phone Robin Bonthorne, 844 2219, for

Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative: offee Shop, Job Exchange, Information on Youth sues. Phone 844 2548 for details.
Uniting Church Youth Groups: Junior, Interme-

te and Senior Groups meet every second Friday. one John Hansen, 844 3906, for details. Gospel Chapel: Girls' Club meets on Mondays ter school. Phone Rhonda Walda, 712 0430 for

Art, Craft, Pottery, Cookery

Warrandyte M.I. and Arts Association: Potter classes on Saturdays in winter. Phone Marjorid Beecham, 844 3206, for details.

Donvale Art Centre: Teenage classes in Dressmaking, Saturdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm; Craft, Saturdays 10 and Saturdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm; Craft, Saturdays 10 and Saturdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm; Craft, Saturdays 1.30 and Saturda

Grades 2 - 6) Mondays 3.45 - 5 pm; Watercolor Painting for Teenagers, Saturdays 1.30 - 3 pm. Also

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Templestowe Art Centre: Pottery (primary age).

Mondays and Tuesdays 4 - 5.30 pm and Saturdays 9.30 - 11 am; (teenage) Wednesdays and Thursdays 4.30 - 6 pm; Art, Saturdays 9.30 - 11 am.

Music and Drama

Community Music Program: Small group tuition in 16 week semesters. Instruments taught include Bass Guitar, Drums, Recorder, Piano/Keyboard, Flute Clarinet, Saxaphone, Violin, Viola, Cello, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium and Guitar for beginners. Also a Community Band, and there will be a Mus or-Children class in second semester. Details will be irculated from schools during the first week of firsem and enquiries will be made to the new School evelopment Officer, Bob Poppins, at Warrandyt figh School.

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Private tuition available from local teachers - see

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Park Orchards Community House: Guitar (grades i and 6), Wednesday lunchtimes; Recorder (grades i & 2 and 3 - 5), Thursday lunchtimes.

Parents for Music: A group for parents interested in music education. Meets for family music workshops, singing and dancing sessions and concerts. Phone Heather McLaughlin, 437 1327, for details.

Drama: After school and evening classes are planned for three age groups - under tens, ten to hirteens and over thirteens, in the Warrandyte Hall. Phone Helen Cahill, 844 1198, for details.



Dance, Sport, Fitness

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Donvale Art Centre: Dance, Tuesdays 4.15 - 5 pm. Eltham Leisure Centre: Modern Dance for Girls. Phane 349 3266 for details.

hone 439 2266 for details.

Park Orchards Community House: Gymnastic.

several classes for grades 1 & 2 up to year 7 - 5 Tuesdays; Self Defence for Teenagers, Tuesdays 6 7.30 pm
Calisthenics: Warranwood Calisthenics College (non Ballarat). Classes for all ages. Phone Ruth Smith, 726 094 or Narelle Telford 844 2279, for details. Also Eltham Calisthenics College (A grade Ballarat). Phone Karen Beer, 459 3582, or Gwen Beel, 439 7713, for details.
Horse Riding: Tandevale Equestrian Centre. Lohansens, Road Ogalified tutors. Horse care trail.

Johansens Road. Qualified tutors. Horse care, trail rides, dressage etc. Phone Allan Caulfield 844 3882, for details. Also Warrandyte Riding Centre, Templestowe Road. Tuition and bush trail rides. Phone Craig Kavanah, 844 3708 weekdays and 844 1491 at weekends for details. Wyena Pony Club, phone 876

weekends for details. Wyena Pony Club, phone 876 1676 for details.

Tennis: Private tuition at the Bridge Courts, phone Russell Pratt, 725 6554, for details. For coaching at the Warrandyte Tennis Club with Christine Newton (preference given to club members) Phone Val Mackintosh, 844 2302, for membership details.

Tae Kwon Do: Classes at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre on Thursdays. Phone 725 4971 for

Karate: Classes at the North Warrandyte Com-nunity Centre. Phone Rex Brent, 844 3068 for

information.

Basketball: Teams for all age groups. Phone Gordan Bates, 844 2923 for details of boys teams and Barbara Clarke, 844 1030, for details of girls teams.

Gymnastics: Classes at the Eccacentre, phone 437 1695, and the Eltham Leisure Centre, phone 439

Swimming: Classes at the Eccacentre and Leisure Cricket and Football — see the Cricket Club

Indoor Cricket: Eltham, phone 439 8580.

Netball: Under 1 Os to open. Phone Sue Hoolyouk

437 1491.

Baseball: Doncaster Dragons, Deep Creek. Phone Doug Ramsay, 848 6580 for details.

Church of England Boys Society: Meets Tuesdays 7 pm. Phone 844 3473 for details.

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NATURE

Pamela Conder

In praise of garden reptiles

When we reel off the list of species that have successfully learned to live alongside man, there is one group we often overlook — the reptiles. As a knee-high naturalist my first love was for snails, collected behind the neighbors' chook shed (although the fascingtion was shed (although the fascination was not entirely zoological — snail-racing is the only sport in which I have ever evinced the slightest interest). However, these collecting expeditions sometimes yielded a prize to put any mere mollusc in the shade, or so I thought at the time — a real reptile, in the form of a garden skink.

These minute predators are a joy to watch, as they hunt even smaller forms of life through the grass jungle. When attacked they are able, with no apparent effort, to shed (although the fascination was

shed their long, slender tail, which remains writhing vigorously to distract the attacker, whilst the skink makes a swift getaway.

The garden skink, in time, grows a replacement tail, but you can always pick the 'panel-beaten' ones. The new tail contains cartil-age, rather than a series of jointed bones and thus lacks the graceful flexibility of the original, tending to look a bit 'stuck on'.

Like the majority of lizards, garden skinks are oviparous — they lay eggs. In fact, they have an interesting habit of communal

laying, each female contributing two to three eggs to the cache.

The skinks being the largest family of lizards in Australia, you would expect to see some variety among them. During the warmer months you should also be able to sight one of the much larger bluetongued skinks — probably a blotched one (Tiliqua nigrolutea) or the more streamlined, stripey eastern blue-tongue (T. scincoides).

Blue-tongues are viviparous, giving birth to a litter of live, fully-formed youngsters. When a female I had produced five strapping miniatures of herself, they almost

immediately reacted to various stimuli in exactly the same way as an adult. Although only about 10 centimetres long at birth, they put on a fine performance of hissing and displaying colorful mouthlinings and tongues when feeling threatened.

The blue-tongue's bite, by the way, is definitely not poisonous — just rather painful if it happens to latch on to the more sensitive bits

These large skinks are also an ally worth cultivating, should you find one living in your garden.



A small Brown was the first of the season as the sausages sizzled in the new summer. Late November.

Blue tongues had been getting caught on the road for almost a month, always appearing before the snakes. Not much armor against a rubber wheel is a blue tongue or a

A few Christmases ago my neighbor and I were down in snake country slashing blackberries, when we found a big long-leaf lomatia in full flower along the river. It was so full of pale yellow flower that at first we thought it was a summer wattle.

Lomatia myricoides is a member of the proteaceae family. One generally poorly represented in gold fields flora. The only other family members claiming to be Warrandyte indigenous plants are the rosemary grevillea and the silky habea. Grevillea rosmarinifolia certainly lives in Hurstbridge, Yarrambat and Kangaroo Ground but

no strong claims of local inhabitance have been found yet.

Habea sericea grows in Kangaroo Ground and at Stane Brae but is thought to have vanished from Warrandyte. Also in Wonga Park, Banksia marginata probably occurs naturally. Our botanical history is full of missing pieces despite an early start last century with naturalists like Baron Von Mueller collecting orchids from along Andersons Creek. Trying to decipher which plants are indigenous sometimes leaves us feeling like a brown snake on a barbeque minus the tyre print.

why is this botanical history important you ask? Is it important to know which plants existed in Warrandyte pre-Cook? Collectors of historical information, especially natural history, would tell us that all this information is essential for our understanding of the historical process. The passing of time, changes to the environment, a gauge of our use of the Earth's resources.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park



The Friends of Warrandyte State Park meet the last Sunday of every month (except December and January) at noon whistle time

The year soon comes to a close and a time of review. In the young summer fields the grasses have

will deliver their seeds. Dry seed pods of the silver wattle are passed over the flowing water which will transport them to their scattered destinations.

We unfold our summer wings and things as the December heat moves our blood and we long to splash in the river. Photos of white skins and sun glasses, history. The river is terribly polluted but at least the ants keep away from you after a din.

Digesting our barbeque beside a smoky fire, idly watching a droptail skink move in typewriter motion, conversation moved to the Kings of the Bush. Ants. There are millions of them. All shapes and sizes, genus and species. Crawling over bloated blue tongues who failed to stand behind the barricades when Moffit tore down Bralenberry. A whole army of them carrying that young brown snake off Jumping Creek Road like a paper dragon in a Chinese Moomba.

In pot plants, fence posts, dead logs and house stumps — everywhere. Countless ants. Strangely the only ant that will continually raid and, if possible, live in our homes, is the Argentine ant. An import from South America with a taste for processed food and old Andrew Sisters records.

Long December evenings full of the sounds of 78's and young magpies calling to be fed. Almost fully grown and still begging for their parents to stand and deliver. The demand of all children. A command we must obey as history demands. The grass seeds ripen, the children grow.

We see none of this happen, yet before our eyes is the illusion of yesterday. Young snakes dare each other to cross the road. Ancient blue tongues forget the roads were not made for them. We drive hurriedly up and down to our own little destinations and Warrandyte moves closer to the place we are changing it to.

Hot sun pounds the earth and powdered dust of the pathways dries our feet and squeezes between the toes. The river looks inviting. I am told powdered 78 records were a cure for snake bites. The skies are blue more often as the forest floors turn blue with flowers of the native blue-bell and boronia. Dryness, the Australian predicament, sheds its skin and comes out from under the rocks. Seed and leaves fall.

Ants of all descriptions scurry along invisible freeways, hauling produce off to their cellars. Australia has more plants that are dependant on ants for the dispersal of their seed than all the other countries put together. Blue bell and blue tongue. Ant and plants together in the hot Australian Bush.

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How should the coach approach?

January, 1887: The Bachelor's Ball on the 29th December last was an unqualified success, although rather crowded. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

For many years past the State School children have been treated to a picnic on New Year's Day. However, on this occasion it was decided to combine it and make it general.

general.

Mr Collins, with his usual taste, erected a circle on the ground, which was tastefully decorated. The ground presented a very gay

The ground presented a very gay appearance.
Nearly 400 persons were present, amongst whom I noticed Mr and Mrs E.H. Cameron and family, Messrs J. Smith and Reynolds (Bulleen councillors), O'Brien (Shire Secretary) and a host of ladies and gentlemen from Panton Hill, Ringwood, Templestowe, Doncaster, with a fair sprinkling from Melbourne.
The committee were indefatiga-

The committee were indefatigable in their labors to make everyone comfortable, and they thoroughly succeeded.

succeeded.

Thanks are also due to the ladies who gave their services in the provision department, and to Messrs Delves and Kent, in the handicapping and racing portion of the programme.

Swings were erected, and there was plenty of music for those who

was plenty of music for those who indulged in dancing. After the sports a ball was held, which was well attended, and dancing vigorously kept up until half-past eleven o'clock.

o'clock.

MINING

We have started work again, and with our present prospects there is every likelihood we shall have the most prosperous year we have seen for a long time.

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The Yarra Tunnel Tribute company are raising very good quartz. This claim has previously averaged 40z to the ton, and they expect this crushing to be fully equal to this. 250 Pounds has been recommended for this company by the Prospecting Board.

rebruary, 1887: A public meeting was held last Monday week, to decide upon some action as to the alteration of the times of our daily mail; also, to discuss the most practicable route for the benefit of the majority.

Mr Pretty was voted to the chair. Mr Oldham, before the business of the meeting commenced, wished to explain why the meeting had not been called before.

It was nearly a month since he had been requested to write out notices and a petition in favor of the Templestowe route, but on consideration it was thought advisable to invite communications from Templestowe respecting their coach transit.

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plestowe respecting their coach transit.

He had seen Mr Hunter, at Templestowe, and they had not got definite information on the subject.

The petition in favor of the Ringwood route had taken them by surprise, hence their immediate action; but he could assure the gentlemen who had interested themselves in that petition their action was not through pure antagonism or in a selfish spirit of opposition, as had been attributed to them.

The chairman opened the meet-ing with a few unbiased remarks, and Mr Henry Squires moved the first resolution, viz:

"That it is desirable that our daily mail, starting with the new mail service in June next, from Melbourne to Anderson's Creek, at present arriving at 10.15 am, and returning at 10.45 am, be altered to an evening and morning one, by coach; the alteration being conducive to the best interests of the Creek."

After making a few remarks on the subject it was seconded by Mr P. Beljer and passed unanimously.

Mr Davidson proposed the second resolution, viz: —

cond resolution, viz: —

"That an evening and morning mail from Melbourne by coach, being conducive to the best interests of the Creek, it is for us to consider the best route.

"Two had been proposed, one via Heidelberg, by coach, the other via Ringwood. As the mails, in future, from Heidelberg to Templestowe will be conveyed by coach, we consider the extension of this line (by coach) the most advantageous to the majority, cheaper to the Government, and the most convenient to the larger section of the community." community.

In speaking to the resolution, he described the difference in length being favorable to the Templestowe route, not only that, but by that time a larger number of persons would avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Creek, very likely settling here; and, for a future benefit, that line was simply incontestably the best.

There was very little chance of



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

an extension of railway communi-cation from Ringwood, but there was a great probability of one from either Box Hill, through Doncaster, or an extension of the Heidelberg line through Templestowe; and we should look ahead.

Mr Collins, in seconding the resolution, cordially endorsed the whole of Mr Davidson's remarks, dwelt on the state of the Ringwood road, and generally comparing the two routes, thought the believers in the Ringwood one must be mad.

Mr Andrews also spoke in favor of the resolution, stating there were fifty ratepayers between Ander-son's Creek and Templestowe, whereas there were only a few on the other line. Mr Hunter, Templestowe, ex-plained the times of their mail, and assured the meeting that they would assist all in their power the wishes of the Creek.

The resolution was carried un-

animously.

The third resolution, to the effect

"The mitter testimon, to the effect that:

"The petition now read by the chairman be signed at this meeting and forwarded to Mr E.H. Cameron MP, for presentation to the Postmaster-General," was also carried.

Messrs Davidson, Andrews and Collins were appointed delegates to wait upon Mr Cameron, and also, if necessary, to proceed to town, if that gentleman thought it desirable.

After a very cordial vote of thanks to the excellent chairman and to the visitors, the meeting closed. Fifty-six names on petition.

Constable Woods v. Gun. — Obscene language at Ringwood. The language was very bad indeed; and Mrs Gun conducted herself so badly in court that she had to be removed to the lock-up. Fined five pounds and one guinea costs, or two months. Taken to gaol.

Constable Woods v. Whithead.

Obscene language at Ringwood.

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'Red Tuesday' returns

BRUCE BENCE continues his series on the history of the Warrandyte fires.

The holocaust of 1 February "Red Tuesday" as it became known — devas-tated thousands of square miles of country, killed at least 12 people and left more than 1500 families homeless.

Late that night a little girl of nine wandered into Warragul with her three small brothers. She carried a note: "Will someone please look after these kids? We expect to be burnt out before morning." The father of these children died trying to save their home.

"The smoke was so thick," said a report from Lilydale, "that the sun wasn't visible during the day and the extent of the flames was such that they defied all attempts to control them."

Early in February 1898 a fire started in the hills behind Queenstown (now St Andrews) and raced towards Kangaroo Ground. By now the people in the area must have become proficient at fighting fires, for despite the appalling conditions, only one house was lost.

This fire was last seen heading for Andersons Creek, but no record of its progress beyond Kangaroo Ground exists.

The following year — 1899 — was Andersons Creek's turn. A fire

The following year — 1899 — was Andersons Creek's turn. A fire started at Pound Bend, swept along the river at the back of Bradley's (Bradleys Lane) and Brown's (corner Research Road and Bradleys Lane), then on to Stoney Creek.

The township turned out and all The township turned out and all the dwellings were saved, with the exception of a hut belonging to a Mr Porteous. The fire was last seen burning in the direction of Kangaroo Ground.

roo Ground.

The summer of 1905 again saw the state in the path of the rampaging "Red Steer". Fires were burning from the first week in January, throughout our extended area, the County of Evelyn.

On Wednesday, 11 January a fire broke out at Watsons Creek, spreading in all directions. The



from 'The Australasian

residents of Kangaroo Ground fought day and night until a change arrived on the Saturday. But for their efforts the township would have been destroyed.

A huge fire burnt from Kinglake down to Yarra Glen, but was brought under control late in the evening of Friday 13.

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evening of Friday 13.

Fires were also burning at Watsons Creek, Steels Creek, Dixons Creek and Toolangi.

At Toolangi, a woman of 80 had a terrifying experience. She was burnt out, losing everything, including the clothes she was wearing. She stood in her blackened garden, peeling off her clothes as they caught fire, and was fortunate to escape with her life.

Another fire broke out on Friday.

Another fire broke out on Friday
13 in the river paddock of the
Wonga Park Company. It spread
rapidly on one front, heading for
Wonga Park, whilst another front
burnt along the Brushy Creek

towards Black Springs, threatening

towards Black Springs, threatening Lilydale.

Late that afternoon, messengers rode into Lilydale from four different directions, seeking help to fight the fires that ringed the district.

The residents of Wonga Park turned out, and although they fought all that night and the next day, they finally realised the situation was hopeless and turned to protect their own homes.

Mr Fulford and family were completely surrounded and cut off from help. They managed to save their recently built house after a hard fight.

At the same time, a "spot" fire from a huge conflagration north of the river roared out of control across the historic "Flowerfield" property belonging to the Lithgow family.

The homestead was saved by a

family.

The homestead was saved by a timely wind change when the fight to save it had reached crisis point. While fighting this fire, a Mr

Black's waistcoat caught alight, destroying his watch and some papers in the pockets.

This fire was so hot that those attempting to stop it could not get within 200 yards of the front, and could only beat it out at the sides and attempt to "pinch in" the flanks.

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The country was burning for miles around. By night it looked like the lights of a vast city. Finally, rains quelled the fires that had been burning from Kinglake south of the river, and from St Andrews to Toolangi.

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A month later, fires were again ravaging the area, cumulating on 11 February in hot north wind conditions. No lives were lost, but houses, stock and fencing were destroyed in the 25 square miles covered by the fire.

Property losses would have been much greater, but for the efforts of volunteers.

When the Kinglake cricket team arrived in Queenstown on Saturday 14 February, they found their opponents busy fighting fires, so they joined them. The Kangaroo Ground and Christmas Hills teams were also fighting side by side at another fire which was sweeping the area.

the area.

During that terrible summer of 1905, more than 60 districts reported fires from virtually every part of the state.

The summer of 1909 saw Healesville under a pall of smoke and the Black Spur impassable.

Fires were burning all round Emerald. A traveller driving from Gembrook had what he described as "an exciting experience"; his

Gembrook had what he described as "an exciting experience"; his coat caught fire and his umbrella was destroyed.

Bushfires were again burning to the north and east of Warrandyte in January 1912.

Warburton was fighting for its life on the evening of 28 January as fires swept down on the township out of the mountains. Nearer home, a teamster travelling with bullocks

fires swept down on the township out of the mountains. Nearer home, a teamster travelling with bullocks along the Christmas Hills Road could not see his team because of dense smoke from fires in the area. The smoke haze from fires in late January, early February 1913 was so thick that the watchman in the Eastern Hill fire tower in Melbourne could not penetrate it with his powerful glasses.

The Plenty Ranges were again burning from end to end, as were the Dandenongs and large areas of Gippsland from Walhalla to Foster. Black smoke around the fringes of the city hid the fires from view.

On Tuesday 4 February 1913, several houses were lost when a bushfire broke out near Warrandyte and, fanned by strong winds, raced towards Ringwood.

Simultaneously, the fire which had been burning for the past week in the Plenty Ranges was making a run towards Warrandyte at an alarming rate, driven by the same north wind. Fortunately a cool change, followed by rain, saved the situation when the fire was within a couple of miles of Queenstown.

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Stop this madness

Having come to Warrandyte to escape suburbia, like so many others, I now find Warrandyte is about to become suburbia plus. Planning policies being pursued as Government initiatives will result in Warrandyte having a far greater housing density in the future than that of the suburbs most of us left to seek a different life style.

Following the recent sale of a house in the area, residents were suddenly confronted with a sign advising that the new owner had applied for dual occupancy on the land. It granted, this could mean two or more dwellings on the site.

The area shown on the map is zoned "residential C" which meant that the minimum block size was 785 metres square. Now any block larger than this can have a second dwelling on it, subject to the buildings occupying no more than 60% of the land, plus space for drives, car parking, etc.

Flats and units can be built on land 650 metres square and apparently permits can be granted for smaller size blocks in some situations. This change to the planning requirements will mean a much greater housing density on the older subdivisions of Warrandyte as the block sizes were generally quarter acre or approximately 1014 metres square, with many blocks of half an acre or larger.

The advent of high density housing in Warrandyte will be quite rapid. In one area alone, four houses out of the 15 existing have been sold in the past two years. Under dual occupancy ruling this area could contain 33 dwellings.

As has happened in other places, developers move in and buy up the larger properties, as they are the only ones with the capital to take advantage of the situation. Closer development occurs with frightening rapidity.

The mind boggles at the chaotic traffic situation that will occur with a population two or three times greater than at present. Yarra Street is the only access available to much of the area affected.

The residential C area of Warrandyte is virtually enclosed by the

randyte is virtually enclosed by the river reserve and a State Park. This

Weighbridge is now open

Doncaster and Templestowe Council now has a public weighbridge, open from 8 am to 4 pm, at the council depot on the corner of Warrandyte and Blackburn Roads. Charges are on a graduated scale ranging from \$4 for vehicles up to one tonne to \$7 for those weighing more than 25 tonnes.

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Stane Brae remembered

I have just read your article on Stane Brae in the December *Diary*. It was mailed to me by an old friend. It was a lovely surprise for Christmas and it makes me so happy to know that some effort is being made to keep this area for the people, as it would be nice to visit the old RAAF camp in the future.

Wonga Park Jungle Training School has lots of grand memories for me as I was an instructor from 1944 until the end of the war, when, on receiving official notice from RAAF HQ in Melbourne, we gave all trainees leave and all the staff headed for Warrandyte and Tresizes' hotel to celebrate.

At that time and during the war the pub was run by the Tresize girls — Bella Tresize, Nellie Nob and Emmy Todd, with the help of part-time barman Allan Smith and their great friend (Little) Nell Langton

- as the two Tresize boys, Arthur and Frank, were away in the AIF.

It didn't take the girls long to organise a victory party. I still have the dinner menu. Oh, what a night! Here are the names of some of the boys present: Fl/t Alec Hurwood (CO), WO Pat Callagan, WO Boag. (of Boags' Breweries, Tasmania), Sgts Joe Ryan and Mick Punch (both publicans), Allan Price (station owner, Queensland), Joe Rule, Joe Shergold, Joe Weston, the late Dave Smith of Warrandyte and myself, Gordon (Scotty) Scott. I resided at Koornong from 1950 to 1983.

Please forward enclosed cheque to Glen Jameson. A Happy New Year to you and Glen and success to his efforts.

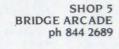
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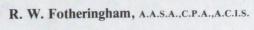


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Warrandyte Cricket Club's fortunes during the 1986-87 season have been a tale of opportunities lost.

With only two rounds remaining before the finals. Warrandyte are seven points out of the four and must now rely on other teams to lose if they are to play off for the premiership.

But it could easily have been so different. Since the Christmas break, the 'Dytes have won two matches and lost two, and both losses were matches that should have been won.

In the first game after the break,

In the first game after the break, Warrandyte crushed Scoresby, to win by 131 runs. Ian Broome, with 5-30, crashed through the Scoresby batting and then Darren Peters clubbed an unbeaten 73 to give the 'Dytes a rungway win. runaway win.

In the second one-day match after Christmas, Warrandyte failed by three runs when needing only H runs from two overs with three wickets in hand.

But three tragic runouts left Warrandyte three runs short, ena-bling St Andrews to retain fourth position on the ladder.

Against Vermont, Warrandyte started well with David Sloan, Michael Day, Robert White and Colin Dorning all among the runs. But with the score at 3-170, the 'Dytes lost 4-8 to finally collapse to be all out for 234.

A win was essential if the 'Dytes A win was essential in the Dytes were to keep in touch with the top four but Vermont took a strangle-hold on the game at 0-140. They were finally dismissed for 343.

Robert White took the bowling honors with four wickets but the

damage was done.

In the Australia Day encounter, Warrandyte batted first against a lethargic Ainslie Park who could bowl only 43 overs in more than three hours of play.



They dismissed Warrandyte for 163 with David Sloan again batting well to score 49 and Ian Broome hitting out for 32.

But as has been the case for most of the season, the middle order collapsed and the final score was well short of what was expected...

well short of what was expected.

But Ainslie Park faultered badly under the attack led by Broome and Gerald Walshe.

With Sloan shipping in for his share of wickets and Mark O'Brien cleaning up the tail, Ainslie Park were dismissed for 65. In the remaining 12 overs, Warrandyte sought bonus points to score 3-60.

The Dytes face top placed North

The 'Dytes face top placed North Croydon and then Norwood in the final two matches and must keep winning to keep their faint finals hopes alive.

Senior scores:
Round 8: Chandler Shield: Warrandyte
5/20 (Peters 73 no, Broome 52, Kline 25
no) d. Scoresby 89 (Broome 5/30). Seconds: Warrandyte 6/102 d. Scoresby 92.
Round 9: Chandler Shield: Warrandyte
149 (Sloan 41) lost 1o St Andrews 6/152
(Broome 3/62). Seconds: Warrandyte 8/
102 (McCarthy 8). v. St Andrews 7/196.
Thirds: Warrandyte 113 lost 1o St Andrews 9/183 (King 3/230. Fourths: Warrandyte
118 lost 1o St Andrews 139. Fifths:
Warrandyte 4/182 (Martin 49, Owen 36,
Lawrence 37) lost 1o Wonga Park 4/198.
Sixths: Warrandyte 136 (Walker 37) lost 1o
Mooroolbark 182 (Walker 3/29).
Round 10: Chandler Shield: Warrandyte
234 (Sloan 61, White 43, Dorning 39,
Pascoe 33) lost 1o Vermont 360 (White 4/
62). Reserves: Warrandyte 8/274 (J. Kline
105 n.o., Sciclune 45, Walshe 27, Chapman 26) d. Vermont 248 (Snaidero 3/71,
Walshe 3/71), Thirds: Warrandyte 169 (B.
Baker 5/79) lost 1o Vermont 198. Fourths:
Warrandyte 135 (Booker 27, Andrew King
26) d. Vermont 124 and 8/135 (Booker 3/
59, Jungwirth 3/26 and 3/42). Fifths:
Warrandyte 277 (Cathercole 109, G.
Broome 29) d. Croydon North 97 and 3/
159 (Blackburn 4/33), Sixths: Warrandyte
8/355 (G. Walker 101, Webb 75, C. Dorning
41, Bowles 39) d. Chirmside Park 233
(Fernando 4/40, Bowles 4/16).



Adam White puts everything into this cut shot while playing for Warrandyte's Under 12 Grade 4 team.

Centuries? They're on for young and old

Three Warrandyte batsmen obviously have carried out New Year's resolutions to the letter.

In one of the first rounds after the Christmas break, three players scored centuries.

Two of the players, Godfrey Walker and Jim Gathercole, are at the veteran stage of their careers while Jason Kline is just embarking on what is certain to be a successful cricket future.

Jason, who is captain of Warrandyte's Under 16 team, opened the batting for the seconds against Vermont and was unbeaten at the end of the day with

His form with the bat enabled the Chandler Seconds to score a good win and enhance their chances of making the finals.

Jim Gathercole led the fifths to a bit win over Croydon North with a slashing 109.

And in the sixths, Godfrey Walker scored 101 after tea to enable Warrandyte to score a massive 8 dec 355.

Matthew Chapman is a picture of concentration as he waits to face the bowling for Warrandyte's Under 12 Grade 4 team.

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Ladies off the boil in '87

Warrandyte Cricket Club's women's team has not been able to keep up their pre-Christmas momentum. In the two matches completed since the break, the women's team has been unable to break the ice despite several impressive winning performances in the first half of the season.

season.

In the first match for the second half of the season, Warrandyte scored a competitive 6/166 with Jenny McLaws scoring an aggressive 62.

But Waverley's batting was too strong and they scored an impressive 4/171.

In the second match, some hos-

strong and they scored an impressive 4/171.

In the second match, some hostile bowling from Buckley Ridges saw Warrandyte score a creditable 5/187 with Jenny Chapman holding the team together for 74.

But Buckley Ridges forced the Warrandyte girls to spend a full day in the field as they compiled 7/203.

Women's scores: Warrandyte 6/166 (McLaws 62, Martin 31) lost to Waverley 4/171.

Warrandyte 5/187 (Chapman 74, Prince 31) lost to Buckley Ridges 7/203 (Martin 3/43).

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The third act was thoroughly joyful. The music, dance and continuing fermentation of plot in this tribal pantomime elevated absurdity to an art form. Or did it? The climax of the play showed us what we have all believed for a long time, that God is a tired old Verdun aviator and his message is 'Give up.'

It all makes good sense. Mankind is not worth saving. But then God too must have caught sight of Eleana's smile, Rebecca's haircut or Sue's gyrations and decided that a happy ending was in order. Thank God for male chauvinism.

'You've missed the whole point of the play,' said Gail. 'How pathetic!'

L'ye had a great evening' I said.

of the play,' said Gail. 'How pathetic!'

'I've had a great evening,' I said, 'thanks to Libby and Carol and Jenny and Mark and Mark and Linda and Helen and Joanna and John and Jock and Gus and Denise and Laurel and Kaye and Fran and Yvonne and Roger and Annette and Lachie and Fiona and Eric and Arthur and Trad and Norman and Clifford and Pennewarra...'

'Hey!' said Don, coming over and hitting me on the back. 'How do you like the show?' He seemed to be on a high. Not surprising really since he was God.

'What you going to write in the review?'

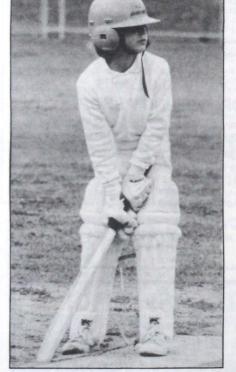
I searched for words.

'Eh?'

I kept searching.

I kept searching. Next time I'll pay the eight dollars.

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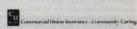
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