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Riders want trails in park

By CLIFF GREEN

More than 200 local horse lovers are requesting the right to ride along specially designated trails through the Warrandyte State Park.

This follows an announcement in the last issue of the *Diary*, welcoming community involvement in a management plan for the park.

Shirley Rotherham, a member of the Doncaster and Templestowe Horse Riding Advisory Committee, believes that horses and their riders must be permitted access to the park for reasons of safety.

"The conflict of horses and cars is of great concern to the many people — adults and children — whose pleasure and recreation is riding horses," Shirley said.

"Warrandyte and surrounding areas are home to many horse riders, who increasingly must ride along roads as areas of bush are closed to them."

Two hundred names were collected in less than a week to a submission for the inclusion of a horse trail through the Warrandyte State Park and MMBW land along the Yarra.

"These names represent only a fraction of those who ride in the area," Shirley said. "While admitting there are a few who abuse any privileges, the majority of riders are responsible people who enjoy the outdoors, the fresh air and the quiet of the bush."

"It is not necessary to ride all over the bush, but there is need for a trail of considerable length, as most riders ride for several hours at a time and a horse can travel a long way in this time."

The MMBW already has plans for a horse trail through areas it administers below Warrandyte, and Shirley believes this trail should be linked to one through Warrandyte and Wonga Park to areas northward.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council formed its Horse Riding Advisory Committee in 1981. A

detailed plan for the construction and development of a network of trails in the area was drawn up.

The Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority has also recognised the need for horse riding facilities in the Warrandyte Gorge area. There has been little or no progress on either of these proposals, however.

Meanwhile, the continuing encroachment of suburbia has led to increased dangers for riders along existing roads and the gradual disappearance of suitable, privately owned pasture and stabling lands.

Horse riding is already permitted in a number of sections of Warrandyte State Park. These include Fourth Hill, the Common, the Timber Reserve and the Yarra Brae and Stane Brae areas.

The team is also asking if some sort of permit system should be introduced to limit numbers of horse riders in the park so that conservation values can be maintained.

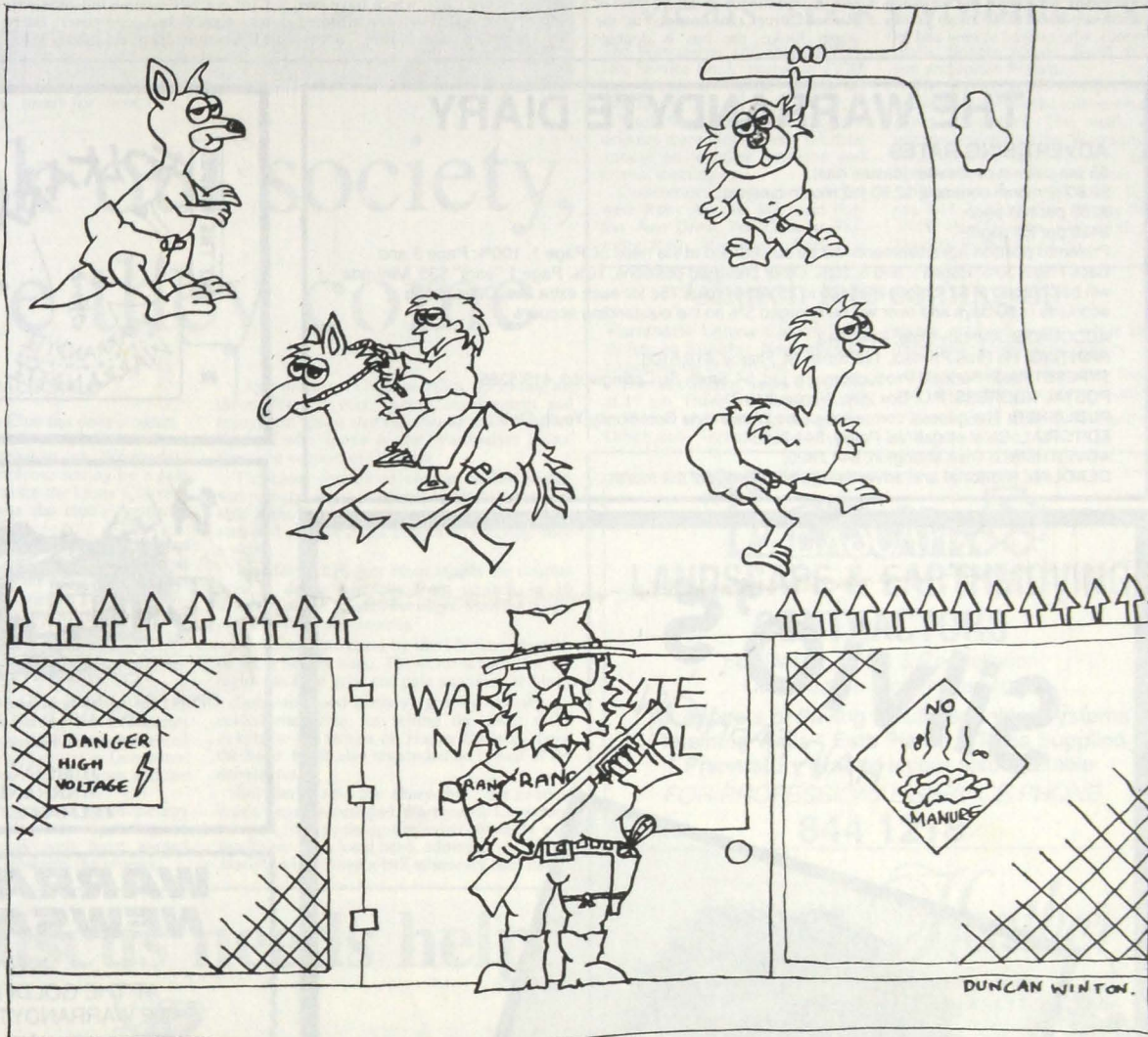
Park planners are looking to riders to suggest possible siting of trails, with consideration being given to land capability, preferred riding distances, environmental sensitivity, and integration with trail networks outside the park.

Shirley Rotherham says riders are welcoming this opportunity to express their wishes and participate in planning.

"There are problems associated with horses in the bush," Shirley said, "but these should be overcome, as the need for riding trails is so great."

"Many parents have very real fears when their children go out riding that some irresponsible motorist will frighten the horse, or the animal will be upset by dogs or other things on the side of the road and shy into traffic."

"A small child would not be allowed to drive a car on the road, but a 10-year-old is expected to ride a horse along a road with traffic. Horses are much less predictable than any car."



DUNCAN WINTON.

Freeway buses doubled

Freeway bus services to and from Warrandyte have been boosted. Lou Hill, MLA for Warrandyte, said recently that since September 14 the peak period freeway bus service between Warrandyte and the city had doubled. The service to local students has also increased.

"These improvements come as part of the State Government's recently announced \$8 million bus expansion program," he said. "Having continually sought improved services for the Warrandyte area I am very pleased with this further upgrading of the service, and the benefits it will bring to local residents."

"There are now four freeway

buses between Warrandyte and the city in both the morning and afternoon peak periods. This represents a 100 per cent increase in the service" Lou Hill said. "The majority of these buses will run on a new bus route via King Street, Templestowe, which will reduce travelling time for commuters."

"The new bus route will also allow Templestowe Technical School students to catch the 7.59 am bus from the Warrandyte Bridge directly to school without having to change buses. In the afternoon a new school service will depart from Templestowe Technical School at 3.15 pm.



Lou Hill, MLA

Tennis talent is due again

International tennis comes to Warrandyte again next month with the staging of the third Satellite Classic Tournament at the tennis club courts.

The classic, the fourth week of the 1987 Davis Cup Foundation satellite circuit, will begin on Monday, November 9, and will run through that week until Sunday, November 15. Prize money will total US\$6250.

Club officials expect that 128 players from overseas and around Australia will compete in qualifying matches on Monday and Tuesday, with 32 battling through the main draw for a chance to play in the finals on Sunday.

Tournament co-ordinator Ian Ennis told the *Diary* that, as in the first two years of the staging of the satellite in Warrandyte, world class tennis can be expected.

"The satellite circuit is a breeding ground for future stars," Ian said. "Peter Doohan won the first Warrandyte satellite. He was defeated here last year, yet his win against Boris Becker at Wimbledon is now part of tennis history."

"Warrandyte is proud to be hosting the satellite for the third year running. Much larger clubs than ours queue up for the privilege. We are determined to justify the faith the VTA and Tennis Australia continue to show in our club."

"The satellite is especially important this year. It is the lead up to the Australian Open, to be played at the new Tennis Centre in Melbourne for the first time."

"Australia's best young players — members of the Institute of Sport team from Canberra — will be coming to Warrandyte again this year. Jason Stoltenberg and Todd Woodbridge, Wimbledon junior doubles champions, should be among them."

"All matches will be open to the public, free of charge. Club facilities continue to improve and spectators are assured of good tennis in comfortable, picturesque surroundings," Ian said.

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At the risk of starting an international or intersuburban incident — or both — we report the impressions of a young lady, Warrandyte born and bred, who is currently seeing the sights of Europe with her husband of a couple of years. "Switzerland is the prettiest place I've ever seen," she postcarded home to mum and dad (who live on hills of somewhat lesser dimensions). "Paris is really ugly. It looks like Footscray everywhere."

Old Smokey always knew that Warrandyte kids were different. This has convinced him. Jan Fabie lives on a sizeable, difficult-to-manage block with her four children. It was her birthday recently and the young Fabies arranged for mum to be taken out for the day. As soon as she was out of the way they called in a band of 15 or so young friends, who arrived at nine and left

at five, leaving the garden mown, trimmed, whipper-snipped, weeded, with newly dug drainage trenches and with just the faint waft of recently mown onion weed to greet a surprised Jan when she arrived home. Great idea. Great effort.



Just when you thought you'd seen every conceivable Warrandyte bus-stopper, along comes a Herald truck and wipes off the right-hand rear-vision mirror of the 3.38 out of Russell Street. In fairness to the paper bloke, the bus is double-

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standing on an overcrowded rank, but when you've had one of those days at the office and crave the hills of home, you suspect a conspiracy. The 3.38 picks up and proceeds, but at unbeautiful downtown Abbotsford, the driver skies the towel and says no way is he going any further when he can't see what's attacking from the rear. So we all get out and wait for the 4.24, some where they stand, your correspondent in the swearing corner of the public bar at the nearest inn. On the belated trip home, we reflect on past public transport disasters — buses which haven't arrived, buses which haven't left, which have run out of gas, boiled or been afflicted by crippling non-closing doors.

And we are forced to admit, in the light of recent events, that we are still a lot better off than the poor souls who rely on trains.

Down in the A-frame office at the bottom of his Webb Street garden, Cliff Green is pounding away at the computer keyboard, putting together a musical comedy. If all goes well, that very professional collection of amateurs at Warrandyte High School will have their own bespoke play, on a local theme, to perform for the Bicentennial Year. Cliff is a well-known full-time writer. Established composer Barry McKimm is doing the music. What

a surprise, then, to find them in collaboration with budding lyricist Lee Tindale. We thought Lee's writing these days was confined to the sports pages of the *Diary*. We suppose the play will contain lots of drinking songs.



What's the attraction up there? Last March we reported the growing number of Warrandyte emigres who have set up shop in Mildura. Keith and Norma Webb are making money at last on their 33 acres of grapes at Merbein; Nick and Sue Cutler, plus Hugh and Jenny Diedrich, run the Calder Caravan Park.

Ken Gedge, who passed through the city on the Murray recently, sent on to *In Red And White* a newspaper cutting telling how Judy ad Dennis O'Brien and Judy and Frank Harper, all from Warrandyte, have taken over the city's Apex Caravan Park. This now doubles the number of Mildura caravan parks where the production of a Warrandyte sticker on the back window of the car can be used as a not-so-subtle form of blackmail for a discount.

We mention here Harry Heath's supermarket at Goldfields Plaza not because they advertise with us (in fact, for some unaccountable reason, they don't: wake up to yourself Harry) but because they are a generous mob. A bunch of Warrandyte High mothers asked the manager if they could have a discount on vegetables bought there to be pickled for the October school fair. The manager said he would prefer a bit of notice but then phoned head office and returned waving a \$20 note. Nice touch that. Their trolley looked like a vegetarian's delight.



Somehow Smokey slipped up. We forgot to mention that the Davis family of Lewis Road has been enlarged since the beginning of July. Kaia Davis is already showing some of the beauty of her sister Seri and, dare we say it, a touch of the determination of brother Lakarni.

It was hell, that hoteliers convention in Bali. As reported exclusively in Smokey Joe, Grand Hotel management forced themselves to fly to the Indonesian island last month for one of those wearisome commercial seminars. Robert Harte looked Smokey square in the eye and straight-facedly told him: "You know, the worst part was the day-long wine tasting at the end." We tried very hard to be sympathetic. Both Robert and father David made the acquaintance of the phenomenon known as Bali Belly. So did Lydysay Howden. He at least had the sense to recover amid the delights of Hongkong.



Smokey Joe

New flora and fauna bill is welcome, says Lou Hill

"Warrandyte people and conservation groups have welcomed the introduction of the State Government's landmark flora and fauna legislation into State Parliament," says Lou Hill, MLA for Warrandyte.

"The flora and fauna guarantee is one of the major themes in the State Conservation Strategy," he said. "The legislation will provide the Government with a full range of measures to protect endangered plants and animals in Victoria."

Lou Hill said: "It will be the first nature conservation legislation in Australia to emphasise planning, management, and prevention instead of relying simply on controls."

"Measures range from protection through Government and community action, which is the best approach, to the use of conservation orders as a last resort."

"This legislation has the support of local Warrandyte conservation groups and many local people who put a high value not only on the Warrandyte flora and fauna but also of the whole state."

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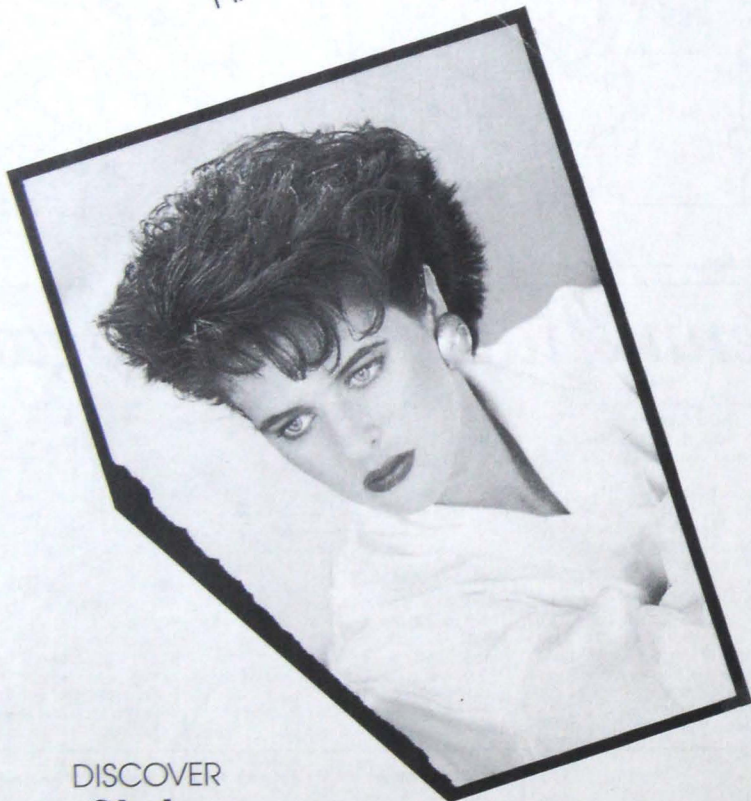
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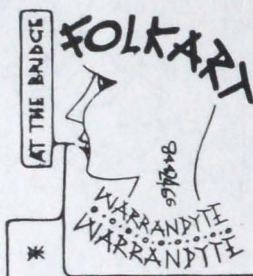
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The debutantes and their partners: launched into "society", but is "society" ready for them.



Councillor Doug McKenzie, minus his fancy clobber, addresses the gathering.

Look out society, here they come

By JUDY MACDONALD

The Warrandyte Lions Club has done it again. For the second time in a year, members have transformed the gymnasium at Warrandyte High School into a sumptuous setting for a gala event. The first time was for the Lions' Convention '86. This time was the club's inaugural Debutante Ball.

Sixteen debutantes and their partners walked through a floral arch and down a spotlit red carpet to be presented to the Mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe, Councillor Doug McKenzie, who added significantly to the pomp and circumstance by appearing in his ermine-trimmed red robes and gold chain of office. Dinner was then served and the fun began.

As the Lions' main aim is to support those in need, there was a sound reason behind all the revelry, apart from launching the debutantes into society. A cheque for \$2000 was presented to the Onemda day training centre in Doncaster, raised from raffle tickets sold by Lions and the debutantes.

The money will go towards a hydro-therapy unit for disabled people and, depending on government grants, may well have earned Onemda up to \$10,000 towards the project.

Lions president Graham Miles, upholding his theme for this year, "youth, involvement and enjoyment" presented the cheque to Dr Norman Dowell, who spoke of the Warrandyte Lions' longtime support of Onemda.

The Lions committee, chaired by Bill Butler, was painstaking in its efforts to create a memorable night for the families concerned. Members attended all rehearsals as well as meeting once a week.

Jennifer and Holger Blum taught the couples how to dance, virtually from scratch, in 10 lessons held on Sunday evenings. Marlene Ayres coached them in etiquette.

Music was provided by the 17-piece Wantirna High School band. The color scheme for the night was light grey and pale aquamarine blue.

Debutante and birthday girl Kylie Long received the prize for selling the most raffle tickets, to the strains of 'Happy Birthday' from the band. Kylie also responded on behalf of the debutantes.

Bill Butler told the *Diary* that "the evening was a huge success and Warrandyte Lions look forward to organising the event annually as a fundraiser for a local need, adding dryly, "Warrandyte Lions have a ball whenever they can!"

So it's farewell to Fothers and welcome back Tony

This month the *Diary* waves a fond and appreciative farewell to a loyal and hard-working helper, and welcomes back an old friend.

We are changing accountants. Bob Fotheringham, who has provided us with inspired voluntary service over four tough years, has retired to Ocean Grove.

The *Diary* accountants work hard. Not only do they keep the books, pay the bills, liaise with the advertising manager and send out accounts each month, they also — unfortunately — have to chase bad

debts and reluctant payers. And their financial advice to the editorial people and the trustees plays an invaluable role in helping to keep the newspaper alive.

Bob Fotheringham's service to our paper and to the Warrandyte community can never be measured. But it is most deeply appreciated. Thank you, Fothers.

Our "new" accountant is an old friend. Tony Dale, who had to relinquish the task when he went to New Guinea some years ago, has returned and agreed to a second stint on the calculator.

'Meals' seeks volunteers

The Warrandyte and District Welfare Service (inc), created in 1970, has delivered 46,000 meals on wheels.

More than 40 members of the delivery team met recently for their annual get-together luncheon and annual meeting.

Committee members elected were Ruby Arnaud, Margaret Barton, Ann Drew, Peg Dunnett, Dorothy Rush, Viv Rush, Catherine

Watts, Bobbie Wilson, Keith Wilson and Judith Woods.

The service needs new permanent drivers to ease the call on emergency volunteers. The meals on wheels delivery in the Warrandyte area involves approximately two hours on a once-a-month roster.

Volunteers may call Keith Wilson 844 3522, Judith Woods 844 3848, Peg Dunnett 844 3582 or Dorothy Rush 844 3438.

Church fete coming up

Warrandyte Uniting Church holds its fete on Saturday, November 21, commencing at 9.30 am.

For the children, Santa will arrive at 11 am. There will be lucky dips, a 50 cent stall and various games. Other stalls include cakes, books,

plants, produce, sweets, white elephant and second-hand clothes.

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Paralucia purodiscus needs help

By JAN PIERCE

Most people will be aware of the plight of the Eltham copper butterfly — *Paralucia purodiscus lucida* — "shining fire disk of light". Its fight for survival in a small corner of Eltham fringed by developers is now up to us. The State Government has promised \$250,000, and the highly successful Eltham Council art auction on Sunday, August 16 at the Eltham Community Centre raised \$40,000 for the appeal. Local painters were well represented at the auction. Brian Armstrong, David Moore, Herman Pekel, David Taylor and Max Wilkes, among others, generously donated paintings of an extremely high standard. The artists received 25 per cent of the selling price and, if one reflects on this, it is like many of us giving 75 per cent of our salary to the appeal. It's time for the rest of us to follow



their lead. We have so much to learn from this small, shining butterfly. Its ecology involves an association with the localised dwarf form of the sweet bursaria, and the larvae are attended by a small black ant, *Notoncus* enormis. We find it hard enough getting on with our own species let alone depending on another in such an intimate way for survival. Let's mark the bicentennial year with a positive note and a lasting contribution to all Australians.

It might go towards making amends for the damage we have done in the past 200 years. Myra and Matcham Skipper have designed and produced, in collaboration with Emil Hafner, a silver and gilded badge, the profits going towards buying back the land. They are selling at \$5 and \$10 respectively. Pam Hipwell at Folkart, John James at Potters Cottage and our own organic greengrocer at the West End have all offered to sell the badges. The environment

league stall at Warrandyte's monthly market will also have information, badges, bumper stickers and T-shirts. On Friday, November 6, the Warrandyte Environment League and the Friends of the Warrandyte State Park are planning a Butterfly Bush Ball at the Mechanics Institute. The Warrandyte community can have a fun night and at the same time contribute to a very special cause. For any inquiries or offers of help please ring 844 3140.

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- Clear all ground litter and flammable scrub from beneath trees, for a distance of up to 30 metres from the buildings. Concentrate on north and west sides, and areas downslope from house.
- Maintain native scrub in isolated clumps rather than in a continuous mass. Clumps should be concentrated on south and east sides.
- Maintain the land in an open parkland setting. This may require regular fuel reduction burning or slashing.
- Build stone fences as radiation shields and ground cover spark catchers.
- Remove rough-barked eucalypts from around buildings and replace with smooth-barked types.
- In hilly areas it may be appropriate to build a dugout into the hillside for shelter during a fire.

The degree of fire resistance of a tree or shrub depends on three characteristics: the amount of moisture (water) in the leaves; the

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amount of oil or resin in the leaves; and the amount of dead matter (leaves and twigs) which remains on the tree. The most fire-resistant are those trees with a high leaf moisture content, little resin and minimal dead matter during the fire danger period.

When choosing appropriate species for an area, thought needs to be given to the amount of water the trees will receive. Leaf moisture content will remain high in most trees if they are watered two or three times per week. However, if they are likely to rely on rainfall, species which have a naturally high leaf moisture content and require less water than the average annual rainfall should be chosen.

It is also useful to consider how a tree burns. Some species just char and die, while others flare up and spread the fire. Still others (e.g. old

cypress hedges) can burn like a furnace.

When choosing species for wind-breaks it is worthwhile to consider both the fire resistance and the likelihood of recovery or regeneration after a fire if such trees are burnt. For example, most eucalypts will recover; many wattles or pines do not. However, the fire may germinate seeds leading to regeneration of the wattles.

In addition to trees and shrubs planted to give fire protection and shelter to the house, fire resistant ground cover plants can also be used to reduce the spread of flames along the ground around buildings. Some succulent (high moisture content) plants will grow in quite dry conditions and may be more suitable than grass.

The most suitable trees are *Atriplex* sp. (saltbush), *Brochychiton populneus* (kurradjong), *Ceratonia siliqua* (carob), *Caprosma repens* (New Zealand mirror bush), *Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay fig), *Fraxinus* sp. (ash), *Ligustrum* sp. (privet), *Melia azedarach* (white cedar), *Myoporum* sp. (e.g. boobial-

la), *Photinia serrulata* (photinia), *Chinese hawthorn*, *Platanus orientalis* (plane), *Populus* sp. (poplar), *Quercus* (oak), *Schinus molle* (pepper tree), *Tilia vulgaris* (linder), *Tristania* sp. (e.g. brush box) and *Ulmus* sp. (elm).

Suitable trees are *Aesculus hippocastanum* (horse chestnut), *Agonis juniperina* (juniper myrtle), *Angophora costata* (gum myrtle), *Calodendron capense* (cape chestnut), *Celtis occidentalis* (hackberry), *Cercis siliquastrum* (judas tree), *Cinnamomum camphora* (camphor laurel), *Cornus capitata* (evergreen dogwood), *Corynocarpus laevigatus* (New Zealand laurel), *Eugenia smithii* (lilly pilli), *Griselinia littoralis* (New Zealand broadleaf), *Hakea* sp. (hakea), *Heterodendrum oleifolium* (cattlebush), *liex aquifolium* (holly), *Laurus nobilis* (laurel), *Magnolia grandiflora* (magnolia), *Metrosideros excelsa* (New Zealand Christmas tree), *Pittosporum* sp. (e.g. sweet pittosporum), *Salix* sp. (willow) and *Sarbus aucuparia* (rowan).

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Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-Operative Ltd. project.

Toy library has moved

The Warrandyte Toy Library has moved. It is now operating from the squash courts. The organisers say one reason for the shift was the fear of toddlers dashing out onto busy Yarra Street from the old premises.

The new opening hours will be from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm on Thursdays and from 1 pm to 2.30 pm on Saturdays. Toys may still be borrowed for up to two weeks and the fees remain at \$6 for six months, with a reduction for second and following children.

New members are welcome. Enquiries: Carmen Janicke on 844 2046 or Judy Lewis on 844 2482.

Park planners meet again

The Warrandyte State Park management plan committee meets again in the Mechanics Hall on November 17 and anyone interested is invited to come along.

The first meeting on October 6

IN BRIEF

discussed the reserves at Pound Bend, Fourth Hill, Black Flat and the common. The idea this time is to build on those discussions and move on to the Jumping Creek to Mount Lofty sections of the park.

The meeting starts at 8 pm. Anyone who cannot attend is invited to ring Val Polley on 651 3166 and have a say.

Libs promise on freeway

The Liberal Party will extend the Eastern Freeway to Ringwood if it gains office at the next state election, according to Alan Brown, the opposition spokesman on transport.

"The Liberal Party has no anti-freeway bias unlike the present Labor Government," Mr Brown said recently. "It is well-known that Labor is anti freeway and pro public transport."

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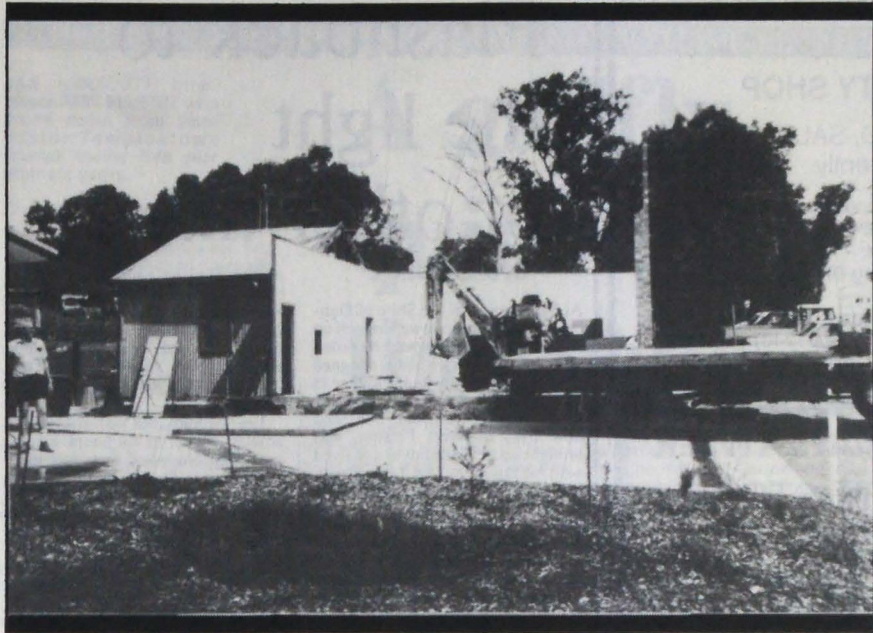


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Demolition of the old fire station at South Warrandyte underway. The original corrugated iron building is on the left.

Link with past is demolished

The new fire station at South Warrandyte is finished, and late last month brigade members watched with mixed feelings as the old galvanised iron station in Brumbys Road was demolished.

Built on land donated by Dave Pridmore, the old station was erected in record time, way back in 1963. "If you get the station up quickly I might have something to put in it," CFA regional officer 'Mac' McLaren told brigade captain Wally Riddle.

The building was up in three weeks, and the brigade 'inherited' a fire truck from Lilydale. Up until then, South Warrandyte's equipment consisted of knapsack pumps and a few hand tools.

The new fire station has been built at a cost of some \$130,000. CFA funds provided \$35,000, Doncaster and Templestowe Council contributed \$12,000 and the rest was raised locally, with the brigade providing countless hours of voluntary labor.

BRUCE BENCE

Charanjiet discovers little trouble swapping cultures

Warrandyte High is particularly fortunate in having students from other countries and cultures. These students can be introduced through an exchange program or, in the case of Charanjiet Singh Kashmiri, aged 17, from Malaysia, as a permanent student.

Born in Malacca, a small town south of Kuala Lumpur, Charanjiet attended an Anglo-Chinese school before his family decided to move to Australia. Three brothers and a sister who had moved here earlier had graduated from Monash and La Trobe Universities and Charanjiet, presently in Year 11, hopes to follow in their footsteps, and to study medicine. He feels that by coming to Australia he has increased the scope of opportunities available to him on graduating.

Charanjiet has not found much difficulty in adapting to studies in Australia, with the exception of scientific terms which he originally

learned in Malay and which he must now relearn in English.

One of the main differences he feels is in the Australian method of teaching, which places greater emphasis on development of personal initiative. He also remarked that the supportive and friendly attitude of both staff and fellow students had made it easier for him to adapt to his new environment.

In Malaysia Charanjiet was accustomed to starting school at 7.30 am and finishing at 2 pm. Students were then expected to spend several hours completing home-work, but in the comfort of their own homes during the hot weather.

Charanjiet had been quite unprepared for his newly adopted Australian bush environment, expecting a more "English" landscape, however he is looking forward to the family move from Box Hill to North Warrandyte.

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Dreaming of six numbers falling.
Asked he there about their great chiefs,
Chiefs who guide the tribal fortunes.
Learned he then of chieftain Hawkie,
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Chasing now the willow-wielders,
Forgetting all the tribe's traditions.
Learned he of the old Hawke's rival,
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Learned he of the Northern chieftain,
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Turned he eastward then, despairing,
Saying Maggie Thatcher looks a winner.

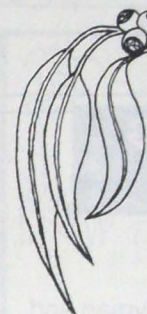
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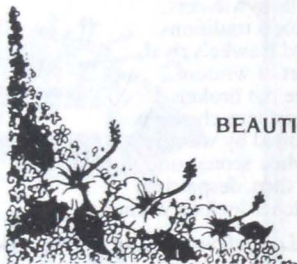
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**Flashback to
the light
of other times**

By BRUCE BENCE

At the meeting of the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe Council on August 14, 1934, it was recorded that Les Strudwick had resigned from his position as lamp lighter at Warrandyte. Les had just turned 15 at the time he resigned. Les, who now lives at West Preston, was brought up in Warrandyte and lived with his family at 298 Yarra Street. He took over the job of lamp lighter from George Bryant and bought George's pushbike and a small hook-on ladder to start his job.

The location of three of the lights is known and there were at least one and possibly two others. The known locations are opposite 290-92 Yarra Street, on the western boundary of the old Post Office and on the north side of Yarra Street between The Palette and the squash court. Another was probably outside Tommy Jones' shop which stood on the north corner of Yarra Street and Everard Drive.

The lights used petrol for fuel (Plume or Shell) and had mantles the same as today's portable gas lights. To light them, the burner was

preheated using a torch which had been soaked in methylated spirits. When the burner was hot enough to vaporise the petrol the fuel tank was pressurised by a hand pump and the petrol vapor ignited. The lamps burned with a pure white light.

Les would put a measured amount of fuel in the lamps which would go out when then fuel had burnt up. These lamps were temperamental and required a fair amount of maintenance to keep them in working order. On one occasion, Les remembers that he had just returned home from lighting the lamps when his grandfather came in and told him that they had all gone out again. He had to go back and relight them.

On December 22, 1935 Warrandyte became the 285th town in Victoria to be connected to the State Electricity Supply scheme, which had been in operation for only 10 years.

The lights, which no longer were of any use, were removed.

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THE DIARY SALUTES TWO WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR TOWN

JAN LIDDICUTT interviews ANN MARTIN who stood down from Doncaster/Templestowe council earlier this year after six years.

Controversy was no stranger to Ann Martin during her seven years with the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. In fact at times she appears to have positively thrived on it.

Her press cutting book is full of articles such as those showing her defying the SEC over the cutting down of trees in front of her Webb Street home, detailing her conflict with environment groups over the establishment of horse riding trails and documenting the events leading up to her suspension earlier this year for using unprofessional language to another councillor over the issue of child care in Warrandyte.

However it was not all controversy all the time. Ann counts among her major achievements: the setting up of the City Art Gallery, the Mullum Creek linear park and horseriding trails and the purchase of the Getson site for a future community centre. Her main areas of interest have always been the environment and the arts. So some environ-

A gadfly quits the scene

ment groups reacted with surprise when Ann supported the horse riding lobby over the introduction of horse riding trails.

However her argument has been that there must be a balance between all community groups and that, because there are fewer places these days to ride horses, it made more sense to provide trails to keep horses and riders away from roads and traffic and more environmentally sensitive areas.

Ann also found herself caught between two of her interest groups over the issue of the extensions to the Mechanics Institute Hall. In the

event, she supported the proposed extensions, arguing that by combining the hall and Getson sites, the town would gain a real community centre and arts complex.

Her major disappointments were being removed from the Middle Yarra Advisory Council and being unable to prevent the supermarket developments in the town, but overall she has found being a councillor a very positive and rewarding experience. She was sad to leave council but many doors have been opened to her because of her experience.

She presented a paper to an International Planning Conference in

October last year and is studying at Monash University for her masters degree in environmental science, a course which her council experience has enabled her to enter. Her ambition is to eventually work within the Aboriginal community.

Ann acknowledges there are drawbacks to being a councillor — a great deal of responsibility, a very heavy workload and some hostility from prospective employers were among those she cited. She feels they are deterring would-be councillors and this is contributing to what she sees as moves to the right on the council as well as it becoming more political, self-seeking and less community-oriented, a trend she regrets.

Ann is very grateful for the support, assistance and encouragement she has received, both from the community and her ward colleagues. She has been very aware that no one achieves anything alone and that team work by ward councillors is a crucial element in good decision making.

Her best wishes go to Vern Denford, her successor, himself no stranger to council. She looks forward, she says, to reading only positive things of the council in the future.

A gadfly relives her past

TIMOTHY JOY interviews JEAN CHAPMAN, social worker and town conscience.

My earliest childhood memories were of living at Mortlake in a railway house. My father worked on the railway as a fireman on the old steam engines. It had peppercorn trees out the front and a gooseberry patch in the back yard and a toilet way up the back yard. I can remember going with dad to see an aeroplane that landed up behind the engine shed, and I would have been about three.

My saddest childhood memory would be having my uncle a prisoner of war, then seeing him when he came back and having him die nine months after.

My happiest childhood memory would be being friendly with another family who had lost a daughter to cancer a couple of years before. They sort of adopted me and used to take me out to various places and take a lot of notice of me. Not that my mum and dad didn't take a lot of notice of me. There was only my sister and I but we were pretty poor during the depression and they gave me a lot of happy times.

My parents were a major influence on me, in the way that in our day you didn't have all the things to do that children have nowadays. And mostly you spent your time



Jean Chapman: I only had the usual aspirations.

with your mother and father; there weren't things like school excursions. I mean, schoolteachers didn't have the same influence over you, I don't think.

My father was more sort of overbearing and you didn't do what you did, you did what he said. But then at other times he was very understanding, and mum was just one of those quiet people who was always understanding and you could talk to. I could talk to both of them. Both my parents were influential.

There were a couple of schoolteachers who influenced me a bit, that I liked a lot more than other

schoolteachers, but I can't think of any particular way. One of them was an older lady and the other was an older man.

Going for walks in the bush stands out in my mind. We shifted to Mitcham. It was bush in those days. We used to go for long walks. We had great fun doing that, getting wildflowers and going back the next year to see if they had come out again, drawing them and finding out about them. The beginning of the war and living through the war had a very big effect on me.

Mostly my childhood was happy but parts of it were traumatic. Looking back I can see the reasons for things more, and so they are not so traumatic to me now. But on the other hand my sister, who went through the things, blames them for a lot of effects on her life. I don't.

I only had the usual aspirations to grow up and get married, which just about every girl had in those days.

I don't think about my childhood being better. Then again I don't look at things from that sort of angle. I don't think there is any point in it. It could have been better but it probably could have been a lot worse.

My childhood changed my attitude towards children... I decided that I wouldn't be like my father was with my children. I'd let them

make up their own minds about things where I could and I wouldn't smack them, and that sort of thing, not unless it was absolutely necessary. Not be like my father was. I have treated my children differently as a result of the way I was brought up.

There have been lots of things that have changed my life. Getting married and coming to live in Warrandyte changed my life considerably, with no water, no electricity and no neighbors, that changed my life greatly.

My work is managing the Warrandyte Community Co-operative Limited. It covers running a labor exchange, handling a sole-parent support group, after-school care program, setting up the child care centre, running a wood yard, setting up and managing a coffee shop, secretarial services and most other things, and then setting up the bakery.

It is very demanding on me but I have plenty of time. No money and plenty of time, I don't mind.

I think I have been successful in life, not successful as far as money goes, but most things have turned out successful. I've got four children, two in-laws and six grandchildren and they all live around me. I'm very happy with them and I've got lots of friends. I'm doing what I want to be doing.

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Forever Anthony! 'Life' for The Gnome

Long-serving official Anthony Giles-Peters has been made a life member of Warrandyte Football Club.

The honour was conferred at the club's presentation night at Alfred's Homestead last month.

Anthony, affectionately known as The Gnome, has been a committeeman for nine years and secretary for the past six.

The club also paid tribute to the services of Neil Hennessy by naming him best clubman of 1987.

A reserves player, Hennessy took over the coaching of the side mid way through the season when John McCartin emerged from retirement to rejoin the seniors.

It is Hennessy's second clubman award.

As reported in the September Diary, Peter Banks won the senior best and fairest award from Darren Peters and Rob Golding.

Robert (Spider) Webb, in his first season with the Bloods, was judged the most consistent and Tony Sturesteps most improved.

Best first-year player award went to Stewart Bardwell and the Daryl Valentine Perpetual Trophy (most determined) to Brad Day.

Stuart McCroy won the reserves best and fairest from Shane Miers, with Peter Knott and Michael Day dead heating for third.

Shane McCartin and Rowan Bavington were, respectively, the most consistent and most improved and Justin Hansen won the Jeff Darby Perpetual Trophy for most determined.

The top under-18s trophy went to Kimberley O'Connor, who finished the season in the seniors. Cameron Day was runner-up and Danny Weatherly third.

Other under-18 trophy winners: Jarod Dixon (most consistent); Dale Comrie (most determined).



Tony Sturesteps ... WFC's most improved.

Sits. vac.

Warrandyte Football Club has advertised the senior, reserves and under-18 coaching positions for 1988.

Applications close with the secretary, PO Box 1515, Warrandyte, on October 21.

The senior job became vacant with the resignation, after two seasons, of former Melbourne player Dennis Clark.

A superkid!

Who said the 1987 football season was a write-off for Warrandyte?

An outstanding young prospect named John Hassall produced be-lated smiles all round by winning the EDFL under-14 best and fairest award.

John is a member of one of Warrandyte's best-known sporting families.

On skates or bike, Peter's a big wheel

By JAN TINDALE

One thing on wheels led to another for Peter Jones.

Twelve months ago he was a champion roller-skater who had represented Australia in New Zealand. He took up bike riding as a training exercise — and now holds a national cycling title.

Peter, 17, of Heidelberg, captained the Victorian team to the Australian junior 35-kilometre time trial title at Bacchus Marsh on October 4.

Warrandyte can claim a little credit for the success because the team — Peter, Marlin Schoen, Robert Boart and Andrew Cooper — use this area as their training ground.

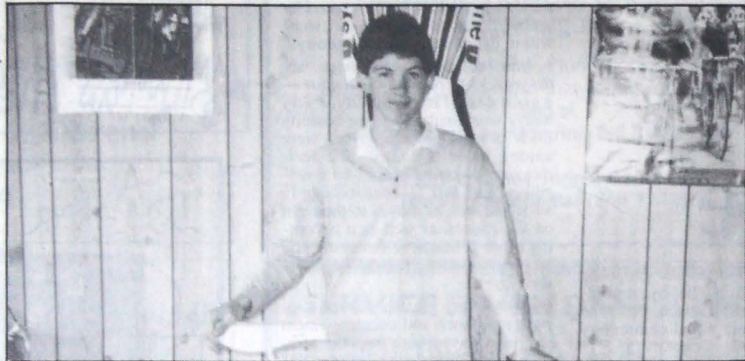
The extension of Peter's new-found

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Peter, the youngest of 10 children, runs the shop with his mother, Glenys, and is keen to onpass the expertise he has acquired in 12 magic months which have seen him graduate from C-grade to A-grade pro-am.

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Peter Jones ... a champ on four wheels, a champ on two.

President packs quite a wallop

'Taylor the Terrible' cuts loose

Warrandyte Cricket Club president Geoff Taylor put the "leading by example" principle into devastating practice in the first round of the 1987-88 season.

Taylor and Andrew King provided the highlight of the opening fixtures with a 156-run partnership in the third eleven's win over Montrose.

King was dismissed only nine runs short of a century; the president was unbeaten on 89. They shared the player-of-the-match award.

Their swashbuckling partnership took Warrandyte to 3/207 in the limited-overs match. Montrose fell 17 runs short in the run chase.

The thirds and fourths were Warrandyte's first-round senior winners.

The first eleven lost by just eight runs.

Darren Peters made exactly half Warrandyte's score of 74 and Gerald Walshe and David Sloan took four Montrose wickets apiece.

Walshe, in his first game as senior captain, finished with 4/28 and Sloan with 4/30.

The women's team started the season on a disappointing note but regarded their loss to Montrose as an early-season hiccup rather than true form.

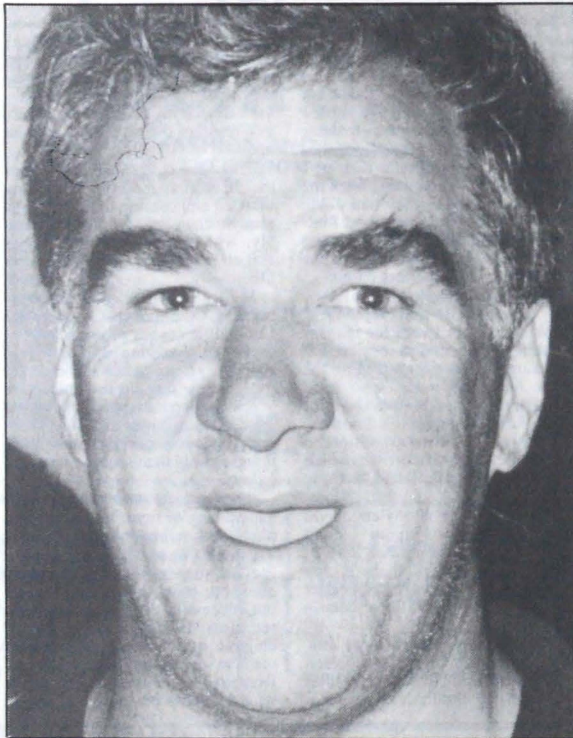
Jennie McLaws turned in an outstanding all-round performance for Warrandyte, top-scoring with 42 and taking 3/36.

Details:
FIRSTS: Warrandyte 74 (D. Peters 37) lost to Montrose 82 (G. Walshe 4/28, D. Sloan 4/30). Player of match: Peters.

SECONDS: Warrandyte 59 (D. Vitiritti 27 n.o.) lost to Montrose 8/122 (A. Vitiritti 3/22). Player of match: D. Vitiritti.

THIRDS: Warrandyte 3/207 (A. King 91, G. Taylor 89 n.o.) d. Montrose 4/190 (F. Jungwirth 3/48). Players of match: King, Taylor.

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 122 (P. Bak-



er 29 n.o.) d. Montrose 50 (A. Rogers 4/6). Player of match: C. Blackburn.

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 67 lost to Mooroolbark 172 (Fernando 4/67). Player of match: I. Cameron.

WOMEN: Warrandyte 105 (J. McLaws 42) lost to Montrose 154 (M. Hooper 3/27, McLaws 3/36). Player of match: McLaws.

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UNDER-16A: Warrandyte 79 (J. Weatherly 30) lost to Ainslie Park 2/112.

UNDER-14A: Warrandyte 4/47 d. Ainslie Park 7/38 (J. Prangly 3/8).

UNDER-14B: Warrandyte 6/41 lost to North Ringwood 4/62.

UNDER-12A: Warrandyte 2/78 (T. Jacobs 30 n.o., S. Bell 26 n.o.) d. North Ringwood 8/53.

UNDER-12B: Warrandyte 5/96 (B. Saaksjarvie 32 ret., M. Howell 29 n.o.) d. Eastfield 3/47.

UNDER-12C: Warrandyte 6/40 (A. Mangos 15 n.o.) lost to Mooroolbark 3/76.

Above: Geoff Taylor — out of the chair and into the runs. His unbeaten 89 undid Montrose. Below: Darren Peters — made half the senior eleven's losing score.



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