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Cr Nicolau strides in, unopposed; confusion elsewhere

By VAL POLLEY

Greg Nicolau, Warrandyte Ward's new councillor likes to describe himself as 28 years young.

He stood for Doncaster-Templestowe Council because, he says, he felt a need to try to do more for the youth of the city, and found himself elected somewhat unexpectedly when the other candidate withdrew his nomination.

Now Greg is wondering what to do with several thousand election leaflets sitting in a corner of his living room.

Greg comes from an interesting family. He has an Irish mother, Greek-Romanian father and four sisters living in various countries around the world.

Originally from Dunedin, Greg came to Australia with the New Zealand army to undertake officer training at Portsea. A fellow officer cadet took him home on leave to Doncaster, so when Greg decided he was not suited for army life, he moved there as he liked it so much.

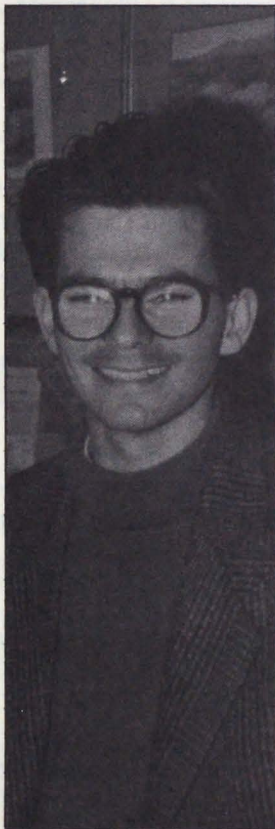
He studied psychology and sociology at Swinburne. He has been employed as a youth outreach worker for several years, counselling and assisting young people in crisis and giving advice and help.

At a recent Warrandyte residents meeting Greg was made aware of many of the local concerns such as the dual occupancy debate, green wedge proposals, shops and roads.

He assured those present that he supported moves to prevent dual occupancy in Warrandyte and indeed would always support residents' clearly expressed view on matters of concern.

Greg Nicolau said he was worried about the excessive closed nature of council, and told the meeting he hoped to work towards opening it up to ratepayers' scrutiny.

Greg is interested in the theatre and is a member of the WAA theatre group. He also is a supporter of the Citizens Advice Bureau, and



Greg Nicolau: to council via the New Zealand army.

is a member of the committee. He is hopeful that he will be able to achieve some of his goals while on council and is looking forward to the challenge.

On the other side of the river, in an election that many electors knew little about until a day or two before the poll, Gill Aussens defeated Vanda Hamilton to fill the vacant Eltham North Riding position.

Rezoning threatens surface in report

By ROB GELL

Potential threats to the preservation of Warrandyte's rural character have been highlighted in the recently published Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study.

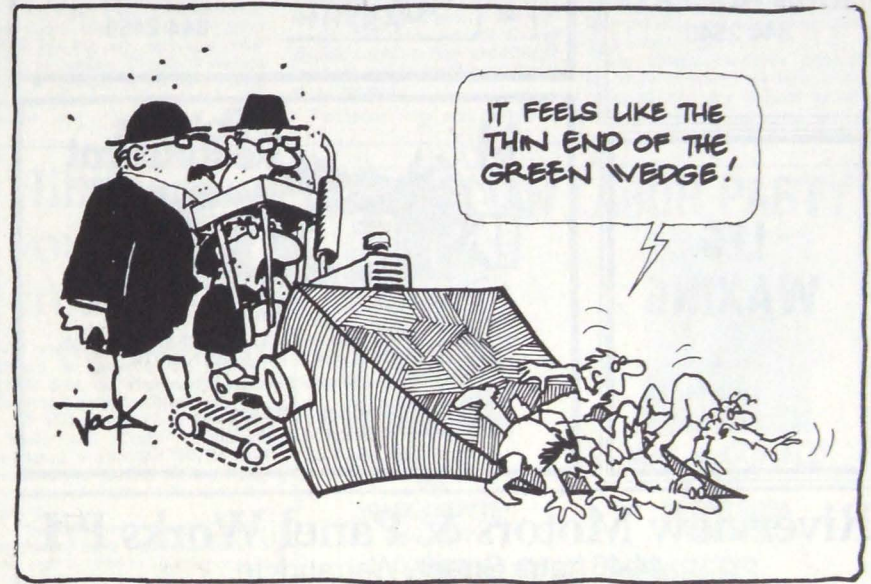
The report, commissioned by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and prepared by Dr Dezso Benko, highlights a conflict of interest between large and small lot owners in Landscape Interest A zones east of Mullum Mullum Creek. It also indicates the level of pressure being put on council by small interest groups to work to rezone the large allotments.

Council's reasons for commissioning this report are not clear, particularly since the State Government as recently as last year reaffirmed its intention to maintain permanently the "non-urban green-wedges" in the metropolitan area.

And a reassessment such as this of present zoning rules requires that the report should demonstrate changes in circumstances that have occurred since the zoning was gazetted in December 1978.

What is clear is that the results of the questionnaire put to residents in Landscape Interest A and Residential D zones shows that the essential character of Warrandyte is being preserved by goodwill rather than by clearly defined control measures, and that unless strict guidelines are imposed, Warrandyte faces a catastrophe.

It shows that the owners of the larger lots, together with the longest serving residents, are most opposed to tree clearing controls and other measures that would preserve



the landscape. At the same time they believe they have the right to "develop" their land as they see fit.

Small landowners, on the other hand, are in favor of tighter controls or at least maintenance of the status quo.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC) made a submission to the report suggesting that the present planning controls in Landscape Interest A zones are insufficient. It recommended the rezoning of Landscape Interest A to Landscape Interest C to have more con-

trols over tree clearing, siting and works.

On the basis of the questionnaire, WAC will strengthen its resolve to raise the level of protection of these areas that it feels are integral to maintaining the essential character of Warrandyte.

The argument that owners tend to "care" for their environment and believe that it is their "prerogative" to decide about tree clearing is just not enough. This situation is the equivalent to no controls, and there is evidence that some owners of large lots have little perception of the value of trees, having recently cleared large tracts of woodland.

On the issue of lot size, 54 per cent of respondents to the questionnaire would prefer smaller minimum lots while 42 per cent prefer the maintenance of the eight-hectare minimum, not a significant enough result to contemplate a review. However, this focuses on another problem with the report: only residents of Landscape Interest A and Residential D allotments were surveyed.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone to know that it is the owners of land large enough to be subdivided who favor smaller lots. Eighty-four per cent of owners of bigger blocks who responded to the questionnaire favored smaller minimum subdivision sizes. Of course, a question on this issue would be totally inapplicable to small land-

owners, although owners of less than two hectares favored the existing eight-hectare minimum.

Surely the views of all Warrandyte residents should have been canvassed for this report, since changes to the zoning of these areas would affect the quality of life for all Warrandyte residents. The Warrandyte "Green Wedge" is of concern to all residents, not just those in Landscape Interest A and Residential D zones.

A side issue to the presentation of the council report is that it has appeared in two forms. The full report has been placed on public view in a limited number of locations, and is otherwise only available for a fee of \$20.

Council is also releasing a thin, "free of charge" summary of the report, which also presents a range of options for future planning controls. This choose-one-of-the-above approach is totally misleading, in that it implies that zoning changes are inevitable.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee is scrutinising the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study before making a further submission to council.

Government policy is clear. Rezoning is not a real option. But since the issues have been raised, WAC will strive to ensure that the views of all residents are presented and that changes to Warrandyte are strictly controlled.



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The Warrandyte Diary takes the unusual step of apologising in advance for the one-sidedness of Smokey's first few items. But, as you know, we can neither censor nor control our correspondent.

Kevin and Monica Luttick, those enduring lovebirds of Beauty Gully Road, haven't holidayed away together since they went to Coff's Harbour three years ago and left the kids in charge of the house. They returned to find the chooks dead of malnutrition and the dog so skinny it would have passed muster at Olympic Park any Monday night. And the cat had chucked a wobbly. The message was clear: henceforth, on an alternating basis, mum or dad would have to man the home front while the other did the vacationing.

This year was Mon's turn away, and although she missed Kev heaps, she enjoyed the wonders of Expo with youngest son Mark (who, we hastily add, had no part in the sad chooks fiasco). And did Kev miss Mon? Did he what! The man who brags about his work attendance record actually skied the towel at lunchtime on Friday and came home thoroughly miserable. He said flu; his mates said lovesickness. The happy ending is that he'd recovered sufficiently by six that night to leave his sickbed for the ritual weekly sipalong with John Knox.

We are open here to accusations of turning this column into "The Life, Times and Misadventures Of Kevin Luttick". But he is such a worthy subject. Kevin arrived home bruised and bloodied the other night after a fall in the reconstructed car park at the recreation reserve. "Didn't realise the kerbing had been laid and fell flat on my face in the dark," he said. "Lucky I didn't break my nose. There must

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have been a bit of give in the blue metal." He swears he'd had just four glasses of light at the footy club, but Monica diagnosed his condition as a new strain of AIDS ... Alcohol Induced Dizzy Spells.



For such a devoted follower of football, Kevin Luttick is a lousy judge. Kev has been in a local VFL tipping competition for several years and has an uninterrupted record of running a distant last. His mates held a mercy meeting recently and unanimously decided that next season he'd be allowed to put his tips in on the Monday morning. Even then they reckon they're safe.

Harry Southall freely admits he was speeding ("134km/h and rising") and accepted quite philosophically his apprehension by the law on the Newell Highway near Moree, in northern N.S.W. Neither did he whinge about the \$150 on-the-spot fine because, as a man who makes his living out of motor cars, he knows the rules. His masculine pride was somewhat wounded, though, by the fact that the "arresting" officer was a woman. And he thought the six-gun in the holster on her hip was a trifle unnecessary. Mild-mannered Harry, of Betton Crescent, says the idea of a shoot-

out with the lady had never entered his head. And having bid goodbay to Ms Cagney or Lacey or whatever her name was, he, wife Jenny and son Travis resumed their holiday trip to Queensland at a reduced speed.

David and Debbie McLean, of North Warrandyte, had known for a while that the twins on the way were girls. Ah, how science has spreadeagled the mysteries of life. There was no telling five-year-old Sarah, though, because she'd set her heart on a couple of sisters and would have made life miserable for older brother Ben (7), who was equally adamant that fellas would henceforth numerically dominate the household. Jessica and Samantha arrived fit, well and on schedule and Ben accepted defeat quite stoically. "Well, Dad" he said, "it's us against the rest."

The inns and outs of the local hostelry continue. Out go Dianne and Michael Phillips. Smokey thought they did a Grand job and wishes them well over at the Eltham rubbidity, where they have sought asylum. Inn come Trevor and Susie Watts, full of bright ideas for improving the local.

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A cheer and a half for democracy as we go to vote

Are you going to buy or should I just stand here and hold my breath?

All in good time, chum of my childhood. I am pondering on the condition of this nation, this state and this community, split, as it is, by the river. I am not entirely happy with what I see.

I'm not entirely happy with this empty glass. Would it be beyond the bounds of possibility to have it refilled while you continue with your diatribe?

As you wish. Garcon! Two more hottentots! Now, as I was saying. The recent council elections left me less than grunted, old chum. The Doncaster mob elected a Warrandyte Ward councillor simply because his only opponent pulled out before ballot time. Now, I'm sure Councillor Whatsisname will be a ball-tearer, but where was the democratic choice?

But over on the other side . . . ?
On the other side it was worse.

Eltham Council, which regards the North Riding as a bit like a leper colony, let us know two days beforehand that an election was to take place, and would we mind doing the right thing and keep the polling booth officials from falling asleep.

And those candidates . . .

True, brother. The independent bloke chose to put up campaign signs in blue and white. Strangely enough they went up in many cases

on sites that had previously been reserved for Liberal candidates in state and federal elections. Well, that's this country for you: any independent can rent his corner block and swipe some other party's colors.

At least the independent true-blue put out a pamphlet.

You are not wrong. Pray ask the man to fill our glasses and please lay out a king's ransom in return. Yes, he letterboxed, 24 hours be-

fore the poll. The female-type person who lost didn't bother. I found her handing out her own how-to-vote cards at the polling booth. I tried but I couldn't understand her spiel in the 30 seconds before I was dragged in to vote.

So?

So, did you notice the big informal vote?

You mentioned wider issues.

Indeed, chum of my childhood. One of the more heartening trends

of our time is that our fellow drinkers, their wives and families seem to favor the referendum proposals. You know there's a good chance that, come September 3, we could have one person's vote weighing the same as any other's. That would be a first.

So you see democracy in full bloom?

Not exactly, mate. Somebody re-elected Bruce Ruxton.

Point taken.



All aboard the new community bus are Jean Chapman, Lou Hill and Colin Bentley.

Animal deaths are a worry

Recent deaths of wallabies, kangaroos and other native animals on the roads of Warrandyte and Park Orchards highlight the need for measures to be taken urgently to protect native fauna, according to the Liberal candidate for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood.

"Not many local residents would be aware that Warrandyte State Park has the only surviving colonies of koalas, swamp wallabies and kangaroos in the Melbourne metropolitan area," Mr Honeywood said. "With rapid urban

growth in the district over recent years many of these animals are falling victim to increased traffic on local roads and larger numbers of cats and dogs penetrating their nature habitat.

"Most of the native animals like to migrate between different reserves in the park area. It is unfortunate that there are not enough wildlife corridors now available to local animals to move from area to area," he said.

Phil Honeywood said: "While re-

cognising that it is difficult to stop the march of progress in the district, a number of measures should be taken to preserve the local inhabitants. Warning signs could be placed on the roadsides cautioning motorists that wildlife crosses the roads in certain areas. Local residents could also be encouraged not to allow their pet dogs and cats to roam the park area at night."

The Liberal candidate praised the work of State Park rangers in trying to take care of local native animals.

Hill warns young on credit risks

The young people of Warrandyte should be aware of the risks of credit debt, the Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, said recently.

Mr Hill was speaking about the "Youth and Credit" campaign launched this month by the Government to combat the increasing problem of credit debt among the young.

"Bankruptcies in the 18-25 year age group have escalated from 10 per cent in 1984 to 16.8 per cent in 1987," Mr Hill said. "Credit is now easier than ever for young people to obtain, even those without permanent employment or savings behind them."

"In a recent study, up to 50 per cent of the debts of young people were related to buying cars or consequent costs. Large debts in the thousands of dollars are easy to incur if the credit is available, but the aftermath of burden on the individual and his or her family can be terrible."

"The Government campaign is designed to provide information on the responsible use of credit by the young. Any individuals or groups who would like further information on this subject should contact my office by telephoning on 725 3570," Mr Hill said.

Why not hire a real trier?

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Fay, 32, has worked as a shop assistant and is interested in continuing in this field.

Peter, 45, has worked as a gardener and a laborer. He is willing to try any kind of work.

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Lib doubts on transport, but we get our bus

Local Labor and Liberal politicians are, predictably, split over the state of local transport, with those on the Government side maintaining that services are improving and their opponents saying that nothing has changed.

The Minister for Transport, Jim Kennan, and the local member, Lou Hill, announced recently that Victoria's first Government-funded community transport service would begin in Warrandyte with a \$10,000 grant.

The grant will enable the Warrandyte Community Transport Committee to run a community bus for local groups who do not have access to the regular transport system at times they need it.

"The grant will be a boon to a whole range of people in Warrandyte and surrounding areas," Mr Hill said. "It can be used by young people for such things as after-school programs, by the elderly, women at home without other forms of transport, and people with disabilities. It will be flexible, attuned to community needs and managed by the community to meet those specific needs."

The bus is on permanent loan from the Victorian Disabled Association. It will link with Met services as well as taking local groups to a range of activities in the Warrandyte area.

Mr Hill said he and the Warrandyte Community Transport Com-

mittee had been working hard for a solution to the transport needs of young people and other isolated groups in the area.

"The result is the first community transport project to be funded by the Ministry of Transport."

The Warrandyte Community Transport Group will be responsible for management of the service and the Citizens Advice Bureau will book the vehicle to groups for a donation.

Jim Kennan said he was keen to see a similar service begin in Park Orchards.

Lou Hill, who had invited Mr Kennan to meet Park Orchards residents, said Park Orchards was different from nearby suburban communities.

"Park Orchards is isolated from the main suburban stream of transport services and although the Met is continuing to improve services there are some needs which can best be met by community initiatives," Mr Hill said.

Mr Kennan also announced some immediate improvements to Met services, including a more direct service for Park Orchards students attending schools in the Hawthorn and Kew areas and developing an extension of the Donvale terminus service to provide easier access to the city for young people at night.

But the Liberal candidate for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood,

claims that the recently released State Government Met Plan offers nothing to residents of Park Orchards and Warrandyte.

He said: "The Met plan has been heralded in some quarters as the Government's blueprint for the Melbourne metropolitan area's transport needs over the next 15 years. However, close inspection of the document reveals that whilst it looks at the possibility of light rail links to the Doncaster area and improved bus services to districts such as Blackburn and Ringwood, it will provide no transport upgrading for the local area."

According to Mr Honeywood the Warrandyte/Park Orchards area has one of the highest residential growth rates in the metropolitan region. "For a government which has done nothing in the past seven years to improve the roads and traffic bottle-necks in this district to now overlook the area's needs for the next decade or more is a betrayal of the rights of local residents," he said.

Mr Honeywood also expressed concern about local bus timetables. "Many parents have complained to me that there is far too little public transport provided for young people in the area. Even school buses are a problem with, for example, students at Warrandyte High School often having to wait for over an hour for transport home if they miss their bus after school."

Second big tennis event is slotted

The Victorian Tennis Association has honored the Warrandyte club by asking it to run the Satellite Masters Tournament later this year.

This event, the final leg on the Victorian satellite circuit, will lead directly to the Australian Open, to be played early next year at the Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

The club president, Greg Lawrence, told the *Diary* that the VTA had asked Warrandyte to stage the

tournament because of the success of the Warrandyte Classic, one of the earlier rounds of the satellite series.

"You've earned it, now you've got it," a VTA official commented to Greg recently. The 24 top players on the satellite circuit will compete in the tournament, to be known as The Warrandyte Peters Ice Cream Masters, and played between November 16 and 20.

"This event will culminate a


great tennis program at Warrandyte for the year," Greg said. "The Goldtown Open, running through the weekend September 29 to October 1, will now take on the character of our own home town tournament. We want as many locals to compete as possible, rather than relying on outsiders. There will be graded sections to suit all standards."

"The preliminary rounds of the club championships begin on Au-


gust 28, leading to the Goldtown, then the club finals will be held on October 16, immediately before the Satellite Masters."

The club has commemorated its past champions and office bearers with several honor boards, newly erected in the clubhouse. At a recent club meeting, Judy Green was named "Clubperson of the Year" for her work with junior players and the night competitions. She received the Keith Wilson trophy.

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OLIVER DWIGHT

The sailor who settled

By BRUCE BENCE

Oliver Dwight died at the age of 88 on June 25 after a short illness. Ol had lived in Brysons Road, South Warrandyte, for more than 60 years. He bought 13 acres of land bounded by Reids Lane, Brysons Road and Wonga Road. In 1956 the land was sold with the exception of an acre block where Ol, his wife Clarice and son Ian lived.

Ol is survived by his five children: Evelyn Crouch, Rex, June Carter, Ian and Gwen Stringer. He had 17 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. His wife Clarice had died in 1974.

Ol's younger days were spent in various country towns. His first job was as a paper boy before following his father into the railways. Ol joined the Royal Australian Navy at the age of 17 during World War One and went into the submarine branch, a risky occupation, as the only two submarines Australia owned at the outbreak of war were both lost within 21 months.

It was while serving in a submarine that Ol underwent what must have been one of the most terrifying experiences that a person can encounter. The stern of their submarine became stuck in the sea bed while it was submerged. The crew were all sent to the bows as a counterweight and eventually the submarine broke free, but not before many of the crew were suffering ill effects from the air which was beginning to turn foul.

While Ol was serving in the navy he used to visit a cousin, Mrs Clem Walden, who lived on a property on the north-west corner of Reid's Lane. It was during these visits that he met his future bride, Clarice Walden. Clarice and Ol were married in 1925 when Ol completed his naval service.

Clarice's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Walden, had bought 47 acres of land in Brysons Road when it was just a dirt track winding in and out among the trees. They first built a bark hut on the property and used it as a holiday home.



Ol and Clarice Dwight.

In 1910 they moved a pair of maisonettes from Ballarat to the block, using a 32-horse team, a long slow job. The family cleared part of the land for an orchard and ran a guest house. They named the house 'Braden Brae', Braden being a family name.

Ol and Clarice lived with Clarice's parents at 'Braden Brae' until their own house was finished. Ol worked as an engineer at the Ringwood Cool Store, next to the Ringwood railway station, and during the Depression found employment at various other cool stores throughout the district. He also had a part-time job at Captain Payne's property at Wonga Park, where the milking machines were steam operated. Ol rode a motorbike to work, but as often happened during the Depression, he switched to a push-bike when there was no money to buy petrol.

Ol worked for the State Electric-

ity Commission for a number of years before ill health forced him to retire in his 60s.

The couple developed a lemon orchard on their property and later planted cherries. They also grew flowers which they sold to florists in the suburbs and at the Victoria Market. Clarice used to deliver the flowers, travelling to town by train and then struggling home from the market with the week's shopping.

When the 1939 fires hit, Ol was at work in Ringwood, Clarice was in Melbourne, Evelyn was away on holidays, June was staying at a neighbor's house and Rex, Ian and Gwen were at 'Braden Brae' with their grandmother.

Mrs Walden sent the children up to neighbor, Mrs Henderson, as she had a car, Rex, who was later to become captain of St Andrews Fire Brigade, was 11 years old and can still remember running up the road

to Mrs Henderson's with smoke and flame rolling over the road above their heads. When they got to Henderson's there was trouble starting the car as the petrol was vapourising. The children had to run up the hills to safety.

Their father heard about the fires at work and raced home on his motorbike to find his home already starting to burn. There was only tank water, and little of that due to the savage drought that Victoria was experiencing. Ol was unable to save the house and the family lost everything.

Ol then went over to 'Braden Brae', which was a mass of flames. He found Mrs Walden, then aged 82, lying in the drive where she had collapsed. She had suffered bad burns to the face, arms and legs which she received when she rescued some papers from the house. The wind blew away all the papers that she had risked so much

to save, and they were never seen again.

Ol carried his mother-in-law down to a dam on the property, put her in it and stayed with her until the fire had passed.

The family all survived the fire but it was about 12 months before they moved back into their new house. In the meantime they lived in Ringwood.

Mrs Walden, Clarice and the children joined other families that had been burnt out at Mordialloc where they all lived in a church hall for six weeks. They were clothed and fed by the generosity of church groups.

Some years after he retired Ol renewed his Boiler Attendants Ticket to enable him to run the boilers at a factory in Ringwood when a friend wanted to take six months leave. No mean effort for a man in his 70s.

At the time of his death Ol was the longest serving member of the Ringwood Branch of the Masonic Lodge, having been a member for over 60 years. He had served in a number of different offices, occupying some of them more than once. He was also a past grand master of the Oddfellows Lodge.

After Ol retired he worked around the property caring for his Cecil Brunner roses, pruning fruit trees and gardening, jobs that he continued to carry out until the last years of his life.

After Clarice died Ol and Ian lived together in their home in Brysons Road and it was due to Ian's care and help that Ol was able to spend his remaining years in the area where he had spent so much of his life. He enjoyed nothing more than being with his family and sharing their holidays and camping trips.

Ol was always cheerful and always had a ready smile whenever you met him. He never complained even in the last few years when illness started to take its toll. When he knew his own end was near and inevitable he faced it calmly and confidently.

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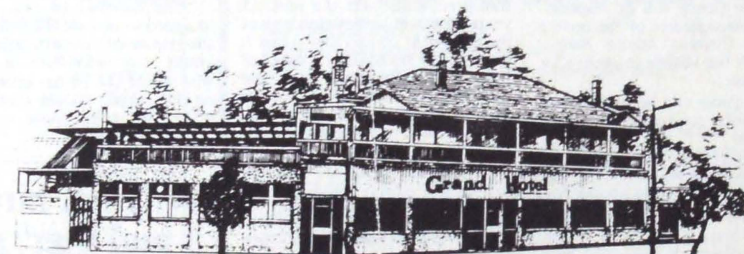
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Wilson's leave, leaving many positions open

By BRUCE BENCE

Shortly after their marriage Bobby and Keith Wilson moved to Warrandyte. It was 1954, and like so many others have done, they saw the area as a beautiful place to live in and raise their two children, Lindy and Craig.

The family were not in the area long before they became involved in the community, an involvement that was to last right up to this winter when they left to go and live at Nambucca Heads. Even after selling their home in Warrandyte, Bobby and Keith were still attending meetings and taking a keen interest in local events.

Bobby and Keith became members of the local tennis club soon after they arrived and were active members for more than 30 years. Keith was president for 25 years. Keith also played football for Warrandyte and was a member of the first Warrandyte team to win a premiership in the late 1950s.

Keith and Bobby attended the meeting called to provide local people with meals on wheels. From this meeting was formed the Warrandyte and District Welfare Service. Keith became a committee member in December 1970 and was elected president in January 1973, a position he held for 15 years.

The Welfare Service always ran smoothly. The annual general meeting was held in conjunction with the annual luncheon for the members, and, under Keith's chairmanship the meetings lasted about 15 minutes, probably a record for Warrandyte and many other places as well. Bobby was assistant treasurer for many years.

The Warrandyte Welfare Service delivered its first meals in April 1971. For the year 1971/72 a total of 1100 meals were delivered; by 1978/79 the number had risen to 3139. By 1986 it was estimated that some 43,000 meals had been delivered.

Keith joined the Warrandyte Arts

Association in the early 1950s and took part in some of the early Drama Group productions. He served on the Drama Group committee in the mid 60s with Enid Bird.

Bobby joined the Arts Association in the early 1960s and with Pauline Cross organised outdoor exhibitions and painting safaris.

'Although Keith had spent all his life working for the shipping firms, it was the waterside workers who nominated him for the position.'

Bobby was the painters' representative on the central committee for many years and is a keen and talented painter herself. After leaving school Bobby had worked as a textile designer and at producing hand-painted fabrics.

When Keith retired he took up pottery. His studio was designed so that while he was working at his wheel he looked out over one of the most magnificent views in the Warrandyte area.

Keith was a councillor on Doncaster and Templestowe Council from 1958 to 1961, a job where he received help and support from Bobby at the many functions that they had to attend. He was also a commissioner for the Warrandyte Water Trust.

After the 1962 fires Keith became president of the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade during some of the most important years in its history when the brigade and the service as a whole were restructured.

Keith was president and treasurer of the Warrandyte branch of the Liberal Party, a position where he won the respect of many of his political opponents.

Among Keith's other activities: he was a member of the advisory council for Ringwood and Norwood high schools, president of the Warrandyte scouts, and a commit-

tee member of the Warrandyte Badminton Club, as well as being a trustee of the Anderson's Creek cemetery.

Keith and Bobby were involved with the Warrandyte Presbyterian Church and, once again, Keith took a leading part. He was a Sunday school superintendent, elder, session clerk, board secretary and youth club organiser.

Bobby served as a committee member of the Warrandyte School Canteen and was a member of the social committee of the Warrandyte Tennis Club. Between 1975 and 1985 Bobby and a friend were proprietors of the Palette gift shop in Forbes Street.

As with his role in the community, Keith played an active and leading role in his working career. He was manager and director of a shipping and stevedoring company, chairman of the Overseas Shipping Association and was on the committee of management for the Association of Employers of Waterside Labor.

After he retired he was appointed Australian trade director for the port of New Orleans in America and became the port conciliator appointed to liaise between the local Waterside Workers Federation and the shipowners. In this role Keith umpired disputes before they escalated into major problems.

During his term he was able to resolve all the disputes that arose before they got out of control. The remarkable thing was that, although Keith had spent all his life working for the shipping firms, it was the waterside workers who nominated him for the position.

Keith was always good value on a committee or in the chair, and this is no doubt the reason that he served on so many. Keith and Bobby always contributed in whatever organisations they belonged to. Keith was never content to be a passenger or a figurehead and his wise advice often saved organisations from falling into traps.

Bobby and Keith served the community for 34 years. It is doubtful whether any other family has contributed so much over such a long period.

Bobby and Keith will be sincerely missed by the community and they will leave a large gap, but they leave with the goodwill and affection of all of us who have come in contact with them over the years.



The folks turn out for Isobel

On a recent Sunday, despite the weather, all roads led to the residence of Rosemary and Ian Downs, the daughter and son-in-law of Isobel Bradford, when they hosted a surprise party for Isobel's 80th birthday.

This delightful lady has played an active and helpful role in the community and has made many friends throughout the area, as shown by the presence of more guests than the lady has years.

Isobel's interest in tennis was amusingly highlighted by the arrival of a "singing telegram" delivered by an "act-a-like" John McEnroe.

It was a very pleasant day with three generations mingling happily together. Despite Ian's bad back, he was able to carry on for most of the afternoon as host.

Those who attended the party enjoyed it very much and were grateful to Ian and Rosemary for the opportunity of celebrating this important milestone in Isobel's life with her.

ALMA HUTCHINSON

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Smokey never passes up a chance to brag about one of his *Diary* mates, especially when that mate is Bruce Bence, esteemed historical scribe and dedicated anti-dual occupancy dueller. A few weeks ago Bruce was awarded the National Medal, in recognition of "diligent service" to the Country Fire Authority. In a firefighting career spanning many years, Bruce was secretary of the Warrandyte brigade, then full-time District Fire Officer, and finally CFA communications supremo covering the whole of Victoria. Good one, Bruce.

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It's nothing whatsoever to do with the local returned lads, but Smokey cannot help feeling discomforted by the re-election of the strange Victorian RSL president Bruce Ruxton. When will Diggers — who fought for democracy — look into the undemocratic way Bruce and his buddies cling to power? Investigate: that's Smokey's tip.

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And we passed a milestone this edition. Sorry, make that kilometre-stone for all the poor young kids who don't understand good old imperial measure. Peter McDougall, the estate agent who started the first edition of the *Diary* and who has supported us through thin and thin, has changed his advertisement inside this newspaper. "Twenty-five years' experience" becomes "30 years' experience." More power to you, Peter, and your staff.

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Carole-Ann Gill: From acting with Julie Andrews to acting up with the Warrandyte mob.

West End to the West End

By VAL POLLEY

Carole-Ann Gill is a very busy lady these days. When not directing the young cast in 'The Sallow Wattle' at the high school, she is busy performing in her own theatre-restaurant show in Hawthorn.

She has always been busy. The Gill family has lived in Warrandyte for 16 years. Carole-Ann and husband Terry, well known for his acting in TV shows such as 'The Flying Doctors' and films such as 'Crocodile Dundee', have taken an active role in the town.

Carole-Ann was instrumental in saving a local dancing school from closure by finding a new teacher. She has worked in movement and dance with children at the primary school. This was so successful that it was expanded into a wider program.

Carole-Ann's professional career started back in London in the 1950s when she attended art school alongside such people as Julie Andrews. Awarded runner up in the London Drama Cup, she was praised for her flair for comedy. However it was not easy to break into the theatre and Carole-Ann found herself working many other jobs. She was a dental nurse and a telephone operator until she broke into amateur theatre. This led to the position of stage manager for Theatre in The Round, a most innovative company.

She was invited to join Michael Flanders and Donald Swann in their production of 'A Drop of a Hat', an extremely popular and successful show which ran for more than two and a half years.

Carole-Ann then found herself in repertory theatre, performing in pantos, cabaret, films and TV. It was while travelling out of London for one of these shows at Whitby in the north of England that Carole-Ann met Terry. She was to play the juvenile leading lady, he was the stage manager.

They married soon after their return to London where Terry was

appearing in a West End production. Terry was considering returning to Australia, the country where he had lived since a young boy, and after the show closed they set off.

Work was not easy to find at that time. The two of them undertook many different jobs. A break came when Noel Ferrier invited them to go to Adelaide in 'Alice in Wonderland'. From there it was to Tikki and John's in Melbourne, where the genesis of their show 'The Bull and Bush' came about. For a while Carole-Ann "bared her all" at the Lido, a luxurious, glamorous and short-lived night spot in Melbourne.

Following the birth of a daughter, Erin, Carole-Ann and Terry performed the ugly sister roles in a production of 'Cinderella'. It didn't take them long to realise that with their combined talents they could produce better pantos themselves to fulfil the demand around Melbourne.

This was the start of a very satisfying if hectic period, mounting as many as seven pantos in different venues at any one time. They employed such performers as Daryl Somers, Rosie Sturgess and Betty Bobbitt as well as performing themselves. The shows were very well received and remembered with affection.

Over the past few years Carole-Ann has been active in the family business of running the 'Bull and Bush' music hall, first at Warrandyte and then at Hawthorn. She performs in the shows as well as taking care of many of the other details of the business.

When Carole-Ann was asked if she would direct the new show for the Warrandyte High School, she didn't hesitate. 'The Sallow Wattle' is written by Cliff Green and is set in Warrandyte at the time of World War Two. It is very much a school/community production, with music by Barry McKimm, lyrics by Lee Tindale, set design by Jock MacNeish and accompaniment by Phoebe Briggs.

Carole-Ann is thrilled with her young cast. She says they have been marvellous in their enthusiasm and have coped well with the intricacies of the music.

The open nature of the theatre at the high school has enabled Carole-Ann to draw on her experience and pursue the open-stage style of director Trevor Nunn ('Cats', 'Les Miserables'), whom she much admires.

Rehearsals for the show are progressing extremely well under her direction and there is little doubt that its premiere will be a success. Equally there is little doubt that Carole-Ann Gill's many years experience and expertise fit her admirably for the task.

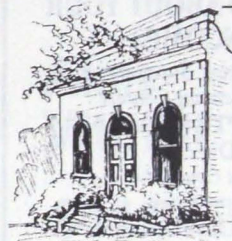
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He says nursing home accommodation has already reached saturation point, forcing many elderly residents to move out of the area, often taking them far away from family and friends.

"Doncaster-Templestowe Council and nursing home administrators claim there is a shortfall of at least 47 beds in the area, based on Government figures. Despite these figures the council still has not received an answer from the Government to a request for 30 more beds at the Doncaster-Templestowe nursing home."

Said the candidate: "More than

40 local aged people assessed as needing nursing home care have been turned away from the region's only Government-funded 30-bed nursing home in the past four months. They then have only two choices: they either pay far more than their old-age pension to live in a private special accommodation home or they move away from the district to Government-funded homes elsewhere if they can get a bed or room space."

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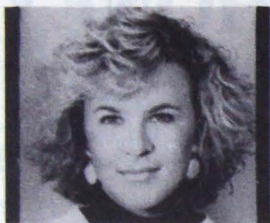
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August, 1888: The Council election has been all the talk during the past fortnight and as the polling day draws near the excitement is culminating. Messrs Reynolds and Andrews addressed a large meeting last Saturday evening. It was not quite as orderly as a church meeting.

Anderson's Creek has generally been noted for giving patient hearing to any and all who address them, and the barracking reflected but little credit on those who indulged in it. I think the voting will be very close and it is a toss up between Messrs Andrews and Goodwin for first place.

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LATER

The Council election was really a very exciting affair. As I surmised it was just a touch and go between Messrs Andrew and Goodwin. However, the latter gentleman made a "good win" of it by two votes. Mr Reynolds was well supported in the township but failed to get outside support.

The election of Cr Stiggants to the presidency was a popular one. The new councillors, Messrs Mead-er and Goodwin, took an active part in the proceedings of the meeting. Cr Calder's silence being exceedingly eloquent.

Kirner to launch park plan

The Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Joan Kirner, is returning to Warrandyte to launch the Draft Management Plan for Warrandyte State Park just one year after announcing the start of the planning process.

The plan tackles a wide range of issues affecting the park and the public and private lands that border it. It provides a long-term strategy for protecting the park's natural resources as well as providing for visitor use. The public will be invited to comment on the draft management plan.

The community has been involved with the planning process from its early stages. Residents are therefore invited to attend the launch of the plan at the Pound Bend picnic area. This will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 2 pm. There will be activities during the afternoon and Devonshire teas will be served. For further details please contact Warrandyte State Park on 844 2659.

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Outstanding young local footballer Jonathan Hassall has been selected in the Victorian under-15 secondary schools football team.

The 14-year-old rover will represent his State in the Australian championships in Hobart from August 20 to 28.

It is the second "Big V" for Jon, who was a member of the victorious 1985 Victorian primary schools side.

And it is the culmination of a busy, busy footballing year for the Warrandyte High School student.

The State under-15s is Jon's sixth team this season. He has already represented the Eastern Districts Football League's under-16s, Yarra Valley schoolboys under-15s in the Victorian championships, Warrandyte High seniors and juniors and Warrandyte Football Club's under-16s.

Jon captained his junior

school side and local club team.

He was always going to be a footballer. Jon is the youngest of seven brothers, five of whom play for Warrandyte.

In a recent match, brothers Joseph (19) and Michael (28) were voted the Bloods' best and second-best respectively — and Matthew, eldest at 32, won an award in the reserves.

Matthew is a former Australian rugby representative at both junior and senior level. He played for his country for two years as a schoolboy, than as a senior in a seven-a-side championship in Hong Kong.

Jon began his football with the Warrandyte under-10s in 1983. Last year, he won the EDFL best and fairest for the under-14s (Section 1).

He was a member this year of the EDFL team which won the Victorian Metropolitan Football League under-16s title for a record fourth consecutive time.

There is nothing so depressing as an empty Warrandyte football ground when there's supposed to be a vital home game on. Not a soul there to see the Bloods play Upper Ferntree Gully in the penultimate home-and-away game.

Damned poor show. And a bit inconsiderate of the players to stay away, too.

As we put on an ill-fated multiple daily double over the road, the bloke behind the jump solves the mystery: Ground unplayable; game transferred to Park Orchards.

Right on! Know Domney Reserve well. The girl-children used to play netball there. So we scoot along Beauty Gully Road (remarkable on the way that the tone of the area has lifted immeasurably since John Knox moved in) — and find Domney quite deserted as well.

For our next trick we check out Colman Park, off Croydon Road, and draw Big Blank No. 3. We are beginning to know how Burke and Wills must have felt and decide by a slender majority to check out the local clubrooms before we give up in disgust and go home to hear Hawthorn beat Essendon.

We case the locked rooms and find only a poster for a beach party

Tortuous track to the football

there that night, which is not really what we are after. But on the way out, salvation!

The rain has left just enough chalk on a blackboard nailed to a power pole in the carpark for us to make out the words "Stinton Reserve".

Flushed with anticipation, we hightail it along Tindals Road, turn left, and a wonderful sight hoves into view: An occupied footy ground where the rubbish tip used to be. We congratulate ourselves on our tenacity as we settle in just before half-time to watch the mighties record perhaps their best win of the season.

And on the way home we deem the marathon journey entirely worthwhile.



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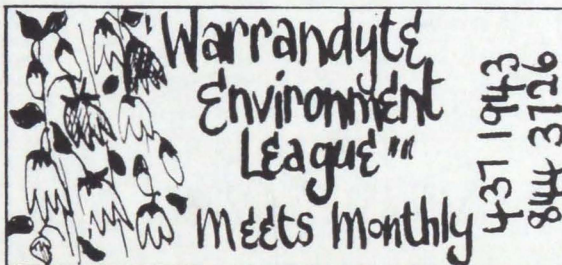
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Brave Bloods dip out

Percentage decides our fate

Warrandyte were pipped on the post in a desperate run home to the EDFL third division finals.

Despite a hat-trick of victories at the business end of the home-and-away season, the Bloods failed by percentage points to grab fourth spot.

Ironically, that berth went to The Basin, the team Warrandyte beat in the last round.

The Bloods went into that game depending on victory and a win by Upper Ferntree Gully over Norwood, who were then fourth. Warrandyte won by 16 points in a low-scoring mudbath but the Gully fell well short of keeping their end of the "bargain".

Obviously, it was a disappointing end to a season of fluctuating fortunes for the young Warrandyte side. But it was a season of achievement, according to coach Len Halley.

"My aim at the start of the season was to make us more competitive and we achieved that," Halley told the *Diary*.

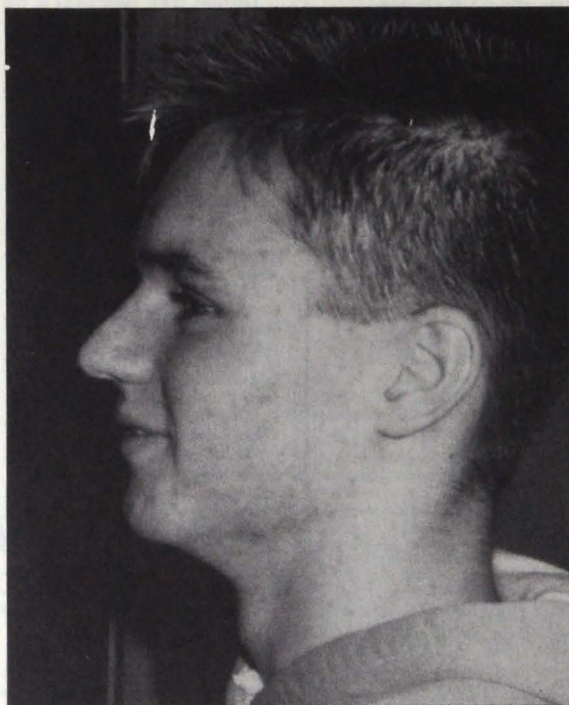
"The development of the young players, their attitude and commitment, created enthusiasm. Getting so close is very disappointing for those young blokes.

"As long as we don't lose too many players, I believe we'll make the finals next season."

The 1989 coaching position was yet to be discussed when this edition of the *Diary* went to press, but Halley said: "At the moment, I'd like to be here next year."

He said the Bloods probably needed three more experienced players to add overall strength and depth.

Halley nominated Steve Carroll, Lachlan McLean, Kimberley O'Connor, Eugene Hansen, Joey Hassall and Jarrod Dickson as young



Steve Carroll . . . a top game against The Basin.

players he would dearly like to see retained.

"If we can hold most of them it's an excellent start because they all have been excellent senior players this year," he said.

Club president Kevin McLean pointed out that Warrandyte had this season played six or seven youngsters who were still eligible for the under-18s.

"We probably lacked a little physical strength in boggy conditions," he said.

"We lost a lot of games by very small margins. Good sides win the close ones, so we are not yet a good side. But we have a very good foundation for the future."

Warrandyte led for all but the first few minutes of the away game

against The Basin. They set up the win by outplaying the home side against the wind in the first quarter and leading by a point at the change.

Courageous rover Carroll contributed two goals in the second term to give Warrandyte a 14-point lead (5.2 to 3.0) at the interval, but the game was up for grabs at the last change, with the lead whittled away to just nine points.

Matthew Elliott ended a furious last-quarter battle for ascendancy with an amazing goal a couple of minutes before the siren. Final score was 6.6 (42) to 4.2 (26).

Warrandyte's best were Trevor Constance, Eugene Hansen, Stuart McLean, Carroll, Robert Webb, Elliott and Gerald Walshe.

Grand day at the footy club

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a VFL Grand Final day at the clubrooms on Saturday, September 24.

The televised game will be shown on a big screen, in conjunction with a spit roast.

Activities will get under way at 11.30 a.m. Members and supporters are urged to roll up to what promises to become an annual event.

The club's vote count and the players' talent quest will be held in the social rooms on Saturday, August 20. The talent night has long been a highlight of the Bloods' social calendar and a few "extra surprises" are promised this time.

Presentation night will be held at Alfred's Homestead on Show Eve (Wednesday, September 21), starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 single (not including drinks) and are available from Jenny Walshe (876 3719) and Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).

You can easily identify the committeemen at Warrandyte Football Club. They're the weary-looking ones.

Weary because they've each been devoting up to 40 voluntary hours a week manning the new clubrooms.

Their marathon efforts have been largely responsible for the obvious success of the facilities.

"A lot of people have worked damned hard," club president Kevin McLean told the *Diary*.

"The new rooms have made a big difference in atmosphere and support around the club," he said.

"Eventually, they will make a big difference financially."

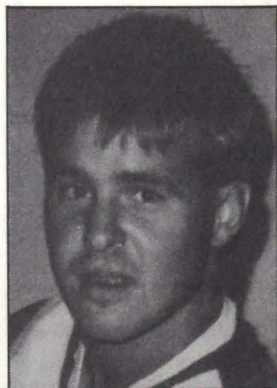
The WFC Past Players' Association, launched successfully this year, hopes to expand its membership and activities next season.

Anyone who has played senior or reserves football for Warrandyte is eligible to join.

The contact is Brian Tomlinson (876 2178).

Sensational Matt finish

The goal Matthew Elliott kicked to seal the game against The Basin was very good. Very, very good. Excellent.



Julian Hansen

You see few better in that competition and in those sort of conditions.

Elliott left-footed a banana-kick through a space that wasn't even visible from his forward pocket. And hard-pressed on the run, too.

It was such a goal that your correspondent sought him out later and asked him for a one-word description. "Sensational!" said Modest Matt.

Best he'd kicked? Well, he'd kicked a lot of goals in his time. Let's see ... there was one back in the under-12s...

We hated to short-circuit his memoirs, but we had to be home for the start of the cricket season.

But it really was quite a goal at The Basin.

It's not easy to retain your sense of humour when you're a backman, covered in mud, and it's raining

opposition goals. But young Warrandyte reserves player Julian Hansen managed to see the funny side of it in the last quarter against The Basin.

Julian battled commendably in a vain attempt to stem the tide of attacks, but desperation set in at one stage when he found himself in possession and surrounded by mean forwards. So he put the ball over the line with a blatant half-scoop, half-throw. The indignant howls of Basin supporters turned to guffaws as he faced them, spread his hands, shrugged and grinned sheepishly.

His game was rewarded later with top votes.

Warrandyte Football Club reminds members of the "happy hour" at the clubrooms each Friday from 5.30 p.m. It says the prices are guaranteed to keep you smiling.

Cricket kicks off

Warrandyte Cricket Club is warming up for the new season with senior indoor training at the Box Hill centre, in Clarice Street.

Outdoor practice starts the first week of September, just four weeks before the season starts on October 1.

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