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Footballer, 28, is battling broken neck

Warrandyte footballer Gary Allsop has been tragically injured on the field and may never walk again.

Allsop, 28, broke his neck in what may be one of the worst accidents in Victorian football history. It happened in the first quarter of the seniors' game at Upper Ferntree Gully on April 29.

A specialist at the Austin Hospital has compared the injury with that suffered by Footscray's Neil Sachse, then 24, in 1975. Sachse became a quadriplegic when he snapped a vertebra in his neck.

Allsop, a fearless, lightly-built ruck-rover, was air-lifted to the Austin by police helicopter from the Upper Ferntree Gully ground after running headlong into an opponent's thigh.

His father, Fred, told assembled Warrandyte Football Club players, officials and supporters on May 4 that it would be four to six weeks before the full extent of the injury — a fractured and dislocated neck vertebra — would be known. He said a specialist had told the family "he would not say Gary will not recover".

WFC president Kevin McLean told the Diary there was "a likelihood that Gary will not walk again. But if anyone can get through it, he will," Mr McLean said.

He described Gary as a "great clubman with tremendous spirit".

He also pointed to the inadequacy of insurance cover for players in the Eastern Districts Football League although, he said, it was considerably better than that offered by most other leagues. Mr McLean said that if totally disabled, Gary would be eligible for an insurance payout of only \$30,000.

"This tragedy has prompted the EDFL to look at increasing the benefit to \$100,000," he said.

Gary Allsop was in his second season with Warrandyte. His best mate, seniors captain Robin Golding, described him as "everyone's friend and a great competitor".

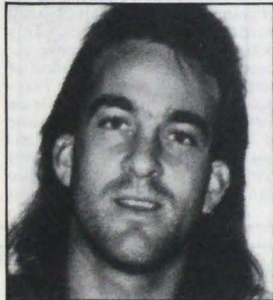
"He is looked up to as a guy and as a player," Golding said.

It was Golding who introduced Allsop to the local club.

"Three years ago, Gary moved in next door to us in Warranwood," he said. "He saw my Warrandyte jumper on the fence and said: 'Do you play footy?'"

"I said yes, and we really got to talking.

"Gary had played EDFL first division for Blackburn but had been out of football for two or three seasons because of his work commitments as a disc jockey. And he was a top-liner at that, too. He was everyone's mate from the night he arrived at Warrandyte Football Club.



Gary Allsop: "If anyone can get through it, he will."

"He was such a great clubman I think he drove the coaches a bit crazy with his phone calls between matches. He'd ring them up to analyse the fine details of the last game and to suggest tactics for the next.

"I think he knew the position on the ladder of every team in our division long before the league itself had worked it out.

"Gary Allsop is that kind of guy."

Mr Allsop senior was accompanied by his wife Joyce and Gary's wife Sue when he addressed the club earlier this month.

"As I left the hospital to come here tonight," he said, "Gary asked me to pass on this message to you: 'Tell those bastards to win the premiership!'"

Great-hearted player

Gary Allsop has always had a very basic football philosophy: The ball is here, the goal is there and a straight line is the shortest distance between.

In retrospect, he had too much guts for his own good, too much heart for a player of his build.

On July 30 last year, Gary collided with an opponent's knee — also against Upper Ferntree Gully, but that is sheer, unhappy coincidence — as he emerged from a pack just before half-time.

It opened a deep, gaping wound below his eye.

Gary was all set to play the second half and was still remonstrating with concerned Bloods officials and players as he was ordered into a car and off to hospital.

He admitted later that the "cut" was a bit worse than he'd thought. In fact, it required delicate surgery.

Courage is one of Gary Allsop's outstanding qualities. Whatever the extent of his injuries, he'll fight back.

You can be sure of that.

Rates rise shocks many in township

Rates charged against many properties in the Warrandyte township could be drastically revised, following disclosures that, as the result of action by some residents, a number of 'irregular' and 'erroneous' valuations in the area have been corrected.

According to Mr Bob Cox of Brackenbury Street, rates in the township have increased by as much as 107 per cent, with increases of 30, 40 and 50 per cent being common.

"On average, rates in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe have increased by less than 10 per cent," Bob Cox said. "But Warrandyte has had to cop these massive hikes.

"When the former mayor, Cr Doug McKenzie, announced last year that rates in the city would not be increased by an expected 14 per cent, but would be restricted to an overall average of 9.5 per cent, residents felt relieved.

"When the rates for 1988-89 were determined," Bob Cox continued, "I was surprised to find that those on my property had increased by 40 per cent. I checked my neighbours' rates and found that the average increase for Brackenbury Street, between Mitchell Avenue and Mullens Road, was 30 per cent, with two as high as 51 per cent."

This prompted Bob Cox to further examine rates in the township area, with 'startling' results. For example, rates in Taroon Avenue increased by an average of 4.6 per cent, the lowest of those examined, whilst Melbourne Hill Road and David Road had average increases of 41 and 44 per cent respectively.

Typical among other average increases were 17 per cent for Everard Drive and Leber Street, and 21 per cent for Tills Drive and Drysdale and Houghton Roads. Individual properties within these streets have had rate increases as high as 107 per cent.

Alarmed by these facts, Bob Cox circulated a petition among his neighbours, protesting at the 'unfairness of the valuations in the Warrandyte township'. Out of 38 houses in the street, 37 signatures were obtained.

"Cr Denford presented the petition to council on our behalf," Bob Cox explained, "and we were advised to present separate notices of objection."

This was done and the city valuer, Mr Peter Walpole, visited some of the properties, resulting in reductions of land values ranging from \$1000 to \$26,500. Eight owners did not receive any reduction. A further eight were awaiting a visit from the valuer at the time of his resignation.

According to Bob Cox, various reasons were given for the original valuations. For example, 'mistakenly valued as two allotments' and 'this land is extremely steep, a factor which was not previously fully appreciated'.

"The valuer told residents that the valuations had been done by a junior staff member, who had since left council employ," Bob Cox said.

As reported in the local press, Mr Walpole resigned last April. Commenting on his departure, Cr Bill Larkin, mayor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, 'flatly denied' claims that Mr Walpole had resigned because of rate valuations being mismanaged or because of adverse pressure from residents.



"The revaluations by Mr Walpole are considered, by the residents of Brackenbury Street, to be a sop," Bob Cox said. "We have decided to appeal to the Land Valuation Board of Review."

"We are asking the board to review Mr Walpole's revised valuations, not only those of the Brackenbury Street properties, but also those of all Warrandyte township properties, to ensure fairness and uniformity throughout the municipality."

Bob Cox is not just concerned because he believes people have been treated unfairly. "There are a number of cases of genuine hardship," he said. "One elderly resident, a returned serviceman on a single pension, has been inflicted with a 98 per cent increase in his rates, due to inflated valuation."

Residents outside the Residential C-zoned township area have also reported substantial rate increases, at least one as high as 80 per cent. Owners of these larger properties, in Landscape Interest A and Residential D zonings, have been told their valuations have increased because their land has 'subdivisional potential'.

However, the owners of these properties point out that their zonings prohibit further subdivision.

"We can't subdivide, even if we wanted to," one such resident told the Diary. "Yet we are being rated as if we can. Either they are trying to 'rate us out', or they know something we don't. Namely, that they intend rezoning in the near future."

LATE NEWS:

Surprise objectors could delay centre

An unexpectedly large number of objections, mainly from Brackenbury Street residents, have been lodged against the building of Warrandyte's new community centre.

It is predicted that this could put back the building of the centre by anything up to a year.

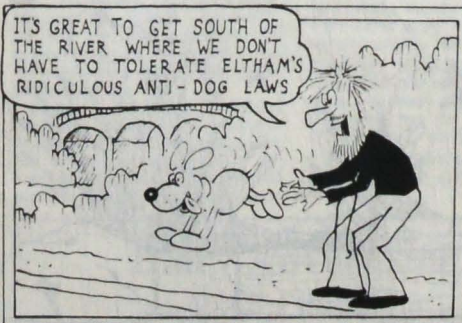
Organisers of the project have expressed surprise and disappointment at the large number of residents involved.

The 22 objectors have expressed concern on several grounds, including parking in Mitchell Avenue, increased traffic in Brackenbury Street and the inclusion of a commercial component on the site.

"These objections will force council to the Appeals Tribunal," Warrandyte Advisory Committee member Glenn Martin told the Diary. "This will seriously delay the commencement of the centre."

The Diary understands that attempts are being made to negotiate with the residents concerned, in an effort to have them withdraw their objections.

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Our reptilian contemporary, Rupert Murdoch's *Doncaster Templestowe News*, carried a front-page announcement of Warrandyte's new community centre earlier this month. Better late than never, we suppose. They listed all the prospective tenants. With the notable exception of the *Diary*, of course. Inside the same issue was a nice feature on Smokey's special mate Jock Macneish. Beaut pic, too. But we've never before seen a newspaper story about a cartoonist that didn't include at least one of his cartoons. Not a mention, of course, that Jock has been *Diary* cartoonist since our first issue, nigh on 20 years ago. Poor old DT's News. They obviously labor under that worn-out rule: don't talk about them and they'll go away. Some hope.



Lions supemo Ian Shugg reckons it's a bit like driving past the Vatican these days. Watching that chimney in Yarra Street to see if a new baker has been chosen.

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She's a hard act to follow. Lil Whitehead, affectionately known as Lily Pilly, celebrated her 79th birthday on April 22. Lil was born in the local bakery in 1910. Over her many years of service in the community, Lil is held in high esteem by her friends and family. Smokey reckons the lady always has a helping hand and a friendly smile. Happy birthday Lil.

And her sense of humor. Smokey well recalls the time he was up at Warrandyte Primary School on one of the Sunday torture courses for parents, fathers, in particular. As he heaved heaps of muck into the bin, Lil looked up from her gardening over the way. "Smokey," she called, "could you come over when you've finished and mow my lawns?" "Er, um," said shagged-out Smokey, "I'm only joking, love," said Lil.

Ah, what a woman!

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What's wrong with you old (sorry, elderly) chaps? Bit shy, eh? Alma Hutchinson, a leading light at the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club,

## IN RED & WHITE



can't understand why birds consistently and substantially outnumber blokes, whether it be at the group's regular get-togethers or on special outings. "We have great facilities here and a lot of activities of interest to everyone," Alma said. "We have a lot of beautiful ladies but a dearth of men." All Smokey can add to that is nudge nudge, wink wink.

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He sort of slunk into the city pub. "Er, you couldn't give us a lift home to Warrandyte," he asked his mate. "Sure," replied the mate. "I take it you didn't ride your 750 cc Kawasaki mean machine into town today?" "Well, yes, but ..." "Broken down again?" "Um no..." "Thunderstorms forecast?" "No, you see..."

And so he explained, or tried to. How on earth can you lose gloves, keys and a thumping great motor-bike helmet between parking spot and the office. The people in the little sandwich bar along the way know how it's done. You race in, order a bacon and egg sandwich plus coffee, fling your gear into a corner, then sprint out. The next day they restored the missing accoutrements to a red-faced Mark Davis.

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Psst! Wanna buy a coffin? Unused, of course. And dirt cheap (if you'll pardon the irreverence). This potentially-outstanding conversation piece will be among a host of stuff on offer at Warrandyte Football Club's monster garage sale on Sunday, June 25. Jenny Walsh (876 3719) is calling for contributions of just about anything and will arrange to have it picked up if you can't drop it into the club at

weekends or on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after 6 pm. The sale will be held on the adjoining netball courts, starting 10 am.

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They're a good, wholesome, clean-living lot at Warrandyte Football Club. On Friday nights, at least. With the full backing of coach Lindsay Hopkins, the committee has imposed a virtual Friday-night curfew on the senior players. The reasoning is simply that hangers are not conducive to match-winning football. The players have apparently accepted the restriction without even the suggestion of a revolt. Carn the Dytes!

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The Warrandyte and District Pre-School will be conducting its annual enrolment ballot on July 11 in the Pre-School rooms.



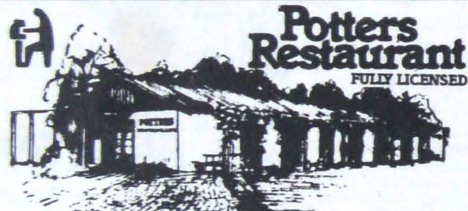
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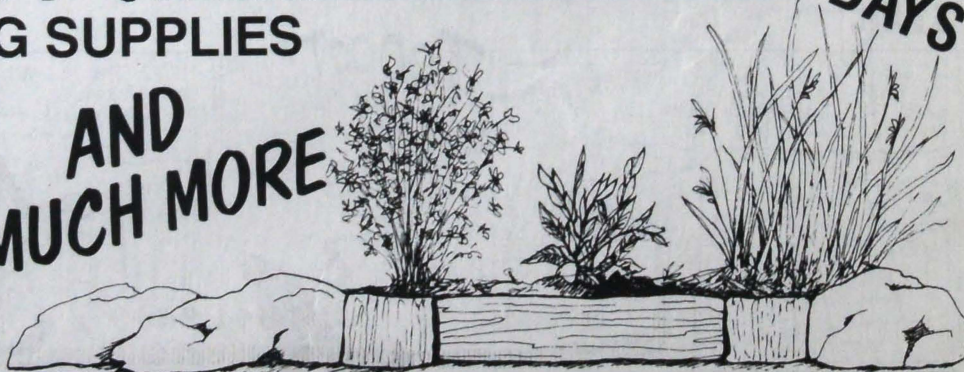
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# Consumers will win when Green Spots sprout

This month the *Diary* introduces an occasional column by JO PEARSON, a Warrandyte resident whose face might not be unfamiliar.

It isn't easy being green, but it's getting better.

Closest "greenies" can at last come out of hiding without risking a public tar-and-feathering. Better than that, all Victorians will soon be able to make their contribution to improving the lot of our planet, without the inconvenience of chaining themselves to bulldozers.

It will be a green revolution all right. Not in the dwindling forests and wilds of this country, but in its supermarkets and grocery stores.

Before too long, humble consumers will experience the power of the "Green Spot" in their shopping bag. A spot so powerful that, it has the potential to hold the captains of industry in its thrall.

The Green Spot consumer awareness program is a welcome, albeit overdue, attempt by our State Government to promote environmentally-sound products; that is, products which have no harmful effect on the environment because of their ingredients, their manufacturing process or their

packaging. These products will be identified with green spot logos on our supermarket shelves and they'll be known as "Green Spot Specials".

It may sound simplistic, perhaps a little silly, but those little green spots sprouting sometime later this year will put more power back into the consumer wallet. Power, in the sense that our daily buying decisions will give a clear signal to business: ignore the environmental costs of production at your peril!

It's a system that's already impacted on manufacturers in West Germany. Not only have they had to reckon with the toughest environmental laws in Europe but also with a product labelling scheme identifying environment-friendly goods. Now, the idea is catching on internationally. In adopting a similar program, Canadian Government research indicated that environmental concerns were paramount in the community.

The research revealed that 94 per cent of Canadians believe we must all take personal responsibility if planetary survival is to be secured. The poll also indicated that Canadians are prepared to pay up to 10 per cent more for environmentally friendly products.

Until now the consumer has not

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been able to make environmentally-conscious decisions in everyday purchases. We are offered a vast range of goods, certainly, but very little information regarding the manufacturing process and its environmental cost. As consumers, most of us feel that we are powerless.

I cringed recently to hear leading paper products manufacturers explain away their continued use of dioxins by implicating the consumer. "Consumers demand bleached paper products," we were told. The fact is, the consumer has been kept in the dark about the level of dioxin pollution in this country, and has never been given the choice of environmentally safe unbleached alternatives. I couldn't think of many parents who wouldn't favor off-white nappies, toilet paper, coffee filters, you name it, if informed of the terrible legacy of lily-white appearances.

For years, we've been offered a

range of over-packaged products. You and I have paid for these wasteful and unnecessary excesses. We haven't been given much of an alternative. Advertisers, meanwhile, have bombarded us with messages that set their agenda for our purchasing decisions.

We've been moulded into time-saving, dispo-pack consumers seduced by "taste-sensations", "freshening agents" and being "congratulated". Of course, the value added to a product by extra packaging does little for us, except compound the waste problem. For the manufacturer though, it can mean a healthier profit margin.

The Green Spot program will be effective, because it will simply identify products that we can buy with a clear conscience. As consumers embrace the concept, as I believe they will, manufacturers will be forced to change their methods of production and marketing, or face a loss of business.

Already, in Europe, countries which do not have official "eco-labelling" schemes have been affected by the advent of the "green consumer". In Britain, for example, supermarket chains have dropped established suppliers of detergents and disposable nappies without a moment's hesitation in favor of more "environment-friendly" foreign sources.

An advisory panel has been established to oversee this ambitious new program, sponsored by the Ministry for Planning and Environment, the Environment Protection Authority, the Ministry for Consumer Affairs and the Office of Prices. The panel will be chaired by Professor Mark Wahlquist, professor of medicine at Monash University, well known for his expertise in food and nutrition. Other members of the panel include advertising executive David Mattingly; home economist Suzanne Russell; Australian Conservation Foundation campaign officer Sian Prior and television personality Rob Gell.

The task the panel faces is to determine assessment guidelines for the certification and labelling of environmentally sound products. They will have to consider the environmental impact of how a

product is made, used and disposed of, whether a product is adequately labelled to enable consumers to assess its environmental impact and whether more environmentally benign products are available. As well, the importance of price, quality and convenience will be taken into account.

It will be interesting to see the response of Australian manufacturers and retailers to the Victorian Government's program. They have made little attempt to treat their customers as thinking and responsible human beings in the past. Governments, in their sensitivity to the wishes of big business, have been weak and reticent in regulating on their behalf.

The 'Green Spot' initiative is clever, in that the Government is not seen to be the regulator, and power is put fairly and squarely where it should belong, in the hands of the consumer. Undoubtedly, Victoria's consumer awareness program will filter through to other states.

In fact, once manufacturers realise the popularity of "environment-friendly" products, we'll be inundated with "green" advertising, point-of-sale promotions, and more relevant consumer information. At last.

## Last post for Laurie

by JUDY MACDONALD

For 19 years the warm greetings of Laurie Nichols have made the simple act of buying a stamp a pleasure for Warrandyte residents.

On the verge of tearing through his last perforation and checking in his last mail bag, Laurie spoke to the *Diary* about his fondness for the people of Warrandyte and some memories of the past.

Laurie's career in all things postal began 32 years ago when he and his wife, Beryl, bought the Bullen post office and store opposite the Penguin Laundry. They then sold the store and took the post office to Thompsons Road, Bullen. This agency became the largest non-official post office in Victoria, with a staff of seven. Ever since, Laurie has remained a contractor to Australia Post.

In 1970, Fred Prince, who was postmaster at the old Warrandyte post office, suffered a heart attack.



Laurie Nichols: he has loved seeing "babies grow up into 19 and 20-year-olds".

Laurie took over the business, paying him sick pay. That is when his long involvement with the people of Warrandyte began.

At the old post office, the delivery truck would back up to the verandah every day to put the mail through the door. Over the years, the corner verandah post had broken loose and every morning after the mail delivery Laurie would kick it back into place.

He recalls the morning that he

forgot and the resident rozzar, Sergeant Cyril Moss, saw the post swinging in the breeze. He rang the surveyor at Doncaster and Templestowe Council, lodging a formal complaint.

As a consequence, Australia Post moved to the premises near the bridge. Laurie feels that is an excellent spot from which to service both sides of the river.

Asked what things he holds dear and what changes he has seen,

Laurie responded fervently that, "the friendships I have formed over the years have been the most important thing. There is nothing in selling stamps," he said with feeling, "and I don't want to sell any more, but I have been very interested in the people and the friendships and I would like to thank the people of Warrandyte for the pleasure and friendship that they have given me."

He regrets the loss, either by

death or moving, of old Warrandyte residents. "Some have gone through hell together; lost three houses in bushfires. This sort of thing created a bond which is not so obvious now. Attitudes have changed. It's not so neighborly."

He feels that younger people moving do not understand what has happened in the past and bring different attitudes, but he concedes that having to work so hard may leave little time to be "neighborly".

"I don't like the push to remove plum trees from the riverside," he said. "Although I'm a conservationist, as a look at my Panton Hills property will tell, the beauty that those plum trees produce in the spring along the river as the sun comes over the hill is a gift of God. People should think again before removing them."

Like other residents, Laurie is concerned about the traffic build-up in Yarra Street. He feels that another bridge downstream and an outer-circle ring road is the answer.

Laurie says that the best part of his time here has been seeing "babies grow into 19 and 20-year-olds; teenagers going through school and moving forward in a good direction."

"The two most thrilling adventures in life are starting school and getting married, and I've seen a lot do both," he said.

Living at Panton Hills on 11 acres for 25 years has made Laurie appreciate the bush. "If we're not rated out I'll have some time now to work on our 'botanic garden'."

He and Beryl plan to begin retirement — "an early one." Laurie insists — by visiting daughter Robyn in Brisbane to see their only grandchildren, Robyn's daughters, aged five and one. The Nichols have two other daughters: Heather who with her husband is on the family farm at Nathalia, and 25-year-old Lynn-Marie, having, as her father describes it, "the best life of all as a teacher in a regional centre. Yabbies and champagne picnics by the river, a new car and no thought of marriage as yet."

After a leisurely drive back down the coast — something never possible before — "we'll let the rest of 1989 take care of itself," Laurie said.

Picture: JAN TINDALE

## School decides pines must go

Most of Warrandyte Primary School's trademark, the pine plantation where kids have played over the past 60 years, is to be felled.

The school council has reluctantly decided to part with the trees after a CFA report showed them to be an extremely high fire danger risk. The school also sought the advice of tree experts. The consensus was that the pines were no longer healthy. In fact, they said, the trees were a considerable risk to schoolchildren.

Some 60 trees at the bottom of the hill, by Brackenbury Street, will be retained for the time being. The rest of the plantation will be re-developed to provide a flat, grassed playing area and an amphitheatre

surrounded by native trees and plants.

A plan of the proposed development will be on display at the school.

The first of the pines were planted in the 1920s. The idea was that they would be harvested 20 years on to make money for the school. They never were. In fact, planting went on until the early 1950s.

School councillors said they appreciated the sentimental attachment that many ex-pupils have to the pines, but the safety of the children had to come first.

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# Art's the thing, says crafty Joan Kirner

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Mrs Joan Kirner, predicted that art and craft would occupy an increasingly important place in the curriculum at Warrandyte High School.

Mrs Kirner, who was opening the school's first art and craft exhibition late last month stated, that given Warrandyte's place in art history and the strength of art and craft in the community, she knew that a tradition of excellence and involvement in the arts was already being established.

"All students should be involved in relevant and challenging arts experiences and here at Warrandyte I see that arts is an integral part of the school curriculum," Mrs Kirner said.

The exhibition brought together the professional work of such local painters as Brian Armstrong, Donald Cameron, Peter Glass, Hilary Jackman, Walter Magilton, David Moore, Ron Muller and Max Wilks. Potters exhibiting included Marjorie Beecham, Amanda Chong, Gus McLaren and Matthew Magilton.

Jewellery by Bridget Liddell, winner of the 1988-89 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award was especially featured, as was the work of other finalists, including Andrea Cameron, Genevieve Batrouney and Andrew Horne. Also included was a display of work by present and past students at the school.

Diary Cartoonist Jock Macneish donated a number of caricatures of local identities to be auctioned, as well as a watercolor painting, which was raffled. A limited edition print donated by Grahame King was also auctioned, and Simon Baigent donated a silver candlestick as a raffle prize.



Joan Kirner meets Warrandyte High School headmaster Graeme Doig (left) and David Hogg, president of the school council.

Organised by parents and teachers at the school, with major contributions by art teachers Chris White and Janet Seal, the exhibition raised more than \$5000. Proceeds will go towards the school music

program, especially the development of the newly-formed concert band.

Whilst stressing the often neglected importance of the arts, Mrs

Kirner made a direct appeal to girls at the school to keep all their subject options open. "Don't neglect your science and maths studies," she said. "The boys will be keeping their options open."

## Stand by: there's a sod ready for turning

The first sod on the site of Warrandyte's new community centre will soon be turned. A tender for draining the block has been let and work is due to commence this month.

Following discussions between the community, the steering committee and the architects, a number of minor improvements have been made to the plans.

Suggestions that the Yarra Street frontage should be "softened" with plants and landscaping have led to the building being set back a little further. The existing bus stop will now be offset from the street and trees and low shrubs will be planted on both sides.

Although new regulations will not permit the building of any childminding facilities at the centre, a small fenced children's playground is to be constructed.

The problem of finding new and adequate premises for the Warrandyte Historical Society museum,



presently housed in the temporary "Getson" complex, is receiving attention. Both the society and the community centre committee are now confident that acceptable arrangements will be made.

Plans for the centre were on public display earlier this month. It is believed there have been several objections lodged, apparently dealing with proposed car parking along Mitchell Avenue.

Included in the plans displayed were concept drawings of the proposed commercial block, to be erected at the rear of the complex. This consists of a ground floor restaurant and four upper level

professional suites, with parking space underneath.

Residents who have seen the plans are somewhat mollified by its attractive appearance. Standing as it does on 'stilts', with verandahs, sun screens and a homestead-style roofline, it is reminiscent of northern Australian buildings of the colonial era.

No final decision regarding external cladding for the complex has yet been made, but it is believed that brick or masonry lower levels are preferred, with timber above. The roofs will be of corrugated iron.

As Doncaster and Templestowe Council has allocated \$250,000 for the complex this financial year, an early start to construction is still being predicted. However, no decision has yet been made as to which will come first, the community centre or the commercial component.

## School is seeking ex-pupils

The Warrandyte South Primary School is celebrating its 85th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the re-building of the school after it was destroyed by bushfire.

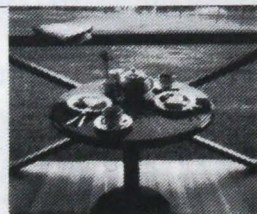
As part of the celebrations, a picnic lunch will be held at the school on May 30, starting at 12.15 pm. Past and present pupils and staff are invited to attend.

The byo picnic lunch will be followed by a bush dancing display, birthday cake and picnic games.

The school would also like to hear from anyone willing to talk to the pupils about their past school-day experiences and anyone who could provide information for a book about the school's history.

The school will also be holding a bush fair and reunion later in the year as part of the celebrations.

Anyone wishing to attend the picnic or who could assist the school with its 85th birthday celebrations is asked to contact the school on 844 3304.



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Guides, cubs, scouts and brownies — and those without a uniform — pay their respects outside the RSL hall on April 25, 1989.

## Andrew saves the day

By 'THE UNKNOWN AIRMAN'

Panic. The Box Hill City Pipe band had disbanded. They had been urging us on for what seems like a generation. How will we be able to see out the journey without the pipe band?

On arriving at the scout hall we discovered a lone piper, a young slim lad. "He'll run out of wind. He can't play all the way." How wrong we were. Andrew Ogilvy, you saved our day. Thanks.

We set off, in a sort of like a waltz. But Jim Girvan came to the rescue. "You don't look at the feet to keep in step, you look at the tassel on the pipes." By the time we got to the pub it was more like a rock and roll step. But we were happy. We didn't know. All we could see was the tassel.

The crowd gathered. We sang 'God Save the Queen' great, but 'Advance Australia Fair' brought dead silence until half way through. One brave lady started, then another, and by the time the last 'Advance Australia Fair' was required, all were into it.



Bob Cox, after a hard march following the tassel, heads for a well-earned ale in the Warrandyte RSL.

A newcomer to Warrandyte expressed surprise at the reticence of the locals to sing 'Advance Australia Fair', until it was explained that we usually have a dummy run on the first bar, but the tape went full bore and no one knew whether to start or not.

Thanks to that lady. I think she must have

been a nursing sister who was used to taking the initiative and making decisions.

We had a proper bugler, though. Chris Coates, more accustomed to performing at the Shrine on Anzac Day, stayed home in Warrandyte and gave a magnificent performance. Beat the hell out of our scratchy old tape. Thanks Chris.

The guides and cubs were there of course. What a joy it was to see them. Boy, can they eat. Lucky the ladies spent half the night making sandwiches. Thanks ladies, and thanks kids. As we get older we appreciate you all more and more; keep coming.

Everyone was looking for Andrew Ogilvy to congratulate him for not running out of puff and hoping to have him play his pipes one more time. For those who don't know, Andrew had to join his band at 11.30 for the city march.

Mrs Ogilvy sped off with Andrew and a plate of sandwiches. Hope you made it Andrew, not for your sake really. Those RAAF blokes deserved to hear you too.

The day wore on and the usual things happened. Until we realised we'd been copped. The pennies (those are like big cents, kids) were in the air when suddenly we realised there was an inspector and several sergeants present.

That darned sergeant, who kept grabbing the pennies and trying to toss them out of turn; he might have to be barred next year.

It was a great day. Memories, a few tears, the joy it gave all the old and not-so-old servicemen to see and feel the respect those kids had for us.

One little boy asked me before the march. "Where's Jim?" I told him, and later I learned from Jim Girvan that that little boy had been asking him since January about the march. "What time does it start? Where's the best place to see it? Can I go into the RSL building?"

Yes, it was worth it all.

## Freeways might find no welcome in the valleys

Representatives from about a dozen community groups met on April 10 to respond to the renewed interest in extending the Mullum Mullum and Koonung Valley Freeways. Two members of the Warrandyte Environment League, Greg Stroot and Gary McKelvie, attended.

The main objective of the gathering was to form a coalition to organise a rally for June 6 at the Nunawading Civic Centre. The rally will draw attention to the authorities' lack of consultation with local communities on transport needs and solutions and the need to properly assess the public transport alternative. "Guest speakers, a panel session and the release of a new book are some of the planned activities," says Mr Stroot.

"Study groups for the State Government planned the arterial network in consultation with the

freight industry, but conferred very little with the affected communities. The system is federally financed and all other options seem to have been ignored. The sheer momentum of the road option could swamp local issues," he said.

"In an era of privatisation it's not surprising to see the bandwagon of enterprise hailed as the solution to all our problems. Insidious privatisation of the transport sector seems to have produced an aggregate of freight companies, a large proportion of them interested in using an existing road network and large trucks to establish immediate return.

"This has brought about a de-emphasis of the rail network which has a plethora of problems that need to be addressed, although it can offer higher efficiency in the long term."

Mr Stroot said federal authorities saw freeways as the quick and easy solution. Melbourne already had Australia's highest road freight density, but the proponents of the freeways argue this in favor of more roads, not against.

"These freeways are the thin edge of the wedge. Surrender to them could ultimately mean the connection of the Hume Highway to Dandenong through Eltham and Scoresby," he warned.

"We all want to rid our roads of congestion but anyone who relies on our present freeways will tell you that they haven't solved a thing. Perhaps too many concurrent users of roads is the problem, in which case a diversity of solutions is the only solution," Mr Stroot said.

The Nunawading rally begins at 7.30 pm.

## CAB notches up its second year

The second annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau in the old post office will be held on July 24 at 8 pm, followed by a social evening (byo plate and bottle).

Many volunteers have assisted the work of the bureau over the past two years and from the early planning stages in 1983. This is an opportunity to see the latest information displays, catch up on old friends and meet volunteers rostered on another day.

More than 300 enquiries a month, in addition to weekend tourists, are recorded by the bureau's statisticians, Cheryl Bushby and Joyce Wilks. The card index system has grown under the vigilance of Sally George and Nell Charwood.

Louise Joy continues as co-ordinator, but it is confidently expected that the place will not fall down without her, when she is away for two weeks from June 25.



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Warrandyte Primary School's Class 2L had a taste of the past last month. Here's what it meant to them, in the children's own words and pictures.

# Dear old golden rule days ...



At the colonial school Sir whacked the desks when some one didn't sit up straight but in the olden days that whack on the desk wouldn't be on the desk it would be on your hand.

James Lewis

On Wednesday we had a special colonial teacher and we had to write in olden days writing. If you weren't sitting up straight sometimes Sir would whack your desk. He also called you names like "you're a wicked little girl" and "you're a little grub". I think it was a lot of fun.

Megan

At the colonial school I had crossed my legs and Sir told me to uncross them, instead of hitting my desk. I felt happy about that.

Luke



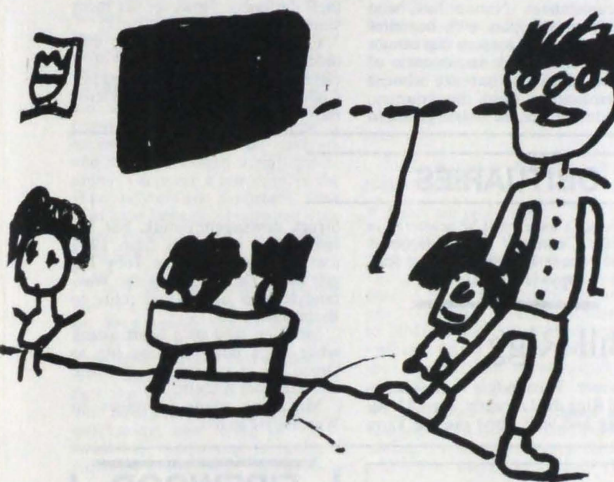
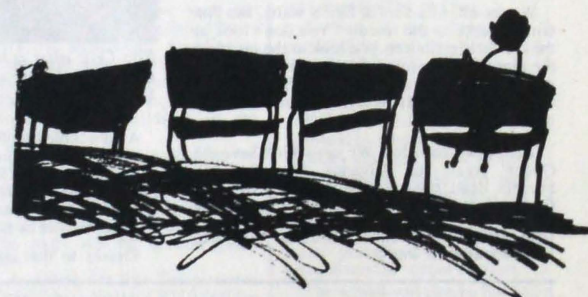
"Sir" makes his point to Megan Wilson and Elissa Conlon.

Yesterday was colonial school day. Ricky had to sit in the dunces chair.

Harvey

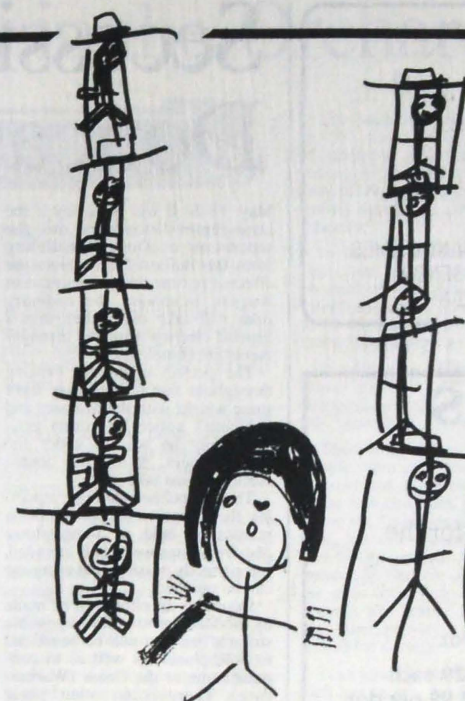
On Wednesday we had a colonial school day. Some people got the cane. Leanne was wearing jewellery on so sir gave her the cane. After play we worked with pens. It was fun.

Vanessa



When I went to the colonial school I felt nervous because he talked to me. He sounds like Mr. Henderson. We wrote with a pen and ink on paper to our Ma and Pa. The teacher banged on the desks but it would have been real a hundred years ago, it would have been on our hands then. Lucky I wasn't alive in the olden days, because my hands would sting very much.

Joanne



On the colonial day the boys sat apart from the girls. We saw that we had slates on our desks. Sir showed us how to clean our slates. He spat on the slate and rubbed it on his head. Ricky had to sit in the dunce's chair.

Sarah

On Wednesday I went to a colonial school. I wrote with an olden days pen. It was messy.

Gareth

On Wednesday our grade went to the Colonial school and we had to call the teacher Sir and we had to call Mrs. Lush ma'am. We got to write on slate. After play time we got to write with ink and pen.

Leanne

On the colonial school day I was embarrassed because Sir was hitting the cane on the desk. We had to write to our Nana and Pop.

Joanna

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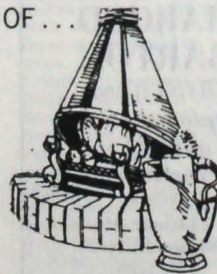
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# Secessionists at work, Doncaster v. Bulleen

May, 1889: It will be a pity if the arrangements to carry out the separation of Doncaster Riding from the Bulleen Shire cannot be effected in time for the elections in August; otherwise the ordinary ones will take place then and a general election after the arrangements are completed.

The perfect unanimity existing throughout this change may have some weight with the Minister and a month's notice for contra petitions may be waived under the circumstances, if not the double elections must take place.

The two public meetings respecting the extension of railway communication held at Templestowe and Doncaster were well attended. It is perfectly possible that everyone can be satisfied.

Doubtless an effort will be made by the Minister to as far as possible strike a line that will be beneficial to both places, as well as to continue same to the Creek (Warrandyte). There is no other place within 18 miles of Melbourne that has such a large extent of Crown land — somewhere over 4000 acres — that with railway communication would be a very considerable incentive for the extension of it.

It is almost impossible to conjec-

## How We Lived



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

ture the transformation under such circumstances. Nature has been lavish on her part with beautiful clear water and scenery that cannot be excelled, and an absence of those diseases that are almost disseminating (sic) the country. Besides we are the oldest goldfield

in the colony. That ought to go for something.

However, the matter is in good hands, and I think there is little doubt a line to us will be included in the next Railway Bill.

Additional Mail: On the 1st of next month, Messrs R. Lewis and Co's coach will bring an extra daily mail, arriving here at 6.30 pm, and take a bag from here at 7.30 am. This coach has been a great boon to us, the convenient time of starting and returning allowing passengers to visit the metropolis and return the same day.

Evelyn Tunnel: Matters are on a fair way towards settlement, and works will be started at the tunnel in about a month.

The machinery of the late Yarra Tunnel Quartz Mining Co has been sold, and will be removed from the claim.

Orchardists are grumbling because there are no frosts. It seems that the present very mild weather has a tendency to make fruit trees blossom out of season, much to their detriment. However, let them wait a bit.

Everything with us is very dull indeed, with little prospect of a change. (From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)

## OBITUARIES

### Jessie Laphorne

Jessie Laphorne died on May 20 in Hastings Hospital Nursing Home, one week before her 93rd birthday.

Jessie lived in Warrandyte from 1949 to 1981. She was one of the founders of the Elderly Citizens Club in 1962.

Jessie's ashes will be scattered in Berim Cemetery near Maroochy-dore, where her late husband Rigg (Lappy) is buried.

### Bill Rigg

Former Warrandyte businessman Bill Rigg died recently, aged 72. Mr Rigg and wife Beryl ran the Yarra

Street newsagency-milk bar for four and a half years from 1967 and later took over the Toby Jug gift shop. The Riggs left the Warrandyte area in 1982 to retire to Bairnsdale.

Mr Rigg died of a heart attack while on a duck-shooting trip to Omeo. He is survived by his wife and daughter Annette.

Mrs Rigg plans to return to Warrandyte to live.

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# All aren't greedy in the Orchard

The Diary prefers shorter letters. It makes an exception in this case to give a Park Orchards resident the chance to put his view in his local paper.

## LETTERS

size, ie 8 hectares (20 acres) for their neighbors, whose land is topographically exactly the same as their own, I believe I am justifiably angry.

In Rainbow Valley Road, Park Orchards, there are two families who have submitted articles to local papers in which they have admitted that their homes overlook these larger lots, and they enjoy the outlook.

This is basically what all the unpleasantness in Park Orchards is really all about. A very small number of people are trying to prevent any subdivision of large lots, which may affect, in any way, their lifestyle on their small lots.

I believe that Rob Gell has shown in his two articles that he has little knowledge of the difficulties confronting some of the larger lot owners.

I came here after the Second World War to raise my family in near idealistic rural conditions. We were zoned "rural" (minimum five acres) right up until 1978. I planted an orchard and grew fruit, vegetables and vines, using Bill Mollison's permaculture methods, and more recently Rudolf Steiner's bio dynamics.

Such pursuits are no longer viable:

- Rates are prohibitive.
- MMBW water is almost literally "liquid gold". Residents in Park Orchards pay 15 cents per 1000 litres. I pay a flat rate of 48 cents per 1000 litres. I have complained to MMBW. Individuals there agree verbally that it is quite unfair, but they are helpless to do anything about it.
- I am 66, a war pensioner and running out of steam. Under current zoning, I must either keep the lot and try to cope, or, as Rob Gell

suggests, sell the lot and get out. I don't wish to get out, I just want to share my land with a few additional people.

- Seedlings sown disappear overnight, unless protective devices of some kind are used, because of a rabbit plague. They are even ring-barking young trees.

- My own block is almost clean of blackberries, but there are many owners of the larger lots who find it impossible to keep them under control.

- I have horses, on agistment, to help keep my lot under control but animals, both horses and cattle, have done untold damage to the ecology in this area.

One of the conclusions drawn by the Benko Warrandyte/Park Orchards Study, which Rob Gell considers is invalid, is by no means invalid, in my opinion.

I am quite certain that a one-acre minimum, and variable lot sizes, subdivision would retain the Green wedge ideals. All of the one-to-five acre lot owners I know in the area are very conscious of the environment. Many are conservationists, all are proud of their properties and maintain them far better than the owners of 20-30 acre lots ever could.

Some very important statements from the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Study, which Rob Gell has obviously chosen to ignore are: Aberdeen, Hogg and Assoc. Pty Ltd (1977), reporting to the MMBW "new initiatives are required in the Landscape Interest zone because present controls have conspicuously failed to achieve planned objectives", and also, "the abortive attempts at farming on small blocks in this zone have resulted in much unnecessary destruction of the landscape".

guardian, is the improvement and enhancement of Park Orchards, nowhere else.

Daryl W.J. Cox,  
President, Park Orchards  
Landowners Association

## Spare a thought

Pray three minutes silence for the old Community Centre, that ramshackle group of mustard buildings which for the past eight years has seen a lot of action.

It will be great to have the great new community centre, but let's not forget the life in the old. Let's not forget, too, the ramshackle cottages on the Quarry Disaster Appeal land. That piece of prime real estate was prime enough once for two families who had lost their bread winners. Not prime enough now for families on a low income?

Sure, it could be a good idea for the money to be in a trust for continuing maintenance finance for the new community centre. But let us not get our Warrandyte values so geared to the market rates for real estate that we lose sight of the worth of people of all incomes meeting together. There was a time in Warrandyte when professors and laborers exchanged news and views.

Hopefully, the literary evening (8 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Neighborhood House of the old and new community centre) will still make this possible.

Louise Joy  
47 Brackenbury Street

## Fight will continue

The fight for the preservation of the Mullum Mullum Creek valley, Ringwood's urban wilderness, will continue unabated. The Ringwood Bypass Protest Group will fight with increased vigor.

The Board of Works' own review in 1981 stated: "Over-intensive use of stocking, and insufficient land management, can lead to degradation of vegetation, soils, and ultimately destroy the area's utility and amenity."

In the Age on October 24 last year, John Stevens stated: "If Melbourne sprawls much further it will fall off the edges. Clearly we ought to be squeezing up a bit to make room for our growing numbers."

Maybe some of us still need to learn that we will have to be prepared to "move over" and share our "good life" with others.

There is still room for a lot more people, who care about the environment just as much as we do, to come into this area, without sacrificing the "green oasis" of Warrandyte, but also without the opposition of the extreme green group. I personally find the attitude "We're in, now let's shut the door and prevent any others from enjoying the same privileges we have obtained for ourselves", intolerable.

I can identify with much that Rob Gell has to say, but I believe he is really stretching it when he claims that communities and organisations have a right to declare privately owned land to be something approaching a reservation or state or municipal parkland.

A state or municipal reservation of this kind cannot be obtained "on the cheap", and at the expense of landowners. If it is essential to have more land in this area in some way reserved, then some authority or other will have to be prepared to buy it back.

Rob Gell appears to support the people who live, for the most part, on small blocks of land themselves but think they have the right to force the establishment of some sort of reserved park in this area at the landowners' expense.

So who are the greedy ones?

Stan Woodberry,  
7-9 Alva Avenue,  
Park Orchards.

We call on Kay Setches, the member for Ringwood and the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, to listen to the people. She has consented to the road construction which will destroy forever the last piece of high-grade bushland in the eastern suburbs.

We witnessed the honorable member planting a tree on Arbor Day, apparently concerned that Victoria needs more trees. Yet she allows such blatant destruction through the middle of her own electorate.

Forest yellow box will be bulldozed, along with the habitats of the many native birds and animals within the valley. Manna gum, swamp gum, narrow-leaf peppermint, box stringybark are other trees that will be lost forever in this precious valley.

The bushland has 40 hectares of the most diverse and natural remnant flora of the local area. In the booklet 'Protecting Their Environment', the Government pledges to "identify those rivers and streams (or stretches of them) which essen-

tionally remain in their natural condition. As these waterways are scarce and irreplaceable, the Government will ensure special protection is extended over their entire catchment."

What hypocrisy! Imagine huge freight trucks, including B doubles, crashing through our valley. Imagine the noise and air pollution enforced on the people.

We demand that our council and local members call a halt to this destruction and insist that other alternatives be used. It is being proved worldwide that freeways are not the answer to transport problems. The people must be listened to.

It is our money which is being used to cause this destruction. We demand that our money be used to upgrade public transport, both freight and passenger, which, in the final analysis, is the only lasting solution to the traffic problems and to people's health.

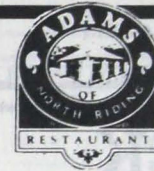
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## Different strokes

The recent articles in your paper referring to re-zoning have quoted extracts from the Park Orchards Landowners Association Incorporated's submission to the Doncaster and Templestowe Council's land use study.

These extracts have been quoted out of context and are therefore misleading to your readers. We believe your readers should be advised that reasons which logically apply to a specific set of conditions in Park Orchards have been used improperly to promote a parochial Warrandyte issue.


We believe that people living in one area should not interfere with the matters affecting another, particularly where the places are different. Although Warrandyte and Park Orchards are in the same municipality, that's where the similarity ends between the two places.

Warrandyte is on the Yarra River. The majority of its homes are on the slopes of the Yarra Valley. Warrandyte's history dates back to the first finding of gold in Victoria. There are many older-style homes on small blocks, which form part of the character of Warrandyte, as do the small businesses which actively encourage and cater to the substantial tourist trade which comes to Warrandyte from afar and almost on a daily basis.


Park Orchards has none of this commercialism. It is essentially a dormitory suburb without a hotel, few if any vintage buildings, no tourist trade and mostly relatively modern homes on well-gardened larger blocks of land hewn from a pine plantation. Housing is contiguous from North Ringwood, Mitcham and Donvale. Between Park Orchards and Warrandyte there are many empty acres.

The essential plank of The Park Orchards Landowners Association Incorporated's submission, for which a conservation and environmental covenant will be the





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Time for a chat at the Elderly Citizens Club.

**Magilton on show**  
 Warrandyte artist Walter Magilton will be holding a solo exhibition of his oils and watercolor paintings at the Victorian Artists' Society in Albert Street, East Melbourne, from Friday, 19 May until Sunday, May 28.

An important feature of the exhibition will be a wide selection of landscapes from all the mainland states. Walter has completed these during the past two years.

**Co-op chat**  
 The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd will be held at the Co-op office on Wednesday, May 24th at 8 pm.

**Gem meet**  
 The Diamond Valley Gem Club will be holding its 21st annual exhibition of gemstones and minerals on May 27/28 at the Lambowin Road Hall in Watsonia.

**FRED RENTON**  
**Music man dies**

Fred Renton, who brought music to the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club, died on April 17.

Fred was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne on Christmas Eve 1911 and came to Australia at the age of six months. He was the youngest emigrant on the ship.

His parents settled in Williamstown for a few years. They used to travel to Wonga Park to play music at the Saturday night dances. As a little boy Fred travelled with them. His parents so loved Wonga Park that they bought 13 acres and settled there.

They cut and delivered wood for a living during the Depression years. His father also worked for the PMG. Two more children came along, Lillian and Irene, and they all went to school at Wonga Park.

Fred began his working life in Narbethong and Powelltown, felling trees. When he came back to Wonga Park he got a job with Doncaster and Templestowe Council on the roller. I'm sure he rolled all the roads around Warrandyte.

He had four children, three girls and a boy, Warren. On his retirement he joined the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club where he played clarinet, saxophone and mouth organ.

We knew Fred for 38 years and I'm sure there wasn't a thing he did not know about engines and farm machinery. He was also a keen gardener. He grew lots of vegetables and gave them away to anyone who came to visit.

He was burned out, accidentally. A horse got into his garden. While Fred was trying to shoo it away burning wood fell out of his stove and set fire to the house.



Fred Renton in full blow.

He lost all that he had but he rebuilt and carried on till the last six months of his life when he got too sick to tend his beloved garden.

We will miss him and his music at the Elderly Citizens Club.

TOM BONES



The Webb Street garden of long-time Warrandyte residents Sally and Alan Alder proved an idyllic setting for the Easter Monday wedding of their younger daughter Suzanne to Stephen Bidwell (Pictured).


Elder daughter Deborah McLean

was matron of honor and her children Sarah and Ben were Suzanne's attendants. Among the 60 guests were some who had come from as far afield as England and South Australia.

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# Rumor, rumor, go away

By CLIFF GREEN

How would you like to see Webb Street developed as a major through road, carrying commuter and local traffic in and out of the heart of the village and serving a patchwork of yuppie housing estates way back in those bush-covered hills?

It's rumored around town that this could happen. Not "on good authority", mind you. Not from "usually reliable sources". It's just a good old unsubstantiated rumor. But it goes something like this:

Say they decided to "make" Husseys Lane in South Warrandyte; widen it to four lanes, seal it and establish it as a primary "ring" road, connecting the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road at Five Ways with Beauty Gully Road, taking commuter traffic that now goes through Warrandyte township and siphoning it out through the top end of Harris Gully Road to Reynolds Road and points west.

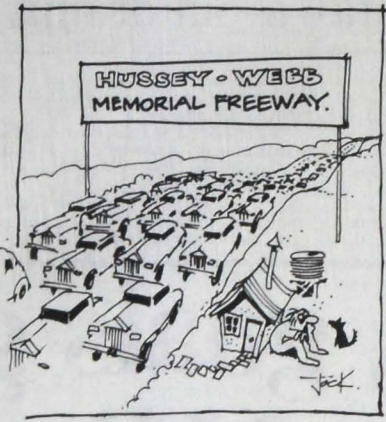
Not a bad idea. Although some people who now enjoy the rural tranquillity of Husseys Lane mightn't think much of it.

A further extension of this idea involves the upgrading of Gold Memorial Road, connecting it into the newly-improved Husseys Lane and bestowing the pleasures of high-speed motoring on everyone who lives in that neck of the woods. Or what would be left of them.

But now comes the really interesting part. The real scuttlebut.

At the moment, Webb Street is a dead-end road. Beyond Tunnel Street it runs out of bitumen and degenerates into a lovely little country lane. Winding, hilly, timbered and fringed on both sides — for much of its remaining length — by the Warrandyte State Park. Until finally it stops at a rickety old farm gate.

Now what if someone (like, say, the RCA) was to buy a sliver of land through that property beyond the farm gate, build a road and throw a bridge across Andersons Creek?



Presto! Webb Street and Gold Memorial Road would be connected. (That's the potentially high-speed Gold Memorial Road, remember.) And so, in top gear, straight on to the Husseys Lane drag strip.

Then, because it would seem a waste to leave Webb Street out of all this road building and traffic engineering, they'd double its width, take out the hill with a nice little exercise in cut-and-fill, and straighten, seal and flatten that country lane. Right through the middle of the state park.

But why bother? I mean, if the Husseys Lane exercise is designed to encourage traffic away from the village, why use Webb Street to pour it all back in again?

That's what we said when first we heard this unlikely little tale.

But if you've been carefully reading your *Diary* these past few months you will have seen Rob Gell's dire warnings about the City of Doncaster and Templestowe's "Warrandyte/Park Orchards Zoning Study". This document implies that the Green Wedge, that leafy buffer linking Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Park Orchards should be rezoned, allowing closer residential development.

Then all this new bitumen we've been gossiping about wouldn't be wasted. It would admirably serve the network of courts and crescents and panoramic avenues criss-crossing the silvertail suburbia that would inexorably follow such a rezoning. The stuff of nightmares.

We've all watched, with sinking hearts, the devastation wrought through the former orchard country that once provided a rural breathing space between Templestowe and Warrandyte. That was bad enough, but at least the main arterial road already existed and the ribbon development that ensued did not take out large areas of bush. And we still had the Green Wedge.

But this rumored Webb Street-Gold Memorial Road-Husseys Lane effort would leave that little number for dead. It would destroy large tracts of bushland and forest and some old orchard and cleared grazing land. Real "landscape interest" country. Some of it is virtual wilderness, much of it borders the state park.

They'll find good reasons for this vandalism. The desperate dearth of building blocks. The housing shortage for millionaires.

But it's only a rumour. We've sent discreet enquiries along official channels — council and State government — and got back nothing. So either no one knows, or no one's saying or it's not true.

Just a rumor. But if we keep talking about it — often enough, loudly enough and to the right people — it just might go away. Forever.

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## Townscape is topical topic

Residents are to be given their say, at a vital public meeting early next month, on a number of issues affecting the town's future character and appearance.

The draft report and concept plan of the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Committee will be discussed at a public meeting at the Mechanics' Hall on Thursday, June 8, at 8 pm.

Mr Lou Hill, chairman of the committee, told the *Diary* that the draft report is being prepared by architects Whitford and Peck, who also designed the new community centre.

"The committee has been working with the architects since March to produce a plan to enhance the character of central Warrandyte, particularly the streetscape and Yarra River edge," Mr Hill said.

This work is the result of a \$10,000 grant from the Ministry



Lou Hill: Comments will be taken into account.

for Planning and Environment for a Warrandyte townscape study. On

receiving the grant the City of Doncaster and Templestowe formed a steering committee to oversee the study.

As previously reported, the committee includes representatives of council, State ministries, the Board of Works and such local organisations as the Warrandyte Environment League and the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

The study area covers Stiggants Reserve to the Bridge Arcade and includes the river banks.

Lou Hill said that the public meeting will be an opportunity for local residents to learn about the plan and to make comments.

"The committee will then take those comments into account when finalising the plan with the architects.

"I want to encourage all Warrandyte residents to take part in improving their home town," Lou Hill said.

## Farewell to the woodyard

The Co-op woodyard at the back of the old community centre is closing, shut by the imminent beginning of work on the new community centre.

The Co-op's Jean Chapman says: "Our thanks go to all those who patronised our wood business, and we hope that everyone will now support our new project, the bakery."

"The Co-op has taken on a commitment of more than \$100,000 to get the bakery running again. Any profits will, as in the past, go into community projects."

Jean said that past successful ventures, now running under their own committees of management, are: Warrandyte Community Child Care Centre, After-School Care Program, Community Bus, Youth Coffee Shop and Sole Parent Support Group.

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# The amazing case of football umpires being wrong!

## When winning/losing is a drawn-out drama

It took Warrandyte four quarters and almost a week to beat Lilydale in the EDFL fourth round. In a comedy (tragedy) of errors for which the goal umpires eventually took responsibility, Lilydale were awarded the game by three points. Warrandyte claimed victory by eight and promptly and officially protested. The protest was upheld and the four premiership points awarded to Warrandyte. In his protest to the league executive committee, Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean said: "It is our belief that during the second quarter, one of the goal umpires inadvertently credited Lilydale with a goal instead of Warrandyte..."

"We protest against Lilydale being declared the winner of this game and would like to see all the original score cards, i.e. both goal umpires and timekeepers at any hearing that is conducted. We were denied access to these cards after the game, this may be within the rules of the EDFL but surely communication on the spot is desirable." The Bloods claim things went wrong at

half-time when the goal umps amended the scoreboard from Warrandyte 11.4, Lilydale 9.4 to Warrandyte 10.5, Lilydale 10.3. Not right, according to the respective timekeepers and statisticians, who were unanimous about Warrandyte 11.5, Lilydale 9.3. Mr McLean's attempts to restore reason — or at least accuracy — were frustrated by the standard official reply in such

situations that "you'll have to write a letter to the league". Umpires, after all, are only human. And only just. At game's end, the timekeepers agreed that Warrandyte had won by eight points — 21.8 (134) to 19.12 (126) — and signed their cards accordingly. Out on the field, the goal umpires conferred at length. They decided the game had been won by three points by

Lilydale, who jumped up and down, sang the club song and went home with a guilty conscience. Five nights later, the EDFL's inner sanctum ruled in favor of Warrandyte after hearing the goal umpires confess, for eight minutes, that they were wrong. No evidence was necessary from the army of witnesses WFC secretary Anthony Giles-Peters had rounded up — including stat dees from every goalkicker against Lilydale and, where it applied, how many. When the decision was announced, Lilydale officials turned sour and threatened to protest against the protest. Long odds.

### Muddy's bad break

Exciting Warrandyte football club recruit Ron "Muddy" Waters has broken his collarbone and will be out of action for several weeks. The 21-year-old Darwin ruckman was injured in a collision in the home game against Lilydale on April 22. He is not expected to resume play until early or mid July. Waters had adapted quickly to his new environment and club officials were delighted with his progress and form. He has returned to Darwin while the injury mends. "He'll be flown back as soon as he is right," an official said.

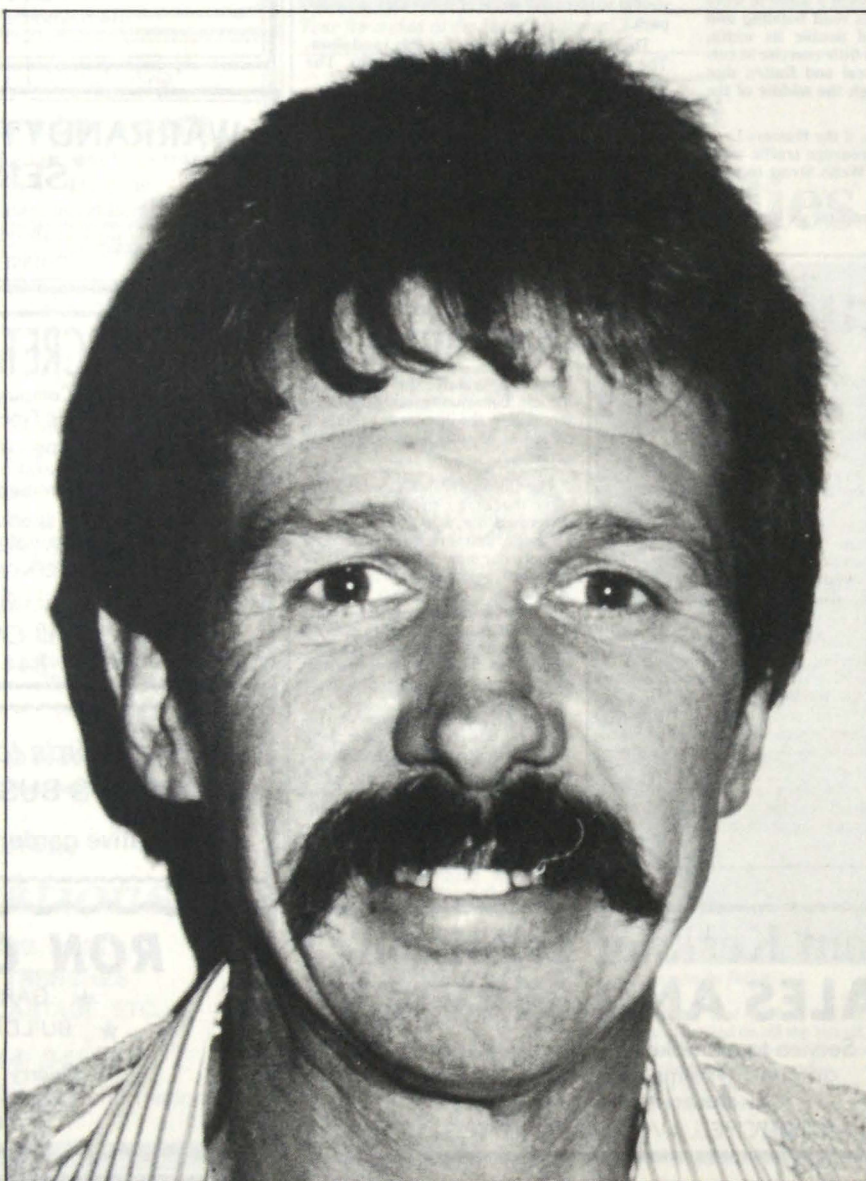
### Make the most of it

Warrandyte football and cricket club members are being urged to make full use of the new recreation reserve social rooms. The clubrooms are open for business on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5 pm, from noon on home-game Saturdays and after away games. Counter teas are served on Thursdays. Bingo is on every Wednesday night, eyes down at 7.30 pm. The clubrooms are available for function hire and enquiries can be made to football club secretary Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).

### Music mates rally to Gary

Gary (Madge) Allsop's many mates in the Melbourne entertainment industry have organised the first of what will be a series of benefits for him. Caseys Nitespot, at 660 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, has donated its premises — and top disc jockeys and bands their services — for a disco on Monday, June 19. All food and drink for the night has also been donated. The door fee will be \$10 a head and all proceeds will go to a Gary Allsop fund. Tickets are available from Warrandyte Football Club on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights, at home games or after away matches. Enquiries: Helen Revell (844 3887 after hours, or 344 7105); Jenny Walshe (876 3719).

# Bloods burn, goals galore, in walloping of Waverley



Lindsay Hopkins — "They realised we needed percentage."

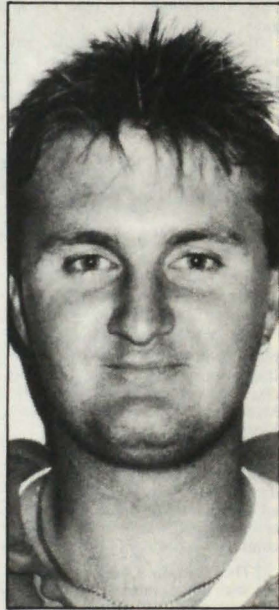
Warrandyte enhanced their status as genuine contenders for the EDFL third division flag with a huge win at home over South Waverley-Sandown.

It was the Bloods' fourth consecutive victory and their fifth in six matches so far this season. Coach Lindsay Hopkins told his players at three-quarter time he wanted to "walk off here at the end of the game with 33 or 34 goals on the board". Warrandyte didn't quite live up to that, but they took Hopkins' ambition very seriously and kicked nine goals in the final term for a scoreline of 28.22 (190) to 4.6 (30). It would be easy to be carried away with a winning margin like that. South Waverley-Sandown's lowly position on the ladder must be taken into account, however, when the Bloods' performance is assessed with the business end of the season in mind.

Still, it was heady stuff, reminiscent of the 1983 premiership season. "It was a good win because they kept working hard," Hopkins said. "They realised we needed percentage badly." "Our teamwork was good," said Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean. "We probably fiddled around a little trying to bring all the players into the game — but that's probably not a bad fault."

"We needed a percentage-booster and to keep them to one goal after half-time was very good." Indeed, the first term gave no indication of developments. The visitors were first to goal and fought back to regain the lead after Bloods full-forward John O'Brien had scored consecutive majors. Warrandyte led 4.3 to 3.2 at the first change, but then it was good-night South Waverley-Sandown. The home side "bolted" in the second quarter. With captain Robin Golding winning bulk possessions and O'Brien the focal point up front, Warrandyte kicked 9.7 to one point.

It was no place for frail bodies or glass jaws. The quarter set off a spasmodic chain of all-in brawls which were still in vogue at the end of the match. Numbers were taken after two of the melees.



John O'Brien

Between bouts, the Bloods continued to play exciting football. Golding set the statisticians the daunting assignment of keeping track of his possessions; O'Brien took spectacular marks on his way to a nine-goal haul; Brian Scieluna was sick and polished on his way to bagging six; young Dale Comrie made an outstanding senior debut; and Craig Lloyd vindicated the club's judgement in recruiting him from Croydon. Tony Sturesteps and Gerald Walshe led a dominant defence and Matthew Elliott roamed the field with telling effect. But Warrandyte had good players everywhere. And the play of the day: Walsh to Chris Snaidero to Golding to Lord for Warrandyte's 25th. It must have been a long bus ride back to South Waverley-Sandown that night.

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### Anderson's Creek turns out young superstars

Anderson's Creek Primary School is producing some outstanding young sportsmen and women. The school is particularly proud of the summer achievements of Tiffany Jacobs, Tim Hamilton and Adam White. Tiffany competed in the diving section (for 12-year-olds) of the Victorian primary schools swimming championships last month and has been selected in the Eastern Zone to try out for the primary schools State softball team.

Tim swam freestyle for the Templestowe district in the State championships. Adam was a particularly busy boy. Representing Templestowe, Adam and his partner reached the semi-finals of the primary schools State tennis round-robin. He also took part in the final selection trials for the Victorian primary schools cricket team. As a school spokesman said: "Playing at Flinders Park and the MCG in the same season is no mean feat!"



From left: Tiffany Jacobs, Tim Hamilton and Adam White.