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# Freeze on housing is welcome

By CLIFF GREEN

Local residents are welcoming the State Government's decision to 'freeze' closer density development in Warrandyte while special new environmental controls are being considered.

Following representations by Mr Lou Hill, MP for Warrandyte, Mr Tom Roper, the Minister for Planning and Environment, has agreed to place interim controls on residential areas while the Warrandyte Special Residential Zone is on exhibition.

Responding to Mr Hill arguing Warrandyte's case in Parliament, Mr Roper said the interim controls would require a permit to subdivide land or to use it for dual occupancy.

Mr Hill said he was delighted with the minister's response, as it will prevent arbitrary subdivision of land and inappropriate dual occupancy.

A spokesman for the residents' action group formed last year to oppose dual occupancy, told the Diary that the minister's action is welcomed, "as far as it goes".

"Dual occupancy will be held at bay," the spokesman said, "but only in the interim period while the plan is on public exhibition and a decision is made by Government on the proposed amendment; and only if Doncaster Council stands firm and respects the expressed majority view of Warrandyte residents."

The proposed controls include:

- A planning permit will be required for the removal or destruction of any substantial tree, 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 per cent of the site, or where the first floor area is greater than 15 per cent.
- 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.

"These proposed changes to the regulations will do nothing to protect the character of the Warrandyte township," the residents' group spokesman said. "And in some instances we could be worse off than before."

"For example, the size of the second dwelling under previous dual occupancy rules was restricted to 100 square metres. Now, with a permit, there would be no restriction. Thus two large houses could be built on the one site."

"The proposed amendments completely ignore the outright rejection of dual occupancy by 86

percent of Warrandyte residents, as expressed in Doncaster Council's official survey."

Arguing in parliament, Mr Hill said that the present zoning allows for the subdivision of land into minimum sized suburban residential blocks and dual occupancy as of right.

"That zoning is inappropriate because high density living conditions and the clearing of vegetation so close to the State Park should be discouraged," Mr Hill told parliament.

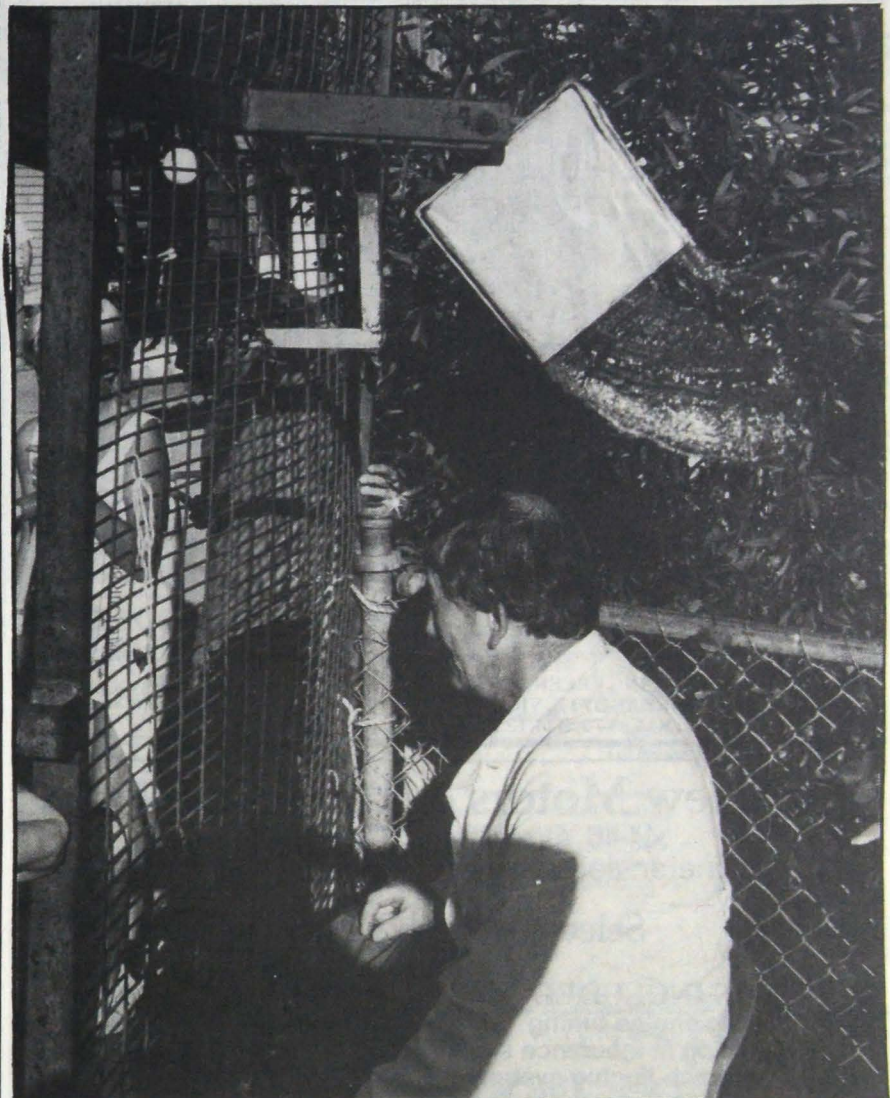
The Amendment for a Warrandyte Special Residential Zone is on exhibition for two months from May 4 at the Doncaster Council offices. Objections can be made during this time. The Diary has also arranged for the document to be displayed at the CAB offices in the old post office in Yarra Street.

"The people of Warrandyte must get involved if they want to preserve the area," the residents' group spokesman said. "We implore people to examine the amendment and lodge their objections, otherwise the township we know and love will be gone forever."

As well as the residents' group, the Warrandyte Environment League and the Warrandyte Advisory Council are pledged to continue to fight the dual occupancy issue.

"We would also be most appreciative if copies of private submissions could reach our group, so we can better co-ordinate the campaign," the spokesman said. The group can be contacted by phoning Bruce Bence, 844 3122.

## The water torture



They're a different breed of headmaster — sorry, principal — these days. Warrandyte Primary's Ken Wing Jan was a split second away from a dousing in a good cause when this picture was snapped.

## Diary rates must rise

After two full years without a price rise, the Diary is being forced, most reluctantly, to increase its advertising charges soon.

Since the last increase, in July 1986, circulation of the Diary has grown by an unprecedented 50 per cent. Because the paper is available free to its readers, the cost of the longer print run has had to be met from advertising revenue.

The upward creep of production costs over the past two years has been offset by increased efficiency from both the Diary staff and its typesetters and printers and by locals undertaking more of the pro-

duction work on a voluntary basis. But a limit has been reached, and unless our rates are increased, the financial stability of the newspaper could be in jeopardy.

The Diary now circulates through a record number of 27 distribution points in Warrandyte and surrounding areas, including South Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, East Doncaster and Kangaroo Ground.

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As a long-serving member and past president, Ken McKenzie has the ongoing welfare of the Warrandyte RSL Sub-branch very much at heart. But he'd rather not spend part of Anzac Day a prisoner in the bowels of the building. Ken was beneath the hall doing some instant, urgent repairs to the plumbing immediately after last month's ceremony when a couple of commendably tidy and well-meaning kids noticed the cellar door ajar. They promptly bolted it shut. The good councillor McK, who has been in some tight spots before, figured the best way to attract attention was to bang on the floorboards above — an operation rendered totally futile by the presence upstairs of the Box Hill Pipe Band in full cry. Ken thumped away for half an hour before Jim Girvan, whose sensitive hearing was able to detect an enemy submarine oceans away in WW2, picked up the SOS and released the captive.



Ainslie Lamb is a super solicitor — and that's official. Ms Lamb, counsellor for the Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau among other legal and educational activities, has taken third place in the Victorian Law Institute's "Super Solicitor 1988" award. Her nominators conservatively estimated she has averaged eight hours of community work a week for the past 14 years! Don't

## IN RED & WHITE

ask Smokey to spell that out in total hours because his pocket calculator blew a fuse counting the free kicks the Bloods should have got but didn't. Ms Lamb, of Jumping Creek Road, Wonga Park, collects \$500 worth of literature from the Law Book Company as her prize. We wonder how she's going to be able to find time to read it.

Folk at the Co-op are hopping mad! Some person has stolen the machine which Tim Bury uses to split wood to deliver to homes. Says Jean Chapman: "This is practically our only means of making money to keep the Co-op going. Tim has had to split wood with a hand wood splitter, which is very hard work, and he doesn't appreciate the blisters he is getting from it. Our faith in people is beginning to falter when thieves will stoop to taking essential items of machinery from a community group."



Smokey extends a special welcome to Claire Emily, first-born daughter of Mandy and Mark Bence of Yarra Street. Beaming grandparents are

Wilma and Bruce Bence and Judy and Cliff Green. Little Claire is a sixth generation Warrandyte. You can't arrive with better local credentials than that.

They are a brave lot, the teachers at Warrandyte Primary. On May Day — and we must not think that this date influenced their performance — they faced their fate at the school's "inaugural" Bicentenary fair. Thank God they can't hold another, says Smokey.

Out in the grounds they rigged up a sort of cyclone-fenced safety net and positioned teachers behind it. Well, can't you imagine how many kids lined up in front! The lads and lasses threw tennis balls at a minuscule target. Those who hit it squarely tipped a bucket of water on the teacher of their choice.

The first to face the water and the music (pun intended) was Kevin O'Mara, who hit several alto notes as the icy water dribbled down. Carole Lush, sporting a very attractive showercap, was drenched more often than a prize merino. Ah, but the line-up was huge when Ken Wing Jan, principal of the whole shebang was prodded, taunted and forced into a turn behind the wire.



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Richard Macquire, 16, Kaine Pinder, 17, and Tim Wilson, 18, all live in Warrandyte and train on the Yarra River. They are delighted that Warrandyte will have three out of the nine representatives in the Australian junior team in Europe and that Kaine and Richard will be participating in the senior Pre-World Canoeing Championships at Maryland in America.

However, this does not all happen without some personal effort and cost. They have to find approximately \$3000 each to get themselves and their canoes overseas and are looking for some local help and support. They would be delighted if a local business, local councils, or individuals could help to sponsor them.

If anyone can help with sponsorship or would just like to make a donation, please contact Tim on 844 3366.

LEFT: Warrandyte's own Kaine Pinder competing in the Australian Wild Water championships in Western Australia last year.



Lou Hill, MLA ... zoning inappropriate.

# Rotten roads protest

A group of Warrandyte residents has protested to Doncaster and Templestowe Council about the state of their roads.

In a letter to the town clerk, the residents — who live in the Leber Street, Drysdale Road, Colin Avenue area — say that these roads have become unsafe through the council's neglect and immediate action is necessary to restore them to a reasonable state.

The residents also say they are worried that, without any consultation, they may become saddled with a costly, unsightly road construction project scheduled for next year.

The letter says: "About 10 years ago, council entered into agreement with the residents of these streets to reconstruct the roads, which was paid for by ratepayers on a pro rata basis according to street frontage. Thereafter, the council agreed to take responsibility for maintenance by way of grading road surfaces and applying metal as required as well as clearing drainage culverts;

such maintenance to be undertaken no more than twice a year.

"Since that time the maintenance of these roads by council has been minimal and has been carried out only when the roads have fallen into disrepair and residents in numbers have requested that something be done.

"It was rare that such maintenance would have been performed twice in a year and in fact, we believe it may only have been done once in the past three to four years.

"In other words, council has not lived up to its responsibility in adequately maintaining these roads and we now have a situation where they are in such a state of disrepair as to cause undue wear and tear on residents' motor vehicles as well as the risk of severe damage any time they leave their driveways."

"We demand that council accept its responsibility for the repair of these areas which through its negligence, together with greatly increased public usage, have fallen into their present state of decay."

## Applications coming in for youth arts award

Young artists in the area are responding with enthusiasm to the recent announcement of the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, a joint project of Warrandyte Lions and the *Diary*.

The award, to be offered every two years, is valued at \$5000. It will be available to any artist aged between 18 and 25 years who usually resides in Warrandyte.

The term "artist" is not restricted to painters, but includes potters, sculptors, weavers, craftspersons, dancers, singers, actors, musicians, writers, film-makers, designers or whatever.

If more than one applicant is considered outstanding the award could be shared, although the or-

ganisers are anxious that the amount of money available to any winner should be enough to ensure a major contribution to the development of that young artist's career.

It is also intended that the prize should be used in ways that specifically serve the needs of the winner. It may help towards fees, overseas travel, a living allowance, equipment, or the cost of a specific project or exhibition.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Citizens' Advice Bureau in the old post office in Yarra Street, or by writing to the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, P.O. Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.

## Liability inquiry welcome, says Hill

Warrandyte voluntary organisations want changes to the law of public liability, according to local member Lou Hill.

Mr Hill was welcoming an inquiry by the Parliamentary Legal and Constitutional Committee into public liability of voluntary organisations.

"Too often Warrandyte volunteers fear the possibility of being sued for accidental injury or damage done to another person," Mr Hill said. "The committee is examining ways of protecting voluntary organisations and their members from liability against claims arising from the conduct of their activities. It is also looking at the availability and other aspects of public liability insurance," Mr Hill, the deputy chairman of the committee, said.

He explained that the law has established structures which can limit the risk to volunteers, however many people were not aware of their legal rights and obligations or of how the law could assist them.

"There are major problems facing organisations and their members which require urgent attention," Mr Hill said.

In conducting its inquiry the committee will be addressing numerous issues including:

- whether all or some voluntary organisations should be required to limit liability of their members;
- whether voluntary organisations should be granted some form of statutory immunity from liability or whether the amount which may be claimed against them should be limited;
- what scheme, if any, should be introduced to assist voluntary organisations to afford public liability insurance;
- should it be compulsory for all or some voluntary organisations to obtain public liability insurance?

Lou Hill said he would welcome views from Warrandyte voluntary organisations and individuals to put before the committee. Mr Hill may be contacted at his office in Hewmart Arcade, Croydon, or by telephoning 725 3570.

## Liberal's pledge on zoning

Local Liberal candidate Phil Honeywood is prepared to use the dual occupancy question as a major campaign issue at the next State election.

"It is official Liberal policy to exempt historically and environmentally sensitive areas from dual occupancy legislation," he told the *Diary*.

Twenty-eight year old Mr Honeywood of North Ringwood was recently endorsed by the Liberal Party as its candidate for the seat of Warrandyte at the next election.

"The Liberal Party has consistently fought for exemption for Warrandyte and Park Orchards under the Government's dual occupancy legislation," he said.

Warrandyte is the second most marginal electorate in Victoria. Sitting ALP member Lou Hill won the seat at the last election by a majority of only 87 votes.

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The aims of the study were to:

- undertake a land capability survey based on slopes, vegetation, land use and subdivision pattern;
- assess the appropriateness of the present zonings; and
- investigate alternative zoning controls on land use and improvement to management practices.

The study has now been completed. Council is seeking comments from residents and interested members of the public before considering options for changes to land use controls in the Warrandyte/Park Orchards area.

**Have your say . . .**

The report entitled "Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study" will be exhibited for public comment for two months from 16 May, 1988 at the following locations:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.
- Park Orchards Community House Incorporated, 572 Park Road, Park Orchards (during school terms only) and
- Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau Old Post Office, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Copies of the study may also be purchased at the Municipal Offices. Cost \$20 per copy.

You are invited to inspect the study and comment on options for changing land use controls in Warrandyte and Park Orchards. If you have any queries, telephone the City of Doncaster and Templestowe (Town Planning Department) on 840 9333.

Council's Strategic Planner will be in attendance at Warrandyte from 10.00a.m.-1.00p.m. on 1 and 15 June 1988, and at Park Orchards from 10.00a.m.-1.00p.m. on 8 and 29 June, 1988, to discuss the study.

Written submissions should be sent to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, Box 1, P.O., Doncaster, 3108 before 18 July, 1988.

By BRUCE BENCE

# A good bloke called Bill

Every now and then, when researching history, you come across an individual who stands out from the crowd, a character who is larger than life. Such a person was Bill McAuley.

Bill is remembered by those who knew him, not because he died a soldier's death in World War II, but for his many special attributes. Whenever something was happening in Warrandyte — be it sports, fires or floods — Bill was there.

The son of Eva (formerly Belzer) and Sam McAuley, Bill was born at 'Pontville' on Major Newman's property in Newman's Road, Templestowe, in 1908.

He attended school at Warrandyte, being a member of the fourth generation of the McAuley family to do so. Miss Mary Aumann remembers Bill having quite a good singing voice. But when he sang he typically "gave it everything", drowning out everyone else, a situation not appreciated by the music teacher.

Bill was only average as a student. But he was outstanding at sport. A fine swimmer, he competed keenly in the river swimming carnivals that were a regular feature in Warrandyte before the war. One of his feats was to dive from high up in a big old box tree into the swimming hole behind the old post office.

It is typical of Bill's character that his best mate should have been Manny Logan, who was physically handicapped. In those days, less robust boys were given a fairly hard time by their contemporaries, and no doubt Manny appreciated Bill's friendship and support on more than one occasion.

On weekends, Bill and Manny took Bill's ferrets and their dogs (along with any strays that were about) and went rabbiting. They sold the carcasses to locals for sixpence each. The skins were carefully stretched on wire frames, dried out and sold.

His sister Lillian remembers feeding Bill's ferrets when he was away at work. She still bears the scar where one ungrateful female bit her on the finger. Bill was not too popular on another occasion when his ferrets escaped, killing all his mother's prize Rhode Island Red fowls.

After leaving school, Bill worked on a number of orchards around the district. Once he took a job on a wheat farm at Coolamon in New South Wales. He became fond of a horse called Mickey he rode around the property.

When the time arrived for him to

return home, Bill bought Mickey from the farmer and rode him home, a journey of some 500km. During the trip, Bill often slept in cemeteries along the way, thus guaranteeing grass for Mickey and an undisturbed night.

Mickey hated cars, and would not let one pass him on the road if he could help it. Lillian rode him at times, and she remembers hair-raising gallops with cars lumbering along behind. Fortunately there were fewer cars about, and their speed was somewhat limited on the rough, unsealed roads.

The floods of 1934 turned the Yarra into a raging torrent. Logs and other debris, swept down on the swollen stream, jammed against the piles of the old wooden bridge, threatening it with destruction.

Bill McAuley leaned far out over the rail, singlehandedly cutting away trees and branches; a feat only a superb axeman would attempt. The bridge survived, serving the community until it was replaced by the present structure in 1955.

He was an outstanding footballer, playing full-back for Warrandyte for many years. A tough, fearless competitor, he did not look for trouble, but could handle any that came his way. Also a keen cricketer, he was secretary of the cricket club for a period.

Bill was working on J.J. Tully's orchard in Doncaster when the 1939 fires hit Warrandyte. He headed for home on his motorbike, but had trouble getting through. He



Bill McAuley: He typically gave it everything.

finally arrived to find his father's house a blazing ruin.

He fought the fire in Kangaroo Ground Road, then went to South Warrandyte, where they stopped the fire just above the Jefferey's house. Just when they thought they had won, the flames swept through

the gully at the side and the house was ablaze from end to end.

Their situation desperate, Bill jumped on his bike — with Mr Jefferey on the pillion — and they roared down the Ringwood road with the flames going over the top of them. Had the bike not started first kick they might have perished.

On one occasion, a young Warrandyte lass wanted to go to the local dance. Her father was reluctant to let her go, as gangs of youths sometimes came from other areas, causing trouble. But when his daughter told him Bill McAuley would be there, the father knew there would be no trouble and permission was granted.

Whilst working on orchards around the district, Bill bought 20 acres (about eight hectares) of his father's land in Beauty Gully Road, planting it in fruit trees. These were just coming into production when World War II began. Bill's brother Jack took over the orchard and Bill joined the army.

Several other Warrandyte men joined the services at the same time, and a farewell night was held for them in the hall. Lillian still remembers the speech Bill made: "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I am a better fighter than a speaker. Thank you very much."

Bill joined the AIF — 2/5th Battalion, 6th Division — in 1939. He fought through the Western Desert to Benghazi and through the Greek and Syrian campaigns before returning to Australia and on to the South Pacific.

Returning from Greece to Egypt, the ship was attacked by dive bombers. Bill, along with other members of the battalion, stood on the deck, firing at the planes as they came in to attack. When they got back to Egypt, Bill had an unexpected reunion with his brother Ralph, who had joined the army and was in hospital in Egypt at the time.

One local who was serving in Syria at the same time as Bill, told the family he had seen Bill's name on a recommendation for the Victoria Cross for bringing in a wounded mate. The award was never made.

Bill came back to Australia from the Middle East, then went on to New Guinea with his battalion after only six days leave. He was killed in January 1943, fighting to push Japanese forces back from Wau aerodrome.

Although Bill McAuley died 45 years ago, he is still remembered affectionately as "a good bloke".

# Lest we forget



Father Fred van Gestel conducts Warrandyte's 1988 Anzac Day service.

A recent story in the *Diary* brought up the tale of Dr Mary Thornton. Eve Evans, a former resident of Warrandyte, has written her memoirs of the well-known medico.

Dr Mary left school and went to work in an office. She put herself through night school to gain the qualifications to study medicine at Melbourne University. She came to live in Warrandyte in the early 1930s.

# Dr Mary, a fighter and a battler



Photo Dr Mary in the uniform of a lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps, taken in London 1940.

Dr Mary, as she was generally called, was one of the outstanding characters of old Warrandyte. She lived in a small but delightful cottage on Kangaroo Ground Road.

She was a very forthright and outspoken person. Like many outspoken people, she did make enemies, but underneath she had a heart of gold. I rented her cottage in the early 1940s while she was away at the war. The Australian Army would not accept a woman, so she went as ship's doctor to England and joined the British Army. She saw action in the Middle East, hence later, her book 'Matilda Waltzes with the Tommies'. This was a moderate success.

I might mention here that her publisher asked her to write a love story. I was living in Warrandyte at the time and remember that she phoned me late one night, and, interspersing her request with some strong language, asked if I would come next day and help her. "I am all right at the real thing," she said, "but not this synthetic stuff."

Although I had heard much about her, I did not meet her until after the war. But we soon became firm friends, a friendship that lasted until her death.

At one stage she opened a medical practice in Warrandyte. However her patients were mostly old pensioners who could not afford the five-shilling fee she asked. Instead they brought her a chicken, half a dozen eggs or some flowers. She took the money from those who did offer cash, but rather than give it back to them, when they might spend it at the pub, she gave it back to their wives. Of course, on this basis, the practice was a dismal failure.

She had a room above her garage

which she had rented to a Dr Kent Hughes while she was away. When she came back to her cottage she asked him to leave. He refused, saying that he had cared for her garden for so long that he felt entitled to stay there.

Then, Dr Mary, in her forthright fashion, said, "Very well, if you won't go let's bloody well get married, then we both can share it." They did and she faithfully cared for him until he died.

She would never drive her small

car over my shocking roads, but once or even twice a week would trudge across the hills to me. She knew that, at that time, I was having difficulty moneywise, so she always brought a parcel of food, saying that she had bought too much and could I use it?

For some years she used to visit the Heidelberg Military Hospital once a week. The men loved her. She was always cheerful, could talk to them about wartime experiences and curse as good as any man there.

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## Judith back; flute still magic

Twenty years ago a shy young Warrandyte girl, Judith Hall, played her flute before an audience of 25 in the Mechanics Institute Hall. On Friday, April 9, together with Timothy Walker on guitar, Judith played to an entranced audience at the Warrandyte High School. Our changing unchanging village.

Judith's experience at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and with major British orchestras as well as individual recitals in many countries was evident in her musicianship and presence.

Judith and Tim performed pieces from the obscure to the familiar. They performed a work by Melvyn Cann, Latrobe University professor of philosophy, commissioned especially for Judith; a work of extraordinary rhythm and sparkle.

Another piece was by an English friend who, after a holiday in Scotland, presented Judith with a work of great technical difficulty reminiscent of bagpipes.

Finally, the resounding tango from the borders of South America and the bossanova left the audience mesmerised.

We should comment on the decor, too: the apple-green curtain backdrop, the Afghan rug lent by Noelle Burgess for the evening as a perfect foil to the musicians' jazzy and humorous clothes of lolly pink, ochre and rust.

Even the basketball match in the building did not challenge the music and it provided a convenient excuse for teenage children "locked out" in the second half to escape from high culture.

LOUISE JOY

## Their friend Fricker

Friends of the Warrandyte State Park may soon be joined by Friends of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park.

Recently, Lou Hill organised a meeting of local residents in the Pound Road area with local MMBW ranger Pat Fricker, at Glynn's Farm, North Warrandyte, which is part of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park.

Mr Fricker gave a very informative talk about the board's activities in the Metropolitan Parks and many residents were pleasantly surprised at the extent of the board's activities in promoting and developing local parkland.

Mr Fricker explained plans to develop natural habitats for native animals and wetlands for water birds.

Mr Hill said there appears to have been a revolution recently in the MMBW. "Thanks to people like Pat Fricker, our local metropolitan park is developing in a very sensitive way both for the development of flora and fauna and the enjoyment of the public."

Many of those present at the meeting indicated their interest in

forming a "friends" group to work with the board rangers in the local area.

After the meeting Pat Fricker treated the residents to a spotlight walk along the river, identifying many local plants and animals.

## Kirsty to run for Victoria

A grade five pupil from Anderson's Creek Primary School, Kirsty Phillips, has been selected to represent Victoria in the Pacific School Games, which will be held in Sydney in December.

Kirsty was selected after a series of trials were conducted by the Victorian Primary School Sports Association. Kirsty will compete in the 11 years 800-metres.

Endeavor and persistence has achieved this wonderful feat for Kirsty, who last year, was defeated at her local district sports in the 800-metres event.

One of last year's pupils at Anderson's Creek, Karina Reid, has also been selected in the team. She will compete in the 12 years 800-metre event.

The Pacific School Games is the last official Bicentenary event in Sydney, and children from primary and secondary schools from all states of Australia and many overseas countries will be competing in athletics and swimming.

The first Pacific School Games was held in Melbourne four years ago. Anderson's Creek Primary

School was involved in those games as families from the school billeted competitors from the New Zealand team.

## Mathews to speak

The Minister for Community Services, Race Mathews, will be speaking at a public meeting at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre on May 17 at 7.30 pm. The topic of the meeting is "Families and Governments in the Eighties".

Announcing the date of the meeting, local member Lou Hill said he was delighted that such a well-liked Minister was visiting the electorate.

"I believe this is a good opportunity for all interested parties to hear the Minister speak on the range of programs offered by the Department of Community Services."

The meeting is being co-sponsored by the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau, Warrandyte preschools and the Warrandyte Senior Citizens. It is requested that questions be submitted in writing before the meeting. For further details telephone the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau on 844 3082.

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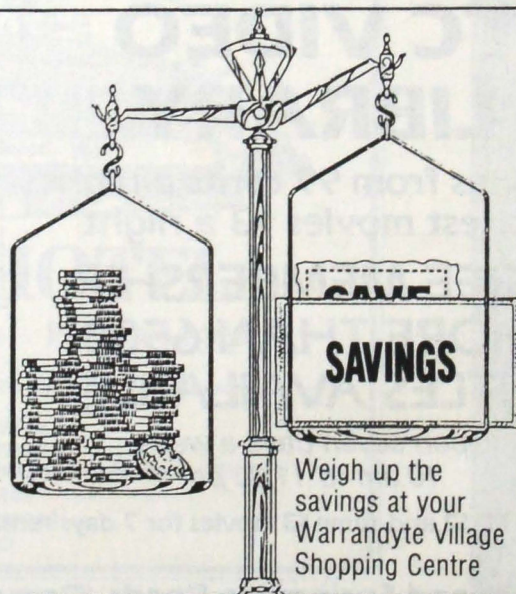
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# Eye-opening visit for 13

It started, like so many excellent ideas, as a proposal put forward over a glass of Guinness in the Warrandyte pub. It didn't require much persuasion before Jack Barr, brother of Northern Ireland MP Glen Barr, had recruited Warrandyte families to act as hosts to 13 youngsters and their supervisors from the Maydown Youth Training Centre in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

It was while he was staying with brother Jack, of Blooms Road, Warrandyte, that Glen Barr, the manager of Maydown, suggested that the youngsters visit Australia during the Bicentennial year.

The Maydown Training Centre is a pilot scheme introduced by the British Government in 1980 to counteract overwhelming youth unemployment in Northern Ireland. It offers opportunities for school-leavers to learn a variety of business and practical skills, oriented towards employment. To date, more than 90 per

cent of trainees entering the unit have been offered fulltime jobs.

One of the aims outlined by Maydown management committee is to provide a non-denominational environment in which the young people can train and learn together, free from sectarian pressures. They are also encouraged to travel and have made sporting and social trips within Europe.

It was through the sponsorship of British Airways, Irish banks and business houses, that the youngsters were able to visit Australia. The group arrived in Sydney in early February and a harbor cruise almost convinced them they had visited the most interesting city, however a short stop at Mickey Bourke's pub in Koroit put things into perspective.

It was, however, the Warrandyte experience which was to prove unique. This was the first time the Maydown youngsters had lived and mixed socially with families who were not di-

rectly connected with the Irish community. Highlight of the Melbourne visit was the invitation extended to host families and their guests by Mrs Jean McCaughey, the Australian patron, to attend a reception at Government House on St Patrick's Day.

The Derry youngsters proved to be a warm and caring group of young people whose enthusiasm for the Australian way of life was evident. Return visits are already being discussed. No doubt this attitude owes much to the efforts of the host families who entertained them with pool parties, barbecues, speed-boating on Eildon Weir, a visit to the Warrandyte market and canoeing on the Yarra.

The Derry coat of arms, presented to the people of Warrandyte by the youngsters of Derry, is now proudly displayed in the Grand Hotel.

MARION WINTON

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TRACEY CORRIGAN

### Why not hire a local trier?

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

Amanda, 25, has had experience working in offices but is willing to do housework or ironing in the meantime. Tim, 26, is seeking work as a storeman but would do gardening or laboring.

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Rolly Kennedy, who was captain from September 1949 to February 1951.

If anyone in the area knows of the whereabouts of any of the Kennedy family the brigade would be grateful if they would contact Bruce Bence on 844 3122 or write to 53 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte, 3113.

Rolly Kennedy incidentally ran the little old orange bus that ran between Eltham and Warrandyte to pick up school children and take them home. He also operated the Warrandyte taxi service in the late 40s and early 50s. Anyone who travelled on the bus over the rough dirt roads will never forget the experience.

### Sole parents get together

The Warrandyte Sole Parent Support Group held another barbecue on Sunday, April 10, this time up at Coranderrk (Badger Weir) Reserve near Healesville.

Apart from the overall attractiveness of the reserve, members were particularly impressed with the facilities available: wood stacks, clean loos, adequate litter bins/tables/seating, tap water, and safe play areas for the children.

One member suggested this was an example Warrandyte could follow to improve the river bank area, encouraging visitors to enjoy and respect the environment.

The group's next meeting and social afternoon is on Sunday, May 22, when the discussion topic will be Budgeting on a Limited Income, including sharing of hints on cooking and recipes (non-vegetarian and vegetarian). Children are welcome. For further details, phone Lin on 844 1966.

### Co-op holds its AGM

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-op Ltd. will hold its sixth annual general meeting at the Co-op office, 176 Yarra Street, at 8pm on Wednesday, May 18.

Three positions are up for elec-

tion by shareholders this year. Nomination forms are available from the Co-op office. Annual reports will be available at the meeting and afterwards at the Co-op office.

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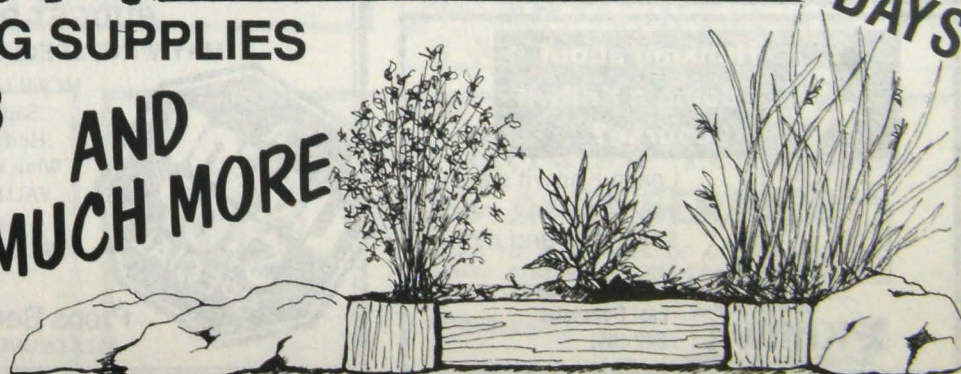
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**M.J. Parsons**  
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## Festival thanks

Members of the Warrandyte Festival Committee would gratefully like to acknowledge the unwavering assistance of our local fire brigades and Alan Alder and his crew of workers from the State Emergency Service, without whose supply of manpower we would be unable to run our annual festival.

Special thanks also to all those community groups and clubs who help organise and run special events and then participate as well. But the biggest thanks of all must go to the Warrandyte Community: you the resident, who patronised this year's festival and made it the

## LETTERS

best yet — with record crowds — a weekend to be remembered and talked about for weeks to come.

**Lynne Cappellani,**  
Secretary,  
Warrandyte Festival Committee.

## Negative attitude

I am particularly disappointed at the negative attitude reflected in your front page article dealing with the Warrandyte Community Centre.

I believe the focus would have been far better directed towards the very positive result which flowed from the unanimous council vote on March 29 rather than the emphasis placed both in the text and cartoon on confrontation over commercial development.

An alternative headline could have read 'Community and councils to work together to get community centre under way'. In particular I would like the Warrandyte community to be aware of the excellent working relationship which allowed WAC, the Warrandyte Ward councillors, led by councillor Vern Denford, and the mayor, councillor Doug McKenzie to reach a very acceptable agreement on both the Youth Coffee Shop and the Community Centre.

A co-operation which WAC is confident will result in a well planned centre to commence at an early date.

**Alan King,**  
Chairman,  
WAC.

*The Diary notes Mr King's remarks but points out that, like all reputable newspapers, it retains the right to interpret events as its reporters see them. This, inevitably, will involve viewpoints which differ from those of people who are actively involved in the affair.*

*We do not choose to, nor could we, censor our cartoonist, Jock. His opinions are his own. We also invite*

*Mr King to try writing his suggested headline in the space available.*

## Festival congrats

Congratulations to all of those involved in the Warrandyte Festival this year!

To my mind the Festival embodied the spirit of Warrandyte with great participation and enjoyment on all sides. Unfortunately, a jarring note came in the form of Liberal Party leaflets placed under car windscreen wipers at the Festival.

I wonder if the people distributing the leaflets realised they were breaking the law and risked being fined. This method of distribution was made illegal to prevent the littering which it inevitably causes.

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**Janice Davies**

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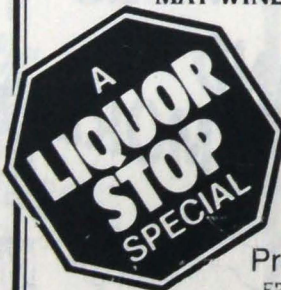
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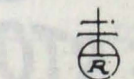
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The Yarra Tunnel Company are still driving. They intend crushing their stone in a few days.

There is nothing fresh re railway matters. The surveys are being carried on. A survey from Kew through Doncaster and Templestowe to Anderson's Creek has also been started.

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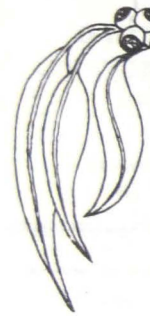
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# Blunders rob Bloods of 'should have' win

Warrandyte failed their first wet-weather test of the 1988 football season when they went down by three points to Fair Park.

But it was a game the visiting Bloods should not have lost.

"If ever there was a game we should have won, that was it," captain-coach Len Halley said immediately after the match.

The defeat was Warrandyte's third in five games — a disappointing record considering what should be lesser company in EDFL third division this season.

Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean blamed the poor start to the season largely on the failure of recruited players to produce results so far.

"Players we brought in are letting us down," he said.

Coach Halley, one of the several key players missing from the lineup against Fair Park because of injury, blamed "a lot of critical mistakes" for the defeat.

"My target was to produce a more competitive side this season," he said. "I don't think there's any doubt that we are more competitive, but we made fundamental errors at critical times."

Neither side showed finesse in the slippery conditions and there was never more than a handful of points between them.

The first quarter was scramble and indecisive, a legacy of steady rain and an indication of things to come. Fair Park were first into gear and scored the first two goals, but Warrandyte hit back twice and a goal sockered by Brian Scicluna put the Bloods a point in front.

Warrandyte trailed by that margin at quarter-time after Lachlan



Cam Day . . . a good day against Fair Park.

McLean had responded to a Fair Park goal by marking strongly and kicking truly.

Rover Steve Caroll goaled for Warrandyte early in the second term and the Bloods wasted an opportunity to move further ahead when Scicluna kicked poorly from a free in front. Fair Park regrouped

and kicked the next three goals to run to an 11-point lead. It was to be the biggest margin of the match. The Bloods cut that back to a four-point half-time deficit when Trevor Constance marked and goaled.

Warrandyte had tended to kick blindly in the unfavourable conditions, often picking out an opponent's chest. In his address at the

interval, Halley pointed to the basic mistakes and demanded a big improvement from the better-known players.

The third quarter produced only two goals — one apiece. The skills of both sides were poor. Fair Park were doing better in the air, despite a lion-hearted performance from Bloods ruckman Robert (Spider) Webb. Warrandyte had more than their share of the ball but were unable to use it effectively.

The home side stretched their lead to nine points, but Warrandyte, their "togetherness" cemented by a couple of behind-play skirmishes, rallied late in the quarter to play their best football of the match.

When Wayne Clarke kicked straight from a free and 15-metre penalty, the Bloods trailed by just three points — 7.8 to 6.11.

Warrandyte had a big chance to grab the lead early in the last quarter when Constance was freed within kicking distance. But he elected to pass in to the pocket and the ball ran out of bounds. Another miskick into an open goal produced a behind and a promising forward thrust fell apart when handball was overdone.

It was desperate football, with the respective defences tackling fiercely. Neither side could manage a goal for the quarter and Warrandyte were still three points behind — 7.11 (53) to 6.14 (50) — when time ran out.

Warrandyte's best were Webb, Tony Sturesteps, Brad Day, Scicluna, Mark Watkins and Cam Day.

The reserves, who were also defeated, were best served by Joey Hassall, Russell Dorning and Shane O'Donnell; and the stars of their under-18's win were Dale Vitiritti, Matt Hurley and Chris Sharp.

## Golding to miss rest of season



Matthew Elliott . . . a big name on the injured list.

Ruck-rover Robin Golding, an important component of Warrandyte Football Club's 1988 aspirations, will not play again this season.

Golding, last year's captain and 1984 best-and-fairest winner, has a serious knee injury which will require reconstructive surgery.

While resigned to the long-term loss of Golding, club officials were anxiously awaiting the return from injury of other key players - including captain-coach Len Halley, Matthew Elliott and Garry Allsop.

The new licensed clubrooms at the Warrandyte recreation reserve are now fully functional.

The liquor licence applies from

5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday; noon on Saturday for home games and 5 p.m. for away matches; and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Meals are available on Thursday night (starting 7.30), so this is your chance to watch football training before you wine and dine.

The facilities are now available to football or cricket club members for an additional initial outlay of

\$100. Membership inquiries should be directed to Shane Revell (football club, 844 3887) or Steve Pascoe (cricket club, 844 1213).

Seeing big Mick Sporton say no to a friendly beer is about as unlikely as seeing hair grow on an egg. But the Warrandyte reserves ruckman has signed the pledge in a fitness campaign aimed at a regular place in the seniors.

Mick shed half a stone in the first 2½ weeks of his self-imposed drought and vowed to continue.

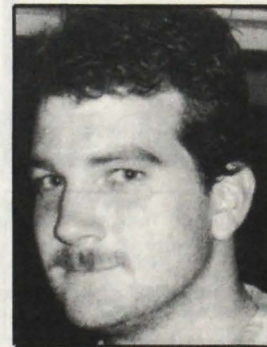
The temptation is pretty constant because he pulls beer for a living at the Panton Hill Hotel.

His mates describe his abstinence as the ultimate sacrifice.

The most conspicuously-dressed spectator at the Fair Park game was former Bloods president Jeff Reddie.

Jeff was resplendent in his Akubra and one of those raincoats the mountain cattlefolk wear.

He ignored references to Crocodile Reddie, and there is probably no truth to the rumour that he is rehearsing for a part in The Man From Snowy River III.



Mick Sporton . . . the ultimate sacrifice.

## Cricket club seeks coach

Warrandyte Cricket Club is seeking a senior coach for the 1988-89 season. It would prefer a playing coach.

The club is affiliated with the Ringwood District Cricket Association and has Chandler Shield first

and reserves elevens and three other men's teams.

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