

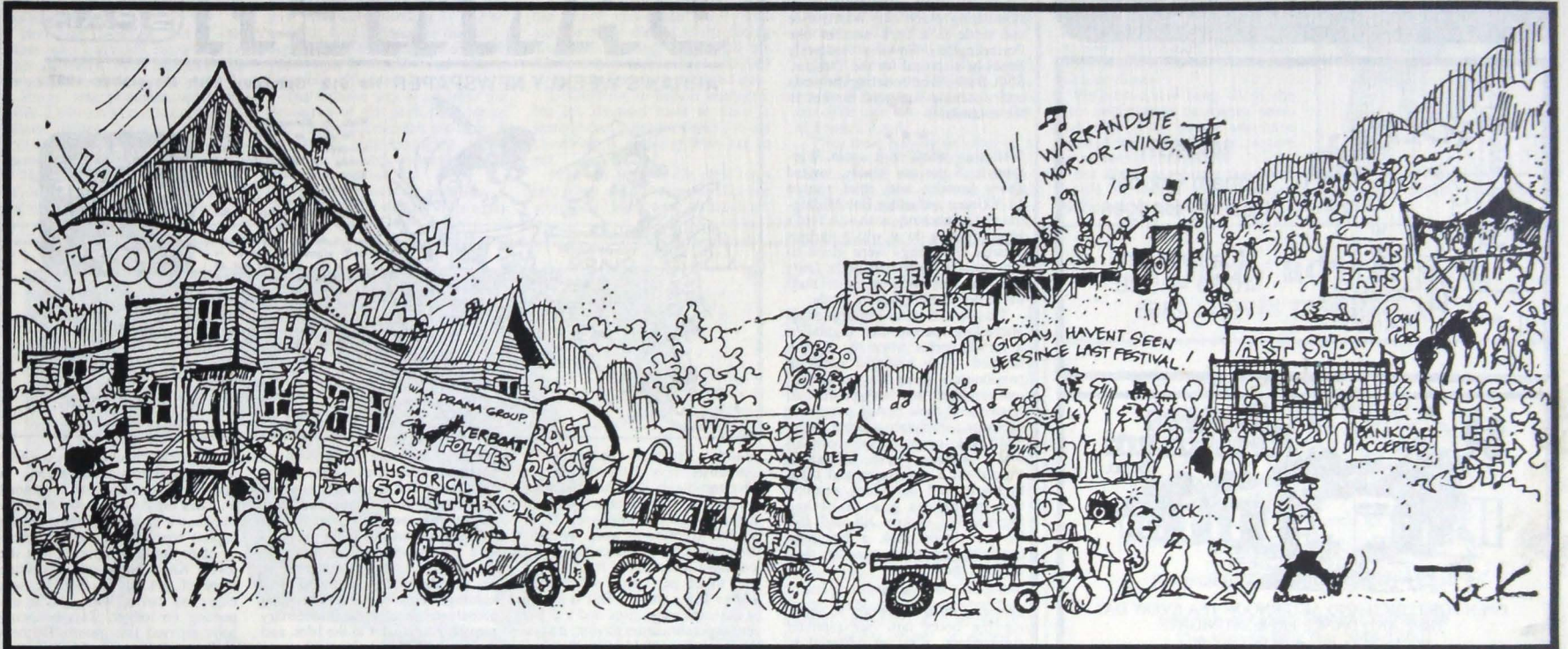
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Old, new and fun for all at the Festival

By CLIFF GREEN

The best weekend in Warrandyte is almost upon us. The Warrandyte Festival — beginning on Friday March 18 and continuing through to Sunday March 20 — promises a smorgasbord of activities for all ages and interests.

The organising committee and their many helpers are all set to stage the best festival yet. Which means it will be the same as every other year, with just a few subtle improvements.

This must be the only small town in the world where so much diverse and diverting festivity exists.

Where else would you find such events as rubbish bin races, demonstrations by canine life-savers, a gumboot throwing competition, fire brigades hosing each other or dogs jumping over hurdles?

Everything from a happy-go-lucky street parade, through gold mine tours, canoe, kayak and raft races on the river, a diabetes testing van, a billy cart derby, sundry discos and dances to a riverboat stranded in a local hall and a splendid seven hour non-stop open air concert.

The Warrandyte Festival has it all.

'The home of the artist' is the theme this year, and apart from the usual art exhibitions and pottery shows, local artists will be

featured in studio tours, a paint-in down at Stiggants Reserve, and a kids' mural wall, where the young daubers can splash and splish to their hearts' delight.

Another new event is a series of tours around a number of Warrandyte's noted rustic gardens.

Also new is the great grand fireworks finale at the conclusion of the festival concert on Sunday night.

However, given that it is almost a tradition now for the concert to conclude to the accompaniment of a magnificent thunderstorm — compliments of the great artificer in the sky — we hope the promised cracker show does not end up a fizzer.

This is our eleventh festival. Originally organised by the Warrandyte Environment League, the festival has been an outstanding success, right from the beginning.

Each year more and more organisations joined in, and now it is the combined effort of virtually every group in town.

Who will forget the year of the fuel tanker drivers' strike, when we had to walk everywhere, the roads were free from cars, the air was crystal clear and we were forced to slow down and enjoy life and each other's company? Perhaps we will be lucky again this year.

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Wrangle clouds fate of quarry cottages

By DAVID WYMAN

The future use of the one-acre site of the "Quarry Disaster Cottages" appears to be as uncertain as ever following a meeting in Warrandyte on February 23.

The meeting heard a number of views and objections to using the property for welfare purposes. Residents expressed surprise and disquiet over a suggestion that houses be built on the site for the rehabilitation of troubled young people and for use by intellectually disabled people.

The trustees of the property are believed to be concerned at the growth in public wrangling over the future of the site.

Built about 1935 from public donations of money and building materials, the cottages were occupied by the families of two men accidentally killed while working in a quarry at South Warrandyte. The families have moved on and the trustees have sought community views on the future of the land, which is valued at between

\$120,000 and \$180,000. The cottages are in disrepair.

The trust deed, which binds the actions of the trustees, says finally that they have the power to sell the houses and "divide the proceeds ... between such charitable institutions in such proportions and in such manner" as they think expedient, when the houses cease to be used for the benefit of homeless or distressed persons.

In August last year, an advisory group recommended to the trustees that the land be offered to the Ministry of Housing for welfare housing.

Two officers from the Ministry came to formally address the February 23 meeting on joint public housing ventures but were unable to say anything for the first hour as local politics took over.

One later explained the new "Project Partnership" scheme due to be launched by the Ministry on March 16. Basically, the scheme provides guidelines for procedures when land is donated or leased to the Ministry for public housing. Donors — such as the trustees — would have a say in what type of

housing would be provided and the "client group" to occupy the housing.

The local organisation could nominate up to half of the people who would live in the housing.

The officer said: "Some people have got the idea that it's on the way to being something. It's not. It's very early days. It has got to go back a few steps. It can't go forward at this stage."

The meeting produced a variety of ideas and comments on the future of the "Quarry Disaster Cottages" including:

- Housing people with some sort of disability.

- Two small houses for use by youth and intellectually handicapped people.

- Do something in the spirit of the original use of the property; build four or five homes to be rented cheaply to people in need.

- Sell the land and give the proceeds to a Doncaster nursing service for establishment of a home handyman service.

Some residents near the site expressed surprise at its possible development, saying they had not

been advised or consulted about its future.

One later told the *Diary*: "I don't think any part of Warrandyte is suitable for welfare housing for the disabled or troubled youth. It's a top rating bushfire-prone area for a start and they would be a real worry in the fire season."

"There's not a full range of services here to back up such institutions. This is still a bush town and we don't want it built up with urban facilities."

"The site is really unsuitable, anyway, because it is close to the hotel, the river and a busy and at times dangerous road."

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, Alan King, who attended the meeting as an observer, will discuss the views of the meeting with the trustees.

"The trustees are trying to help the local community. There have been lots of ideas for the future use of the 'Quarry Disaster Cottages' site. But very few have substantial supportive backing. The meeting was productive and some excellent ideas have come from it," he said.

CYRIL — BY PAUL W.

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The silversmiths of Victoria are in for another bumper year. Bob and Val Tresize are having their second 25th wedding anniversary in 12 months. Last year was a bonanza season as the Tresizes graciously accepted gifts of the appropriate stuff and spoke in silver tones of the joys of marital longevity. When they found out they'd jumped the gun by 12 months — yeah, it was merely their 24th — Bob blamed Val and Val blamed Bob, though not necessarily in that order. Goes to show how the mind deteriorates when you leave a mathematically stimulating place like Warrandyte and settle in a back number like Portarlinton. Smokey sincerely hopes he's around for the Tresizes' 50th. But he'll be counting the years and watching the gold market in the meantime.

Well, they won't do it again. Warrandyte Rotarians kindly invited *Diary* founder and chief trustee Cliff Green and editor Bob Millington to a celebratory nosh at Alfred's Homestead, a do at which various awards and gongs were given to long-standing members of the four-year-old club and everyone hunkered down into gargling mode.

Trustee and editor sat through an interesting speech, then high-tailed it for the gents when the talking stopped. They emerged debating passionately something or other, unaware that another speech had started and their boring conversation was completely audible to the 3142 other people in the room. To make matters worse, Millington tripped on a step, cannoned off a fireplace, and only luck enabled him to hold his glass of riesling intact. We reckon Jill and Bill Howell should look a bit more carefully next time at whom they invite to these turns.

Unaccustomed as we are to sticking the boots into our reptilian competitors, a recent editorial in the *Leader* newspapers (they have one view, one voice) needs a comment before it is blown away or wrapped around fish and chips. The

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editorial bemoans the strike by journalists, says it threatens other jobs and bleats that the hacks are ignoring a recommendation from conciliation commissioner R. J. Neylon to return to work. The editorial says the decision gave most journalist increases of from 16 per cent to 26 per cent, "or an extra \$71 to \$85 a week". This is on top of national wage rises and a 3 per cent superannuation payout, it says. What this deceitful Leader "leader" fails to mention is that the Neylon judgment redresses years of niggardly pay scales grudgingly given to suburban journalists. The judgment finally grants the suburbs the same wage rates that journalists on city dailies enjoy.

Leader newspapers, which are owned by a foreigner, American Rupert Murdoch, usually trumpet loud and long about how people (read "trade unions") should accept the decision of the umpire in industrial disputes. How sad that they should desert their principles when the case affects them. We think the suburban journo should get another merit pay rise, judging by just how rotten are the *Leader* newspapers brought out by scab labor.

We reproduce the above with no comment (it's self-explanatory, you fools) save that the *Diary* costs nothing and is worth a great deal, and, as you can see, the *Arran Banner* charges its readers 23p for the pleasure. If there's a way to make a quid the Scots will take advantage of it. No wonder Jock emigrated. Just kidding, Scots cobbbers. We don't perpetuate stereotypes. Bicentenary greetings to you lot in the Isles, and thanks for letting us know that our cartoonist's name is Raiberti.

One of Warrandyte Cricket Club's favourite sons, Reece Kline, is hitting his straps in the District cricket competition, scoring 150 during a recent innings for Ringwood, Brother Jason, whom Smokey remembers from his playing days as one of the happiest (and cheekiest) wicketkeeper of his acquaintance, is also getting a regular District game — in his case with father Bruce's old club, Fitzroy. Dad was probably the best keeper Warrandyte has ever had, playing an instrumental role in the club's elevation to the first grade in the Ringwood and District competition.

Oops, we were wrong, as another newspaper occasionally admits. In last month's column Smokey added an extra digit while calculating the likelihood of the Thorpes having triplets next time round. Somehow or other Smokey reported that the lovely Kay Thorpe was expecting three of a kind. In fact she was expecting twins. Well, she is expecting no longer. Two bouncing boys arrived last month, brothers to Keiran and twins Melinda and Bronwyn. (Yes, it is complicated, and now you know why the mistake occurred.)

And while on the subject of multiple births, it is our pleasure to announce that Bunter and Debbie McLean of the Boulevard are expecting twins, too (well, Deb is anyway). There must be something in the air out here.



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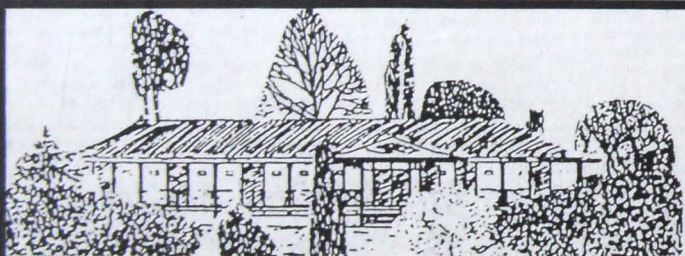
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In praise of Ringo, a mutt with heaps of class

Lee Tindale, who has fallen foul of the Shire of Eltham's dogs policy, reflects on halcyon, un-hounded days.

To get North Warrandyte dogs into perspective, you must consider Ringo.

A black beast of humble origins was Ringo, a bargain-basement buy at the Croydon Market whose fee and lack of pedigree were to belie his magnificence.

Breeding: Obscure, but if his mum wasn't a black labrador, she had certainly been on intimate terms with one.

Ringo was acquired sometime after 'Love Love me Do' and certainly before 'Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band'. The kids named him and adored him.

He roamed our piece of the valley in an era untouched by draconian amendments to the State Dog

Act and an opportunistic Eltham Council. Ah yes, those were the days.

Ringo was 18 months old when he disappeared. It was difficult enough to come to terms personally with the loss of a member of the family and even more so to explain it to three young children.

Twelve months later, Ringo came home. He was rake-thin, his paw pads were bleeding — and he had a St. Kilda address on his collar tag. If Lassie hadn't done it all those years ago, it would have been a great box office tear-jerker.

The impulse was to confront the occupants of that St. Kilda address and ask questions later; but there is something rage-tempering about nursing a pet back to health.

Welcome home, pal.
Ringo had but two enemies — thunder and my mother-in-law. At

the mere suggestion of a thunderstorm, the dog who apparently knew no fear would seek it out under the nearest bed.

Ma, God rest her soul, was a different sort of foe. She'd have none, on her occasional visits from the country, of this animal sunning himself in the livingroom. But she shooed him outside once too often.

Ringo got slowly to his feet, gave her a look that could kill — and piddled down the leg of the dining table. And having committed his first and only indoor sin, he looked back, shrugged and sauntered out.

It befell me to appear outraged, but it's damned hard to keep a straight face when the thing you are chastising is grinning from ear to ear.

Lisa, our later-in-life child, was two when she gave us the slip one afternoon and went walkabout.

When you have the river below, Research Road up yonder and a lot of mysterious bush in between, you tend to worry when your toddler goes missing for a matter of hours.

The only antidote to the sickening feeling as the search widened was the knowledge that Ringo and his live-in golden lab girlfriend Honey-Pie (the Beatles influence remained strong) were missing, too. They'd be with her, we kept telling ourselves. They'd look after her. They were. And they did.

They had followed Lisa several hundred yards up the bush track, across Research Road and down the other side into the green valley of Somers Road.

They were playing together on a lawn when the late Sergeant Cyril Moss arrived. No way was Ringo going to let him pick Lisa up and put her in the police car. No, the

lady who had found her was allowed that privilege. And Ringo snapped at the wheels of the car all the way home.

Not so much a dog as a personality was Ringo. And when he knew his time had come, he walked away and died.

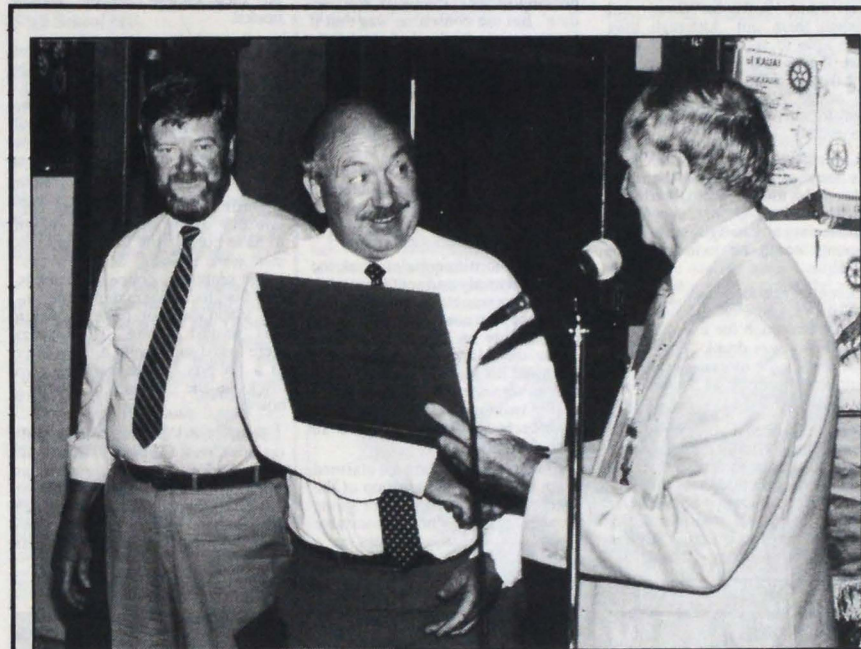
Ringo would never have copped the Shire of Eltham's contemporary dogs philosophy. He would have shaken our hands, indicated that three officious rangers with sweeping powers were more than even he could handle ... and wandered off to palmier climes.

We'd have said hang about, the blitz might abate as August nears and some of the people who have invoked these curious laws prepare for re-election campaigns.

But Ringo was better than most people. He was far less complicated. He was a mongrel.



A dog of a breed not unlike Ringo's.



Bill Tierney presents Richard Forde with his award while Frank Harris realises that his turn will come.

Rotary goes around and back to its beginning

It doesn't take much to get Warrandyte Rotarians, plus their ladies, together for a gargle. But a meeting late last month was a little bit more special than most.

Members of the four-year-old club gathered at Alfred's Homestead to honor a couple of their founders.

Former district governor Bill Tierney (they call him The Godfather) presented awards to Richard Forde, the Warrandyte chapter's inaugural president, and to Frank Harris, former owner of Alfred's and a bloke who not only provided the club with a meeting house and a spot to eat and drink but who joined up.

Bill Tierney praised the pair for their work, and probably make sure that sergeant-at-arms Alan Rickard had enough evidence to fine them later on in the evening.

Guests at the special meeting included representatives of other Warrandyte service clubs, MPs Lou Hill and Max Macdonald and representatives of local government.

Hill blasts 'council cant'

Local MLA Lou Hill and Councillor Ken McKenzie have jointly called on Doncaster/Templestowe Council to retract what they describe as "outrageous misrepresentations" in a leaflet which implies that the State Government will allow Warrandyte residential blocks to be subdivided into three.

"This is the greatest council cant I have ever heard," Mr Hill said.

Last month the *Diary* published Bruce Bence's comment on Draft Residential Provisions. His remarks were based on the council's leaflet.

Councillor McKenzie spoke and voted against the council's move to publish the leaflet. "I can't blame Bruce for having the wrong impression but I want to make it clear that the leaflet is a blatant misrepresentation of what the Minister for Planning and Environment told local councils," Councillor McKenzie said.

Mr Hill said the council has advised the Minister for Planning and Environment that it agrees with the objectives of the provisions to provide more affordable housing, more choice in types of housing and make the best use of community resources. Yet its leaflet misrepresents those proposals, he said.

The member for Warrandyte said: "Late last year the Minister for Planning and Environment made it very clear to local councils that the proposals are those of a task force only and have not been adopted by the Government. They have been circulated to councils for comment.

"The proposals will be amended in light of comments received and then placed on exhibition for at least two months from early 1988. Councils and all residents can make submissions. A panel will then hear the submissions. Only after considering the panel's report will the Government finally decide on the issues. And the final decision will pay particular attention to questions of environmental quality.

"Different parts of Melbourne have different characteristics. There is a need for additional locally administered provisions in special areas," Mr Hill said.

Mr Hill and Mr McKenzie said the leaflet gives the distorted picture that the Victorian Government will convert all of Doncaster/Templestowe into a high-density residential area.

"Nothing can be further from the truth," Mr Hill said. "The Minister

has consistently said that the proposals will not change the face of existing suburbs. On the contrary, any new scheme will maintain the character of existing residential areas and will encourage development of highstandart housing.

"The council's leaflet is a blatant misuse of ratepayers' money. The least the council can do is retract," Mr Hill said.

Plan changes on show

A planning scheme to amend Warrandyte's Residential C Zone to Special Residential will be exhibited for comment soon.

The local member, Lou Hill, said the proposed amendment was a direct result of residents' opposition to dual occupancy provisions which they consider inappropriate for Warrandyte.

Local residents will be able to

make submissions regarding the zoning and these will be taken into account before the amendment is finalised.

Councillor Ken McKenzie said he would be joining Mr Hill in urgently pressing the Minister for Planning and Environment to freeze the dual occupancy provisions until a final decision on the exact form of the amendment is made.

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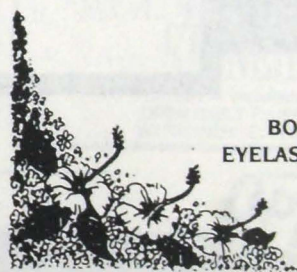
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More than any other event in this active community, it expresses best the unique village character of this place. Come along and enjoy.

Full program details — pages 8 and 9.

Bakery comes a little closer

After many delays, a building permit to restore the old bakery in Yarra Street has been granted.

Local architects Jock Macneish and Peter Staughton have worked hard to ensure that historical accuracy is retained while a working bakery is reconstructed, a shop that will employ locals.

Retired baker Ron Fletcher is advising on the technical aspects of baking. Ron comes from the country tradition of woodfire ovens. He reckons that if he were 20 years younger he would be making the dough himself. "It is such a creative job making bread," says Ron. "There is nothing like the feel of dough on your fingers."

Restoring the bakery is one of the co-op's main projects this year.

The lonely township of Anderson's Creek sparked attention around the world after the body of John Chatty was discovered in his three-roomed house at the south east corner of Anderson's Street and Yarra Street on July 15, 1893.

Alfred Squires, who ran a butcher's shop almost opposite, and Henry Squires had been looking after John for some time. Although he had been ill for quite a while, his death was described in the *Evelyn Observer* as unexpected. John Chatty was a miner and had lived and worked in the area for a long time.

His name had popped up before. The *Evelyn Observer* reported how, in November 1883, John Chatty and party were working on a dam in the Yarra, intending to sink on to a reef running across it, when the river came down in flood and washed them out. Although they were able to secure most of their gear, it was late in December before they had the dam finished and the water pumped out to allow them to start work. They were unsuccessful.

Constable Wade went to Chatty's house at 8 o'clock on the night of his death and examined the body. He then arranged for John Shortland to stay at Chatty's until arrangements could be made for the burial.

Some of the local lads gathered at Chatty's home on the following Sunday afternoon for a wake. Beer and whisky was drunk. They were awakened in the morning by Alfred Squires who got up at 5 am to go and get a coffin.

Alfred Squires had noticed the door of John Chatty's house open and went across to investigate. He found that John's body was missing. It was eventually found by a culvert between the main road and the river (the culvert was across Shyster Gully which runs down beside No

The case of the corpse that walked

81 Yarra Street, between the road and the river).

Constable Wade stated that the body was found under the culvert, but local tradition states quite firmly that John Chatty was sitting up with a fishing rod in his hand at the time his body was found.

The incident caused a sensation and made news as far away as England and Europe under the heading of the 'Ghouls of Warrandyte'. But the consensus was that it was a practical joke that got a little out of hand. Perhaps some of the local lads considered that their mate John would be happier waiting by the side of the gully doing a bit of fishing before taking his last journey.

The case caused a strong reaction and a serious rift in the community. Although John had no known living relatives, his friends were understandably outraged.

The authorities certainly took the matter seriously and sent Constable Kane, who was stationed at Brighton, to the Warrandyte area on plain clothes duty on August 22, 1893. Three days later Constable Kane disclosed his identity to protect one of the witnesses in the impending trial of two local youths on a charge of indecently removing the dead body of John Chatty.

Constable Kane became alarmed when he feared that a group of the charged men's friends were going to abduct the witness. Constable Kane removed the witness to a room at Mrs Hayes' Anderson's

Creek Hotel and stayed with him throughout the night. This was perhaps just as well for the witness, as the constable had to forcibly remove several people who forced their way into the room during the evening.

In the end all charges were dropped. The charge of indecently removing the dead body of John Chatty was not sustained: there was no such charge on the statute books!

The scars left by the incident took a long while to heal, especially for the families of those involved.

One of the chief actors in the drama was a local character well known for his practical jokes. He was the first person to come under suspicion.

During the Chatty incident certain title deeds and papers known to have been in the miner's possession were missing, despite a thorough search by police and friends, and that local character came under suspicion. For once suspicion was proved wrong. The papers were found some eight months later in a tin box hidden between two bricks in the chimney of Chatty's house.

John Chatty is buried in the Anderson's Creek Cemetery. Unfortunately the location of his grave was lost during the 1939 bushfire. At the time of his death his birthplace was given as China and his occupation was listed as a miner. John was 62 years old.

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Chance to hear a magic flute

It was just over 23 years ago that a young flutist named Judy Gardner gave one of her very first recitals, here in Warrandyte.

It was at one of the WAA musicales, on a Sunday afternoon in the home of Jim and Nanette Doolley, and as the recital came to end an elderly lady was heard to remark: "That young flute girl will go a long way, you mark my words." She went a very long way indeed, and on Friday, April 8, Warrandyte audiences will have the opportunity of hearing this now internationally known artist Judith Hall, together with guitarist Timothy Walker, perform in the High School hall.

Shortly after the birth of her first child, Judy went to a master class of Jean Pierre Rampal in Melbourne, a year before departing for London to further husband Peter's career in architecture. She was invited by Rampal to attend a summer school in Nice. Her career blossomed and by 1975 she was engaged by the Royal Opera House Orchestra as principal flute, a position she held for seven years.

Now, on a freelance basis, she plays with orchestras, particularly the Philharmonia and the London Mozart players, and with many small groups. As a soloist and chamber music performer she has travelled extensively throughout Europe, east Asia and Russia, as well as giving master classes and teaching privately.

This special concert, sandwiched between appearances at the Adelaide Festival, Melbourne and other capitals, is to honor her early connections with Warrandyte, on which they planned to build before the world claimed them).

Tickets are \$10 and can be booked through Yvonne Reid on 844 3796.

Information forum now

Warrandyte now has an Information Forum born from a series of meetings held at the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

CAB volunteer Louise Joy said the forums would be held every two months.

"We started with a meeting to discuss legal issues facing sole parents last September. Then in November, a group discussed child abuse. On February 23, a meeting of about 20 people discussed public housing needs in Warrandyte," Louise said.

The next WIF meeting will be held on the evening of April 21 at the CAB and will cover personal financial matters. It is planned to have speakers on social security and retirement.

"We believe the forum is a major part of the function of the CAB and we'd be pleased to hear suggestions for topics," Louise Joy said.

Park plan on the move once more

Warrandyte State Park's management plan is set to regain its momentum after delays caused by loss of staff and direction.

A deputation of local groups and the Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, have been assured of this by the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Joan Kirner.

The deputation met the Minister on February 11 to discuss the delays in formulating the plan and the sudden transfer of the park's ranger-in-charge, Ken Gurney.

The Minister said that Ken Gurney would now spend half his time on the planning process and a decision would be made on his future in six months, when the management plan is scheduled to be published. Ken was transferred to Fisheries

and Wildlife to be a technical officer from January 1.

According to Alan King, chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, the management plan will receive a lot of attention with the minister's personal intervention.

Alan said the deputation had pointed out that the plan had been badly delayed not only by staff loss but also an apparent lack of interest. It was vital that the plan regain its impetus after an aggressive and successful start.

"The minister told us she fully recognised the importance of the park and that the planning work would be staffed sufficiently," he said. "She complimented the work of Val Polley, the community consultation officer for the management plan."



At the jamboree were (from the left), Warrandyte ventures leader David Mott, Lions president Graham Miles, American scout leader George H. Coughlan II, and two of his scouts.

Lions' gift helps scouts

Warrandyte Lions have given \$1140 to the Australian Scouts Association.

Earlier in the year, through one of their members who is also a member of the Lord Baden Powell Society, Warrandyte Lions became aware of the scouts' needs to provide equipment for overseas troops attending the Bicentennial World Jamboree.

It was agreed that if the Warrandyte Lions Club made a donation sufficient to provide equipment for a troop of 40, then that equipment would be returned to Warrandyte after the jamboree to be given to local guides and scouts.

The club was invited to send a representative to the jamboree.

President Graham Miles and his wife Cecelia accepted. They travelled to Katarat Park in New South Wales and met up with Warrandyte scouts, in particular their leader David Mott, who conducted them on a tour of the camp, housing some 15,000 scouts.

In Graham's own words: "It was one of the highlights of my time in Lions and ranks number one for my year as president. Not only have we been able to help with the staging of Australia's first world jamboree, we have helped our own guides and scouts as well as giving purpose and meaning to our first object — "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world".

Good Friday at Stiggants

The four local churches will again combine to give all people of Warrandyte and Park Orchards the opportunity to share in the sufferings of Jesus on Good Friday. The inaugural gathering last year, to which 300 turned up, was extremely moving.

An even larger gathering is expected this year and all locals are invited to join in. It begins at 10 am at Stiggants Reserve.

Urban wildlife hunt is on

The Victorian Government is calling on groups and individuals to participate in a community-based survey of urban wildlife. The MLA for Whittlesea, Max McDonald, says "Urban Wildlife Watch" will enable Victorian city dwellers to discover just what may be living in their backyards and parks.

The survey, to be sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund, the Board of Works, the Australian Bicentennial Authority and the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, is one of 20 community-based projects in Victoria's Bicentennial Program.

Information collected will help scientists plan for wildlife conservation in Victoria's urban areas and go towards the text of a guidebook about wildlife.

People can take part by looking for animals such as mammals, birds, frogs, insects and other species and recording details which will be compiled in the central records base at Arthur Rylah Institute in Heidelberg.

People who have some experience or knowledge of identifying species are asked to volunteer as local neighborhood co-ordinators. A wildlife watch kit will be provided and the co-ordinators will organise groups activities such as discussions and spotlight walks.

Mr McDonald described it as a great opportunity for everyone to have fun.

He said that zoologists at the Arthur Rylah Institute were expecting interesting sightings. "It is possible that animals may be spotted in new areas, or even that animals not seen in urban areas before will be discovered."

Groups or individuals who are interested in joining the Urban Wildlife Watch, either as participants or as neighborhood co-ordinators, should contact project co-ordinator Jane Wilson at the Arthur Rylah Institute on 450 8617.



Going nowhere fast but enjoying the trip, this mother and baby were spotted in the Warrandyte State Park.



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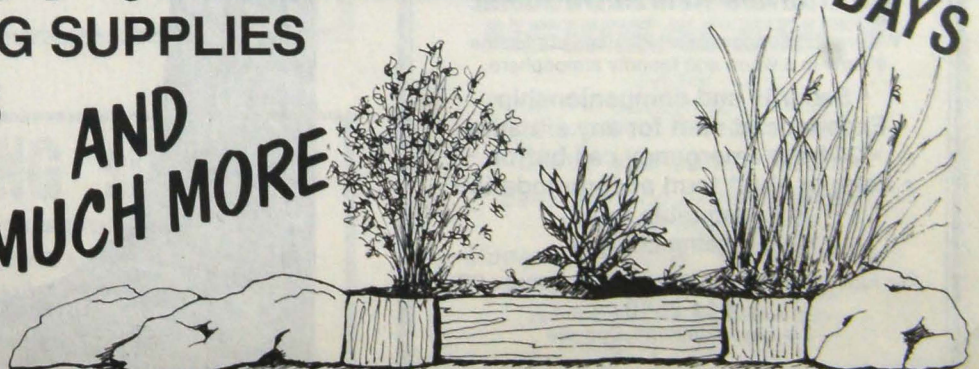
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Les Reid (at right) in uncharacteristic pose during the building of the South Warrandyte Fire Station. Les was usually wielding a shovel or a hammer or doing something about the place. On Les's left is ex captain Kirk Ritchie and captain John Haddon.

LES REID
He helped to build a community

Members of the fire brigades from the Warrandyte and neighboring areas formed a guard of honor at the funeral of Leslie William Reid of the South Warrandyte Brigade on January 29. They were joined by members of the CFA permanent staff who are friends of Station Officer Mark Reid, son of Les and Nancy.

Les lived all his life in Brysons Road and went to school at South Warrandyte before going on to Box Hill Technical School. When Les left school he worked on the family property growing flowers, the third generation of his family to do so. Les next tried his hand at the plastering trade for seven years. Then he started a poultry farm on the family property. At one time there were six families of Reids living in Brysons Road.

Les played football for Warrandyte for some eight or nine years as well as playing cricket for South Warrandyte for many years, winning trophies for both batting and bowling.

Les married Nancy Grant whose family had come to live in Warrandyte and they were regular visitors to the Yarra each summer. At Hussey's Pool in the days when the river ran fresh and clear like so many of the young families from the area they brought each new baby with them in their first summer and the children grew up with a love for the water and a talent for swimming.

Les inherited the pioneering spirit and was always ready to give it a go, regardless of the magnitude of

the task, and it comes as no surprise to find that he played an active part in the two largest community projects that were completed by voluntary community effort in South Warrandyte during his lifetime. These were the construction of Colman Park and the new fire station at South Warrandyte.

The Colman Park project got under way in March 1957 when a meeting raised a large sum of money in the form of debentures. After 18 months of strenuous and determined effort the area was sprung from virgin bush into a sporting complex, appropriately named after Jack Colman who was a councillor for more than 23 years and the inaugural president of the South Warrandyte Cricket Club. Les was a member of the ground committee

and with his wife Nancy was also a member of the social club which worked so hard to raise the funds necessary to keep the project going.

Scouting was another activity that involved not only Les but the whole family. Les's interest started with the Wonga Park Scout Troop and developed until he became the water activities officer for the Lillydale District. At one time all four members of the family were leaders in the scouting movement.

Les was an active member of the South Warrandyte Fire Brigade, giving his time and expertise to the brigade, whether fighting fires or at other brigade activities. And although often approached to take office he refused, preferring to serve as a firefighter.

Les was awarded the 25-year

long service badge at a special brigade function in 1987 and was the type of member who is an asset to any brigade: an experienced firefighter and a superb bushman, a member who was always there, always contributing.

He was a member of the committee that saw the South Warrandyte fire station take shape, a mammoth undertaking.

Apart from all their other community activities, Les and Nancy, with the help of their family, have fostered 42 babies from the St Josephs Babies Home, many of whom still keep in touch through their adoptive families.

Les will be sadly missed by those who were privileged to know him and the community will be poorer now that he has left us.

A country girl who came to our town and pitched in

Jess Shannon died on February 4 after a long illness. She was 74. Friends and family packed St Stephen's Church four days later to farewell her with a moving service she had planned herself.

The Vicar, Russell Joyce, described Jess as "intelligent and well-read, with an active and interested mind right to the end." He went on: "She was a very organised person, compassionate, patient and very humble. Jess always showed interest in others. Each time I visited her, before I could ever get out of her how she was feeling, she asked about the others in the parish. This was our Jess — always thinking of others, drawing out other people, never putting herself forward.

"She had a very deep appreciation and love of music; and gardening and her bush were so important

to her. She loved horses and life. The country and its values were very special to her, which goes along way to explain her healthy philosophy of life."

Jess Shannon was born on the eve of World War One to John and Annie Gilbert of "Tullagoota", Orbst, in East Gippsland. As a young girl she walked with her sisters to school, rode keenly and with competence, and, as there were no surviving boys in the family, she moved cattle to and from paddocks around the town or drove a mob along the Black Range to the family's other property at Buchan. Along the way she picked up from her father an acute judgment about stock.

She completed her secondary schooling at Presbyterian Ladies College in East Melbourne, making some lasting friendships, then enrolled in a business course at Zer-

cho's and a domestic science course at Emily MacPherson. She lived in boarding houses around South Yarra and Queens Road.

Jess worked for the Burns Philip shipping line and Davies Coop before joining the Herald in 1937. She used to recall being sent almost immediately around to Mahogany Row to act as the editor's secretary. Her 50-year association with the Herald saw her in the phone room, quickly and accurately taking down reporters' stories, or in what she called the *Sporting Globe's* "Saturday circus".

She took copy there from the country races, and, it is rumored, broke in many young reporters, giving them valuable information about horses and their breeding lines, trainers or jockeys.

This continuing working life was vital to Jess's sense of herself, and

brought her many friendships, including that of Sheila Hogg of Bradley's Lane, who became her extra "daughter".

In 1942, she married Captain Douglas Shannon at St Patricks Cathedral, and they set up a flat in Park Street, South Yarra, which she maintained during World War Two while he served in Western Australia. They bought a block of crown land being opened up as the Dingley Dell Estate and travelled out most weekends to work on the place.

Then with three pre-school children, in 1951, they moved into

the house which Doug had designed. Weekends were spent laboring on the hillside to build their beautifully landscaped garden. They made friends through the State School, the activities of the WAA and square-dancing at the Mechanics Institute.

Jess met many other friends on the riverbank and through St Stephens (of which she wrote a history). She thrived in the intellectual companionship and the intellectual arguments of the CAE book discussion group.

Over the years Jess had good neighbors: Mary and Jack Huxta-

JESS SHANNON



Jess Shannon
ble, Quinta Greaves, Molly and Dove Wigley, Robin and Ray Crabtree, Bert and Gloria Harding, and

Sheila and Richard Morton. Most summers Jess took her girls away to her family beach-house at Marlo on the mouth of the Snowy River, where she enjoyed fishing, surfing and sitting for hours talking with her mother.

Jess was a quietly vivacious woman who loved life. She found everything interesting: birds and plants, people, literature and music. She joined the congregation of St Stephens, valuing the fellowship and ministry there, and growing in faith.

She was Doug's great support system: co-driver and navigator. She typed his letters and lengthy architectural specifications. She encouraged him in all his hobbies and had great pleasure from his fruit wines, water color paintings and his cooking. She provided great companionship.

Jess gave loving support to her daughters Gael, Catriona and Janet; travelled speedily to offer mothering for the younger girls at the birth of each grandchild, and was the adored nana of Trina's boys Timmy and Shannon, and Jan's children, Catriona, Andrew and Susan. She loved to visit the girls and their children and really sparkled in the company of her extended family.

She gave them unrequiting love and nurture, tactful and inspired guidance, making a strong impression on their characters, and will remain their guiding light.

In this community, Jess was valued for her friendly disposition, her interest in people, and (when she was fitter) her voluntary work with the Historical Society, the op shop and Meals on Wheels.

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8.00 pm: RIVERBOAT FOLLIES. Warrandyte Drama Group Revue. Mechanics' Institute, Yarra Street. Cabaret, BYO food and drink. \$8 per head. 18, 19, 20 March and 24, 25, 26 March. Bookings: 844 2918.

8.00 pm: SPOTLIGHT WALKS. State Park rangers. Jumping Creek Reserve to Bluetongue Bend. Wear flat shoes, bring a torch. Children welcome. Bookings necessary. Further information: 844 2659.

SAT 19 MARCH



8.00 am: APEX FUN RUN. Run by Warrandyte Apex Club from Stiggants Reserve. 9 km course. Prizes given. Entries on the day. Be there at least 15 minutes before start. Enquiries: Gary Brady, 844 1176.

9.00 am-3.00 pm: DIABETES TESTING VAN. Free blood sugar testing. Sponsored by Warrandyte Apex Club.

10.00 am: STATIC DISPLAYS. Conservation, Forests and Land, Yarra Valley Lifeguards, Warrandyte Environment League, Friends of the Park, SES, CFA, Stiggants River Reserve.

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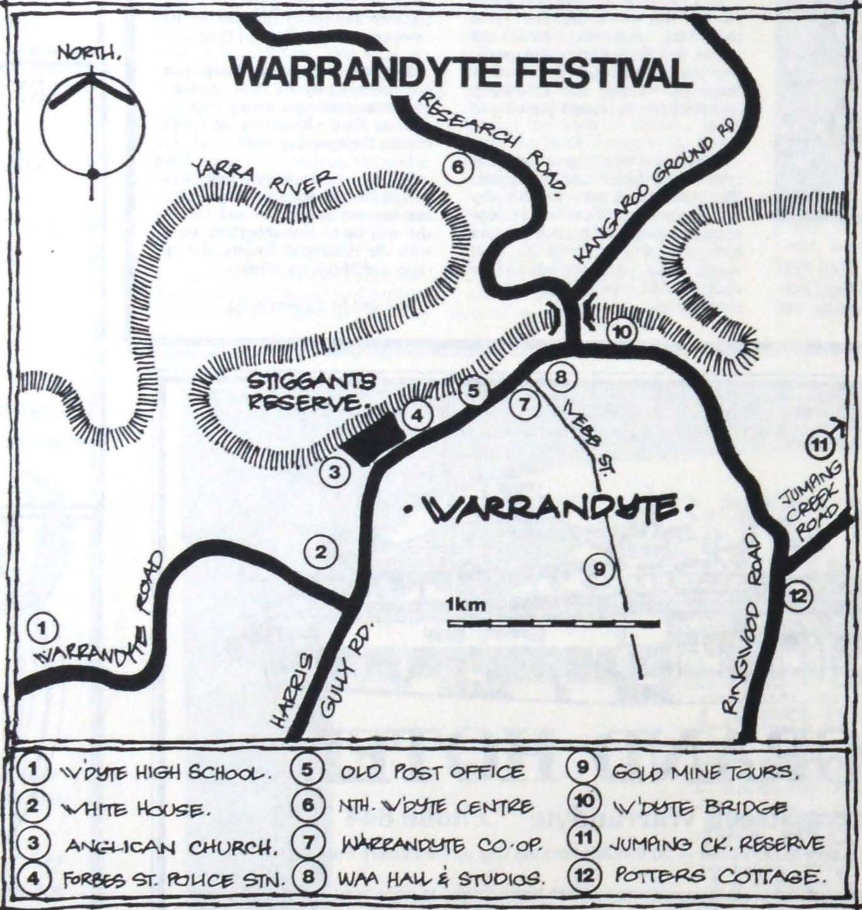
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11.00 am-4.00 pm: LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. Sold by the ladies of the Anglican Church at the church.

12 noon: FANCY DRESS. Dress up for the parade as a "Warrandyte Wacker", "Spaced Out" or simply "Pretty as a Picture". Otherwise, follow the theme, "Home of the Artist". Major prizes for each section, plus something for each entrant. Entry free. Straight after the parade on Stiggants stage.

12 noon: DECORATED BIKES. Competition run by the Lions Club for the best decorated bike in the parade. Judged near the stages after the parade. Prizes donated by the Lions Club.

12.00 noon: BIKE REGISTRATION. Is your bike registered? If not, the Lions Club of Warrandyte and the Victoria Police will register it for you free of charge. Stiggants Reserve.

12.00 noon: WATERSLIDE. Run by Warrandyte Scout Group. Stiggants Reserve. Changing tent provided. Bring togs and towels. Enquiries: Max Garner, 437 1666.

12.00 noon: HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION: Past Artists of Warrandyte. Museum, Community Centre, Yarra Street and the Old Post Office.

12 noon: HAYRIDES. From river end of Forbes Street to the old dairy. Ride on a horse drawn cart.

1.00 pm: CANOE & KAYAK RACE. From Stiggants Reserve to the bridge and back. Warrandyte Canoe Club. Entries on the day. Enquiries: John Boye, 844 3333.

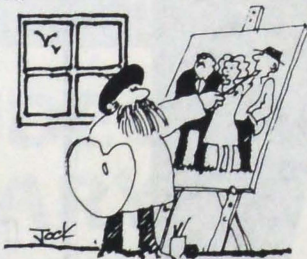
1.00 pm: ARTISTS' PAINT-IN. Join Warrandyte artists on Stiggants Reserve where the WAA Painting Group will form the core of an outdoor paint-in. Bring your own easel.

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2-5 pm: ARTISTS' STUDIO TOURS. Visit the studios of several prominent Warrandyte artists — Reg Cox, Mathew and Walter Magilton, Paul Stork, Joyce and Max Wilks, Ron and Marie Mueller, the Potters Cottage and Serendipity Studios. Buses depart Stiggants Reserve at regular intervals. See work in progress and available for purchase.

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10.00 am: FOOD FIESTA. Eating continues. Stock up your freezer or tucker for the concert tonight. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.



10.15 am: FAMILY CHURCH SERVICE. Collingwood YWAM Drama Group will present "The Tale of Two Kingdoms". Suitable for all ages. At the Whitehouse. Organised by the Uniting Church.

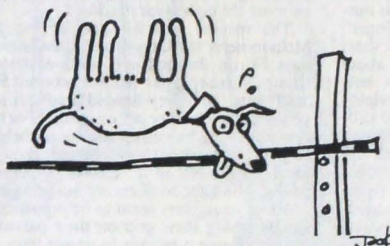
10.30 am: KIDS' MURAL PAINTING. Kids! Watch out for the mural wall near the adventure playground, Stiggants Reserve. Come try your talents at painting and be one of the many artists of Warrandyte. Paints, smocks and brushes supplied.

10.30 am: WATERSLIDE. Run by Warrandyte Scout Group. Stiggants Reserve. Changing tent provided. Bring togs and towels. Enquiries: Max Garner, 437 1666.



10.30 am: INTER-BRIGADE COMPETITION. See our three local rural fire brigades compete for the Yarra Bend Branch, a trophy highly-prized among firefighters. A demonstration of skills. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

PET PARADE & DOG JUMP. Run by Warrandyte High School. Bring your special pet along to Stiggants Reserve. All pets must be under owner's control. Can your dog jump fences? After the pet judging, see if your dog can jump the hurdles provided. Enquiries: Claire Bloom, 844 2749.



11.00 am: LILO RACE. Have a go! You will need a lilo and a pair of sandshoes. Easy but exciting rapids from Forbes Street. Minimum age 10 years. Patrolled by the Yarra River Lifeguards.

11.00-6 pm: WMI & ARTS ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION. Colonial theme. Craft, painting and pottery. Lucky dip. Enjoy coffee and homemade biscuits while you browse. Mitchell Avenue Studios.

11.00 am-4.00 pm: LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. Sold by the ladies of the Anglican Church at the church.

12 noon: FOOTBALL PRACTICE MATCH. At the main oval. See Warrandyte football seniors in action.

12.00 noon: HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION: Past Artists of Warrandyte. Museum, Community Centre, Yarra Street and the Old Post Office.



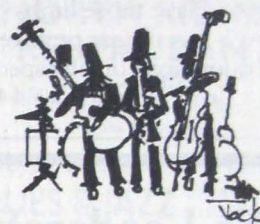
12 noon: YARRA YOBOS. Novelty activities on the riverbank at Stiggants Reserve, including gumboot throw, rolling-pin throw, egg throw. Sulo bin races. Warrandyte Uniting Church. Prizes donated by Potters Cottage. Enquiries: Alan King, 844 3622.

12 noon: GARDEN TOURS. Conducted tour of some of Warrandyte's rustic gardens. Catch the bus at Stiggants Reserve. Approximately 2 hours

1.00 pm: TUG O' WAR. Warrandyte fire brigades. See local groups competing for the tug o' war trophy. Fire brigades, Apex, Lions, sporting groups. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Entry on the day.

2-5 pm: ARTISTS' STUDIO TOURS. Visit the studios of several prominent Warrandyte artists — Reg Cox, Mathew and Walter Magilton, Paul Stork, Joyce and Max Wilks, Ron and Marie Mueller, the Potters Cottage and Serendipity Studios. Buses depart Stiggants Reserve at regular intervals. See work in progress and available for purchase.

2.00 pm: GOLD MINE TOUR. Join our tour guide, John Hanson, for an hour and a half leisurely walk through Warrandyte's Gold Rush days and visit an actual 1850s gold mine. Bring torch and wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street or catch a free festival bus from Stiggants Reserve.



2.00 pm: FESTIVAL CONCERT. Seven hours of nonstop musical variety. Enjoy Social Cohesion, the Hot Jazz Sextet, Keith Glass and the Honky Tonk Band, Lenore Somerset and ending — traditionally — with Paradiddle. Bring your rugs, folding chairs, friends and family and join us on the grass. Enjoy a picnic or BBQ tea, or buy dinner from the fast food stalls.



8.45 pm: FIREWORKS FINALE. See our festival weekend finish in a blaze of color. After the concert, look skywards and see this glorious display of fireworks. Sponsored by Harry Heaths Supermarket, Warrandyte.

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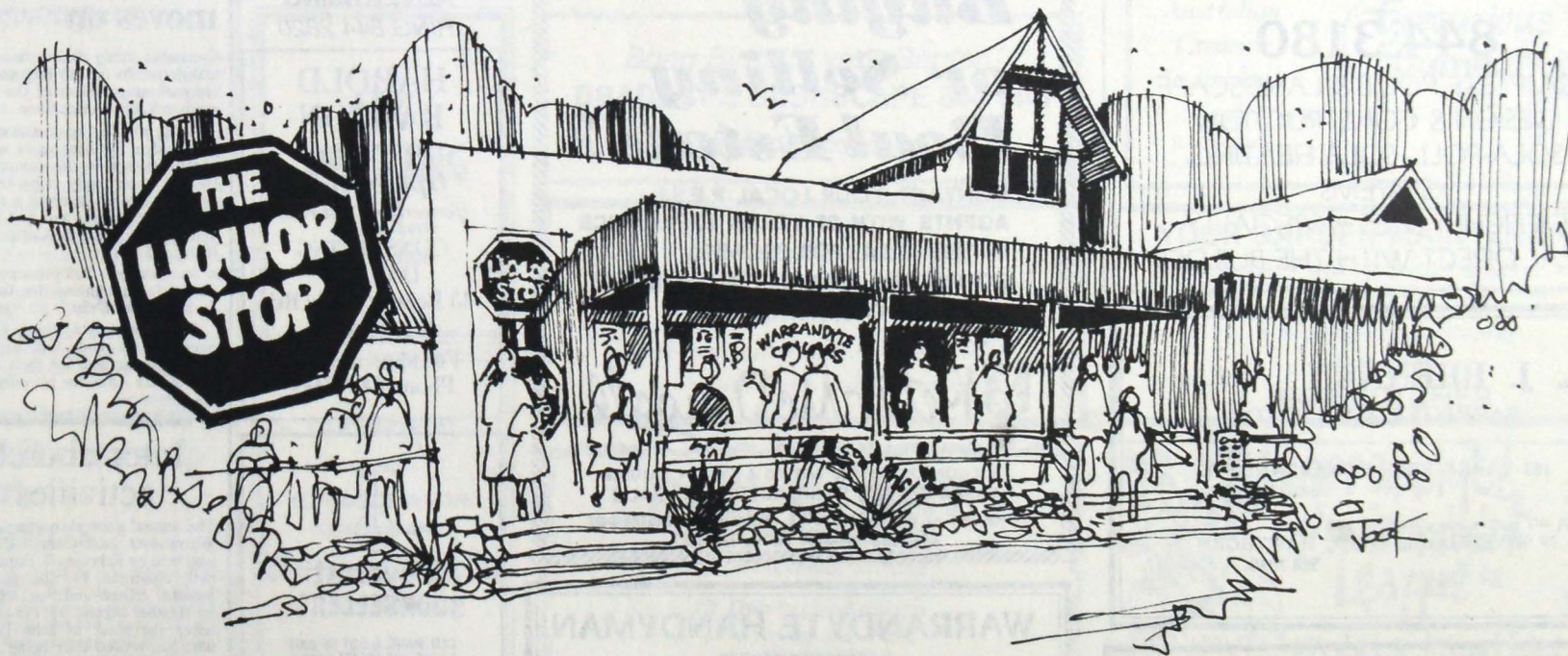
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The FF poo-poo boo-boo

NATURE

Pamela Conder

On my way home from last year's frolic through the oriental marshes, I decided to make a detour. I disembarked in Brisbane for a safari to darkest Indooroopilly, home of the urban megabat. Guided by a senior batman from the University of Queensland, a very civilized stroll rewarded me with one of the most exciting spectacles I have seen: a huge colony of Grey-headed and Black Flying Foxes, many carrying young.

The world's bats are basically divided into the Micro- and Megachiropterans. Chiropteran means "hand-winged". If you look at the outstretched wing you can easily trace the "finger" bones and the short thumb at the top. A short time spent watching flying foxes going about their business at the roost reveals just how dextrous they are with such apparently unwieldy equipment. A friend recently told me how skilfully one had shelled a peanut she had given it, making use of the clawed thumbs (which are also used for climbing).

Australia has a number of species of flying foxes or fruit bats, which feed on native hardwood trees, figs and lillypillies, as well as cultivated fruit, when the forest fruits and blossoms fail. The FFs' habit of chewing up food and spitting out the tough fibrous material led to a

rather interesting piece of bush lore: that the bats completely lack an anus, defecating through the mouth instead.

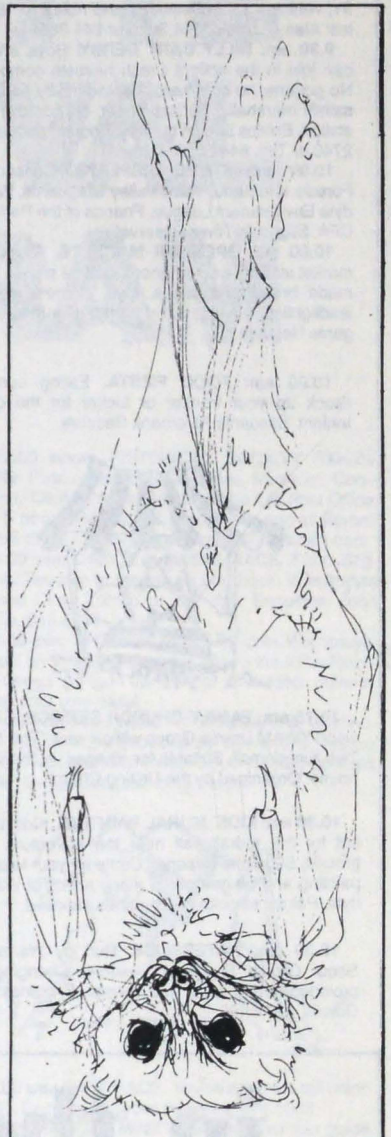
This was backed up by the assumption that because FFs hang upside down, the faecal matter would foul their fur if eliminated in the customary manner. The FFs are smarter.

They possess a perfectly functional anus and to use it they adopt a head-up position, gripping the perch with their thumb claws. Very neat! The only ones fouled by FF faeces are those who, like me, go wandering around below.

The first FF recorded in Australia was seen by a seaman in 1770. He described it to Sir Joseph Banks as being as black as the devil, with two "horns" and compared its size to that of a one-gallon keg. FFs also played their part in Leichhardt's expedition to Port Essington by providing his party with a few substantial meals en route through Queensland.

The species seen for part of the year in Melbourne is the Grey-headed, the most common FF on the mid and south-eastern coast. Camps in many areas number between 500 and 5000 bats. The Grey-headed produces a single youngster in October or November. For the first few weeks the babies must cling to their mother's fur, but when they are old enough, the juveniles are left in a "creche" supervised by adults, whilst the mothers are out foraging.

Many youngsters seem to be orphaned, some simply losing their grip on their parent, some through losing a mother to power lines or lead poisoning. More on what happens to some of those orphans in Brisbane next time.



Lifeguards are seeking recruits

The Yarra River Lifeguard Service is a non-profit community service consisting of volunteers with local knowledge of the Yarra River and its environs, donating their time and skills all year round to assist anyone in need of help.

Formed in 1983 and incorporated in 1986, the service has carried out 27 rescues and rendered assistance on numerous occasions.

The service has a dog unit, (formed in 1985). Its chief role is search and rescue, but it also assists with routine patrol. The unit has been involved in many public displays. It has rescued a man struggling in strong current and a group of children stranded on fast, dangerous rapids with their capsized canoe. A Newfoundland was chosen for the unit due to its good nature, power and swimming ability.

Special, shallow-draft power boats are maintained for immediate deployment to any part of the river by four-wheel drive vehicles.

Other special equipment includes first aid kits, resuscitation equipment, spinal stretcher, searchlights, radios etc. (Call Sign VH3BB).

The need for the service is clear when one realises that more than 70 per cent of all drownings occur in inland waters. The increasing use of the Yarra for boating, canoeing, triathlons and raft races is placing a growing demand on the service's facilities. New members are needed, particularly people with special skills such as doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and firemen.

The service instructs more than 15,000 schoolchildren each year in water safety and has the support of the Melbourne Maritime Museum, Melbourne City Baths and the Victoria Water Police. Education not only of schoolchildren but of all community groups is seen as a first line of defence against the state's alarming toll of death by drowning.

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**Andy Baker
moves on**

Constable Andy Baker has been transferred to Apollo Bay and has resigned as president of the Warrandyte Youth Coffee Shop.

Andy, who had been stationed at Warrandyte for three years, will be greatly missed in the community. He had given freely of his time to organise outings, such as a trip to the Calder Drags, and had taken young people from the Coffee Shop flying at Lilydale.

As president, Andy became involved in negotiations for funding for the Coffee Shop.

The Warrandyte Youth Coffee Shop wishes Andy and his wife Kathy all the best for their future and thanks Andy for his efforts on the committee.

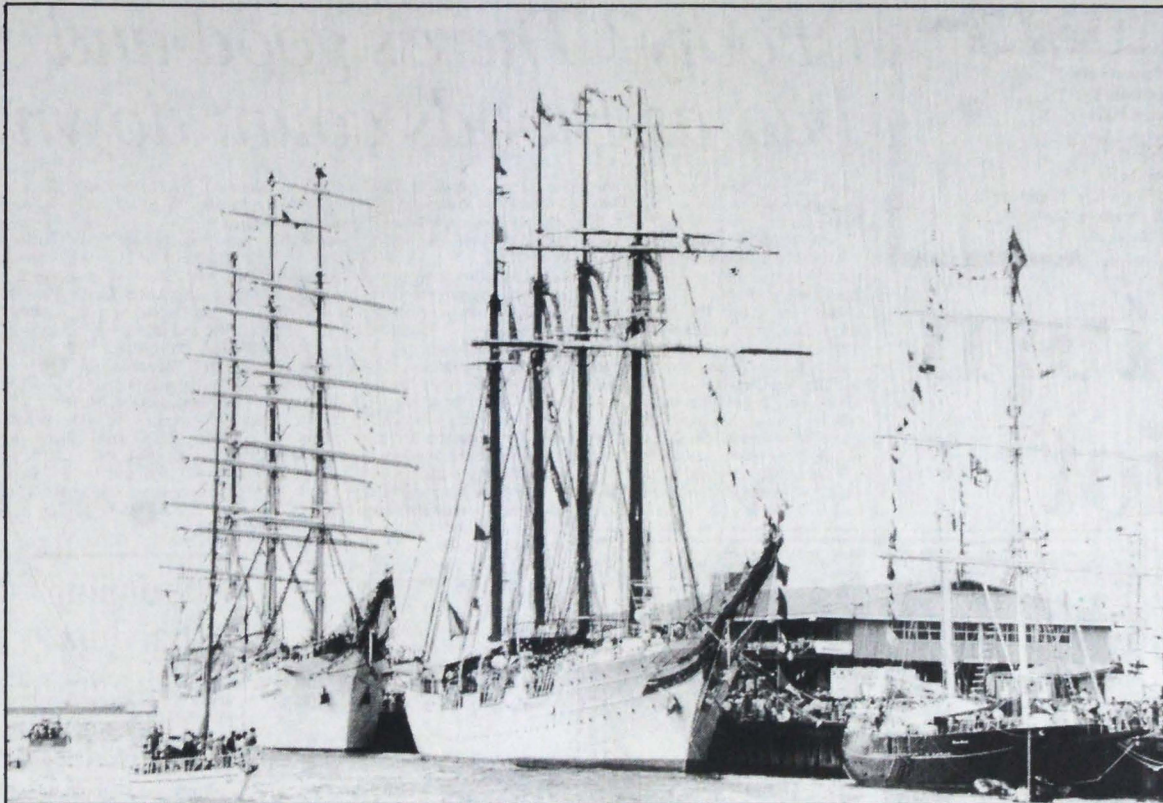
**Inter-church
activities**

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Inter-Church Council was held on February 4. Bruce Liddell, chairman for the past 12 months, retired and was replaced by Heather Ingram. Jill Howell has taken the place of John Pepper, who has retired after being secretary/treasurer for five years.

The inter-church council is represented by the Anglican, Catholic, Gospel Chapel and Uniting Churches.

The program for 1988 is: Lenten Studies, St Stephen's Hall, March 3, 10, 17, 24, commencing at 8 pm; Stations of the Cross, Stiggants Reserve, 10.30 am, Good Friday, April 1; Week of Prayer (Speaker for Pentecost Sunday), Gospel Chapel, May 29; Annual Dinner, St Anne's, August 5; Carols by Candlelight, Stiggants Reserve, December 18.

For further information please contact either Heather Ingram (844 3447) or Jill Howell (844 3145).



Nothing to do with Warrandyte, of course, but a lovely shot nevertheless. We found it on the end of a roll of film shot by Val Polley.

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 these triers.

Peter is 19 and is hoping for an apprenticeship as a carpenter. Until then he is looking for odd jobs. Mary, 20, is looking for a position as a clerk or office worker but will take almost any job.

Anyone who can help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326. This is another project from the Warrandyte Community Workshop Ltd.

Calling all passengers

Warrandyte is to get a community bus, thanks to the efforts of Bob Poppins, the local schools community development officer.

The 12-seater bus will be leased from Templestowe Technical School for use by the After School Care Program each week night. In the evenings and on weekends the bus will be available for booking by other community groups. The cost is \$12 an hour if you come up with a driver and \$15 if one has to be provided. Bookings can be made through the CAB on 844 3082.

The organisers stress that continuation of the community bus service depends on how much it is used.

CAB comes up with the answers

The Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau is beginning to make its mark. Pamphlets, directories and the computer link with the Box Hill-Doncaster regional library are being used to answer queries.

Some of the questions asked lately have been the location of karate and tai kwando classes, soccer clubs, tennis coaching, handyman services for poorer families and books for a nine-year-old's project on Melbourne.

Still to be answered is one caller who is looking for the best and cheapest juicer.

The new extended times for the bureau are 9.15am to 4pm on weekdays and 12.30 to 4pm on Saturdays. Locals can become a member of the bureau for \$1, and informative volunteers are still needed.

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| April 16: v. Mooroolbark (H) | June 18: v. Mooroolbark (A) |
| April 23: v. Beverley Hills (A) | June 25: v. Beverley Hills (H) |
| April 30: v. Mt. Evelyn (H) | July 2: v. Mt. Evelyn (A) |
| May 7: v. Fair Park (A) | July 9: v. Fair Park (H) |
| May 14: v. Norwood (A) | July 16: v. Norwood (H) |
| May 21: v. South Waverley-Sandown (H) | July 23: v. South Waverley-Sandown (A) |
| May 28: v. Upper Ferntree Gully (A) | July 30: v. Upper Ferntree Gully (H) |
| June 4: v. The Basin (H) | August 6: v. The Basin (A) |

*Fixtures subject to minor alterations to accommodate Sunday play.

Andy, Jim turn on a run riot

Fourth-eleven batsmen Andrew Rodgers and Jim Gathercole have provided the highlight of Warrandyte Cricket Club's season.

They sent the statisticians scurrying for the club record books with a second-wicket partnership of 236 against Croydon United.

Rodgers was in no doubt about his 129 being his personal best score. Opener Gathercole batted through the innings to be 118 at the close.

The magnificent partnership carried Warrandyte to 2/308 and a 34-run victory.

Needless to say, Rodgers and Gathercole shared the player-of-the-match award.

When this edition of the Diary went to press — and with half the last round played — three Warrandyte teams had a chance of making the finals.

The third eleven, who had many contributors to their big win over Croydon United, were reasonably placed to beat South Ringwood, and the fifths, also in with a finals chance, were favoured to beat South Croydon after declaring at 6/365.

The women's team were clinging to an outside chance of grabbing a finals berth but, as one club official put it, "they need a minor miracle".

Warrandyte's Chandler Shield side, although disappointed with their season overall, finished full of running.

Darren Peters put together a fine 134 in a big win over Croydon and followed up with 46 against South Ringwood. Robert White was unlucky to miss a century in the South Ringwood game.

Women's vice-captain Suzanne Martin continues to amaze with the bat. For the second time this season, she carried her bat through an innings, this time for an unbeaten 91 against Tecoma.



Chris Sharp



Doug Harding

No turkey here — but who was complaining?

By JAN TINDALE

It was anything but a traditional Christmas dinner for young Warrandyte basketballers Chris Sharp, Doug Harding, Darren McGinty and David Simpson. But then they were a long way from home.

The boys, all members of the local under-19 side, sat down to hamburgers and chips in a little place called Packwood, Washington.

At that stage, they were nearing the end of a month-long tour of the United States and Canada in a party of 17 players, five parents and coach-organiser Ross Close. The players were drawn from secondary schools in the Doncaster-Templestowe area — and they won most of their matches.

There were many highlights

along the way, but the boys were unanimous that their meeting with Michael Jordan, widely regarded as the best basketballer in the world, topped them all.

The itinerary included Hawaii, San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Washington DC, Vancouver — and, of course, Disneyland.

The boys made friends wherever they went and described the American-Canadian way of life as "pretty similar to ours, except they give you massively big breakfasts and all the houses are made of wood".

Chris is planning a return trip after his Year 12 final exams and as he points out: "Accommodation will be free next time — I'll be staying with the new friends I made."

on this ladder. He predicts that competition this year will be "a no-holds barred affair."

"The new four day format for the tournament will prove a real boon to spectators, allowing everyone to follow progress from start to finish, especially as it will be staged during holiday time.

"Principal sponsor for the event is Medibank Private and prize money has been increased to \$2000 this year," Ian said. "This level of cash reward really helps to get the players motivated."

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS
Warrandyte 7/320 c.c. (D. Peters 134, G. Jacobs 56, B. Kline 39) and 0/31 d. Croydon United 237 (R. White 4/58, D. Sloan 3/98). Player of the match: D. Peters.

Warrandyte 9/269 (R. White 97, G. Jacobs 54, D. Peters 46, S. Pascoe 30) v. South Ringwood

SECONDS
Warrandyte 161 (P. Hughes 33, D. Vitoritti 41) d. Croydon United 158 (A. Snaidero 4/41). Player of the match: A. Snaidero.
Warrandyte 160 (A. Snaidero 34, G. Woolcock 30) v. South Ringwood 2/26.

THIRDS
Warrandyte 9/231 (D. Bradley 67, D. Crockett 41, R. Valentine 30, A. King 30) d. Croydon United 126 and 4/177. Player of the match: D. Bradley.
Warrandyte 0/4 v. South Ringwood 187 (A. King 4/41).

FOURTHS
Warrandyte 2/308 (A. Rodgers 129, J. Gathercole 118) d. Croydon United 274. Players of the match: A. Rodgers, J. Gathercole.
Warrandyte v. South Ringwood 6/202 (Baker 3/38).

FIFTHS
Warrandyte 166 lost to Mooroolbark 360.
Warrandyte 6/365 dec. (Fernando 185, Day 45) v. South Croydon 0/22.

WOMEN
Warrandyte 6/217 c.c. (S. Martin 91 n.o., T. Prince 32, L. Brown 20) d. Tecoma 166 (A. Tunbridge 4/79, S. Egeberg 3/49). Players of the match: S. Martin, A. Tunbridge.

Warrandyte 182 (J. Chapman 46, L. Brown 45 n.o., S. Martin 23) v. Tooronga 0/4.

UNDER-16
Warrandyte 103 lost to Croydon North 7/210.
Warrandyte v. Kilsyth 2/258 (McKenzie 2/64).

UNDER-14A
Warrandyte 148 (Hughes 31, Comrie 28) lost to South Croydon 4/175.

UNDER-14B
Warrandyte 9/131 (J. Dreger 40 n.o., D. Welsh 27 n.o.) lost to Norwood 8/134.

UNDER-12A
Warrandyte 7/238 d. Vermont 98 and 4/107 (M. Fraser 5/19, S. Bell 2/22).
Warrandyte v. St. Andrews 7/159 (M. Fraser 3/19).

UNDER-12B
Warrandyte 98 (Howell 34, White 16) d. Heathmont Baptists 44 and 4/96.
Warrandyte v. Academy 156 (C. Shugg 2/1, S. Calogero 2/12).

UNDER-12C
Warrandyte 85 (D. Callinan 42) v. North Ringwood 3/20 (T. Martin 2/7).

Spot the next star at Goldtown

Local fans are looking forward to another weekend of international standard tennis at the Warrandyte Goldtown Open next month. With the Goldtown tournament and the satellite event later in the year, Warrandyte now enjoys a permanent place on the Australian national tennis map.

This year's Goldtown, the fifth Warrandyte open tennis championships, will be staged at the Recreation Reserve courts, commencing Thursday 7 April, through to Sunday 10 April.

Tournament organiser Ian Ennis

told the *Diary* that the Warrandyte Goldtown Open is now an event where one can "spot the next champion".

"Past winners and players have included such rising stars as Nicole Provis, Anne Minter, Jason Stoltenberg, Todd Woodbridge and Johan Anderson, to name but a few," Ian said. "All these players have gone on to great success, both in Australia and overseas, with rapidly improving world rankings."

Last year, the men's singles final was won by Richard Fromberg, one

of the young stars from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

"Unfortunately this year, because of the date change due to Easter and school holidays, the AIS players will be overseas beginning their European campaign. Notwithstanding, the field will be our strongest yet."

The Goldtown Open is a Victorian Tennis Association event, and as the new VTA points system has been established as the ladder to improved ranking in Victoria, Ian believes the Goldtown is now one of the most important of the rungs

Footy? There's good and bad as Bloods count down

There is good news and bad in the lead-up to Warrandyte's 1988 football season.

First the bad: The Bloods have lost full-forward Doug Byron and may be without last season's best and fairest, Peter Banks.

Now the good: The EDFL has adopted a format, sought by Warrandyte for many seasons, under which under-18, reserve and senior games will be grouped on a same-day, same-venue basis. When these games fall on a home Saturday, all junior games from under-16s down will be played away on the Sunday.

Warrandyte, relegated to third division this season, are resigned to the loss of Byron, who has been appoint-

ed assistant coach of Montmorency. When this edition went to press, they had not yet accepted the likely departure of Banks to rejoin Greensborough.

On the other hand, they had recruited two sought players (as yet unidentified) and were negotiating with three others.

The new league format — the under-16s had previously played the curtain-raiser to the reserves and the under-18s to the seniors — will provide a better day's football, spectacle-wise, for supporters and remove a lot of unnecessary kilometres and hassles from the administrative side.

Senior and reserves training began under new coach Len Halley on February 1. In line with the policy of strength in numbers, the Bloods are seeking more players in all divisions, particularly the seniors, reserves and under-18s.

With the new clubrooms open for the new season and many up-and-coming young players ready to fulfil the promise they showed in 1987, this could be an exciting year for football in this town.

Prospective players at any level are invited to try out. Halley (434 1702) and Neil Hennessy (reserves coach, 870 1610) would like to hear from the hairier-chested blokes, and Geoff Day welcomes inquiries for the under-18s. These teams train on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Junior chairman Peter O'Toole (844 2419) is the contact for the under-16s and under-14s (who train

Mondays) and the under-12s and under-10s (Wednesdays, as from March 9).

Junior coaches are Norm Carrington (under-16s), Grant Brisbane (under-14), Stuart McLean (under-12) and Greg Alchin (under-10).

The club is still seeking sponsors for 1988 and invites any business or individual to contact Bill Luttick (873 2011, W) or (844 1776, H).

It also reminds supporters that \$100 can buy them membership of the new social clubrooms. The contacts here are Shane Revell (844 2146) and Kevin Luttick (844 3687). Joe Scicluna (844 2146) and Steve Pascoe (844 1213) are handling cricket club inquiries for a brick in the new building.

Off, running with a quiz

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold its first function in the new clubrooms on Saturday, March 5.

The occasion is a quiz night. It's \$10 a head, tables of six and it starts at 8 p.m.

Senior presentation night will also be held in the new rooms, on March 26 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 a head, \$30 a double.

The junior presentation night, in the form of a sausage sizzle, will be at the clubrooms on Wednesday, March 16, starting at 6 p.m.

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