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Festival goes to the dogs and the duckies

The Warrandyte Festival returns next month, with a heap of new events as well as the old established ones.

The new events include, wait for it, the Warrandyte classic duck race. Up to 2000 of these little yellow plastic beauties are to be dropped from the bridge.

Contestants will buy the ducks (before dropping them, naturally) and the money raised will be given to a local charity or organisation.

The winner will be the first duckie past the finishing post downstream. The ducks will need a lot of help and encouragement on their perilous journey.

The organisers have yet to decide how they will explain to the Port of Melbourne Authority the line of plastic ducks that will go bobbing by North Wharf a couple of days afterwards. Then there is to be the "dog jumping display". It is explained as a chance to "watch your best friends going over hurdles and through the hoops in the entertaining canine Olympics".

Other new events will include festival floaties challenge, line throwing, the river rescue spectacular, boat rides and the safety rules test. These events will be monitored by the Yarra River Lifeguard Service.

Established events include the parade, children's fancy dress, decorated bikes, pet parade, cart rides, billycart derby, fun run, kid's market, food stalls, garden tours, bands, Yarra yobbos, parks and wildlife display, spotlight walk and the fireworks display as the grand finale.

Harvest festival

St Stephen's Anglican Church, opposite the main festival area on Stiggants Reserve, will be holding a harvest festival and craft show on the same weekend of March 18 and 19.

Festival visitors can help the North Warrandyte Pre-School this year. Volunteer parents will be making attractive badges (pin-type, magnetic or key-ring) to your own or ready-made designs. They suggest you might bring along a photo to have it turned into a badge.

More details will be published in the March Diary.

Russ Freemantle of the festival committee says the river is increasing in popularity as a festival venue.

"As usual there's the canoe race, which has become a real feud. The popular kayak race, run for the first time last year, will be back. This year's lilo race will have under-12 and under-16 heats. The open event will be held over a longer course."

Residents angry at bush subdivision

By CLIFF GREEN

Yet another fragment of precious Warrandyte bushland will fall before the developer's bulldozers if a proposed subdivision of land off Harris Gully Road goes ahead.

Residents who live in the vicinity of the planned 31 lot development are most concerned. They fear destruction of the native bush, significant drainage problems and increased traffic hazards. They are banding together in an attempt to resist the proposal.

The land, of approximately 10 acres, was formerly owned by Bonnie and Cec Peake and before that by William Moore. Zoned Residential 'C' it abuts properties on Harris Gully Road, Hodson Road and Beauty Gully Road.

An application to subdivide the timbered land into 31 minimum-sized blocks has been lodged with Doncaster and Templestowe Council. The first local residents knew of the proposed development was a notice posted on the entrance gate to the property.

"We were horrified" neighbor Jenny Curwood told the Diary. "The application is for 31 house sites on an extremely steep-sided valley. The subdivision will mean significant vegetation and soil loss and subsequent erosion, land 2

Not in harmony

"The proposed subdivision is not in harmony with the surrounding areas. On one side it is bounded by land zoned Landscape Interest and properties of 15 acres abut the proposed subdivision.

"Because of the steepness of the slope enormous excavations will be needed for roads and individual houses."

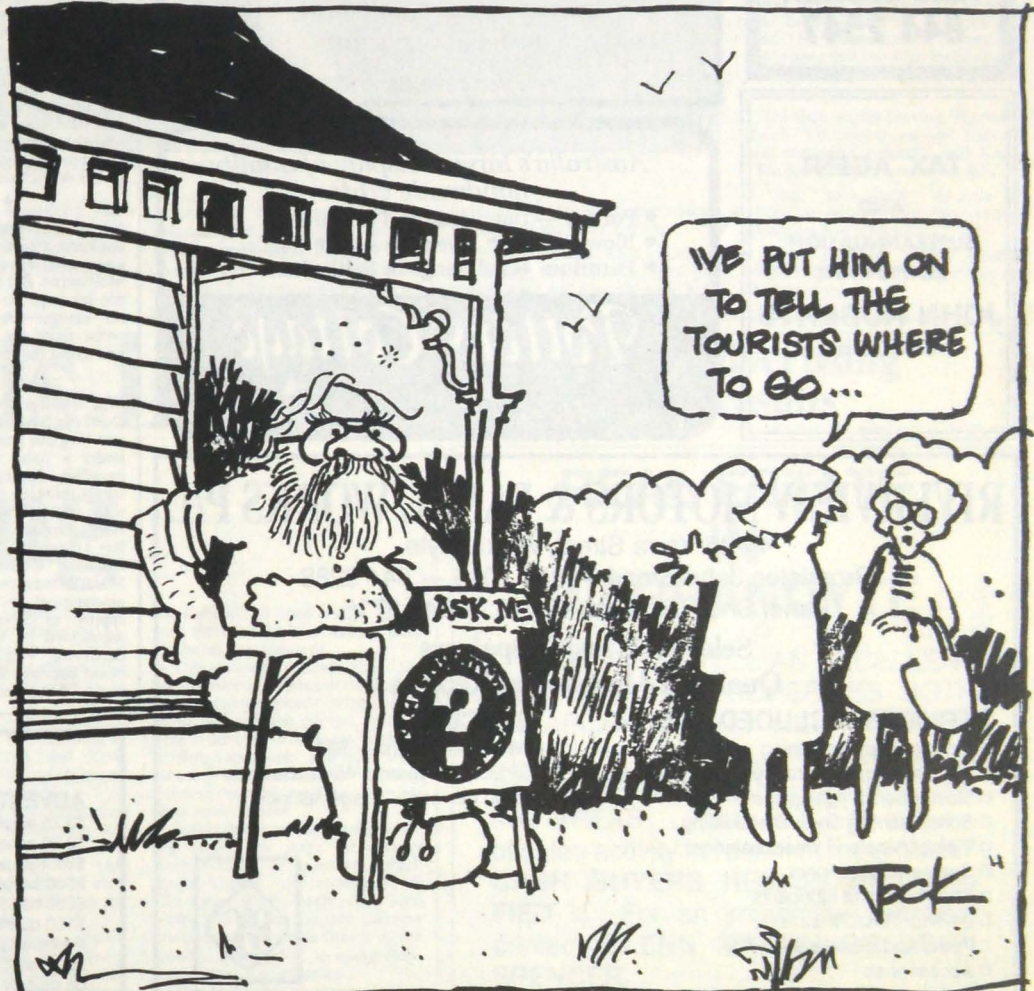
Jackie Law, another neighbor, told the Diary that immediately opposite the entrance to the proposed development, locals had been engaged in a community project aimed at restoring the banks of Andersons Creek to their natural state.

"Here we find the local residents nurturing the environment back to its original beauty, whilst only metres away other people are planning to destroy a lovely little gully and turn it into suburbia."

Locals are astonished that this delightful tract of land was not included in the original Landscape Interest zoning.

Angry residents met together late last year and resolved to oppose the subdivision. A number of objections have already been lodged with council.

The residents were addressed by Doug Seymour, former president of the War-



randyte Environment League. The meeting was told that as the proposed access road is to be built in the creek bed, existing drainage patterns will be totally destroyed.

Other drainage problems could arise if this environmentally sensitive land was built on in such density.

"Flooding of Andersons Creek will occur as a result of increased impervious surfaces and consequent run-off across Harris Gully Road and into the creek," Jenny Curwood said.

It was pointed out that the valley itself appears to be much steeper than the contours shown on the plan indicate. It is

believed that much of the land has slopes in excess of 1 in 8. Before any subdivision is approved, the council surveyor will have to measure the contours accurately.

Regulations stipulate that at least 5 per cent of any subdivision must be retained in its natural state. There appears to be no allowance for this on the plan submitted to council.

Locals are concerned at the possibility of traffic accidents caused by the dangerous nature of the new road planned to serve the estate. The only access to the development is off Harris Gully Road, close to a blind corner with a high bank beside the road.

"It was recently shown in a council survey that most residents are opposed to any more closer development of this type in Warrandyte," Jenny Curwood said.

"Whilst Warrandyte residents recognise the right of owners to undertake subdivision, it is to be hoped that council will look for a way to minimise any detrimental impact on the valley and maximise compatibility with the existing character of the area and adjacent zonings."

Residents interested in discussing the matter further can telephone Jenny on 844 3830.

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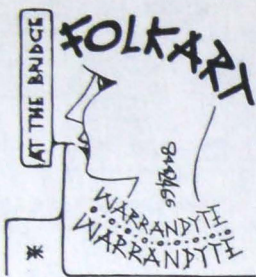
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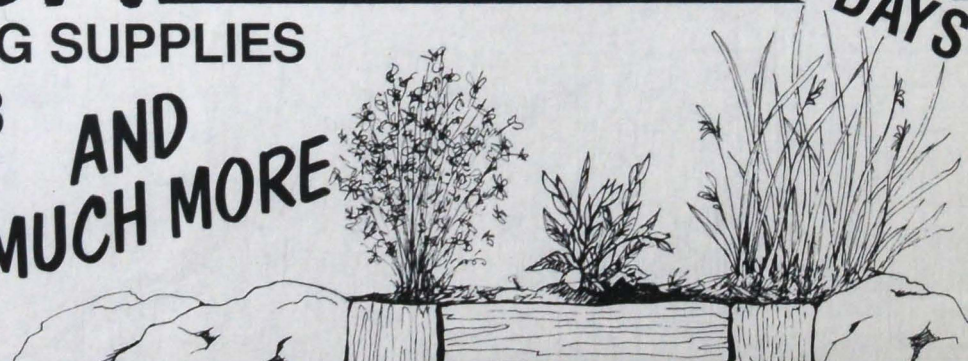
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The echidna Pam Sharp found opposite her home in Melbourne Hill Road was the first she had seen in the wild, as it were. She put two and two together and decided this prickly critter must be some sort of walking water-diviner, and a thirsty one at that. Why else would it be burrowing right next to the fire-plug? A caring, gentle soul, she immediately fetched a bowl of water — and couldn't understand why the beast ignored this act of kindness and kept digging. You see, Pam, the echidna was burrowing to escape the curiosity of the dog which had bailed it up in the first place. But a very nice gesture, that bowl of water, and if he had understood at all, the cute little chap would undoubtedly have thanked you very much.



Pam doesn't actually go looking for adventure. No, adventure seems to seek her out. She, husband Graham and daughter Nicky are just back from a camping holiday at Portarlinton. Thoroughly enjoyed it, said Pam, but could have done without the fire which destroyed the caravan next door on New Year's Eve and the swarm of bees which decided to suspend itself from the seat of her deckchair.

No, we don't approve of the graffiti epidemic afflicting the walls, fences and what-have-you of Greater Melbourne. But we got a grin out of the message on the bus shelter at the bridge: "A great bomb will come from the sky. Mutate now and avoid the rush."

When winter comes and the brass monkeys have run for cover, Glenn and Virginia Pearson will be sitting under a palm tree in a tropical paradise, sipping a cold beer and rarely thinking of home. The Pearsons, of Melbourne Hill Road, left late last month with teenage daughter Tracy for two years in Fiji. Engineer Glenn is one of three MMBW men on loan to the island government to extend the water supply to Suva. When Smokey mentioned he would record their departure, Virginia said that'd be beaue because she'd never had her name in the paper. We'll fix that:

IN RED & WHITE



Virginia Pearson, Virginia Pearson, Virginia Pearson, Virginia Pearson, Virginia Pearson, Virginia Pearson. We strive to please.

The inexorable march of human progress brings its own waste control problems. Take sewerage connection, for instance. One Everard Drive denizen recently spent the morning disconnecting his septic tank plumbing, ready for re-coupling to the bigger, wider world of effluent disposal. So engrossed was he in this fascinating task that he failed to make one last brave effort, so to speak, only to discover the inevitable truth of that wise old adage, 'when you've gotta go, you've gotta go'. Caught in an S-trap of his own undoing, as it were. But no sweat (yet). Into the car he leapt, and down to the public amenities at the oval, clutching belt buckle and toilet roll. But still no go. A pair of plumbers was in occupation, putting delicate finishing touches to an "Out Of Order" sign on the dunny door. Overwhelmed by confusion and the threat of impending incontinence, our denizen forgot the ablutions block by the tennis courts, and holding his breath and other bodily functions, headed east along Yarra Street in a cloud of petrol and other fumes... But everything ultimately goes from those who wait. And wait. And can't wait any more. Denizen finally emerged from the nice noo loo beside the Gospel Chapel, flushed but relieved.



One of the audience from the last night of 'Merlie's Final Move' partied on after the show in much the same way as Frank and Tommy did after the grand final. So much so, in fact, that he had trouble gaining access to his mother-in-law's house. Where is that bloody key hole, he cursed?
Winding his way in the dark to

his usual guest room, and about to sack out for the night, he was amazed to find that there were other house guests that night. "There's no room in here for three Phil," said one of the visiting couple in the nick of time.

Blushing as he pulled his footy socks back on, our hero beat a hasty retreat.

It could only happen in Tasmania. On a recent visit to the Apple Isle Bruce Bence went down the street with a local to get a load of chip bark. After one load the hydraulic arm on the loader parted. Without being asked, two customers hopped in, and with the owner had it working again in a few minutes. Says Bruce: "It's nice to know some things don't change. Having first visited Tasmania more than 40 years ago the friendly, helpful attitude of the locals made a lasting impression. On the latest trip across the water it was nice to meet the same helpful, friendly attitude wherever we went."

What do Alma Hutchinson and *Diary* editor Bob Millington have in common? Why, they both attended Essendon High School, although a certain amount of time elapsed between their stays at the Buckley Street campus. Anyway, Millington says his discovery of the link merely deepens his admiration for a grand, long-term resident of this town.

Warrandyte's Alan Frowd was feted with a series of dinner parties at the end of January to help celebrate the attainment of his half century. Two other causes for his good humor at this time were his deserved appointment as superintendent Broadmeadows Police Station and the happy news that son Nick was proclaimed Apprentice of the Year for 1988 at Box Hill TAFE, thereby proving that experience and diligence are two of the "plumb" lines of success! Congratulations Alan and Nick.



Smokey Joe

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Family swaps hills for sea

Ring up William Street police headquarters and you won't find Dick Ellis there anymore; ask for teacher Kim at Anderson's Creek Primary School and you will be disappointed.

The Ellis family have left Warrandyte. To find them these days you will have to take a hard right at Dandenong and head on down to the Gippsland Lakes. Then left at Lakes Entrance and up into the hills at the back of the town.

Drive into Braebourne Park, tout the horn and Kim or Dick will stride out of the packing shed or the house and politely inquire if it is apples or apricots you desire. Perhaps a bottle of home-made mint sauce or a jar of jam. Best prices in town. Thanks very much.

The Ellises have become orchardists.

The transformation took place just before Christmas with a series of shuttles up and down the Princes Highway between Lakes and Grandview Road, Warrandyte.

Why the change of life? Dick was a chief inspector in charge of personnel and had a fine career ahead of him in the force. Kim was nicely settled in at Anderson's



Outside the orchard, Kim and Dick Ellis, with (from left), Naomi, Courtney and Jonathon.

Creek. The Ellis youngsters — Naomi, 9, Jonathon, 6, and Courtney, 4 — loved their home in the hills.

But Dick had always loved Lakes

Entrance. It was something that grew out of his time as a young constable in the fishing town. The friendships he made there remained strong.

Last year his chance came. He learned that a 124-acre orchard was for sale. Dick resigned from the force, borrowed what he could and bought Braebourne Park, a de-

lightful rolling property that nudges the edge of the State Forest.

"It wasn't all that hard a decision to make," he says. "I liked the police force and I would have been

content to stay. But this was the opportunity I had been dreaming about."

Although it is a classic case of on-the-job training, Dick seems as much at home riding a tractor these days as he was riding a police car. In January, there was spraying to be done; now and until May or so comes the picking. Kim and Dick will not be disappointed if Warrandyte friends with strong arms drop in between now and then.

While they wait for their main cash crop to grow, the Ellises are making a living by roadside sales of their fruit, mainly apricots at the moment. Kim boils up huge batches of apricots for jam and has a nifty line in mint sauce.

To help the family finances Kim is back teaching at a nearby primary school and finding that city schools do snare a bigger slice of the education budget pie.

The Ellises have 2500 trees but still plenty of space. Dick intends stocking some of their unused acres with cattle. He has a simple, mathematical view of cattle farming. "You put a cow there, provide a bit of the necessary and pretty soon your herd increases."

A wine-producing friend in the Yarra Valley was shocked to find that Braebourne Park is bereft of vines. He has promised to buy all the grapes that the Ellis family care to send him. Dick and Kim are considering the offer.

Do they regret leaving Warrandyte? "Of course we left friends and memories behind," said Kim. "We loved our home in the hills."

"But," says Dick, "to coin a cliché, a chance like this comes along once in a lifetime."

"Now hold the ladder steady while I knock off these apricots at the top of the tree."

Buffer zone is in for a buffeting

For many years Warrandyte has been safely protected within the confines of the 'Green Wedge', the zoning of large areas of land beyond the township 'Landscape Interest A' and 'Residential D'.

But it seems that this leafy buffer zone is already breached and the 'Green Wedge' is under threat.

The last decade has seen marked changes to the physical and cultural values that have always been a part of Warrandyte. Far from being a tiny 'bohemian' artists' colony nestled on the middle reaches of the Yarra, Warrandyte has become a fashionable place to live.

Warrandyte is now part of outer suburbia, although thankfully it has retained its essential character.

However, this character is under threat. We now have shopping complexes to service the vast acrelot subdivisions encroaching from the south and west. As we try to envisage how Warrandyte will develop over the next decade, it is wise to be aware of what is happening now.

Last year saw the publication, by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study. This presented the results and assessment of a questionnaire to owners of 'Landscape Interest A' and 'Residential D' zoned land in Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

The reasons for the study are not clear, particularly in view of the fact that the Victorian Government has clearly indicated on a number of occasions its intention to maintain permanently the non-urban 'green wedges' in the metropolitan area which separate the urban corridors, and to constrain subdivision or zoning changes in those areas.

The over-riding policy of the 'Green Wedge' is to maintain the permanent non-urban area and ensure that there is a clear contrast between urban development and areas to be preserved for their non-urban characteristics.

Already suburbia is encroaching. Any further disruption to the zoning scheme, by way of reduced lot sizes, would be detrimental to the 'Green Wedge' philosophy that is the cornerstone to the retention of Warrandyte and Park Orchards as

Warrandyte is still a green oasis in a suburban desert. But for how long? In the first of a series of two articles, ROB GELL looks at the future of the 'Green Wedge' and the possible consequences of its destruction.

unique suburban environments, of high value not only to the City of Templestowe and Doncaster, but to the greater metropolitan area.

As far as the questionnaire is concerned, the values of the 'Green Wedge' are appropriate to the whole of the area, and the questions about rezoning should not have been presented solely to the owners of 'Landscape Interest A' or 'Residential D' lots.

All residents should have been surveyed, since amendments will affect their lifestyles also.

It provides no surprise, on that basis, that the survey indicates that 84% of owners of large lots favor subdivision of their land. However, owners of lots of less than two hectares favor the existing eight hectare minimum subdivision size.

The study suggests that 54% of respondents to the survey who supported rezoning is a majority. This is hardly a statistically significant result, particularly when the bias

established by the sample distribution is taken into consideration, together with the fact that the number of responses to the questionnaire were greater from the owners of large allotments.

Implicit in the commissioning of the zoning study is that rezoning of 'Landscape Interest A' and 'Residential D' zones in Warrandyte and Park Orchards is inevitable.

This assumption was reinforced when a 'summary' of the study was produced which presented a series of options for rezoning. The 'Options Paper' in particular is misleading to the residents of Doncaster and Templestowe.

A number of conclusions drawn from the survey data are invalid. One suggests that because the majority of small lot owners believe that their property has significant natural features, the eight hectare minimum lot size is therefore not considered an important control in preserving the natural quality of the area.

There is no data to support this statement; the conclusion is invalid. Another invalid conclusion is that the majority of respondents believe that smaller lot sizes would be preferable and in agreement with conservation objectives of the zone.

There are also a number of conclusions that are not drawn from

the data which spell out a significant threat to the Warrandyte/Park Orchards environment.

The statement is made that "the environmental impact of residential development depends on the allotment size and the owners willingness to develop in harmony with the existing landscape" and that "tree-clearing controls are not required because owners tend to care for their environment".

Surely the opposition to the existing zoning by large lot owners demonstrates a conflict which might lead to non-cooperation in this regard. Particularly when 33% would like to see less tree-clearing controls on the basis that it is the owners' prerogative to make decisions about tree-clearing.

This highlights an urgent need to establish stricter controls on all native vegetation removal, not just trees.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe is having trouble enough controlling unauthorized clearing of land and managing major landworks in the zone.

Pressure from minority groups, who would seek reduction of lot sizes, would pose a serious threat to the values that at present attract residents to Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

To be concluded next issue.

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WEL divided on prunus

I spent some time discussing the cherry plum issue with the outgoing 1988 committee of the Environment League at the AGM lunch. The range of views is just as varied as any group of Warrandyte residents and it needs to be understood that the league has no policy calling for the removal of all prunus from Warrandyte roadsides.

Prior to the current joint Lions/WEL project the WEL hadn't removed any at any working bee; this record of non-participation includes absence from a one-time working bee organised by the friends of the Warrandyte State Park at which prunus along Everard Drive was removed.

I think the "Friends" learnt a great deal from that working bee and now have a policy of species replacement in the park. The trees planted in that area are coming on very well too.

The planned prunus removal associated with the Lions/WEL project has also caused much argument within the WEL. The "pest value" of the plant was never at issue — that is indisputable. What has worried WEL is the landscape value many attribute to the plant and the wish to function harmoniously within the community. The plans for the project require no further prunus removal to facilitate the restoration component of the project.

If we're going to keep the plant in certain areas the fruit should be harvested early and thoroughly every year without fail.

Perhaps Judy MacDonald would like to come to a committee meeting in the new year and revive the organisation with her energetic style.

Doug Seymour,
Research Road

Uproot WEL, not plums

This will get me into trouble. Who cares? I am used to it. I composed

LETTERS



a letter about these WEL enthusiasts and my Chief Executive censored it. It was like me, well, here is a bit of it.

I spent my early working years first in Bendigo, then Albury, and found myself in the Mallee for 14 years. I know Australia. I would not live elsewhere. It is a harsh country. Also I thank God I have finally settled in the best little spot in it.

Let these WEL types go for a 1000-mile drive (yes miles — I have heard of kilometres). Go anywhere in Australia. Then approach Warrandyte from Ringwood. When they pass the Stonehouse if their wives don't say, "Isn't it lovely! Why did we leave it?" I will be very much mistaken. Do you know why? Because our village is different.

Please leave it that way. If you don't like it, please don't try to alter it. Just go away. Go to the Mallee! You will be among truly native flora. You will be happy there.

So will we old-timers be happy here. We found Warrandyte as it was and loved it that way and have tried hard to keep it that way and will continue to do so.

Ken Gedge
Webb Street

Plums are for the picking

Recently I heard something that disturbed me greatly. The very idea of anyone destroying Warrandyte's plum trees made me feel sad. They are not costing anyone anything and any hungry walkers are glad of them. Even though they are supposedly going to be replaced by natives it would not be the same.

Warrandyte has already got many native trees and does not need any more. For many years we collected plums which my mother then made into jam, then selling it and donating the money raised to schools and churches.

If the plums are destroyed this will be lost forever. Even now when

I walk home from school I enjoy picking a plum or two to eat on my way. When the plums are ripe many of the Yarra and take plums, and I hope just as many will want to save the trees so that they can do so in the future.

Rachel Milner,
(aged 13)
Third Street

In praise of our plums

I don't want to see the plum trees removed from the streets and river banks of Warrandyte. It's nice to go walking in the evening and pick a plum off a tree and eat it. My mum has made so many jars of jam from the trees that it would be quite sad to see the plum trees disappear from Warrandyte.

Grayson Milner,
(aged 11)
Third Street

Zap off the bug zapper

I feel I must comment on what would outwardly appear to be a trivial peeve: The ubiquitous "bug zapper". A few moments ago my wife and I strolled into the backyard to look at the stars ... no luck with the promised meteor shower but a far more insidious light took our attention, that familiar circle of ultraviolet haze stealing through the silhouettes of the trees.

I wax lyrical but the picture I wish to convey is more horrific than I would have imagined, had I not heard the sound.

At a rate of one zap per two seconds (and some zap sequences went one per second and faster) in seven hours of sleep we have 12,600 insects per night. The predominant victim is the moth. You can tell by the duration of the zap.

My question is why leave them on all night when you're inside believing that the mosquitos are being culled (for your convenience)?

It is not only ineffective; it is also

removing a food source for our birds.

Do you honestly believe you have the right to eliminate extensive areas of their natural insect life (for your own convenience)?

Duncan Frost

Thanks and goodbye

Can I use this column not to deliver the barb of a gadfly but to express sincere thanks to much-loved friends and valued acquaintances.

As a single parent for the past eight years, life has been strapped financially and strained emotionally. Additional to unlimited support from my family and friends who live out of Warrandyte, we were aided by a seemingly vast collection of people within Warrandyte who helped with everything from the supply of a rabbit cage to child minding; refuge when Meredith missed her connecting bus home from school and simple, cherished friendship.

Could I forget the friend who risked life and limb clearing my spoutings while a swarm of bees hovered beneath the window sill or the neighbors who rescued me when I was trapped under my errant vehicle? And Rosie Tovey, who cared during a time of need and Louise Joy, with whom I've shared lots of just that; not to mention the Tindales, my first port of call when life turned sour. They sweetened it on some lonely Sundays. To my "Boulevard Gang" of friends, very special thanks. You are just the best.

In the tapestry of life in Warrandyte, my community involvements and the many, many kindnesses and tons of friendship we have received have provided a legacy of memories that feel rich in texture and luminescent in travelling life's darker tracks. We leave Warrandyte with a mixture of sadness and rejoicing for having received so much but lovely contentment at the turn of life's events and high hopes for future happiness and fulfilment.

Au revoir and blessing to you all.
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By JENNY SHER

Alec and Dave Hughes and one of their passions.

If the heart of General Motors Holden lies in its Fishermans Bend factory, its soul can be found in Warrandyte, in a backyard just off the Ringwood Road.

For Alec and Dave Hughes are 'passionate' guardians of the Australian workingman's car. They restore old Holdens for fun not profit. Their hobby has turned into a passion.

Alec and Dave began in the automotive business in 1961, wrecking old cars to rebuild others. By 1974 they were restoring Holdens. That was 18 cars ago.

Their latest project is a 1953 FX station wagon, one of only seven left, the brothers say. The back half of the FX was so badly rusted that they had to replace it completely. Some parts for these old cars cannot be had. They must be built by hand.

Some 3000 hours of work later the FX is nearing completion. It sits in the workshop alongside a younger cream Holden ute with classic red velvet upholstery.

In another garage await their next projects, including an EH convertible; "Black Bess", a rare 1948 model; and what should be an eye-opener, a six-door "limousine".

Guardians of the humble Holden

For the limo Alec and Dave have taken the front of a station wagon and the back of a sedan. As yet it is only a shell, but the partners describe it as their biggest challenge yet.

The brothers generally split up the work. Dave gets all the parts into perfect working order, then the body is pushed into the workshop and Alec does the assembling. From this point the finished car is generally only a couple of weeks away.

The raw material for their hobby — 56 old car bodies at present — is kept in storage on a property at Yea.

All their fully restored cars have been on show for the past two years at a museum in Wangaratta, where they share the space with a gaggle of retired aeroplanes.

The Hughes family have occupied the property since 1906, and Alec and Dave would dearly like to regroup their collection in a museum in Warrandyte. But space is an insoluble problem here for the 27,000 square foot building they believe they would need.

So Alec and Dave are hoping that someone will show enough interest in their project to offer financial backing.

What is the appeal of these old Holdens? The Hughes brothers say the early models were a lot more solid and reliable — "built to last" — than later cars. They were also, simply, "classier".

Alec and Dave say many people have told them they are restoring the "wrong cars", that money lies in trendier makes such as Jaguars and Bentleys.

The brothers point out, however, that they are not in it for the money. They are, they say, restoring a part of Australia's history.

Alec and Dave have seen the past, and they are making it work.

Garbage impasse angers Honeywood

The Member for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, says he is seriously concerned about the industrial relations manoeuvres of the parties involved in Doncaster-Templestowe's long-running garbage dispute.

"Throughout the Arbitration Commission hearings, Doncaster and Templestowe Council deliberately chose not to be a party to the dispute, even though the council and its ratepayers were the most affected by it. Therefore, when the matter came before Commissioner Cox in recent weeks, the council had no say in the decisions that were made between the commission, Otto management and the garbage collectors."

The hearings took the form of a private conference at which the council, by its own choice, was not

a party. Yet, said Mr Honeywood, ironically council realised that any decision made at the conference would be binding on it. Any subsequent "sweetheart deal" was bound to "prove very costly to the ratepayers of the municipality."

Phil Honeywood who, before entering Parliament, was an industrial relations negotiator with the Shell Oil Company, also expressed concern about the nature of the \$100 per week over-award payment which was paid to the garbage collectors by the previous contractor and has been at the centre of the dispute.

"When an employer in any industry agrees to increase their workers' pay it is very difficult to take that increase back off them at a later date. In allowing the pre-

vious contractor to pay over-award rates to the workers, council was unrealistic in thinking that the same workers would not object to losing \$100 per week under the new contractor, even if they were not expected to collect as many bins as before" he said.

The local member said also he was concerned that council did not call on the State Government to intervene in the dispute. In the final session of State Government last year, he said, all three local state members called on the State Government to use its emergency services legislation to force the garbage to be removed. They compared the present dispute to the dairy industry row some years ago when the Government intervened.

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The Guide to Living and Learning supplement, which usually appears in the February issue of the *Diary*, will no longer be published, due to holiday-time production difficulties.

Readers seeking information on activities for children and adults, classes, sporting and interest groups in Warrandyte and surrounding areas can contact the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

A morality play of our times

With so little "free" land in this town, a land auction attracts more than a little interest for locals and visitors alike.

The real estate men are immediately recognisable in their pin-striped, Saturday morning suits and modified Mercedes coupes.

The locals can be identified by their mortgages, their battered molleskins, children with different surnames and their unmodified Peugeot or Landcruisers.

A recent auction in the Parish of Nillumbik, township of Warrandyte, saw the local favorites convincingly defeat the visitors 1-nil, much to the delight of the neighborhood cheer squad.

Having bought their 1 acre, 2 roods and 22 perches of "delightfully sloping bush block with distant views" one of the new owners and his new next-door neighbor immediately took off to Hawaii to sell some more computers.

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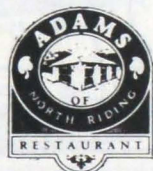
Inter-church Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Inter-church Council was held on February 2.

Heather Ingram was re-elected as president, John Hanson was elected as vice president and Rae O'Shaughnessy was elected as secretary/treasurer.

The inter-church council will hold four main activities this year: Lenten breakfast March 18; Ecumenical Stations of the Cross March 24; Ecumenical dinner August 5; Carols by Candlelight December 17.

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Audrey Drechsler carries a baker's bag; soon her family's bakery will again be producing.

New money, new dough

A firm date has finally been set for the proper reopening of Warrandyte's bakery.

The first crusty loaves, buns and rolls — mixed, kneaded and cooked by baker Detlef Bielefeld and his offsider, local lad Stuart McIntyre — are due out of the wood-fired ovens on the morning of Thursday, March 9.

The official dedication ceremony took place almost three months beforehand, when 100 or so guests crammed into the half-renovated building on Yarra Street for speeches and refreshment.

Perched up high among the beams and struts was Louise Joy, chairwoman of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative, the force behind the bakery reopening.

Ringling a little bell every now and then to make her points known, Louise described the bakery restoration as a heartening development for the co-op.

"The co-op has launched various projects since 1981," she said. "Some of our dreams have eventuated and some have died by the wayside."

But the failures — the mudbrick project and the wood fuel yard — are outnumbered by the co-op's successes, which include the youth coffee shop, the after-school care program, the child care centre and the labor exchange.

Louise Joy paid tribute to the people involved in firing up the bakery once more.

Among these were former MP Lou Hill; Councilor Ken McKenzie; co-op manager Jean Chapman; architects Jock MacNeish and Peter Staughton; builder John Chapman; retired baker Ron Fletcher, who gave technical advice; and the Shire of Eltham, which gave money.

In keeping with the tone of the establishment, Cr Vern Denford of Doncaster/Templestowe has handed over a set of scales dating back to the First World War.

And Warrandyte Lions came up with a dough-mixing machine.

The biggest applause of the day was reserved for Audrey Drechsler, who made available the bakery site, the scene of her childhood.

In an animated and nostalgic speech, Audrey — armed with a baker's basket — recalled the times when Warrandyte was smaller and slower and she woke to the smell of her father's newly-baked bread.

Audrey remembered her days in and on the river, a time when she would paddle her canoe across to the opposite bank and sleep the night away on the water.

Then, back to the present, she invited guests to tuck into the table of scones and jam, rolls and cold meat, buns and butter.

And Audrey reminded everyone that the next time they tasted bread on the premises it would have been baked there.

It was a pleasant prospect.



Louise Joy, bell alongside, reads her list of people who contributed to the project.

Seniors make Maisie a life member

The hullabaloo emanating from the Senior Citizens Club on the occasion of the Christmas party was partly due to an ovation accorded to Maisie Temple when the president, Mrs Nora Warr, handed her a life member's brooch.

Maisie Temple, the name synonymous with the Warrandyte club for the past nine years, has relinquished the responsibility of honorary secretary, and this was one way to show members' appreciation for the support Maisie has given the club.

In addition, Maisie has played a leading role in the continuation of the club's concert party which, to quote her, is "good therapy for performers and audience alike".

The good news is that Maisie will remain with the club where there is always a welcome sign up for old and new members.

It's said "a change is as good as a holiday" so happy holiday Maisie and many many thanks.

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Happy birthday as brigade turns 50

By BRUCE BENCE

The Warrandyte Fire Brigade celebrated its 50th anniversary at its annual dinner, held at the fire station on December 3.

The brigade was formed at the end of the 1937-1938 fire season, following two serious bushfires and the loss of a house before the end of February. But that fire season was only a prelude to "Black Friday" January 13, 1939, when much of the area was devastated by a fire which started beside Lavender Park Road, Eltham.

Fire brigade service tends to run in families, and Warrandyte has been no exception over the years, with often the whole family becoming involved. Although women were not officially registered until February 1973, the rules were often bent. In the early days anyone — male or female — who wanted to join was welcome. The brigade needed each five shillings (50 cents) membership fee. Audrey Dreschler (nee Walsh) regularly turned out with her father, Jim, while he was brigade captain.

One family has contributed a total of eight members to the brigade. There has been at least one person from the family, and sometimes several, serving in the brigade during the Warrandyte Unit's 50 years' existence.

One spin-off from the brigade is the number of members who have gone on to make the fire service their career, most of them achieving officer rank. John Nicholson, who joined the brigade in time to gain in-depth experience in bush-fire fighting at Warrandyte and Gippsland in 1965, was recently appointed assistant chief officer for the Country Fire Authority's western zone.

Of the nine brigade members to join the permanent fire service, five have joined the Metropolitan Fire Service (including three Bellinger brothers), three have joined the permanent ranks of the CFA and David Smith joined the RAAF fire department.

The 50th anniversary dinner was a great success, with brigade members providing a variety of en-



Graham (Tiger) Thornton, left, and Captain Jim Walsh beside the Warrandyte brigade's first truck, around 1947. Not unnaturally, it is parked outside the pub.

tertainment, helped by advice and interjections from the audience in the best old-time music hall tradition.

Another highlight of the evening was Warrandyte's answer to Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Cecil B. de Mille all rolled into one, as Robert Kilkenny and Peter Murphy presented and starred in a video film they had made on the brigade's history, followed by a training film on how not to enter a building.

The brigade has faced some of the most devastating fires in the history of this country. But for their

efforts in protecting the lives and property of those living in the area losses would have been far greater. On Ash Wednesday, 1983, all that stood between the community and disaster were the brigades from the area. They contained the five fires that started locally before they could cause any damage.

The brigade has changed over the years to meet the demands made by the increase in population and technology. Superbly equipped and trained, may Warrandyte's brigade go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Art centres offer courses

Templestowe and Donvale art centres are offering an extensive range of courses.

At Templestowe these include oil, water-color, pastel, drawing classes, china painting, silver jewellery, calligraphy, beading, patchwork, applique and quilting, canvas work, spinning and knitting, machine knitting basketry with natural fibres, basic leather craft, French polishing/restoration, pottery, golf, tennis and aerobics.

The Donvale Centre is offering many courses in cookery for entertaining or family meals, cake decorating, gentle aerobics, yoga, learn-to-draw, fabric painting, painting on silk, dried and fresh flower arrangements, cottage gardens, dressmaking, machine applique, patchwork, stretch sewing, smocking, embroidery, leadlight, upholstery, picture framing.

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Don Mackay has produced and directed in theatre, radio and television. Among the stage shows he has directed have been 'Flexitime' (Comedy Theatre), 'As We Are' (Melbourne Theatre Company), 'Same Time, Next Year' (Playbox Theatre), 'Under Milk Wood' (Alexander Theatre) and recently 'Love Off The Shelf' (Universal Theatre).

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I walked where I had run and played, so few short hours before. I watched dejected cows walk, beside a burned-out fence.

The river saved so many lives, a miracle for the town. My mother, by her thoughtfulness, saved the house in which we lived.

I woke one January morn, all eager for the day. For my sister and myself a holiday was planned. We went by bus and then by train, sadly unaware a holocaust was soon to come to our little town.

Our mother, in her usual way, had tried to be prepared for the

ILMA JONES now lives in North Ringwood. When the Black Friday bushfires broke 50 years ago she and her family were living temporarily in the Kangaroo Ground Road house once owned by the artist Penleigh Boyd. This is what she remembers:

coming of she knew not what on that scorching summer day. She took the bedding from the balcony.

Our other sister was at work as usual that day. Our brother went to work with dad, who drove a timber truck. Through the burning, crashing trees, dad drove the truck and

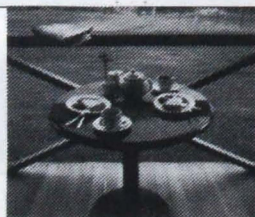
was glad to find a home still there to greet him.

But what a sight my mother found, when she came from the city. As the bus came around a bend, my auntie gasped beside her. Right in front were the blackened ruins of my aunt's home.

One by one, the pictures passed. The sad scenes of destruction. Some homes still stood, while others burned, like a part-completed jigsaw.

The house in which we had lived for years was burned that day to ashes and with it went the much-loved homes of many of my family.

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Koalas? Let's not panic yet

Admen and animals may seem strange bedfellows, but the marketability of certain species is nothing new.

Even before London Zoo's "Jumbo" lent his name to anything from a loaf of bread to a Boeing 747, his popularity with the public provided a market for Jumbo songs, poems and memorabilia. Like many species before it, the giant panda has proved to be the perfect gift for the government which has everything.

More than that, it has been a commercial goldmine, but this time with a certain spin-off for the cause of wildlife conservation.

Is the koala evolving into the Australian panda? Koala cuddling is big business for the Queensland tourist industry. Koala keeping is bringing home the bacon for some Japanese zoos. A campaign for a



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well-known brand of film here promises a rake-off for research from every roll purchased. Perhaps exploitation in the name of conservation is the way to go.... considering the miserable level of government funding for scientific research in this country.

But let's not panic about the koala just yet — it is not classifiable as being in imminent danger of extinction. Regrettably "endangered species" has degenerated as a term, from a useful indicator of a species status in the wild to a handy media buzz-term. According to the World Wildlife Founda-

tion, 18 to 20 species of marsupial could be lost entirely over the next 10 years, the koala is not one of them.

There is no immediate threat to its survival as a species, provided that suitable habitat is maintained, which puts it in a fairly large basket. The evidence suggests that in the absence of natural controls, wild koala populations need intensive management to avoid local overpopulation. Too many animals in a restricted area on a restricted diet will eventually starve themselves out.

In spite of the impression given by some publicity, the disease chlamydia is no novelty in koala populations. It was probably present before white settlement and was certainly recorded in the 1890s. It does affect the fertility of females; it does produce "dirty tail" and

severe conjunctivitis, among other things. However it does not appear to result in substantial mortality.

In fact in favorable conditions, populations infected with chlamydia are still capable of expanding, as seen in the Brisbane ranges.

If all this sounds reassuring, bear in mind that no species is any safer than its habitat. More research is necessary and will benefit more than this single species. Without money research is impossible.

The present trend in exploitation is preferable to that of 1927 when 600,000 koala skins were marketed. And at least if we lose the koala, we'll know what we've lost.

Pity no one thought of painting black patches around the thylacine's eyes and docking its tail. But maybe there's hope for the long-footed potoroo...if it can be trained to stand on its head and juggle.

The rains came down and the spuds came up

February, 1889: The downfall of rain has come like a good angel after the intensely hot weather of last week. One hundred and four in the shade, last Wednesday, was no joke.

I am glad to say we are free from both typhoid and diphtheria. A careful reading of the different papers read at the last Medical Congress (what every father of a family should read and possess) shows distinctly that our hygienic relations are the sole cause of these terrible scourges.

In cases of emergencies thousands of pounds are subscribed for relief of the suffering, yet for our own national benefit, with the tocsin sounds that are repeatedly being issued, the apathy of those who are appointed to look after these things is criminal.

What is a million of money for Melbourne to spend in better drainage? Surely the hundreds of valuable lives yearly lost should have some consideration.

The high price of provisions is

not altogether an unmixed evil. Fruit all through has commanded better prices (with the exception of apples perhaps) than some times past.

Those who were lucky enough to have a decent crop of potatoes have done exceedingly well. One industrious man here made 28 pounds out of a ton and a half. An abnormal price, certainly, but he deserves it. The recent splendid rain has refreshed everything up splendidly, and everyone is planting "spuds".

In politics all candidates are anxiously awaiting the opening speech of the Premier. Presumably for a cue before addressing their own constituencies. What change will take place it is almost impossible to say. That there will be some important ones there is little doubt.

Those members who have faithfully performed their duties will require a good deal of shifting; but there are a few members who consistently and persistently impede the business of the country. They



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

could be dispensed with great benefit to the community. I presume the war path will soon be started in our electorate as the

election is likely to take place some time before anticipated.

Stone throwing and window breaking, I always thought, was a special privilege of the genus larrikin. However, I am sorry that some evil disposed person, I presume, destroyed a large window, breaking the venetian blind in Mr Grant's new cottage.

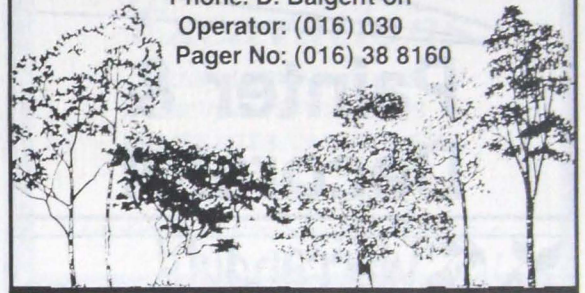
Mr Grant sleeps in the room, and informs me that such a force was the stone thrown that it bounded off the opposite wall. This occurred at half-past 11 last Saturday evening. I thought our peaceful community was clear of such rascally tricks as this; however, there is a clue to the offender who, I trust, will receive his merits.

At the Court of Petty Sessions, before W. Hutchinson, Esq, JP — Constable Williamson v Walsh — Using bad language in a public place. The language was very bad indeed. Fined 1 pound and 2 shillings and 6 pence costs. (From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)

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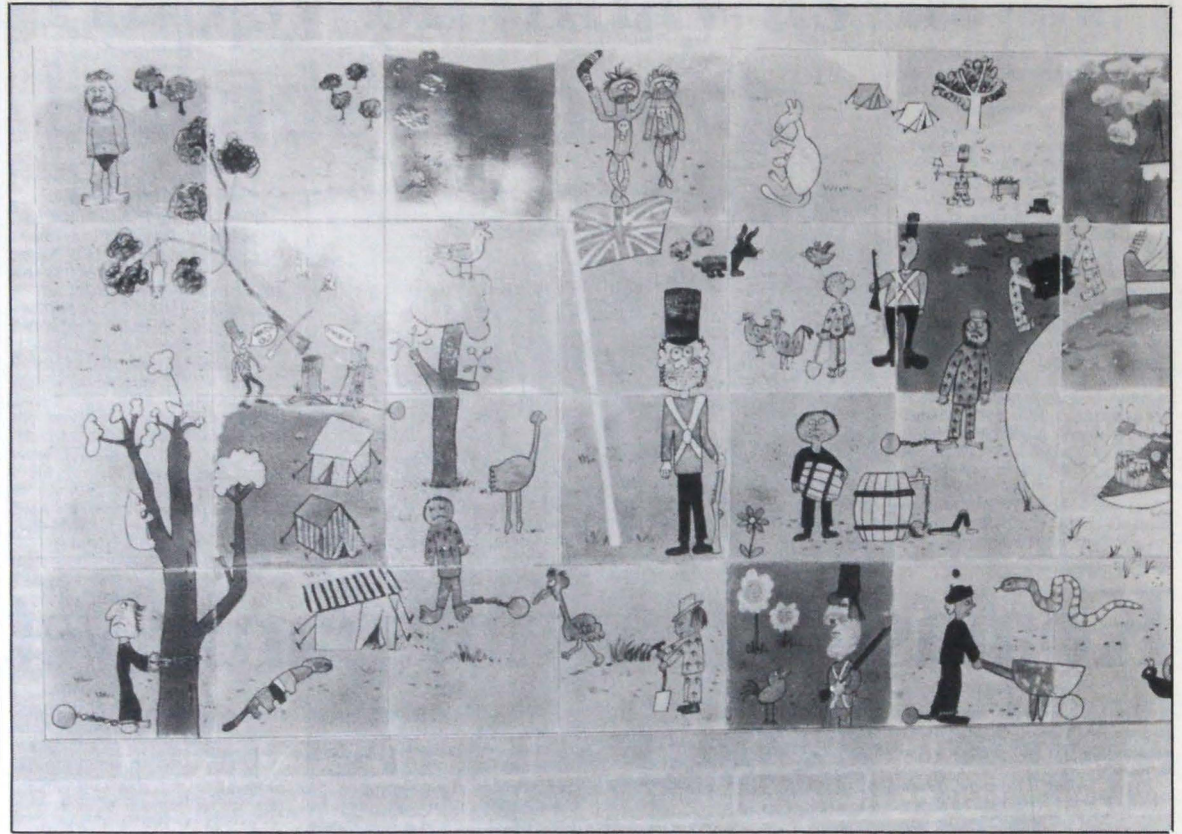
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MP urges clubs to apply for cash grant

Local sporting, health, culture and art groups should consider applying to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation for financial grants, Phil Honeywood, the member for Warrandyte, said recently.

"The foundation has been established to promote the health prevention message to Victorians and has a budget of \$23 million a year to distribute," he said.

Mr Honeywood was speaking following the first anniversary of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation. The foundation was established as part of the Tobacco Act, which placed a seven cents levy on the wholesale price of each packet of cigarettes.

The foundation is a fantastic initiative from State Parliament and

has the support of all parties," he said.

Mr Honeywood said that while the foundation supports the QUIT campaign with an annual grant of \$3 million, there are hundreds of small grants of just a few thousand dollars going to community groups who have a health message to promote.

"The guidelines are strict, but an application is worthy of consideration for any local group with a health message to promote."

Mr Honeywood said he would be happy to help any local sporting or community groups apply to the foundation. Anyone interested should contact his electorate office on 725 3570.

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Festival Follies is on again

There are only two categories of people in Warrandyte who enjoy a good night out: those who are devotees of the annual Festival Follies and those who book too late.

At least that's what the Follies folk claim.

It may be overstating the case to suggest that the Follies are the high point of the town's social calendar but history shows clearly that the Follies are a sell-out every year.

The acting folk say that Follies '89 will surely be no exception.

"Our aim is simply to make each night a lot of fun for the audience and cast alike," say the co-directors, Alan Cornell and Ken Virtue.

The dates to remember are March 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

Rehearsals are underway for the variety revue. The directors proudly describe the cast of singers, dancers, comedians and musicians as a mixture of experience and boundless enthusiasm.

Once again the Follies will be cabaret style, so patrons should start planning their menu and the plonk list.

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Bloods impress new coach

Hopkins looks us over and sees final potential

New senior coach Lindsay Hopkins likes what he sees at Warrandyte Football Club.

The man who coached Croydon into the EDFL second division finals for the past three years believes the Bloods have the potential to rise above Division 3 this season.

"The potential, particularly the young talent, is certainly there," Hopkins told the Diary. "It is up to us to put it together as a team."

Hopkins, 40, was speaking after Warrandyte's third training run, at Stinton Reserve this month.

"Warrandyte has a strong administration and excellent club facilities," he said. "Now the guys have to make it happen on the ground."

Highly credentialled as a player and coach, Hopkins was appointed after two series of advertisements and lengthy negotiations. He is non-playing coach but looks fit enough to spring a few on-field surprises.

"My short-term aim is to beat The Basin in the opening game," he said. "Obviously, in the longer

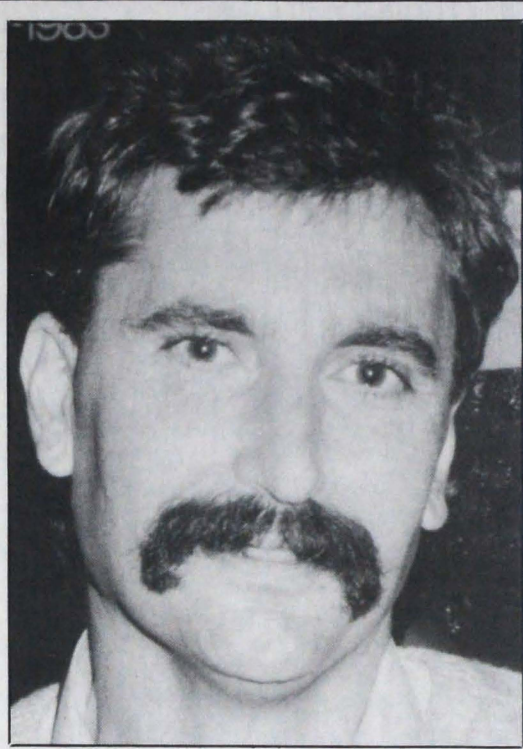
term, we hope to make the finals, win the grand final and move up into second division.

"Division 2 is very competitive because every team is striving for Division 1. But so is Division 3 because everyone wants to improve."

Warrandyte's pre-season work has been impressive. President and former coach Kevin McLean described it as the best he had seen from the Bloods at this stage of a preparation.

The club will play three practice matches before the season's opener on April 8. When this edition of the Diary went to press, details of the first practice game were still being finalised, but matches had been arranged against Old Ivanhoe Grammarians at home on Sunday, April 2, and against Coldstream at Coldstream on March 19.

The Bloods are confident of signing a tall, well-performed ruckman from a strong, inner-suburban league. He has already trained locally.



Bruce takes over

Bruce Onken (above) has been appointed coach of Warrandyte Football Club's reserves side.

Onken is a long-serving senior and reserves player and a much-respected clubman. He will be non-playing coach.

"As a footballer, Bruce was a worker — and they are the sort of guys who make the best coaches," said club president Kevin McLean.

"A lot of kids from the under-18s will be coming up through the reserves and we believe Bruce will relate to them."

The under-18s will be coached this season by Bill Luttick, who already has under-14 and under-16 premierships to his credit.

Luttick was made a life member of the club at the annual general meeting late last year.

The Bloods' 1989 draw

Eastern Districts Football League Third Division

- April 8: v The Basin (H)
- April 15: v Coldstream (A)
- April 22: v Lilydale (H)
- April 29: v Upper Ferntree Gully (A)
- May 6: v Mt Evelyn (A)
- May 13: v South Waverley-Sandown (H)
- May 20: v Fair Park (A)
- May 27: v Norwood (H)
- June 3: v Doncaster East (A)
- June 10: v The Basin (A)
- June 17: v Coldstream (H)

- June 24: v Lilydale (A)
- July 1: v Upper Ferntree Gully (H)
- July 8: v Mt Evelyn (H)
- July 15: v South Waverley-Sandown (A)
- July 22: v Fair Park (H)
- July 29: v Norwood (A)
- August 8: v Doncaster East (H)

Finals: August 13, 20, 27, September 3.

LOCAL CRICKET DETAILS

CHANDLER SHIELD
Warrandyte 8/116 lost to St Andrews 9/135 (C. Snaidero 6/45). Warrandyte 187 (Walshe 68) lost to North Croydon 9/311cc and 8/75.
Warrandyte 9/206 (C. Dornig 50) d. Ainslie Park 205. Warrandyte 132 and 1/127 (Tregear 62) lost to Mt Evelyn 157.

CHANDLER RESERVE
Warrandyte 154 (Hughes 53) lost to North Croydon 391. Warrandyte 6/201 dec. (A. Snaidero 52, King 68no) d. Mt Evelyn 86 (Ryan 4/25) and 3/250.
Warrandyte 130 lost to Ainslie Park 9/231.

THIRDS
Warrandyte 129 lost to North Croydon 219.
Warrandyte 198 d. Mt Evelyn 114.

FOURTHS
Warrandyte 46 lost to North Croydon 148. Warrandyte 204 (Taylor 76) lost to Mt Evelyn 266.

FIFTHS
Warrandyte 132 (Vittritti 41) lost to Ainslie Park 8/349 and 5/79.
Warrandyte 286 (Cameron 131, C. Dornig 49) d. Norwood 129 and 5/147 (Hassall 5/19 and 4/20).

WOMEN
Warrandyte 7/105 (Chapman 42, World 28) lost to Tooronga 5/108. Warrandyte 5/136 (McLaws 57) lost to Tecoma 7/140 (M. McGhee 5/36). Warrandyte 102 (Tunbridge 31) lost to Oakleigh-Waverley 5/169.

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Now it's up to the fifths!

The fifth eleven is Warrandyte Cricket Club's only hope for a senior pennant this season.

With two qualifying rounds remaining, only the fifths had a chance of contesting the RDCA finals. Neither was the women's A-grade team in contention for VCWA honours.

The Chandler Shield side has had an ordinary season, but the club is already thinking in terms of 1989-90.

"There is a great depth of talent on which to build for next season," a club official told the Diary.

"Greg Tregear has been very impressive as captain-coach and he's looking forward to the challenge of leading the club to a premiership in 1990."

Despite its failure to press for a finals berth, the first eleven has the distinction of producing the most exciting finish of the season, against Ainslie Park.

Warrandyte began badly in its pursuit of 205 runs from the allotted 55 overs, losing a wicket in the opening over. But Colin Dorning batted superbly to retrieve the situation with a half-century. Dorning got plenty of support from Graeme Jacobs.

Russell Dorning and Chris

(Sneaky) Snaidero were together at the start of the last over, with seven runs needed for victory. Scores were tied with one ball to go and all Snaidero had to do was nudge a single.

He missed it — but Dorning was already sprinting to the striker's end. The wicketkeeper threw to the bowler's end for a run-out, but Snaidero had scampered home.

Warrandyte by one run — and the fact that the winning run was a bye made the victory no less sweet.

The fifth eleven's final thrust has been sustained by some outstanding individual performances. In a big win over Norwood, Sean Cameron hit a sparkling 131 and outstanding young all-round sportsman Johnathan Hassall finished with match figures of 9/39.

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold its presentation night at the social rooms on Saturday, March 18, starting at 8 p.m. This is traditionally a great night and all members and supporters are urged to be there.

The club will conduct indoor practice throughout the off season. If you're a newcomer who'd like to try out, the contacts are Geoff Taylor (844 2041), Steve Pascoe (844 1213), Jenny Chapman and Jenni McLaws (844 1428).

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A battle of the sexes

A cricket match with a considerable difference will be played at the recreation reserve on Sunday, February 19.

The women's A-grade side has challenged Mark Davis' veterans eleven.

The club guarantees a fun day. A fascinated crowd will see, for ex-

ample, Ain Utt face up to the bowling of his daughter Amanda. And Jimmy Gathercole, veterans captain for the day, fend off potentially-lethal deliveries from demon bowlers Jenni McLaws and Sharyn Egeberg.

The battle of the sexes gets under way at 1 p.m. Refreshments are available from the social rooms.

Jarod paddles to national title

Local kayak enthusiast Jarod Pinder won the under-16 slalom title at last month's Australian white-water championships in Tasmania.

Jarod, of Everard Drive, out-classed the opposition to win by 12 seconds.

He also won a gold medal in the

teams event and a bronze in the under-16 down-river race.

A year 10 student at Warrandyte High School, he will represent Australia in the New Zealand junior championships at Easter.

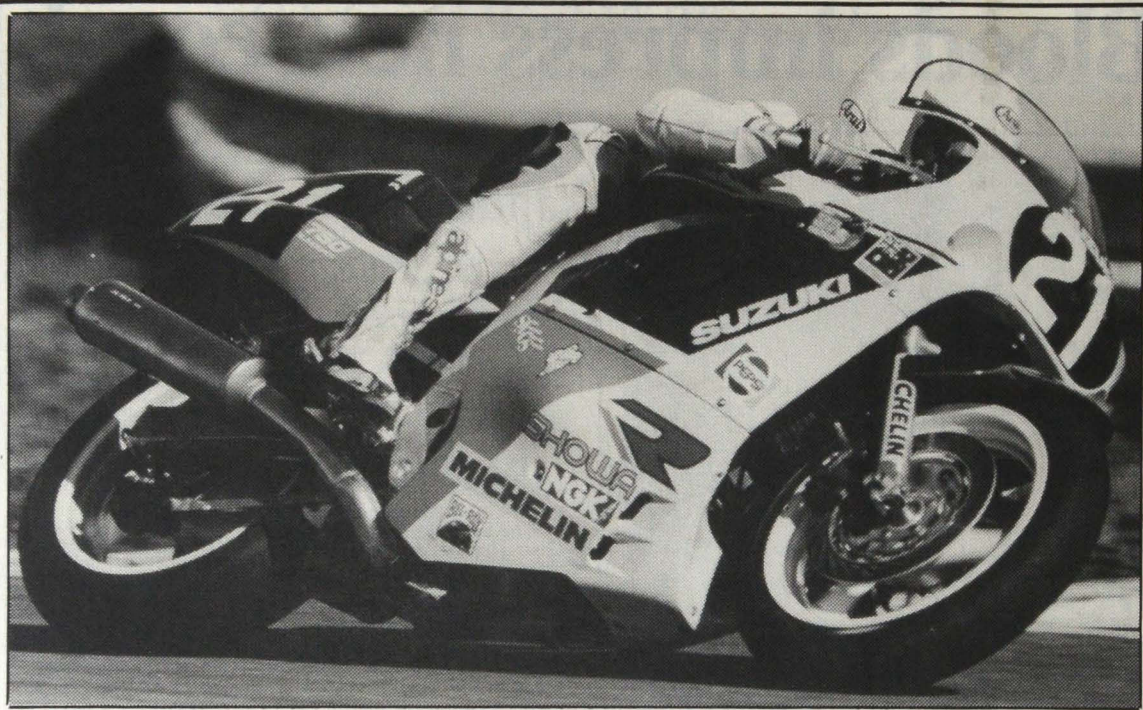
Kayaking runs strong in the Pinder family. Father Trevor and older brother Kaine are also outstanding exponents of the sport.

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Grant Hodson on his way to winning the Suzuki World Cup in Spain.

A local boy who's king of the road

Grant Hodson became interested in things mechanical at a very early age.

By the time he was seven, he was nagging Dad for a mini-bike. At nine, he was driving a car around the family paddocks at Pound Bend.

At 28, he is Suzuki World Cup motorcycle champion. And by 1991 he intends to be world 500cc Grand Prix champion.

Grant, who has lived in Warrandyte all his life, has his goals clearly defined.

"My personal goal is to be world champion," he said. "I feel that by 1991 I would like to be up there. A lot, of course, depends on getting the breaks — particularly sponsorship."

The Suzuki World Cup, which he won at Jerez, Spain, in December, was a major stepping stone towards his ultimate ambition.

It was one of the few times he had raced against international competition on an equal footing in terms of machinery.

At Jerez, all riders — and they included some of the world's best production performers — were on identical bikes, Suzuki GSX-R750s. Grant comfortably won both legs, for prize money of \$US5000.

His next step is to become a full-time professional. He has resigned as accessories manager for a major motorcycle dealer — his employer for the past eight years — to spend next season riding Formula One in Japan.



Grant Hodson

That decision also involved reluctantly turning down a sponsorship offer from Telecom, but Grant believes his future will best be served by tackling the tough Japanese circuit.

Grant graduated from mini-bikes to motorcross when he was 16 and competed successfully in that version of the sport for seven years.

His career was interrupted in 1981-82 by a badly wrenched knee — "It wasn't a result of a fall," he is quick to point out —

which required reconstruction surgery.

Grant entered road racing in 1985 and was an immediate success. He was nominated as best C-grader in the Denso 500 at Winton Raceway at Benalla and ran second in the Shell Series 250 production race at Calder.

The following year he won the Australian Motorcycle News 250 production feature event and was third in the FM national production series.

In 1987, riding Yamaha 250s and 1000s, he won the Victorian Yamaha Cup series and was third in the national event. He also won the national 1000 production series, the RK Chains national rider of the year award and the national Ken Blake Memorial Award for most promising.

On the Suzuki circuit in Japan last year, he qualified 11th fastest in the 500 Grand Prix class but was forced out by gearbox trouble. He also qualified for the first round of the 500 Grand Prix world championship, but the old machine he was riding could not be made race-ready in time.

In the Malaysian Grand Prix, he finished fourth in the 500 class on a "street machine" but won the unlimited class.

And what do Mum and Dad — Pat and Alan — think of their son's chosen career?

"They're supportive," Grant said. "They'd just as soon see me riding bikes as not."

"They know I get a lot of satisfaction out of it."

SPORT IS THE BIG WINNER

Not long ago, the west end of Warrandyte was a battleground on two fronts.

On one side of Yarra Street, developers and conservationists fought a protracted war over supermarkets and other commercial proposals.

On the other side, the local football and cricket clubs fought a constant battle to keep this town's two major sports on a competitive footing on a sub-standard arena and in deplorable clubroom facilities.

The plethora of development on the shopping side of the street leaves no doubt about the winners of that particular campaign. And the things that have happened on the other side are conclusive evidence that the clubs — with a great deal of support from Doncaster-Templestowe City Council — have scored a decisive victory, too.

The new clubrooms and the overall upgrading and landscaping of the recreation reserve have given Warrandyte something for which it cried out for so long: A sporting complex comparable with the very best in these outer eastern suburbs.

Facilitywise, we are no longer the poor relations of other clubs in the respective football and cricket competitions.

The setting was always there. For the fact that we at last took full advantage of it we can thank dedicated people from both clubs and an interested and co-operative council.

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