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And a good time was had by almost everyone

And why, may I ask, did we not see you at Stiggants Reserve?

I was there, mate, I was there. Up to my ankles in bloody mud. I was.

And you I saw you — you came for five minutes then clambered into the back of the festival bus. I called out to you to throw me a rope, but no, you were too busy getting ready to depart.

Ah, chum of my childhood, you exaggerate.

You must have seen me. I was the droob standing there between the band and the dim sim van. My arms were full of fairy floss, a lump of pita bread with African curry in it, a pot plant, the wife's anorak, three brochures, two 100-year-old beer bottles and a half-empty can of soft drink with a European wasp buzzing around in it. I mean, I must have been somewhat conspicuous, balancing on one foot while I tried to lever my other shoe out of the muck.

But you enjoyed yourself, surely. Sure, once the tow-truck came and pulled me out. And then I ran into Lynne Cappellani.

Delightful woman. Certainly. But what a tale of woe. She was a sort of walking lost property office. Look, I made a list of what she found left down there... "small hot pink umbrella with white spots, plain black umbrella, child's navy blue ski parka, small blue purse with a poodle brooch



Folk singer Leonore Somerset entertains the troops at Stiggants Reserve.

inside, ladies gold watch with a square face and gold band, green tartan woollen scarf, gold key..."

I suppose people could claim them by ringing her on 844 2191?

I suppose they could. Look, I'm being silly. It was a great success, the whole festival. Good bunch of paintings, fine raft race, excellent

bands, colorful parade. It's just that, with the weather being so bad, I came down afterwards with a terrible case of shores.

What's shores?  
 Another pot on my chum's account, if you please tavernkeeper. That line's as old as the hills. So's my thirst.

# Houses rise despite dual rule protest

By CLIFF GREEN

The building of a second house on land in the Warrandyte township is proceeding, despite rejection by Doncaster and Templestowe Council of an application for a 'closer density' subdivision.

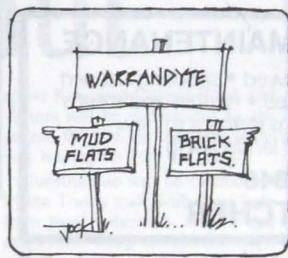
It is understood the new house, behind an older residence on the corner of Yarra and Anderson Streets, is being constructed under an 'as of right' building permit issued by council officers for a structure conforming to State Government 'dual occupancy' guidelines.

The guidelines confer the right, subject to certain conditions, on property owners to build at least one additional house, flat or unit on blocks above a certain minimum size, without a planning permit.

The development has been branded 'inappropriate', 'out of character', and 'a dangerous precedent'.

Concerned residents point out that the matter of dual occupancy, as it now stands, is beyond the control of Council.

"Neighbors in Anderson Street are not impressed," a residents' spokesman told the *Diary*.



"The second dwelling must be behind the building line in Yarra Street, but apparently no such restriction applies to Anderson Street. The new house faces Anderson Street and is well forward of the neighboring building.

"Despite local objection and council opposition, this house is being built, and a permit has been issued for 'dual occupancy' on at least one other site in Yarra Street."

These developments confirm the concern expressed by residents, the Warrandyte Environment League, local MPs and councillors that high density housing could proceed in Warrandyte, under existing legislation.

As reported last month, State Government has been asked to

place a 'freeze' on high density housing in Warrandyte.

"Residents fear that unless this ban is put in place immediately, the damage will be done," the spokesman said.

Among other moves last month, Doncaster and Templestowe Council conducted a survey in that part of the township covered by 'Residential C' zoning.

Residents were questioned on their attitudes to high density living. They were asked to consider the suitability of dual occupancy to their particular neighborhood and what housing density they considered appropriate to the area.

The residents' action committee is awaiting the results of this survey.

"We feel confident that Warrandyte township residents will overwhelmingly reject high density housing," the spokesman said.

"In the meantime, however, council officers have no alternative but to issue building permits for further dual occupancy projects.

"Mr Jim Kennan, Minister for Planning and Environment, must act promptly. The proposed 'freeze' on high density in Warrandyte must be put in place immediately. Any delay could alter the character of the area for all time."

Page 5. Lou Hill seeks changes in rules.



Work is proceeding apace on the controversial new house in Anderson Street, being built under an 'as of right, dual occupancy' permit.

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Smokey has decided to tell all. Many eager readers (well, at least two) have asked why this feature carries the name 'In Red & White'. No, it's not some cheap pinch off that piece in our reptilian contemporary, the Melbourne Herald, combined with the colors carried by local sporting teams. Last month we mentioned the editorial flagon, necessary sustenance for long nights when this paper was new. Well, some issues the flagon contained clawthroat claret, other times it was rotbrain riesling. This column was named in its honor.

## IN RED & WHITE



Bill McCulloch, Smokey's oldest mate, has taken charge down at Ward 1 North, Box Hill Hospital. Other old mates and friends are welcome to pop across for a bit of a yarn. It might pay to check things out with Bill's staff at the hospital first though. And one more thing. Bill has had the odd cold tinny included on the official diet. Just so you know, and don't go in empty-handed.

Warrandyte was awash with wine in those far-off halcyon days. Bottlings, organised to aid every possible cause, were all the rage. 'Rage' was the operative word. Red or white plonk, which would have been better employed stripping paint or killing bugs in swimming pools, was syphoned into bottles, allegedly for 'cellaring'. Most of it was tipped down ulcerated throats, right there and then. Gus McLaren's annual ALP bash was the best. Everyone ate charred chops and drank, far into the afternoon. They argued and fought and fell in the river. By 5 pm you knew the end of the world had come.

one Saturday morning, stocking up for the weekend, when in walked Gus. Purchasing two flagons—one red, the other white — he announced he was en route to Station Pier to farewell a neighboring family off overseas for six months. That's the last Warrandyte saw of Gus for a week or more. The story is he fell asleep under a bunk, was off-loaded in Fremantle, and found his own way home.

(and on a promise of a Mars bar at the checkout), Smokey relented, gave the supermarket and its environs a furtive once-over...and the thumbs up. One thing's for sure: it's a damned sight more attractive than the timberyard it replaced. You start to wonder what all the fuss was about.

Smokey did, in fact, bump into Porky Smith, at Harry Heath's very door. In return for his silence, we promised not to mention it was the first time in memory he had seen the inside of an **unlicensed** grocery.

Speaking of Gus McLaren, Smokey remembers the best apocryphal story of them all. Your correspondent was in the local licensed grocers

No amount of curiosity was going to get your correspondent down to the new West End shopping complex. No way. Why? Because, as Smokey told the Little Woman, his association with the *Diary* — through all those years of bun-fighting between the conservationists and the developers — precluded it. To be merely seen on the premises of this merchandising phenomenon might be misconstrued as a show of favouritism, of (shudder) bias. Ha, said the LW, but you're Smokey Joe; nobody knows your real identity. Porky Smith knows, said I, and suppose I should bump into him. It'd be all over this village like a blizzard. Under threat of leftovers for dinner

Last month, Smokey did a swank, about two young local tennis stars — Melanie Rankin (14) and Andrew Hiscock (13) — who won places in the Eastern Metropolitan Region 14 and under team in the Metropolitan Week Competition. Well, they did the old town proud. Their team came through as undefeated champions, cleaning up Northern Suburbs, Ferntree Gully and District, Western Suburbs and Waverley District.

Covering the waterfront the morning before festival weekend, Smokey comes upon a gang of council blokes messing about with a car wreck on the riverbank below Stiggants. Shifting the junk before the big day, are you blokes? says Smokey, ever ready to encourage community spirit. Wrong, say the council blokes. We're not taking her away, we're dumping her here. They're doing a demo at the festival. Emergency services blokes. They'll set fire to her, put out the fire, pull out the dummy and give him first aid. Good one, says Smokey, even more impressed. Festival weekend comes and goes. A fortnight passes. The wreck is still there. Still on active community service. Full to the windows with empty bottles and cans.

Overheard at the Goldtown Open at Warrandyte Tennis Club: "The tennis you see at these top tournaments really is great value. Considering it's free."


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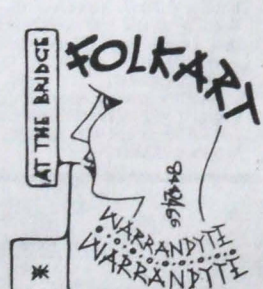
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## Pioneer memorial is Apex project

The Apex Club proposes to put up a memorial to the first European settlers in Warrandyte and is looking for a suitable design.

David Crockett, a former member of the Warrandyte chapter of Apex, has researched the role of James and Ann Anderson, who squatted on the Yarra in 1839. Anderson's Creek is named after the family. The memorial will be based on this historical research, says the club.

Apex says the Warrandyte Advisory Council backs the proposal and it has the qualified support of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Land. The department will give final approval once it sees the design for the memorial.

The site chosen for the memorial is Everard Park, which is close to the site of the Andersons' station. Andersons Creek runs through the area. Apex will build and maintain the memorial.

WAC will be asked to select a judging panel to select the best designs for final acceptance by the department.

Apex says it believes the memorial is a very worthy community undertaking and hopes that the people of Warrandyte will help make it possible.

There are a few ground rules. The memorial shall be built, as far as possible, from local materials, and should be no higher than two metres or wider than one metre. It should be vandal-proof.

Apex wants the plaque to be simple and factual, without being eulogistic.

Those interested should contact Apex's Bill Handell on 844 2824.

**PAGE 8: The Andersons of the Creek.**

## Staying in after school is easier

A grant of \$7875 from the Federal and State Governments has helped kick off the Warrandyte After-School Program.

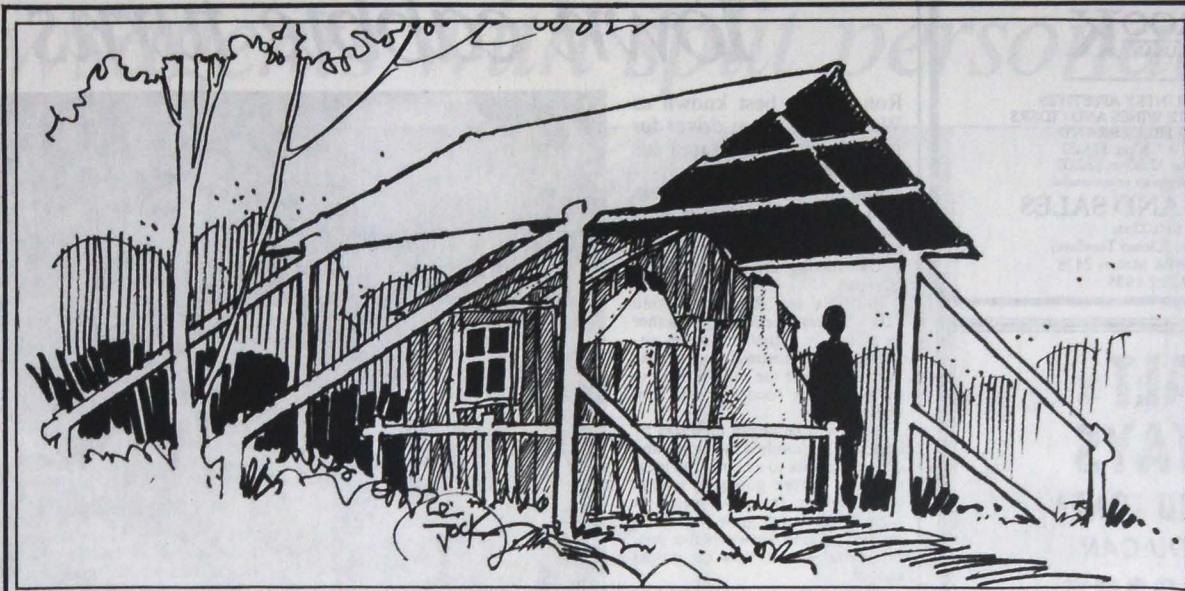
The Member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, says: "Many parents have put a lot of effort into planning suitable activities for children after school. The money will employ two co-ordinators to supervise the children and give them afternoon tea. A second \$500 grant will also be used to buy equipment."

The program operates every school day at Warrandyte Primary School after classes finish until 6.30 pm. It can accommodate up to 30 children from Warrandyte Primary School, Anderson's Creek Primary School, Warrandyte South Primary School and St. Anne's, Park Orchards.

Activities include cooking, board games, sports and crafts.

Mr Hill congratulated the parents and the local community for setting up the program. "Our After-School Program means peace of mind to many working parents, but it also helps parents who occasionally have appointments with doctors, lawyers or dentists after school hours."

The Warrandyte scheme is one of 130 Victorian Before and After-School Programs financed by the Government.



Jock's impression of the proposed shelter for the historic slab cottage in Castle Road.

# New hat for hut

Plans for a permanent shelter over the historic slab cottage in Castle Road have been completed, and construction is expected to begin later this year.

The tiny building, of timber slabs, with clay infill, rubble chimney and stringybark roof, was discovered in March 1984 during demolition of a later house on the site at the corner of Kangaroo Ground.

Research established that the hut was probably built during the 1880s, although in terms of building techniques and materials used, it could date back to the beginnings of European settlement.

Described as 'historically significant' it was classified by the National Trust within a week.

Arrangements were made to buy the land from the owners, Warrandyte builders Max and Jenny Green,

who were planning to build a new house on the site. They co-operated fully with the Trust and concerned locals to ensure that the unique little building was preserved for future generations.

Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils each contributed \$17,500 and the site was purchased and handed over to the National Trust.

The local management committee then prepared plans for a canopy to protect the hut from the elements. A highly innovative concept, it was similar in principle to the Myer Music Bowl, with poles and high tension cables supporting a cover made of a plastic membrane material.

After prolonged consideration however, Trust architects decided the proposed canopy was not strong enough to withstand damage from falling branches.

They also considered its stated 20-year life span was too short and were further concerned that the experimental nature of the structure could result in escalating costs.

Their alternative proposal, designed by architect Jonathan Wade of Surrey Hills, is for a simple roof frame using round poles, sheeted with Colourbond corrugated steel, extending well beyond the hut walls and braced to the hillside and the surrounding ground in each direction.

The hut would be further protected by a post and rail fence constructed within the perimeter of the shelter.

Any proposal to fence the entire site has been deferred indefinitely, as has been the small stone gatehouse planned for the Kangaroo Ground Road entrance.

A gravelled path will be constructed from the existing gateway

above Kangaroo Ground Road, and visitors will be encouraged to approach the site via the bush pathway leading up from the bridge.

Construction will be carried out by the Trust's staff, with some help from local volunteers. Repair and restoration work on the hut itself will be undertaken by a team of artisans from Gulf Station, the Trust's property at Yarra Glen.

Experienced in colonial building techniques, they will accept continuing responsibility for the hut's maintenance.

The Trust and the local management committee have approximately \$4 000 in hand. This includes a \$3,000 grant from the National Heritage Commission.

Application is being made to Eltham Council for a building permit.

CLIFF GREEN

## Community bus is on the cards

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee is conducting a survey to establish whether there is a need for a community bus in Warrandyte.

W.A.C. has been concerned for some time about the lack of transport facilities in Warrandyte and feel that a community bus may be the answer to some of the problems. W.A.C. has devised a survey and has compiled a list of community and sporting groups in the Warrandyte area and anticipates all those groups receiving the survey within the next month.

Jan Loughman, a member of W.A.C. says: "We have tried to include all groups and individuals in the survey, however if there are those people who haven't received a survey or would like a copy we can certainly provide them with one if they contact Jean Chapman at the Warrandyte Co-op, 176 Yarra Street, Warrandyte."

Jan goes on to say: "We would appreciate any comments or ideas people may have on the issue. If the survey indicates a strong need for a community bus W.A.C. would like to establish a community committee of interested people who would like to oversee the project. Hopefully some of those groups interested in using the bus may be interested in participating on the committee."

Some of the groups W.A.C. feels may benefit from the community bus are the aged, after-school care program, schools, families with children who lack transport, sporting groups, community and teenage groups.

If anyone wishes to discuss any ideas they have regarding usage of the community bus they can contact Jan on 844 2422. W.A.C. hopes to have details of the survey printed in the *Diary* in the next few months.

## Grant for Child Centre

The Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre has received a \$90,000 State Government grant to extend its building and accommodate more children.

The Member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, congratulated the parents and staff on their efforts to improve the centre.

Mr Hill said that the extensions meant that 35 instead of 25 children could be taken care of. "We are very fortunate in Warrandyte to have a first rate centre run by dedicated parents and excellent staff. The extra places will help take the pressure off the long waiting list and meet some of the huge demand for good quality child care," Mr Hill said.

The centre is a parent-run child care co-operative which leases buildings from the Doncaster-Templestowe Council. The extension plans have council backing and work should get under way soon.

## Lou Hill seeks change in rules

Warrandyte may be exempted from occupancy planning provisions following a request by the Member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill.

Speaking in Parliament, Mr Hill asked the Minister for Planning Mr. Kennan, to review the zoning of the Warrandyte township to ensure that the population density does not threaten the natural environment.

"Warrandyte township is surrounded by state park and river reserve," he said. "Residential zoning is inappropriate in green wedge and is an anomaly which must be addressed," Mr. Hill said.

Replying on behalf of Mr. Kennan, the Treasurer, Mr Jolly, said that the minister would review the dual occupancy planning amendment and consider an exemption on environmental grounds after he has received a submission from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

Mr Hill welcomed the ministers' review and said that Warrandyte could be protected either by a new zoning or by an exemption.

Last year Mr. Kennan announced an amendment to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Planning Scheme which would allow dual occupancy as of right in Residential 'C' areas including Warrandyte.

Mr. Hill described dual occupancy as an effective way of increasing the number and variety of houses by allowing two to be built on one block.

"The aged, the handicapped and single people particularly stand to benefit from dual occupancy. But, in environmentally sensitive areas like Warrandyte, we must ensure that population density does not threaten our natural heritage," Mr Hill said.

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# Town cabbie turns 80

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Ron and his brother Len, both born at the old post office in Yarra Street, were third generation Warrandytians, their grandfather Phillip Belzer having arrived here from Europe.

Phillip's son Robert married Ethel Speers, member of another local family. Ethel had been appointed post mistress here at the age of 21, and the family lived in the post office residence until Ron was about 14.

Ron and Len began their day by milking the family's two cows and delivering milk to a number of local residents before going to school, then milking the cows again at night. Their father grew vegetables on the ground between the post office and what is now the gospel chapel.

Ron's mother owned the land on which the chapel now stands. The Presbyterian Church occupied this land as far back as Ron can remember. It was burned down on 'Black Friday', 1939, after which the present chapel was built. The post office was only saved from fire after a determined fight. Formerly roofed with shingles, these were covered with corrugated iron some time prior to 1897.

Ron attended Warrandyte school, as had his father before him. Leaving school at 14, he helped his father clear land in Whipstick Gully. The wood they cut was carried home to keep the stove going and to warm the house in winter. Ron remembers staggering home under a load of firewood after a hard day's work.

At 16, Ron began work at the local bakery in Warrandyte. He later moved around the country as far afield as Griffith, before settling into a baking job at Altona.

He remembers working all Friday night at the bakehouse in Altona, then arriving home to play football on Saturday afternoon. Ron played for Warrandyte for seven years, but his A grade cricket career was much shorter; the local team was a man short one week and Ron stepped in on this one occasion.

His father Robert Belzer worked as a coal miner at Wonthaggi and in the gold mines at Kalgoorlie before he married. Unlike many of



Ron Belzer tends his garden: milking, school and milking again.

the Warrandyte miners who left to try their luck in the west, Robert returned, working in the Caledonian Mines for six shillings a day.

Ron remembers being told that the North Caledonian Mine was on good gold when its pumps could no longer cope and it closed just before World War I. It is believed its pumps were draining all the other mines in the vicinity, including the Victory Mine in Whipstick Gully. Local tradition has it that the mine was blown in after it closed down and work had ceased.

The South Caledonian mine was also on good gold when a charge, fired in the roof of the tunnel, let the water in and flooded the mine.

Ron's father told him of one mine near Gardiner's Shaft (a deep mine on the bend of the track on the north-east side of Fourth Hill), where the seam of gold was in thin sheets, which they simply peeled off and rolled up.

He also remembers the theory that a rich reef runs under the cemetery, assuring a good turnout at funerals, many of the mourners displaying more interest in the grave, and the soil and gravel that

had been shovelled out of it, than in the departed.

Ron married Kath Walsh, who came from Castlemaine. They met when Ron worked for Kath's brother Jim at the Warrandyte bakery. Their first home was in Port Melbourne. Ron worked at the Box Hill brickworks, getting up at 4.45 each morning to start work at 7.15. Knock-off time was 5 pm.

The brickworks closed during the depression and Ron was laid off. He used to walk from Port Melbourne to the Trades Hall every day, seeking work.

Those without jobs were given vouchers for essential specified items of food and a hundredweight (50.8 kg) of wood each week. Occasionally Ron got baking work on Friday nights, but as the depression tightened its grip, these jobs became scarcer and scarcer.

Following the birth of their first daughter Una, Ron and Kath moved back to Warrandyte, living in a two-roomed cottage on the Melbourne Road. Ron finally got work with the SEC in the Eildon area, then moved to Bright, where

he worked on the construction of the road over the Tawonga Gap, between Bright and Mount Beauty.

He moved back to Melbourne with the SEC and was working on the Brunswick to Newport power line. In 1949 he suffered an accident, coming into contact with the live power lines, and was hospitalised for six months.

Left with permanent injuries, but lucky to be alive, Ron took over the taxi service Billy Moore had started in Warrandyte. Ron and Kath ran the taxis for 14 years before retiring.

Like so many Warrandyte families, the Belzers lost most of their records and photographs when Ron's parents' home in Webb Street was destroyed in the 1962 fires. All his father saved, apart from the clothes he stood up in, was a pair of old boots.

Ron and Kath now have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Their daughters Una Von der Lippe and Kaye Cahill still live in Warrandyte. Four generations of the Belzer family have attended the Warrandyte school.

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## Ringwood seeks snappers

Photography in Ringwood has been active for many years and recently the Colour Photography Club of Ringwood celebrated 32 years of successful meetings.

The club meets at the North Ringwood Community House at 120 Oban Road on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm.

The club has some very experienced members and over the years has competed successfully in interclub, Victorian and National competitions.

The 1986 "Slide of the Year" and "Club Aggregate" was won by Audrey Crawford and Marlene Lyell was first in the "Nature" competition.

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# Newsagents with split personalities

Warrandyte newsagent and entrepreneur Steve Hobbs, and his wife Jenny, are as difficult to pin down as Saturdays' Age on a windy day.

Not only do they work at different hours, but they now run three shops — a new newsagency at the recently completed Goldfields Plaza, an almost new newsagency at The Pines shopping centre and the central Warrandyte milk bar.

When the Diary caught up with Jenny, she admitted that life was hectic but exciting and thought that they could handle the three shops and still spend their Sundays at home together.

The Hobbs came to Warrandyte newsagency when Steve left the army after 20 years of service. He was stationed at Oakey on Queensland's Darling Downs at the Army Aviation Centre.

A soldier since leaving school, Steve's only other venture into civilian life was when he and Jenny came to Montrose for a five year period, while Steve took a course in aircraft engineering at RMIT. He really enjoyed mixing with the different types of people at the college.

Their two daughters, Cassie and Katie, were born during this visit, which makes Jenny the only Queenslander in the family. Cassie and Katie now help in the shops, "for a fee" Jenny points out. "We employ half of their schoolmates from Eltham College" she adds.

Jenny was working as a teacher

before coming to Melbourne as a speech correctionist, and was heading for a degree in librarianship when they moved. She naively thought that being surrounded by books to read in a newsagency would compensate. Now there is little time to read.

Very involved in community life in Oakey and Montrose, the Hobbs now have regrets that they are too busy to be involved in the Warrandyte community at the moment.

Steve was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Oakey and both were very involved in the Ferntree Gully 1812 Theatre Group while in Montrose. Jenny, the actor of the family, says that they even managed to get Steve on stage in one memorable production.

Steve likes a game of tennis, but the closest he gets these days is handing out the key to the Lions tennis courts at the bridge.

The Hobbs are very busy reorganising the central milkbar, which will remain as a sub-newsagency and little changed from a customer's viewpoint.

The main newsagency and Tatts-lotto have moved to the Goldfields Plaza and will be open throughout Saturday. West-End milkbar will retain the sub-newsagency also.

With a giggle, Jenny slipped in that some locals are calling Steve, Hobbs-a-Court. Seems quite appropriate to us.

JUDY MACDONALD



A rare moment: Steve and Jenny Hobbs together at their original newsagency.



The high standard of the Third Annual Rotary Acquisitive Art Show, held during Festival weekend and attracting 246 entries from amateur and professional artists, reflected the importance of visual arts in this community. At least four of the entrants are local art teachers.

The theme of the Festival was not ignored; in the shallows, round the bend, in mist and with a picnic lunch the magic of Warrandyte's river and bushland was explored. Max Wilks' award winning "Roundabout" (Category D — "This is Warrandyte" Award) proved that it was possible to view the village from yet another original perspective.

Stanley Ballard was well qualified to face the unenviable task of choosing prize winners in the four categories represented:

Chris White's "Fraser St. Lorne" proved a popular choice as winner of Category A (Oils or Acrylic). Highly Commended in this section was the vibrant, dark, palette of Harris Smith's "Warrandyte" and Pauline Cross' large work entitled "Into our Bush". Pauline illustrated her versatility with change of style and medium in her "Across the Way" (Maldon) watercolour abstract.

In Category B (Watercolors) the number of entrants was lower than last year, however the winner of this section, David Taylor, with his "Kananook Creek, Frankston",

Viewers at Rotary Festival art exhibition admire entries in the watercolor section.

## Splendor falls on local walls

provided an excellent example of subtle controlled use of watercolors in subdued tonings, as did his "Foggy Morning, Warrandyte".

Rotary members who worked long hours organising the exhibition were pleased with the overall attendance. Director David Curry said all prizewinning entries acquired by Rotary had been sold and sales generally had been steady.

Rotary would welcome an increase in Category "C" entries next year ("in any other or mixed mediums") and suggested photographic studies would be most welcome. Winner of this section — "Five O'Clock Percy St" — was one of three screenprints by artist Yvonne Deering who handles her subjects with wit as well as technical expertise.

Barbara Beasley-Southgate's pastel, "Young Hopeful" was Highly Commended in this section and the writer would like to comment on the excellence of her other figures in landscapes — the oils, "In the Shallows Warrandyte" and "Riverside Warrandyte".

Walter Magilton's "Warrandyte Image" and Reg Cox's watercolor of Warrandyte, one of a series, were appropriately awarded High Commendation in the "Warrandyte" Section.

Generally the standard of works in Category A was higher than that of the other categories, and overall, women artists tended to be more refreshingly experimental in use of color, choice of subject and medium, notably Jan Neil, Nada Hunter and Yvonne Deering.

Marion Winton

In Red and White continued from page 2

She was distraught. The little beggars were chattering away in bed. "If you two don't keep quiet I'll turn off the lamp," she roared. Smokey couldn't help giggling. The lamp is, of course, a night light.

A word of warning in your shell-pinks: don't go dumping your rubbish in that tempting garbage skip outside Warrandyte Primary. School handyman, Eddie Morris, doesn't like it. What's more, he's quite prepared to go through any pile of foreign trash to snaffle the incriminating evidence. Smokey found him on the warpath recently,

brandishing papers and ready to pounce. Your correspondent kept out of his way. Smokey remembered inadvertently intruding on a previous time of trouble. Eddie was on the phone. "Madam," he said, "will you kindly remove your rubbish from in front of the school. How do I know it's your rubbish? Well, I have recovered your husband's tax records from the muck. Would you like me to go through them with you." Smokey believes he would have posted the damn things on the bulletin board if madam had not agreed to be up there in half an hour with an empty sack.



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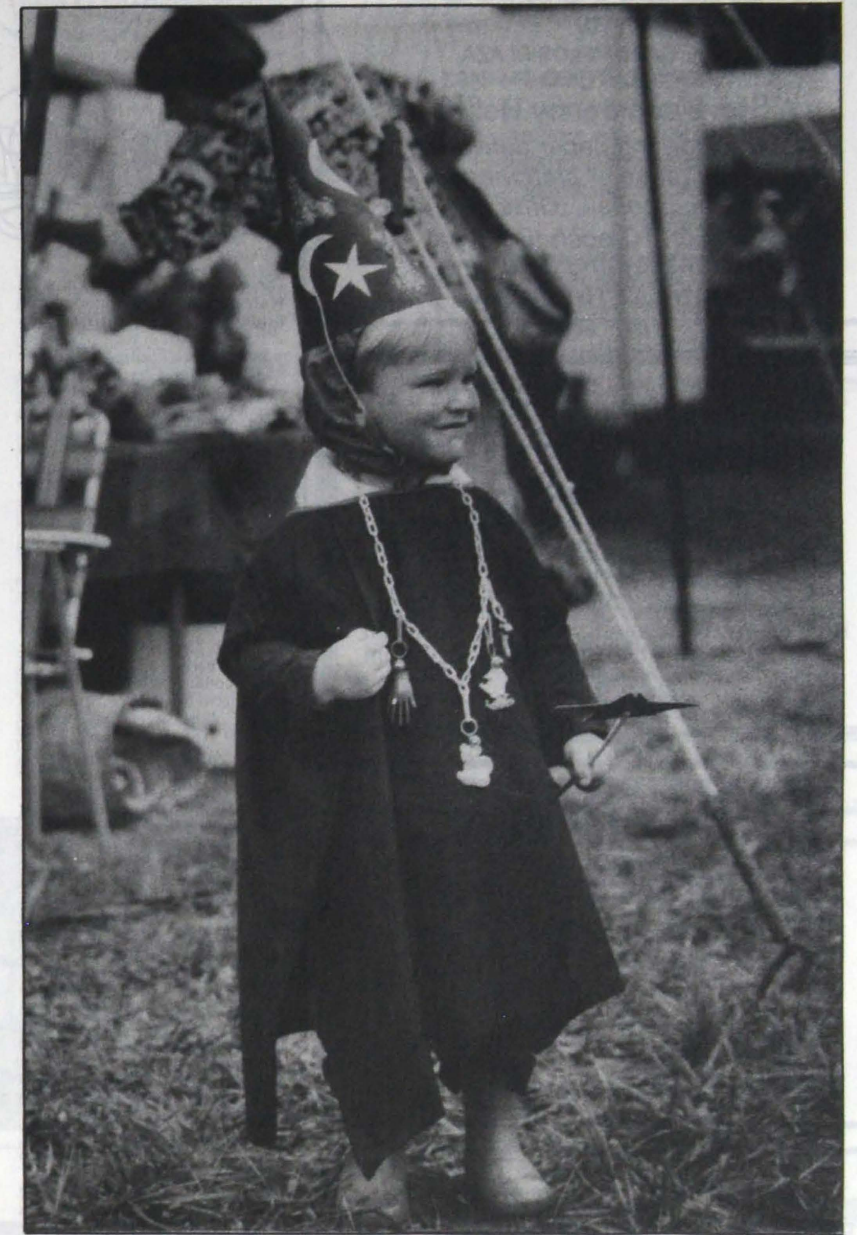
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# Festive spirits

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ABOVE: It was cold, damn cold, but when could weather ever separate a kid from water? The waterslide was one of the most popular attractions down at Stiggants Reserve. RIGHT: A North Warrandyte firefighter runs like blazes (pun intended) after hearing that police are about to book his car for illegal parking.



LEFT: Social historians one day will probably debate the origins of the curious custom of tossing the gumboot. This newspaper intends to give them no clues whatsoever. ABOVE: Magic was the theme of the festival and little wizard Andrew Whittington, of Hutchinson Avenue, contributed splendidly. He hopes to be a warlock when he grows up.

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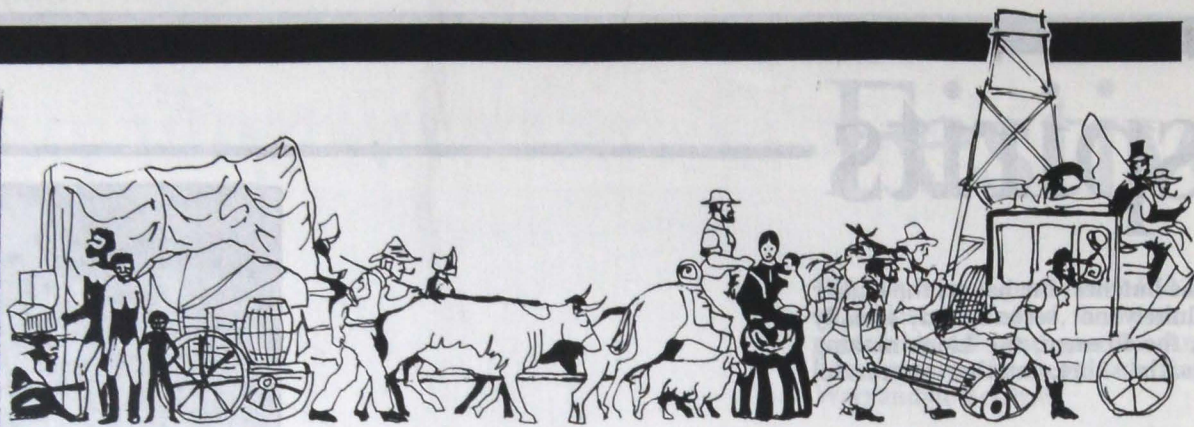
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# Up the creek with Mr Anderson

By DAVID CROCKETT

The area that we now know as Warrandyte was an unexplored wilderness until the first white settlers came from the early settlement of Port Phillip in the late 1830s. Major Charles Newman was the first when he established a sheep run on the Deep Creek in 1837 at Templestowe.

Captain Charles Scott and his son had a station on the Jumping Creek in 1838 and James Anderson started a cattle run in 1839 near the junction of a creek and the Yarra Yarra River. Survey maps of the day show his station buildings in the vicinity of Anderson's Creek and the Yarra River near the present day site of Everard Park.

James and Ann Anderson arrived from Van Dieman's Land in late 1837 or early 1838 and rented a timber cottage on a half acre allotment between Bourke Street and Little Collins Street. On February 9, 1839 Anderson advertised the cottage for rent until December 31, 1839 and shortly after that time moved out to the Stringybark Ranges which covered the vast tracts of land east of Melbourne.

In those days for £10 one could take out a licence to depasture stock (squattling licence) and start a station. James Anderson started his cattle station at Warrandyte and his herds roamed the hills and valleys south towards Ringwood.

Anderson hired hands to supervise his herds and built a timber dwelling, sheds and rough cattle yards. He planted potatoes in an area which we now call Pound Bend and this became known as Anderson's paddock and marked the boundary between himself and Major Neeman. He called his station "Yarra Bight" after the large, meandering loop in the river which encloses present day Pound Bend.

His station became a calling place as other settlers and explorers moved eastward up the river. In

early 1840, a tribe of Port Phillip natives moved upstream from Melbourne after clashes and difficulties with the white settlers. They were forced to move. The last of the group reached the station of James Anderson on January 7.

Anderson was aware of their presence on that evening and a bullock driver named Pierce Dempsey, who was camped overnight at the station, went down and spoke to the aborigines at dusk. Amongst the band was a powerful young man whose adopted white name was Jackie Jackie.

He was nearly six feet in height and a natural leader. Dempsey spoke to him on that evening to ascertain their intentions, but, apparently satisfied, soon took his leave.

James Anderson rose early next morning at six o'clock and rode to the encampment on Pound Bend to find that his potatoes were all dug up. He proceeded to the aboriginal encampment and upon reaching the outskirts called out, accusing them of plundering his crop and threatening retribution from the troopers. The natives rose to meet the lone white settler, several of them armed with muskets.

Anderson continued his tirade until he noticed one taking aim, followed by the thunderous report of a musket. The ball whizzed past his head and crashed into the scrub behind. Anderson turned his horse and fled with the natives in hot

pursuit still firing. Back at the station, Dempsey having heard the firing, hitched up his team and left for Port Phillip.

Anderson regained the sanctuary of his station buildings and waited for a further assault which never eventuated. The aborigines left the area and eventually were involved in an attack at Ryrie's station at Yering where Jackie Jackie was captured but later escaped.

It was during 1840, that Ann Anderson came to join her husband. These were hard times, as the colony of Port Phillip was beset by economic recession, and in many areas squatting was becoming more difficult. Ann Anderson was not alone however for amongst those that her husband hired were Samuel and Judith Furphy. They were the parents of Joseph Furphy who wrote "Such is Life" under the pseudonym of Tom Collins.

Furthermore, James Dawson, George Selby and Patrick Mitchell and families had taken over Scott's run near the Jumping Creek and had established a station with dairy cattle. George Selby's wife, Penelope, visited Ann Anderson with whom a rapport had been established. It distressed Penelope Selby to find Ann Anderson unwell in November 1840 as she noted in her letters back to England.

It must have been a bitter blow to James Anderson when his wife Ann died in late December and was

buried in the Old Melbourne Cemetery on Christmas Day. Ann Anderson was the first woman pioneer of Warrandyte and also the first to die.

James Anderson continued his station through the depression years of the early 1840s. As more and more settlers moved eastward from Melbourne, bitter disputes developed between the original squatters and the later arrivals. The administration in Port Phillip decided to survey the lands preparatory to allotting them and in 1841, the Assistant surveyor G. H. Nutt surveyed the Warrandyte area. James Anderson found himself left with only 390 acres which he could purchase.

The census of 1841 showed Anderson as a widower without family still employing hands to run the station. Rumor has it that in 1842, James Anderson in the company of a man called Sharpe, prospected up river in the Plenty Panges and discovered gold. The find was not reported publicly, indeed there were stories that it was suppressed and that the assay of the find was never returned to Anderson.

In 1843, Dawson and Selby moved from Warrandyte to the Portland Bay district and other settlers took over their run. James Anderson and Major Charles Newman had become bitter enemies over their disputed boundary and their conduct caused the Commissioner for Crown Lands of the time, Lt. G.S. Airey, to threaten fines upon them unless they mended their ways.

By 1845, an agent of the Crown named John James was investigating their complaints and his letters reveal that on February 14, 1845 he called at Anderson's station and spoke to Mrs Anderson on the matter. It appears that James Anderson did not remain a widower but remarried.

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The businessmen and their mansions have come, helping us fill our roads with cars and petrol fumes. But the trains will never arrive.

Perhaps we should thank providence and numerous tardy governments that a railway to Warrandyte was never built.

Perhaps the village character of our 'special place' survived because we were isolated for so long, with bad roads and indifferent coach and bus services keeping suburbia at bay long enough for us to establish a sense of community that should withstand whatever progress has in store.

An Upper Yarra Railway League was formed in 1869, with Anderson's Creek figuring as a station on the proposed line. But when it was bypassed in favor of Croydon on the way to Lilydale and Healesville, everyone forgot about Warrandyte. Except Warrandyte.

But trains did run through Warrandyte once. When the railway beyond Ringwood to Lilydale was opened in December 1882, the only other station on the line was called 'Warrandyte', perhaps to soothe the indignation of Anderson's Creekers disappointed at missing out.

But it was miles from the place everyone else called Warrandyte, the name increasingly replacing that of Anderson's Creek. Warrandyte station was soon renamed Croydon, and we were still no better off.

The extension of the line on the north side of the river, from Heidelberg through Eltham to Hurstbridge,

# All aboard for old Warrandyte

would have added to the frustration. Warrandyte had missed out again.

Our next chance would have come around the turn of the century when they closed the line to Waihalia, making all that lovely narrow-gauge rolling stock and equipment suddenly available. That's when the line through the Dandenong Ranges to Gembrook was built.

Imagine for a moment that our railway lobby was successful. A sudden need arose to 'pork barrel' our valley for votes. As cheaply as possible.

A decision was made to build the long-awaited Yarra Valley Railway, but as a narrow-gauge branch line from Heidelberg, following the south bank of the river to join the broad gauge track at Yarra Glen.

Bulleen, Templestowe, Deep Creek, Pound Bend, Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Wonga Park, Coldstream... The station names ring like a peal of bellbird chimes.

It would have been a beautiful route. Vistas of river and bushland, tree-dotted paddocks; a smiling landscape.

The engines and rolling stock would have been identical to those on the Gembrook line, but it would have been quite different in character. Gembrook is a true mountain railway, whereas this would have been a lovely little river valley line.

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In time, railways are kind to landscapes; more so than highways. Our Yarra Valley Railway would have grown back nicely by now.

A splendid trestle bridge would still

span Whipstick Gully and a level crossing at the foot of Webb Street would be adding even more chaos to traffic in Yarra Street.

Pressure would have come for the broadening and electrification of our line by the 1920s, but then the Great Depression and World War II would have denied the funds and by the 1950s it would have been threatened with closure. Then the fun would have really started!

Every ramshackle public hall from Templestowe to Yarra Glen would have rung with the eloquent words of protest. We would have laid down on the track, under the wheels of the demolition gangs' wagons, if necessary.

Little railway stations all along the line, stranded in bush or suburbia, would have been caged in Cyclone wire, awaiting restoration.

But the Yarra Valley Railway would have been saved.

I can picture the 11 am Sunday excursion special pulling out of Heidelberg station, thundering across the Yarra, running through the market gardens at Bulleen and the orchard and bush country beyond Templestowe.

I can see the thick black smoke as it storms up Melbourne Hill for the fast run down into Warrandyte, cock-a-doodle-do-ing its warning to the Taroona Avenue level crossing traffic, the whistle note blending harmoniously with the noon fire siren.

Finally I can hear the hissing of steam and the clatter of wheels over points as it brakes and idles to a halt at Warrandyte station, directly opposite the pub. Time for an extended lunch and water stop, then off along the valley, en route to Wonga Park and beyond.

By CLIFF GREEN



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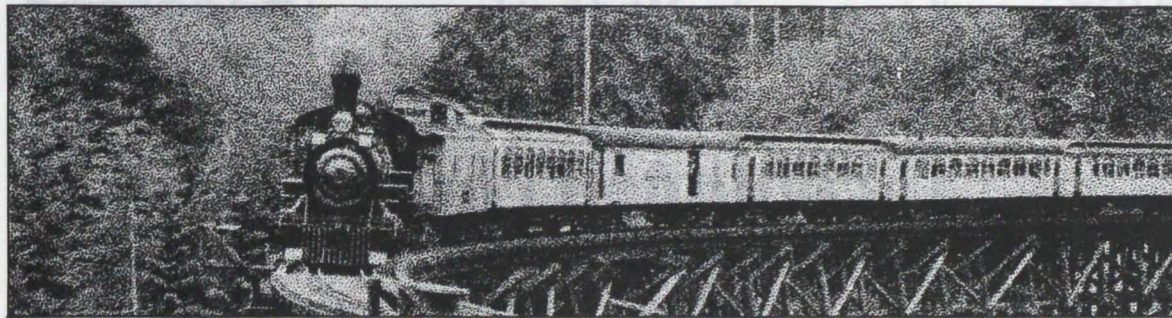
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We don't know his name but we admired his style at the Warrandyte Festival.

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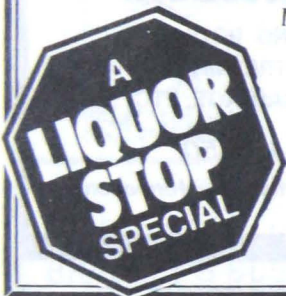
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# Prevention is a continual chore

Warrandyte has come through its third very mild summer in a row. We are happy to report that there were no major fires in the area during the season, and restrictions were lifted on March 13.

Even though the weather is cooler and summer is approaching, there are many jobs that can be done around the house to help prepare for next year's fire season:

- After the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983, scientists and firefighters found, among other things, that houses with tidy areas around them and little to burn had a better chance of surviving a bushfire.
- Prune trees, mulch the offcuts, slash long grass and burn off any heaps of dried timber, blackberries etc.
- Repair your buildings to prevent embers getting into any gaps during a bushfire. Check for gaps

in timber joints and around windows. Place metal flywire over air vents in both brickwork and timber walls. Check your roof tiles to ensure that they have not become loose. Clean out your gutters and roof valleys. This should be a year-round chore to continually remove all leaf litter.

- Sheds and garages nearby always have flammable materials in them. Tidy up these containers and make sure they are labelled and stored correctly to avoid any accidental mixing of substances.
- Check firefighting equipment. If you have any pumps, hoses or knapsacks kept for firefighting purposes, make sure they operate properly. Send them away to be repaired if necessary.
- In summary, fire prevention is a continual chore. If you keep at it all year round then your work is less arduous and probably more effective.

## First CAB off the rank

The inaugural meeting formally to incorporate the bureau and pass the Constitution was held at the Community Centre on March 16, John Curry, Treasurer of the Interim Committee, has resigned after valuable service, and Brian Bayly now finds his voluntary time is involved with the District Health Council. He will continue to keep the Bureau informed of developments in the health field.

The new Committee of Management is: President Louise Joy Vice, President Jenny Harkin, Treasurer Heidi Joy, Secretary Linda Draeger, Public Officer Ainslie Lamb, Committee Members Eilish Cooke, Andrea Waugh, Ann Dodson, Leigh Podporin, Sally George, Margaret Bourke and hopefully Bob Poppins. Jenny Harkin continues to coordinate training so prospective volunteers ring Jenny on 844 2663 or at the Bureau 844 2985.

The opening hours are Mon. Wed. Fri. Sat. 1-3 pm but if anyone has trouble getting through it is because there is only one telephone line until we move into the Post Office and this might be in use for the computer link to Box Hill Library. One of the volunteers has been known to check up reference books at the library for her son's school projects.

Remember that the C.A.B. is a

general information service so do not feel you have to have an enormous problem to come in the door. The direct link to the library index is particularly valuable.

Sally George, Information Coordinator, has written from her working holiday in Sarawak, Borneo, that she is involved with a Women's Referral Service and she has asked for C.A.B. Training Material Warrandyte to assist Sarawak as part of aid to Third World countries!

Did you know that —

- there is a list of computer courses at the WCAB?
- there is an employment agency called D.O.M.E (Don't Overlook Mature Experience)?
- there are various levels of child abuse (belittling your children is one)?
- all the pamphlets for Social Security Benefits and Rehabilitation Schemes are at the Bureau?
- the Bureau has an Honorary Financial Counsellor, Work Care Consultant and Legal Advice?
- there are new volunteers going through training and new courses starting in 1987?

LOUISE JOY  
PRESIDENT WCAB

## letters

### Thanks for clean-up

Thanks to the boys from our local CEBS group, Anglican Boys Society) who collected rubbish along the riverbank after the Festival Weekend.

The boys filled four large garbage bags in about one hour using torches. I believe they plan a similar exercise in daylight at a later date.

I hate to think how much rubbish they might collect.

Local Resident

### Well done, rangers

I'd like to congratulate the rangers on their fantastic river display at the Warrandyte Festival. We thought it was great! Not only did we find out about the plants and animals living along the Yarra (and in it), but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves too. (Was there really someone hiding in that soil box?)

It was especially great to see the rangers from the Board of Works and Conservation, Forests and Lands working together instead of competing with each other. Let's hope we'll see more of this in the future.

Well done by the Festival organisers as well!

Denise Warren  
Local Resident

### Now it's no go for that logo

Funny, isn't it?...Or is it? What symbol or logo would you choose if opening a new shopping centre in Warrandyte? I suppose a poppet head from a mine is fair enough.....especially since we all carry it on our bumper bars!

Even in the middle of rush hour traffic to the city I see the familiar Warrandyte stickers sold in aid of Anderson Creek Primary School, and I think of the Goldfields Plaza Shopping Centre.

Advertising works on many levels, and the subconscious one is most powerful of all, whether we like it or not. It was a good idea at the time, but I'm removing my bumper sticker now that it's a Commercial.

Brian Laurence.

# The Governor pitched in

BRUCE BENCE continues his series on the history of fires in our area.

Late in the summer of 1927 Warrandyte was again under threat by fire. By Saturday February 12, a blaze that began north of Queenstown (St Andrews) had broken away and was approaching the township.

Two men — George Clarke of Warrandyte and Henry Kruger, a railway employee—were severely burned when they were surrounded by the fire.

George Clarke had turned back to help Harry, George and Kevin Sloan and a number of others, who were helping Alfred Higgins to save the family home. Clarke was apparently overcome by heat and smoke as he tried to get through to the Higgins property on the corner of Hamilton and Osborne Roads. He survived the ordeal and later married Ruby Sloan.

Irene Smith (formerly Higgins) was only a child, but can remember men fighting with wet bags and branches to save the property. She recalls her mother squeezing lemon juice into kerosene tins of water to provide drinks for the fire fighters.

Irene has seen four major fires sweep the area where she lives — 1927, 1939, 1962 and 1969. She and husband Colin lost their home in the 1962 fires. For two years they lived in a two-roomed hut built with materials donated by the people where Colin works.

Mrs Gertie Robertson received high praise for her efforts during the 1927 crisis. She continually provided men at the fire front with drinking water, and only those who have wielded a branch or a bag under such conditions will appreciate how welcome she would have been.

The Governor of Victoria (Lord Somers) and his aide turned out to help. But the people of Warrandyte were free and independent spirits in those days and were not overawed by the vice regal presence. When the Governor returned from his stint at the front, his car was missing. It had been pressed into service as emergency transport.

Finally, a wind change gave the fire fighters the break they so desperately needed. The blaze had reached a point only a mile from the township.

The township was again threatened on 11 April 1933. Starting on the Kangaroo Ground Road two miles from the village, a fire burnt across the properties of Daisy Hawkes and Mr H. Mullins. Although late in the season, Constable Thomas and a crew fought the blaze until late in the evening. It was only brought under control when rain began to fall.

The serious fires that have swept Warrandyte from its earliest days of settlement have destroyed countless records, photographs and works of art. Precious links with our past



The Governor of Victoria, Lord Somers, helps fight the flames in Warrandyte. Lord Somers is wearing the Panama hat.

that have gone forever. This destruction by flame has not only been caused by bushfires.

At 12.30 am on Monday 27 April 1925, the night watchman at the Doncaster cool stores saw the reflection of flames from the Warrandyte area. He rang the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and the Box Hill brigade was despatched. By the time they arrived the Warrandyte Hotel was a heap of ashes.

The licensee, Mrs C.J. Connelly, her husband, their two children and a member of staff escaped with what they stood up in. They were alerted by Mr T. Griffiths, a baker who lived opposite, who fortunately saw the fire. The weatherboard hotel stood on the eastern corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue.

Many of Warrandyte's older buildings have suffered a similar fate. Over the years, Jack Moore's store, Mr W. Hodgett's store (totally destroyed by fire early on 30 April 1903), the Hussey homestead in Husseys' Lane, most recently the old post office, and many others have been lost or seriously damaged due to building fires.

Even today, with an efficient and effective fire brigade, superbly trained and equipped and with a good reticulated water supply, it is only a matter of minutes as to whether a building can be saved or not, once it is well alight.

The police station in Stiggant Street, occupied at the time by Constable W. Waire and his family, caught fire on 20 January 1932 and was destroyed. Prompt action by volunteers prevented the fire from

spreading to the surrounding country.

The records of the Anderson Creek Cemetery were lost when Bill McCulloch's house was destroyed in the 1939 fires. The Warrandyte Fire Brigade records suffered a similar fate when secretary Ted Salagari's house was burnt in December 1944.

It was not until 1933 that the Bush Fire Brigades were legally established under the Bush Fire Brigades Act. The Bush Fire Brigades Association had been formed in 1928 in an effort to encourage and co-ordinate fire fighting throughout the State, although many brigades were established much earlier, including those at Kangaroo Ground and Pantom Hill.

New Year's Day 1938 was the kind of day that puts fear into the hearts of bushmen and fire fighters alike. The temperature soared above the century with a strong hot wind blowing from the north.

Lin Mitchell, who was staying with the Day family at Pound Bend for the holidays, was visiting Hubert Day in Research Road when he saw smoke rising from the vicinity of Stoney Creek.

Lin and Hubert Day ran down to the fire. Despite Hubert Day's wooden leg, Lin had trouble keeping up with him. Helped by others who arrived on the scene, they got the fire under control using branches.

The fire appeared to be out when Lin walked back across the river for lunch. When he returned the fire had flared up again, fanned by the

strong northerly, it jumped the river into Pound Bend.

Charley Day, Lin Mitchell, Lionel Cowden and the Wagners formed a line along the edge of the cleared land, putting out spot fires as they started.

Just as the main front reached the edge of the clearing and 'things were beginning to get interesting', the wind dropped, then changed direction and blew with equal force from the opposite direction.

Another arm burnt up through the Brogil Road area and threatened the houses of Jack Day, Hubert Day and Bill Betton in Research Road. The houses were saved, only the wash house at Hubert Day's place was burnt down.

The fire front was moving towards the township when rain began falling. This fire burnt out some 20 square miles (5000 hectares) in Research and North Warrandyte.

On the night of 6 February 1938 the home of Mr Hugh Robinson caught fire and was totally destroyed, the family being away at the time. A fortnight later Constable Birthisel and 50 men battled a fire that burnt out about 100 acres and threatened a number of houses before being brought under control.

In the aftermath of these fires, a public meeting was called in Warrandyte to discuss the formation of a brigade. Warrandyte Bush Fire Brigade was registered on 24 June 1938. Its baptism of fire was beyond belief.

To be continued.

Alan Vitiritti

844 2159

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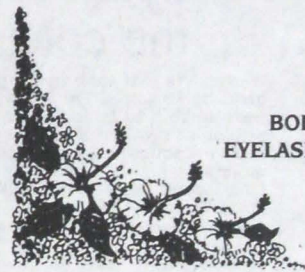
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Anyone able to help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326. Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd. project.

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And along came a Spider...

# Two new faces as Bloods blast off

Warrandyte Football Club have recruited two experienced players for their 1987 EDFL campaign.

The new signings are utility player Rob (Spider) Webb and half-forward flanker Craig Nicholson.

Webb comes to the Bloods from East Camberwell but is no stranger to the Eastern Districts competition. He played in a Vermont first-division premiership side.

Nicholson has had first-division VFA experience with Preston.

Warrandyte have also been strengthened by the return of young ruck-rover and half-back flanker Darren Peters, who had been training with the Essendon under-19s, and forward Greg Nicholson, who has emerged from premature retirement. The arrivals and rearrivals will offset the loss from last year's senior side of Len Halley, John Major and Robert Moon.

Robin Golding has been reappointed captain of the first 18 and Bruce Onken will lead the seconds.

The Bloods rounded off their preparation for the new season with a practice match against Croydon, and coach Dennis Clark was encouraged by the second-half performance.

"Training had been good leading up to that match, Clark told the *Diary*, "but our confidence was down in the first half. We played with much more purpose in the second half and salvaged confidence."

Warrandyte, who finished fifth in the 10-team second-division competition last season, will play five Sunday matches this year. The Sunday games are the opening fixture

## WARRANDYTE Diary SPORTS NEWS

### LATE NEWS W'dyte out in the cold

Warrandyte lost their opening game by 52 points. The Bloods were unable to handle Coldstream's straight-down-the-middle tactics on the away ground.

Final score: Coldstream 21.20 (146), Warrandyte 13.16 (94)

(at Coldstream on April 12), against Doncaster at home on April 26, at Forest Hill on June 14, against Coldstream at home on June 28, and at Doncaster on July 5.

They will provide an opportunity for supporters who cannot regularly attend the Saturday games to get right behind the local team in their quest for the 1987 finals.

The club have received a favourable response to a public call for under-18 players but are still seeking additions to the ranks. Inquiries should be directed to coach Geoff Day (531 1697).

Under-12 players are still needed and the contact here is juniors chairman Peter O'Toole (844 2419).

### A questionable night

They are not just pretty faces at Warrandyte Football Club. Behind the macho veneer lurk considerable brains.

That brainpower will be put to the test at a quiz night at the Whitehouse on Saturday night, May 2.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and there will be worthwhile prizes to be won.

It may never put Sale Of The Century out of business, but a thoroughly entertaining night is assured.

## OUR 1987 FOOTY DRAW

April 12: v. Coldstream (A)  
April 26: v. Doncaster (H)  
May 2: v. Bayswater (A)  
May 9: v. Clayton (H)  
May 16: v. North Ringwood (H)  
May 23: v. Surrey Hills (A)  
May 30: v. Croydon (H)  
June 14: v. Forest Hill (A)  
June 20: v. Montrose (H)

June 28: v. Coldstream (H)  
July 5: v. Doncaster (A)  
July 11: v. Bayswater (H)  
July 18: v. Clayton (A)  
July 25: v. North Ringwood (A)  
August 1: v. Surrey Hills (H)  
August 8: v. Croydon (A)  
August 15: v. Forest Hill (H)  
August 22: v. Montrose (A)

Finals: August 30, September 6, 13, 20.



Richard Fromberg plays a double-handed return on his way to a 7-6, 7-6 win over Glen Busby in the Goldtown Open men's singles final.

## AIS players strike gold

Players from the Australian Institute of Sport dominated results in the Goldtown Open tennis tournament earlier this month.

Organised by the Warrandyte Tennis Club for the fourth year in succession, the event provided a large and enthusiastic crowd with a weekend of splendid tennis.

Young contestants from the AIS in Canberra took almost all honors in the open sections. They included Richard Fromberg, who defeated Victorian State Grade player Glen Busby in the Men's Open Singles,

Kristine Radford who took out the Women's Open Singles against Melinda Yates, and Carl Turich and Todd Woodbridge, defeating Richard Cahill and Ron Woodbridge in the Men's Open Doubles.

Warrandyte club coach Christine Newton teamed with Sue Saliba of North Ringwood to win the Women's Open Doubles against Kate McDonald and Catherine Miller.

Tom Kerkhof and Barry Hawkins defeated Dale Farmer and Ian Ennis in the all-local Men's Veteran Doubles.

Making the presentations, national coach and former Davis Cup player Ray Ruffels congratulated Warrandyte on another successful tournament.

A perpetual trophy donated by Carlton United, and designed to encourage club participation in the tournament, was won by Barry Hawkins.

#### DETAILS

Men: Open Singles — R. Fromberg d. G. Busby 7-6, 7-6. Open Doubles — C. Turich-T. Woodbridge d. R. Cahill-R. Woodbridge 6-3, 6-3. Singles A — P. Davis d. W.

Davis 6-3, 6-4. Singles B — R. Stratton d. M. Busch 7-6, 6-3. Doubles B — C. Flynn-P. Davidson d. A. Crossman-M. Busch 6-1, 7-5. Singles C — B. Lawry d. J. Orpwood 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. Doubles C — P. Lawry-B. Lawry d. K. Kirkwood-C. Fenton 6-1, 7-5. Veteran Doubles — T. Kerkhof-B. Hawkins d. D. Farmer-I. Ennis 6-0, 6-1.

Women: Open Singles — K. Radford d. M. Yates 7-6, 6-3. Open Doubles — C. Newton-S. Saliba d. K. McDonald-C. Miller 6-2, 6-2. Singles A — V. Frian d. R. Mawdsley 6-4, 6-3. Doubles B — A. Ruegg-A. Johnstone d. C. Gibson-H. Presser 7-6, 6-0.

### First blood to dytes

Warrandyte's two senior men's pennant teams started the new season with comfortable wins.

Both sides have been promoted this year after featuring in last season's finals.

The Grade 9 team defeated Ringwood three rubbers to one and the Grade 10s won their match on sets after finishing two-all on rubbers.

## Women fail in grand final fling

Warrandyte's women cricketers were defeated in their A-grade East VVCA grand final.

They were the only senior Warrandyte Cricket Club side to make the finals. The other local hopes the under-16 (1) side were beaten in the semi-final in their quest for consecutive premierships.

Despite an unbeaten 70 by Sue Martin, who carried her bat through the first innings, the Warrandyte girls were unable to find the batting form which had taken them through to the decisive end of the season.

"Our batting let us down badly. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves from the start," said captain Jenny Chapman.

Warrandyte's opponents, The Pines (from Frankston), took charge of the match by amassing almost 300 runs in their first innings. Michelle Hooper and Sue Martin were the best of the Dytes' bowlers, with four wickets each. Jenny McLaws took the other two.

Warrandyte chased runs in the second innings, but managed to set The Pines a target of only 28 for outright victory.

Captain Chapman said that despite the defeat, many good points had come out of the season.

"We were runners-up in B-grade last season and we were surprisingly promoted this season," she said.

## A clean sweep for Broome

Much-travelled Ian Broome has played a lot of cricket in a lot of places since his junior days at Warrandyte. He has played District for Collingwood; he has regularly "wintered" in England.

His return to the local scene was rewarded this month in the best possible way with Warrandyte Cricket Club's senior champion award.

Broome topped the 1986-87 list at the club's senior presentation night at South Warrandyte Hall.

Generally regarded as a bowler who could bat, he belied that tag by also winning the first-eleven batting trophy. His value to the club does not end there he also applies his wealth of experience and expertise to the coaching field.

Tony Sturesteps won the first-eleven fielding trophy and Steve Pascoe the captain's award.

The winners: Firsts: Ian Broome (batting); no bowling award; Tony Sturesteps (fielding); Steve Pascoe (captain's trophy).

Seconds: Jason Kline; Jason Graf; Cameron Day; Fred Jungwirth. Thirds: Brendan Baker; no bowling award; Bob Legulier; Paul Hughes. Fourth: David Heins; Russell Booker; Dale Vitritti; A. Rogers. Fifts: Jim Gathercole; Hank O'Brien; Gary Broome; Gerry Gotch. Sixths: Godfrey Walker; Chris Fernando; Ian Brown; Eugene Bowles. Women: Jenny McLaws; Sue Martin; Maria McGhee; Angela Tunbridge. Jack McAuley Shield (club champion): Ian Broome. Darryl Valentine Trophy: David Heins.

McCartin Family Perpetual Shield (best clubman): Joe Scicluna. Alan Chapman Shield: Sue Martin.

## Jason king of the kids

Promising all-rounder Jason Graf is Warrandyte Cricket Club's junior champion for 1986-87.

He received his award at the club's junior presentation night late last month.

At a time when most young bowlers want to operate at demon pace, Jason has preferred to concentrate on off-spin, and he is reaping the rewards of his patience.

He has worked his way from the under-12s to under-16 level and this year played an important part in the senior second eleven's improved performances.

Jason was also a member of Fitzroy-Doncaster's Dowling Shield (under-16) side, which was captained by Warrandyte's under-16 skipper Jason Kline.

Junior trophy winners:

Under-16 (1): J. Kline (batting), L. Walke: (bowling), P. Hughes (fielding).

Under-16 (3): No batting award. R. Webb (bowling), C. Wilkes (fielding).

Under-14 (1): J. Read, J. Hassall, T. Ferguson.

Under-14 (3): M. Ellis, J. Prangle, H. McLean.

Under-12 (1): T. Jacobs, D. Potz, M. Green.

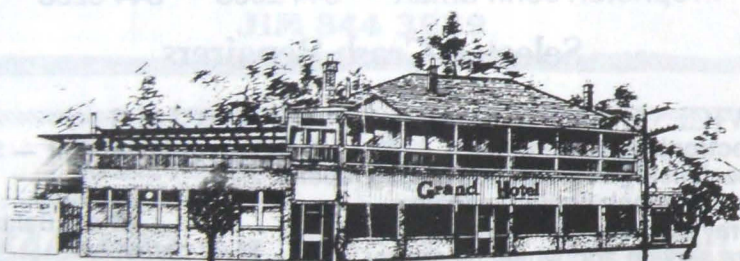
Under-12 (3): W. Hose, A. Nasser, A. Dedman.

Under-12 (4): A. White, A. Utt, M. Howell.

Derek Hilton Sward (for under-12s): Clinton Grybas.

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