

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."⁴⁷²

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.⁴⁷³

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.⁴⁷⁴ 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.⁴⁷⁵ 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.⁴⁷⁶ 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 8.⁴⁷⁷ Sloan and his family lived in an adjoining house in Allotment 9 on the corner of Webb and Brackenbury Streets.⁴⁷⁸

⁴⁷² *Warrandyte Diary*, July 1988, p.7.

⁴⁷³ Title vol.851 fol.571; MMBW Property Sewerage Plan No.729664.

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

⁴⁷⁵ Shire of Bulleen RB 1902 Warrandyte Riding No.316.

⁴⁷⁶ Cleo Di Paolo.

⁴⁷⁷ Title vol.3229 fol.645; Title vol.3165 fol.632.

⁴⁷⁸ Cleo Di Paolo.

The Sloan family had a long association with Warrandyte and with the Yarra Street butcher's shop. William's nephew, Jack, began to work in the shop in 1906, aged sixteen. He and his uncle rode on horseback to the Box Hill railway yards to pick up their livestock. Jack also delivered meat to district customers on horseback.⁴⁷⁹

The butcher's shop was owned in the 1920s and 1930s by the McLelland family. Titles Office records confirm that in 1919, the new owner was Hannah Miriam, wife of William McLelland, a Ringwood auctioneer.⁴⁸⁰ During the McLelland ownership, the eastern part of the building became a cool room.⁴⁸¹ A number of butchers, including Charles Jones and R. Ross, ran the shop in the 1920s and 1930s.⁴⁸²

Frank Sloan worked in the butcher's shop during the 1930s depression era. At that time, there were stables and feed sheds in the former holding paddock in Allotment 9.⁴⁸³ In 1936, William James Sloan bought back part of Allotment 8 and in 1946 became the registered owner of part of Allotment 7.⁴⁸⁴ Earlier, in 1944-45, James Sloan, butcher, was rated as the occupier of the butcher's shop and cool room.⁴⁸⁵ In 1950, the original facade was demolished and a larger window added to accommodate a refrigerated display. A new residence was built at the rear.⁴⁸⁶

A comparison of the Yarra Street butcher's shop with other notable examples of similar properties in Victoria has confirmed that it is among the oldest continuously operating butcher's shops in the State. Comparable examples are Beckwith's family butcher, 745 Nicholson Street, Carlton North (1895-); Benalla bulk meats, High Street, Benalla (from 1905); Bairnsdale local trader (from 1896); and Beckley's butcher's store, Main Street, Bairnsdale (from 1889).⁴⁸⁷

Of *regional historical significance* as an early element in the Warrandyte township, for its remarkable continuity of use, and the retention of its early form for at least 80 years. It is among the oldest continuously operating butcher's shops in the State.

⁴⁷⁹ Cleo Di Paolo.

⁴⁸⁰ Title vol. 4187 fol. 839.

⁴⁸¹ Shire of Doncaster RB 1925-26 Templestowe Riding No. 930 (NAV 50 pounds).

⁴⁸² Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1929-30 Warrandyte Riding No. 436.

⁴⁸³ Cleo Di Paolo.

⁴⁸⁴ Title vol. 6033 fol. 120; Title vol. 3229 fol. 645; Transfer No. 2048293.

⁴⁸⁵ Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1944-45 Warrandyte Riding No. 558 (NAV 28 pounds).

⁴⁸⁶ Cleo Di Paolo; MMBW Property Sewerage Plan No. 730349, 1987 (shows new residence).

⁴⁸⁷ Cleo Di Paolo.