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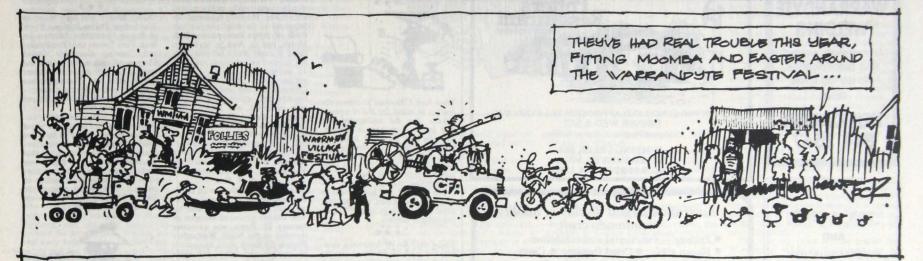
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# Doncaster rules, KC

By CLIFF GREEN

Two recent decisions by Doncaster and Templestowe Council, vitally affecting our area and taken in the face of strong opposition from all local councillors, have revived local speculation about the wisdom of remaining part of the city.

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A large public gallery of enraged Warrandyte residents watched helplessly last month as the nine "outside" councillors voted through a permit for a controversial reception centre in Warrandyte Road and approved a 31-site subdivision off Harris Gully Road. This was despite vigorous opposition from local residents, strongly supported by the three Warrandyte Ward councillors.

In a statement to the local press, two Harris Gully Road residents deplored the way council "wrote off" the Warrandyte position within five or six minutes.

"The time is long overdue for Warrandyte to break away from Doncaster, Templestowe and Bulleen and join with another council sympathetic to our needs," they said.

Local residents remember when it was normal practice for council to defer to the wishes of ward councillors on all issues affecting their areas. The recent departure from this convention and the municipal "bulldozing" of local aspirations is causing alarm among residents.

We elect only our own ward councillors. Refusal by council to accede to their wishes on local issues is effectively disenfranchising those ratepayers most affected.

As recently as July last year Warrandyte councillors convinced their colleagues that council should oppose dual occupancy and flat development in the township. Recognising this as a peculiarly local concern, other councillors supported them, with only one

## Dyslexic council fails to read Warrandyte anger

exception. Council's opposition played a major role in the ultimate decision by the State Government to exempt Warrandyte township from dual occupancy.

Some residents view recent dramatic rate increases in Warrandyte—as high as 30, 40 and 50 per cent—as evidence of a desire to "rate us out", forcing locals to "think again" about the wisdom of resisting closerdensity development.

Which way do you think Warrandyte should go? Are we best served split between two councils? Would you like to see us in one municipality? If so, which one? The Diary wants to hear from you. Write a letter and drop it in the yellow box on the tree opposite the Village Milk Bar in Yarra Street, or send it to P.O. Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.

A growing threat to the 'Green Wedge'—
Landscape Interest A and Residential Dzoned areas outside the township — gives
cause for further concern. The Warrandyte/
Park Orchards Zoning Study, published last
year by Doncaster and Templestowe Council, implies that the rezoning of these areas
is inevitable.

This would especially affect bushland
areas south and east of the township,
through Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and

Park Orchards. Much of this land abuts the Warrandyte State Park. If rezoned, it would result in this area going the way of the former orchard country between Templestowe and Warrandyte. Warrandyte as a "green oasis" would be lost forever.

A sympathetic council is going to be essential if these forces for insensitive development are to be resisted. If our council representatives are to be ignored and overridden by other councillors hell-bent on increased rate revenue and "entrepreneurial initiatives", the future looks bleak.

Warrandyte has long sat uneasily on the edge of the suburban, upwardly mobile aspirations of much of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. The fact that the river divides us between two municipalities has always caused concern, despite the methods local groups have developed to exploit and overcome this situation — often through sheer necessity.

"Breakaway" moves have been mooted several times before. Under the slogan "One Warrandyte", local groups campaigned vigorously for municipal reform during 1974-

several times before. Under the stogan One Warrandyte", local groups campaigned vigorously for municipal reform during 1974-75. This included the concept of a separate town council for Warrandyte, or total inclusion of the district in either the Shire of Eltham or the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

A representative survey conducted in the 3113 postcode area by the Warrandyte Environment League and St John's Church in

1975 indicated 78 per cent support for onecouncil local government. Three times as
many favoured Eltham Council over Doncaster and Templestowe. Support for a separate Warrandyte shire was small.

The issue came alive once more in 1986
following State Government moves to amalgamate many local councils. At that time
Eltham made a bid to "annexe" Warrandyte.
A "straw poll" conducted at a public meeting in Warrandyte once more suggested a
preference for Eltham, although the results
were nowhere near as conclusive as in 1975.

The case is far from proven. We have no
guarantee that Eltham would be more sympathetic to Warrandyte's aspirations. The ad
hoc development of Eltham itself gives little
reason for confidence, although smaller
townships such as Hurstbridge appear to
have survived reasonably well.

Many south-of-the-river residents would
welcome Eltham's antitree felling policy,
others might find it harsh and restrictive.
Although rates on the Doncaster side have
increased dramatically, they are still well
below those being paid in North Warrandyte.

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After many decades of neglect, Doncaster Council is spending a lot of money in Warrandyte. Improvements at the recreation reserve and the building of our long-awaited community centre are examples of a more generous attitude.

Heat generated during the 1986 amalgamation debate suggests we could still have a fighting chance. If we are prized by both municipalities, perhaps we can extract promises of changed attitudes and greater sympathy from those Doncaster and Templestowe councillors who seem determined to ignore our ward representatives and decide our fate despite us.

Or perhaps we can strike a better deal with Eltham.



# Seven seek prize

At long last, all the months of anx-

At long last, all the months of anxious waiting for seven gifted young Warrandytians will soon be over. The winner of the inaugral Warrandyte Youth Arts Award will be announced at a dinner at Potters Restaurant on Thursday, March 16.

Valued at \$5000, the award has been made possible through the generosity of the Lions Club of Warrandyte, joint organisers of the award with the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, publishers of the Diary. It will be presented by noted Australian composer George Dreyfus.

Finalists are: Genevieve Batrouney (embroiderer), Phoebe Briggs (pianist), Andrea Cameron (graphic designer), Andrew Horne (painter), Sally-Ann Kinnane (graphic designer), Bridget Liddell (jeweller) and Jane Polley (dancer, actor and singer).

Full details and an interview with

singer).
Full details and an interview with the winner (or winners) will appear next issue.

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more. Chris had precisely that experience when she was driving her Jackeroo in Manningham Road, Doncaster, last month. She was mighty lucky to escape a prang. The runaway wheel did a leftie down a side street, where the very surprised driver of a broken down car stopped it with his foot. Chris thanks the nice lady who gave her a pat on the head and a glass of orange juice when she knocked on the door and asked to use the phone to break the news to husband Dave.

Former Warrandyte residents don't usually have public parks named after them. The long lamented Mr Stiggants is the only one we can think of. Apart from painter Dale Marsh, that is. And he isn't even dead! It came about because Dale has painted an enormous mural—13 metres by 6 metres—at the entrance to Bribie Island in Queensland. Dale and wife Carol are now well settled as valued citizens of Bribie, and the islanders were so chuffed they named the piece of land where the mural stands 'Dale Marsh Park'. And as if that wasn't enough, Dale and Carol's son Ben was named a 'Young Achiever' in the local Citizen of the Year awards. All in the same week.

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Gwen and Alan Walker of North Warrandyte are very proud grandhes

Gwen and Alan Walker of North Warrandyte are very proud grand-parents. Their son Robin and his wife Debbie produced Meagan on January 23. Robin was an active member of the North Warrandyte Brigade for many years, as now are his mother and father and sister Joanne. Robin is now manager of Coates Hire, Eltham.

The Warrandyte Festival does not just happen. It involves a great deal of preparation and headache. So smokey gives a big pat on the back to Jackie Anderson, Colin Andrews, Nick Arnott, Claire Bloom, John Boyle, David Curry, Denise Farrant, Barry Fogarty, Pam and Russell Freemantle, Marilyn Imbery, Alison O'Mara, Marilyn Parsons, Jennifer Southall, Jennifer Zigmantas, Rick Gordon, Jock McNeish, Lyn Capellani, and representatives from local schools.

And the town of Warrandyte itself, of course.

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There's been a real baby boom at Warrandyte Police Station. Wives of Senior Constables Stephen Le Brun, Ross Timms and Glen Pinder, and Training Constable David Morgan, all had babies in the last week of January. And if it surprises you to know that Warrandyte has that many police, there are more — Senior Constable Chris Pearce and Sergeant David Burge.

They're a fairly new batch, too. The sergeant has been here about 18 months; the other five have arrived over the past 12 months. Sergeant Burge, while stressing that Warrandyte is not a high-crime area, says the men in blue are kept busy patrolling and attending to criminal offenses and other problems of 12,000 people spread over 489 square kilometres.



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when I fell out of one of those trees.
The kids of today deserve the same opportunity. It is their birthright!"
Smokey has never been a pine nut (if you'll excuse the pathetic attempt at a pun) and never envisaged himself campaigning for a conifer cause. But consider him committed.

Trust Jean Chapman to corner the market in talent for the re-opened bakery. Just the undisputed two best sandwich-makers in Warrandyte, no less. Daughter Jenny has been spreading the butter around local milk bars for five years; Mary Townsend has given 18 years loyal service. Jean insists there will be competition but no feuding between the pair. The bakery will be flogging pies, pasties, sausage rolls, filled rolls, hot dogs and, of course, marvellous sangers.

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### Wopersons find cricket just an old man's game

"Go down to third person," said the skipper. "What?" said the cricketer. "What's third person? I thought that was something to do with grammar." No, it has to do with batspersons and fieldpersons, and it came to Warrandyte on Sunday, February 19, when the Warrandyte Cricket Club Gentlepersons XI, better known as the veterans, took on the Wopersons XI, formerly known as the Women's XI. The following unbiased and non-sexist report was written by a special correspondent.

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WCG Gentleperson, despite great provocation, harrasspersonst and distracting behaviour on the part of the opposition, were able to hold on for a win in the first clash of the genders organised by the Warrandyte Cricket Club.

The Gentlepersons, who have won every toss of the season and much prefer to go in first, were at a disadvantage from the start when Wopersons skipper Maria McGhee correctly chose heads and elected to bat.

Openers Jenny McLaws and Angie Tunbridge put on a determined 57-run partnership before McLaws, on 18, was caught leg before by Ron Milton, who was moving the ball disconcertingly. Tunbridge was joined by Sharyn Egeberg, and the pair quickly increased the scoring rate, sending several loose balls for four off Jim Gathercole and Jim Pleasance, much to the delight of a ribald group of "lady" spectators.

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Wopersons skipper McGhee joined Egeberg at the crease, and it was obvious from the first delivery that she wanted to lift the scoring rate. But a cunning bowling change by Gentleperson skipper Mark Davis (he brought himself on) paid off when Egeberg, on 23, tried to pull him over square leg and was caught by All Bellinger in the deep.



McGhee's tactics were undone by Davis's next ball, a tempting offering on middle and leg that brought a rush of blood to her head. She was stumped several feet out of her ground by keeper Ain Utt after scoring one.

McGhee was replaced by her daughter, who followed in her mother's footsteps and also could not replace them. She, too, was stumped for one, this time off the bowling of Utt.

The Gentleperson keeper had been brought from behind the stumps to do battle with daughter Apersonda, who during the week before the match had disrespectfully questioned the staying power of his ageing body.

Utt was unable to despatch his daughter, but his well-flighted googlies and Davis's off-breaks mesmerised the other Wopersons. Davis, who at one stage was on a geri'atrick (editor's note: sorry folks, there's more of it), finished with three for nine off five overs and Utt took two for eight off four.

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The Gentlepersons, whose concentration was sorely tested by sledging from close-in fieldspersons, began their innings well with Gatercole and Utt severely punishing Utt.

But what appeared to be a promising stand was broken when Utt pushed too far forward and was caught and bowled by Egeberg. Gathercole went soon afterwards when McLaws took out middle stump.

The Gentlepersons, confronted with their usual collapse in the middle order, were saved from ignominy by cool innings from Allan Woolcock, 15, Milton, 25 not out, and Doug Bashford, 24.

# Greed threatens green

How long can Warrandyte remain an oasis in a suburban desert? In the second of a series of two articles, ROB GELL looks at the future of the 'Green Wedge' and the possibility of its destruction through rezoning and development

The results of a survey, published last year by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, implies that the re-zoning of the "Green Wedge", that leafy buffer between Warrandyte and suburbia, is inevitable.

This survey, the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study, presented the results and assessment of a questionnaire to owners of "Landscape Interest A" and "Residential D" zoned land in Warrandyte and Park Orchards. A total of 54 per cent of respondents indicated support for the rezoning of their land. their land.

All residents of Warrandyte and Park Orchards should have been surveyed for a study of this type, since any amendments to the existing zoning will affect their lifestyles also.

Rezoning of "Landscape Interest A" and "Residential D" zones to allow for smaller lot sizes would set an important precedent in the "Green Wedge" and would pose a potential threat to existing non-urban

The maintenance of the "Green Wedge" at its highest possible level is vital to the quality of life and living standards for the entire Melbourne metropolitan community. There have been a number of short-sighted and introspective comments made as arguments for a rezoning towards smaller lot sizes in both "Landscape Interest A" and "Residential D" areas.

The suggestion that the existing zoning scheme has left blocks too small to produce an effective income and too large for proper



maintenance is an opportunistic argument often used by owners of large land lots in

often used by owners of large land lots in semi-rural areas.
Perhaps orchardists, a group that legitimately uses the land to earn income, may represent an exception, but the same argument is used by others whose land is essentially residential.

It is not a legitimate argument for rezoning of the land. There are other options available for people who argue this case. They could sell the land and purchase a smaller lot that is more economical, or replant the land with indigenous species and endeavor to return it to its natural state.

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endeavor to return it to its natural state.

Minority lobby groups like the Park Orchards Landowners Association (POLA), in their argument for rezoning, suggest that much of the area under question is deteriorating and "destitute of native trees and shrubs and wildlife".

They argue that the use of sensible environmental controls after subdivision, and re-

planting with indigenous species, would remedy the situation. Perhaps an even higher environmental value would be achieved for this land if

value would be achieved for this land if council simply applied the same environmental controls, with a requirement to plan indigenous species, on the lots as they exist, rather than subdividing them.

Perhaps if landowners had not cleared the original native vegetation of trees and understorey species to such an extent, the problem of noxious weeds would not be so serious. The fact that the damage is now done is no argument for rezoning.

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To suggest that the land is poor, unkempt and unworthy of "Landscape Interest A" zoning status is similarly not a valid reason to further degrade this landscape. Rather, it should be a stimulus to return it, as close as possible, to its original state.

The degredation of some "Landscape Interest A" land is further evidence of the inability of both the council, and some lan-

downers, to properly control incorrect land use practices. It should not be an excuse to allow more intensive use of the land through

subdivision.

The "One Hundred Acres" in Park Orchards is a perfect example of how this land
regenerates, responding to a concerted community effort. Perhaps council could lead the
way by providing guidelines for landowners
who require assistance in revegetating their
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POLA has stated that planting with indigenous species is a valuable ideal. It will be interesting to see whether the same landowners retain the same high values without a rezoning of their land.

The case of orchardists is a special one. There is no doubt that the future use of orchard land is integral to these discussions. If orcharding is now uneconomic in the area, council should undertake feasibility studies aimed at reclamation of crucial areas, with the possibility that they may be revegetated in the style of the "One Hundred Acres" by organised community projects.

This would be a positive community initiative and would further reinforce the "Green Wedge" philosophy by providing further buffer zones to urban expansion outside the area.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe

area.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe may consider Warrandyte "the jewel in its crown", but Warrandyte is now a glittering

crown", but Warrandyte is now a glittering prize for land speculators.

Real estate agents hastily offer prospective clients the option of buying large allotments and waiting for rezoning. The further subdivision of Warrandyte and the break up of the "Green Wedge" is a concept they do not understand.

The next ten years will be crucial for Warrandyte. What we have now can be maintained, perhaps improved. The future is critical, it is essential that we do not lose what we have, because it can never be rebuilt.

rebuilt.

It is up to the community to ensure that the values of the "Green Wedge" are not lost. The fate of the environment must not be left solely in the hands of those most capable of destroying it.

## Local police seize pot worth \$2m in raids

By DAVID WYMAN

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Police have seized illegal drugs with a potential street value of more than \$2 million in raids on Warrandyte homes and properties in the past 12 months.

Most of the drugs have been in the form of immature marijuana plants growing in backyards in the town, on larger properties and in the bush.

The officer-in-charge of Warrandyte Police, Sergeant David Burge, told the Diary that the druggrowing problem in Warrandyte was no different to anywhere else.

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The largest haul last year was a crop of 300 plants growing in pots in the backyard of a house. This had a potential market value of up to \$500,000.

A raid on another Warrandyte house resulted in a charge of trafficking in drugs. According to Sergeant Burge, the offender was equipped with scales and materials for packaging. A quantity of "speed" was also found.

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offs from the local public. Many of the people charged had only a small number of marijuana plants der cultivation.

Meanwhile, young drinkers remain a big problem or Warrandyte Police.

In the past 12 months, 21 people under the age of 18 were charged with drinking alcohol in the streets of Warrandyte. A larger number were caught and cautioned. Of the 21 charged, many were second offenders.

Sergeant David Burge said: "We try to keep them line, but under-age drinking and vandalism remain g worries."

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"When we apprehend someone we believe is drinking under the legal age, we take them home to establish their name and age, and, of course, to advise parents of the problem. But we're often abused by parents for doing that because the kids drink openly at home," Sergeant Burge said.

The offender is given a caution by a police officer, but if it happens again the under-age drinker can end up in the Children's Court.

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# Centre plans to be unveiled

After almost 10 years of patient waiting by locals, full details and drawings of our planned new community centre are to be unveiled at a public meeting at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Wednesday, March 22 at

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee has called the meeting so local residents can examine draft plans, drawings and site layout and discuss the project with the joint working party and the centre's architects, Whitford and Peck.

The new centre, with a reported total floor space of 1600 square metres, will replace the derelict

The new centre, with a reported total floor space of 1600 square metres, will replace the derelict buildings known locally as "Getsons", on land bounded by Yarra Street, Webb Street, Mitchell Avenue and an unmade section of Brackenbury Street.

These buildings have housed local community organisations since 1980, when the City of Doncaster and Templestowe purchased the site for \$200,000 following intense campaigning by the Warrandyte Environment League and other local groups.

Considerable debate followed the announcement last year that council intended partially financing the project through a joint commercial-community development, with as many as 12 shops suggested for the prime Yarra Street frontage.

However, concept plans announced in November indicate that only one shop, plus 500 square metres of commercial office space would be included in the project.

### Local quitters show off their wares

Two Warrandyte women will show off their wares at the Australian Quilters Association biennial exhibi-tion, beginning on April 7 at the South Melbourne Town Hall.

Hundreds of quilts, wall hangings, cushions, clo-thing and challenge quilts will be exhibited. Many of the entries are original and have not been shown in

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Some 10 years ago Fran Batrouney taught patchwork and quilting at the Living and Learning Centre in Eltham. Eventually she and her pupils decided to continue to meet. They formed their own patchwork group and took it in turns to gather at each other's

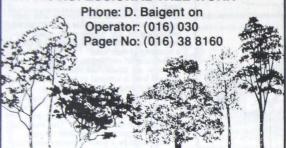
houses. The group is still going strong and numbers about 18.

Fran's quilt is a single bed-size scrapbag quilt using an old favorite traditional block called Ohio Star. It has many shades of blue set within a white border.

Fellow Warrandytian Diane Fraser is showing a single bed quilt entitled 'Double Wedding Ring'. This is a traditional American design using a range of dusky pinks and soft mauves.

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# With regret the Reids leave a beloved home

Sir George and Lady Reid have left their property. Nilja, in Alexander Road, not without regret but with the good wishes of the Warrandyte community. They are now settling into their new home at Roseville Retirement Village in King Street, East Doncaster.

The Aboriginal name "Nilja" means blue hills, and it is thought that the Aborigines used the river below the house as a regular crossing place.

that the Aborigines used the river below the house as a regular crossing place.

The property was originally part of Longridge Farm until 16 acres and 9 perches were sold to Dr and Angela Elizabeth Josephine Booth in September 1919. When the Booths bought the property there was no house on it and they moved the original building out from Port Melbourne in one piece.

The house, which is of weather-board with a corrugated iron roof, then consisted of a kitchen, diningroom, bedroom and another small room. The Booths added a bathroom, sittingroom, study and two bedrooms as well as a wide verandah that runs across the back of the house and overlooks the river. Underneath the house is a large room that serves as a cool store, wine cellar and storage space.

The Booths originally used Nilja as a holiday home before living there permanently. Angela Booth was one of the "women's libbers" of her day and kept the name of Booth prominently before the public as she fought for social justice for women, including equal pay for equal work. George Reid can remember her work as a justice of the peace, one of a handful of women to hold this appointment at the intext.

In 1926 Angela stood as a candidate for the separate ward of Warrandyte in the newly created Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe and was elected along with Charlie Hemsworth and John Col-

Angela was the first woman



Nilja: now to be owned by the Board of Works

councillor in the municipality and only the third woman elected in

only the third woman elected in Victoria.

Angela, who seems to have been somewhat of a stormy petrel, was defeated by George Adams in the elections held in 1933.

The Ruttledge family bought the property in the spring of 1948 and moved into their new home on Boxing Day. Dorothy and her family had just settled when some careless campers let their fire get away. It quickly spread on to Nilja. The Ruttledge family received a crash course in "on the job firefighting". Helped by their neighbor, Albert Speers, they got the fire out in the traditional manner, wielding bags and branches torn from trees.

Miraculously the house has survived the fires that have swept the area, a natural firepath from the north. The fires of 1939, 1949, 1965 and 1969 all burnt through the area. The 1962 fire was heading for Nilja when a timely shower of rain fell.

In 1965 the fires went either side of the house. It was left intact, although all the outbuildings were destroyed.

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In 1953 a part of the property was cut off from Nilja to build Mulloka, which Margot Bennett and Dorothy ran as a children's home, until it was destroyed by the 1965 bushfires. The land was transferred to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in 1975.

Dorothy's father bought Nilja in the names of his wife Olive and his daughters Olive and Dorothy. The property eventually became Dorothy's, following the death of her mother and sister.

In 1973 George and Dorothy married and Nilja became their home until November 1988. Sir George followed the legal profession until going into Parliament where he represented Warrandyte from 1955 until 1966, when the electoral boundaries were changed. He became Minister for Immigration and then Attorney General, a position he held for some six years. Sir George did not seek re-election and retired from Parliament in the early 1970s.

Sir George received his knighthood for his service to the people of Victoria and the Parliament.

Both George and Dorothy are pleased that Nilja is going to the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works. This means that the property, with its beautiful old red gums and majestic view, will be retained in its present state, as will the river that Dorothy has swum in every summer from 1949 until 1987.

Sir George and Lady Reid have given years of service to the Warrandyte community, George in his capacity as MP as well as through the help he has provided to many organisations and individuals.

Dorothy has been involved with St Stephens Anglican church and the wider church community in her work as a member of the interchurch council.

As president of the Warrandyte Auxiliary she worked tirelessly for the Brotherhood of St Laurence and encouraged others to do likewise. Dorothy was also a member of twA, where she played a number

the Brotherhood of St Laurence and encouraged others to do likewise. Dorothy was also a member of WAA, where she played a number of brilliant roles, and, with George, Dorothy is a member of the Warrandyte Historical Society.



George and Dorothy Reid on their wedding day in 1973.





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# Yeasty history to bakery

#### By BRUCE BENCE

The bakery project was suggested by Audrey Drechsler in discussions with Councillor Ken McKenzie some years ago. Audrey, the daughter of Ida and Jim Walsh, who ran the bakery for many years, owns the property and offered it free of charge to be used as a bakery. It is to remain free of charge for five years.

While as yet it has not been possible to find any documents throwing light on the origin of the bakery, Peter Staughton, joint honorary architect with Jock Mcneish for the project, considers that the building was most likely to have been put up between 1880 and 1890.

Jim and Ida Walsh came to Warrandyte from Castlemaine in 1928 and ran the bakery until 1951 when their son Walter, who had been working with them and delivering bread, joined the police force. Jim and Ida then moved into

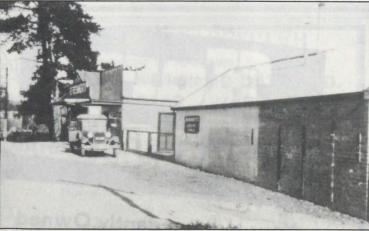
The bakery was then leased to Mr Laity who came from Quambatook in Northern Victoria. He ran the business for a number of years before selling out to Granny Davis Bakeries at Heidelberg. The building became a leather shop and then a wood stove store.

The site was obtained from the Crown by I. Trezize (presumably Isobel Trezize, wife of Francis Trezize, proprietor of the Grand Hotel) on March 22, 1921. Like many blocks in Warrandyte it was probably held under a miner's right until sold by the Crown.

Jim Walsh bought the Crown.

Jim Walsh bought the residence and the bakery from the Trezize family and always reckoned he paid for it twice — once in cash and again with the beer he bought from the Trezize's hotel.

The bakery was an important part of Warran-



Walsh's bakery, probably in the 1940s.

dyte life. Apart from supplying the district with its daily bread, including Saturday deliveries, many people worked there over the years.

Ron Belzer started at 16 as an apprentice baker and met and married Jim Walsh's sister, Kath. During the war Bonnie Peake got her driving licence so that she could take over the bread cart. This enabled Fred Schultz to leave the job and join the armed services. The most bread cart. This enabled Fred Scinliz to leave, the job and join the armed services. The most over-qualified breadcarter was undoubtedly Dr Mary Thornton, who made deliveries for a while after her return from military service in the Middle East.

During the 1934 floods Jim Walsh continued to operate the bakery until the water was up to his knees. As the flood continued to rise Jim arranged to bake the bread at Laver's bakery in Doncaster. Jim canoed over the flooded road at Whipstick Gully, drove to Laver's bakery, baked the bread then brought it back to Warrandyte by truck. The bread was then transferred by canoe and delivered to the bakery. With the foundation of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade the breadcart served the community by doubling as the fire truck until the brigade got its first proper vehicle in 1944.



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# -The making of a mural-

There is quite a story behind the Warrandyte Primary School mural you saw on page 10 of the February Diary — a story

The diners were WPS art teacher Denise Farran, celebrated Warrandyte artist-potter Gus McLaren and Frank and Carmel Turtle, who run the school at Potter's

During that lunch, an extraordinary wall was born - a 60-tile mural measuring 15ft by 4ft and depicting the arrival of the First

It was the primary school's Bicentennial gift to itself.

The pupils were "commissioned" to produce hundreds of drawings, from which Denise and Gus selected 40. Gus scaled them to size, traced them on to blotting paper and stencilled them on to the tiles, which he then spray-painted.

The children applied the finishing colour

and Gus fired the ceramics at his home pottery in Bradleys Lane.

It was, as Denise and Gus said, "quite a project".

There were a couple of other notable

contributors. Bob Crosby assembled the mural on the Music Room wall and Guy D'Agostino, general manager of Australian Building Ceramics Pty Ltd, donated the

The Bicentennial Fundraising Committee donated \$500, a contribution matched by the school council.

Doncaster-Templestowe mayor Bill Larkin unveiled the mural shortly before Christmas and the children celebrated the occasion by re-enacting the First Fleet anding - sea shanties, colonial dances and





Anticlockwise, from top left: Denise Farran selects drawings; Ben Dawson, grade 5 (last year) and Terri George (grade) get stuck into the painting; Gus McLaren helps Adrian Utt, Sarah Chrisfield and Ben Dawson;

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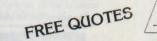
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### VILLAGE FESTIVAL PROGRAM

### FRI 17 MARCH

4.00-6.00 pm: ACCEPTANCE OF EXHIBITS for Expo '89 at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants

8.00 pm: FESTIVAL FOLLIES. Warrandyte Drama Group Revue. Mechanics Institute, Yarra Street. Cabaret, BYO food and drink. \$10 per head. 9, 10, 11 March and 16, 17, 18 March. Bookings: 844



### SAT 18 MARCH

8.00 am: LIONS CLUB GYMKHANA. Ringwood Pony Club Grounds, Quamby Reserve, Wonga Road, North Ringwood. Ribbons to 6th place. Entries edestrians and riders \$1. Enquir-844 3626 or 844 3182

8.00 am: INTER-CHURCH BREAKFAST. Elderly itizens' Club. Prof George Yule from Aberdeen niversity will be guest speaker for lenten study. \$5.



8.00 am: APEX FUN RUN. Run by Warrandyte Apex Club from Stiggants Reserve. 9 km course. Prizes given. Entries on the day. Be there at least 15 minutes before start. Enquiries: Gary Brady, 844 11.76.

10.00 am-4.00 pm: STATE PARK RANGERS with Tom Lewis. Discussing and demonstrating Aboriginal craft and culture at State Park tent. Enquiries: 844 2659.

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We hope everyone in Warrandyte will celebrate the 'discovery' of our town. The map shows you where everything is and the information in this program tells you all about the activities.

A special event at this year's festival is the Warrandyte Classic Duck Race. The river will never be the same again. The plastic ducks will be thrown from the bridge — all 2000 of them. Ducks will be on sale prior to the event, and the money raised will be given to a local charity or organisation.

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each.

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12.00 noon: HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITIONS: 'After Gold — Tourism'; Museum, Community Centre, Yarra Street. 'Old Warrandyte in Pictures'; Old Post Office, Yarra Street. The society's photo file will also be on display.

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12 noon: HAYRIDES. From river end of Forbes Street to the old dairy. Ride on a horse drawn cart.

1.00 pm: CANOE & KAYAK RACE. From Stiggants Reserve to the bridge and back. Warrandyte Canoe Club. Entries on the day. Enquiries: John Boyle, 844 3120.

1.00-4 pm: WARRANDYTE MECHANICS INSTITUTE & ARTS ASSOCIATION. Pottery, painting and craft. Join artists on Stiggants. Children encouraged to pot (Small charge to cover fixing.)

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1.30 pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS. Continues entertainment provided by Warrandyte. Ander-

ous entertainment provided by Warrandyte, Andersons Creek and Warrandyte South primary schools, Helen Briggs Dancers, local bands.





2-5 pm: ARTISTS' STUDIO TOURS. Visit the studios of prominent Warrandyte artists — Matthew and Walter Magilton and Ron and Marie Muller. See work in progress and available for purchase. Take the bus from Stiggants Reserve or get directions from the information caravan. Organised by Warrandyte Rotary. Enquiries: Ain Utt, 844 2889.

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11.00 am-12.00 noon: EXPO '89 JUDGING. St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street. (Entries on Friday between 4 and 6 pm, or Saturday between 8 and 9.30 am.) Best and biggest radish, rose, original card, painted easter egg, scones. Craft sections and mural exhibition. Enquiries: Ann Ley, 844 3543.

11.00 am-4.00 pm: LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. Sold by the ladies of the Anglican Church at the

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12 noon: FANCY DRESS. Dress up for the parade as Ann or James Anderson (150 years since they settled at Andersons Creek) or follow the themes, Citizenship', Multiculturalism' or 'Most Outlandish'. Major prizes for each section, plus something for each entrant. Entry free. Straight after the parade on Stiggants stage.

12 noon: DECORATED BIKES. Competition run by the Lions Club for the best decorated bike in the parade. Judged near the stage after the parade. Prizes donated by the Lions Club.

12.00 noon: BIKE REGISTRATION. Is your bike registered? If not, the Lions Club of Warrandyte and the Victoria Police will register it for you free of charge. Stiggants Reserve.

12.00 noon: FREE WATERSLIDE. Run by Warrandyte Scout Group. Stiggants Reserve. Changing tent provided. Bring togs and towels. Enquiries: Max Garner, 437 1666.

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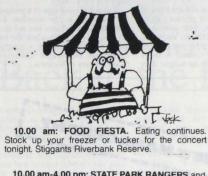
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9.30 am: BILLY CART DERBY. Boys and girls can join in the action! Crash helmets compulsory. No go-carts, no commercial entries. Billy carts must satisfy marshalls. Forbes Street, outside the police station. Entries 50¢ on the day. Enquiries: George Nikakis 712 0595

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11.00 am: LILO RACE. Have a go! You will need a lilo and a pair of sandshoes. Easy but exciting rapids from Forbes Street. Minimum age 10 years. Patrolled by the Yarra River Lifeguards. Enquiries: 844 2502.

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12 noon: GARDEN TOURS. Conducted tour of some of Warrandyte's rustic gardens. Catch the bus at Stiggants Reserve. Approximately 2 hours duration.



12 noon: YARRA YOBBOS. Novelty activities on the riverbank at Stiggants Reserve, including gumboot throw, rolling-pin throw, egg throw, Otto bin races. Warrandyte Uniting Church. Prizes donated by Potters Cottage. Enquiries: Alan King, 844 3622.

1.00 pm: TUG O' WAR. Warrandyte fire brigades ee local groups competing for the tug o' war ophy. Fire brigades, Apex, Lions, sporting groups tiggants Riverbank Reserve. Entry on the day. See local groups competing trophy. Fire brigades, Apex, Lio Stiggants Riverbank Reserve, E



1.30 pm: DUCK RACE. Quack, quack, quack! Support, encourage and barrack for your plastic duck. (After Yarra Yobbos finish.) Ducks available from schools, Canoe Shed or Marilyn, 844 1175.
2.00 pm: GOLD MINE TOUR. Join our tour guide, John Hanson, for an hour and a half leisurely walk through Warrandyte's Gold Rush days and visit an actual 1850s gold mine. Bring torch and wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street or catch a free festival bus from Stiggants Reserve.



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# Bulleen Council ruled, KO?

March, 1889: It is all very well for the Bulleen Shire Council to table a motion for bringing the government reserves of the shire under the council's management. I don't know exactly what the Templestowe and Doncaster reserves amount to, but I am confident that the Warrandyte riding will never without a great effort submit to this. I think all the reserves are with us. This game has been tried before and as Mr Gillies says "it's too thin". There is another thing. The council are asking that certain lands (mind they are at present reserved subject to conditions) should also be permanently reserved from sale.

Between here and Ringwood we have only the soldfields common.

Between here and Ringwood we Between here and Ringwood we have only the goldfields common. What does the council want with it? It seems to me there is something under this which ought to be explained, and I suggest that the Warrandyte people call a public meeting and see into the matter.

The temperance element in the Bulleen Shire Council is pugnacious if nothing else. The whisky drinkers can "barney" a little. The opposition go in for gladitorial business. The two "bantam cocks" had a quiet set to at their last meeting;



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

both were plucky and it is to be hoped that now they will settle down to steady, honest business.

Mr Leon, the premier piscatorial disciple, when on the Yarra on Monday night last, succeeded in

landing a brown trout which turned the scale at 3½ pounds. This is the first fish of the kind that has been caught here with a fly, although several of us good judges have for some years been confident that they were here in numbers.

The fish was in splendid condition and I have no doubt that when exhibited in Melbourne it will at all events give the lovers of the art a chance of coming and trying their luck.

This I suppose, is the last time I shall have the privilege of writing previous to the general election of 1889. I can only reiterate what I have previously tried to impress upon the minds of the electors of Evelyn.

Let every voter ask himself "What shall I gain by a change?" I think most of us know the erratic character of the gentleman opposing our late respected member.

Mr Cameron has always been of us and with us. The greater part of his life has been, you may say, devoted to the electorate. Very well, is there one man who can impugn his Parliamentary career? A sauve manner and a catching tongue does

not counterbalance hard, substan-tial, practicable, beneficial work Let the electors think of this.

We want railways and innumerable other works yet in the county, and to get these influence and constant application will be required, and for this is there any comparison between the two aspirants?

I trust and thoroughly believe that the polling day will show that as an electorate we recognise sterling worth and merit and give Mr Cameron such a majority that will show him his previous endeavours for our good have been recognised and appreciated. So hurrah! for Cameron

meron.

A lad named Pretty met with a serious accident last week by falling from a horse he was riding and breaking his leg above the knee. Mr Sloan (where he was visiting) promptly took him to the Melbourne Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

There is a good sign of a prospect of a change in the weather. For many years the Yarra has not been so low, and I expect when the rain does come it will be a caution. (From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)

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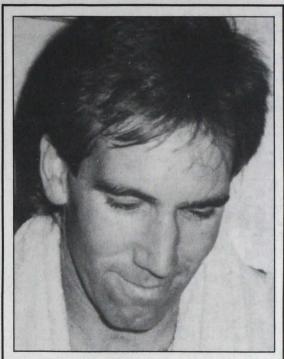
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# Back in the fray

Robin Golding's dedication to football in general and Warrandyte Football Club in particular will be rewarded next month.

Barring a training mishap, the former seniors captain and fairest and best winner (above) will play the season's opener, against The Basin

the season's opener, agent Basin.

It will be Golding's first game since he badly injured a knee in the first few minutes of the se-cond game last season.

The knee required reconstruc-tion surgery and Golding has worked very hard on his comeback.

"It's feeling very good," he told the *Diary*. "I should be right for the first game."

The return of the talented and fearless ruck-rover will considerably enhance Warrandyte's prospects of reaching the finals.

#### Easter Services

Anglican: Maundy Thursday, March 23, at 8pm eucharist of the last supper and stripping of the alter — St Stephens. Good Friday, March 24, at 2pm, service of "the last hour" — St Stephens. Holy Saturday, March 25, at 9am, litany and ante-communion — St Stephens. Easter Sunday, March 26, at 5.45 am, first eucharist of Easter — St Stephens. 8pm, holy eucharist — St Stephens. 9.30 am, sung eucharist — Emmanuel, Park Orchards. Catholic: Palm Sunday services, Saturday, March 18, at 6pm, Park Orchards, Sunday, March 19, at 8.30 am, Warrandyte and 10.30 am, Park Orchards. Monday, March 20, reconciliation at Warrandyte 7.30 pm. Wednesday, March 22, reconciliation at Park Orchards 7.30 pm. Maundy Thursday, March 27.30 pm. Maundy Thursday, March

23, service at Warrandyte 7.30pm. Good Friday, March 24, commemoration of the death of Christ at Park Orchards 3pm. Saturday, March 24, vigil at Park Orchards at 7.30pm. This is the leading service of the liturgical year. Sunday, March 25, celebration of the resurrection 8.30am, at Warrandyte and 10.30am, at Park Orchards.

Gospel Chapel, Factor Sunday

Gospel Chapel: Easter Sunday, service 10am. Uniting Church: Monday, March 20, evening of prayer (come and go between 6pm — 9pm). Maundy Thursday, March 23, service 7.30pm. Good Friday, March 24, service 9am. Easter Sunday service 10.15a

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### Warrandyte near peak

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"Obviously, we want to see as many supporters as possible at the practice games," a club official said. "It is a great opportunity for them to get a preview of the new-look Bloods."

Warrandyte have "won a few and lost a few" from last season.

Lion-hearted ruckman Rovert (Spider) Webb has retired for business reasons, Trevor Constance is

(Spider) Webb has retired for business reasons, Trevor Constance is "doubtful" and Wayne Clark has been sidelined by a car accident. It has been an exasperating run for Clark, who missed the business end of last season after his jaw was broken in a behind-play incident.

The Bloods will also be without talented forward Lachlan McLean, who has been training with Hawthorn under-19s. McLean was badly injured in a training accident

ly injured in a training accident recently and if he plays football at all this season it will almost certain-ly be with the Hawks.

On the credit side is the return of Robin Golding and the decision of outstanding young ruckman Kimberley O'Connor to play 1989 at Warrandyte after trying out with Fitzroy's under-19s.

Warrandyte after trying out with Fitzroy's under-19s.

Another "plus" is the failure of other clubs to woo last season's best and fairest Steve Caroll from the fold. And the club is delighted with the form and fitness of attacking defender Mick Hassall after an injury-plagued 1988.

Officials also have a high opinion of country recruit Gerard Murphy, a skilful utility player who comes to town from Ouyen, in the Northern Mallee League.

North Kew ruckman Dave Miekel, who had trained with the Bloods, will not be transferring this season. When this edition of the Diary went to press, Warrandyte were talking to an experienced follower from another suburban league.

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If you take local government seriously (and gee, it's hard) you may read this and wonder. You may also wonder how a puffball of civic nonsense has managed to float its way on to the sports pages. Don't worry. Be happy. Read on.

Somewhere out there on the fungal fringes of Doncaster-Templestowe City Council's sense of reason and priorities lurks an anti-bingo obsession. How do we know? Jenny Chapman told us. Quite apart from captaining with consistent distinction the local women's eleven, Jenny is publicity officer for Warrandyte Cricket Club.

She does the job very well. Too well, it seems.

Jenny's troubles started when, in a fit of fund-raising zeal for the new clubrooms shared by the cricket and football clubs, she reasoned that people should be made aware of the bingo games held there each Wednesday night.

Her first move — apart from promoting this naughty, provocative, sinful and perfectly legal activity in this newspaper — was to advertise it on a small sandwich board beside the footpath at West End.

"It was promptly confiscated and put in The Pound For Bad Signs," Jenny said. "We bailed it out and put it on what we thought was safer ground.

"But no, it was nabbed again.
"Then we tried trees. We pinned posters up on trees in Yarra Street on Wednesdays and would have taken them down on Thursday mornings if we'd been given the chance.

"But someone from the council was following us around and taking them down five minutes after we'd put them up."

A bit of a problem. But Jennyy is a very resourceful girl. When all else fails, she figured, why not Otto Advertising?

"The council obviously didn't like touching the Sulos, so we put our ads up on some bins in the main street," said Jenny.

"Incredibly, the little council man took the time to drive around and take them off those, too. He actually took them off reeking garbage bins which the garbos hadn't touched for weeks!

"He must have had a very strong stomach because I can tell you, those bins were terribly smelly."

So will the sworn opponent of "Legs 11" please

Doesn't matter, really, because the footy club, who take over clubroom responsibility for the winter, assure us that bingo will prevail.

Bin there, done that.

- SMOKEY JOE

### Suzanne's innings is over

Suzanne Martin, a young pioneer of women's cricket in Warrandyte, has retired after 20 years of "active

nas retired are 20 years of active service."

Suzanne formed the first wome-en's team here in 1975-76. Her late father Allan, patriarch of Warran-dyte's most illustrious cricketing

Tamily, was coach.

The Dytes won the premiership in that first season and Suzanne topped the association batting and bowling averages.

These days, it is called leading by example.

Suzanne had played pennant

Suzanne had played pennant cricket for Mitcham before mas-terminding the local team. She played for Australia on a victorious trip to India and returned with the st tour bowling average. She has also represented

Victoria.

An outstanding on-field contributor, she will be sadly missed by Warrandyte Cricket Club, although still closely involved with it. Husband Glenn will make a comeback next season and sons Tristan and Ethan play in the junior games.

ior games.

And sister Jenny Chapman will carry on the proud family tradition in the women's eleven.

### 'Oldies' get together

Warrandyte Cricket Club is forming a past players' association and would like to hear from potential

would like to liear from possessions.

If you have played with the seniors and are interested in joining, the contact is Mark Davis (844 1186).

We president Geoff Taylor

(844 1186).

WCC president Geoff Taylor said that now the new social rooms were open and the bar and dining areas operating, the club could offer the sort of facilities which were previously the preserve of the big grounds.

Officials hope to be able to hold a big reunion lunch at the start of the 1989-90 season.

# Chances go begging as we miss the finals

Seven dropped catches in an innings have cost Warrandyte Cricket Club a place in the RDCA senior finals.

The culprits were the fifth eleven, who would have wrapped up a finals berth had they beaten North Croydon in the second-last game of the qualifying season.

Croydon in the second-last game of the qualifying season.
And that would have been achieved quite comfortably if just a few of those catches had been held.
Instead, Warrandyte went down by nine runs. A win over East Ringwood in the final round did not make good the damage.
The Chandler Shield eleven bowed out on a most encouraging note by beating South Ringwoodd in a high-scoring, crowd-pleasing game.

game.
Warrandyte captain-coach Greg
Tregear finished the season as he
had started it — with a magnificent
century. Tregear, who made 120 at
his first appearance with his new
club, hit 147 to steer the Dytes to 9/
318. He had a valuable ally in

318. He had a valuable ally in Colin Dorning, who made 75.

Jason Graf spun his way to seven wickets — from 20 overs, at a cost of 81 runs — to short-circuit South's response. Warrandyte won by 27 runs.

### 7 catches grassed

Jim Gathercole blasted a century in the fourths' game against South Ringwood, an innings described from within the club as "not bad for a geriatric". In the same game, Wayne Peters made 96.

Jenni McLaws put the finishing touches to another fine season with a pair of 70s for the women's Agrade team. And Angela Tunbridge showed her all-round skills with 4/27 against Buckley Ridges and a personal best of 65 with the bat against Montrose.

Steve Bell was called upon for a few encores on his way to a century—rare in junior cricket—against Ainslie Park.

The compulsory retirement score

The compulsory retirement score is 30 in the little league, which meant a series of "adjournments" for Steve before he attained the

respective figures.

He and his talented team-mates ensured the under-12As a place in the finals. The under-14Bs are also premiership chances.

CHANDLER SHIELD
Warrandyte 92 (Jacobs 24no) lost to
Parkwood 223 (Tregear 4/62) and 5/137
(Walshe 3/29).
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Dorning, 75) d South Ringwood 291 (J.

Warrandyte 9/318cc (Tregear 147, C. Dorning 75) d South Ringwood 291 (J. Graf 7/81).

CHANDLER RESERVE
Warrandyte 146 lost to Parkwood 264 (Pascoe 4/85) and 2/128. Warrandyte 172 and 6/117 (Hughes 50, King 43 and 52) lost to South Ringwood 9/245.

Warrandyte 157 (Chapman 57, Rodgers 44) lost to Parkwood 5/195. Warrandyte 190 (Jungwirth 48, Baker 32) lost to South Ringwood 5/195. Warrandyte 190 (Jungwirth 48, Baker 32) lost to South Ringwood FIFTHS
Warrandyte 8/148 (Lawrence 41, Utt 33) lost to North Croydon 8/157 (Cameron 4/68).

3/54 d East Ringwood 194 (Cameron 4/68).

WOMEN

Warrandyte 5/109 lost to 3/108 Warrandyte 5/109 Warrand

Warrandyte 8/167 (Donis 34, Edwards 32, Byrne 32) d Mt Evelyn 140 (Saaksjarvi 3/23, Martin 2/7).

### Trophy night

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold

its presentation night at the recreation reserve social rooms on March 18, starting at 7.30 p.m.
All members and supporters are urged to be there to wind up the 1988-89 season in memorable fashion.

## Jenni McLaws - finished with a pair of 70s. Bloods to peak for opener

Warrandyte Football Club

New Warrandyte Football Club coach Lindsay Hopkins believes his players will be at their best for the opening of the 1989 EDFL season.

"Training has been good and we are hoping to peak for the firstround game against The Basin on April 8," Hopkins told the Diary.

"The players have trained with a lot of enthusiasm. It has been hard work, but there have been no

work, but there have been no

whinges from them. The numbers have improved and so have the skills."

Hopkins said he was happy with the composition of the squad at his disposal.

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"If there is anything lacking, I suppose it could be depth in key positions," he said.

The Bloods, who narrowly missed the third division finals last season, will lead up to the resumption of hostilities with three practice matches and a night series. The night series, at Upper Ferntree Gully, is a novel addition to the preseason program.

Warrandyte are drawn against Blackburn at 6.30 on March 15.

The first practice match will also

The first practice match will also be under lights — against Kilsyth at Kilsyth on March 13. Both the seniors and reserves will be in action,



at 8 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively. The Bloods will field under-18, reserves and senior sides against Coldstream at Coldstream on



Wayne Clark - injured.

March 18 and will be at home to Old Ivanhoe Grammarians on April

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