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By CLIFF GREEN

PRICELESS

Warrandyte residents have declared themselves overwhelmingly opposed to dual occupancy and closer density housing in

the township area.

Although Doncaster and Templestowe council officers have declined to provide the *Diary* with the final results of their recent survey until a full report is tabled at council, there are good indications that opposition runs as high as 90 per cent against zoning now in force, allowing for dual occupancy and closer density hous-

The survey was conducted last March in that part of the township covered by 'Residential C' zoning.

Residents were asked to consider the suitability of dual occupancy to their particular neighbourhood and what housing density they considered appropriate. ing density they considered appropriate.

It is understood the report, along with the results of the survey, will go before

council committee on June 16, and will be considered by full council in July.

A residents' action group, formed to oppose the zoning, has pointed out that the 'Residential C' area is virtually enclosed by the river reserve and the State Park.

"This must be the only place in Austra-lia where high density housing is being encouraged in such an environmentally sensitive situation," a spokesman said.

In another development last month, the Warrandyte Environment League and the residents' action committee learned that the 'as of right' permit for the new house now being built behind an existing resi-dence on the corner of Yarra and Anderson Streets was granted 'due to an admi-

WEL president Kevin Parker told the

"After representations to council committee by WEL, the Warrandyte Advisory Council and residents, resulting in council

rejecting the application to build two houses in addition to the existing one, the council granted dual occupancy 'as of right', permitting the owner to build one additional house.

"After the house was under construc-tion, council queried the Ministry of Plan-ning for a ruling on the guidelines for dual occupancy, as to whether their 'as of right' decision was correct. Alas, they had blun-

"So now we have a situation where an application for a planning permit is being made for an existing building. Considered in the light of the volume of local feeling against dual occupancy, this is a bitter pill," Kevin Parker said.

Council considered this 'after the event' application in closed session.

Local interest is also being focused on reports that residents of a small area of Templestowe, situated near Westerfolds Park, have successfully lobbied council in an endeavour to have their neighbourhood declared exempt from closer density housing and inappropriate development.

Residents were reacting against the possibility of flats being erected in five

Council held a survey of residents concerned, similar to the one recently conducted in Warrandyte. The results were overwhelmingly against further development.

Council intends putting the case to State Government, requesting a zoning change that will prevent closer density and tree clearing and retain the area's semi-rural setting.

Heartened by this, WEL believes Warrandyte should receive similar treatment.

"If council is successful in having part of Templestowe rezoned in order to protect the environment, all in seven short months, why not Warrandyte?" Kevin Parker said. "Our need is equal — or even greater."

Child care co-op is expanding

The Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-Operative, at the corner of Ringwood-Warrandyte Road and Masonic Avenue, will soon be com-mencing extensions to accommo-date an extra 10 full-time child care places.

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The centre, which is a parent-run co-operative, has 25 full-time places at present, with more than 60 Warrandyte families making use of its facilities. At the moment the centre employs a part-time teacher who runs a kindergarten program for 3-5 year olds in the morning session, three mothercraft nurses, two qualified child-care workers and other casual staff.

The project is at present with the architect. Tenders will be advertised locally in July. Work should commence on site in October, with February next year as the proposed date for completion.

Brotherly meetings

The Warrandyte auxiliary of the Brotherhood of St Lawrence has a couple of fund-raising activities

couple of fund-raising activities coming up.

A morning musicale featuring local artists will be held on Wednesday, 8 July at 11.15am, in the multi-purpose room of Warrandyte Primary School in Forbes Street. A basket luncheon will be served alterwards.

On Wednesday, 26 August, the speaker at the auxiliary's annual luncheon will be Jean McCaughey, wife of the Governor, Dr Davis McCaughey. The luncheon begins at 11am at St Stephen's Church hall.

Guests are welcome at both meetings, Enquiries: 844 3265 or 844 3203.

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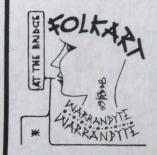
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That ugly cyclone fence has gone, and there it stands at last, our 'new' old post office. Pristine in its cream and chocolate paint, looking exactly as it must have in its heyday, more than 60 years ago. All the planning, all the research, all the lobbying, all the fund raising, all the hard work, all the tears (and they were real enough, the night of that criminally inspired fire) have not been in vain.

Many, many people helped. But especially that weary little committee of the Warrandyte Old Post Office Preservation Group. They hung in there when all seemed black and hopeless. But if one person can be singled out for first prize for selfless devotion and dogged determination, it is Jo Laurence. She had the original inspiration; she stayed to the bitter end. Smokey dips his lid.

Seems like Stan Fishley was taken Seems like Stan Fishley was taken by surprise when he started 'Good News Activities' at the Uniting Church a few Friday nights back. Going by numbers in nearby suburbs, he thought that about 60 kids would turn up here in Warrandyte. However, he must have promoted the club too well, for 153 kids arrived. You can imagine the panic created, especially in the food department, trying to feed the hungry hordes. Stan has now created a waiting list for the club which meets every second Friday night from 4 pm till 7 pm at the Uniting Church.

John (Porky) Smith, who acquired John (Porky) Smith, who acquired cult-hero status via this column, has come forward with a belated show of gratitude. No, not a homedelivered slab of tinnies or anything so material. Porky is pretty heavily into the rabbiting game these days and has named his very best ferret "Smokey". We don't know whether to feel honoured or to sue.

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Some funny things happen when the local RSL Club blokes take their golf clubs and their thirsts across the Murray. An award — a "bull of the ball" type of thing for conduct outrageous is involved and competition for it is generally acutely keen. Not so on the latest trip, to Howlong. Jim Harris' act was adjudged not only a hard one to follow but impossible to rival. Jim was quite taken by the spa bath at the new motel adjoining the Howlong course but, being unfamiliar with these new-fangled pleasures of the flesh, had come along quite unequipped with anything resembling togs. Neither was he aware that it was a unisex set-up. Being a very courteous fellow, Jim was first out of the bath to answer a knock on the door ... from the hotel manageress who was showing a coachload of elderly tourists over the complex. The lady was cute enough to remark when Jim approached her (fully clad and somewhat sheepish) later that she didn't recognise him with his clothes on. * * *

Hang about! A late contender has emerged for the RSL golf trip dastardly deed award. Challenging Jim (Flash) Harris is Vic Grybas, who managed to wipe out a \$150, 19-hour video- audio record of the adventure. Peter (Bottles) Norman toted the heavy, hired camera an estimated 24 miles around the Howlong and Corowa courses recording for posterity the hits, mishits, air shots and colourful language. Vic feels terribly bad about obliterating the lot while trying out his new home video a couple of days after the party's return. Mildmannered Bottles strongly suggests that Vic be given the DD award posthumously ... tomorrow.

Smokey Joe

IM NOT SURE IF ITS

THE FLEAS IN HERE .. OR JUST THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH!



Mum gains architect, loses horse, dog

The sun shone and the birds sang when Samantha Gallagher married Sydney architect Robert Eadie in the bushland garden of her moth-er's home in The Boulevard, War-randyte, on Easter Saturday.

Ted Donelon, veterinary surgeon and Samantha's boss for the past nine years, gave her away. The ceremony, performed by celebrant Rick Barclay, was followed by a party, with about 80 close friends

and relatives sharing in the celebra-tions. The young couple are now settling into Robert's home in

Sam's sunny smile and bright Sam's sunny smile and bright presence will be missed around Warrandyte. Not only has The Boulevard lost her to sunny Sydney, but the menagerie at Beth's home has been suddenly reduced by one dove (Milkshake), one dog (cara) and Taj (the horse, of course) who is soon to travel north as well.

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ple between the ages of 16 and 20. It is aimed at encouraging the self awareness, self confidence and skills. A limited number of places are available in the course which consists of a weekend camp and eight evening sessions.

Inquiries to Rosanne Cregan on 848 2372 or 848 7474.

WAC adopts centre

Considerable interest has been aroused by a call last month for urgent action on the building of our long-awaited community centre.

awaited community centre.

Warrandyte Advisory Committee spokesman Martin Kyne has told the Diary that WAC intends making the proposed centre a discussion point at its annual general meeting in August.

"We appeal to people to come along and tell us what they want," Martin said. "The centre must serve the real needs of the community. It will only do so if the community tells us what it wants."

Doncaster and Templestowe

Doncaster and Templestowe Council paid \$200,000 for the site for the proposed centre — bounded by Yarra Street, Webb Street and Mitchell Avenue — seven years ago, following an intense campaign by the Warrandyte Environment League, local councillors and other residents.

residents.

In doing so, however, council announced that they would be unable to make any further financial commitments for at least ten years. Although they did not contribute towards the purchase of the land, Eltham Council indicated that they would be willing to assist towards the erection of the centre, when the time came.

In the meantime, the existing buildings on the site have been pressed into service as a temporary centre. They are old and dilapi-dated; totally unsuitable for com-

"The ten years will soon be up,"
Martin Kyne said, "and we want to
have plans and specifications all
worked out and ready to go by

Already, the visual character of the centre is being vigorously dis-cussed. Some people see the build-ings being set back behind a native garden, providing a small town park which Warrandyte has always

style buildings on Yarra Street and landscaping and parking behind.

A third alternative could be to group the buildings around a square or 'village green'.

A public library has always been considered a first priority in any new centre.

new centre.
"Above all, the buildings should be functional and human in scale," Martin said. "No one wants a cold,

that people can come to our meeting with some sort of starting point.

"But we must stress that all options are open. All our ideas — and those formulated in the past — are only sketches on paper.

"We're going to need a lot of input, research and fund-raising if whatever we decide upon is to be

whatever we decide upon is to be translated into timber and brick —

translated into timber and brick—
or mud or stone, for that matter."
In a separate move, The Warrandyte Arts Association has applied to Doncaster and Templestowe Council for \$285,000 towards refurbishing and extending the Mechanics' Institute Hall, linking it to the old fire station up the hill and

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providing improved facilities for their art, craft and drama activities. Council has referred their appli-cation to WAC for comment. Many local residents will feel that the proposed extensions should be considered in conjunction with plans for the new community cen-tre.

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-The day of devastation-

Black Friday, January 13, 1939, brought devastation such as the district had never seen before.

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The fire raced through Warrandyte and South Warrandyte, burning the South Warrandyte school, the hall and the post office (then on Croydon Road).

The postmistress, Mrs Hill, stayed until the building was well alight. In true post office tradition, she remained at her post until the last possible moment.

Jack Colman and Bill Knee left their homes in South Warrandyte to help Mr and Mrs Hussey in Hussey's Lane. Mr Hussey lay dying in their home as the fire swept towards them, destroying the coaching stables and blacksmith's shop on the way.

Mrs Hussey, who was 74 years old at the time, had pulled down all the blinds so her husband could not see what was happening.

time, had pulled down all the blinds so her husband could not see what was happening. She then went outside to help in the fight to save the house, throwing buckets of water over outside walls. Bill Knee, their son-in-law, pumped water from the underground well. The house was saved.

By the time Bill Knee and Jack Colman returned to their own houses, the fire had destroyed both of them. The only thing Jack saved was a clock. His cool store, which had just been finished, was burnt to the ground. It is difficult to imagine the anguish, in those days of poor transport and communications, when a disaster of such magnitude occurred.

occurred.

The Husseys' son Bill was working away from home in the Rubicon Valley, where fires had already burnt 1200 square miles.

When the fire struck at Warrandyte, Bill's wife Sylvia was in Ringwood, Daughters Betty and Wilma were being cared for by Mrs Birthisel, at the police station.

Wilma aged seven ran home along Yarra

Mrs Birthisel, at the police station.
Wilma, aged seven, ran home along Yarra
Street to rescue her favourite doll, while Mrs
Birthisel grabbed whatever clothes she could
carry. When the old coaching stables (where
the telephone exchange now stands) caught
fire, 12 year old Betty helped put it out.
Bill Hussey arrived back from Rubicon
that night. Although his family and home
were safe, four of his immediate relatives
had lost everything.

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Bill Couch, a lieutenant in the Kangaroo Ground Brigade, left home during Black Friday to help fight the fires at Warrandyte, driving his own truck, which he had fitted with a 100 gallon tank. He did not return intil four days later.

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Martin Francis was 12 years old when the 39 fires hit Wonga Park. His father harnessed their horse to the orchard spray and left Martin with the spray and the job of protecting the house, whilst he went off to fight the fire at the bottom of the property. Forty-seven years later Martin is still fight-

BRUCE BENCE continues his series on bushfires in Warrandyte and beyond

fires, as first lieutenant of the Wonga

ing fires, as first neutrino.

Park brigade.

The Grand Hotel, one of few places with a reliable water supply, was saved, as was a fire opposite, thanks to the hotel's corks. a reliable water supply, was saved, as was the post office opposite, thanks to the hotel's water. The hotel caught fire when sparks landed on a kapok mattress that had been left on the balcony, but was soon extinguished.

A number of young children had been

A number of young children had been locked in a back room at the hotel as a safety measure. One lad of 13 was so indignant that he picked the lock, allowing them

nant that he picked the lock, allowing them all to escape.

Two young visitors to Warrandyte had a more exciting holiday than they bargained for. They were staying in a holiday house in Gold Memorial Road, a dead end track in those days. The two girls, Tess Johnston and Elsie Cox, realised they were trapped. They headed out along the road with fire coming straight for them, walked through the flames and despite burns to their legs and thighs, somehow survived the ordeal.

Two men lost their lives in Warrandyte

Two men lost their lives in Warrandyte that day. Fred Topping was burnt to death in his home and Ernest Schafter collapsed and died whilst fighting the fire in Alexander Road.

Passengers on the liner Ormonde, en route from Tasmania to Sydney, were awakened by the smell of burning and found their cabins full of smoke. Then 150 miles off the Victorian coast, the liner slowed and contin-ually sounded its fog horn, so thick was the smoke from the bushfires. Further to the east, the smoke had drifted

Further to the east, the smoke had drifted over the southern part of the South Island of New Zealand, covering the area in a thick haze more than a thousand miles long.

By midnight, Warrandyte had experienced the worst of the holocaust, everyone was exhausted and much of the district had been burnt. But when a call came through for people to help at Queenstown and Wonga Park, where fires were still raging, 50 weary men volunteered. men volunteered.

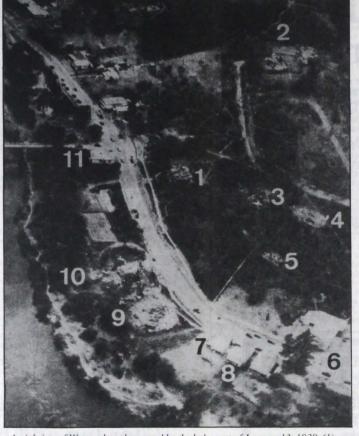
A total of 160 homes were destroyed in

the area, as well as the Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

and Presbyterian churches.

As always, after a calamity of this magnitude, help poured into the district.

Mrs Davey, whose family owned the Recreation Reserve Cafe (now the White House) remembers cooking on an open fire at the Mechanics Institute hall. They provided meals for anyone who wanted them, at any time. The food was all donated.



Aerial view of Warrandyte, devastated by the holocaust of January 13, 1939: (1) G. Stringer's house. 21 Yarra Street; (2) Mrs Trezise's house; (3) E.H. Thorne's house; (4) Catholic church; (5) Mr Waller's hut; (6) hall; (7) bakery, 193 Yarra Street; (8) J. Walsh's residence, 191 Yarra Street; (9) Kia-ora cafe; (10) 'Taffy' Jones's house; (11) Bridge cafe. (Courtesy Herald & Weekly Times Ltd.)

(The Recreation Reserve Cafe survived the fire, but lost all its outbuildings, includ-ing the toilets, a cause of some embarrass-ment, as all the bushes had been destroyed

s well.)
The women and children of the families burnt out were provided with a month's food and accommodation, in a hall set up to accommodate them, by church organisations in Mordialloc.

A dance in aid of the Lord Mayor's Bushfire Relief Fund was held on Saturday, February 4, 1939. The first social event after the fires, the dance was organised by Miss Renton and Miss Wagner (now Mrs Tom Bone) who sang at the dance and was brought back for two encores.

The Warrandyte community had begun its long task of reshulding.

long task of rebuilding. To be continued



Whiskers of Warrandyte have a better choice

Our correspondent, a self-con-fessed cat-lover, finding herself in the situation of cat-minder to a brood of mother plus four, decided to economise on cat food by ap-proaching the local butcher for scraps.

scraps.
Local butcher emerged from freezer dripping half a kilo of "good gravy beef" at \$5.20 per kilo. Startled at the price, our correspondent chose to question the eating habits of Warrandyte cats and was amazed to learn that

local guardians have been known to spend \$11 per kilo on chicken fillets to satisfy their snappy toms.

Not wishing to appear mean, said correspondent paid for the 500 grams, confirmed that it was indeed "best gravy beef" and promptly went next door to purchase swede, carrots and parsnip to complete the casserole.

to complete the casserole.

As you will gather it was the

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Local storm in a D-cup

The Warrandyte Drama Group's next production has a local flavor. Doug McManus is directing Hannie Rayson's 'Room to Move', a story of inter-family relationships set in and around our village.

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not taken. Some positive checks around the home will lower the risk.

Cooking oils are especially dangerous. If you leave the house for any length of time, turn off the heat. If a pan does catch alight, cover it with a lid or damp towel to smother the flame. If you cannot get near the stove controls, turn off the gas or electricity at the meter. Consider a fire extinguisher for your kitchen. Never light a gas appliance if you can smell gas.

Don't leave pastry boards and the like on electric stove hotplates. Be careful not to allow electric cords to be dragged over elements.

Remember that multiple adaptors on power points are highly decrease.

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In the living room, make sure you use a spark screen when an open fire is left unattended. Clean the chimney at regular intervals and make sure the flues on pot belly stoves are well-insulated from the house frame.

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If a fire starts in your home, don't waste time. Determine where the fire is and how big it is. If it is beyond your control, ring the fire brigade immediately and get everyone out of the house.

The appropriate fire call numbers are North Warrandyte 844 2147, Warrandyte 844 3798.

Conservation Forests & Lands Community Consultation Officer

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A Project Team has been formed to prepare a Management Plan for the ongoing care, protection, development and maintenance of Warrandyte State Park. The plan will also pay special attention to the provision of recreation opportunities. The team is to be augmented by the appointment of a suitably qualified person to create and maintain an interface between the project and the community.

DUTIES: To research social structures and identify relevant community groups and individuals and their recreation/environmental needs, ascertain community attitudes and facilitate response to issues relevant to the project; assist in the creation of publicity and information exchange via two Community Resource centres; coordinate consultation with project activities and promote a cooperative relationship.

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EXPERIENCE: Extensive experience in community contact is essential. Applicants will need skill and experience in Research, publicity and in leading public discussion groups and workshops. Knowledge of the Warrandyte area is an advantage but not essential. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: This is a part-time position (3 days/week subject to negotiation) for a period of up to Forty Weeks. The position is at the level of Administration Officer, class "ADM 4". Much of the work will be outside normal business hours. The pro-rata salary will be based on the full time annual salary of \$25,988. The officer will be located at the Project Team Office, 49 Spring Street, Melbourne.

For further information contact Gary Niewand (Project Planner)

Written applications to Project Manager, Warrandyte State Park Management Plan, PO Box 300, East Melbourne, 3002, before 19th June 1987.

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Apparently the State Park rangers are having an identity problem with their uniforms. For example, a friend's mother thought that Damien worked at a BP service station. However, Ken really thought he'd hit the jackpot when he fronted to the enquiry counter of a nearby bank. The girl lifted up the counter and said "There's the money over there." Seems like Armaguard will have to change their uniform.

John Hanson

John Hanson

PO! protests pram pusher

Poor Old Smokey Joe!
As one of the pram pushers supposedly "inconvenienced" by the tradesmen's vehicles outside the old Post Office, I would just like to say that it's a small price to pay for the magnificent restoration job that has enhanced our streetscape and preserved a part of Warrandyte's history.

Andree Armstrong

One-way trip to paradise

Now Everard Drive has been turned into a one-way street for the sewerage to go through, isn't it time for this to become a permanent arrangement? Pound Road, West End Road and Everard Drive are narrow, steep and bendy and by turning them into a one-way system, motorists could be spared the sight of a truck or car hurtling towards them a high speed.

Pound Bend Resident

Can'a handa man'a granda dander

Gee. Smokey, when your "dander's

you're very petty, my friend.
"The P.O. tradie blocked the path"
You petulantly penned.
No mention of the other cars
Parked bumper against bumper.
If this is all you have to knock,
We're glad we got "up your
jumper"
Seven long years it took to build
That building as it stood.
You want the tradie to walk a mile
For every bit of wood!
We think your nose is out of joint
"Cos we knocked back your
"scoop",

"scoop",
But we're happy with the ethics
Of the Preservation Group.
WPOPG

Eltham PO role ignored

The opening of the restored old post office was a pleasure to attend and the gleaming paint work reflected the spirit of attendants who came to cheer not only its opening, but the enormous effort many individuals have put into the Post Office Preservation Committee over the last seven years and the community support that's been behind them during this time.

I did feel however, that it was a pity the role of Eltham Council was downplayed. It was appropriate

that Doncaster and Templestowe Council be thanked for their generous support and the practical help given by Cr. McKenzie and others. But a \$16,000 donation from El-tham Council was also generous, and if it had not been given to the project, the opening would not have happened on May 23. In turn, the donation would not have happened had Cr. John Fisher not worked so hard to influence council that the cause was worthy. I felt sorry that the Eltham Shire President was left to remind the gathering of Eltham Council's role.

It is not a simple task or auto-

It is not a simple task or auto-matic that money be directed from Eltham Council to projects that are

being undertaken within the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and it behoves all community groups to bear this in mind if they wish such support to keep flowing from north of the river. The community is divided by municipal boundaries but they should be merged in value in the minds of residents.

So, let thanks be properly recorded to all who worked hard for the project, including Eltham Council's Cr. Fisher and also Rodney Roscholler, the chief executive officer of the Shire of Eltham, whose attendance at the opening ceremony was not acknowledged.

Jan Liddicut

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Work has started on a total upgrading which will put this town on an equal footing with its neighbours in both the Eastern Districts Football League and the Ringwood District Cricket Association.

The \$115,000 extensions will greatly benefit the local football and cricket clubs and the community as a whole. They will turn embarrassingly-inadequate facilities into the like of which Warrandyte supporters have seen only at away games.

away games. Memberships of both clubs will increase substantially and the up-surge in support — financial and moral — can only improve the on-field performances of an already-proud sporting community. There will be a glass-fronted

There will be a glass-fronted function room-spectator area, a secondary function room, vastly-improved kitchen and entertainment facilities and revolutionised changing-shower-toilet amenities.

For the first time, the football and cricket clubs will be able to hold functions on their own premises instead of hiring venues. The new pavilion will itself be available for hire.

WFC club president Kevin McLean said the extensions were "exciting ... for the football club, the cricket club and the community as a whole".

"A lot of guys have put a lot of time and effort into this," he said. "I refer particularly to Wally Cornhill, Tom Kerkhof, Bill Luttick and my predecessor, Jeff Reddie, who got the project approved by council."

It is seven years since the improvements were mooted. The work is being done by Dow Constructions, of Alphington.

The new facilities will be available to football and cricket club members who have at least one debenture (at \$100). Debenture inquiries should be directed to Joe Scicluna (844 2146), Shane Revell (844 3887), Kevin Luttick (844 3687) or Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).



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1987 campaign has become purely a matter of survival.

With seven games gone and not win on the board (when this edition of the Diary went to press), avoiding relegation from the EDFL second division is now the top priority of coach Dennis Clark.



SCREAMER

It's no laughing matter being way down the ladder, but Warrandyte Football Club will huve a fit of the giggles this month. The occasion is a comedy night at the La Joke/Last Laugh theatre restaurant in Collingwood on June 20.

Tickets are \$20 and the bus leaves the football ground at 8.30 p.m. Enquiries: Jenny Sharpe (712 0324), Robin Golding (876 4742).

"Obviously, it has been a disappointing season so far," Clark said.
"We aim to win half our remaining games. And that's realistic.
"I believe we can do it. When we achieve the break-through we will win games on end.
"We don't want to be relegated, especially with the clubroom extensions now under way."
Clark said the club's main aim for the rest of 1987 was to stay in second division for 1988. He was looking for continued improvement from the young players who "have stuck with us from the start of the season".

"We have a lot of hard work to

do," he said.

The Bloods' best performance in The Bloods' best performance in the first seven games was a draw with Clayton in Round 4. They had their chances three games later, against Croydon, but again surrendered what appeared to be a match-winning position.

Typical of Warrandyte's play this season has been their inability—probably brought about by lack of experience—to capitalise on potentially tearaway situations.

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visitors a flurry of goals before they reassembled their act.

Youngsters Andrew Snaidero and Joey Hassall got the Warrandyte half of the scoreboard ticking again and the Bloods led by five points at half-time. But they could manage only two goals in the second half to Croydon's seven.

Warrandyte were still right in it when they trailed by only two goals at the last change.

Croydon increased their lead with a goal early in the final term but promising young rover Steve Carroll pegged them back again. Croydon, however, finished full

of go. The final margin was 25 points, 13.10 (88) to 9.9 (63). Warrandyte's best were Darren Peters, Carroll, Bruce Onken, Hassall, Robin Golding, Gerald Walshe (until injured) and Brad Day.

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The Croydon game brought out the very best in John Knox, former Collingwood player, now enthusiastic Bloods supporter. After a particularly spirited passage of play near the boundary late in the second quarter, John actually applauded players of both sides.

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