

Paul Brown, storekeeper, was associated with the property from 1939 when he purchased Lots 4 and 5, still vacant land.<sup>463</sup> In 1940, Brown was rated for a house, tearooms and shop.<sup>464</sup> By 1949, the property was owned by Jacob Lang.<sup>465</sup>

*Of local historical significance* as a shop, residence and tearooms dating from c 1940.

**Former Police Station**  
71 Yarra St., Warrandyte.

This brick Bungalow type residence, built in the early 1930s for Ellen and Emily Unwin, was used as the Warrandyte Police Station from that time<sup>466</sup> until the 1950s. Its site was owned earlier by William J. Unwin, a South Yarra plumber.<sup>467</sup>

A "new house-to be used as a Police Station" was recorded on the site in the 1931-32 Warrandyte Riding records. Completed by 1933, the house was owned by Ellen and Emily Unwin of 167 Commercial Road, South Yarra.<sup>468</sup> It replaced the previous Warrandyte Police Station in Stiggants Street, which had been destroyed by fire.<sup>469</sup>

The Yarra Street building was used as a one man mounted police station and residence.<sup>470</sup> Photographs held by the Warrandyte Historical Society show the officers in charge during the 1930s and 1940s and their Police Horse, Minnie. One photograph shows Constable Bert Birthisal (the officer in charge from 1939) on Police Horse Minnie. Another shows Constable Len McColl (officer in charge 1939-1946) at the back of the station with Minnie.

Bert Birthisal came to Warrandyte in 1935. Bert was also the first fire brigade captain in the district, elected at the inaugural meeting in March 1938 of the Warrandyte Bush Fire Brigade. He was transferred from Warrandyte in 1939 and later served in Northern Victoria. He died in August 1962.<sup>471</sup>

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<sup>463</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1939-40 Warrandyte Riding No.67 (NAV 9 pounds).

<sup>464</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1940-41 Warrandyte Riding No.87(NAV 34 pounds).

<sup>465</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1949-50 Warrandyte Riding No.3185.

<sup>466</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1931-32 Warrandyte Riding No.568(NAV 10 pounds).

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<sup>468</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1932-33 Warrandyte Riding No.608(NAV

Constable Len McColl, the following officer in charge, was also captain of the Warrandyte Bush Fire Brigade until October 1945. He was then appointed captain of the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade with the formation of the Country Fire Authority. McColl held this position until December 1946. He was later transferred to Buninyong. He stayed there until he retired as "the last mounted country policeman in Victoria."<sup>472</sup>

After the Yarra Street building ceased to be a police station, it was used as a private residence. By the early 1960s, it was owned by Gysbertus Wilhelmus Dernee, a tailor, and his wife, Adriana Cornelia, of Penrith in New South Wales. Vivian Richardson, a Deepdene carpenter, and his wife, Dorothy Mabel, were the next owners and, by 1987, Michael Francis O'Donoghue of Ringwood was the owner.<sup>473</sup>

Of *local historical significance* as a former one man mounted police station and residence, associated with well known constables Bert Birthisal and Len McColl and Police Horse Minnie.

### **Butcher's Shop** **158-160 Yarra St., Warrandyte.**

William Sloan, butcher, was rated first in 1901 for a butcher's shop in the Warrandyte township.<sup>474</sup> This has been identified as the present shop at 158-160 Yarra Street. It was a modest building with the low valuation of ten pounds.<sup>475</sup> The building continued to be used as a butcher's shop over the next 90 years.

There is a suggestion by earlier researchers that the western part of the building was transported from Kangaroo Ground in 1901. The eastern half of the structure, it has been argued, was added soon after.<sup>476</sup> No confirmation has been found for this aspect of the shop's early history.

Sloan owned the site and in 1907 became the registered owner of parts of Crown Allotments 7 and 8 facing Yarra Street. Titles Office records confirmed that in that year William Slonan owned part of Crown Allotment 7 and that Hannah Veronica Sloan owned part of Crown Allotment 8.<sup>477</sup> Sloan and his family lived in an adjoining house in Allotment 9 on the corner of Webb and Brackenbury Streets.<sup>478</sup>

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<sup>472</sup> *Warrandyte Diary*, July 1988, p.7.

<sup>473</sup> Title vol.851 fol.571; MMBW Property Sewerage Plan No.729664.

<sup>474</sup> Cleo Di Paolo, "The Village Butcher Store, 158 Yarra Street, Warrandyte," Case Study, Architectural Technology, RMIT, 1992.

<sup>475</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1902 Warrandyte Riding No.316.

<sup>476</sup> Cleo Di Paolo.

<sup>477</sup> Title vol.3229 fol.645; Title vol.3165 fol.632.

<sup>478</sup> Cleo Di Paolo.