

Centre is safe r now

By CLIFF GREEN

The threatened closure of part of the Warrandyte Community Centre, including the young people's drop-in cof-fee shop, has been averted, at least for the time being.

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development of the Getsons site". This follows a recommendation last month by council's citizens ser-vices committee that part of the centre should be closed forthwith as the building is "unsafe under the Victorian Building Regulations". The future of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-oper-ative had also been placed in doubt, as it occupies similarly decrepit premises within the centre. It would appear from recent press reports that council is investi-gating two possible alternatives: 1. Staged construction of a new centre over, say, five years; and

2. A more rapid development of the site made possible through funds raised by some commercial devel-opment on the "prime roadside frontage".

frontage". Many residents are already ex-pressing disquiet at the second proposal, fearful that once the prin-ciple has been accepted, the com-mercial "zone" could grow, de-vouring much of this uniquely val-uable land and leaving room for only token and inadequate com-munity facilities. Peter Harkin, speaking for WAC,



has declared that council should not consider any other type of develop-ment on the site but the building of

Peter was chairman of WAC when the centre was mooted, and was one of a panel of local archi-tects who donated many hours de-veloping concepts for the proposed centre.

centre. The site was purchased by coun-cil in November 1980 for \$200,000 cil in November 1980 for \$200,000 following intense campaigning by local groups who were determined that such a splendidly situated area should be reserved for public use. Twice offered at auction, the complex was passed in on each

occasion. It was generally accepted at the time that strength of local feeling dissuaded potential private developers. Finally, pushed hard by Warran-dyte Ward councillors, and with Eitham Shire reportedly pledged to contribute half of any future devel-opment costs, Doncaster Council bought the site for what many con-sidered a bargain price. Local residents accepted the pro-viso, made at the time, that finance would probably not be available for permanent buildings for at least 10 years.

Situated in the heart of the vil-lage, on largely flat land bounded

by Yarra Street, Webb Street, Mit-chell Avenue and an unmade sec-tion of Brackenbury Street, the area is ideal for community purposes. The possibility of integrating the Mechanics' Institute hall in the pro-posed centre adds immeasurably to its value as a public amenity. It has always been felt that the size and position of the site would not only enable the building of a municipal library, meeting rooms, a new youth coffee shop, an office for this newspaper and other desper-ately needed local facilities, but there would also be adequate space for off-street parking and the estab-lishment of a central focus for the

town, such as public gardens or a village green. Contained within the council op-

tions there is even the suggestion that the entire Getson land should commercially developed, with "an alternative site for the community centre"

alternative site for the community centre". Only a few months ago, the *Diary* reported that 20 additional shops are planned for Warrandyte. Financial difficulties being faced by some traders and the existence of at least one empty shop in the Gold-fields Plaza complex suggests that the last thing Warrandyte needs is yet another clutch of new shops. If local sources are inadequate,

Kids added weight to council fight By JAN LIDDICUT

Anyone who ever doubted the value or importance of the Warrandyte Youth Coffee Shop should have attended the Doncaster and Tem-plestowe City Council meeting when the fate of the Community Centre was decided. There they were, our kids, out in force to show doubting councillors they meant to keep their youth club. What a joy it was to be looking

club. What a joy it was to be looking at the scraggily haired, denim-clad bunch and be so resoundingly reas-sured that the Coffee Shop kids know the meaning of solidarity and loyalty; that they have the strength to battle for something worthwhile. Their efforts and interest were a tremendous statement of annrecia-

tremendous statement of apprecia tremendous statement of apprecia-tion to the past and present leaders and organisers of the Youth Coffee Shop. It left no one present with any doubts or qualms that the Cof-fee Shop kids value having a place to go; a place where they can relax and be themselves; where material finery is secondary behind friend-ship, fun and personal support when needed.

consideration could be given to consideration could be given to joint Government funding — fed-eral, state and municipal — with the provision of such additional fa-cilities as a State Park and tourist information centre, a new, cen-trally-located post office, and per-haps a small bus terminal. These amenities would serve us better than another supermarket or six more gift chore.

more gift shops. The Warrandyte community has The Warrandyte community has been prepared to wait patiently for its new centre, "making do" with substandard facilities in the mean-time. It now looks to council to help it realise in full its cherished, long-held accimition. it realise in tun held aspirations

scholarship promote art LIONS lary,

A \$5000 scholarship scheme to aid young Warrandyte artists was announced at the Warrandyte Festival last month. Entitled the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, the scheme is a joint project of Lions, the Diary and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust. Announcing the scheme on the last night of the festival, Warrandyte Lions president Graeme Miles said that the award will be available to any young artist who usually resides in Warrandyte and is aged between 18 and 25 years inclusive.

avaluate to warnadyte and is aged between resides in Warnadyte and is aged between 18 and 25 years inclusive. "It will be non-restrictive in any further detail and will apply to any area of artistic expression. Young artists are invited to pro-pose ways they could use the prize money to further develop their careers in any field of

"Applications will close at the end of June this year and the award will be conferred

during the next Warrandyte Festival. It is planned to make this award every two years.

The Lions Club of Warrandyte is provid-

The Lions Club of Warrandyte is provid-ing the full amount of the prize money and the *Diary* and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust are combining to promote and administer the award. This scholarship is the first project — outside the publication of this newspaper — undertaken by the trust, set up to own and manage the *Diary* following the demise of its original publishers, the Warrandyte Com-munity Youth Club. Members of the trust are Ken McKenzie (chairman), Cliff Green, Peter Lovett, Lee Tindale and Jock Macneish. They have all been associated with the newspaper since its inception.

inception. The trustees hope Warrandyte's young

artists, whether they be painters, potters, sculptors, dancers, singers, actors, musicians, writers, film-makers, designers or whatever, will take advantage of the award and see it as a major contribution to the development

as a major contribution to the development of their careers.
"It is intended that the prize should be utilised in ways that specifically suit the needs of the winner," a trust spokesman said.
"For example, it may help towards tuition fees, finance a study tour abroad, provide a basic living allowance for a given period, underwrite the cost of a specific project or exhibition or enable the purchase of equip-ment or materials.
"The diversity and vigor of the Warran-dyte arts community has been recognised since the turn of the century, and it is intended that this award should help ensure

the continuation of this tradition for years to

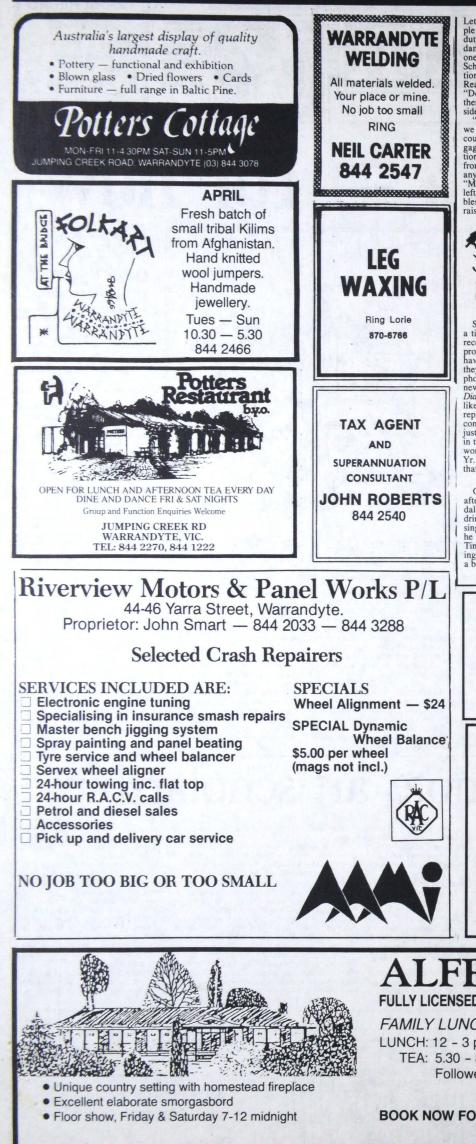
the continuation of this tradition for years to come." One suggestion made by the youth club committee when they handed the *Diary* over to the trustees was that it should continue to devote its profits and influence to the special needs of young people in Warrandyte. The trust has accepted this responsibility, and feels that one group largely ignored by the local community is its young artists. "And given that the *Diary* is largely the creation of local artists and writers, we felt it apt that we should evolve this scheme," the spokesman said.

"But our first responsibility has been to the spokesman said. "But our first responsibility has been to the continued publication and financial se-curity of the newspaper. Therefore, the young artists' scholarship was something we planned to do 'when we could afford it'. "Some months ago our editor, Bob Mil-

lington, addressed the Lions and mentioned

lington, addressed the Lions and mentioned our hopes for such a scheme. The two groups got together and the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award is the result. "The trustees are therefore deeply grateful to the Lions Club of Warrandyte, whose interest and generosity has enabled them to bring this dream to reality. "Apart from the monetary value of the award, it is hoped that the scheme will be accepted as a major scholarship in its field, and winners will use the title 'Winner, War-randyte Youth Arts Award 19--' with pride, as evidence of their achievement and in recognition of the community that encour-aged their aspirations." Application forms and further details can be obtained by writing to the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, P.O. Box 209, Warran-dyte 3113.





Let us now praise not famous peo-ple but people who simply do their duty as citizens. Smokey and ma-dam were guzzling a bottle of red or high recently when Ray van Schoonhaven, and yes, we'll men-tion it, he works for Barry Plant "Do urealise," he said, "that there is a briefcase standing by the advector of the road." The bust it open?" We joke, of workse. Ray offered to take the bag-age along to Ringwood police sta-tion the other side of the road. "Has anyone seen a briefcase," he asked. "My mate's just rung and says he beles you Ray. Barry, give him a taise.



*** Smokey's mates on the Diary are a timid bunch. They got this letter recently from a wonderful woman, prominent in civic affairs. People have complained, she said, that they are not getting bylines for the photographs they supply to your newspaper. "Please rectify!" The Diary crowd just dropped this issue like a hot spud. Smokey would have replied: "Esteemed madame, your concern does you justice. However, just as we refrain from interfering in the operations of your charitable works, pray let us get on with ours. Yr. Obt. Svt., Ma'am." Or words to that effect. that effect.

* * * *** Good grief! So the man is alive after all. Back in town is Lee Tin-dale after his heroic attempt to drink dry the Portarlington pub single-handed. Rumour has it that he failed by the merest whisker. Tinners claims to have been work-ing on a book, or was it working as a bookie? Welcome back. * * *

A couple of firefighters were dis-cussing the changes that have taken place in their line of public service over the years. One, who re-members the days when they were firemen and not CFA personnel, commented: "You're not kidding. I went to a fire service turn recently and was kissed by a firefighter." Female, of course.

Our excellent Citizens Advice Bureau is looking for people who are confused about government de-partments, and aren't we all. A meeting to be held at 8pm on April 21 at the Old Post Office should clear up a few problems. This talk, sponsored by the CAB and the Par-ent Support Group, will feature Jan Berglin of the Commonwealth De-partment of Social Security and Colin Davis from the Warrandyte Lions. Accountant Colin will talk about retirement issues.



There they were, parents doing their duty on a pleasant Sunday morning at Warrandyte State. They sanded down the desks in Carole Lush's class, then painted the lids a brilliant duck egg blue. Teacher was very reassuring. "Don't worry about the mess," she said as the parents slopped paint on the desk and more on themselves. "It's water-based. It'll wash off easily." At homes around Warrandyte later

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that day half a dozen parents, the owners of cars with steering wheels daubed a very tasty shade of duck egg blue, made a mental note to take turpentine to any future Ca-role Lush paintathon. Despite what teacher says.



At a recent meeting it was de-cided to ask the *Diary* to publish an account of the evening's events and decisions. One voice interjected: "An unbiased report!" We suspect this person believes that an unbi-ased report is one that agrees with his point of view.

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*** Diary cartoonist Jock Macneish futs a daunting figure on his BMW or motorcycle, so daunting that anoth-mearly had a heart attack the other day. He was riding up the hill from Deep Creek at a speed slightly above that set down by the alwise Road Transport Authority when he spied a single, glaring headlight in his mirror. Aha, he though, the law. Better slow down a bit and let him as speeding, mind).



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The caption to this is either "Have you noticed how young our soldiers seem to be getting?" or, "He was framed". It happened at Warrandyte State during what has become the school's traditional pre-Festival frolic.

Lions helping the frail elderly

With the help of the Warrandyte Lions Club, some elderly Warran-dyte residents are to receive the benefits of the Neighborhood Mon-itoring Scheme, a community ser-vice initiative being conducted by Doncaster and Templestowe Coun-cil in co-operation with community groups groups

groups. Project officer Ms Betty Cole is employed by the council under a joint Commonwealth/State Home and Community Care Program for one year, part-time, to initiate the scheme.

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Lions and a prospective customer: "The Club is aware that many elderly people are living in isolated areas of Warrandyte."

neighbors will be alerted by the sound of the siren, which is set off by pressing the transmitter, and help can be had in minutes." The Neighborhood Monitoring Scheme also aims to raise com-munity awareness of the security needs of the frail aged or disabled. Said Betty Cole: "We want to enlise community support so that an older or disabled person can be assisted if they feel unwell when out shopping or walking. "I have visited shopkeepers in

"I have visited shopkeepers in the Warrandyte area and they have been most supportive in displaying

a sign in the window to indicate that they will offer first line help, such as a glass of water, a chair or a telephone call if needed, "said Ms Cole

Cole. Mrs Maisie Temple, secretary of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens, is right behind the scheme. "Anything which helps an older person to stay in their own home in their own community, has got to be a good thing". For further information, ring Bet-ty Cole at the council on 840 9238 or Bill Butler from Warrandyte Lions Club on 844 2526.

VCE class rates well

Warrandyte High School students had an excellent VCE record last year, with 47 out of 50 students

year, with 47 out of 50 students passing. John Solomon, Year 12 co-ordinator, said: "The constant care and support given by committed teachers throughout the year was a major factor in the outstanding academic achievement." This 94 per cent pass rate com-pared more than favorably with re-sults at neighboring state and pri-vate schools. "Our group of Year 12 students in 1987 had a very caring and supportive attitude to-12 students in 1987 had a very caring and supportive attitude to-ward each other. The results were a great vindication of the group's dedication throughout the year," said John. Sixteen students achieved 300-plus in the all-important Anderson Score, the calculation that deter-mines the marks required to gain admission to tertiary courses.

"It appears that more than 90 per cent of students have gained en-trance to their chosen tertiary course," said John Solomon.

Later date for Open

The Goldtown Open tennis tourna-ment has been postponed. Due to begin early this month, the event is being held over until later in the

year. "Difficulties with the Easter ho-"Difficulties with the Easter ho-lidays, confusion over the dates of pennant matches and a new school holiday format all contributed to the decision," tournament organiser Ian Ennis told the *Diary*. "The proposed new date in Sep-tember will coincide nicely with the satellite events and culminate what can only be described as a fabulous six weeks of tennis in Warrandyte."

Quick progress on park plan

After some disruption due to staff changes and sickness, great pro-gress is now being made on the management plan for the Warran-dyte State Park. The planning team now comprises Ken Gurney, Tony Varcoe, Val Polley and Sue Master-son and they are working hard to keep to their tight schedule and produce a draft plan in June this year.

produce a draft plan in June this year. The community now has a repre-sentative, Alan Noy, president of the Warrandyte Environment League, on the working group. The working group meets monthly to discuss progress on the plan, and issues facing the planners. It also provides input from government agencies, local councils and now community eroups. community groups

The team has identified many issues which will need to be consi-dered. Team members are very in-terested in the discussions on a buffer zone now being considered by the City of Doncaster and Tem-plestowe as they see big problems arising from the increasing urbani-sation around the park boundaries.

In addition there is the pest weed invasion. Unfortunately several garden plants – honeysuckle, ivy, prunus, and pittosporum, for in-stance – escape into the bush where they can threaten the local flora flora.

The team is still working at 3 Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte, (phone 844 1515) and can be con-tacted there by anyone interested.



CITY OF DONCASTER AND TEMPLESTOWE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PLANNING CONTROLS AT WARRANDYTE

A Planning Scheme amendment has been placed on public exhibition which proposes to introduce controls in Warrandyte to make sure that the envi ment of the area is protected.

At present Warrandyte residential areas are in a Residential "C" Zone under the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme. In this zone there is no control over tree removal and subdivision, and only limited control over building development.

The proposed controls, which intend to place Warrandyte residential areas in a Special Residential Zone, consist of the following:

- A planning permit will be required for the removal or destruction of an substantial free, except where pruning or felling is necessary because the tree is dead or may be a public hazard.
 - A planning permit will be required where the ground floor of any proposed building covers more than 25% of the site or where the first floor area is greater than 15%.
 - A planning permit will also be required where, in any proposed development, there is to be less than half the site set aside for garden, lawn and landscaped areas.

 - A planning permit will be required for dual occupancy where the second dwelling is greater than 100 square metres in floor area or where the site coverage provisions above are not complied with. · A planning permit will be required for all subdivision

- Have your say ... The proposed amendment will be on exhibition for one month from 13 April at the following locations: at the following locations: The proposed amendment will be on exhibition for one month from 13 April at the following locations:
 - Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices 699 Doncaster Road. Doncaster
 - Ministry for Planning and Environment Eastern Region Office Suite 4, 38-40 Prospect Street, Box Hill

Ground Floor, The Olderfleet Buildings 477 Collins Street, Melbourne

You are invited to inspect the plans and comment on the proposal. If you have any queries, telephone the City of Doncaster and Templestowe (Town Planning Department) on 840 9333 or the MPE's Eastern Region Office on 899 0182.

Written submissions should be sent to the Ministry for Planning and Environ ment, PO BOX 2240T, Melbourne, 3001, before the exhibition closes.





We'll bet the Warrandyte goldfield of 130 years ago never boasted three prettier ladies.

Festivalitis

Lance and Jan Vizard are up from East Mel-bourne for the day and making great ploughman's platters at the Lions tent, John Boyle — he headed the committee this year — is offering champagne to everyone who passes by that beat-up combi van of his and then, just when you get thirsty, claiming that he's run out, and your three-year-old son held up the waterslide for 10 minutes after getting a quarter of the way down and then refusing to budge.

Tell me more. Every kid under the age of 14 is riding the festival buses, all the kids over 14 are pairing off, sitting in front of the stage and waiting for the sun to go down, and ... holy John Elliott! Your wife and mine are striding along the footpath with murder in their eyes. We've got to get out of here.

But there's no back door. We'll go out the front. But, quick, make a

Try paying for the round.

Thought I'd find you here. It's the unseasonal weather, mate. The endless summer. The heat, the flies . . . And the chance to shoot through while the missus is occupied with the ankle-biters. You're not wrong. "Look," I said, "there's Shirley Whatshername. Haven't seen her since the last fes-tival. Why don't you have a natter? After that you could look in the WEL tent and ask the State Park crowd why they don't zive away natives like Nunaw-

wd why they don't give away natives like Nunaw-ing Council'. Worked like a charm. I turned right the curried chicken stall, dipped around the back the Filipino noodle tent, raced past the Neopolitan

recream van and here I am. Yeah, it's a great day. Must get back down there ysself. What's happening. The tug-of-war's over. A few hernias but no major uptures they say. The billycart derby was fun. Hope he Pura milk mob never raid that event and arrest ll the kids rolling down the hill on stolen milk retes. Pierb outside the con shon too. kids rolling down the number of the state of



Watch out! Leaves should be green!



All right. We'll be the mug. Who's leading whom over the obstacle course



Lucky Pat Freestone cops a kiss from Festival organiser John Boyle (right) and Doug Temple. Why? Because she's there

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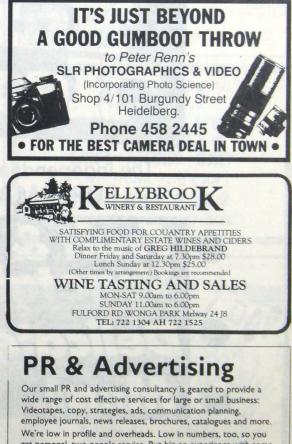


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The yolk's on you, old chum, as students at Warrandyte State School would probably say about teacher Graham Coudry.

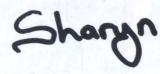


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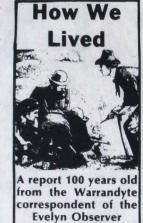
April, 1888: The railway meeting held in the Athenaeum, Doncaster, last Thursday week was well at-tended. It was decided by a large majority of those present to support the northern survey through to Anderson's Creek.

Anderson's Creek. The survey to Anderson's Creek is progressing very favorably (the continuation of the line mentioned above). Everything as yet is going swimmingly. Despite the crokers-(sic) we stand in a first rate posi-tion, and by steady and persistent agitation with the payable premises we can show a railway to Ander-son's Creek will become eventually a fact. a fact

The land boom still continues and properties are daily changing hands at figures which a few years ago would have been thought phen-omenal prices.

That railway communication will be extended to Anderson's Creek there is no doubt. Several gentlemen have already marked out acre blocks for villa residences, and before long the whole of avail-able ground will be pegged out.

The Pound Bend Tunnel Com ne Pound Bend Junnel Com-pany, who were going to astonish us all in connection with motive power and irrigation, seem to be laying on their oars for an indefinite period. I do not think it is want of money to carry out their project, but the excessive price asked for



the tunnel and charter by the promoters

oters. That the undertaking would be a national benefit there is no doubt, and should have been utilized by the Government long ago. There is every possibility that eventually it will become Government property, another thing greatly in favor of our railway, every and any way we look at it.

The Yarra Tunnel Company

Hope remains for community bus

The experiment of leasing a War-randyte community bus from Tem-plestowe Technical School has failed.

Colin Bentley drove children from St Anne's in Park Orchards, South Warrandyte Primary School and Anderson's Creek Primary School to the After School Care Program at Warrandyte Primary School. It was intended also that

community groups hire the bus, but the complexity of booking arrange-ments and the costs put off the five groups which asked to use the ser-vice.

A bus committee has been estab-lished to review other alternatives to leasing for a community bus for Warrandyte.

Parents using the After School Care Program are disappointed

that this service has ended, and local groups have indicated their interest in a bus if the cost is reas-onable and bookings are handled locally locally.

Colin Bentley is the chairman of the bus committee. Any enquiries may be made to Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326. Anyone interested in working on the bus committee should let Jean know.



have struck some very nice gold driving north. A crushing will take place in a few days. Mr Butler has brought over 10 tons of quartz for crushing at Ed-wards' water-wheel battery, from Diamond Creek. It appears all the machinery has departed from what used to be a rich, flourishing little goldfield. The Easter holidays have come

used to be a rich, flourishing little goldfield. The Easter holidays have come and gone. With us it has been a very quiet affair all through. Never, for many years, has the number of vis-itors been so small. I suppose other attractions at a much cheaper rate has been the cause. On Thursday, the 22nd inst., be-fore Wm Hutchinson Esq JP, Wm F. Lewis was charged with wandering at large without any lawful means of support. In sending Lewis to the Melbourne gaol for one month for medical treatment, the magistrate highly complimented Constable Williamson on not only this prompt action but two others which had lately come under his notice — one of a very dangerous nature — of arresting dangerous lunatics. arresting dangerous lunatics. At the court of Petty Sessions held here on the 30th April, before Messrs Cameron and Hutchinson, JPs, Constable Williamson brought up three young men named Lee, Slow and Flynn, for illegally tres-passing on the property of William Tunn. They were fined 2 shillings and 6 pence each.

Warrandyte Diary

The summer is over but life goes on

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flower are a delight on grey days. If you can't find one, go for a walk around Normans Reserve where there is a good specimen of our national floral emblem. Sprotting orchild leaves would have been a calendar marker for the Wurundjeri people. A good month or so every autumn would have been spent on the Bolin Swamp (the flat area of billabongs and swamps along Bulleen Road before the freeway). Copious supp-ly of Eel and Bullrush roots (bang-ers and mash) would feed an im-portant meeting of all the local

tribes of the Kulin people. Impor-tant ceremonial and trading obliga-tions would take place. Then the Wurundjeri would depart, heading up-river, perhaps coming through Warrandyte to eat orchid tubers or collect possum skins for their win-ter coats.

collect possum skins for their win-ter coats. Pied Currawongs, yellow eyes beaming in thievish delight, return from their summer stay in the mountains to the foothills of War-randyte for winter. Always on the sneak, these spooky black and white burglars ravenously feed on anything they can find. Usually ar-riving in a loud raucous mob, pro-claiming their joyous homecoming, they join the 'caretaker' Curra-wongs (those who stayed here dur-ing the summer) for a few days singing and story telling. They then disperse to rob berries, prise moths from treebark and fill the cooling air with their ringing, haunting call

from treebark and fill the cooling air with their ringing, haunting call — Currawong! Currawong!! Soon there will be major territor-ial disputes between the Pied Cur-rawongs, magpies and ravens. Noisy miners, wattlebirds and bell-birds will join in the arguments. Ancient rites and local rights, bat-tles that will continue until the Pied Currawong's spring departure for thes that will continue until the Pied Currawong's spring departure for the tall forests of the Great Divide and their secretive nests. Also in Warrandyte, we have the Grey Currawong which does not migrate like its Pied cousin, but settles in an area. Most often observed foraging alone, they are just as unpopular alone, they are just as unpopular with other birds because they also steal eggs and young chicks from

Returned soldiers, march from the bridge, eyes left focused on the palms which trigger recollections

Late afternoon sun glints brightly on the wet eucalypt leaves. It is the first burst of sunshine all day and it is almost blinding, like the speed that new houses annear in this fast is almost blinding, like the speed that new houses appear in this fast disappearing Red Box forest.



Young artists who usually live in the Warrandyte area are invited to apply for the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award for 1988-89. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 25 – working in any artistic field – are eligible. It is intended that a prize of \$5,000be offered every two years to enable the winner to further their career as an artist

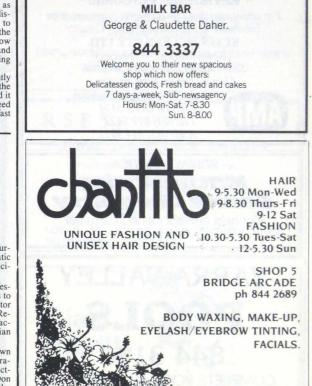
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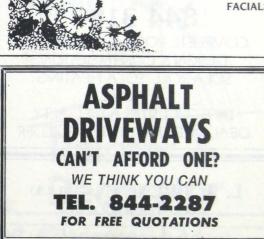
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The end of the Festival, and fireworks erupt over Stiggants' Reserve.

Musical has local theme

Rehearsals are underway for this year's major theatrical production at Warrandyte High School, an original musical play with a local theme.

original musical play with a local theme. During the past four years, staff and students have charmed audien-ces with their efforts on stage. Last year they opened their new theatre at the school with a "spirited" per-formance of "Oklahoma". "They strutted their stuff like professionals," the *Diary* reviewer commented at the time. This year they are taking the process a step further with the pro-duction of a brand new show, creat-ed especially for the school. Titled "The Sallow Wattle", the script has been written by Cliff Green, with lyrics by Lee Tindale and music by Barry McKimm. "The show will be a community project, involving a wider range of participants than other years," se-nior teacher Don Harrison told the *Diary*. "Set in Warrandyte during World

nior teacher Don Harrison told the Diary. "Set in Warrandyte during World War II, 'The Sallow Wattle' deals with the lives of a number of local residents during this difficult time. Included is the romance and heart-break of young love in war-time. break of young love in war-time, the tragedy of two bushfires, as well as lots of comic relief from local character

Although loosely based on the

broad sweep of historic events dur ing these exciting and traumatic years, all the characters and incidents in the play are fictitious.

dents in the play are fuctitious. A number of other local profes-sionals are donating their talents to the show. These include director Carole-Ann Gill, vocal coach Re-nee Maddocks, designer Jock Mac-neish and sound engineer Brian Laurence. Laurence.

Production personnel drawn from inside the school include dra-

Production personnel drawn from inside the school include dra-ma teacher Judy Steel, who is act-ing as producer, and teachers Don Harrison and Jeff Robinson, who are responsible for lighting and talent co-ordination respectively. As part of their course, the Year 11 drama class will be working with the professionals in such areas as stage management, sound, light-ing, set design and construction, props and costume design. Casting is now virtually com-plete, and a large number of stu-dents will be involved in the many singing, acting and dancing roles. Performers will include teachers Chris White and Greg Stewart, well known from their appearances in previous Warrandyte High School musical productions.

It is planned to present a season of six performances of "The Sallow Wattle" at the end of August.



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KENNETH EARL DAWSON

Needs are neglected

The slow process of town planning administration is not keeping pace with the needs of Warrandyte. Lo-cal organisations and residents have been active in responding to: • calls for comment on proposed changes to building and planning regulations which would allow building to boundaries and lot sizes down to 300 square metres (the so-called Residential Development Provisions);

down to 300 square metres (the so-called Residential Development Provisions); • a study into the possibility of rezoning the denser Residential C zones area of Warrandyte (City of Doncaster & Templestowe), to dis-allow dual occupancy and adopt simple tree controls like those used in the Dandenongs; • A study by the City of Doncaster & Templestowe into whether plan-ning provisions for the rural resi-dential areas bordering Warrandyte need updating. The two studies have been going on for more than a year and are in large part a response to local con-cern about the impact of urbanisa-tion on the bushland-village char-acter of Warrandyte. A great many people are getting frustrated with the time this process is taking. All significant planning changes go through at least one public exhi-bition period. Exhibition is a sign that planning people have decided what changes are feasible and got the proposed changes into some sort of legal form. There haven't

the proposed changes into some sort of legal form. There haven't been too many exhibitions of per-formance lately because (I'm told)

the act controlling that and all other things was itself being changed, after exhibition. The revised Plan-ning and Environment Act came into force in January. I thought it might be useful to outline the status of the above initi-atives. Tony Shepherd of the WEL has helped me put together the following.

atives. Tony Shepherd of the WEL has helped me put together the following. **Residential Development Provisions** A great deal of very critical com-ment must have been received on these proposals and the Govern-ment must have been received on these proposals and the Govern-ment must have been received on these proposals before anything is adopted. There is probably only one situation where the initially pro-posed minimum 300 square metres ot size would have applied and that is at the proposed estate on "Toby Thomas's land" in Mullens Road. The more general minimum was the same as that for dual occupan-cy. 400 square metres. The league and others have called for Warrandyte to be exemp-ted from application of any such provisions and we await the revised draft with interest. **Dual Occupancy** It seems that the only way of disallowing dual occupancy in Warrandyte is to rezone the area in question to "Special Residential — Warrandyte is to rezone the tarea in suggested set of conditions requiring a planning permit to construct a dual occupan-cy residence. It is rumoured that a suggested set of conditions requiring a planning permit to conditions conditions which would confine such developments to flate ristes have received scant regard by the Ministry. A number

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to flatter sites have received scant regard by the Ministry. A number



of residents have been informed that the zoning is being closely modelled on one prepared for a quite different situation and this has caused considerable concern at the way the draft provisions are being

way the draft provisions are being prepared. The WAC and the WEL are re-stating the "minimum require-ments" in the hope that the Minis-try will review the draft before the forthcoming exhibition. **The "Buffer Zone"** This study looks like a sleeper. An options paper has been pre-pared for consideration by the council of Doncaster and Temple-stowe.

stowe

stowe. The options paper will describe the range of possible zoning devel-opment — from allowing subdivi-sions of the land presently zoned "Landscape Interest A" to bringing in the tougher provisions of the "Landscape Interest C" zone of the Shire of Eltham. More work will be needed on this one. needed on this one. Mullens Road

Mullens Road The full value of the imminent subdivision of a 1.4 hectare site in Mullens Road, as an example of failure in planning process, is now becoming apparent. These 14 lots are generally down or near the min-imum 785 square metres and have and land canability problems of the and land capability problems of the old "necktie" subdivisions we are now struggling to resolve. It is even

an unsuitable site for special con-sideration for low-cost housing. There seems to be little we can now do to change this plan except seek concessions through negotiation with the owners. Local residents are seeking a better solution and are with the owners. Local residents are seeking a better solution and are being actively assisted by the local member, Lou Hill. In the final result though, this update is also a description of what has made Warrrandyte different and that the understanding and de-termination of its caring residents. **Doug Seymour**, Research-Warrandyte Rd.

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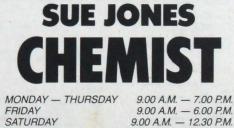
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Editor warned

I was visiting Warrandyte North when a fire occurred, I was im-pressed by the promptness of the Fire Brigade I placed a mini para-graph with \$4.00 in your box (as requested) to be placed in your March edition. This did not appear in your paper. What happens to the money? If this does not appear in the next issue I will be asking more questions. C Bravie

the next issue I will be asking more questions. G. Bravis, Rochester Editor's note: In an attempt to head off at any cost these threatened further questions, we report, (1) the original note was lost, (2) we don't charge for letters anyway, and (3) we had to take a punt on the name. Here's the letter: Full marks to North Warrandyte Fire Brigade for their prompt atten-tion to a fire in the Boulevard, especially to the two women who did a mammoth job.





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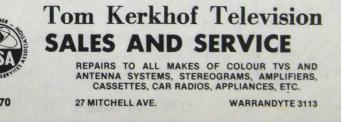


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16.10 to 12.12. They started brilliantly and dominated the first half but tended

Warrandyte's best were out-standing young ruck prospect Kimberley O'Connor and ruck-rover Robin Golding.

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NOW AT THE GOLDFIELDS PLAZA 402 WARRANDYTE RD 844 3463 A better season — probably by far. That was the message from Warrandyte Foot-ball Club as the Bloods tackled their 1988 campaign.

Warrandyte have put the disap-pointments of last season — and relegation to EDFL third division — behind them and president Kev-in McLean confidently predicts a place in the finals.

"I'd be very surprised if we didn't make the finals," Mr McLean told the Diary. "There is no reason why we shouldn't."

Mr McLean said that in terms of manpower, the club's gains had outweighed their losses.

The ledger reads this way:

All-rounders David Sloan and Su-zanne Martin have taken the top trophies for Warrandyte Cricket Club's 1987-88 season.

Club's 1987-88 season. Sloan capped off a fine season by winning the Jack McAuley Memor-ial Shield for best performed player in the Chandler Shield first eleven. Ms Martin won the equivalent honour in the women's eleven — the Allan Chapman Memorial Shield, perpetuated in honour of her late father.

She had turned in an outstanding season with both bat and ball. Trophies were presented at last month's presentation night.

Fifth eleven player Chris Fernan-do collected the batting and bo-wling trophies for that grade and was presented with the Daryl Val-entine Memorial Shield as cricketer

entine Memorial Shield as cricketer of the year. Ron Milton was awarded the McCartin Family Shield for best clubman. The award rcognised his great contribution to junior admin-istration and many other areas. Andrew Hughes won the Les Adams Shield for his talented per-formances in the Under-14A team, and Billy Hose, another youngster with much potential, accepted the Derek Hilton Encouragement Trophy.

Trophy.



Profit: Captain-coach Len Hal-ley, former Essendon ruckman and Bloods 1986 best and fairest; Ge-rard Wilson, centre half-forward recruited from Greensborough; Trevor Constance, ruck-rover rec-ruited from West Heidelberg; Wayne Clark, former outstanding junior returning after a two-year absence.

Loss: Peter Banks (last year's best and fairest); full-forward Doug Byron (who missed most of last season because of injury); promis-ing young ruckman John O'Brien.

David, Sue snap up

top cricket prizes

When this edition of the Diary went to press, Darren Peters was discussing his future with the club and Kimberley O'Connor, ear-marked for the seniors this season, was trying out with Fitzroy's under-19s. Warrandyte hoped to get him back. back

Coach Halley said training had been good and practice-match form excellent.

"So far, we've performed at our best," he said. "The committee has worked hard and recruited well. best.

"The response from the players has been first-class," he said. "With last season's youngsters blending in with the recruits, I think I can promise a better year."

Practice-match excellence? Last year, Doncaster donkey-licked Warrandyte in the warm-up and the

real thing; a few week margin was a few points weeks ago, the Warrandyte then took on Old Ivanhoe Grammarians, amateur premiers in their grade last season. "It was a physically tough game and our young blokes came through it very well," said Mr McLean. "We won by six or seven goals goals.

"There is a better atmosphere this year. Were we in second div-ision, I think we'd do better than last season." last se

Mr McLean said the beneficial effects of the new clubrooms were already being felt. Attendances at the practice matches had doubled.

Early whisper around the oval: Kevin Luttick's new hairstyle is cute — but Ashley & Martin say it won't cover the shortfall.

Finalists bomb out in semis

Warrandyte Cricket Club's 1987-88 season finshed with a hat-trick of semi-final defeats. The thirds, fifths and under-14Bs were all comfortably beaten. The third eleven began badly against East Ringwood, losing 4/9 before stopping the rot with a half-century partnership. The interrupted play and War-randyte wickets tumbled when the game resumed. Only Geoff Taylor and Max Summers offered resist-ance and the innings closed on 132 from 66 of the allotted 80 overs. East Ringwood replied with 6/ 133 – an innings which will long be remembered locally for a bri-liant catch by Fred Jungwith off the bowling of Andrew King. The fifths semi-final was a game that slipped away. Warrandyte dominated the first day, Geoff Day contibuting a fine 64 to a total of 303, and had Vermont strugging at 3/19 in 13 overs bowled before sume. It should have been a match-

stumps. It should have been a match-winning position, but the Dytes lost momentum on the second day and claimed only two wickets while 188 runs were scored. The under-14s could manage only 9/148 in reply to Boronia's 219. Scott Bellinger was the main contributor.

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SEMI-FINAL DETAILS THIRDS: Warrandyte 132 (M. Summers 26, T. Taylor 24) lost to East Ringwood 6/133. FIFTHS: Warrandyte 203 (G. Day 64) lost to Vermont 5/207. UNDER 14-B: Warrandyte 9/148 lost to Boronia 219.

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Major sponsors David and Sue Duckworth (Golden Gate Milk Bar) and Norm and Sue Carrington (Warrandyte Fruit and Vegetable Supply) were guests of Warrandyte Cricket Club at presentation night. The function was held in the new social rooms in Taroona Avenue and more than 100 people attended. The club thanks all its sponsors for their support during the 1987-88 season and hopes the associa-tion will continue in seasons to Diamond buttoning. Loose covers and repairs. Suzanne Martin . . . memorial shield stays in the family SPECIAL AWARDS Jack McAuley Memorial Shield: David Winner of top award 63-64 ER-12B: Michael Howell, Adam White, Saaksjarvi, Mark Luttick. ER-12C: David Callinan, Anthony Wil-I, Justin Edwards, Tony Lee. JUNIORS Daryl Valentine Memorial Shield: Chris UNDER-16: Batting: James Weatherley. Bowling: Iain McKenzie, Fielding Chris Wilks, Manager's award: Craig Wall UNDER-144: Dean Comrie, Andrew Hughes, Paul Meehan, Brad Valentine. UNDER-148: Mason Brown, Jonathan Nasser, Damien Walsh, Scott Cappaiani. UNDER-124: Trent Jacobs, Heath McA-dam, Matt Close, Mark Frazer. Francis |. Briffa man Memorial Shield: Suzanne Allan Crapman wenner Martin. McCartin Family Shelid: Ron Milton. Maiden centurles: Andrew Rogers, Darren Peters, Chris Fernando. Seven wickets or more in an innings: Sharyn Egeberg, Fred Jungwirth, Colin Blackburn, Gerald Walshe, Joram Read. SPECIAL AWARDS SPECIAL AWARDS Les Adams Shield: Andrew Hughes. Derek Hilton Encouragement Trophy: Billy 844 2416 II Everard Drive. Hose Three consecutive scores of 30 or more: Stephen Bell, Billy Hose, Adam White. Sewer Connections Specialists WARRANDYTE ELECTRICS P/L General Plumbing & Maint. Sewer & Septic blockage & 24 HOUR SERVICE repairs. Specialists drainage ★ DOMESTIC & INDUSTRIAL WIRING & MAINTENANCE contractors. 24 hour - 7 day a NEW INSTALLATION week emergency service. * **REWIRING OF OLD HOUSES** Mini 4WD front end loader HOT WATER SERVICES REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE * & back hoe for hire. **AIR CONDITIONERS WIRED & INSTALLED** + **ROCK BLASTING** HEATERS, FANS, GARAGES, OR JUST THAT EXTRA LIGHT OR ARMS PLUMBING SERVICES PTY. LTD. POWER POINT Licensed MMBW — Member Master Plumbers **JIM 844 3889** 844 2812 If no answer **387** 1000

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