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Village blighted with too many signs of the times

By JUDY MACDONALD

It's ironic, isn't it? The Ministry for Planning and Environment thinks that Warrandyte is lovely enough to warrant the design of a tourist route to bring Williamstown residents to see it, then the bureaucracy erect seven signs in the 1.5 kilometres from the bridge to West End, telling tourists where they will be in two kilometres, where they are and how far it is to get back home!

rampant with signs pointing to every shaft, cairn, gully and tunnel in the valley, as well as the route markers. Anytime, within hours of the appearance of the 'Route 2' signs we made several calls to ascertain, (a) the body which erected them, (b) the likelihood of having a few removed and (c) the possibility of these new signs being attached to existing large directional panels rather than on their own forest of poles. Mr David Freeman, of the Road Traffic Authority proved to be the chief for the marking of routes. "Of course the tourist route idea came from the Ministry for Planning and Environment," he said, "we just do the marking."

sign. Mr Freeman agreed that as the scenic aspect of the Yarra was the whole point of 'Route 2', this sign could, at least, be moved to a "less conspicuous spot". He was not aware that the village was the subject of a townscape study, financed by the same Government for which he worked, but insisted that the signs were not pre-empting the report by the study group, as the councils should have been advising the RCA about the suitable number of signs. A call to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe provided the information that, at a recent meeting, the council had reaffirmed (a), its support for directional signs to places of interest, (could that include "Williamstown 51 km" one wonders?) and, (b), council's proposed upgrading of carparks and lavatory facilities in Warrandyte village to cater for the extra tourists. Well now, what a strange way to find out that the predicted and feared changes that this route would bring are indeed being planned for by this council!

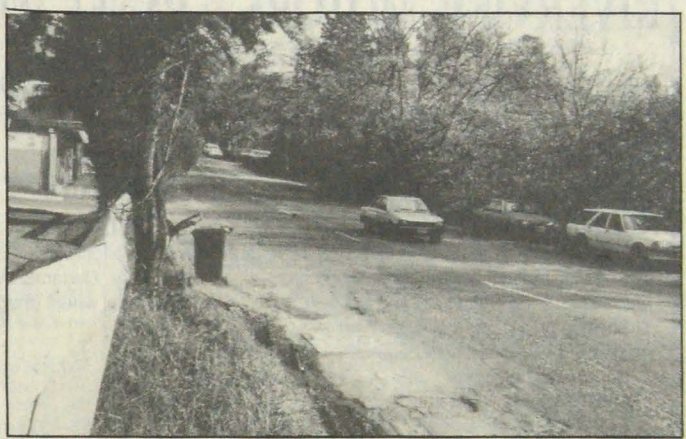
The thing about all of this that makes the heart sink a little is the information from Mr Freeman that the route will not, as proposed, follow Mt Pleasant Road, Eltham; The Boulevard, Heidelberg; or the Yarra Boulevard at Kew, as these three councils supported residents' opposition to increased traffic in these "sensitive" areas. Lucky ratepayers! What is our problem here. Perhaps we don't make it clear enough to our councils what we want. There is a network set up for this through the Warrandyte Advisory Committee. Perhaps the flow of information both in and out of WAC needs improving. In the meantime, as Warrandyte appears to be the only spot where the Yarra may actually be seen on this Yarra Scenic Drive — one Scenic Drive sign is actually outside the Kew tram depot! — we may have to sit back and watch a sprawling bus and car park take over the river bank, with rows of His and Hers disappearing into a distance literally bristling with signs. It is ironic, you know!



Gums, carparks in new plan

By JUDY MACDONALD

At a well-attended public meeting earlier this month, local residents put consultants through their paces in an attempt to establish what impact the recommendations of a recent townscape study would have on the character of Warrandyte. The main thrust of the draft plan for the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Study, funded by the State government, is to formalise carparking along the riverbank, improve the lines of sight to the river from the road and integrate the township with the river by selective tree removal and random plantings of manna gums along Yarra Street.



Our townscape: will it remain?

Of high priority is the implementation of a heritage study for the area. More radical proposals include discouraging use of the bridge tennis courts with the land returning to public open space, eradication of all prunus and willows from the study area, removal of streetside and riverbank trees to improve views to the river and division of the riverbank into three levels — carparking, picnicking and walking — with an equestrian trail at the river's edge. Other proposals are for the formation of footpaths on both sides of Yarra Street using crushed rock and local stone, a new pedestrian crossing east of the bridge and the lowering of carparks and toilet blocks to permit uninterrupted views to the river. The report will become part of the local planning scheme and will include suggestions for residential areas. Mr Lou Hill chaired the meeting. The study group included consultants Whitford and Peck and Allan Wyatt, and represen-

tatives of State departments, City of Doncaster and Templestowe, Warrandyte Advisory Committee, Warrandyte Environment League and local traders. Vigorous questioning and discussion followed presentation of the report. Concern was voiced that the draft study did not comment on the significant stands of elms, the oaks or old cypress, which all give the streetscape its unique character. Did this mean that there was a hidden agenda for their removal, along with the plum trees? Mr Michael Peck assured the meeting that these significant trees would be "defined and reinforced" and took note that they were omitted from the draft plan. The report proposes that hybrid non-fruited plums be planted at entrances to

carports: where they will be "more visible and useful" than those to be taken from the riverbank, landscape consultant Mr Tim Vernon told the meeting. There was general concern that the clearing and landscaping of the riverbank, to enable a view of the river from the road, would necessitate a view of the road, including the lowered carparks and toilets, from the river. Mr Peck denied that this would happen. It was declared that the study had not been undertaken with the intent of encouraging even more tourists, but the feeling of the meeting was that the accent on formalised carparking and tourist coach parking would have this effect. Continued Page 9

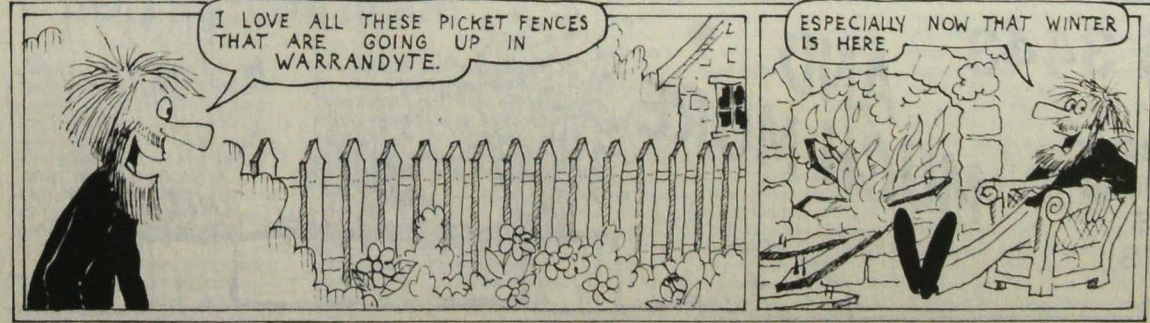
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This issue marks the 200th edition of the Diary. At least we think it does. Once we got past our first year we seemed to have the occasional mathematical lapse. We jumped some numbers along the way, and repeated a few. No matter, it's probably averaged out okay. Two hundred issues. Going on for 19 years. To those of us who have been thumping the typewriters, drawing the cartoons, taking the photos, flogging the advertisements, wielding the typegauges, delivering the bundles and sending out the accounts it seems like 200 years. Two hundred issues isn't a bad effort, even if we say so ourselves. On pages 5, 6 and 7 we let Jock and Smokey Joe guide us on a nostalgic wander along memory lane — Warrandyte style.

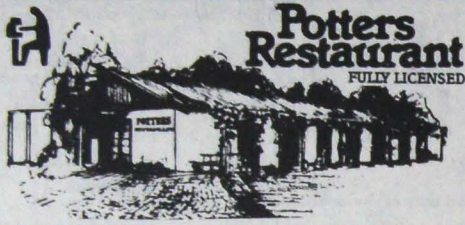
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Old-timers around town have seen it all before and they've got young Smokey a touch worried. They reckon most of the local rabbits have got myxo, and now these blokes with clipboards want to get rid of the blackberries along the riverbank, pull out the cherry plums and plant "non-fruiting" ones. The oldies want to know what we're going to live on, come the next Depression? No problem. We can boil down all the old town planning drafts, heritage studies, consultants' reports, road deviation designs, traffic surveys, environmental impact statements and revised zoning proposals and eat them. They'll keep us going for years.



Bats hit balls and balls hit bats. They also hit racquets, and vice versa. It happened on a floodlit court at Warrandyte tennis club one chilly Thursday night last month. The ball hit the racquet, then the ball hit the bat, killing it stone cold dead. The flying mammal murderer was de Vere Eberbach.

Has anyone spotted a Major Mitchell (pink) cockatoo among the flock of sulphur crested frequenting the Pound Bend section of the State Park (or elsewhere)? Edith Irving has been observing this bird since August 1984, but has noted his absence over the past two months. Any information would be most gratefully received, and perhaps of interest to other local birds.

Joh Bjelke lives and survives at Warrandyte Primary School. One lunchtime the children were seen and heard marching around the grounds chanting with enthusiasm and determination "Save the Pines, Save the Pines." The following day the children were assembled and informed of protesting through alternative channels, eg. letters to the school council. One child was heard to say after the assembly: "Anyway, we weren't allowed to protest when I lived in Queensland!"

IN RED & WHITE

Mike Tyson can rest easy. He has nothing to fear from our Gerald Walshe. One of this town's outstanding sportsmen is Gerald — a senior-18 footballer, first-11 cricketer and above-average basketballer. But a boxer he is not. Walshe ("that's with an E", as he consistently reminds his adoring media entourage) found himself in a footy punch-up, for probably the first time, in the away game against Doncaster East this month. When we say punchup, we mean a flurry of windmill-style "wides" on his part which probably made the Marquis of Queensberry rotate briskly in his crypt. An unfounded rumour swept the ground that Gerald had been reported for creating an unnecessary draught on what was already a very cold afternoon.

COUNCIL CAPERS (Part 1): Father Christmas lobbed mighty early this year at a Brackenbury Street address. In the aftermath of the rates fiasco, the City of Doncaster and Templestowe knocked \$3000 off the property's rateable valuation — because the occupants are literally sitting on a goldmine. "It has come to light that plans show a former mine shaft on this site, also area of site is less than previously appreciated because of an unmade road adjoining (sic) it," the council wrote.



COUNCIL CAPERS (Part 2): A North Warrandyte family was fascinated by a letter from the Shire of Eltham's finance manager suggesting that a \$200 cheque posted by council in November 1987 had not been negotiated. "Could you please check your records and verify if you have received the cheque and deposited it in your Bank account," said the letter, which was accompanied by a totally-illegible photocopy of a remittance notice. No such cheque known at this address

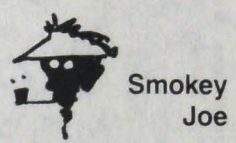
and phone inquiries next day got to the point of some Main Road desk jockey asking if the ratepayer had ever hired a baby capsule (whatever that might be). Told no, the council fellow said kindly disregard the letter. Okay. Sometimes it's better not to know.

JO Pearson has had a lot of compliments about Jo Pearson's maiden column in the May issue of the Diary. But that Jo Pearson isn't that Jo Pearson. Understand? No? well, the Jo Pearson of the first part is the wife (nee Stringer) of John, of Mitchell Avenue, and the Jo Pearson of the second part the wife of Rob Gell, of Webb Street. Jo (of the first part) says she thoroughly enjoyed her namesake's column too. Lovely ladies both.

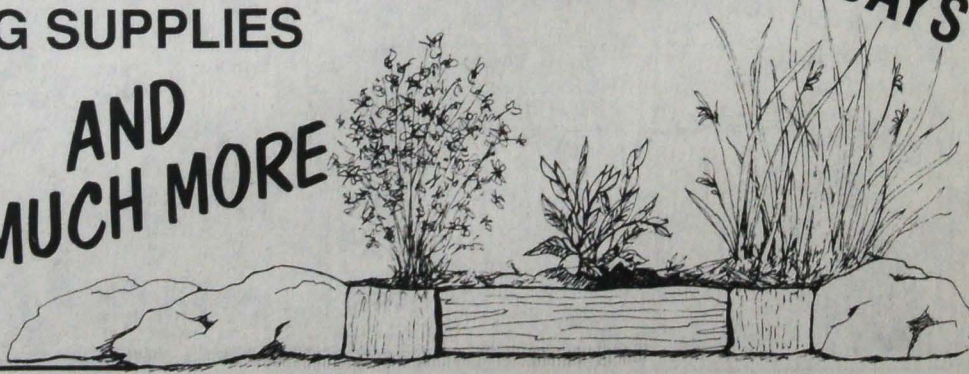
At 20, James Luttick was a late starter as an apprentice in the flexographic printing industry. But in the four years since, he has certainly made up for lost time. James, of Beauty Gully Road, recently added six awards and a cash scholarship from the United States to three statewide apprenticeship prizes he had already collected. "He's quite pleased," said his very proud mum Monica. And we don't blame him.

Ian and Maureen Lloyd, of Watteblossom Road until very recently, don't look nearly old enough to be grandparents. But daughter Anne Williams made them just that this month when she produced Hannah. Didn't do things by halves, either. Hannah weighed in at 8 lb 12 oz.

Jenni Mulley and Peter Folk, who have sold out their interest in the Village Milk Bar after 14 months, want to thank the people of Warrandyte for their custom.



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Yutaka Kanawaza makes a point to Warrandyte High students while his wife, Itsuko, looks on.

by JAN TINDALE

Japanese language students at Warrandyte High School had the benefit of first-hand expertise this term. Yutaka and Itsuko Kanawaza were the personal assistants of teacher Johan Elsmann, who introduced the course to Year 7 students this year.

Yutaka and Itsuko arrived from Japan in November last year to study English and learn as much about Australia as they could. In return, the couple passed on their knowledge of Japan and its culture

From Japan with love

to Australian schoolchildren.

"Warrandyte High was very happy to have them contribute so much to our classes," Mr Elsmann said. "At times we had the whole class speaking Japanese."

Yutaka gave Mr Elsmann full

marks as a teacher of Japanese. "He is very good," he said.

And Australia? "Itsuko and I are amazed at what a big country you have for so few people. And your land is so cheap, we would love to live here one day."

The Kanawazas, who left this month for Britain, were fascinated by the contrast between Japanese and Australian foods. It was the biggest difference they found in the ways of life.

"Our diet is based on rice, but

here you have so much variety," Yutaka said.

But the last words on that subject came from the petite Itsuko: "I love to eat Kelloggs Corn Flakes for breakfast."

The couple were warm in their praise for the hospitality of Warrandyte — particularly Trevor and Faye Pinder, of Everard Drive.

"They took us canoeing and camping for the first time," Yutaka said. "And what a big river your Goulburn is!"

Two bites at drama and fun

By KEN VIRTUE

Hungry for live theatre? Starved of artistic enjoyment? Yearning for a little variety in your life?

Set aside your TV program for two nights in June and share the magic of a 'Season of Seven'.

This is the Warrandyte Drama Group's festival of one-act plays, a rare smorgasbord of varied entertainment, acted out in the special atmosphere of the Mechanical Institute Hall.

Season A will be presented over three nights: Thursday June 15, Saturday June 17 and Friday June 23, and offers the following program on each night:

'Once a Jolly Jumbuck' by Ian Austin, directed by Robin Atkinson; 'Allergy' by Cecil Taylor, directed by Roger Kibell; 'The Invisible Man' by Gordon Shaw, directed by Jock Macneish.

Season B will run on Friday June 16, Thursday June 22 and Saturday June 24, and offers these four plays each night:

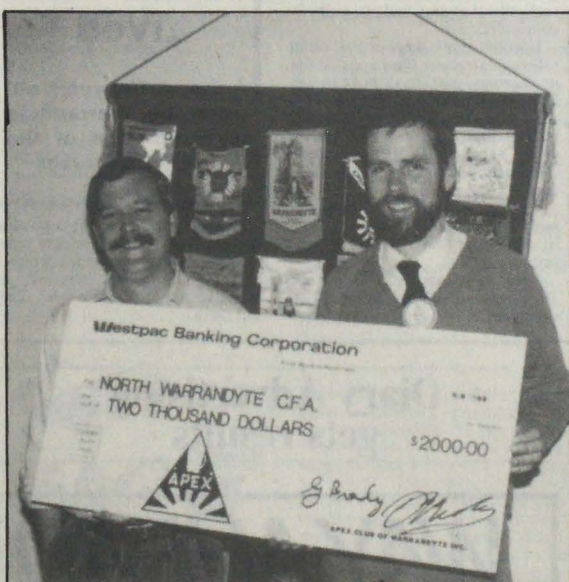
'So you won't be needing me then?', an original comedy written and directed by Carol Cole; 'Lunch', by Steven Berkhoff, directed by Mary-Anne Higgs and David Mitchell; 'Limbo' by John O'Brien, directed by Yvonne Morey; and 'On a day in Summer in a garden' by Don Haworth, directed by Helen Cahill.

Both programs are a blend of drama and comedy, but it will be well worth booking for two nights so that all seven plays can be enjoyed.

The theatre-style seating will be \$10 each for one night, or only \$15 if you book for two nights. (Concession tickets will be \$5 and \$8).

The new president of the drama group, Helen Cahill, is confident that the challenge of offering a season of seven plays will prove the depth of talent available in both acting and direction.

And after the sell-out success of the 1989 follies, patrons should plan for early bookings with Robin Atkinson on 844 3888. Each program will start promptly at 8 pm.



Apex gives \$2000 to help local brigade

John Swindley, captain of the North Warrandyte CFA brigade, recently attended a meeting of the Warrandyte Apex Club as guest speaker. John gave an informative talk on the future directions of the brigade, including a proposed extension to the fire station and the purchase and equipping of another vehicle.

Afterwards, Apex president Gary Brady presented John Swindley with a cheque for \$2000 towards the fitout of the

new vehicle and volunteered the club's assistance with "hands on" work associated with the extension of the fire station. The photograph shows John (left) accepting the king-size Westpac cheque from Gary.

The Apex Club is seeking to expand its membership and would welcome enquiries from men between 18 and 40 years of age. They should ring 844 2907.

Bin there all right, but what about that?

By KEN VIRTUE

Those Warrandyte parents who have been watching the recent run of television documentaries on the environment will know the determination growing in the minds of our children.

The morning after "Down to Earth" saw our kitchen rubbish transformed into a recyclable smorgasbord, just like Elle Macpherson's.

"Glass bottles in here, and plastic ones in here," said Hilary.

"All kitchen food scraps to be placed in this bowl," declared Sophie, "before they are spread over our new compost heap."

"All paper in this bin, and all plastic in this," Hilary continued.

"And don't forget the metal scraps in here," added Sophie. "That's five bins in all."

By this time the minds of the mere adults of the family are reeling in a smog of future guilt. "How are we going to tell them that we don't know where to take the bulk plastic, the metal and the general paper?" we whisper to each other. (So far we've only been taking our bottles to the Scouts Bottle Dump, and our piles of newspapers to the Whitehouse.)

As the man of the house, (officer-in-charge-of-putting-bins-out-on-Monday-night-or-very-early-Tuesday-morning), I decide on a compromise offer: "What if we just do the compost thing, and keep recycling our newspapers and bottles — I don't think we can handle the tin cans, the plastics, the general papers..." I suggest falteringly.

Their young faces glare back at me as though I had just hacked down a whole rainforest bare-

handed, or given a whole seal colony a grease and oil change.

"Don't you care about our planet? How are we going to breathe next year? We thought you loved trees! How can you just stand there staring at the hole in our ozone layer?"

I then try to phone the council but their switchboard is jammed. Likewise the EPA, the ACF, WWF, the Wilderness Society and Greenpeace all have a deluge of requests for information. And then I remember our very own WEL.

Here then is a real challenge for the Warrandyte Environment League — let's make our town a shining example of Conservation Good Sense.

Please, please, let us all know where we can conveniently recycle all that difficult household rubbish. The youth and the parents of Warrandyte need sensible, practical guidance — (we need answers for Hilary and Sophie lest we be branded forever as greedy capitalist polluters).

None of us needs ratbag rhetoric; most people tell me they want good information backed by practical alternatives in order to change their current "habits" of consumption and waste disposal.

Let's hear from the WEL in the next issue about all the good things we can do on a day-to-day basis.

PO meeting

The Post Office Preservation Group will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, July 12 at 8pm at the Old Post Office, 111 Yarra Street. All welcome. Annual subs \$2.

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Research fills gaps in cemetery's unknowns

The destruction of records in the 1939 bushfires often made the tracing of ancestors believed buried at Anderson's Creek cemetery, Warrandyte, extremely difficult. But the recent publication of two booklets, compiled and written by local historian Bruce Bence, has made this task a great deal easier.

The cemetery was established in 1866, and the first burial recorded is that of one Rosa Mary Pretty, aged 34. She died of "advanced consumption" on March 21, 1867, following an illness which lasted three years.

Rosa Pretty and her family lived in a wattle and daub house, now incorporated into the Whitehouse, adjacent to the recreation reserve. Her story is one of many told in the cemetery's published history, the result of more than a year's research by Bruce Bence.

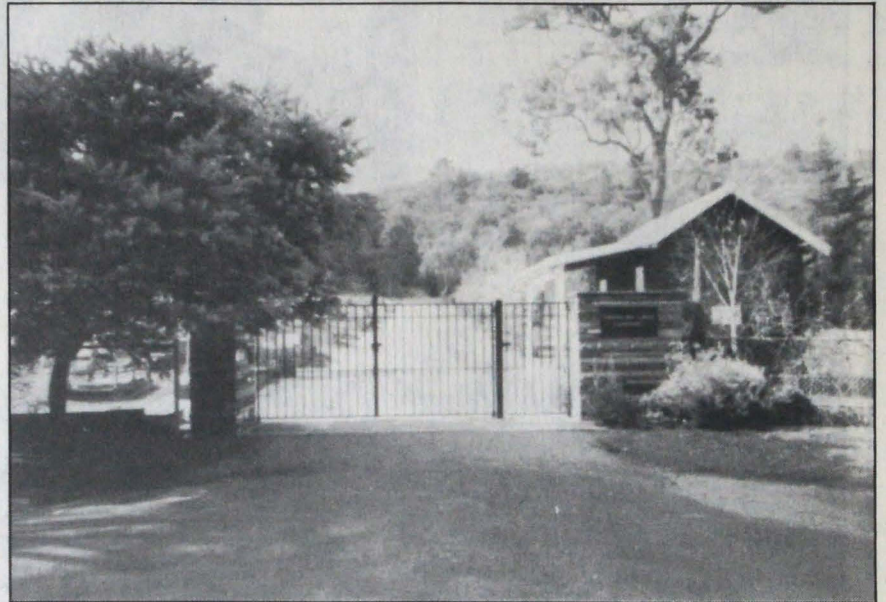
The loss of cemetery records in the devastating bushfires of 1939 hugely complicated Bruce's work. They have also made the results of it much more valuable.

Produced as a bicentennial project by the cemetery trust and the Warrandyte Historical Society, with practical help from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, copies are now available from the Citizens Advice Bureau, at the old post office in Yarra Street, and from the historical society.

The history comes in two booklets. The first contains the story of the cemetery since 1866, and includes information about a number of early residents who were buried there, plus many interesting photographs, maps and documents.

The second booklet lists the names, ages, occupations and dates of death of 230 people who were buried in unmarked graves between 1867 and 1938 and whose records were lost in the 1939 fires. A further 37 names are listed of people who lived in the area and died before the cemetery was in use.

The first volume costs \$5, the



Entrance to Anderson's Creek cemetery, Warrandyte: Research has revealed details lost in bushfires.

second \$2 per copy. Thanks to the generosity of the cemetery trust, proceeds from the sale of the publication will go to the historical society.

As well as the published history, Bruce's research has resulted in the trust deciding to erect a memorial at the cemetery, on which will be placed a plaque listing the names of people who were buried in unmarked graves between 1867 and 1938.

"This will also include details of a number of people who are buried in marked graves, but with insufficient details to identify the person," Bruce Bence told the *Diary*.

"This information has been available with the help of the Re-

gistrar of Births Deaths and Marriages. Fortunately, there was a deputy registrar at Anderson's Creek (now Warrandyte) during the years searched.

"Since people are registered where they died and not where they were buried, the returns for Heidelberg, Templestowe, Doncaster, Box Hill, Nunawading, Ringwood, Croydon, Lilydale, Eltham and Kangaroo Ground were searched, as well as the records for the Austin Hospital and Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital."

In all, Bruce searched 1115 registers and some 70,000 pages of the metropolitan register.

"Despite this, there are still people buried in unmarked graves in

the cemetery whose names are unknown. If a person died outside the districts searched, or in a Melbourne hospital before 1932, they would not have been located."

Bruce Bence is appealing for help in filling these gaps.

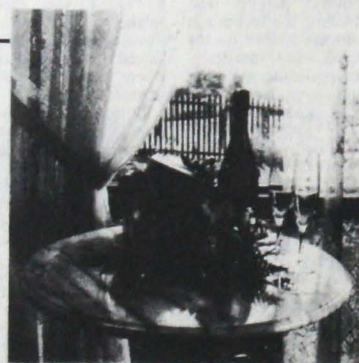
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"The trust intends placing another plaque on the memorial," Bruce explained, "listing additional information as it comes to hand."



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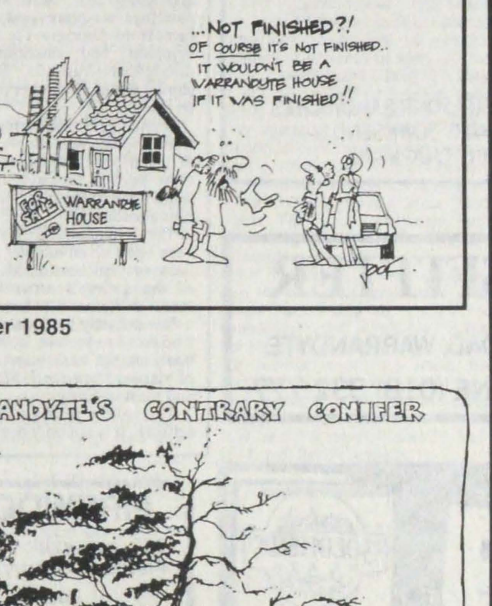
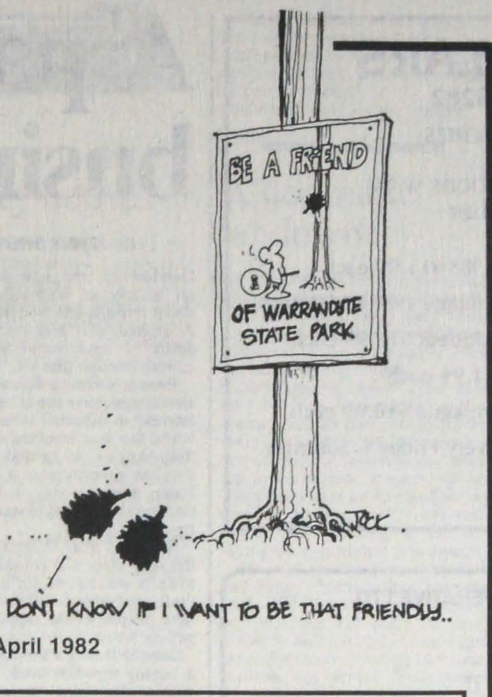
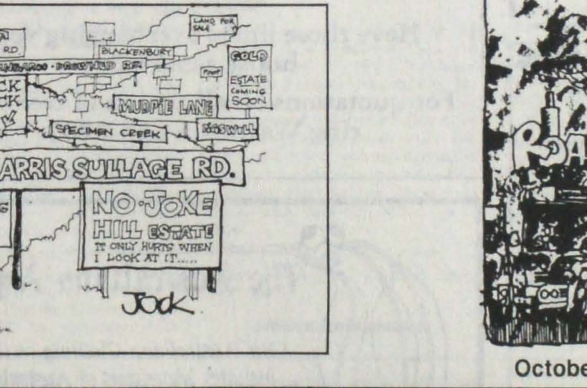
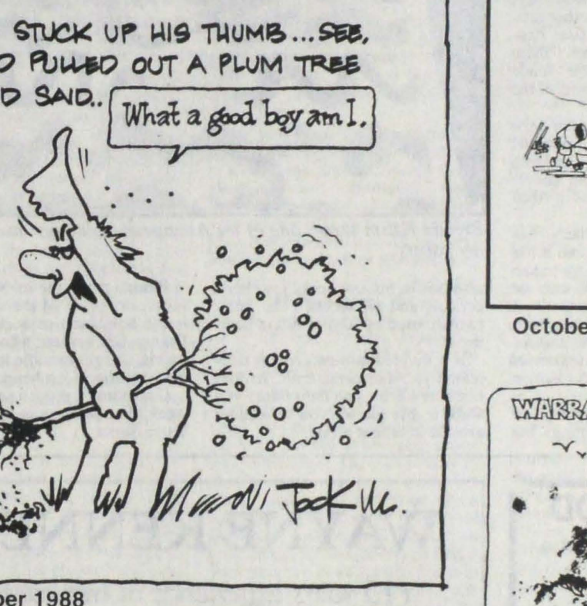
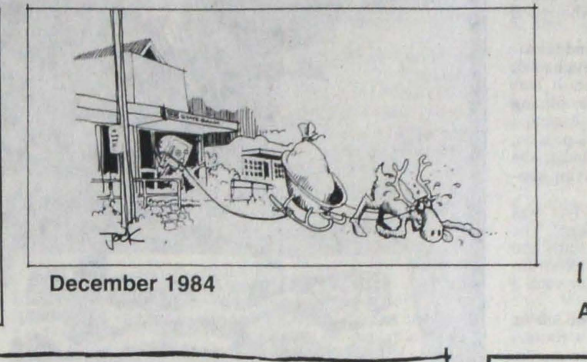
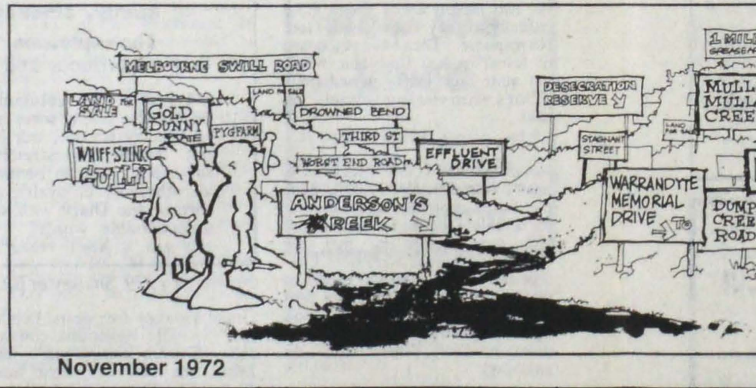
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 The Diary was printed letterpress in those days, and each time we wanted to publish an illustration we had to have an expensive process engraving made. We called them 'blocks'.
 The budget was even tighter then than it is now, and the most we could run to each month was the big cartoon and a photo or two. Even then, we usually tried to get someone else to pay for the photo block. Like the W.A.A. drama group, if they wanted to publicise a forthcoming play.
 Co-editor Peter Lovett and I were chucking over those two little blocks in issue number 8, when suddenly we had an idea. We could write a new caption each month and recycle the characters, using the same block. So we got our printer to cut them off the larger block, gave them names, and Clyde & Ocker were born.
 From comments we received through the years, it was evident that most of our readers thought Jock drew a new little cartoon each month. Not so.
 Writing the Clyde & Ocker caption was the editor's last task before the paper went to press. We tried to link it to the Diary's front page story or main theme for the month. Usually it was a wry comment, a snide put-down of our own editorial 'line'. Clyde & Ocker were brash, cynical and cheeky.
 Although Jock seldom helped write the captions, we always tried to keep them true to the ironic brilliance of his unique graphic style. Succeeding Diary editors continued putting sarcastic words into Clyde's mouth, and they even featured in a 'write the caption' competition at the Warrandyte festival one year.
 During those arid Jock-less years, when the Macneish family was living in New Guinea, and later when Jock was working in Sydney, Clyde & Ocker kept his spirit alive in the Diary.
 Then, sometime during the first half of 1983, they just shambled off somewhere, never to be seen again. We presume the printing block finally wore out. Jock's big cartoons were back by then, animating our pages and delighting our readers.
 In March 1987, Paul Williams' inspired hippie rambler Cyril wandered on to our front page and has been there ever since, poking fun and making a nuisance of himself. Like Clyde & Ocker, he takes the follies and foibles of our village and makes light of them. As all good cartoon characters should.
CLIFF GREEN

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A passion becomes business reality

By JENNY SHERE

Gundulmirri, the new Aboriginal art gallery in Warrandyte, came about through one woman's love of Aboriginal arts and crafts, and a desire to understand Aboriginal culture through that art.

Brenda Kazan, a film and television actress, says she always had an interest in Aboriginal art. It was while she was involved in filming 'Evil Angels' in central Australia that her interest became a passion. Later, during a stay in India, she decided she wanted to start an Aboriginal art gallery.

She says that Warrandyte was the only place she considered. The town is well known for its arts and crafts, and Brenda felt that Warrandyte people would support such a gallery.

Brenda leased a shop and left on a buying trip. She made a contact with an Aboriginal-run community arts and crafts centre which buys paintings, sculptures and other artifacts from Aborigines in East Arnhemland and distributes them throughout Australia. She made similar contacts in other parts of the territory.

Brenda says that during her two-week trip she was adopted into one of the tribes. This made her even more keen to research and understand more of the traditions of Aboriginal culture.

The Gundulmirri Gallery has been open seven months, and it has been very successful. Many pieces of the gallery's artwork can be found in Warrandyte homes.

It is not only the locals, however, who come to browse. In the visitors' book are the names and addresses of visitors from the U.S.A., Britain and most of Europe.

The gallery stocks a diversity of artwork. It is not only paintings, but



Brenda Kazan shows one of the Aboriginal paintings on sale at her gallery.

also bowls, hunting tools, jewellery, crystals and oil scents. (The latter two are used by Aborigines in healing.)

It is divided into two rooms dedicated to Aboriginal craft. It does not overwhelm you the minute you walk in but allows you to wander around to take it all in.

Brenda chose the name 'Gundulmirri', or "place of the spirit", as it is the homeland of a close friend, Dianna Ganambarr, who, with Tom Lewis, was responsible for Brenda's introduction to Arnhemland.

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Issue is not parochial

(Editor's note: this letter has been shortened for space reasons)

I refer to the letters from the president (Mr Darryl Cox) and secretary (Mr Stan Woodberry) of the Park Orchards Lands Owners Association in the May issue of the Diary.

The Park Orchards Lands Owners Association (POLA) aims to change the zoning of approximately 110 hectares of Landscape Interest-zoned land on the western end of the Green Wedge to Residential D (0.4 hectare — 1 acre). I live in the area and am one of the many who do not want the zoning properties changed. The POLA group comprises property owners in Park Orchards, Donvale, Doncaster, Beaumaris and Warrandyte. Of the 19 POLA members only three have properties of eight hectares (20 acres) or more. The remaining 16 properties vary from 1.6 to 7.2 hectares.

The POLA submission to Doncaster and Templestowe Council provides some "interesting" reading:

- "Leaving the land as it is offers deterioration and degradation of indigenous flora and fauna. Inaction will leave this area as an unnecessary sore on a beautiful community."
- "There is little landscape or conservation value of the land."
- "Better utilisation of the land will result from residential development and replanting with indigenous vegetation; the area will be better visually and indigenous wildlife will be encouraged to return to the area." (Motor cars, cats and dogs are renowned for their contribution in encouraging indigenous wildlife.)
- "The land for rezoning belongs to the members." (A curious dichotomy exists here as it appears the Park Orchards Land Owners Association members wish to divest as much of their land as possible.)
- "The council is in a position to ensure temporary pressure group activity does not prevail over common sense." (How "temporary" are the Warrandyte Environment League, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association?)

It is disheartening to note that little, if any, appreciation exists for the beautiful environment the POLA group and myself reside in.

In their letters both gentlemen imply that comment and criticism from the Warrandyte community is not warranted. I disagree. This is not just a "parochial Warrandyte issue". It is an issue that affects the entire Municipality of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Warrandyte and Park Orchards have a unique "village" quality and are linked together by the Green Wedge. Should the Green Wedge be destroyed by rezoning, both

LETTERS

Warrandyte and Park Orchards would lose their unique character forever.

The Council's 'Warrandyte Park Orchards Zoning Study' and 'Progress Report' raises a number of important points relating to this issue:

- Council's survey of residents "shows that only a small minority, 20 per cent, want development of Residential D size lots (0.4 hectares)";
- The average size of lots in the Study Area is 2.8 hectares (amended to 2.3 hectares) in council's progress report;
- "There is a potential for an additional 600 lots approximately east of Mullum Mullum Creek based on the existing zoning";
- Land capability rating based on soil type, slope and landform: "Only 20 per cent of the area has a rating "good to fair" for rural subdivision or urban development. For the remainder 40 per cent has a "poor" land capability rating and 40 per cent has a "very poor" land capability rating";
- Development rating — based on slope, soil, vegetation, physiography and fire hazard factors — 40 per cent "good to fair", 25 percent "poor" and 35 per cent "very poor".

We now come to the question of rates, which is one of Mr Woodberry's concerns, and of concern to us all. If rates are "prohibitive" now, they'll go over the top should the area be rezoned. Where does that leave the remaining residents who don't want to cash in and get out?

Surely it is evident from the above, Mr Woodberry, there is no case to "squeeze up a bit and make room for our growing numbers"; there is no need for POLA to write letters to newspapers and prepare costly submissions to council; there is no need to change the zoning when 600 potential allotments exist. Why not buy a one-acre property in the area? There are many to choose from. At present market values you could sell your seven acres for a handsome profit and overcome your worries. The key to your thesis, Mr Woodberry, is that if your property was subdivided into seven one-acre allotments, the profit margin would at least be double.

Advancing years and the ability to cope is a condition that will affect all of us sooner or later. However it is not a precondition for rearranging planning principles for rezoning and subdivision. One must get one's own house in order and not cause others to rearrange theirs to suit the immediate priorities of a minority that believe they hold broad-acre superannuation policies.

So, who are the greedy ones?
Jenny McNeillage, Tindals Road, Donvale.

The meeting requested that basket willows be distinguished from weeping willows and that the weeping willows be left on the river and in the town.

Cr Denford stated that no proposals from the report would be implemented until the heritage study was complete. Funding for that study has been allocated to council.

Residents concerned about future change to the character of the village and the riverbank are advised to study the report, which is available from the Doncaster council offices and the Citizens' Advice Bureau, situated at the old post office.

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Suggestions for future use or disposal have been received from many sources. These ideas fall into four basic categories:

- Requests for donations to charitable trusts, based on the trustees selling the properties and distributing the proceeds.
- Proposals for specialised accommodation to be developed on the existing site for a range of deservicing causes.
- Advice from local councils and the Ministry of Housing as to their views on the community needs of Warrandyte.
- Suggestions by individuals and resident groups as to action the trustees might take.

Following a public meeting, the then local MP, Lou Hill, was of the opinion that the problem created by the trust deed requirement that the properties be sold and the monies dispersed to registered charities could be overcome by transferring the land to the Crown under certain conditions to be stipulated by the trust. He later arranged for a parliamentary committee to provide legal advice supporting that view.

Having considered the suggestions made and taking account of the limitations imposed by the trust deed, the trustees decided to offer the land to the Ministry of Housing for the construction of family housing stock. The terms of the offer to the ministry were as follows:

"(A) Any development to consist of a maximum of four two- three bedroom detached family residential units. (B) That any development be in accordance with the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme. (C) A local advisory committee be formed to nominate potential occupants under the ministry's guidelines."

If the ministry expressed interest in proceeding with the proposal, they were to provide legal confirmation that the land could be transferred to the Crown under the terms of the trust deed and to execute any transfer documentation.

Since making the offer to the Ministry, the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme as it relates to the subject land has been amended so that now only two detached houses are possible.

Whilst the ministry has not responded formally to the proposal, informal advice is that they are interested, even though they are now only able to build two houses on the land.

The trustees are monitoring progress at the ministry and when their final position is known a decision on how the trust should be wound up can be taken.

Don Macdonald, for the trustees

A dogmatic landowner

Mr Woodberry's letter in your May edition reiterates many arguments put forward by the pro-development lobby, currently being addressed by the Warrandyte Park Orchards Zoning Study.

Although we have lived here only 16 years we took the opportunity given all residents to participate in the early 1970s meetings and subsequent review period leading to the current zonings, yet Mr Woodberry says he has had no say on such matters in 40 years' residence. It is pleasing to see him taking the opportunity this time.

He uses quotes from Aberdeen and Hogg ('Metropolitan Farming Study 1977') out of context to support his case. The complete paragraph in fact contradicts his arguments by recommending additional controls, not denser development. The same reference states: "Successive Government legislation since the 1920s has in effect placed constraints on the free use and development of land. In spite of this some landowners believe they should be entitled to develop, subdivide and sell their land in whatever manner they choose. Other owners accept the need for use and development controls but consider they should always be compensated when controls inhibit their 'land rights'. These views are deeply held by some and expressed in dogmatic, emotional terms."

Mr Woodberry's letter confirms him as one such landowner. The simple fact is that his seven acres cannot be further subdivided under the present Landscape Interest zoning, neither could they under his previous "near idealistic rural conditions...rural" (minimum five acres) zoning.

A.W. and P.A. Stark, Rainbow Valley Road, Park Orchards

Plums still in danger

I intend to petition the consultants for the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Study to "amend the proposal to remove all prunus from the study area to one which removes all suckers and immature prunus trees while retaining the mature trees both on the riverbank and in the streetscape".

An ongoing management program of sucker and immature tree removal would have the effect of stemming the spread of these trees, without the trauma which eradication would bring to the area.

Copies of the petition will be at the co-op, post office and the CAB until July 1.

Judy Macdonald

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It was strongly suggested that the proposal to ultimately remove a "pretty tennis court, used since the 1920s" to create a picnic area, was indeed planning for tourists, as locals usually ate at home or picnicked elsewhere and played tennis by the river.

There was a risk, the meeting felt, of losing that "sense of being in another world" while on the river-side, if landscaping and aggressive clearing of the slope to the road was undertaken.

The preoccupation with opening up views to the river suggested to some that the report catered to people passing through rather than those who lived here and knew where the river was.

Drawings showing avenues of manna gums leading through the town were not complete designs as yet, the meeting was told, but the concept of manna gums in random groves replacing power lines was desirable to the study group, as were "vegetation gateways" of manna gums, announcing "your arrival in Warrandyte", from the three points of entry.

It was pointed out by a Yarra River life guard that the proposed canoe launching ramp was not only opposite rapids but just upstream from the popular swimming spot near the bridge.

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BRUCE BENCE continues his series on the captains of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade.

By **BRUCE BENCE**

Some time ago the Warrandyte Fire Brigade sought photographs of the brigade captains to display at the fire station. Fortunately there have been only seven captains from the time the brigade was formed in 1938 until now and two are still serving in the brigade.

The trail to obtain the five photographs has led across a large part of Victoria and even into Queensland. Finally the last photograph has been found. It is of Roly Kennedy, who captained the brigade from September 9, 1949 until February 26, 1951.

Roly and his family moved from Stony Creek, North Warrandyte, in 1952 and went to Eltham to live. It was finally through Ken Gaston, a former captain of the Eltham Fire Brigade, and Keith Leer, who ran the barber's shop at Eltham for more years than he cares to remember, that Roly's family was traced.

Roly enlisted in the navy in 1940 at Hobart, and served aboard HMAS Warrnambool and later on Fairmile motor launches. On February 20, 1942 Roly went to collect the mail from the Darwin Post Office. Roly bought some stamps and was served by a beautiful young girl. He left the post office and had



Roly Kennedy in his navy days.

only reached the opposite side of the road when Japanese bombers destroyed the building, killing everyone in it. The memory of the

girl who had served him minutes before was to haunt him for the rest of his life.

Roly served in the islands to the north of Australia in Fairmiles, going ashore behind enemy lines to bring out people as well as carrying out reconnaissance and clearing obstacles from beaches before landings took place.

At one time Roly's wife, Hetty, did not hear from him for several months. In all that time Roly had been writing to her every day. When the mail finally got through the postman dumped a great pile of letters on Hetty's front lawn and told her that if she wanted the rest she had better go to the post office and collect them.

Roly — a mechanical engineer — received a medical discharge from the navy in 1945 and started working for the Ventura Bus Lines. But because of gout and war injuries he was unable to work on the concrete floor.

In 1947 Roly and his family moved into a house that they had built for them by Alec Edwards in Pound Bend. Roly bought a small Chevrolet bus and started the Highland Bus Service, initially doing a school run through the area to bring the children to Warrandyte Primary. He later extended the service to Research and Eltham then Park Orchards and Mitcham. Later Roly started a shopping run from Warrandyte to the Croynod Market every Monday.

Roly later bought the Warrandyte Taxi Service. When Jim Harris gave up the ice round Roly took over.

As captain, Roly believed in members keeping fit. The regular Sunday morning training and overhaul of equipment also involved runs up Mitchell Avenue with full knapsacks and then hitting a suspended disk with a stream of water.

The brigade put on displays at the annual sports held at the oval and arranged for the arrival of Father Christmas on the fire truck during the years that Roly was captain.

Roly was to be more fortunate than the other Warrandyte captains. He was the only leader who did not have to contend with at least one major fire during his term as captain, although there were the usual outbreaks when careless campers let their campfires get away from them. In those times Warrandyte was a popular camping spot each summer.

Roly's wife Hetty is believed to have been the first person to deliver the mail in Warrandyte. She had a pushbike but found it easier to put the mail bag on the bike and walk beside it as the road was so hilly. Mail deliveries were then six days a week, regardless of the weather.

Roly later sold his bus round and the taxi service and moved with his family to Eltham. He started a new career delivering wood and carting sand, and later shifted to driving interstate transports.

Two of Roly's sons followed in their father's footsteps and joined the navy. Alan served seven years and Bill 12. Bill served on HMAS Sydney during the Vietnam War. Roly's third son, Gilbert, drives interstate transports.

Roly's war injuries caused him frequent bouts of illness and he died just before his 50th birthday in 1966.

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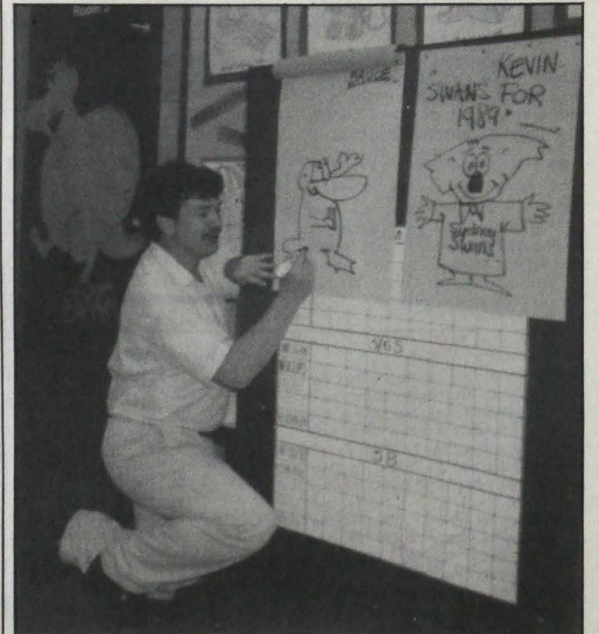
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Nothing fishy about Mr Salmon

Michael Salmon, a best-selling children's author and illustrator, visited Anderson's Creek Primary School and chatted to the children earlier this year.

He kept them all amused with his quick humorous drawings of characters the children recognised — he's drawing Bruce the Platypus in the photograph — and entertained them with lively conversation.

His most popular drawings were

the "portraits" he drew of the children. They were greeted with squeals of delight as they took shape. The children also drew him, resulting in some hilarious pictures.

At the end of the session Michael Salmon was swamped by a sea of arms waving autograph books at him and smiling faces showing how much they'd enjoyed the session.

Parents and teachers were likewise impressed with his books, with their own brand of crazy humor.

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Local boys make big league



Nathan Peterson

Dragon duo in national team for World Series

Outstanding young baseballers Nathan Peterson and Scott Dawes leave home base next month for the "big league".

They are off to a Los Angeles training camp on July 23 as members of the Australian under-19 team to prepare for the World Youth Series at Three Rivers, Canada, in August.

The 17-year-olds are teammates at the Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club, based at Deep Creek. And they have been swinging a bat since they were eight ... albeit an ocean apart.

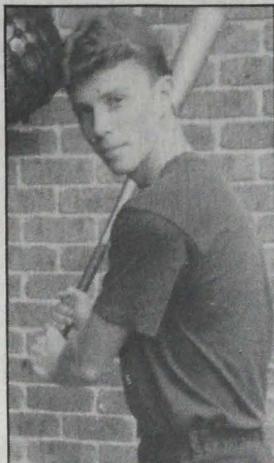
Nathan, of Research Road, North Warrandyte, and a student at Ring-

wood High School, came here from the United States five years ago.

Scott, who lives at Templestowe and attends Warrandyte High, learnt the game in Western Australia. He has been with the Doncaster club since the family arrived in Melbourne, also five years ago.

The increasing popularity of baseball will keep the dynamic Dragon duo on the move when they return to Australia. The game goes national next season (starting October) and the boys will play for Waverley City Reds.

The Reds are seeking sponsors for their entry into the new competition and invite inquiries on 560 1475.



Scott Dawes

Game, set, sausage

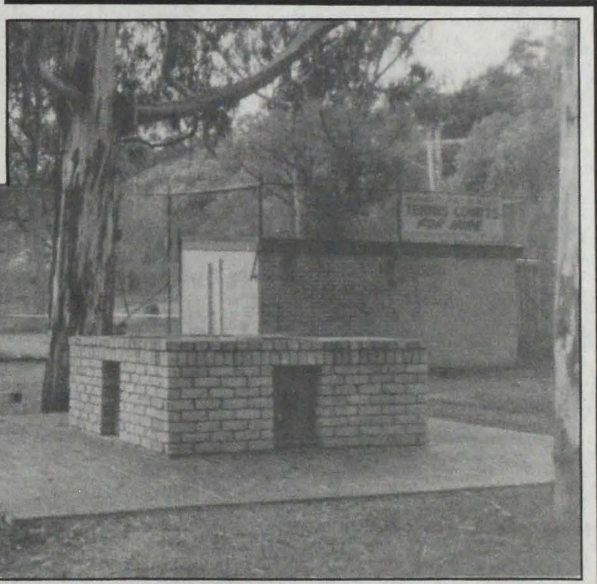
The Warrandyte Lions Club resurrection and beautification of the bridge tennis courts is complete. And everyone is invited along on Sunday, June 25, to celebrate the occasion.

The Lions will officially unveil the final stage of the project — a multiplate electric barbecue and surrounding brick paving.

The barbecue is unique in one respect — it does not accept money.

In the free spirit of things, all children will be treated to a sausage sizzle at the opening, from 10.30 am to 2 pm.

A set or two, a snag or two, at the bridge.



Lilydale's turn to protest

Warrandyte's protracted victory over Lilydale in the EDFL's fourth round is in dispute again.

Lilydale, originally awarded the April 22 match by three points, have appealed against the procedure adopted at the appeal which saw the result reversed and the Bloods declared winners by eight points.

Both clubs and the umpires have submitted statutory declarations of evidence in the dispute. When this edition of the Diary went to press, the Lilydale protest was to be heard on June 16.

In the original appeal, Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean told the EDFL the club

believed a Bloods goal had been inadvertently credited to Lilydale in the second quarter.

The goal umpires amended the scoreboard at half-time to read Warrandyte 10.5, Lilydale 10.3. At that stage, the two timekeepers agreed that Warrandyte led by 14 points, 11.5 to 9.3.

At game's end, the timekeepers agreed that Warrandyte had won by eight points — 11.8 to 9.12 — but the goal umpires awarded the match to Lilydale by three points.

The result was reversed on April 28 after the EDFL disputes committee had heard evidence from the goal umpires.

A testing time on the golf course

The Year 10 kids at Warrandyte High were set a searching assignment after a few golf lessons on the oval at nearby Kingswood College. Smokey Joe, a hacker from a fairway back, would have answered selected questions thus:

- With regard to safety, what should you check before playing any shot in golf? — "The sky, for low-flying aircraft."
- What should you do if you have lost a ball? — "Swear out loud and blame God. Everyone else does."
- What are you able to do if your ball lands behind a tree? — "Wee."

The teacher has a lot to learn about the realities of golf. SJ.

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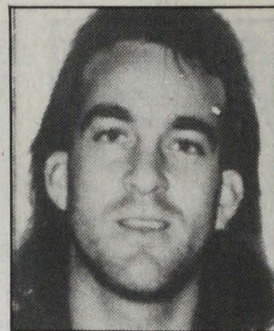
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The Gary Allsop appeal

Football world rallies behind a mate they call Madge



Gary Allsop

The football world has taken the Gary (Madge) Allsop case to its far-reaching heart.

Warrandyte Football Club is co-ordinating a \$250,000 appeal for the crippled 28-year-old ruck-rover and a groundswell of public support is gathering momentum.

Allsop, who broke and dislocated his neck in an on-field collision at Upper Ferntree Gully on April 29, is in the Rehabilitation Ward at the Austin Hospital's Spinal Unit. Specialists are still unable to say if he will walk again.

He has some movement in his left arm and is in good spirits. He is keen to have visitors.

The appeal was set in motion by his colleagues in the Melbourne entertainment industry who have put together a disco night at Casey's Nite Spot, 660 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, on Monday, June 19.

But the main thrust of fund-raising efforts has been launched by the WFC and the Eastern Districts Football League, who have jointly organised a Sportspersons' Night at Rembrandt's Restaurant, in Burwood Highway, Wantirna South, on Tuesday, July 11.

As distinct from a Sportsmen's Night, this is a mixed function and the aim is to pack the 650-capacity venue at \$30 a head.

Each of the 39 EDFL clubs has taken 10 tickets, the league executive 14 and the umpires' association 20. This leaves WFC 226 to sell, and it appeals to the community at large for support.

Response to news of the Gary Allsop tragedy has been spontaneous and warm:

- Doncaster East Football Club donated the gate takings from its June 3 match against Warrandyte to the fund. It has suggested that every EDFL club contribute one game's gate.
- VFL clubs Essendon and North Melbourne have made unsolicited offers of assistance.
- Former WFC president Wal Cornhill read of the Allsop case in the Melbourne Sun and was on the phone almost immediately with an offer of a cash donation and a prize, to be raffled, of a holiday at Corowa, NSW, where he and wife Margaret now own a motel.
- Abbra Allcock, daughter of WFC vice-

president Brian Day, weighed in with another holiday raffle prize, at her resort at Bright.

There have been many other offers from the business and general community.

One of the most touching responses was from former Fitzroy full-forward Eddie Hart, who was moved to visit Gary after reading the picture-story in the Sun. Hart, president of the Fitzroy Past Players Association, has guaranteed him a reserved seat at any Lions game in the future.

The Sportspersons' Night will feature high-profile speakers, an auction of football memorabilia — the jumpers of Terry Daniher and Tim Watson have already been pledged — and a raffle of valuable prizes.

Tickets are available from the EDFL (762 5766) and Warrandyte Football Club (844 3112). The particular WFC contacts for this night and the Casey's disco are Helen Revell (344 7105 BH, 844 3887 AH), Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573) and Jenny Walshe (876 3719).

The Gary Allsop appeal will be an on-going series of special functions and events. Its first objective is to pay off the

mortgage on the Warranwood home of Gary and wife Sue-Ellen, who has given up her dancing career to be at his side for up to 10 hours a day.

A self-employed disc jockey, Gary did not have personal insurance or private health cover.

There may never be a worthier football cause in this town than the Gary Allsop Trust Fund. His club and his league urge you to get right behind it. The address is PO Box 151, Warrandyte 3113.

Game goes on, cameras roll

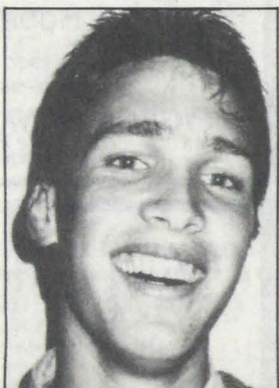
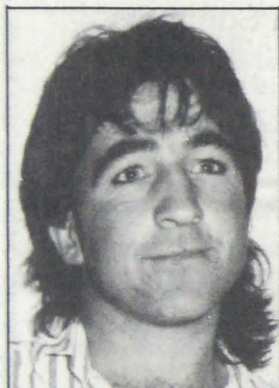
Throughout his ordeal, Gary Allsop has never stopped being a fanatical Bloods clubman. And his zest for involvement is being well catered for.

Scores are phoned through to Gary's ward at the Austin immediately after each Warrandyte senior game. And each game is being videotaped — with commentary — for his benefit by very willing clubmates.

The tape is replayed to him within two or three days of the match.

Gary has already "converted" a few of his fellow-patients to Warrandyte football. He was so concerned by the Bloods' loss to Norwood on May 27 that he suggested he "make a motivational tape for the boys".

Bloods — with seconds to spare!



Brad Day (left) and Kimberley O'Connor — best of the Bloods in remarkable win.

The kitchen sink as well!

Warrandyte Football Club is seeking donations of all manner of things for its Monster Garage Sale on Sunday, June 25. Even if you think what you have to offer is not a sellable commodity, the club would like to hear from you.

The sale will start at 10 am on the recreation reserve netball courts. The contact for donations is Jenny Sharpe (876 3719). She will arrange for your contribution to be collected if you can't drop it in to the club (at the weekend, or after 6 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday).

Warrandyte emerged from a football mudbath — and with just seconds to spare — to grab an important victory over The Basin in the EDFL 10th round.

The Bloods beat last year's grand finalists by a point, 6.9 (45) to 5.14 (44). They hit the front for the first time with just 65 seconds to go.

According to the stopwatch of Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean, the last quarter had already run a few seconds longer than any of the previous three when full-forward John O'Brien goaled after a great mark to snatch that one-point advantage.

It was a victory crucial to the Bloods' final aspirations following narrow defeats by Fair Park and Norwood in rounds seven and eight. And the gutsy performance drew warm praise from McLean and coach Lindsay Hopkins.

Hopkins has coached the Bloods to seven wins in 10 matches since taking the reins and said their game at the sodden, rainswept Basin ground was probably the best of them.

"Our never-say-die attitude got us home," he said. "We had a hell of a lot of good players out and

Last-gasp goal lifts our EDFL finals prospects

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those who took their places did it very well.

"It was a real character win. All the players showed a lot of character and courage and I think we can go on from here."

McLean said the result "just shows what perseverance will do".

"Given the side we had, it was a great effort," he said. "Even when we were five points down in the last minute or two I could not be unhappy because the players' commitment had been excellent all day."

The only minus from the game for Warrandyte was a knee injury to damaging wingman Matthew Elliott in the first quarter.

The match was played in constant rain and quagmire conditions. It was all the Basin in the first quarter. They settled quickly, and had two goals on the board while

one long, hard slog. The rain was even heavier now and conditions more impossible.

Warrandyte kicked the only goal for the quarter — from a free replayed to O'Brien — and The Basin's lead at the last change was just four points, 4.12 to 4.8.

The desperation which had typified the play of both sides intensified in the final quarters, with brute strength forcing the ball between the half-back lines.

The Basin stretched their lead to five points and only the most optimistic Warrandyte supporters were still conceding the Bloods a chance after the home side goaled to increase the margin to 11 points with just a couple of minutes to go.

But in last-gasp thrusters, Warrandyte drove the ball forward for two O'Brien marks, two O'Brien goals — and a remarkable win.

Warrandyte had many fine players, none better than fearless defender Day and tireless young ruckman Kimberley O'Connor. Other great contributors to a dedicated team effort were Matt Hurley, Brian Scicluna, Jarrod Dickson and Robin Golding.

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