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Council backs house fight

By CLIFF GREEN

Doncaster and Templestowe Council is backing the Warrandyte community in its fight against closer density housing in the township.

Before a large public gallery of interested Warrandyte residents, council resolved earlier this month to press State Government to prohibit dual occupancy and flat development in Warrandyte.

Council's submission to the forthcoming Planning Ministry inquiry on the proposed Special Residential Zone for Warrandyte will also request a minimum lot size of 1000 square metres, and a building density of one dwelling per 1000 square metres.

Any new ruling will not affect smaller subdivisions already approved.

Moving the resolution, Cr Ken McKenzie told council that Warrandyte has always been recognised as a special area. "In order to remain a special area, the people who came to live here had to suffer many inconveniences and privations," Cr McKenzie said.

"They put up with tank water, poor transport, indifferent roads, a lack of many public facilities and the ever-present reality of bushfire. They made these sacrifices because they wanted to live in this special place. They have every right to ask that it remain a special place.

Doncaster will press Cain on dual occupancy

"They have never resented sharing it with the people of Melbourne and beyond. Dual occupancy and closer density housing will see it lost for everyone for all time."

Cr Vern Denford seconded the motion. "We must preserve areas of special significance in our city," he said. "Topographically and environmentally, Warrandyte township will not support closer density. It is up to us to tell the State Government what we want for Warrandyte, and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe must tell the Minister to heed the wishes of the people of Warrandyte."

These sentiments were strongly supported by Cr Chris Day. Cr Barry Jones said that he was also totally opposed to dual occupancy. "We must take this issue back to the State Government," he said, "as high and as hard as we need to."

Council voted eight for and one against the resolution, with only Cr T. Waring opposing.

This follows a long hard campaign, fought by the Environment League, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, local MP Mr Lou Hill and the Warrandyte Residents' Group, especially formed to combat closer density housing. A survey of township residents, conducted last year by Doncaster and Templestowe Council, indicated an overwhelming 86.1 per cent opposition to dual occupancy.

Residents are jubilant that council has finally seen fit to take a firm stand on this issue, but those leading the campaign warn that this was "just the preliminary bout".

"The fight is far from over," a spokesman for the residents' group told the Diary. "Submissions from council, residents and local groups opposing dual occupancy are now being considered by an independent panel advising the Minister for Planning and Environment."

"At the moment, the Proposed Planning Amendment RL25 stipu-

lates dual occupancy 'as of right' within the Warrandyte township area. The Minister will have to reverse this clause in order to uphold the clearly stated wishes of the people who live in this area. Now that council is on side, there is no evidence of local support for dual occupancy."

The residents' group submission was signed by 1150 people, 767 of them from Warrandyte and 383 from other areas. Cr Ken McKenzie's own submission was supported by a further 80 local residents.

Said the residents' group spokesman: "We felt that people living outside the area should be given the opportunity to support the submission, because part of our argument has always been that we are fighting to preserve Warrandyte, not just for ourselves but for everyone."

The interim controls over closer density will remain in force until the review has been completed. It is expected council will act to support their submission by discouraging flat development and dual occupancy.

The residents' group spokesman expressed the gratitude of the entire Warrandyte community for the stand taken by Crs Ken McKenzie, Vern Denford and Chris Day.

"We also want to thank all those people who have put so much time and effort in working to ensure Warrandyte will be preserved, not only for those who live here and visit the area, but also for the future," the spokesman concluded.



FRENCH DIS-CONNECTION.

High school gets \$50,000 for its oval

Warrandyte High has been given \$50,000 by the Ministry of Education towards building a school oval.

Announcing the grant, local members Lou Hill and Max McDonald congratulated the school for taking on the project. Said Lou: "The steep slopes of the school land limit sporting activities. The oval will overcome this problem."

"The oval will complement the magnificent new school building and the extensive landscaping done by the school community within the wonderful bush setting."

Max McDonald said that development would be more expensive than at many other sites. This was because the oval had to be built on a gully now filled with soil and rock excavated from the school site.

The oval is expected to be completed before the end of this year.

Census shows a lucky enclave

Remember the night of June 30, 1986? You should. If you are what is quaintly termed "head of a household" you spent the evening wrestling with the census form.

You answered 46 questions, some of them a trifle intrusive. You told the Commonwealth of Australia your age and those of your family. You wrote down where your parents were born, divulged your religion, let drop how well you speak English, explained your marital status and even blabbed about how many cars you had in the driveway that night.

Two and a bit years later the results are in, and an interesting picture they paint of our village — 3410 males and 3440 females for a total of 6850 inhabitants — at a moment of time.

First off, contrary to the general belief, we are a marrying mob. Of Warrandyte citizens 14 years old or more, 65.2 per cent were married. The Australia-wide figure was 57.8 per cent. And more of us stayed married. Divorced or separated adults were 5.7 per cent compared to the national average of 7.3 per cent.

Despite some of the best and most pleasant preachers and priests, we are not all that religious. Only 17.3 per cent described themselves as Anglicans (Australia-wide 23.9 per cent) and 17.5 per cent were Catholic (26.1 per cent). "Other Christians" were 8.6 per cent (the national average was 6 per cent) and Warrandyte had four Muslims.

But a whopping 42.9 per cent of us reckoned we had no religion, or declined to tell anyone what it was. Nationwide, only 25 per cent dared heaven's wrath by admitting such scepticism.

On that night we were predominantly Australian born. In all, 82.5 per cent of us drew our first breath in God's Own Country (77.6 per cent for the nation as a whole). Reversing the national trend, Warrandyte had more Dutch-born citizens than New Zealanders. Other nationalities represented were South Africans (15 of them), Americans (20), Greeks (20), and Italians (45). And we had a big group of Germans (102).

Warrandyte is well educated. Only 24.7 per cent of us left school at the age of 15 or

younger. Now, that sounds a lot but the national figure was 43.4 per cent. All told, 11.2 per cent of adult Warrandytians had gained a degree or higher qualification. The Australian figure was 5 per cent.

Our qualification tended to be in management (5.1 per cent, as opposed to the average 3.8 per cent), medicine (4.1 per cent to 3.4 per cent) and architecture (3.4 per cent to 2.7 per cent). By far the biggest bunch of degrees and diplomas, however, were gained in the field of education: 6.4 per cent compared to the average 2.7 per cent.

On that night, 3194 of us had jobs while 98 people were looking for full-time or casual work. That represented an unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent. We were a lucky town. The Australian jobless rate at the time was 10.18 per cent.

And we were a relatively wealthy spot on the globe. A total of 20.8 per cent of households had an annual income of \$50,000 or more. The national figure for households pulling in that sort of money was 8.8 per cent.

At the other end of the scale, 9.5 per cent

of Warrandyte households made do on less than \$12,000 a year. For Australia as a whole, 22.2 per cent of households earned less than that sum.

We worked hard for our money, too. A total of 51.1 per cent of those with jobs put in more than 40 hours each week, versus 49.7 per cent across the nation.

This town no longer echoes to the stamp of the batteries and the creak of windlasses, of course, and the census reflects that. Only nine Warrandytians made a living from mining. Only 49 were involved in "agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting". The biggest group — 616 in all — described themselves as employed in wholesale and retail trade.

Like most Australians we mainly travelled to work by car. Just on two-thirds — 2271 — of the total workers drove their own vehicles. Less than a tenth of that number, a measly 203 people, went as passengers in a car. So much for car pooling arrangements.

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People take up golf for a variety of reasons — masochism among the forefront. Jim Harris, of Pound Road, has a unique excuse for his addiction. He birdied the first hole he played. Jim was in his 40s and untainted by the game when he made the mistake of caddying for a mate during a Fairfield Cricket Club weekend at Sorrento. Bowing to extreme pressure mid-round, he took a whack on a par three and put the ball into a greenside bunker. What now? Well, his mate said, take this sand wedge and hit a bit behind the ball. Jim did. Jim holed out. On the bus trip back that night, he bought a set of second-hand clubs from one of the blokes and has played a couple of million holes since. He's the low-marker in a fiercely-competitive Saturday-morning school at Healesville Country Club and, as he said as he celebrated his 70th birthday this month: "If my putting improves, I'll par that course before I'm 90!"



Periodically, the ad. people come up with a message that bypasses the puffballs of nonsense and really grabs your attention. Paul Hogan's original Winfield commercial was one (though we've dropped off Huges a bit since he was naughty). And yes, it really is hard to hide a Hershey smile. We must mention in the same breath the simple promo carried by a refrigerated truck we saw at Yarra Glen the other day. On its side panels were the simple words "Conargo River Meats". And on the back: "Where the hell is Conargo?" It was precisely what we'd just been asking ourselves, and we couldn't get home quickly enough to solve the mystery. Co-

IN RED & WHITE



nargo, our atlas told us, is in the Riverina, between Deniliquin and Jerilderie. If their meat is as tender as their advertising is effective, put Smokey down for a side of beef.

How do you hold a beach party in the middle of a Warrandyte winter? Beats us, but the local footy club says it's no problem. The Bloods are holding such an unlikely event in the clubrooms on Saturday, July 30. The poster promises competitions for sexy legs and beach bums and Smokey, a sexy-legged beach bum when kneck-to-knees were considered outrageous, is seriously considering getting into the swim. Beachwear is compulsory and the \$10-a-head charge includes supper.

Better late than never, as they say. Smokey sends congratulations to his old mate Debbie, the jewel of the Brown family, who is preparing to hitch up with Glenn Magann of Bundoora. O lucky man.

Lou Hill is not unaware that only 100 or so votes retained his services as the MLA for Warrandyte at the last election. The Labor MP, who would be quite happy to continue with his job come the next poll, therefore loses not a chance to heighten his profile in the district. Lou heightened it considerably recently when he addressed the Croydon Dutch Social Club. Louis surprised some members by beginning his speech in Dutch. He explained that he was born in Holland and came to Australia at the age of eight. But isn't "Hill" a Pommie name? Too right! But it is, he explained, merely a translation of his original surname Van Den Heuvel, meaning "of the hill".

Jan Liddicut was driving down the freeway to work when a Toyota van cut in front of her. Jan cursed (as is her want) even though the van bore a Warrandyte sticker on the back. Mind you, it was damned hard to see through all the muck. Then she spied it, the little message scrawled in the mud. "Do not wash, soil testing area", it said. She was a little mollified.

Former Warrandyte mounted policeman Len MacColl read Bruce Bence's account of Bill McAuley in the May Diary, and it brought back memories. "Bill 'pard' McAuley was a good friend of ours," said Len. "I played a season of cricket with Bill (incidentally, we were premiers). His mother used to cut him a lunch, and what an incredible lunch it was. He could have supplied the entire team with a sumptuous meal. Pard was powerfully built and tremendously strong, but he was as gentle as a lamb. And a more peace loving man you would never find."

Ian Hookey of Kangaroo Ground Road is a fireman no longer. After 30 years of hosing down blazes and sleeping on the job (they're allowed to, by the way) the jovial Ian has handed in his helmet. He is considering his options, as they say, and thinking of taking wife Ann on a long holiday. Good luck to them both, says Smokey.



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Forget today, there's always Tanunda

You look a trifle washed out mate. I thought you were just back from holidays.

Right on both counts, chum of my childhood. Back from the bush and feeling as nasty as an Ian Sinclair innuendo.

Jeez, you can't get much lower than that. Another of your ill-fated trips, eh?

You've got it. First off, I thought I'd hire a van to stash us all in comfort, the missus, her folks and the ankle-biter. But have you seen the rents they're asking for vans? They wanted a second mortgage on the house. In the end I had to bung 'em all in the car.

Do continue.

We set off, the five of us, in a westerly direction, as the rozzers would stay. Stopped the night in the bustling metropolis of Horsham and hit Adelaide the next day.

The city of churches?
The city of no bloody road signs. We had some Italian tucker that night in North Adelaide and then shot through on what I thought was a compass bearing back to the motel. The family reckon I drove up and down Port Road eight times.

Did you?

Not a freckle over six, I assure you. No wonder I got lost. It was as dark as that conspiracy going on

over in Doncaster over our community centre.

Your next disaster?
Right. We head towards the Barossa Valley, which by many accounts is fine gargling country. But the car starts making these revolting howls.

Bit like the Bloods at the end of the home and away season.

Not quite as loud. We stagger up the highway, roaring and shuddering. It was just about to turn up the Goodyears and depart to Volvo heaven when I eased the wheels into this garage in South Gawler. Let me tell you, South Gawler's a bit like Gisborne. I mean you feel

sorry for the people who can't afford the bus fare out of the place. But the mechanic was a bonzer bloke. Diagnosed the trouble in 10 seconds. Shot bearing in the fan. Our courier will get a replacement from Adelaide, sir, he said. So I took the mob to the local park, bunged them coffee and sandwiches, and bedded them down for the duration.

How long was the duration?

He came back two hours later. They've sent the part, sir, he said. Great, I replied. Not really, he quipped. The dickheads have given us the wrong gizmo.

You dropped him, of course?

I am, as you well know, a man of peace. Besides, if I thumped this turkey we might have been stuck there until Christmas. He told me the proper part would appear by closing time. So I shoved the family into a taxi and sent them off to the waiting motel in Tanunda, just \$27 up the road.

Then you had a boring afternoon waiting?

Au contraire, as they say in Germany. A mile north of South Gawler is Gawler, a town replete with the amenities of civilisation. By that I mean it has five pubs. I walked the mile, bought a book, chose a hostelry with an open fire,

limited myself to a pot an hour and read 100 pages. By the time the last race finished on Sky Channel the car was ready. Fortunately Madam had paid the arm and the leg on Bankcard, so all I had to do was drive off into the gathering gloom and join them, burping all the way. And the rest of the trip was uneventful?

Completely. Apart from the fact that I contracted dysentery that day, and I still can't shake it.

You mean...?

I certainly do. Garcon, a pot of beer for my chum and a glass of water for myself. Oh, and could you make sure it's boiled.

Hail, Sallow fellows!



Director Carole-Ann Gill with some of the young stars of Warrandyte High School's forthcoming new musical, 'The Sallow Wattle' to be presented in August. Bookings are now open at the school, phone 844 2749.

Picture: VAL POLLEY

Cr McKenzie fears sellout

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte's only resident Doncaster and Templestowe councillor has declared his strong opposition to the possibility of the community centre site in the heart of the village being alienated for commercial development.

Cr Ken McKenzie has indicated to the *Diary* his belief that there are individuals on council who seem determined to exploit the site for commercial purposes.

"I believe the time has come," Cr McKenzie said, "for those of us who have an interest in the centre to examine, quietly and without rancor, the goals we had at the time the land was purchased, almost eight years ago."

"There has been a change in the economic climate since that time, and largely thanks to the vision and energy of our present mayor, Cr Doug McKenzie, council has begun to once more investigate entrepreneurial initiatives which will relieve the rate burden on our residents."

"However, this land was purchased for a community centre in Warrandyte, and it is imperative that the entire site be used solely for the benefit of this community."

Situated on largely flat land bounded by Yarra Street, Webb Street, Mitchell Avenue and an unmade section of Brackenbury Street, the site was bought by council in November 1980 for \$200,000.

This followed intense campaigning by local groups determined that such a prime area should be reserved for public use. Twice passed in at auction, it was generally ac-

cepted that strength of local feeling discouraged potential private developers.

Given this background, local residents are concerned at clearly expressed intentions by some councillors to either sell this splendid piece of land and build a centre elsewhere, or finance development of the site through profits from commercial exploitation of the "prime roadside frontage".

"I am now staggered and bewildered to hear talk around council of six, eight or even 12 retail outlets proposed for this site," Cr Ken McKenzie said.

"At a recent meeting, a small commercial element on the site was discussed. This went no further than the suggested provision of a small professional suite — desperately needed in Warrandyte — and an information centre and office for the National Parks Service."

"It was also agreed that a library should receive high priority, and I can think of no better 'entrepreneurial' use than to make space available to the municipal library authority."

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee, charged by council with responsibility for management and future planning of the centre, recently asked local groups and individuals for suggestions. Responding to the suggestion by WAC that development of the centre could be imminent, great interest was expressed and a large number of specific requests and recommendations were made.

It is now feared that in order to satisfy the high expectations thus raised, council could come back

with a proposal for a joint commercial-community development.

Many believe this price would be too high. The best land would be alienated from the people forever. We have not waited all these years to see this splendid public asset eroded by short-term financial expediency. WAC has not declared its position on this matter, although it is believed there is growing concern about the direction in which some councillors seem to be heading.

Another disquieting aspect is the implied assumption that 'we need, or could cope with, still more commercial premises.

"Over the years, council has spent thousands of dollars on consultancies to advise us on retail and other commercial needs in Warrandyte," Cr Ken McKenzie said. "Not one of them recommended additional commercial development in Warrandyte, apart from what is already planned."

"With the continuing development of the shopping centre at the west end, there will be enough shops in Warrandyte until the year 2000 and well beyond. I am also totally opposed to government — federal, state or municipal — competing with private enterprise at the small business level. Some of these so-called entrepreneurial activities could be seen in this light.

"I find sentiments being expressed by certain individuals quite alarming. One developer of note with an interest in municipal government said to me recently, 'The quicker we flatten Warrandyte township and rebuild it as a tourist facility the better. That's progress'."

Transport needs will be studied

The Minister for Transport, Jim Kennan, will meet residents of Warrandyte and Park Orchards this month to develop solutions to their local transport needs, the Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, announced.

The Minister's planned visits follow public meetings in June. The meetings were organised by Mr Hill and local community groups and attended by local residents and officers of the Ministry of Transport.

"At the July meetings, Mr Kennan will discuss proposals and action for transport developments in the Park Orchards and Warrandyte areas," Mr Hill said. "I am pleased to be able to assist local residents to consult directly with the Minister about their needs."

Mr Hill said he was delighted with the local people's co-operation in working with him to develop transport in Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

"These are special areas with special needs that need innovative approaches," Mr Hill said.

There will be two separate meetings with the Minister:

- for Warrandyte residents: Tuesday, July 19, at 8 pm in the Senior Citizens Centre, Taroona Avenue;
- for Park Orchards residents: Thursday, July 21, at 8.15 pm in the Domeney Reserve Hall supper room.

"After the high level of interest in our previous meeting I trust that residents will complete the process by now meeting with the Minister and developing further transport services," Lou Hill said.

"It is all part of the process of consultation for change by the State Government which our local communities use so effectively: consultation, decision, and, most importantly, action."

Donvale residents get a \$1300 green grant

The Hillcrest Association in Donvale has received a \$1300 grant from the State Government under the land protection incentive scheme of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.

Residents in the Mitcham/Donvale area have planted more than 2500 trees on vacant land as part of a community reforestation project. Grown from seed collected from species in a nearby area of natural bushland, the trees will help to create a bushland park between Park Road and the Mullum Creek adjacent to the Hillcrest Reserve. The nearby existing bushland is one of the last remaining undisturbed areas in Melbourne.

"The response from people of all

ages has been fantastic," said Ross Hartnell, the association's president. "We had more than 120 people from toddlers through to grandparents all planting seedlings. It just seemed to capture their imagination that they were doing something positive to improve their local environment."

In presenting the association with the grant, Lou Hill, the Member for Warrandyte, said that the land protection incentive scheme is aimed at helping community groups such as the Hillcrest Association.

"The local people have made a fantastic effort, and the benefit to the whole community makes this grant a very good investment for Victoria," he said.

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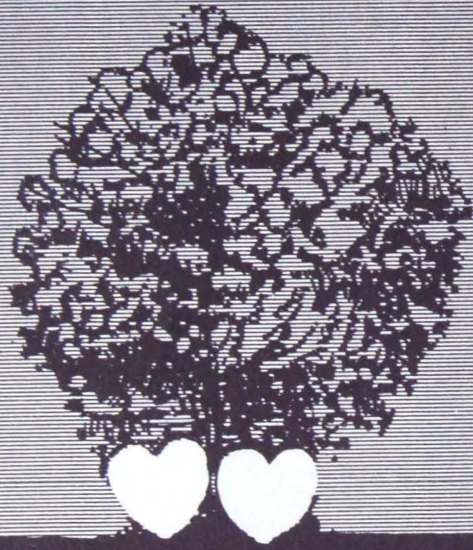
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After the ceremony and "Breakfast" my brother Adam and his wife drove us to their house at the Brewery in Linlithgow and next day to the house of Charles Maclaren in Edinburgh. We then proceeded by steamboat to London, and by conveyance home to Barclay House, Hackney, where I had established a Distillery.

After two years in the business of Rectifier and Spirit Merchant, finding that I had lost nearly all my capital, we resolved to proceed to Port Phillip, Australia, which being considered a suitable place for delicate constitutions I hoped it would agree with my wife better than anywhere in Great Britain. Accordingly we engaged a comfortable stern cabin in the ship China for ourselves and my nephew Patrick Mitchell, who had agreed to accompany us.

As we were about to proceed to a comparatively strange land, we provided a complete set of cooking utensils, and against a scarcity and dearth of food, a cask of salt pork and barrel of flour, and as we were uncertain about lodgings in Melbourne — then known by the name of the Settlement — I had made in London under my own directions, a two-room cottage 24 feet long by 10 feet wide and 7 feet high in the walls, formed of pine in framed sections with screwbolt fastenings.

This provided and "All aboard", we set sail from London on the 24th of November, 1839. We took eleven days of disagreeable weather

to reach Plymouth, where we received on board Patrick Mitchell and other passengers. Thence to Cape Town, where we remained a week laying in a stock of water, provisions and fruit, at the same time visiting some interesting places in the neighbourhood, amongst others Constantia, where the celebrated wine of that name is made from a small vineyard near the foot of Table Mountain. Thence to Port Phillip Heads, and at last we dropped anchor in Hobsons Bay on the second day of May in the year 1840, after a comfortable voyage of 160 days.

Mr and Mrs Selby and their two boys Prideaus and William, aged about four and six, came out with us. Leaving my wife and Mrs Selby and the two boys on board while we made our arrangements on shore, we put our house, a tarpauline and other articles in a barge and landed them amongst the scrub and trees on the bank of the Yarra River, opposite the site of the present Customs House. We slept beside them all night, covered by the tarpauline, and then started them across the River by the punt and thence to the bank now occupied by the Depot for Immigrants, where we erected our house by permission of Superintendent Latrobe, to whom I had a letter of introduction from Earl Grey.

Having erected the house on the green turf and made it comfortable, we brought the ladies and children from the ship and placed them and the luggage under its roof, we men sleeping under the tarpauline outside, and beside a turf-built fire place for cooking.

On inquiry for an investment in sheep and cattle, we found sheep selling for 40 to 45 shillings per head without a Run, but as our capital was under five hundred we invested it in a dairy station, from which we would derive an immediate return in butter, which was then in demand at two shillings and sixpence per pound wholesale, and three shillings and upwards retail. In conjunction, but not in partnership with Mr. Selby, we purchased one on the bank of the River Yarra Yarra, two miles above Andersons Creek, and twenty from Melbourne. The branded cattle costing about ten pounds per head, and special cows sixteen, calves under six months given in. Each to erect their own house but manage the whole herd in common.

Immediately after the purchase we placed the ladies and two boys into lodgings in Melbourne, disposed of our imported house for about forty pounds, and took delivery of the station and stock from the owner, Captain Scott, R.N., per the hands of his son who lived on it.

The accommodation on the station consisted of a slab hut about twenty feet long and ten wide, covered with sheets of stringy bark, divided into two apartments, one for cooking, eating and sleeping, the other for a fowl house with lots of fleas. A garden with some vegetables but no fruit trees; a stockyard and milk-

shed were the only other improvements.

Without delay we set to work to cut down stringy bark trees, split slabs and strip bark for a house, and Mr Selby did the same, and with mutual help we soon erected comfortable slab rough dwellings and dairies, with bark roofs, and as soon as the accommodation admitted we brought home the ladies and children to live in dwellings so airy and open that light shone through every joint in the roofs and walls, but we had abundance of firewood to keep us comfortable and warm.

We then commenced milking our cows and dairying, and as my wife had been well trained by her aunt to make butter, we found no difficulty in producing a quality which was considered the best in the Melbourne Market, and as our cows produced an average of four pounds and a half per head weekly, besides suckling their calves, it paid very well. Soon finding that the station was too limited for the joint dairy herd, Mr Selby removed his cattle to the upper part of the Run and his buildings to the bank of the Yarra at the mouth of the Brushy Creek.

About eighteen months after we had comfortably established ourselves, my wife gave birth to a daughter who was christened Isabella Park after her mother's aunt, by the Rev. Mr Gun of Heidelberg on the Yarra Yarra.

Having now added to our herd by the purchase of additional cows, and by increase of calves, we found that we must move to another part of the Colony for pastures new, and as Mr Selby was similarly situated, we agreed to proceed together to the Port Fairy district. Accordingly we sold the "right of Run" our good house, improvements, and seven head of cattle, but as stations and live stock of all kinds had fallen very much in value we were glad to get thirty pounds for the lot.

In the beginning of May, 1844, the cattle were collected from the stations and under the care of Mr. Selby and Patrick Mitchell, accompanied with a bullock dray and provisions, they started on their journey to the Western District and arrived at Cox's Heifer Station (afterwards called Korngatong) in a month.

Books, music and memorabilia can be sent to John Richardson, care of Parliament House.

MP seeks hidden treasure

The Liberal MP for Forest Hill, John Richardson, has become a scrounger, all in the cause of the arts.

Mr. Richardson, a director of the Victoria State Opera, is scrounging for the opera library, named the Barry Skelton Library in memory of a distinguished member of the VSO chorus.

"The library is a repository of books, records, tapes and particularly music scores relating to opera and music theatre," Mr Richardson said. The library has a very small budget for acquisitions and relies for its historical material on donations.

Mr Richardson, who spent many years in the book trade before becoming a politician, has returned to his old bookshop haunts and also snoops around charity book fairs for the occasional gem.

An untapped source of books, records and sheet music is the neglected family bookshelf and the tin trunk in the backyard shed.

"Families across Victoria have books on singers, opera and the theatre long out of print, impossible to buy and never looked at by their owner," he said recently. "Music stools and grandmother's tin trunk out in the shed are full of old sheet music which no one plays any more."

"Among those accumulations of the years are gems which could find their proper home in the State Opera library."

Mr Richardson said he recently came across two exciting books. One concerned George Coppin, an early theatrical entrepreneur. The other was a biography of Marjorie Lawrence, who came from Winchester, and who received international acclaim in the 1920s and 1930s as a soprano.

"Both were long out of print and unobtainable, yet they were in a family bookcase and their donation to the VSO library gave the family great satisfaction," Mr Richardson said.

The message is have a look in the bookcase and the tin trunk for books, music and even old records on opera, singers and the theatre which could be valuable donations to the library.

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NATURE

Pamela Conder

Re-introducing animals to the wild usually conjures up visions of 'Born Free' or years deep in the jungle teaching apes to fend for themselves.

What is often overlooked is that smaller, less spectacular species raised in captivity often need re-educating before they can function as wild animals. You can't simply open the door for a hand-reared flying fox, give it a pat on the head and a push and expect it to know how to fly, find food and socialise.

Helen Luckhoff shares her home with a fluctuating population of orphaned and injured animals and has specialised in rehabilitating bats. I spent a fascinating afternoon there recently, meeting some of Helen's flying foxes and observing them in a way virtually impossible in the wild.

The grey-headed and black FFs are successfully urbanised native

mammals in Brisbane and frequented Helen's bit of territory long before her arrival. These days, when the rehabilitated "orphans" return with a few friends, up to 90 bats may dine at her backyard feeding station on any one night.

When the orphaned FFs are brought in they usually weigh between 49 and 85 grams (adults weigh about 1 kg). They are fed as soon as possible on a liquid formula, because many are starved and dehydrated after clinging to a dead mother or lying where they have fallen.

Once stabilised, the youngsters

are farmed out to volunteers prepared to keep up a routine of two to four-hourly feeds and regular cleaning with baby lotion. Bat-raising is no pastime for the diletante!

At six to eight weeks the FFs are old enough to start hanging around in a heated cage, although most like to sleep with head and shoulders resting on some bedding on the cage floor. At this time bottle feeding gives way to lapping and eating mashed fruit. It is also the time to begin the "being-a-bat lessons". Exercising the wings is vital: fully grown flying foxes may fly up to 60 kilometres a night in search of food.

At three or four months FFs would still be with their mothers in the wild, but in captivity they are ready to move outside into sheltered accommodation. They begin changing to an adult diet of soft fruit and supplements. This is an important point in an FFs educa-

tion: time to integrate with an adult group.

After a couple of days living nearby, they are mixed with some caged adult free-flyers (often graduates of the Luckhoff FF Finishing School). They soon learn to socialise, submitting to the adults, and are accepted by the group.

Eventually the young FFs are released to forage in the company of adults, returning at will to the feeding station. Their dependence gradually lessens and they return only sporadically, until the wild camp they have joined migrates for the winter. Some do prefer to winter in the comfort of captivity.

Programs such as this are a valuable resource in wildlife research, providing a wealth of information about the bats' basic biology. Although nearly a quarter of the world's mammals are bats, 90 per cent of bat species have not yet been studied.

LETTER

Just who are these maniacs?

On Saturday, June 11 at 8.40pm, whilst driving in a northerly direction along Research Road approximately midway between the Bradleys Lane intersection and the following right hand turn, the near side rear window of my car was smashed by a rock thrown by persons unknown.

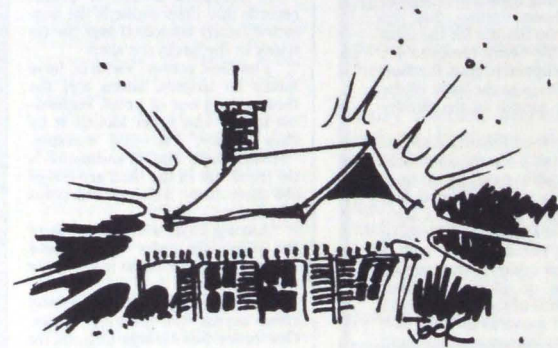
The impact of the rock, which was found on the rear floor of the car the next day, showered glass across the back seat. Fortunately the back seat was unoccupied at the time, but if there had been a baby in a bassinet lying face up that baby would have been hit by the glass.

Prior to this incident my car has been struck twice in the past 12 months by an object thrown in the same area. This suggests the offender(s) probably lives close by and is pursuing rock throwing on a regular basis.

Although the incident was immediately reported to the police it seems there is little they could do as no person was sighted. On each occasion it was during the weekend, once during the day time and the last two occasions during the night.

I would rather avoid this road if possible, but I do not have any alternative, it being the main road to where I live. It seems I have a fair chance of being struck again. How many other people have had this happen to them at this location or anywhere else in Warrandyte?

Diane Williams
The Boulevard.



Festival seeks views

Now's your chance to tell them how it should be done, says John Boyle.

Come along to the Warrandyte Festival Committee's annual general meeting on Wednesday, July 27, at 8 pm.

The committee invites anyone and everyone to the CAB meeting

room in the Old Warrandyte Post Office to help organise the 1989 Warrandyte Festival.

"Representatives from all the clubs, groups and organisations in and around Warrandyte should be there," says John, "so don't miss out on this opportunity to get your point across!"

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Sixteen brave men and two courageous women rode motorbikes to work, six rich people took taxis, two fit citizens rode pushbikes and 30 lucky ducks were able to walk to work. There were also 194 people who worked at home.

On June 30, 1986 we lived in 2037 "dwellings" the overwhelming majority of them classified as "separate houses". Of the houses, 1128 had a mortgage and 662 were owned. This is the opposite of the

national trend. Australia-wide, more people own their house than are buying.

Your suspicions are correct. The mortgage breakdown shows that the biggest group — just under a quarter of those in thrall to a bank or building society — were paying \$600 or more a month. Nationally, the biggest group pays \$300-\$399 off its mortgage.

And finally, no wonder our roads are clogged. Of the 2072 households recorded for Warrandyte, 1119 had at least two cars.

Good advice on arthritis

One in five Australians suffers from arthritis. But something can be done about the condition.

The Eltham Community Centre runs an arthritis self help course, designed to help sufferers change their activities, decrease pain and develop more confidence. Details can be obtained on 431 1333.

There is also the Eltham and District Arthritis Self Help Group, which covers the Warrandyte area. Members learn the latest information from the Victorian Arthritis Foundation, discuss positive solutions to problems, and share fellowship as an antidote to isolation and despair.

Meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at Metzner Hall, Judge Book Village, Eltham. Ring Sue for more information on 439 7538.

Craft group vacancies

The Warrandyte Arts Association craft group is looking for more crafty people. Group members meet on the third Monday every month in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall. Over lunch they share their knowledge and exchange ideas on many different kinds of craft activities. New members are very welcome to come and participate. Ann Drew (844 3565) or Di Fraser (844 3892) would be delighted to supply more information.

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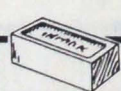
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In 1939 Bert Birthisel and his family moved from Warrandyte and Constable Len MacColl was appointed officer in charge of the Warrandyte Police District. He was also elected captain of the Fire Brigade.

Len was captain of the Warrandyte Bush Fire Brigade until October 31, 1945

when he was appointed captain of the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade with the formation of the Country Fire Authority, a position he held until December 1946.

Len was later transferred to Buninyong. He stayed there until he retired as the last mounted country policeman in Victoria.

Len and his wife Leala were active in local organisations during their stay in Warrandyte throughout one of the most traumatic periods of its history, the aftermath of "Black Friday" 1939, and the war years. Len and his wife were members of the school committee and of the auxiliary which entertained wounded service-

men. Len was also secretary of the Baby Health Centre and raised funds to put up a building next to the chemist shop in Yarra Street.

Len and Leala have never been back to Warrandyte since they left it all those years ago, preferring to remember it as it

was when they knew it. They are still remembered, however, with affection.

Len wrote the following story of his days in Warrandyte after being contacted by the Warrandyte Historical Society on behalf of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade, and it is with his permission that this part of Warrandyte's history is reproduced.

The knapsack boys

In January 1939 I was a mounted constable stationed at Sunbury. How well I remember Friday the 13th of January. I set out early that morning to ride to Lancefield to pick up the troophorse there which was enroute to the police depot in Melbourne.

The temperature rose to 113 degrees Farenheit (45°C). The next day I learned that Warrandyte and district had been practically destroyed by fire. No wonder it was called "Black Friday". I never dreamed that in a few short months I would be transferred there.

On arrival I saw where houses had been razed to ground level. There were blackened trees, people living in tents, and blackness everywhere. I was confronted with the stark reality of the aftermath of a savage bushfire. It was a traumatic experience. Now, nearly 50 years on, I can still feel for those people who had lost everything.

I was appointed captain and Jim Walsh was made lieutenant of the fire brigade, which consisted of a number of knapsacks and nothing else. In the event of a fire we would depart to the scene in whatever transport was available. Rather primitive but we had no other choice.

The brigade was autonomous. Every local was a member and it was owned by the local people. The plans that we made were fully supported. We had a large area to cover and had to depend on donations from the locals. The task of fighting fires was all the harder as there was no water supply laid on.

We had an excellent working committee and I do not propose to name specific persons, as, in my opinion, each and every citizen was of equal importance, regardless of whether they performed minor or major duties.

We had to endeavor to obtain better equipment and utilise our

resources to the fullest extent. Gradually we progressed in some small way. Prior to the summer months we started burning off danger areas around the township. Occasionally some residents would request that we burn off around their homes. For this service, those that could afford it would make a donation to the brigade, thus affording us the opportunity to procure some equipment.

We arranged for certain of our officers who lived in outlying areas to act as "fire spotters". Their duty, if a fire broke out in their area, was to report to me the extent of the

their pumps. This was very welcome and it was duly installed on the fire truck.

So in some small way, over a period of time, we had conceived and implemented a plan to combat fires, to the best of our ability with the resources available. We had a reasonably equipped fire truck and knapsacks, but best of all they were obtained by the generosity and hard work of all the excellent citizens of Warrandyte and district.

Another good aspect arising from all this was that not one house was destroyed by fire during my time in the brigade from 1939 to

we would endeavor to cross using our hands as paddles.

We were nearly swept away by the current but our frantic efforts eventually carried us across. If we had failed we would have had a first-hand look at what the Pound Bend Tunnel looked like from the inside, providing of course we made it to the other end. Perhaps amusing now but not to us at the time.

One summer's night I received a call that a tree was alight on Kangaroo Ground Road. On arrival I found three hollow trees burning. The offender gave me a classic excuse, "I was just lighting up the way".

Nineteen Thirty Nine, the year war was declared, brought more hardship for the local people who had already suffered so much. I can recall them so vividly. One such boy who came home on leave after serving in the Middle East spent his final evening with me and Leala before going back to the fighting in New Guinea. Later my brother visited me whilst he was on leave and told me how this boy had died. I took him to visit the boy's parents. Another time I had to convey the message to a widow that her son had been shot down and killed over Germany.

I could go on and on about the dreadful sadness of the war years, all of which I spent with the people of Warrandyte. No wonder I feel such warmth for those hardy steadfast folk.

Gradually the town was rebuilt. Who could ever forget those lovely crisp mornings? The magnificent wattle trees in full bloom in all their golden splendor, the heavy fog above the river and along the timbered gullies with the sun beginning to peep through. Those and so many, many other things I could write about.

In conclusion, a few lines about the police troophorse. She was a three-year-old when I arrived, an excellent jumper and never known to balk. She was better than a watch dog, as unless I was there no one



Minnie plays dead. Look at those legs.

Pictures: LEN MacCOLL

fire, the location and the number of men that would be required to deal with it. This method proved to be beneficial as the number of men used and the amount of time wasted was kept to a minimum.

In time we became affluent enough to purchase a fire truck (a lend-lease Fargo). Then we raised the money to build the stone fire station in Mitchell Avenue. On one occasion we saved a weekend home from destruction by fire. This home was owned by an engineering firm in Melbourne and in their gratitude they delivered to me one of

1946. We still had our share of bushfires due to the terrain of the countryside and the heavily timbered hills and gullies, but we managed to come through them without loss of life or property.

On one occasion we were fighting a fire which had swept through from the Research area and had covered Bradley's Hill. We managed to save Bradley's house but the fire swept across the river in one spot. We had to cross the river. Fortunately there was a canoe moored on the river bank, but no paddles. Jim Walsh and I decided



Len MacColl astride Minnie the troophorse at the back of the police station, 71 Yarra Street.

was allowed in the back yard or the paddock.

Minnie could be made to lie down, sit up and stand on her hind legs and walk around a person. She also enjoyed a swim in the river with us. When I had to go to Melbourne on duty I would ride her down. I also rode her to Doncaster each month to have her shod. All in

all she was an excellent horse. "Vale Minnie!"

I was transferred from Warrandyte in October 1946. Note: Although Len was transferred from Warrandyte in October 1946 the Country Fire Authority records show him as captain of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade until December 3, 1946.

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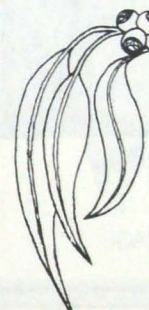
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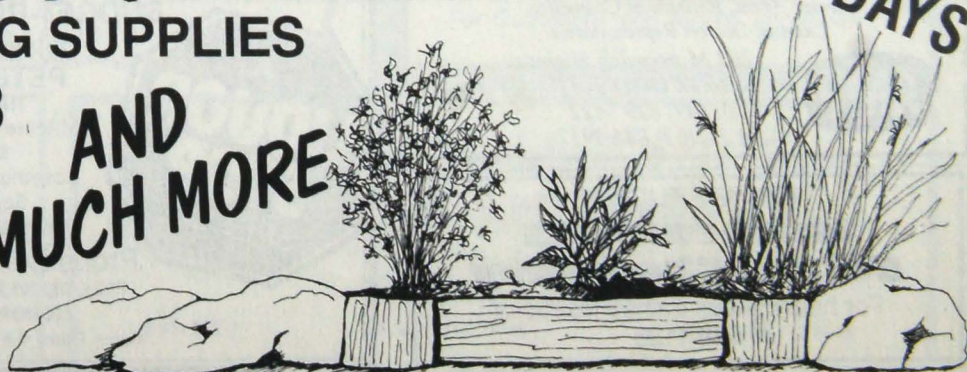
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In some instances substantial dwellings have been erected thereon. This has been done all in good faith by the holders, who got their ground registered at the Mining Registrar's in the usual way. Man peggeth out, but, unfortunately, the law unpeggeth them.

Warrandyte township, it appears, was one of the gazetted exceptions. The Mining Registrar knew it not, nor anybody else for the matter of that. It seems very hard lines. Is it fair that when men, in good faith, should build houses, fence in and improve property, to be coolly told to clear out with their improvements in 28 days? What is registration worth?

I can understand that land taken up since and during the railway survey should not be allowed, but persons who have lived for years in their small homesteads, even if they have in some instances neglected to register, some consideration should be shown them. They can summons for not holding a miner's right and registration, but the extreme action is going rather too far.

How We Lived



A report 100 years old from the Warrandyte correspondent of the Evelyn Observer

"The country is prosperous, damn the parliament," said a man to me the other day. "I have just sold out my land for more than 1200 per cent more than I offered it for 18 months ago, and got the cash. This is the sort of country for me."

"Why, I might have slaved all my life in England. Now I have sufficient for educating my family and can take contracts. As a laborer I could do nothing but now with

3000 pounds capital the difference is evident. As for the actual value for agricultural purposes, I would not give two pounds an acre for it."

I understand that one of the hotels here has changed hands at a satisfactory price. The new purchaser intending to erect a large commodious dwelling to meet summer requirements.

That visitors will be numerous there is no doubt, especially since the rise in the price of land between here and Melbourne, owing to the certainty of the railway. The publicity of our beautiful scenery and the healthy locality must now change our name from "sleepy hollow" to one of the busiest suburbs of Melbourne.

The weather is very genial, more like summer than mid-winter.

(Three weeks later.)

I am very glad the arbitrary measures the Lands Department contemplated with respect to the residence areas on the Warrandyte township has resulted in a quiet recognition of their claims. For an industrious miner to have, in good faith, built a house and expended so much money in improvements, which he will eventually have to purchase at their own price, to be told to clear off in 30 days was rather too much. However, the thing is now satisfactorily settled.

The weather is dreadful. Such a continuance of cold has not been experienced for many years.

MP warns on home buy pitfalls

Max McDonald, the MLA for Whittlesea, says there are many pitfalls to watch out for when buying a home or land.

Mr McDonald says he receives many complaints and enquiries through his electorate office about the availability of power, sewerage, water and drainage to new estates and rural blocks.

"For instance, buyers need to be aware of buying land which is advertised as 'power available', as this does not necessarily mean there is power supplied to the block they are purchasing."

Mr McDonald believes there is a need for a comprehensive brochure to inform people building a home or purchasing land of the questions to ask of public utilities like the SEC and Telecom. He says he believes local government offices would be the most appropriate distribution point for such brochures.

"Consequently, I have approached the Minister for Consumer Affairs advocating the need for a booklet to be produced listing the items to check and with whom."

Mr McDonald says he has already raised the matter with the Minister for Local Government, who had supported the idea.

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All the quiet places where once miners found their gold, Were cut up into smaller blocks so they could be resold. What happened to that little town, now in constant hurry? All those roads with smoke and fumes — it really is a worry. What about the river and along the picnic ground? Now there's heaps of broken glass a-lying all around. Yes, I still remember that lovely peaceful sight, Driving down that old dirt track to a town called Warrandyte.

ANGELA RENSHAW

Bakery set to fire up

At last, work on renovating and restoring the old bakery in Warrandyte is about to commence.

As reported in previous hopeful articles, a baker and a baker's assistant have been appointed and the equipment has been selected.

Builder John Chapman will act as honorary building supervisor and honorary architects Jock Macneish and Peter Staughton will guide the project. Ron Fletcher, a retired baker, has worked in constant collaboration with Jean Chapman, the cop's manager, to get this project off the ground.

There will be a grand, bicentennial opening in the spring, with money provided by the Shire of Eltham.

Old-fashioned woodfire-baked bread, rolls and buns will be rolling out the old scotch oven on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Neighborhood Watch watch

The human resources sub-committee of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee is reconsidering the need for a Neighborhood Watch in Warrandyte.

Some years ago, citizens dis-

IN BRIEF



ussed the question with the police and raised a petition for the development of this service. But there were not enough burglaries at that stage to justify a watch scheme.

WAC now suggests that anyone who has had a burglary, however small, should report the crime immediately to the police and so help establish the size of the problem in Warrandyte.

Anyone interested in Neighborhood Watch in Warrandyte could leave their name with 844 2548 or 844 3082.

Arts award entries close

Applications have now closed for the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, sponsored by the Lions Club of Warrandyte and organised by the Diary.

"We have received a number of good entries," a spokesman for the organisers said. "Now comes the long and difficult task of selection and adjudication, given that most of the young artists applying are working in quite different fields."

The winner of the award, a \$5000 scholarship donated by Lions, will be announced at the Warrandyte Festival in March next year.

Budgeting the topic

The June meeting of the Warrandyte Sole Parent Support Group continued the May topic of 'Budgeting on a Limited Income'.

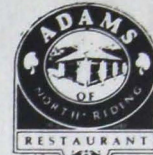
Members discussed a four-page pamphlet prepared by the committee which includes information on pensions, taxation and the new child support scheme. Copies of this pamphlet are available from the group and from the Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Recipes and budgeting tips were shared, as well as members' home-made contributions to an excellent lunch.

Den changes for Lions

Warrandyte Lions have rearranged themselves for the 1988-89 year. At their annual Change-Over Night at Yarra Valley Country Club last month, outgoing president Graeme Miles installed Ian Shugg as his successor.

Other new office bearers are: B. Butler (1st vice president), S. Hobson (2nd vice president), P. Egan (3rd vice president), T. Blackburn (secretary), J. Cox (treasurer), J. McLean (tail twister) and J. Gilbert, B. Scritchley and B. Ayres (directors).



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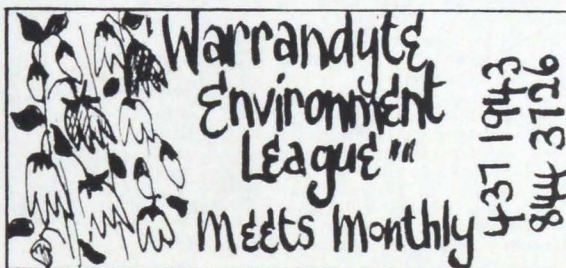
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Clark out for rest of season

Valuable Warrandyte utility player Wayne Clark will miss the rest of the season.

Clark had his jaw broken in three places in a behind-play incident against Mt Evelyn in Round 13. A Mt Evelyn player was reported over the incident and later suspended for four matches.

Clark had been enjoying a good season on the half-back line and his loss is a considerable blow to the Bloods' finals aspirations.

Coach Len Halley had abandoned hope of playing this season and the former Essendon ruckman's on-field career is almost certainly over.

Halley injured a knee pre-season and will require reconstruction surgery. He was the Bloods' best and fairest in 1986.

It has been a bad season for serious injuries at Warrandyte.

Ruck-rover Robin Golding, another former best and fairest winner, played only a couple of games before damaging a knee, which also required reconstruction.

Golding hopes to return to the side next season.



Len Halley

Bloods living dangerously

Warrandyte's stop-start football season is in danger of stopping short of the EDFL finals.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, three narrow defeats in four games had turned what appeared to be a formality into a desperate run home.

The Bloods had lost to ladder-leaders Mooroolbark by six points, to Mt Evelyn by 10 points and to second-placed Fair Park by five in an exasperating run of near-misses.

They were clinging to fourth spot, but four other teams were snapping at their heels.

Warrandyte were photo-finished out against Fair Park for the second time this season. They lost the other game, away, by just three points.

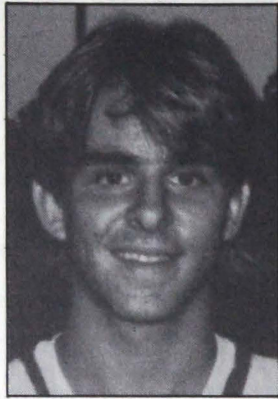
"That we have got so close to the top sides — Mooroolbark a few weeks ago and Fair Park twice — shows how little there is in it," Bloods coach Len Halley said.

"This is a very even competition. We started very well against Fair Park but allowed them back into the game."

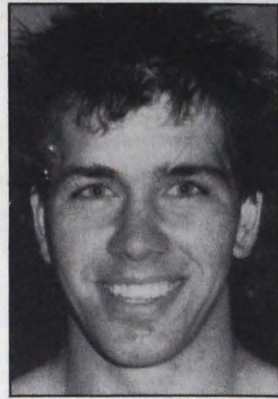
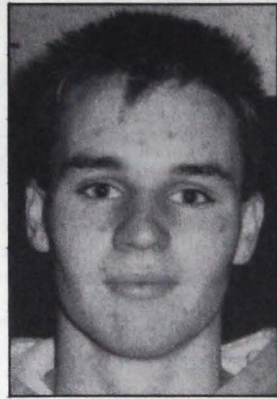
President Kevin McLean said injuries had contributed to Warrandyte's inability to win the close ones.

"We need physical strength," he said, "and injuries have robbed us of a bit of that."

Warrandyte had a great chance



Three of the best. Eugene Hansen (left), Steve Carroll (centre) and Gerald Walsh — mentioned in despatches after Warrandyte's near-miss against Fair Park.



to grab victory in the dying seconds against FP when Shane McCartin marked well within range, but on a difficult angle in the forward pocket. He muffed his chance for glory by kicking the greasy, heavy ball across goal.

It was to be the last scoring attempt of the match.

But Warrandyte's defeat could be blamed squarely on their second quarter — more specifically on two glaring mistakes.

The Bloods began the game full

of dash and, with their strong breeze at their backs, held Fair Park scoreless while booting 2.3 themselves.

Small men Steven Carroll and Eugene Hansen fed intelligently off the ruckwork of Robert (Spider) Webb and the visitors' forward sorties were comfortably turned back.

In the mudbath conditions, 2.3 was a good quarter's work.

But where the Bloods had led the race to the ball in the first term,

they seemed content to take a back seat in the second.

Fair Park put their first score — a goal — on the board after four minutes, but Warrandyte responded almost immediately when Lacklan McLean soccered one through out of the quagmire in the square.

So far, so good. But two fundamental errors allowed Fair Park in to grab two goals — and the initiative.

A visiting forward was allowed

to mark uncontested in the square, then Warrandyte conceded a foolish 15-metre penalty to hand Fair Park six points on a platter.

The Bloods trained by five points — 4.2 to 3.3 — at the interval and it was clear that the third term, with the breeze, was going to be make or break.

The third quarter was to be memorable only for its negatives. Again, Fair Park failed to score, but their desperate defence restricted Warrandyte to a solitary behind, kicked midway through the term.

It was tough, slogging football, with the visitors superior physical strength and marking power frustrating the Bloods' forward thrusts.

John McCartin had an opportunity to put Warrandyte back in front early in the last quarter, but kicked a point when a goal was so badly needed.

The Bloods persisted and had the better of the quarter — without results — until Fair Park regrouped at the halfway mark. They pushed the ball forward for two behinds to stretch their lead to five points and Warrandyte's last chance evaporated when Shane McCartin's shot floated across goal with seconds to go.

Warrandyte's best were Webb, Carroll, John O'Brien, Hansen, Joey Hassall and Gerald Walsh.

The reserves were comfortably beaten by Fair Park. Final score was 16.12 (108) to 7.12 (54).

Cricket club names coach

Well-performed District player Greg Tregear has been appointed senior captain-coach of Warrandyte Cricket Club.

Tregear, 24, has played more than 50 senior games with Hawthorn-East Melbourne. He is a batsman and capable medium-pace bowler.

Tregear progressed through the ranks at Forest Hill. He played

under-16 cricket there and later represented Wesley College.

He has also played amateur football for Victoria and currently lines up with South Croydon.

Brian Chapman has been re-appointed coach of the Warrandyte women's team, completing an excellent standard of leadership at all senior levels.

The club is still seeking a junior coach, who will be assisted in his work by senior players.

Remuneration is negotiable and applicants should contact Mr Taylor, 31 Dingley Avenue, Warrandyte (phone 844 2041).

Warrandyte will field 13 teams — five men's, one women's and seven junior sides — in the new season. The junior ranks will comprise two under-16, two under-14 and three under-12 teams.

Prospective players and supporters are invited to contact Mr Taylor, Jenny Chapman (844 1428) and Ron Milton (844 1244) with inquiries regarding the men's, women's and junior divisions respectively.



Greg Tregear

Outstanding all-round local sportsman John McCartin has been made a life member of Warrandyte Cricket Club.

The award is in recognition of his on-field services from junior to Chandler Shield level and his work in several administrative positions. McCartin has also been — and

still is — an invaluable contributor to football in Warrandyte.

Warrandyte Cricket Club, established in 1855, is seeking tangible links with its long, colourful history.

It wants information and photographs from the past to assemble a "museum" in the new recreation reserve clubrooms.

The hunt is on for details and pictures of former office-bearers, senior captains and coaches... in fact, anything relating to the club's history.

If you have anything at all to contribute, Jenny Chapman (844 1428) would love to hear from you.

The latest Warrandyte Cricket Club business directory is now being compiled, with advertising still at a very reasonable rate.

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Anyone wanting to advertise should contact Steve Pascoe, on 844 1213.

Charitable organisations are offered free space.

Taylor in the chair again

Geoff Taylor has been re-elected president of Warrandyte Cricket Club for 1988-89.

Other new-season's office-bearers are: Graham Jacobs (vice-president); Steve Pascoe (secretary-treasurer); Ann Pascoe (registration secretary); Ron Milton (junior administrator); Jenny Chapman (publicity officer); Jenni McLaws (women's team representative); Andrew Rogers (social secretary).

Joe Scicluna is grounds committee chairman and John McCartin chairman of the match committee.

General committee is Maria McGhee, Brett Kline, Fred Jungwirth, Nola Baker, Ian Cameron and Alan Vitoritti.

Mr Pascoe and Teresa Prince were appointed delegates to the Ringwood District Cricket Association and Ms McGhee will represent the club at Victorian Women's Cricket Association level.

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Racquetball superkids come to town

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The Pepsi Junior Singles Racquetball Carnival will be held on August 28, starting at 9 a.m.

It has attracted entries from far-flung parts of Victoria, and the support of local traders, who have weighed in with trophies.

Each entrant — in boys' and girls' divisions from under-9 to under-19 — will be in a draw for a

special prize, 10-speed racing bikes donated by Jones Cycles of the West End shopping centre.

There will also be trophies for winners and runners-up in each division.

The public is invited to drop in to watch the kids in action in a fast-developing sport.

"Racquetball has really taken on and Warrandyte is certainly no exception," squash centre manager Mike Betts told the Diary.

"We have a round-robin event for juniors here every Friday night, midweek pennant for men and women and a lot of social racquetball," he said.

The centre recently produced three premier women's pennant squash teams and has two junior sides in the finals.

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