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Ta, town, and see you in February

The Warrandyte Diary, mighty organ of the hills, wishes all its readers the best of Christmases and the finest of Bicenwhatnot years.

Cliff Green founded the Diary some 17 years ago and has never stopped massaging his baby along.

Lee Tindale is another pioneer of the Diary who has never stopped laboring for it.

Our find of the year is chief-of-staff Val Polley, who has brought order to the chaos that was this newspaper 12 months ago.

Other discoveries were new reporters David Wyman and Marion Winton.

Jock Mcneish, unfortunately lost to daily newspaper cartooning for almost 20 years, has done us proud again.

Anthony Dale came back to keep the books, and in his pleasant way is doing a great balancing act.

Bruce Bence not only kept us enthralled with his excellent series on bushfires in Victoria but — with Wilma Bence — took over distribution of the paper.

And we thank all the others: Jean Chapman, Louise Joy, John Boyle, the Historical Society, WAC, WEL (and any other stray acronyms), the senior citizens, the Co-Op and, most importantly, our advertisers, without whom we would not exist.

Finally, special thanks for help far outside the call of commercial duty to our typesetters, Banaid Productions, and our seasonally adjusted printers, the Ho Ho Ho Brothers.

Meanwhile, keep those stories, tid-bits, black-and-white photos, letters, gossip for Smokey, results, suggestions and whatnot pouring into the Diary box.

And have a great holiday. See you in February.

# Twenty new shops planned for village

By CLIFF GREEN

The erection of 20 new shops — eight in the village and 12 at the west end — is proposed for the near future, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee has told the *Diary*.

Fears are already being expressed about the environmental impact of so much commercial development in the township and its possible effect on existing businesses.

According to WAC secretary Bev Hansen, the premises proposed include:

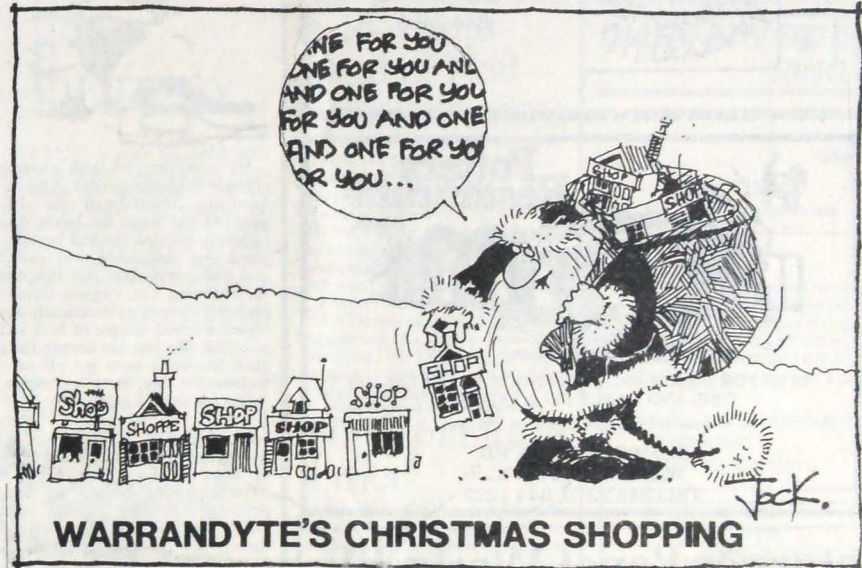
- A group of four shops in Yarra Street, on the site of the white weatherboard house west of the hotel.
- Another four shops above Yarra Street, immediately east of the Mechanics' Institute.
- A block of nine shops in the Golden Gate area, on the corner of Drysdale Road and Colin Avenue.
- A two-storey building, also at the west end — next to the chemist's, on the corner of Drysdale Road and Melbourne Hill Road — incorporating two shops and two offices.

The Warrandyte Environment League has told the *Diary* that as all these developments are planned for commercially zoned land, the league would have difficulty opposing them outright.

"However, we are concerned at the volume of development proposed and a number of specific aspects concerning some of them," WEL spokesman Kevin Parker said.

"We know Warrandyte as a bush village and that is how we like it. To line the street with shops and cars will turn it into just another shopping centre. Eltham was once a bush village. Now it is the victim of commercial development."

"Are existing traders so deluged



with custom that Warrandyte needs 20 new shops?

"We are less concerned with plans for the west end, as this area is obviously more appropriate for commercial development. However, the problem of over-supply must be considered. Streetmaking, parking and beautification will have to proceed simultaneously, and buildings should be sympathetically designed."

"WEL has been consulting with developers concerned with shops west of the hotel. Their plan has the building set back, with off-street parking in front. Traffic hazards abound in that area, with cars emerging from the drive-in bottle shop and the main parking area opposite. Another off-street exit could prove a disaster."

"We therefore suggested the new shops should be on the existing

building line and should be sympathetic to the buildings nearby, especially the old post office. They would thus enhance the existing streetscape. Money saved from building off-street parking could be used to upgrade the large and under-utilised car park beside the Gospel Chapel opposite."

The proposal causing the league most concern, however, is that projected for land immediately east of the hall.

"The land between the Mechanics' Institute and Folkart is well treed and as such is an essential ingredient of our 'bush village' atmosphere," Kevin Parker said. "This land is zoned commercial, which the league considers inappropriate."

To walk from the war memorial to the hall, along the bush track

above Yarra Street, is one of the few delights left on that side of the main street. Safe vehicle access to this area would be difficult, and any engineering "solution" could destroy it forever.

"The proposed community centre on the Geiton site will probably see the closure of Mitchell Avenue, linking the new centre with the hall. This area should become the visual focus of our village, so we must guard carefully what happens alongside."

The fate of the old dairy site, on the riverbank below Yarra Street, is also causing some concern. Despite a long-standing commitment that no commercial development would be permitted on the river side of the main street, proposals to refurbish the old fibro cottage as a craft shop and build a restaurant on the re-

mainder of the site have been mooted.

Apart from environmental considerations, many traders and other local residents will be questioning the commercial wisdom of such extensive development in Warrandyte.

There was, until recently, a shortage of commercial premises in the area. However, the building of the Goldfields Plaza complex seems to have overcome this.

The shops at this centre are being individually auctioned as the *Diary* goes to press. Advertising has disclosed that annual rentals here range from \$15,600 for the bicycle shop, through \$40,312 for the newsagency, to \$153,893 for the supermarket.

How many of these businesses will prove viable at these rentals has yet to be seen, but the fruit shop has already closed and one or two others could be facing difficult times.

Warrandyte has, in recent times, approached retail self-sufficiency. This trend should be applauded, providing as it does variety and service for the community without the need to travel. But the market must now be close to saturation point.

Experience suggests that financial entrepreneurs give scant attention to the long term prospects for the projects they develop. Their aim is to build the premises and sell them to investors for the highest possible price. The new landlords are then forced to charge high rentals despite competition caused by overdevelopment.

A series of failed businesses and a number of ugly, inappropriate developments around Warrandyte will only serve the pockets of their originators. They will destroy forever the village character of the area and bring pressure for continuing residential development to ensure a constant stream of new customers. They will do little for the town and its community.

## Co-Op sees a future for disaster cottages

The Warrandyte Co-op has come up with a proposal to use the "Quarry Disaster Cottages" site for two houses, one for young people and the other for people with intellectual disabilities.

The Co-op has put its plan for the one-acre site — bounded by Webb Street, Brackenbury Street and Sloans Road — before the trustees.

The original cottages were built about 1935 to house the families of two men tragically killed in a South Warrandyte quarry accident.

But the families have moved on and while

the cottages are still being rented they are in disrepair and lacking in many modern amenities.

In August, the trustees of the Warrandyte Quarry Disaster Appeal sought community discussions about the site's future and in particular legal interpretation of sections of the trust deed.

A meeting on July 29 of an advisory group to the trustees recommended that the site be offered to the State Government for the development of welfare housing or some other community needs project.

The Warrandyte Community Workshop

Co-operative says: "Warrandyte is rare among the more affluent communities in recognising the need for public housing to maintain a tradition of a caring community involving people from all walks of life."

The office of Intellectual Disability has evolved a 10-year plan, and has sent copies to the Citizen's Advice Bureau. The plan involves releasing patients from institutions and placing them in small residential units throughout the state.

A Co-op official told the *Diary*: "Many young people are experiencing rejection by parents who themselves are under great

stress through broken relationships, financial difficulties or the demands of younger children. In the past, communal living has been an acceptable escape route for young people in this situation."

"There are specialist services to rehabilitate troubled youth after a crisis, but there is a need for an intermediate stage of group housing as they become ready to take their place in the adult world. It is this type of housing which is proposed in Warrandyte."

A meeting to introduce the plan to Warrandyte citizens will be held at the CAB office on February 23, beginning at 8pm.

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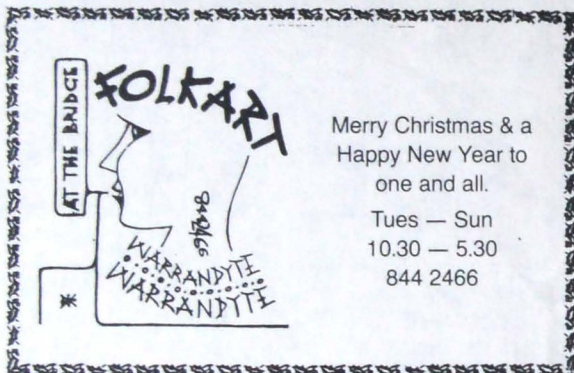
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Now it can be told. One dark, bleak night about 18 months ago, Smokey was tooting home in the early hours of the morning when, at the corner of Reynolds Road and some other street with traffic lights (no, he can't be more specific) he came across a Warrandyte citizen in distress. His car and another car had collided. Our friend had obviously had a gargle or 17 and needed a lift home before the girls in blue arrived. But no, he was intent on seeing that the young lady, the driver of the other car, reached home safely.

Smokey drove the pair to the young lady's place, knocked on the door, announced to the parents that their daughter had been involved in a crash but was unhurt, calmed their fears and popped the pair inside. All went well, but Smokey was desirous of extracting the Warrandyte citizen from the neighbourhood, for obvious reasons. The lad wandered outside and towards Smokey's car just as the flashing blue lights pulled into view.



He was charged with causing crystals to change colour. This information transformed the 18-year-old girl inside the house. She suddenly decided she had been injured. An ambulance was called and took her to Box Hill Hospital for treatment. Yes, Virginia, there is justice. The cops automatically analysed a blood sample of hers and pounced. She lost her licence for a year. Smokey's mate got off on a technicality. See, there is compensation for being a gentleman.

They were celebrating the birth of Sean Dealey's first nephew. "You're driving home," he said, pointing to their orange ute. "Right," said Pauline, a martyr if there ever was one. "I won't drink." Later that afternoon, as he performed a soft shoe shuffle across

## IN RED & WHITE

the lawn, he changed his mind. "I'll drive," he said. The long-suffering lady tried to intrude a note of sanity. "But you're drinking," she said. "I'm drinking light beer," he replied. "Yes, but that's your first light beer of the day," she triumphed.

There are still people in Warrandyte operating on tank water. A bloke running a wholesale nursery has one for a neighbor. The neighbor had just had his tank filled. Said the nurseryman: "You realise, of course, that the water carrier cleans out septic tanks most of the time. And he uses the same truck." The neighbor turned an ashen shade of grey. The nurseryman was just joking, of course.

Let us now praise one of our own. Ian Gedge, of Webb Street, has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Victorian Ambulance Authority for "rescuing a driver, trapped in a submerged car in the Plenty River, during the early hours of December 20 last year."



The parents bought the two budding pianists an electronic keyboard instead of shelling out kilobucks on a goanna. The 10-year-old thumped the ivories for an hour, then told the long-suffering ma and pa, "It's fine... it'll do". His six-year-old brother finally got his turn. After 10 minutes, big brother announced, "This is a waste of electricity," and pulled the plug.

It's always the quiet ones. The husband turned on a Christmas drink and Chinese meal for his

associates, and a few relatives who were hanging on. The wife announced that, of course, she would be drinking de-alcoholised plonk. She forgot to bring it, didn't she? The lady was forced to tuck into the champagne that the non-woosers brought. The lady was forced to tuck into the red wine that the non-woosers brought. The lady was last seen kicking up her heels on the coffee table in her lounge room, yelling "Anyone who can't tapdance is a wimp!" And she's so mild, normally.



Granny Annie is delighted; Ian Hookey is already making plans to take the young fellow out fishing on his under-utilised, Evinrude-powered battleship. The object of all the attention is Lloyd John Roe, first child of Ann's daughter Jane and her husband Wayne, and first great grandchild for Mary and Jack Huxtable. Instead of thanks to the staff of the hospital (which goes without saying), Jane pays tribute to sister Bronwyn who sat through the contractions and the birth of her nephew.

While we weren't watching, the Harte family shot through from the Grand Hotel. They have gone up-country, to a quiet pub where they hope to open one of those boutique breweries. The new boss is Michael Phillips.



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## Homeless young numbers rising

"Teenage homelessness is at an alarming rate in the City of Doncaster/Templestowe," said Paul Hawksley at a recent Warrandyte Uniting Church service. "In 90 per cent of cases the problems lie with parents. Marriage breakdown and defacto relationships often lead to kids being kicked out of home or leaving to find a better environment."

Paul is chairman of Trinity Youth Housing Association, which runs Trinity House, Larkin Lodge and Andrew Savage House. The program aims for family reunion where that is appropriate and possible. Where not, assistance is given to find secure alternative accommodation.

During 1986, Trinity House received 103 requests for accommodation from the Doncaster/Templestowe area, including Warrandyte. Trinity House could help only 23, of which nine returned home. "Even this is only the tip of the iceberg," said Paul. Referrals are only accepted from within the city and young people who run away for the night, or decide to sleep in parks, are not taken in.

No financial support is received from the government for the houses themselves. But strong support comes from Catholic, Uniting, Lutheran and Baptist Churches, as well as Holy Trinity Church in Doncaster, which founded the project. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and can be sent to Harry Martin, 49 Worthing Ave, East Doncaster, 3109.

Paul added that, according to *The Age*, Doncaster/Templestowe is the most affluent area in Melbourne, yet from a two-year-old Anglican Marriage Guidance Bureau report three out of five first marriages fail and four out of five second marriages collapse within the city.

"Whatever happens in St Kilda happens here," said Paul.



The Warrandyte Festival Committee has chosen "Warrandyte Home of the Artist" as the theme for the 1988 Warrandyte Festival.

The committee plans to celebrate Warrandyte's traditionally artistic community in a number of ways. These include painting displays, a "graffiti" wall, studio and gallery tours; and in giving Warrandyte's artists as much exposure as they can cope with.

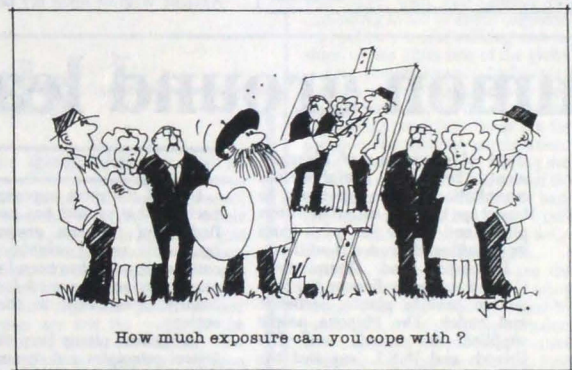
Working with the existing arts communities and groups, the committee would also like to encourage and support all of Warrandyte's 'latent' artists.

Those of you who'd like to have a bit of a splash at the canvas or peek at the world through a blob of oil paint, please give John Boyle

## Artists get a guernsey

(844 3333) or Jock Macneish (844 2669) a ring to find out how much exposure you can handle. The festival gets under way towards the end of March. And if you allow for holidays, Christmas, and the January sales, that's roughly next week. So ... er ... hurry while stocks last!...

JOCK MACNEISH



## Park planners canvass buffer zone, pet curbs

The planning team for the Warrandyte State Park management plan has held its second successful public meeting, and is now looking forward to receiving further submissions from individuals and community groups to help it draft the plan this summer.

The meeting was very well attended. Those present, including Warrandyte MLA Lou Hill, took part in workshop sessions where many very interesting issues were discussed, such as controls over domestic pets, management of the kangaroo population, grazing, whether camping should be allowed and encroachment on the park by abutting owners. Speakers appeared reluctant to see more signposting, and therefore possibly an increase in visitors.

In a final discussion about the possibility of a buffer zone round the park, with strong regulations to help preserve the landscape and conservation values, several speakers felt there were already enough restrictions and that a public education program would suffice to achieve a reasonable balance. However others believed that without extra controls problems such as invading weeds could eventually lead to a deterioration in the park.

It is hoped the draft plan will be available for public comment by next April.

Community consultation officer Val Polley says she is well pleased with the two public meetings so far. "They have raised many issues and concerns for the planning team to consider," she said. However, for

anyone who would still like to make a submission but has not already done so, it is not too late. The planning team is happy to hear from anyone up until Christmas.

Written submissions should be sent to The Warrandyte State Park Management Plan, PO Box 3001. Alternatively, Val is happy to take submissions on 844 1515.

Many residents visited the Resource Centre set up in the Community Centre during November. Although this has now closed, the planning team is moving to a temporary office in 3 Pound Bend Road, and invites anyone to visit there to view maps, photographs and other resource documents. The office will be open over the holiday period.

# Hill gets promise on building laws

Lou Hill, the Member for Warrandyte, has gone to bat for Warrandyte residents concerned about changes to building regulations. Mr Hill spoke to the Minister for Planning and Environment, Jim Kennan, regarding a proposal for residential development provisions.

"The Minister assured me that there will be plenty of time for further community consultation and submissions on these proposals," Mr Hill said. "The proposals are only those of a task force. They will go through a proper consultation process before any decision is made by the Government."

Lou Hill said that Mr Kennan had agreed to publicly exhibit in

February any scheme arising out of the proposals. He will then appoint a panel to hear objections. The panel will make a report to the Minister for final consideration and determination.

"This will allow interested parties plenty of time and opportunity to put their objections," Mr Hill said.

Warrandyte residents had expressed concern in last month's *Warrandyte Diary* at draft proposals which provide that at least 10 per cent of blocks in a large subdivision must be between 300 and 500 square metres.

The Minister for Planning told

Mr Hill that there is room for discussion and negotiation to give local government some discretion in imposing such provisions.

Lou Hill said the aim of the provisions was to promote urban consolidation by encouraging more medium-density development through urban areas; provide opportunities for cheaper housing; and encourage a wider range of housing choice.

"The provisions would not mean that substandard residential developments will appear around the metropolitan fringe, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas such as Warrandyte," Lou Hill said.

## A look into Land of Nod

A La Trobe University academic is conducting research into sleeping difficulties. And she is asking *Warrandyte Diary* readers for help.

Stephanie Deeley writes: "I need volunteers to answer a questionnaire regarding their experiences in relation to sleep problems. I require individuals who are having trouble sleeping, as well as those who have overcome their sleep difficulties."

Anyone who can help can write to Ms Deeley at the Department of Psychology, La Trobe University, Bundoora, 3083. Or they can telephone 479 2949 between 9.30 and 4.30 on weekdays.

## Why not hire a trier?

Each month the *Diary* publishes the names of two job seekers. If you need work done or have a vacancy, we ask you to hire, as a community service, one of our triers.

Peter, 18, wants full-time work as a building worker, carpenter, etc. No experience. Louise, 19, has experience in shops and minding children, and is interested in a full-time job.

Anyone able to help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326.

## Christmas services

Christmas services this year are:  
Anglican: (844-3473) Christmas Eve: 11.30pm. Blessing of the crib and sung Eucharist. Emmanuel Church, Hopetoun Rd, Park Orchards. Christmas Day: 8am. Holy Eucharist with carols. St. Stephen's Church, Stiggant St, Warrandyte. 9.30am. Holy Eucharist with carols. Emmanuel Church, Hopetoun Rd, Park Orchards.

Catholic: (876 1509) Christmas Eve: 8pm. Vigil Mass. St. Anne's Church, Knees Rd, Park Orchards. 12pm. Midnight Mass. St. Gerard's Church, Cemetery Rd, Warrandyte. Christmas Day: 10am Mass. St. Anne's Church, Knees Rd, Park Orchards.

Gospel Church: (844 2528) Christmas Day: 9.30am. Christmas Service. Chapel, Yarra St, Warrandyte.

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# Spider watching in Honkers

**NATURE**  
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The breeding group of Orang Utans also had a morning's innocent entertainment out of me, using my sketchbook and camera lens as targets to polish up their precision spitting skills.



On Sunday morning I crept out of bed at 5.30 — trying not to wake myself up in the process — to be taken out through the New Territo-

ries to the Mai Po Marshes by Dr K.C. Searle, ancient and venerable ornithologist, "Godfather" of the ZBG and practitioner of medicine. He very kindly not only showed me the extensive (and excellent) work done by World Wildlife Fund HK on this conservation project, but also identified birds for me, rather more exactly than my efforts along the lines of "a duck" "a plover" etc.

Making use of the board walk through the mangroves, and floating hide, built by WWF, we saw a wealth of wildlife as the tide went out over the mudflats — Black-faced Spoonbills, Purple Herons, an Osprey, Chinese Pond Heron, Greenshank, Pied and White-breasted Kingfishers amongst other things.

I was considerably distracted from the bird-watching by a carpet of crabs and mud skippers milling about on the grey ooze, right beneath the window of the hide.

A visit to the WWF Education Centre there on the marsh will supply any interested visitor with plentiful information on the natural history of the whole area (also on the neighboring Gei Wais or shrimp pond industry).

After a look around the aforementioned centre and research facilities, I was packed off to the "Shire Hide" to watch stilt and assorted wading "dickies". At this point I brought the wrath of the Ancient Warrior upon my head by



becoming so engrossed in watching and sketching the fourclawed geckoes and house spiders skittering across the walls and ceiling, that I completely forgot to look out the window.

The shining moment of the visit was seeing the biggest spider I have ever met face to face outside captivity, a wonderful beast, with a body the size of a mouse and generally similar in looks to a huntsman.

This news cut no ice with the A.W. and I expect I shall be in disgrace until I can go and redeem myself with some carefully re-haunted ornithological gems next year!

## Common ground leads to common grounds

What began as a neighborhood dispute has developed into one of the most exciting exercises in community involvement in local ecology of recent years.

Residents of Mopoke Court (mopoke caught, banish the thought) began expressing their concern over one neighbor clearing weeds along the creek that runs into Andersons Creek. Some indigenous plants were disappearing as well as general habitat for small birds. In-

stead of escalations of disagreement, there was confabulation, consultation and an agreement to landscape the area with indigenous plants and rescue the creek from its appalling, degraded condition.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council agreed to finance the project to provide plants, herbicide and mulch. The Mopoke people supplied the muscle and The Friends and W.E.L. supplied the knowledge.

One of the most important aspects of this project has been the finding of common ground for agreement among neighbors. The common ground has been indigenous plants and the need for community involvement in the local ecology.

Indigenous plants keep the ecological principles and dynamics of the creek true to its original state.

Community participation will tune the neighbors into their environment. Knowledge and landscape will blend as the names and seasons of the plants and animals become known by our neighbors. Common ground between people leads to common ideology and philosophy. There is a sharing of community knowledge.

Already the wider Warrandyte community has been involved in the writing of the new management

plan for our Warrandyte State Park. Our input will be an important feature in the future of this plan and ultimately the nature and success of the park. The common ground we all share with the park, the indigenous flora and fauna, the river and the hills gives us the possibility of an agreement towards common philosophy regarding the future dynamics of this red box forest.

We can support the life that flows through the park and all around us by growing indigenous plants in our gardens. It doesn't necessarily follow that your whole garden must be indigenous, just parts of it. Perhaps common ground with our neighbors. We can support the red box forest by making sure that the plants in our garden are not the weeds in the park. We must not destroy our most precious asset, our common ground.

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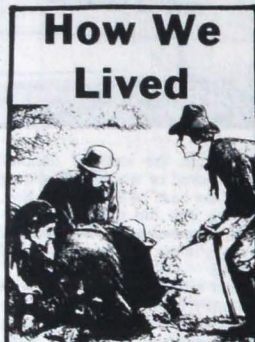
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Certainly during the Christmas week the number of our visitors were very limited, and things looked any thing but lively. However, New Year's Day made up for previous deficiencies. All that morning conveyances were pouring in from all directions. The public pic-nic, which has become a regular institution, was very well patronized. I estimate there were between 550 and 600 present on the

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CONCERT

A very successful concert took place in the State school on Thursday evening, the 29th December, 1887. Mr. William Collins occupied the chair. The following is the programme:- Overture, Misses Ayton and Holloway; song, Mr. Brownrigg, "The Old Photo"; song, Miss Dixon, "Far Away"; song, Mr. Stiggants, "Sailing"; recitation, Mr. Porteus, "Maid of Meathe"; song, Miss Buck, "Over the Hills to the Poor-house"; song Mr. Sloan, "The Pilot"; piano operatic selection; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Ayton, "Money matters"; and, for a deserved encore, "Grandmother's Magpie"; recitation, Miss Tilley, "How Kate Kelly crossed the bridge"; song, Miss Mullens, "The old Love"; song, Mr. Caudwell, "The Parson and the Clerk"; piano, Miss Holloway, "Kilcoy Schottische"; song, Mrs. Ayton, "Still I love thee"; song, Mr. Bellin, "Nancy Lee"; song, Miss Caudwell, "In the waning of the moon"; song, Mr. Brownrigg, "Have you seen her"; overture, Miss Ayton and Miss Holloway; song, Mr. Ayton, "Kissing on the railway"; recitation, Mr. Porteus, "Charge of the Light Brigade"; piano, Miss Holloway, "Sir Garnet Wolsley's March"; recitation, Mr. Brownrigg, "Lad of the school brigade"; song, Miss Caudwell, "Little Joe"; recitation, Mr. Saddler, "Orange and the green"; piano, Miss Ayton, "New Prussian galop";

# The ghost of Christmas long past ...



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song, Miss Dixon, "The flower girl"; recitation, Miss Tilley; song, Mr. Stiggants, "Slave's Dream"; song, Miss Ayton, "Pretty Lips"; highly applauded. Several songs were sung by Miss Bellin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bellin, and others, which were highly appreciated. Mr. Collins proposed a cordial vote of

thanks to the strangers and those who had so kindly given their services, and to Mrs. McDonald for loan of the piano. Mr. Saddler proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Collins, and called for three cheers, which were heartily given.

**SERVICES OF SACRED SONG**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bellin and family, with several other ladies and gentlemen who have been pic-nicking near us, gave two services of sacred song in our church, one on Tuesday, and another on Saturday, New Year's Eve. Both services were largely attended, and the songs (Sankey's) were highly appreciated. Short addresses were given, and the thanks of the whole community are due to these ladies and gentlemen for their kind efforts. I think I can say with Sankey, they did "Scatter seeds of kindness."

**NEW YEAR'S DAY — PIC-NIC.**  
The day opened very auspiciously, and visitors continued to arrive until mid-day; nearly 600 people gathered together on the recreation reserve, and the scene was a very pretty one. Mr. Collins, in his usual tasty manner, had beautifully draped the ground. The music (harp and violin) playing at intervals. Everybody seemed to thoroughly

enjoy themselves. About 3 o'clock, however, a dark bank of clouds to the south denoted a storm, and, sure enough, Jupiter Pluvius sent the people flying for shelter in earnest. The rain came down properly, everybody got comfortably wet through; however, the greatest good humour prevailed. Mrs. Grant, who had a booth on the ground, admirably supplied the necessary refreshments; the rain, of course, proved a damper, but I am glad to say that her speculation was a successful one. The orderly conduct of everyone gives a sufficient guarantee that this annual pic-nic will still grow in favour, and if we are alive next New Year's Day, I should not be surprised to see a thousand people. The following are the list of sports:-

Maiden Race, 1st prize, 15s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd prize 5s; 150 yds; 14 starters — 1st J. Dunn; 2nd, G. Logan; 3rd, T. Cunningham.

Hurdle Race, 1st prize £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s; run off in heats; 17 entries. — 1st, H. Mullens, 5 yds start; 2nd G. Coleman, 3 yds; 3rd F. Caudwell, 4 yds.

Open Handicap, 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s; 14 starters. — 1st, B. Coleman, 2 yds; 2nd, J. Dunn, 1 yd; 3rd J. Carrucan, 1 yd.

Siamese Race, 1st prize, 15s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s; 5 pairs started. — 1st, F. and C. Caudwell; 2nd H. Kent and J. Calnin; 3rd, W. McCauley and Binneger.

Old Buffers' Race; 1st prize, 15s; 2nd 10s. — 1st, C. Newman (who has won two years running); 2nd P. Belgar.

Go-as-you-please, 15 minutes, 1st prize, £1; 2nd 7s; 7 started. — 1st, J. Carrucan; 2nd, P. Calnin. 4.

The ball, was very largely attended and was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and in winding up, I can only say throughout the greatest good feeling prevailed; there was an absence of any rowdiness, and, although locally we were not, financially speaking (owing to local causes), in the position we should have liked, I think that the caterers to our pleasures have not much reason to complain.

## Possum prowls for holiday fun

Possum prowls, dawn walks and campfire nights will be just some of the free summer fun activities being held at Warrandyte State Park over the holiday break.

The rangers at the park will host a big range of activities from January 5.

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# Fire risk is high as we roll on into summer

By DAVID WYMAN

South-eastern Australia along with California and the south of France are the three most bushfire-prone areas in the world. And Warrandyte certainly ranks as one of the top fire spots in south-eastern Australia.

Statistics show that there is a significant bushfire in the Warrandyte district every 13 years. It has been 19 years since we've had a significant fire, so the odds are starting to run against us. This is a lush year with good rain and a spring with warm to hot periods. The fuel is there in grassland, bushland, around our homes.

Country Fire Authority fire prevention officer Bill McIntosh told the *Diary*: "It's been a long time since you've had a major fire through that area. Peoples' memories become a bit short."

The three local fire brigade captains agree that the year is shaping up to be the same as any summer, that is, potentially a serious fire danger year. Bob Bird, captain of the Warrandyte Brigade, said: "The odds are going against us this year because of the lush growth and the build-up of bush litter. It's shaping up similar to 1982-83."

John Haddon, acting captain of South Warrandyte, said that it didn't take people long to forget the terrible products of fire: loss of life and property. In his area, an increase in property development had widened the brigades' responsibilities.

North Warrandyte captain John Swindley appealed for more volunteer firemen in his area where people leave it during the week days to go to work. "We, and the other brigades want more volunteers at all times, but we desperately need them between 8am and 5pm. We

also have a problem in the inexperience of our residents. At least 30 per cent of them are new to the area since Ash Wednesday."

The *Diary* interviewed the three captains to get their collective views on what they think Warrandytes should do now, and when fire threatens, and to find out the status of their brigades.

## What should people be doing on their properties now?

Cleaning up, removing fuel for fire, preparing land and buildings for the bushfire season, and checking and acquiring (if necessary) fire fighting equipment. They should also have activities planned for fire danger days, and when a fire threatens their property.

## Should we stay and fight it, or go?

If you've done your fire prevention work, and haven't got the bush growing right up to your walls, then the safest place locally is your home. If you want to leave your property, then go early.

Ash Wednesday provided a good example of the way people can panic and cause major problems for fire brigades: There were 19 major motor vehicle accidents on Warrandyte roads, caused by people panicking and getting into trouble leaving their properties. In the smoky conditions, cars ran off the road and ran into each other.

So go early, if not stay at home with a plan and the equipment to save your home.

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## What can we do at home to fight the fire?

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A sprinkler system on the roof, with an independent water supply and petrol or diesel-driven pump, is the most useful equipment to save your house. Knapsacks, buckets, mops for embers, bucket pumps, hoses are all important. Make sure you have independent supplies of water well before the fire comes.

Do a final clearance of rubbish around the house, on the roof and in the gutter.

Clothing is extremely important. Don't wear shorts, swimsuits and thongs! Wool trousers and light, long-sleeved woollen jumpers or close-weave cotton overalls, and solid leather footwear should be worn to protect exposed skin.

People are obviously important. The more you have at home, who are prepared to help and know what to do, the better chance you have of saving your home. And realise that homes usually ignite from burning sticks, embers and sparks which lodge in various places sometimes for several hours before the fire front reaches your property.

## Who runs our fire brigades?

The three Warrandyte brigades come under the authority of CFA. They are staffed entirely by volunteers with a captain, a first, second, third and fourth lieutenant, a communications officer, apparatus officer and a secretary. The crewing of tankers is entirely dependent on the volunteers available locally on the day or night. More are needed, particularly during the working hours.

## Are the brigades well equipped?

Yes, although all say they would like more equipment. Each has two tankers, with Warrandyte having a pumper unit for boosting water supply, and South Warrandyte a rescue van.

South Warrandyte and Warrandyte have about 30 active volunteers each; North Warrandyte has about 40 active volunteers. Obviously the area can be well backed up by other brigades and equipment; the Warrandyte brigades can call on as much support as they require provided it is available.

South Warrandyte is a good example of the self-help nature of our brigades. Its \$200,000-plus new fire station has been built with donated funds, (\$30,000 from the CFA), voluntary labor and discarded building materials. A local architect donated his services for the design. An active building committee and all volunteers have produced an excellent new facility.

Since Ash Wednesday, communications systems have improved and all captains have radios in their business vehicles for instant contact with their brigades.

## Do the brigades have any special problems?

Yes. All need more volunteers, particularly during working hours. Replacement cost of equipment is a problem, apart from the need to upgrade to new machines and new materials. All the brigades rely heavily on public financial support, so positive responses to the appeals sent to every resident is vital for our brigades' survival. Ladies auxiliaries and other fund raisers are vital.

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North Warrandyte  
**CFA**  
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## Why fire bans are needed

Because of the high fire danger during summer in Warrandyte, it is necessary to introduce fire restrictions. The restrictions are covered by law and fines can be imposed on anyone who breaks them.

Local councils administer fire restrictions for Warrandyte, this means the Shire of Eltham (North Warrandyte), City of Doncaster and Templestowe (Warrandyte) and parts of the City of Croydon and Shire of Lillydale (South Warrandyte). Each council has a full-time fire prevention officer whose duties include the serving of clearing notices and the organising of slashing roadside verges.

Each year the Country Fire Authority publishes in the daily press an official starting for the fire restriction period. A warning sign is erected at both ends of the Warrandyte bridge. In general, the restriction period lasts from December to April but will be altered depending on the weather.

During the fire restriction period you must not:

- Throw or drip any burning substances on the ground;
- Use an incinerator between 6 am and 6 pm on any day and only after 6 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday;
- Light a picnic fire unless in a properly constructed fireplace;
- Burn off without a written permit from the municipal fire prevention officer, or
- Use welding equipment outdoors without adequate precautions.

The CFA stations a fire spotter at the Kangaroo Ground Lookout Tower during the fire restriction period. The tower is manned all day and the spotter will turn out the

brigade to any smoke sighted within the Warrandyte area. Residents therefore must observe the restrictions to avoid wasting firemen's time.

On total fire ban days, the lighting of any fire or of allowing any fire to remain alight in the open air is strictly forbidden. The brigades usually erect a "Total Fire Ban Day" sign at the Warrandyte Bridge and at the Warrandyte Fire Station in Harris Gully Road.

But it is the individual's responsibility to check whether the day has been declared a day of total fire ban. You can obtain this information by phoning 11540.

The CFA recently divided Victoria into five separate total fire ban districts. The Warrandyte area is part of the "Central Total Fire Ban District".

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By PAUL WATSON

I was on my way to work when I saw him, so it was about 7.45pm.

He was at the tram stop at Flinders Street Station, leaning over to talk to a driver pulled up at the lights. Just another wino, I thought, turning up the volume on my radio headphones.

I walked across the road to the tram stop, doing my best to ignore him. But he approached me anyway. Here we go, I thought, expecting to be badgered for money or an argument.

But I was surprised because he wasn't drunk. A little the worse for wear, perhaps, but there was a certain style about his camel hair coat, despite a cigarette burn. And his facial features were fine, almost aristocratic, marred only by some white stubble on the chin.

He asked if I could see whether there was a tram coming down from the 'Herald' end of Flinders Street. His glasses had been broken in Spain, he explained, and he could hardly see his hand in front of his face.

He was also colorblind in daylight and could not see green at all. This gave him trouble with the Walk signs at pedestrian crossings and meant he had to be careful when driving. He was not allowed to drive while in Australia, although he had an international licence, which he showed me. I noticed the name, which did not ring any bells, and the photograph, which showed a younger and healthier face.

He told me that he had a Lancia in Spain. He pronounced it first as "Lanchia", as an Italian would, but he then repeated it the normal way, as though I might not have known what he was talking about. The Lancia was the last real Pinin Farina design, he said, a '72 model. He had investigated the possibility of

# A close encounter of the Lancia kind

having it converted to right-hand drive, but the cost was prohibitive. So the Lancia sat in Spain and waited for him. He said he had a photo of the car, but he couldn't find it.

He had an earlier car converted to right-hand drive, he said. A Riley two-and-a-half litre, which he bought in Switzerland. He asked me if I knew anything about Rileys and seemed surprised when I told him they were not made any more. Production stopped in 1969.

He told me that he usually got lost in Melbourne, and had bought a city map to find his way around. But Sydney, that was another story. Even though he hadn't lived there for 20 years or more, he could still travel around Sydney like he never left the place. It was the daily trip from Double Bay across the Bridge to Gore Hill that did it. He could make that trip blindfolded.

Gore Hill was the home of ABC television in Sydney. I asked when he had been involved in television.

Right at the start of ABC-TV, with the Melbourne Olympics, he said proudly. I asked if he knew Bruce Gyngell, said to be the first face on Australian TV. Of course, he knew them all. Even Frank Packer.

The tram arrived and he picked up a large paper parcel from the ground and we climbed aboard. The conductor asked for our tickets and I showed him mine, but my companion started fumbling through a sheaf of papers from his coat pocket. "Invalid pensioner," he said, producing a document from the Department of Social Security. The conductor asked to see his transport authority and my companion kept searching, without success. "Anyway, I'm only going to the corner of Spencer Street," he said, which seemed to satisfy the conductor.

The tram rattled along and I asked where he stayed when in Melbourne. He mentioned a street in Kew and the name of a Judge. When was he returning to Spain? In the next week, he hoped. He had come to Melbourne only to visit his mother, who was 90.

The paper parcel on the seat beside him threatened to fall and I pushed it back to safety. It occurred to me that it was the shape and weight of a cardboard wine cask.

He gathered his belongings and prepared to get off. "Goodbye," he said as he stood up. "Nice to meet you."

The tram was held up at the lights and I watched him walk across against the "Don't Walk" signal. As the tram turned the corner into Spencer Street I could see him disappearing into one of the cheap hotels in that block. "Rooms to let," said the sign outside. "Accommodation."

He walked with dignity, carrying his brown paper bag, a bag that probably didn't contain fine Spanish sherry.

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**Does the district pose any special problems?**

City people who have come to live in a rural environment pose a major problem through inexperience with bushfires and apathy toward prevention and control methods. It would be good to have a self-help scheme; say, every 10 houses joining together at least once a year to identify and act on fire hazards, and to train and plan for fire fighting.

House numbering remains a problem. Your property should be

identified properly by number and/or name.

Narrow tracks provide access problems in all areas, including the Warrandyte State Park where there should be a major track from one end to the other, in each section, and provision at frequent intervals for fire tankers to pass and turn. The brigades would not send crews into some sections of the park in the event of fire "because we may never get them out." Dead-end tracks are the main problem.

The use of flammable building materials — such as shingle roofs,

cedar and oregon cladding and decking — in recently-built houses add to the hazards in this area.

Dual occupancy is identified as an important problem for the brigades with, in one or two cases, a single steep driveway serving two houses.

So Warrandytians should accept and understand three factors in their environment:

- We live in a very fire-prone area where every summer brings a potential for great loss of property and life.
- You can be prepared to save

your property by eliminating fuel for fires, by mobilising fire fighting equipment and working out fire fighting strategies with your family. If you want to leave, go early to leave the roads clear for fire fighting vehicles.

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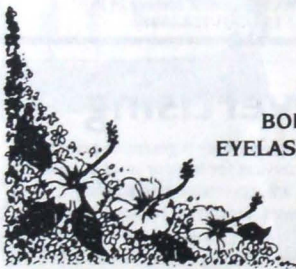
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### Subdivision is feared

A 3½ acre block, 10-18 Mullens Road, Warrandyte, was sold at auction about 17 months ago to Gregory Hermann, of Hill Street, Toorak. When he purchased the land Mr Hermann gave his verbal assurance to residents that he would not subdivide and was even considering living on it himself.

However, a team of surveyors has spent two full days on the property recently. When asked by residents what they were doing, they said they had been instructed to prepare a plan for 13 quarter-acre housing blocks. They said Mr. Herman told them that if he decided to go ahead with the plans, their company could have the job early next year.

Residents feel that such high density housing is out of character with Warrandyte, and in an area where most blocks are approximately half an acre in area, any further subdivision should reflect this size block.

Unfortunately, council has zoned this area as Residential (¼-acre block) which does not reflect the tone of Warrandyte and shows once again that Doncaster Council is out of touch with the needs of Warrandyte.

Access to the blocks will be via Mullens Road either into Webb Street or the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road. Both sections of Mullens Road are extremely narrow and unmade and barely able to cope with existing traffic. Residents of Mullens Road, will be severely disadvantaged by the deterioration of their lifestyle. The proposed subdivision will place high density housing right up to the edge of Warrandyte State Park, as the property backs on to the state park. Many extra domestic pets will place pressure on existing bush life and fauna.

Developed housing blocks cause more surface rain run-off. Residents lower in the valley are finding this is causing loss of enjoyment of their land. With up to 13 new homes, the problem will be much worse.

**Lois Windridge**, spokeswoman, residents action group, McPherson Road, 844 2800

### Egad! Gadfly row surfaces

A gadfly is a nuisance! To designate Anne Martin and Jean Chapman thus is to underestimate their achievements and their differences as individual women involved with the community. Perhaps if they were men the heading might have been "Persistence pays off".

Anne was in the Warrandyte tradition of colorful eccentrics who did their own thing and spoke their own minds even if this did not always achieve the goal diplomatically. Does anyone remember Adelaide Gault or Mary Kent Hughes?

### Minister praises Currawong

Joan Kirner, the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, has described Currawong Park in Reynolds Road as a good example of urban nature conservation.

Opening the naturalist display in the park recently, Mrs. Kirner said: "The park is a community resource which provides excellent education and recreation facilities while at the same time conserving a valuable area for nature conservation."

The Minister's department is preparing a policy statement on urban nature conservation.

A \$5000 grant from the Myer Foundation enabled park officials to restore an old building in the park. The naturalist display includes a mural.

Lou Hill, MLA for Warrandyte, praised the Rotary Club of Warrandyte for supplying lighting and sound equipment which gives an audio background to this display.

Paul Sandells, the park ranger, said the mural starts on one wall as an early morning scene and progresses around the other walls.

"We are encouraging people to visit the centre on Sunday afternoons," Mr Sandells said. "Extra manpower is needed, and we would welcome any volunteers who wish to be tour guides."

### LETTERS

Jean is the manager of the Warrandyte Co-Op not a social worker, by the way. She has a highly capable administrative mind and a capacity for project development not realised early in life because of her own goals to be a wife and mother, not that she regrets these earlier activities. Fostered by the women's movement, nurtured in the local ALP branch and Cricket Club and finding their most developed expression in the Co-Op, the flowering of Jean's abilities late in life may encourage both men and women who have tried this and that but have never found a nourishing growth for their individual potential.

Jan and Tim have done a fine job interviewing Anne and Jean, please sub-editors, be a bit more careful. Anne and Jean are not gadflies.

**Louise Joy**

**Editor's note:** Gadflies also sting large, immovable objects into action which is an apt description of what Jean and Anne have done over the years. No slight was intended, of course. As Jean Chapman goes about her invaluable work for the community, she has no greater supporter than the Warrandyte Diary.

### Holiday care is needed

The legal age for drinking alcohol is 18. In America and Russia this has been raised to 21 because of problems being caused within these countries. Yet in our community many parents seem to accept that their under-age teenagers drink, sometimes quite heavily, at parties, river banks, parks etc.

All speakers I have heard talking about drugs have agreed that alcohol is the No 1 drug problem in Australia. A recent article in the Sun warned of the number of teenage girls who will become pregnant over the holidays because of alcohol, and plenty of time on their hands, party going etc.

I urge parents, if they haven't done so already to discuss with their children and teenagers the dangers of alcohol, casual sex etc, and that they themselves set an example.

**Concerned Parent**

# Market is a slice of village life

By **MARION WINTON**

New settlers could have no more representative introduction to their new home than a trip to the Warrandyte Market. Held on the first Saturday of each month, from February through to December, the market is a microcosm of Warrandyte life.

Market stalls reflect the creativity and high standard of craftsmanship in the area. Regular stall-holders include potters, purveyors of home-made breads, pastries, pate and chocolates; craftsmen in wood, leather and fabric; garden specialists; and people full of novel gift ideas and the patience to put them into practice.

Within the market's democratic arena everyone has a chance to push his personal barrow and to sell goods from it. Most local groups have at some time flogged preserves in the name of building restoration, and other cultural and environmental issues, with the added bonus that there is no stall charge for causes deemed to be of benefit to the community.

It is a place where an enthusiastic kid can practice his salesmanship alongside an ex (deputy) Prime Minister preaching an alternative lifestyle; a place for gossip; a communications filter. In short, a meeting place, serving a similar need to that of a country market.

Although the market essentially provides an outlet for local stall-holders — the majority come from Warrandyte and surrounding sub-

urbs — the organisers are keen to encourage competition to keep the standards high and to organise new ideas. Among the 110 stall-holders, the organisers rent space to a pie-man from Ballarat and a furniture fellow from Foster. Organisers stress that goods must meet the conditions of sale for home-made produce and that no raffle ticket sales are permitted at the market.

Since 1980, its first full year of operation, the market committee has raised around \$5000 each year towards community activities from the hire of stalls. These cost \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children. After deduction of administrative and publicity costs all profits are allocated to local groups. Regular beneficiaries include local fire brigades and the State Emergency Service, the Co-op (Child Care Centre and Coffee Shop), and the Warrandyte Occasional Child Care Centre. The Post Office Preservation Group and Safety House are typical of small groups which have benefited. The organisers are willing to consider applications from similar worthy groups.

New members are being sought for the eight-member market committee, which has recently been incorporated. Secretary Sue Boyle would like to hear from anyone interested. Sue emphasises that it is not a heavy commitment, requiring attendance at meetings approximately twice a year and occasional Saturday morning duty. Sue Boyle's number is 844 2683.

### Fifty now in after-school care

The Warrandyte After School Program now provides care for more than 50 children each week. The program will be on again next year. It started at the beginning of this year and is held at Warrandyte Primary School.

Children from Warrandyte Primary School, Anderson's Creek Primary School, Warrandyte South Primary School and St Anne's Parish School are all eligible to attend.

Two coordinators and their assistants offer activities such as ball

games, art and craft activities and cooking to up to 30 children each school day. The children are also served afternoon tea.

The program operates from 3.30 to 6.30 pm each weeknight and costs \$5 a night.

Coordinators Gail Brown and Helen Rasmalen are planning their schedules for 1988 now. Any parents wishing to enrol their children for next year should call Gail on 844 2497 or Helen on 876 3920.



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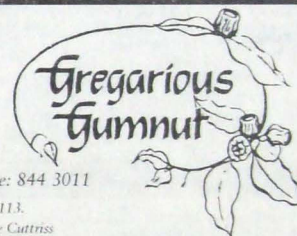
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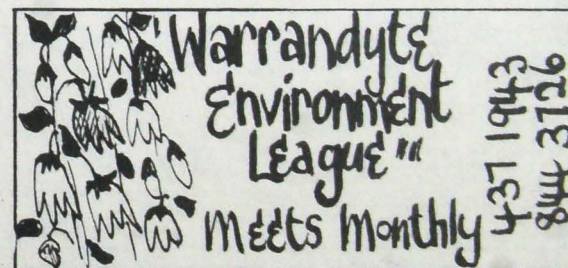
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# 'The Comet' returns — as coach of the Bloods

Len Halley will captain-coach Warrandyte Football Club next season.

The former Essendon ruckman and Bloods 1986 best-and-fairest beat two other candidates for the job advertised after the resignation of Dennis Clark.

The appointment of 36-year-old Halley was announced at the club's annual general meeting late last month.

It was not unexpected — in the light of speculation around the club at the end of last season and against the background of a strong trend towards playing coaches in the Eastern Districts Football League.

Halley will emerge from retirement to direct the

Bloods' 1988 fortunes from the thick of the action. He did not play football last season.

He is a former coach of Montmorency, in the Diamond Valley league, and his philosophy is in line with Warrandyte's policy of building success around homegrown juniors.

Pre-season training will start in the first week of February.

Kevin McLean was elected unopposed for his second term as WFC president.

He told the annual meeting that 1987 had been disappointing and the lack of success on the field had been reflected in the social and financial areas. Mr McLean stressed that while the opening of the new

clubrooms might alleviate two of those problems, the club could not rely on that to solve the third — the business of winning matches.

The club's policy of developing youth would be continued, he said.

For the first time in several years, all committee positions were filled at the annual meeting.

Secretary Anthony Giles-Peters, who will be serving his seventh consecutive term, described the new committee as an "excellent blend of experience and new blood".

Bill Luttick remains vice-president and Shane Revell becomes treasurer.

Among the "new faces" are Brian Day, who has

served in various capacities on several past committees, and Joe Scicluna, a stalwart of sport in this town.

Missing this time are Darryl Cousins, a tireless worker whose energy will be missed, and Robin Golding, last season's senior captain and social committee chairman.

The office-bearers: Kevin McLean (president); Bill Luttick (vice-president); Shane Revell (treasurer); Anthony Giles-Peters (secretary). Committee: Jenny Sharpe, Roger Drew, Brian Day, John Read, Joe Scicluna, Ian Hurley and players' representatives Rowen Bavington and Snowy Prior.

## Oh well, that's cricket

Warrandyte underlined the glorious (or inglorious) uncertainty of cricket with a rash of victories and defeats in consecutive rounds.

The five senior men's teams made it a clean sweep in Round 5 of the RDCA season, but only the fifth survived the following fixtures.

The four top sides succumbed to the strength and depth of East Ringwood.

David "Gus" Sloan showed just what the word "all-rounder" is all about in the Chandler Shield side's win over Mooroolbark.

Sloan opened the batting and placed his shots to all parts of the ground in a memorable innings of 81. He was backed up by Tony Stureseps, who made 38, and Colin Dorning (25 not out).

Sloan was equally devastating when he was given the ball. He bowled with great accuracy to take 6/66 after captain Gerald Walshe had started the rot with two wickets in the first over of the Mooroolbark innings. Walshe finished with 4/64 as Mooroolbark were dismissed for 158, 36 short of the target.

In the Chandler Reserve, David Gee has been pressing for senior

selection with some fine all-round performances. And youngster Jorham Read gave notice of a rapid ascent through the ranks by taking 7/16 in the fifth eleven's win over Wantima South.

Warrandyte won by 14 runs, Michael Candy contributing an unbeaten 60 to a total of 109.

The women's team broke their season's ice with an outright thrashing of Omega.

Suzanne Martin carried her bat through the Warrandyte innings for 67 runs; Michelle Hooper and Jenni McLaws made 44 and 29 respectively of the Dytes' 7/194.

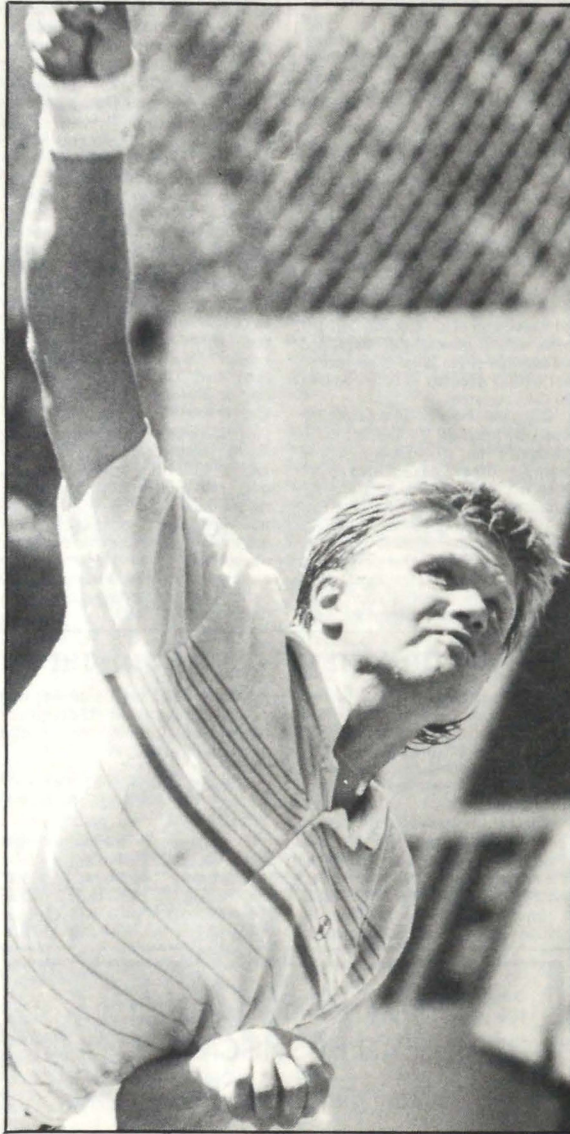
The trio then bowled brilliantly to demolish Omega for 27 and 34.

### What's cooking

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold a Christmas break-up barbecue at the clubrooms after the December 19 match.

And it will "christen" the new clubrooms with a quiz night early in the new year.

The club is still seeking supporters to buy a brick in the new rooms. A \$100 outlay entitles buyers to full use of the much-upgraded facilities.



Johan Anderson sends down a big serve in the Goldtown Open final against John Frawley. Anderson, an outstanding prospect, was gallant in defeat.

## Tennis tyros show the way

Local fans were treated to a pre-view performance by Australia's new generation of international tennis stars at the Warrandyte Classic held at the tennis club last month.

They saw young players from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra — all now personal favorites in Warrandyte — continue their emergence from international junior ranks on to the world stage of top professional tennis.

Johan Anderson, barely 16, almost defeated rising Australian star John Frawley in the finals at Warrandyte, taking him to 7-5 in the third set. Due to face Anderson yet again, in the finals of the Masters Tournament at Yarra Valley Country Club the following week, Frawley withdrew injured, and Anderson was declared winner.

The Warrandyte Classic is the third leg in the Victorian satellite circuit, leading to the Australian Open. The Masters at Yarra Valley is the final, culminating leg.

In the doubles, AIS youngsters were even more successful. Todd Woodbridge (16) and Jason Stoltenberg (17) defeated Paul Mick and Craig Miller in the finals at Warrandyte, then went on to repeat

this performance at Yarra Valley. Commentators are already tipping Todd and Jason as our future Davis Cup doubles combination.

The Warrandyte Classic proved to be another triumph for the local club. At the finals presentation, Victorian Tennis Association president Dr John Fraser congratulated the club on its organisational ability and keen community spirit, expressing a wish for Warrandyte to continue its association with the satellite circuit.

Club officials and members are now looking forward to the staging of the Fifth Goldtown Open in March next year. Locals are especially keen to renew friendships with the young AIS players at this tournament and be privileged to witness yet again their continuing success.

**SINGLES:** Semi-finals: J. Frawley (Qld) d J. Stoltenberg (NSW) 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; J. Anderson (WA) d C. Eagle (NSW) 6-3, 6-2. Final: Frawley d Anderson 1-6, 6-1, 7-5. **DOUBLES:** Semi-finals: J. Stoltenberg-T. Woodbridge (NSW) d S. Barr-J. Frawley (Qld) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; P. Mick (Vic)-C. Miller (NSW) d R. Cahill-R. Woodbridge (Vic) 6-2, 6-3. Final: Woodbridge-Stoltenberg d Miller-Mick 6-4, 6-4.

### CRICKET DETAILS

**FIRSTS**  
Warrandyte 275 (C. Dorning 86, R. Dorning 59 n.o., S. Pascoe 39) drew with Mt Evelyn 5/165.  
Warrandyte 6/194 (D. Sloan 81, T. Stureseps 38, C. Dorning 25 n.o.) d. Mooroolbark 158 (D. Sloan 6/66, G. Walshe 4/64).  
Warrandyte 88 (D. Sloan 38) lost to East Ringwood 4/100 (R. White 2/17).

**SECONDS**  
Warrandyte 243 drew with Mt Evelyn 0/0.  
Warrandyte 9/101 (G. Jacobs 32, D. Gee 22) d. Mooroolbark 69 (D. Gee 4/22).  
Warrandyte 124 (D. Gee 33) lost to East Ringwood 140 (C. Snaidero 4/47).

**THIRDS**  
Warrandyte 76 and 4/93 (G. Taylor 47) lost to Mt Evelyn 194.  
Warrandyte 9/149 (S. Cameron 56) d. Mooroolbark 129 (F. Jungwirth 5/32).  
Warrandyte 138 (G. McCartin 42, J. Weatherly 61) lost to East Ringwood 8/142 (F. Jungwirth 4/55).

**FOURTHS**  
Warrandyte 7/227 dec. (H. Owen 55, G. Roberts 52, J. Gathercole 50) d. Mt Evelyn 103 and 148 (D. Stockley 4/34).  
Warrandyte 4/240 c.c. (G. Roberts 98, H. Owen 85) d. Mooroolbark 102 (H. Owen 5/23).  
Warrandyte 108 (G. Roberts 34) lost to East Ringwood 196 (R. McKenzie 3/66).

**FIFTHS**  
Warrandyte 166 and 2/75 (P. Bell 37) lost to Parkwood 278 (A. Hughes 3/71).  
Warrandyte 4/241 c.c. (M. Canty 85 n.o., C. Fernando 76, I. Cameron 50) d. Knox Gardens 9/213 (C. Fernando 6/45).  
Warrandyte 109 (M. Canty 60 n.o.) d. Wantima South 95 (J. Read 7/16).

**WOMEN**  
Warrandyte 7/194 c.c. (S. Martin 67 n.o., M. Hooper 44, J. McLaws 29) d. Omega 27 and 34 (J. McLaws 5/16 and 2/11, S. Martin 5/17, M. Hooper 3/10).

**UNDER-16**  
Warrandyte 149 (T. Joy 48, C. Wall 41, I. McKenzie 20) lost to Ringwood 7/252 (M. Mascavenhas 3/24).  
Warrandyte 72 lost to Lillydale 123 and 2/18 (I. McKenzie 6/46).

**UNDER-14A**  
Warrandyte 9/114 d. Vermont 101 (A. Hughes 6/32).  
Warrandyte 106 (Provan 27) d. St. Andrews 65 (Hughes 4/18, Valentine 3/13).

**UNDER-14B**  
Warrandyte 8/142 (Brown 41 n.o., S. Baker 20) d. Heathmont 104 (S. Cappellani 2/16, M. Brown 2/4).

**UNDER-12A**  
Warrandyte 170 (S. Bell 56, T. Jacobs 39 n.o.) lost to Templeton 9/217 (H. McAdam 3/40).  
Warrandyte 6/190 (S. Bell 33 n.o., Nasser 28 n.o., M. Close 24) d. North Ringwood 71 and 48.

**UNDER-12B**  
Warrandyte 108 and 6/138 d. Croydon Hockeyers 73.

**UNDER-12C**  
Warrandyte 21 and 61 lost to Ainslie Park 172.  
Warrandyte 29 and 5/65 (A. Mangos 18) lost to Mooroolbark 5/172 (S. Jones 2/9).

### Kathryn's in the big time



Outstanding local basketballer Kathryn Hay (pictured) has been invited to play with the Australian Institute of Sport next month.

Kathryn (15 and "Hedge" to her mates) was a member of the victorious Victorian team in the national under-16 titles in Canberra in September.

She also played for Templestowe, Victoria's representative side, in the "All High" schools competition this month.

One of five basketballing Hay children, Kathryn started with the local under-10s and now coaches the under-8s.

Father Tom has played, coached and refereed here over many seasons.

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