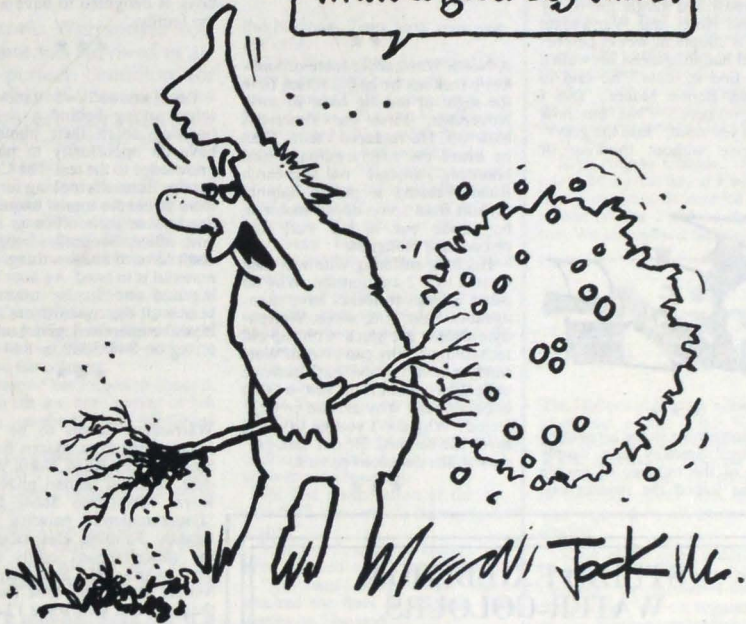


HE STUCK UP HIS THUMB... SEE, AND PULLED OUT A PLUM TREE AND SAID..

What a good boy am I.



# Confusion surrounds prunes pillaging

By JUDY MacDONALD

After an initial coyness, the Lions Club of Warrandyte has finally revealed that it has "no plans to disturb the streetscape" during its tennis court project. (See Statement, page 8).

Various Doncaster and Templestowe Council officers recently told the *Diary* that the project was being handled by three departments and "nobody in particular", that it had been approved and was to be completed by early November and that no drawn plan had been submitted.

The proposal, they said, included the laying of 4000 engraved pavers (90 square metres by Council estimate), a three-plate electric barbeque and the provision of picnic tables and seats. Upgrading of the carpark was also included.

As far as tree lopping goes, council claims that no mention was made of this and that, in any case, council has no say in the matter.

Tree removal or retention was a "community matter", the officers said, and should be discussed by the Warrandyte Environment League and the community.

As WEL's last newsletter announces yet another working bee on the tennis court area while claiming that WEL is assisting the Lions to "restore the surrounds of the tennis courts to resemble the original river environment", the question must be raised, are the two groups working on the same project? Is the barbeque and paving pre James Anderson or pre Wurundjerri?

It seems that WEL is the body intent on removing prunus from the Warrandyte area and is using the Lions' project as a "valid" reason.

As reported in the last issue of the *Diary*, WEL president Alan Noy had admitted WEL's intention of removing roadside prunus "over a three-year period".

The draft plan of management proposals for the Warrandyte State Park, which includes the Yarra Street river frontage, has not yet been approved. So why is this tree lopping proceeding?

The community should be aware that Doncaster and Templestowe Council — as the committee of management for this area — envisages tourist parking, riding trails and pedestrian access in this narrow strip.

Over-management of this riverside area along with eradication of "non-native" trees will mark the end of Warrandyte's unique environment.

It is time that the WEL made a public statement of intent regarding this tree removal and subsequent streetscape change, so that the community can speak up before it is too late.

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# Centre to go ahead, with shops in plan

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte's new community centre is to begin construction next year. But at a price. Doncaster and Templestowe Council approved a brief early this month for the development of the centre specifying that more than one third of the proposed floor space be available for commercial purposes.

The new centre is to be built on the old Getson site, bounded by Yarra Street, Webb Street, Mitchell Avenue and an unmade section of Brackenbury Street. Council has also decided that Mitchell Avenue will not be closed as part of this development.

The Gospel Chapel and the old dairy are to be purchased for temporary accommodation for community groups.

The project will have a total floor area of 1600 square metres, with 1000 square metres allocated for community purposes, 500 square metres for commercial office space and 100 square metres for "recreational retail".

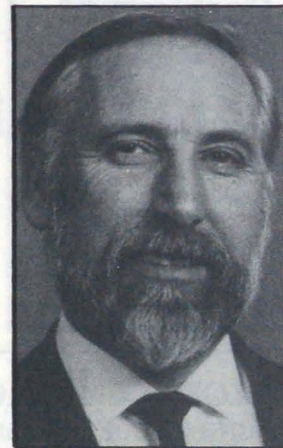
"This could include a restaurant, craft shops or other outlets catering for tourists," Cr Vern Denford told the *Diary*.

"It is intended that the commercial component in the centre should complement facilities available in the centre and in the township. A State Parks information centre could be included in this category."

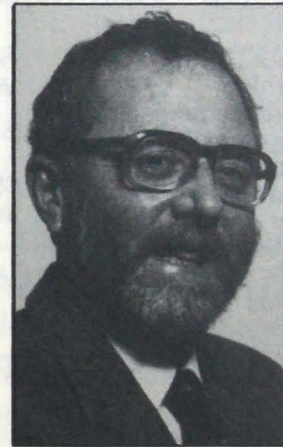
The stress on office space follows a consultants report questioning the viability of any further retail development in Warrandyte. It strongly recommends the building of 500 square metres of "high quality professional suites and consulting rooms" as a means of subsidising the capital cost of the centre.

"This is certainly a big improvement on ideas being bandied around previously, for anything up to a dozen shops on the site," Cr Ken McKenzie told the *Diary*. "However, 500 square metres does seem a little large. Based on the consultants' estimate of 80 square metres a suite, this could result in six or seven units."

"There is a need for this type of space in the township, but there is also a strong possibility that at least some of it will be met by new shops



Cr Vern Denford: Community groups will be consulted on the final version of the plan.



Cr Ken McKenzie: He believes there are too many shops already in Warrandyte.

that cannot be let for retail premises, due to over-supply.

"It would appear that the question of a municipal library being part of the centre is effectively dead," Cr McKenzie said. "It is being argued that with a library now situated at The Pines shopping centre, this area is fully catered for.

This is nonsense. Children and the elderly are the major users of libraries. They should be able to walk or cycle to a library close to their home.

"Warrandyte has been waiting for a comprehensive library for more than 100 years. Temporary 'shopfront' library space should be given early priority, with perhaps a proper branch library to be included at a later stage."

"The possibility exists for a library access point," Cr Denford said, "where the central computerised catalogues could be consulted and books could be ordered, picked up and returned."

Most of the original proposals for the centre involved the closure of Mitchell Avenue, allowing better use of the community centre site and integration of the Mechanics' Institute Hall. Council has heeded residents' protests on this issue and Mitchell Avenue is to remain open.

"A 5.5 metre carriageway will be available for through traffic with a specially designed paved walkway providing a safe pedestrian link between the hall and the community centre," Cr Denford said.

Groups occupying premises in the new centre will be charged rentals covering maintenance and running costs. "This 'user pays' charge will be considerably less than commercial rates, as the capital costs of the centre will not be included," Cr Denford said.

Council also resolved to buy the old dairy and the Gospel Chapel, situated between Yarra Street and the river, for up to a maximum of \$110,000. "Some of these buildings will provide short-term accommodation for community groups rendered temporarily homeless by the development at the Getson site," Cr Denford said.

It is understood that the Gospel Chapel and dairy sites will be eventually developed for car parking and public open space. "I would not want to see the Gospel Chapel demolished," Cr McKenzie said. "It should be saved in order to retain the streetscape."

Council's endorsement of the development of the centre is based on recommendations by a joint working party from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, Shire of Eltham and the Warrandyte Advisory Committee. This body has been

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## CYRIL BY PAUL W.



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Tosspot and local ALP branch secretary Phil Gardiner was telling the story at the end of the combined weenie roast and gargle put on by the Grand Hotel and Warrandyte Cellars. A couple of weeks beforehand Phil had misplaced his wallet. "I can't find it, mate," he said to Cellarman Bernie Maher. "Did I leave it in here?" "No, but how much do you need," said the generous Bernie without thinking or blinking.



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Is there something in the air around the village? Smokey asks simply because of the number of people who have joined the twinset bri-

## IN RED & WHITE

gade lately. The Thorpes, the McLeans...and now the Turners, of Pound Road. Kay and Bruce are tickled pink (and blue) with the arrival of Kristie Louise and Jason Robert on November 5. Cousins Elissa and Sarah, plus Aunty Sheryl and Uncle Eric are delighted.

They don't want their name used, so we will respect their wishes. But if anyone out there has lost a ginger tomcat then a Brackenbury Street couple would love to give him back. He wandered in around early October. Relieve their anxiety by ringing 844 1592 or 870 0818.

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A North Warrandyte mate of Smokey's reckons he had a rotten time the night of the big blow in early November. First the flyscreens blew off. He replaced them. Then he heard the empty garbage bins bouncing around on Research Road. Fearing a public liability lawsuit from some dopey motorist, he strode out in the buff and rescued the mongrels.

His long-suffering wife was then treated to a 2 am diatribe. Why do other Eltham residents have manageable Sulo bins while Warrandyte people are stuck with the old technology? Why can't North Warrandyte have a proper hard garbage collection instead of just a skip once a year? Why are we so neglected? Why don't you go to sleep, love? she soothed. He did. But, god-damn it, the questions remain.

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Phil and Gabrielle Honeywood had cause to celebrate again on the night of Saturday October 29 with the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Katherine Louise. Both mother and daughter are doing well, a great relief to the family as Phil and Gabrielle were involved in a serious car accident only weeks before the birth. Phil, one of five boys, is delighted to have a girl in the family.

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Local knowalls who fancy themselves sitting behind a desk and boasting about their home town have an opportunity to put their knowledge to the test. The Citizens' Advice Bureau is looking for volunteers to handle tourist enquiries on Sundays in their office in the old post office. Seriously though, you don't have to know a thing. All the material is to hand. An hour's training and one Sunday afternoon a year is all the commitment needed. If you're interested, give Louise Joy a ring on 844 3082 or 844 2197.

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Warrandyte seems to be full of talent these days. Maren Evans of Stoney Creek Road, North Warrandyte, received second prize at the Royal Melbourne Show for her "Bauernmalerei" painting in the Peasant Painting classification of the miscellaneous crafts section. The award came as a surprise to Maren, as she only took lessons in the particular style some 12 months ago. Bauernmalerei painting is a particular style developed in Germany and is used for decorating plates and other objects. Well done, Maren.



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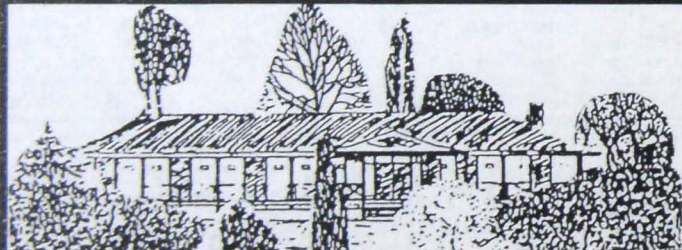
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# Historic cottage is in danger

A historic Warrandyte cottage that has survived in almost perfect condition for more than 100 years is now falling apart, four years after it was classified by the National Trust.

The tiny slab and daub cottage — described as a national treasure — has graffiti scratched on its crumbling walls and is used as a playground by children in Warrandyte.

The man who accidentally discovered the building and spared it from demolition, Mr Max Green, has hit out at the slow action to preserve the cottage.

"Everyone has forgotten about it, put it in the too hard basket or left it up to somebody else," Mr Green said.

"It'll be wrecked in another year or two and it won't be worth restoring. It's sitting there getting worse and worse."

National Trust administrator Mr Douglas Hill said a roof had been built over the cottage while an architect studied ways of preserving it.

"We'll certainly make sure it is preserved," Mr Hill said.

But Mr Green said a tarpaulin had been draped over the cottage for three years and the permanent structure was only built last year.

"That's ineffective cover because while it (the second roof) stops falling branches, it does not stop the wind and rain on the walls," Mr Green said.

Mr Green, a builder, found the single-room cottage "cocooned" in an old weatherboard house he was demolishing to build a new house.

The Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils split the \$35,000 cost of buying the land in Castle Road from Mr Green and

the National Trust took over control of it.

The Warrandyte Historical Society's president when the cottage was found, Cliff Green, said the building was unique to Victoria and built about 1880, possibly by a gold fossicker using handmade nails.

"It was the only intact example of a primitive colonial structure," Cliff Green said. "It was in pristine condition. It looked as though it had been built yesterday. "The tragedy is that it's no longer like that."

One wall of the cottage has broken away from the roof and a steel band has been nailed around the whole structure.

"It was classified within a week of its uncovering because the National Trust was so excited about it," Cliff said.

"Once the National Trust took it over we couldn't do any repairs — we weren't allowed to."

He said preservation of the cottage "fell between the bureaucratic cracks".

Max Green said the cottage had been allowed to fall into disrepair.

"At least they could have blocked the door to stop the kids getting in," he said.

The cottage walls are made of timber slabs filled with clay and lined with a layer of wattle and daub.

The roof is slabs of stringy bark up to a metre wide.

"As far as we know there aren't any stringy bark slabs that size any more," Cliff Green said.

Even the ventilator which is made from zinc is a flattened out meat safe commonly used on the goldfields in the 1850s.

"There is evidence that the hinges on the original door were made from leather."

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## Our girls promising starters at the Oaks

Eat your heart out, Lillian Frank. The girls from Warrandyte High School don't buy their Spring racing carnival outfits. They make them.

An older generation probably remembers how boring sewing classes could be. They have disappeared. In their place is fashion design, with a practical bent.

Instead of smocking pinnies or the fronts of babies' dresses, teacher Angela Chiode set her year 10 and 11 fashion design students at Warrandyte the task of designing and making smart outfits to wear to the races. The outfits were to be part of their practical portfolio.

The stitchers and sewers got to work. Hats? You really mean we have to wear hats to Oaks Day? Oh well...

Says Angela Chiode: "It turned out to be a great day at Flemington. Many of the girls entered the Fashions on the Field contest. I did too. We all enjoyed the glances and



The belles of Flemington. Susan Richardson (left), Kirsty Bentley, Samantha Schepsisi and Francene O'Connor.

the looks people were giving us as they observed our fashions."

With considerable understatement, Ms Chiode continues: "And in turn we had great pleasure observing the fashions of both men

and women at the racecourse."

Lunch was a carpark barbecue organised by Angela and fellow teacher John Solomon. Ms Chiode says: "He looked wonderful in his formal attire." It is believed that

John was permitted to rent and did not have to make his clobber.

Try as we may, the *Diary* cannot discover if any of the girls, or their teachers, capped the day by beating the bookies.

# Nice ball was had by all

The Historical Society's third annual revival of the Lilac Time Ball took place at the traditional venue in the Mechanics Institute Hall on Saturday October 15. And a night of dancing, music and fellowship was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Some of the older residents have been around long enough to remember the earlier Lilac Time Balls which were a regular feature of the Warrandyte social calendar for more than 30 years. The balls were originally run by the Women's Hospital Auxiliary as a means of raising funds.

Among those who attended this time were some of the people who took part in the debutant sets of the 1940s and 50s, including Jack and Gwen Stringer, who came back to Warrandyte especially for the ball.

Jack attended his first dance at the Mechanics Institute 45 years ago and partnered one of the debutants on the first occasion that debutants were presented.

The Lilac Time Ball is one of the highlights of the Historical Society's year which has been a particularly busy one, especially for Ted Rotherham, who has spent much of his spare time, and much that wasn't spare, finishing off the other two rooms and the passageway at the historic Post Office. This work has been done voluntarily with the help of Basil Holland and assisted by an occasional working bee by other members of the society.

Jack and Gwen Stringer visited Warrandyte for the ball to see their daughter, Jo Pearson, son-in-law John and their two grandsons, Rory and Michael.

Jack and Gwen left their North Warrandyte home to run the Yarra Junction hardware store with their daughter Bronwyn and her husband, Rogan Bayard. After a number of years they sold out and bought the Lakes Bushland Caravan Park at Upper Tambo between the Nicholson and Tambo Rivers.

Lakes Bushland is a caravan park with a difference. It has large sites set in the middle of 30 acres of bushland and is surrounded by bush and farmland. You can hear the peace and quiet, unless you happen

to be like one character who complained about being awakened by the birds singing in the dawn.

Birdwatchers have identified some 28 species in the park and the family have noticed a few others.

A stay in the park is often quite a social occasion as there are frequent visitors from Warrandyte either staying or passing through, as well as former Warrandyte residents.

Rogan's parents, Carol and John, have recently bought a seven-acre

farmlet nearby and are enjoying the country life. Apart from being near their family, they are surrounded by their farmyard animals.

In a last-minute decision, recently, Gwen and Bronwyn entered a float in the Bairnsdale Festival, the theme being a tent set up in a bushland setting. They were just putting the finishing touches to the float as the parade moved off. Fortunately they were the last in line. They were awarded a special distinction for their efforts.

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## Lions have their say

Warrandyte Lions Club president Ian Shugg states that the project around the tennis courts which were installed for community use by the Lions Club some 10 years ago is a beautification project.

This project was developed from a previous plan by local landscape artist Bev Hanson, and was designed as part of general community enthusiasm, for projects associated with the bicentenary celebrations.

Many hundreds of native trees have been planted adjacent to the Yarra, along the river banks.

Very limited removal of blackberries and scrub-type growth has taken place and planting was undertaken with specialist advice. The Lions club have no plans to disturb the streetscape. Club members only undertake projects which they feel will benefit the community at large and visitors to the area.

As such the club have had support from community schools, and local support has been enthusiastic.

The club intends to more clearly define the area of the car park, and the proposal includes the erection of an approved electric barbecue, incorporating inscribed Bicentenary bricks, donated by community schools.

This will give "tennis participants" an extra bonus of on-the-spot cooking for added family activity.

## IN BRIEF

### These triers need hirers

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

Martin, 16, has a carpentry apprenticeship to go back to in February. Meanwhile he wants work at carpentry or gardening.

Trisha, 18, has some secretarial skills and is willing to work at other jobs.

Anyone able to help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844 2548 or 844 3326. Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd project.

### Warrandyte fashions

The Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau and the WCWC Neighborhood House will be presenting "Warrandyte Fashions" on December 9 at 8 pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

There will be room for 100 only at tables. The tickets are \$10 per

head, or \$5 for pensioners and teenage students. They are on sale at the co-op office (phone 844 2548 or 844 3326) and the CAB (phone 844 3082).

Vickie Broome, a professional model, is training the models for the evening. These include several mother and daughter combinations.

Supper will be provided with tea and coffee. Bring your own liquor.

### Scouts make big money

Yes Virginia, community groups can get together and help out ... while having fun. The Warrandyte Rotary Club and 1st Warrandyte Scout Troop recently assisted each other in a community effort.

Rotarians promised the scouts a dollar-for-dollar payment towards their jamboree fund raising, on the proviso that the boys bestir themselves and come up with some dough.

The scout group was awarded the White Pages telephone book distribution for Warrandyte and Park Orchards. The boys, with logistical and transport help from some parents, completed the task in two days. Telecom reported it was delighted with the result, and it is likely the scouts will get the Yellow Pages distribution job in November.

The boys raised nearly \$1000 from the telephone book delivery and Rotary honored its promise to pay a further \$1000 to the scouts.

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**Old pub takes on new life**

They have a particular problem at Weller's Restaurant, especially at the weekends when city-slickers tend to drop in.

"We find it hard to shift them," says Rob Hendrey, who, with his wife Kathy, runs the eatery on that notorious bend on the road between Research and Kangaroo Ground. "They tend to have their meal and then sit on, gazing out over the Dandenongs." He grins as he complains.

The building began in 1872 as Weller's Hotel. The licence was surrendered in 1907, the same year that horse-drawn coaches on the Heidelberg-Queenstown (St Andrews) run ceased stopping there to let passengers wet their whistles.

The Hendreys are the third owners since those pub days. They bought in 1983; it took four years to get the bureaucrats' permission to reopen as a restaurant. The delay was understandable. Frankly the building was a mess.

"We restored it as best we could," says Rob. "We tried to be faithful to the original." The Hendreys have succeeded. The bricks, made on the property, were crumbling. Rob and Kathy found a specialist who washed them in acid and then wet-grouted them. There is absolutely no chance of brick dust falling into the spaghetti bolognese.

The original pub occupied about 12 metres of space. The rebuilt restaurant is double that. Barry Donchi, well-known in Warrandyte for supplying posh lumber for the Apex Club's annual auction, found the Baltic pine beams. Jarrah pillars support them.

All pubs have a cellar. "We



Chef Peter Cubetta and owners Kathy and Rob Hendrey.

found it was full of water," says Rob. "It needed a 250-metre pipe down the hillside to drain it. Now it's in use. I tell you, it's lovely and cool."

A good restaurant needs a top cook. The Hendreys found theirs in Peter Cubetta, the kind of chef you might have found playing for Carlton's under-19 and reserves sides if you had studied your Football Record.

Mr Cubetta has slaved in Carlton

eating houses and in Italy, his family's homeland. Little wonder, then, that the Weller's menu boasts a large selection of pasta.

The choice of other tucker is, however, wide. The Diary's visiting empty-bellies chose antipasto followed by roast duckling (he) and seafood kebabs (she). We could not contemplate dessert. The servings were, as dining-out columns say, "extremely generous". Oh, and delicious.

The Hendreys live in Kangaroo Ground. Rob was a consultant valuer with an office in Carlton before he chose a new life and profession. "I was working my butt off," he says. "Well, I still am, I suppose. The difference is I enjoy my work now. I never want to go back to the old days."

As long as there are people around who appreciate an excellent feed, there seems little reason why Mr Hendrey should have to do so.

**Of land booms and Mr A.D. Ripper**

November, 1888: The land boom seems to have had a bad night; however, temporarily, it may be some sort of check was needed. You can't buy all the world on credit. But who are buying all these suburban allotments? The savings banks returns show a great excess of deposits during this period of excitement. The banks, however, are getting a little wary.

Places like Anderson's Creek, Doncaster and others, where building sites are in a healthy, pictu-

**How We Lived**  
A report 100 years old from the Warrandyte correspondent of the Evelyn Observer

resque district, will not feel it much. Suburbs that present everything that is wished for by retired gentle-

men are bound to command fancy prices for allotments. We only want a railway here to jump from a "pretty little mining township" to the "gem" of the Southern Ocean — ahem!

The Bulleen Shire Council are determined not to let the Legislative Assembly have all the honors of long sitting. Certainly, at their last meeting a considerable amount of work had to be done, but nothing to warrant eight hours. The galleries were cleared during the com-

mittee selection of secretary and foreman. What a relief.

Councillor Goodwin's remarks respecting the Bulleen Shire's printing and advertising were well timed. As he remarked, if there is a local printing office it should have preference. Of course, with the advent of two new semi-local newspapers, it rests with the councillors how the distribution would be. Yet a certain recognition should be made to the newspaper who has reported their meeting for 14 years.

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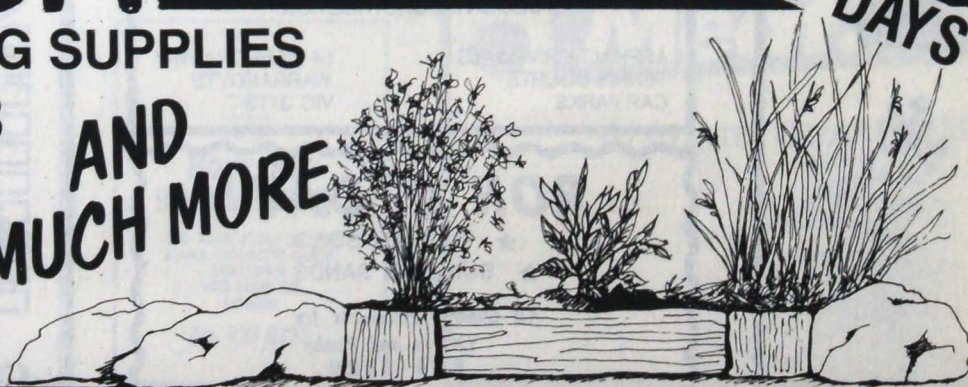
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# Fed up with pandas

I have just returned from a meeting in China: the Asian Pacific Symposium of Mammalogy.

If ever a country had the right bait to lure mammalogists from all corners it would have to be China. They came in force, from the USA, the USSR, Britain, Poland, Japan, Korea and elsewhere, not to mention a strong Chinese contingent.

Papers covered conservation and wildlife management, primatology, the biology of the giant panda, systematics and "faunistics" of recent and fossil mammals and much more. Yet since leaving China, all I seem to hear is "Did you see a panda?"

Actually, I saw more pandas than you could poke a stick at. All in captivity, of course. I even played footsie with a fetching young panda under the door of its enclosure at the Hetauanding Breeding Station.

The giant panda has, like the Indian tiger, become a "flagship species", a focus for public attention and sympathy and high-profile conservation programs. With spectacular animals like the golden-haired monkey, and a wealth of fascinating Chinese species such as red pandas, pangolins, snow leopards, tufted deer and takins for competition, I find the giant panda's disproportionate share of the limelight unfathomable.

But the point is, that although areas may be set aside nominally as a panda reserve (or Project Tiger Reserve in India), they are in fact



**NATURE**  
**Pamela Conder**

helping to preserve a complete ecosystem.

Of course a handful of reserves, even large ones, is no guarantee of survival. Human activities, like agriculture and logging, encroaching on boundaries can still degrade the habitat. Even the numbers and activities of interested visitors can create pressure if not carefully monitored.

In the case of giant pandas, poaching is still a major problem, in spite of increased penalties. In general, the isolation of populations within reserves can be a problem for some species. Without corridors linking suitable habitats they will eventually inbreed themselves to extinction.

After the symposium, some of us flew from Beijing to Sichuan Province to visit the Wolong Man and Biosphere Reserve, home to 150 or so giant pandas. It covers 2000 square kilometres extending from an elevation of 1200 metres to 6250 metres.

The country gives the feeling of moving through a classical Chinese painting, with plunging river val-

leys and almost vertical mountains. Situated at the eastern edge of the Tibetan Highlands, it is a transitional zone between that harshly cold climate and the somewhat warmer Sichuan Basin.

About 1000 people of the Qiang minority still scratch an austere living from within the reserve's boundaries, but there are plans to relocate them lower down in the mountains. The wildlife is rich and varied: 96 species of mammal, 230 bird species and 4000 species of plant having been recorded to date.

The interminable, bone-grinding bus ride from Chengdu had jaundiced my eye for oriental landscape by the time we entered the tunnel marking the entrance to the panda reserve. I was beginning to speculate as to whether pandas tasted better slowly grilled or braised with blackbean sauce, when a large imperious monkey loped on to the road to disappear into the tangle of greenery uphill.

He was followed by a small troupe, which foraged unconcernedly on the steep slope, like miniature mountain gorillas. Actually they were Tibetan stump-tailed macaques, relatives of the well-known rhesus monkey. Wild primates in China! All was forgiven... I would have travelled those rock-strewn roads in a billy cart to see them.

In fact I couldn't have been more pleased by a herd of wild pandas tap-dancing through the bamboo!

## Warrandyte PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By CORALIE SOUVATZIS

School camps are all the go at present. Grade two children recently spent three happy days at Coounda Camp at Gembrook. Grade fours had a fun four days at Phillip Island where they toured the place, took a boat trip to Seal Island, put on a concert night and, of course, visited the Penguin Parade.

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Plans are well under way for the grade six farewell dinner and social night in December. This occasion has been a great success in the past and fully supported by staff and parents.

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The school's book fair, planned for one day only, was so successful that it had to be extended to three days. One of the main reasons was the enthusiasm, expertise and entrepreneurial flair of Warrandyte Primary's librarian, Mr Caffin.

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Did you see them? They were there, large as life, on 'The Cartoon Company', that Saturday morning on Channel Nine. Kevin O'Mara and the Warrandyte Primary School Bushband. It was truly a professional performance. Congratulations!

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The Warrandyte Fire Brigade celebrated its 50th anniversary recently, so our two grade six classes and their teachers visited the station to hear all about how to prevent fires. I hear they were all very impressed. Well done to Peter Horn and the fire brigade for the interest they took in educating our children in Prevention Week.

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What a lovely idea. Former kindergartners from the class of 1987, now preps at Warrandyte Primary and Anderson's Creek, met up again recently at Stiggant's Reserve for games, lunch, lolly hunts, a bit of shoving and pushing and a great day. Remarkably, most of them remembered each other.

## 'Trial' ends in all-round acquittals

The jury came in and the verdict was unanimous: everyone had a great night at the impromptu performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Trial by Jury', staged by the Warrandyte Arts Association.

Director Doug Macrae was delighted with the \$700 raised, which will be used for repairs to the Mechanics Institute Hall.

The spirit of the evening even prompted a good number of concerned souls to sign up for voluntary assistance with painting and carpentry.

And wouldn't it be nice if some local businesses pledged help with materials? If you would like to see the old hall sparkling again and renovated to its former splendour then contact Doug on 844 1198.

The "many-hands-make-light-work" program will be starting soon, and all able-bodied men and women will be warmly welcomed (b.y.o. paint brush and roller).

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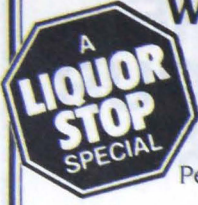
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**844 1049****Hands off our  
lovely plums**

I was greatly disturbed to learn that our plum trees were to be chopped down and replaced by natives. As one of the few living originals of Warrandyte I feel very strongly about this.

Who thought about this infamous idea? I guess it would be a person who came into the village and had a wonderful idea that we must change all this.

Of course you would not realise that those same plum trees provided fruit and jam from season to season — to people during the Depression. You surely must have been born in a different era. What a selfish thought.

How lovely to enjoy all their blossom and rest under their shade. I sincerely hope you don't try to remove the plum trees in front of my home, for if you do it will be over my dead body.

If you really want to do something constructive (not destructive) get the powers that be to clean up the area between the old Post Office (opposite the hotel) which is strewn with empty cans and plastic bags, plus bottles.

I was born in Warrandyte 78 years ago and resent all this nonsense. Let it remain rustic, that is Warrandyte's attraction. I would really like to speak with someone attached to this so called idea. My phone number is 844 3430.

Lilian C. Whitehead,  
Brackenbury St.  
P.S. Did you know that we have a new brand of jam? It is called Yarra St plum, made and sold at our monthly market.**No application  
for tree plan**I read with interest, Judy McDonald's article in last month's *Diary*, 'Stay that axe — the town wants aFrom page 1  
refining its ideas — and those of the community — over many months.

The brief issued by the joint working party to the architects preparing a master plan for the centre stresses the need for the design to be "flexible" and "sensitive".

"Warrandyte is unique and does require sensitive consideration," the brief states. "Weatherboard and timber filigree is more the architectural idiom... A sympathetic reflection of the style exhibited by some of the existing buildings within the village — the old post office, Folk Art, River Clay and the WML hall — is considered appropriate."

A timetable for the development of the centre is being completed. This requires design and cost esti-

**LETTERS**

say on its trees', in particular the reference to that section, "The questions remain — If this is to be a bicentennial project which alters our environment etc, etc."

As a committee member of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe's Bicentennial Committee, I don't remember any application for this to be a funded project.

All submissions were required to be in by August 1987, when the committee considered each on its merit, and allocated funding to those successful applicants.

Dulcie Crouch,  
Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road.**Mongrels aren't  
only dogs**'Tonto's' sentiments (September *Diary*) may be heard echoing through the valleys of Warrandyte.

It is doubtful that the guilt of the Eltham councillors would allow them to rescind their greedy laws but I hope that their obvious lack of compassion for their constituents and their dogs will give them a few hours less sleep.

Why, you ask? Let me explain.

My son, an animal lover (as are the rest of the family), saved a little Heinz variety pup from the clutches of your Lonely Ranger a couple of months ago.

She was a pretty thing but unregistered, without collar and no will to find her previous owner. We were happy to provide free board and lodging but not prepared to pay for desexing, injections and certainly not registration of someone else's dog, as we already pay for one.

True to form, Eltham's stealthy and highly conscientious ranger arrested that little dog about 7.30 am a couple of weeks ago (people seem to excel at doing nasty things for meglomaniac masters, don't they?).

We had the choice: save the dog from his "new owners", whose main aim in this world is to rip money from their constituents, or let them send her to her Maker via the gas chamber.

Unfortunately, I couldn't see the sense in paying the fine and the registration because I can't afford a two-metre-high fence around the 680 metre perimeter of our property (nor do I want one) and dogs must urinate, we believe, outside the house.

So, I have my money, no dog and a very sad family. Eltham has the dog and no conscience. The dog has no money, no family and the gas chamber.

How wonderful it is to be man's best friend in the Eltham Shire. And as for being a lover of man's best friend — well ...!

Have a nice day, Eltham Shire.  
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We would like to take this opportunity to wish two local lads "all the best" in deciding to "go it alone".

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Alan and Anne Caulfield,  
Johansons Road.**Conder art  
is on show**An exhibition of Pamela Conder's wildlife paintings and drawings opens at the Michel Gallery in Healesville on Sunday, November 20. Familiar to *Diary* readers through her delightful nature stories and illustrations, Pamela has won three awards from the Wildlife Art Society of Australasia.

Pamela's work is being exhibited alongside a collection of landscape paintings by Chinese artist Cai Tian-xiong.

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## Coaching position still open

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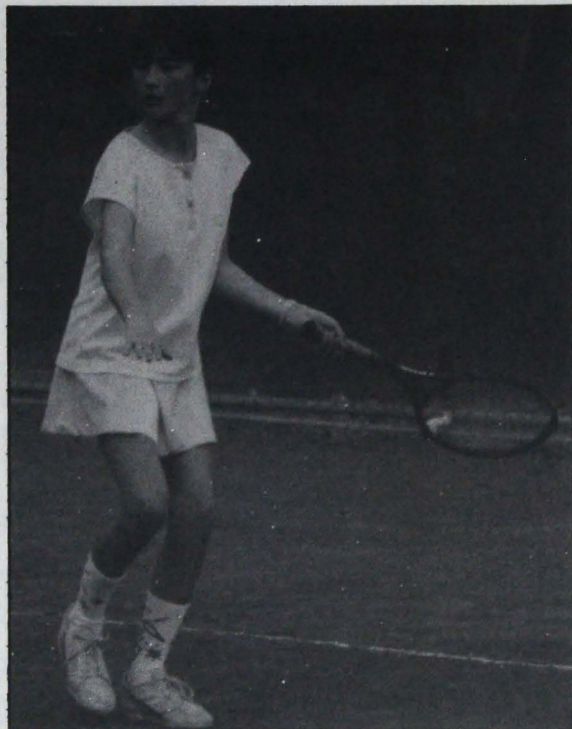
The job, held this year by former Essendon ruckman Len Halley, was advertised soon after the 1988 season finished, and it is believed that there were at least two responses.

Applications, for a playing or non-playing coach, were called again this month. They close on November 23, a few days before the club's annual general meeting.

The reserves coaching position had not been filled when this edition of the *Diary* went to press. Bill Luttick, a former under-16s and under-14s premiership coach, will lead the under-18s.

The annual meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Monday, November 28, starting at 8 p.m.

Elections will be held for president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and nine committee posts.



Young Prue Hiscock shapes up for victory in the girls' 12 and under singles event.

## Tennis club details

(From Page 10)

### CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

**A-Grade — Men's Singles:** Andrew Hiscock d Jim McHugh 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. **Men's Doubles:** Robert White-Ric Casey d Andrew Hiscock-Geoff French 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. **Mixed Doubles:** Lori Ryan-Geoff French d Melanie Rankin-Andrew Hiscock 7-6, 5-7, 6-2. **Women's Singles:** Melanie Rankin d Lori Ryan 6-4, 6-1. **Women's Doubles:** Melanie Rankin-Melissa Kerkhof d Lori Ryan-Vai Mackintosh 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

**B-Grade — Men's Singles:** Andrew Trotter d Jamie Booth 6-4, 6-1. **Men's Doubles:** Greg Lawrence-Dale Farmer d Morris Winstone-Rashmi Somu 6-2, 6-4. **Mixed Doubles:** Leonie Thomas-David Tormorshuizen d Penny Kerkhof-Tom Kerkhof 6-3, 6-5. **Women's Singles:** Lyndal Mackintosh d Karen Reid 6-3, 6-2. **Women's Doubles:** Pat Abbott-Sandra Yarwood d Pam Booth-Leonie Thomas 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

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**16U — Boys' Singles:** Andrew Hiscock d Greg Scritchley 6-2, 6-3. **Boys' Doubles:** Andrew Hiscock-Mike McHugh d Greg Scritchley-Ben Laing 7-5, 6-3. **Mixed Doubles:** Melanie Rankin-Andrew Hiscock d Melissa Kerkhof-Greg Scritchley 6-4, 7-6. **Girls' Singles:** Melanie Rankin d Melissa Kerkhof 6-0, 6-4. **Girls' Doubles:** Melanie Rankin-Prue Fisher d Melissa Kerkhof-Karen Reid 6-3, 7-5.

**U12 — Boys' Singles:** Vincent McHugh d Mike Howell 10-7. **Boys' Doubles:** Vincent McHugh-Adam White d Mike Howell-Ben Saaksjarvi 10-9. **Mixed Doubles:** Prue Hiscock-Adam Rankin d Joanne Yarwood-Vincent McHugh 10-6. **Girls' Singles:** Prue Hiscock d Vanessa Brady 10-0. **Girls' Doubles:** Joanne Yarwood-Christie Lawrence d Prue Hiscock-Marney Pulford 10-9.

leys Lane, will be competing in the single K1 kayak class.

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Warrandyte cricket and football clubs have appealed to local bingo fanciers to support the games being held each Wednesday at the recreation reserve clubrooms.

It is a joint fund-raising venture by the two clubs and proceeds will help to pay off the new rooms.

Eyes down is 7.30 p.m. The bingo nights are on trial and it would be a pity if they had to be stopped because of lack of numbers (people), a cricket club official told the *Diary*.

## Good candidate for tennis club

Australia's top women's tennis player, Anne Minter, becomes an honorary Warrandyte on Saturday, November 24.

That is when Anne, the second daughter of Val and Derek Minter of Box Hill, marries Graeme, the fourth son of Bonnie and Ron Harris of Warrandyte. The ceremony will take place at St Andrew's Uniting Church in Box Hill.

Anne and Graeme met while playing junior tennis. Then their

paths diverged. Graeme left for the US to take up tennis scholarships. Anne, after winning the Australian junior title a record three times, joined the women's circuit and is now ranked 24th in the world.

The couple met again during the Australian open three years ago and announced their engagement last year. Graeme is now Anne's coach-manager.

The couple intend eventually to settle in Melbourne. In Warrandyte, of course. Or will it be Box Hill?

Local kayak enthusiasts Kaine and Jarod Pinder and Richard McGuire are putting in long hours on the Yarra training for the Australian slalom and wildwater championships.

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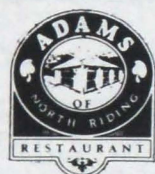
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# Unbeaten ton is Utt-erly great!

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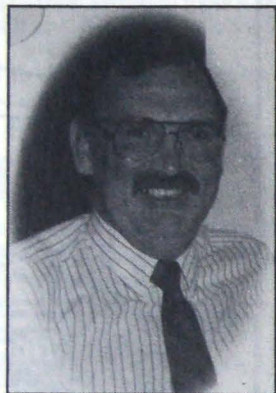
Utt hit an unbeaten 124 to lead his team to a total of 234 — their highest score of the season — against Vermont.

His innings put the Dytes in a strong position to register their second win in four games so far.

Less than a week earlier, Utt had turned in a fine performance with the bat and behind the stumps in Warrandyte's first veterans' match.

The Chandler Shield side were handily placed to break the 1988-89 ice, against Montrose. Warrandyte's senior eleven had started the season well with an impressive draw against Mooroolbark, but were narrowly beaten by Lilydale and comfortably defeated by Norwood in the following matches.

They bowled well and fielded tightly against Montrose, dismissing them for a modest 167, and



Ain Utt

were 0/12 in reply at stumps on the first day.

Warrandyte's women were square with the ledger after three rounds — a draw, a win, a loss.

Jenni McLaws turned in an out-

standing all-round performance against Mt Eliza, but her 33 runs and 5/54 were not quite enough to get Warrandyte home.

Junior performances have been highlighted by the under-12 Cs. They went through last season without a win; this season they are unbeaten.

The veterans match, on November 6, belied its description. There was certainly nothing over-the-hill about the scorching catch Allan Bellinger took at square-leg from a full-blooded hook; and David Stickle and Utt batted with flair to make 40 (compulsory retirement) and 31 respectively.

Warrandyte will hold a six-a-side competition at the recreation reserve on Sunday, November 27.

The round-robin event will be played on both grounds, culminating in the grand final on the main oval. These competitions produce plenty of action and excitement and all cricket followers are urged to be there.

It is a barbecue-and-drinks affair.

## Details

**CHANDLER SHIELD:** Warrandyte 8/183 (Jacobs 61, Pascoe 34, Tregear 33) lost to Lilydale 7/197 (Pascoe 3/33, Walshe 3/58). Player of match: S. Pascoe. Warrandyte 110 (Pascoe 38) lost to Norwood 9/178cc (Walshe 4/76, Broome 3/47). Player of match: G. Walshe. Warrandyte 0/12 v Montrose 167.

**CHANDLER RESERVE:** Warrandyte 96 and 8/106 lost to Lilydale 5/200dec. Warrandyte 119 (J. Chapman 34) lost to Norwood 232 (Summers 5/63) and 5/64. Player of match: M. Summers. Warrandyte 232 (A. Snaidero 75, Brisbane 53) v. Montrose.

**THIRDS:** Warrandyte 8/226 (King 54, Rodgers 29, Wall 27) d. Lilydale 150 (Wall 5/21). Player of match: C. Wall. Warrandyte 125 lost to Norwood 9/250. Warrandyte 191 v. Montrose.

**FOURTHS:** Warrandyte 52 and 2/68 (Canty 32no) lost to Lilydale 156 (G. Broome 3/36). Player of match: J. Gathercole. Warrandyte 79 (Canty 30) d. Norwood 48 (Wilks 5/17). Warrandyte 3/48 v. Montrose 142 (Blackburn 5/52).

**FIFTHS:** Warrandyte 64 lost to Montrose 143 (Cameron 4/39, S. Warr 3/20). Warrandyte 69 and 93 lost to Mooroolbark 3/99 dec. Players of match: D. Comrie, C. Dornring. Warrandyte 234 (Utt 124no, Dornring 35) v. Vermont.

**WOMEN:** Warrandyte 6/212 (Chapman 54, Martin 51) d. Waverley District 62 and 0/43. Warrandyte 140 (McLaws 33, Martin 32) lost to Mt Eliza 153 (McLaws 5/54). Players of match: J. McLaws, A. Utt. Warrandyte.

### JUNIORS

**UNDER-16 (A):** Warrandyte 5/135 (Reid 42, Ware 39no, Hughes 24) lost to South Ringwood 138 (Hughes 4/11, Valentine 4/56). Warrandyte v. Chirside Park 156 (Hassall 6/76, Hughes 3/20).

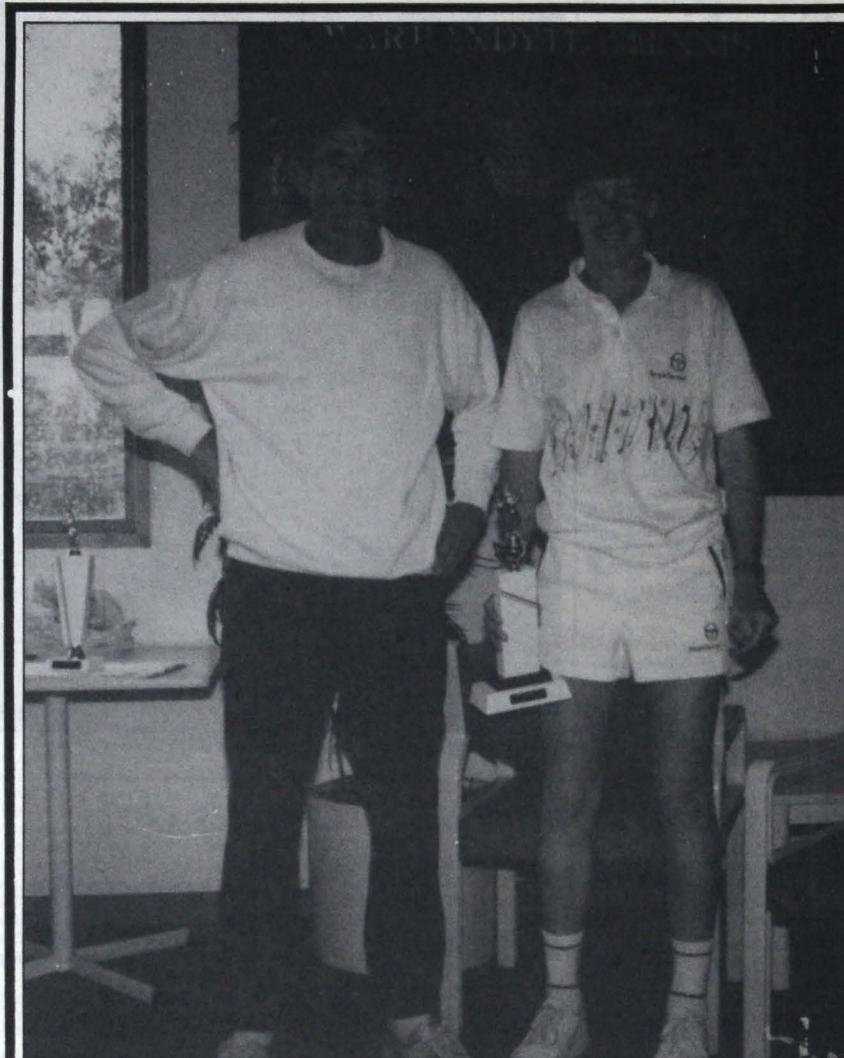
**UNDER-14 (A):** Warrandyte 7/152 (Grybas 40, Punshon 41) v. North Ringwood.

**UNDER-14 (B):** Warrandyte 84 (Hose 25) v. Knox Gardens 7/43 (O'Callaghan 3/1, Hose 2/8).

**UNDER-12 (A):** Warrandyte v. North Croydon 8/160.

**UNDER-12 (B):** Warrandyte 6/169 (Woodhams 31no, Lee 31no) v. Chirside Park.

**UNDER-12 (C):** Warrandyte 8/147 (Martin 34no) d. Croydon 127 (Zigmantis 2/8, Lilburne 2/11, Edwards 2/14). Warrandyte v. Wantima 9/150 (Dunis 2/14, Cook 2/29).



Runner-up Jim McHugh poses with Andrew Hiscock (15), Warrandyte Tennis Club men's singles champion for 1988.

## Kids KO 'oldies'

By CLIFF GREEN

History was rewritten at Warrandyte Tennis Club last month with top junior players making an almost clean sweep of events in the senior championships.

Talented young players who have been pushing their way up through senior ranks in recent years have now emerged victorious.

Fifteen year old Andrew Hiscock defeated grizzled veteran Jim McHugh, taking off the coveted A-grade men's singles event, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, and Melanie Rankin, also 15, blitzed Lori Ryan in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1 in the A-grade women's singles.

The juniors continued their winning streak with Melanie teaming with Melissa Kerkhof (16) in the A-grade women's doubles to defeat Lori Ryan and Val Mackintosh, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Senior players rallied in the remaining A-grade doubles events. The formidable combination of Robert White and Ric

Casey defeated young Andrew Hiscock and his senior partner Geoff French, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the men's doubles, and Lori Ryan and Geoff French triumphed over Andrew Hiscock and Melanie Rankin, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2.

Naturally enough, the junior championships saw the same young players dominating. In the 16 and under singles events, Andrew Hiscock defeated Greg Scritchley, 6-2, 6-3 and Melanie Rankin beat Melissa Kerkhof, 6-0, 6-4.

In the 12 and under singles, Vincent McHugh defeated Mike Howell, 10-7 and Prue Hiscock was successful against Vanessa Brady, 10-0.

The club's most improved junior trophy was won this year by Elise Youl, aged 13.

As the Diary went to press, club members were finalising preparations for the Warrandyte

Peters Ice Cream Masters, the final leg in the Davis Cup Foundation Satellite Circuit.

Top young internationals competing include Richard Fromberg, Johan Anderson, Todd Woodbridge, Carl Turich, Adam Anderson and Jamie Morgan, all from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Among other leading competitors are Mark Kratzman, Des Tyson, Brett Custer and Gavin Pfitzner.

"Once again, local tennis lovers will be enjoying this marvelous opportunity to witness top class play in Warrandyte," club president Greg Lawrence said. "Admission is free to all events and the club's comfortable facilities include a kiosk and licensed bar."

"The weekend of the finals — November 19 and 20 — should see a feast of world standard tennis."

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