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# Voters go for green pair

By CLIFF GREEN

Landslide victories for Val Polley and Rob Gell at the Doncaster-Templestowe Council elections earlier this month represent a resounding endorsement by voters across the Warrandyte Ward for pro-conservation, anti-development policies.

The unusual situation of two vacancies in the ward followed Cr Ken McKenzie's retirement due to ill-health and Cr Greg Nicolau's resignation after only a year in council.

Despite three-way contests in both seats, the resident Warrandyte candidates achieved outstanding results, with Rob Gell securing almost 70 percent and Val Polley 60 percent of the total votes.

Mrs Polley's principal opponent was Mr Daryl Cox, president of the Park Orchards Landowners' Association, a single-issue group working for the rezoning of Green Wedge land between Park Orchards and Warrandyte from conservation to residential.

Conducting a joint campaign, Val Polley and Rob Gell emphasised their opposition to Green Wedge subdivision, pledged their support for community amenities and social welfare issues and promised to work for an open council, responsive to residents' needs and concerns.

Given that Mr Cox received less than 23 percent of the vote, observers believe that ward residents have sent council a clear message, rejecting Green Wedge rezoning. Cr Gell has already indicated that he will be joining with Cr Polley "suggesting to council that they need not even entertain rezoning the Green Wedge".

"Our victory, and those of other independents in the city, has put the lid on land speculation and subdivision in the Warrandyte area," he said.

Although their strongest support came from voters in Warrandyte, excellent results were repeated at

booths in Park Orchards, East Doncaster and Donvale. A highlight of the campaign was the level of cooperation between residents in Warrandyte and Park Orchards, with groups in both communities working together to return pro-conservation candidates.

An attempt to confuse voters by publishing rumors that Rob Gell had "bought a house in Eltham" appear to have failed. In fact, although Rob and wife Jo Pearson are shifting north of the river, they will still be living in Warrandyte. It is understood that Rob will be retaining a business interest in Doncaster-Templestowe and will thus be eligible to remain on council.

Final figures for Warrandyte Ward, booth by booth, are as follows:

**ANNUAL ELECTION**  
Warrandyte Primary School — Polley, 1428 (75.5%); Cox, 326 (17.2%); Jackson, 49 (2.8%); informal, 80 (4.2%)  
Warrandyte High School — Polley, 273 (73%); Cox, 78 (20.9%); Jackson, 9 (2.4%); informal, 14 (3.7%)  
Park Orchards Primary School — Polley, 1565 (59.2%); Cox, 479 (18.3%); Jackson, 383 (14.6%); informal, 193 (7.4%)  
Onemda, East Doncaster — Polley, 2318 (54.9%); Cox, 1152 (27.3%); Jackson, 420 (10%); informal, 330 (7.8%)  
Donvale Presbyterian Church — Polley, 2006 (57.8%); Cox, 796 (22.9%); Jackson, 435 (12.5%); informal, 233 (6.7%)  
Postal — Polley, 192 (49.1%); Cox, 119 (30.4%); Jackson, 62 (15.9%); informal, 18 (4.6%)  
Totals — Polley, 7782 (60%); Cox, 2950 (22.8%); Jackson, 1358 (10.5%); informal, 877 (6.7%)

**EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION**  
Warrandyte Primary School — Gell, 1560 (82.5%); Langdon, 179 (9.5%); McNeillage, 71 (3.8%); informal, 80 (4.2%)  
Warrandyte High School — Gell, 311 (83.2%); Langdon, 40 (10.7%); McNeillage, 10 (2.7%); informal, 13 (3.5%)  
Park Orchards Primary School — Gell, 1813 (69.2%); Langdon, 301 (11.5%); McNeillage, 321 (12.3%); informal, 185 (7.1%)  
Onemda, East Doncaster — Gell, 2790 (66.1%); Langdon, 750 (17.8%); McNeillage, 369 (8.8%); informal, 310 (7.3%)  
Donvale Presbyterian Church — Gell, 2247 (64.8%); Langdon, 657 (19%); McNeillage, 355 (10.2%); informal, 208 (6%)  
Postal — Gell, 282 (72.1%); Langdon, 63 (16.1%); McNeillage, 35 (9%); informal, 11 (2.8%)  
Totals — Gell, 9003 (69.5%); Langdon, 1990 (15.4%); McNeillage, 1161 (9%); informal, 807 (6.2%)

In total, 12,967 votes were cast in the annual election and 12,961 in the extraordinary election. There were 18,751 people eligible to vote.

## For Madge, ecstasy is a finals victory



They did it for Gary! "Madge" Allsop shares the euphoria of victory with clubmates (from left) Kimberley O'Connor, John McCartin, Steve Yoannidis (background), Gerald Walsh and Dale Vitirini.

In his own word, Gary (Madge) Allsop was "ecstatic". He had just seen his beloved Bloods beat Fair Park at Ferntree Gully to qualify for the EDFL third division preliminary final.

"Yes, ecstatic," said the gutsy little man who was back among his mates and lapping up the atmosphere of football again after breaking and dislocating his neck in the fourth game of the season.

"I was a bit worried when they (the enemy)

got to within nine points in the last quarter. I was sitting in the timekeepers' box, so I knew there was only three minutes to go.

"By the time I got down to the boundary, we'd kicked another goal. Beautiful!"

Gary, 28, had insisted on leaving the Austin Hospital's Spinal Care Unit to see Warrandyte's last two home games — and nothing was going to keep him away from the first semi.

His presence may well have inspired the

Bloods, who have won all three games he has attended. He has already made a date to be at the preliminary and grand finals.

And how is Gary coping with rehabilitation from the injury which crippled him?

"It's frustrating, very frustrating," he said. "But it will all be worthwhile when I walk again."

"Warrandyte Football Club has been marvellous to me. Everyone has been marvellous."

The Gary Allsop appeal; Page 12.

# Restaurant plan opposed

By DAVID WYMAN

A 150-seat restaurant, with parking for 80 cars, has been proposed for the site behind and around the Stonehouse pottery and craft shop on Warrandyte-Ringwood Road.

A submission for the development on Lot 1, Tills Drive, has been made to Doncaster and Templestowe Council by property and planning consultants A. T. Cocks and Partners, on behalf of the owners.

Strong opposition to the proposed restaurant has come immediately from the Warrandyte Environment League and at least 80 per cent of residents in Tills Drive, which is a private street giving access to 17 homes and the Black Flat section of Warrandyte State Park.

As the *Diary* went to press, other Warrandyte groups were opposing the development.

The proposal is opposite the 27 acres of land on the corner of Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and Tills Drive which is up for rezoning to allow subdivision into one-acre blocks.

The latest submission does not seek a zone change, but inclusion of a clause in the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme to allow the restaurant to be built. The existing Conservation A zoning of the 4.88-hectare property does not allow the operation of a restaurant.

The restaurant would be sited behind the Stonehouse with its floor level elevated above the once-in-100 years flood level of the Yarra.

The site is next to The Island, part of the state park.

Twenty-four car parking spaces would be under the building with three car parks outside to the left and right of the Stonehouse. Car entry would be from Warrandyte-Ringwood Road but the main entrance and only exit would be in Tills Drive.

Local residents, alerted to the proposed restaurant by the Warrandyte Environment League, quickly formed the Tills Drive Residents' Group to oppose the project.

President Joff Manders told the *Diary* that an overwhelming majority of the 17 families in the street were against "this type of development".

"Many of the families have been

here for 20 to 80 years and they like it the way it is. The Conservation A zoning has given us security as it's one of the strictest zonings. But if you can erode its provisions, then the door may open to all kinds of compromises and developments," he said.

"We are particularly concerned about the impact the restaurant structure and its signs would have on our environment, and obviously more traffic and more noise would come to an area which really shouldn't have it."

Meanwhile, WEL has notified council officers that the restaurant development would be in basic conflict with the objectives of the zone and with good planning prac-

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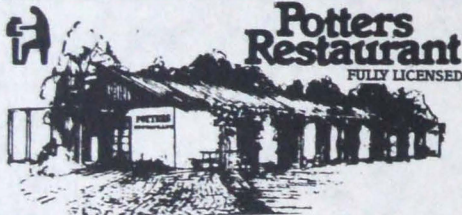
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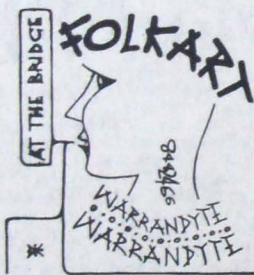
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Bio-dynamic meat? That's what Gene and Helen Hamill, of West Warrandyte Meats, were advertising — and Smokey just had to know more. Bio-dynamic? Did that mean it exploded if overcooked? No such thing, Gene assured us. It

## IN RED & WHITE

is meat produced on pesticide-free pasture. The method, developed in 1924 by Austrian scientist Dr Rudolf Steiner, uses dynamic sprays from organic substances — cow manure among them. So now you know. Smokey's next move was to apply the taste test — and he is now biodynamically inclined.

guess who just happened to bump into each other among a zillion people in the heart of London recently? Say no more. Leanne just happened to be out shopping with mum Thea, and Sarah just happened to be doing the same with her hubby. Small world. No, small London.

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Leanne Webb and Sarah Tindale became close mates in their school-days but saw very little of each other when the latter left North Warrandyte for Brisbane more than four years ago to become Mrs Lincoln Howes. Leanne was bridesmaid. They kept in touch by mail, though, and each was aware that the other was going overseas. And

No news may be good news, but this news was no news at all. "Thieves broke into the Tang Palace restaurant recently but nothing was stolen," said the Doncaster and Templestowe News in its gripping "Police Beat" column. The non-thieves are presumably holed up in a non-hideout and living on non-dim sims, with the Keystone Cops cold on their trail.

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"Two goalers" are as rare in contemporary footy as the dropkick, but Warrandyte fans were treated to the phenomenon in the season's last home game, against Doncaster East. Full-forward John O'Brien copped one in the laughing gear after marking in the square and goaling in the second quarter and the ump was nice enough to give him a free for his pain. In a matter of seconds, the Bloods had moved from 6.10 to 8.10. A Doncaster East defender was immediately "dragged" — a tacit admission by the coach that his player had indeed been naughty. Smokey would like to see more of these two-goal decisions, provided the beneficiary invariably wears red and white.



Smokey Joe

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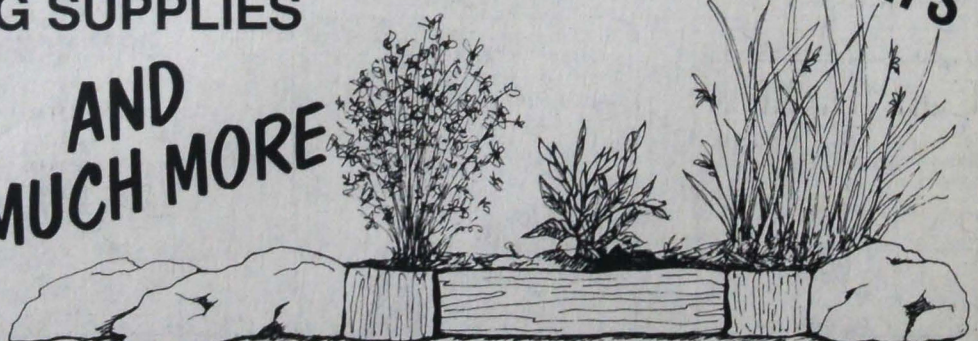
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# West End fights new estate

A group of West Warrandyte residents are fighting a proposal to cut up six hectares of land in Harris Gully Road for 31 home sites.

The residents say the proposed subdivision is poorly planned. They claim the steepness of the land — a 50 per cent slope in some spots — will lead to erosion and turn the creek that runs along Harris Gully Road into a dirty drain.

And they are worried that the estate will add to traffic problems on one of the main gateways to Warrandyte.

Members of the Harris Gully Residents Association took their objections to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal late last month. They are still waiting on a decision.

A spokeswoman for the group, Warrandyte Primary School teacher Carole Lush, said residents were hoping that Doncaster and Templestowe Council will get together with the developers and come up with a revised scheme containing fewer allotments and more environmental safeguards.

Mrs Lush outlined some of the specific objections that she and neighbors have raised against the proposal.

"First, the land is too steep. Lots of soil will be washed away when roads, driveways and houses are built," she said.

"It's worth noting that the Board of Works, State Government and local council development ratings

for this type of land state that 'exceptionally careful site preparation and management is necessary to minimise the impact on the environment' and that 'severe deterioration of the environment will probably occur'.

"The creek that runs alongside Harris Gully Road is beautiful, and residents have been trying to beautify and maintain the council reserve that includes this creek," said Carole Lush. "Increased stormwater and other run-off will race into the creek, eroding the banks, destroying vegetation and causing flooding."

Local solicitor Peter Gardiner took up the safety issue in a submission to the appeals tribunal.

He pointed out that a report by the council's own physical services committee in January admitted that many vehicles on Harris Gully Road failed to observe the 75 kilometres an hour speed limit.

Mr Gardiner said that a curve and bumps in the road made for a poor line of sight of oncoming traffic. The proposed entrance to the estate was too narrow, and the road was used regularly by schoolchildren.

He told the tribunal the committee report seemed to imply that any problems of traffic safety could be addressed later. This was the wrong approach. "It is proper to be concerned and to object to anticipated increases in traffic hazards, particu-

larly in a child pedestrian area." Mr Gardiner also said the public notice announcing the subdivision proposal was erected on a fence on the property where it was virtually invisible to southbound traffic.

Carole Lush said that although the proposal specified that trees with a circumference of more than 35 centimetres were to be kept, the developers seemed to have counted considerable fewer trees of that size than have residents.

She said the residents association is convinced the building blocks will have to be made bigger if trees are to be saved and the houses made unobtrusive.

Carole and her neighbors are suspicious of reported promises

that the architects will design the estate to blend in with treed hillsides.

"Unfortunately we have no guarantee that this will ever eventuate. The plan that was accepted by the Doncaster and Templestowe Council early this year is quite different from that now being 'verbally' proposed by the developer.

"Until we see, in writing, plans that show a proper awareness of the environmental considerations we will remain sceptical of the developer's intentions."

In the meantime, the residents association will be glad of any help — including donations to pay for appeals — that Warrandyte people may care to give.

## Petitions sway village planners

BY JUDY MACDONALD

The revised Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Study report was presented to a meeting of Doncaster and Templestowe Council's Committee on August 15.

The report, a product of consultants Whitford and Peck, and Alan Wyatt, with assistance from a steering committee, has been altered to accommodate most of the submissions from the Warrandyte community.

Steering committee member Jane Marriott told the *Diary* that the committee had received two major petitions: one to retain the bridge tennis courts, bearing more than 700 signatures, another to control rather than eradicate riverside plums, signed by 270 citizens. A further 30 to 40 letters were received from individuals.

Ms Marriott said that some of the letters indicated a misunderstanding of the aims of the study and that consequently details had been added to some areas of the report as clarification.

Changes were made to the report, Ms Marriott said "to clear up the tennis court and plum tree issues in line with the petitions."

A concern about the removal of trees to improve "vistas" of the river was not fully resolved, with the steering committee explaining



that the clearing was the consultant's view and not that of the committee.

Ms Marriott said that one positive thing to come out of the study was the formation of an actual committee of management for the riverbank area, with community representatives to be elected when it is convened. At present Doncas-

ter and Templestowe Council is named, rather broadly, as the committee of management.

The Ministry for Planning and Environment has been approached for money to continue the design work. This, Ms Marriott said, would take all of the next financial year. She hopes this will encompass the findings of the proposed herit-

age study of the area, for which money has been made available. There would be further liaison with the community during the detailed design work, she said.

A steering committee member, Mrs Val Polley, and the convenor, Lou Hill, are writing a detailed account of the report results for the *Diary*.

## High school puts its wares on show

Local parents considering sending their children to private schools should take advantage of Education Week to visit Warrandyte High School and see what it has to offer.

This is the advice given by Mr Joe Ardley, the school's vice-principal.

The theme for Education Week 1989 is 'State Schools are Great Schools', and Mr Ardley believes his school will be able to prove this point during open day, on Wednesday, September 13.

"We have a strong discipline policy, a caring environment, excellent facilities and an interested community which is highly involved with the school program," Mr Ardley said.

"The curriculum is broad and well-balanced. Japanese com-

menced at Year 7 this year and will be extended into Year 8 next year."

The school believes its gymnasium and theatre facilities are the best in the district.

"In 1990, Warrandyte will introduce the new VCE English, mathematics and Australian studies courses to our Year 11 students," Mr Ardley said. "By 1991, the full range of subjects will be operating at this level."

The school will be open for inspection at 2 pm on September 13. Visitors will be able to watch classes in progress and afternoon tea will be provided in the theatre foyer. There will be a barbecue in the evening, followed by a band recital, mini-lessons, displays and activities.

# WEL fears study favors tourists over residents

The Warrandyte Environment League is taking a strong position on a number of points in the recently formulated streetscape study. These include the clearing of vegetation to create river views, planting "non-fruiting" prunus and the removal of the river tennis courts.

WEL's comments, which were published in their July newsletter, also indicate some anxiety about car parking proposals.

"Concern was expressed at any increase in car parking, particularly as it was seen to be serving visitors rather than residents," the report says. "Lowering the current car parks... was not seen as either feasible or necessarily desirable.

"Cars should be taken away from the riverbank itself and car parks given only minimal formalis-

ing, preferably through planting, not bollards."

The report is critical of proposals to clear vegetation to allow views of the river from Yarra Street.

"No strengthening of visual connections should be made and no removal of vegetation to create views. Only indigenous plants from locally-collected seed to be used for replanting.

"Removal of unnecessary vegetation needs defining. Who decides what is unnecessary? The planting of non-fruiting cherry plums is not seen as a viable solution to the plum tree argument and more community discussion is needed to reach a solution."

The removal of the riverbank tennis courts is opposed outright. "The tennis courts are seen as a public asset, and no action should be taken to shorten their future.

"Three new picnic areas are seen as only attracting more tourists. Barbecues exist at the tennis courts and Stiggants Reserve. The need for more should be evaluated. Rehabilitating the river edge should only be done if absolutely necessary."

The concept of "vegetation gateways" at entry points to the village is rejected as being "foreign to Warrandyte".

The report calls for a "positive and official statement" that there will be "no road widening or major alignment changes to Yarra Street".

The separation of pedestrian, horse and bicycle traffic received considerable attention. The league finally decided that "if there is sufficient opportunity, and the number of horses warrant it, then horses should be kept separate from people."

WEL is against the proliferation of directional signs. Nor does it "wish to see shop signs 'over-prattified' as in some examples shown at the public meeting". It accepts, however, that "some rationalisation is needed".

The suggested new standard design for bus shelters is disliked. WEL preferring the design of the existing shelter at the bridge roundabout.

The report believes that the total re-organisation of kerbs and pavement surfaces is unnecessary. "Most people like the random changes," it says.

WEL believes the guidelines for buildings should apply to all new buildings. However, it points out that the "Heritage" color chart is more suited to historic buildings in inner areas.

## Police catch intruder . . . and a ribbing

by DAVID WYMAN

Burglary is not big business in Warrandyte. If it was then we'd see more of police helicopters, vans and cars converging on the scene of the crime, just like they did at Warrandyte Primary School recently.

But hopefully without the red faces at the end of the job.

It went like this. Warrandyte Police were

called to a suspected break-in at the school. Senior Constable Glenn Pinder took the job and called for back-up.

Two Doncaster police were soon there and a police helicopter screamed above. With all this threatening armor, the intruder took off "like a frightened rabbit", running into Brackenbury Street. Right in front of the Doncaster police car. The two constables leapt out and soon arrested the offender.

But their car wasn't braked, you see. It rolled down the hill with one of our neighbouring constables in very hot pursuit. It came to rest against a tree and suffered considerable frontal injuries.

And yes, the intruder was charged with burglary and theft of about \$40 by Warrandyte police (who told us this story with just a little glee). A later search led to further charges with the discovery of \$10,000 worth of stolen property in a house.

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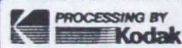
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Their name may be Lost Property but they seem to have found a role.

# Lost Property find a valuable niche

Six young local musicians have begun to realise their dreams of being paid for doing something they love.

The group, known as Lost Property, came together to play for the Warrandyte High School dance last year. They continued to jam together and played at parties and this year's Warrandyte Festival. After many hours of practice their act has really come together.

They appear monthly at Nicholson's Hotel in Nicholson Street, Carlton where the crowds which they draw have amazed the proprietor, who originally agreed to "give them a go". He is happy to pay them now and intends using banners outside the hotel to advertise their gigs.

Band manager and wild rhythm guitarist, Paul Buck, has been playing guitar for more than 11 years.

At 20, Paul is the stabilising influence on the group. Working as a carpenter and a volunteer fire-

fighter for North Warrandyte, he still insists that music is his life.

Lead guitarist Miles Geldard has been playing since he was eight. Now 18 and studying graphic design, he puts his music just before restoring his much-loved jeep.

Dave Mooney, an apprentice plumber and keen sportsman, plays a mean bass guitar. Dave has been playing for four years and has introduced his girlfriend, Yvette Hearn, to provide excellent backing vocals for the group. A VCE student and keen sportswoman, Yvette fitted in quickly with the group and obviously makes it easier for Dave to keep band practice a top priority.

Drummer Jamie Ferguson looks the seasoned performer after pounding the skins for nine years. Parents Tim and Libby have had to cope with the lengthy and frequent practice sessions as the drums are difficult to relocate. Apparently Jamie's neighbors do still speak to

him. He is also studying graphic design.

The sixth group member is Justin Macdonald, guitarist and lead singer. Rumor has it that Justin started humming when his grade three teacher was disciplining him. Warrandyte Primary School choir was an early outlet for song apart from the bathroom. A melodious voice developed just in time to quell the scream of Heavy Metal, his private passion. Justin's guitar rarely leaves his side, except when he is at work at Myer.

Lost Property concentrates on popular rock from the 60s through to the present, appealing to all ages. They hire John Zigmantas to mix for them and he offers them great support. Group members have begun to write their own material, which is proving very popular.

They are available for private functions by contacting Paul Buck on 844 2204.

JUDY MACDONALD

## Littlies boot on to victory

Warrandyte Vickick Clinic took part in the Little League Match at Prince's Park on Saturday June 10. Robert and Peter Williamson, Justin Edwards, Tristian Martin, Adam Burbidge and captain Simon Glendenning represented Fitzroy, who won 2-1-13 to North Melbourne no score.

Best player was Simon Glendenning, scoring two goals, who went on to represent Fitzroy in four more matches. Well done boys.

The parents who helped with the organisation of the day were Roger Glendenning, Rob Edwards, Jim Burbidge and Sue Martin.

## Child care

The Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-operative would like to thank the Warrandyte Community Market for its donation of \$100. The money will go towards much-needed equipment for the centre, as will the proceeds from the Wine and Cheese Night which is to be held at the centre in Masonic Avenue on September 8 at 8 pm. The cost is \$5 per head and a light supper will be provided. The wines will be supplied by Warrandyte Cellars.

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## Second year of success for CAB

The Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau has celebrated its second year. This is an edited text of the report given to the annual meeting last month by co-ordinator Louise Joy.

During the past year, the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau has become established at the Old Post Office. Physically, the office has been equipped through gifts of furniture from individuals, from Warrandyte Lions Club (the notice boards), from the Market Committee (the information shelves), the State Bank (the sandwich board) and through the continual ingenuity of volunteers.

Jennifer Curwood, while pamphlet co-ordinator, discovered the card racks about to be thrown out by the milk bar. Joan Mann has brought pot plants and many donations through rattling the contributions box made by Ted Rotherham, of the Warrandyte Historical Society; the potters group of the Warrandyte Arts Association donated our terracotta pots.

Basil Holland converted an old kitchen table and covered the information storage shelves and has done innumerable jobs. Dawson's office contributed the secretarial time of Violetta, postage and paper for AGM invitations and committee of management minutes.

The central functions of the Citizens Advice Bureau are information and referral. Since the formation of the Warrandyte Neighborhood House in 1989, the groups that were all held in the WCAB in 1989 — transport, parenting, special topics — have transferred to the site which will be the new Warrandyte Community Centre.

There is a constant referral of callers to other organisations in the community and new residents have found the bureau a useful first port of call. There is a particularly close link with the Warrandyte Historical Society, for whom volunteers sell books, and give callers the grand tour around the photo display. Sales are also made at the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau for the Warrandyte Arts Association.

The Community Information Workers' Course (one day per week for 12 weeks) is the training organised by the Victorian Association of Citizens Advice Bureau through TAFE colleges. Four volunteers completed the course at Preston TAFE in 1988 and seven volunteers completed the one-day basic training course. Roll call: Janet Rowe, Diana Dawson, Lin Chandler, Helen Steel, Marie Stevenson, Joan Mann, Cheryl Bushby, Joyce Wilks, Myrna Manton, Gina Jones, John Cox, Basil Holland, Ineke Hoekveen, Kim Elsworth, Ruth Smith and Tom Sinclair.

Nell Charlwood and Sally George have continued to work on the information systems. The card index system continues to grow and be updated. The Box Hill Library Community computer system link update is another enormous task. Myrna Manton has taken on social security. Helen Steel, with the assistance of Doll Holland, is co-ordinating the pamphlet ordering.

Honorary consultants to the Bureau are Cindy Wilson (town planning), Jan Davies (financial counselling), Ainslie Lamb (legal), Colin Bentley (transport, work care), Bruce Bence (Warrandyte history) and Louise Joy (social worker). New legal advisers for 1989 will be Peter Gardiner and Lou Hill.

Saturday and Sunday volunteers have been recruited for answering tourist enquiries. Most people seem to enjoy this, gaining knowledge of Warrandyte and meeting interesting people from interstate and overseas. Ian Keyter has been a regular on Saturday and on Sundays; Joan Mann has filled in gaps.

For the past 18 months I have been working each day as co-ordinator of the bureau. In the future Sally George will be assistant co-ordinator; Jenny Harkin and Gina Jones will interview prospective volunteers. Kathy Hoskin will do the minutes.

Every volunteer is precious, and so precious that we find jobs for everyone to do.

# Cr Counsellor steps down

Continuing ill-health has at last forced Warrandyte's Ken McKenzie to retire after serving six years hard labor on Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

Elected in 1983 on the retirement of Cr John Scott, Ken came to council with more than 20 years of service to the Warrandyte community already behind him.

He had founded the Warrandyte Community Youth Club, been president of the football club and vice-president of the local RSL for a number of years. He served on the committee of the Warrandyte Primary School and was (and still is) a justice of the peace and voluntary local youth counsellor. Which is really only half of it.

A clinical psychologist by profession, Ken has helped more people through times of crisis than anyone will ever know. He has always been there, at any time of the day or night, offering encouragement, hope, good counsel and practical assistance. Sometimes life-saving assistance.

It is no wonder then that social welfare and human service issues figured prominently in his cam-

paign when Ken was finally persuaded to stand for council. Unpopular issues, some would have us believe. Services that would cost the ratepayers money. But these are the things Ken has always stood for. And he prevailed, to be elected by a resounding majority in a two-way contest.

During his first term, Ken was able to achieve much of what he had promised. He was instrumental in having child care centres built at Warrandyte and Doncaster East and a pre-school centre provided at Doncaster East.

It was largely Ken's lobbying that resulted in new sports pavilions at Warrandyte, Stintons Road and Doncaster East. He worked untiringly for indoor sports facilities at Park Orchards and at Donvale High School and for the outstanding theatre and gymnasium complex at Warrandyte High School.

Children and young people; these have always been Ken's first priority. The plight of local young unemployed led to the formation of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative. With Jean Chapman, Ken worked as volun-



Ken McKenzie: he never stopped working

teer co-manager during the co-op's hard first years. Real hands-on stuff.

Nor were the elderly neglected. The happy residents of the Stig-

gants Street units know how much they owe to Ken's persistent hard work.

A recital of Ken's involvement in local issues over the years reads like a recent history of our town.

He fought against commercial over-development at the West End, convinced Doncaster and Eltham councils that they should contribute \$17,500 each to save the historic slab cottage, and his was the lone voice at council, arguing against commercial development of the community centre site.

He spoke up forcefully against closer density housing and dual occupancy in the township and was successful, with the other Warrandyte Ward councillors, in turning council completely around on this issue.

Not for Ken McKenzie the easy, unopposed road into council. He was challenged by two opponents in 1986, but a grateful community rallied to his defence and he was returned, once again with an absolute majority.

Ken did not act alone. That was never his style. Many other local residents, his ward colleagues —

Cr's Anne Martin, Chris Day and Vern Denford — were usually in there fighting with him. But Ken was often the catalyst, the one most sensitive to the wishes of the community.

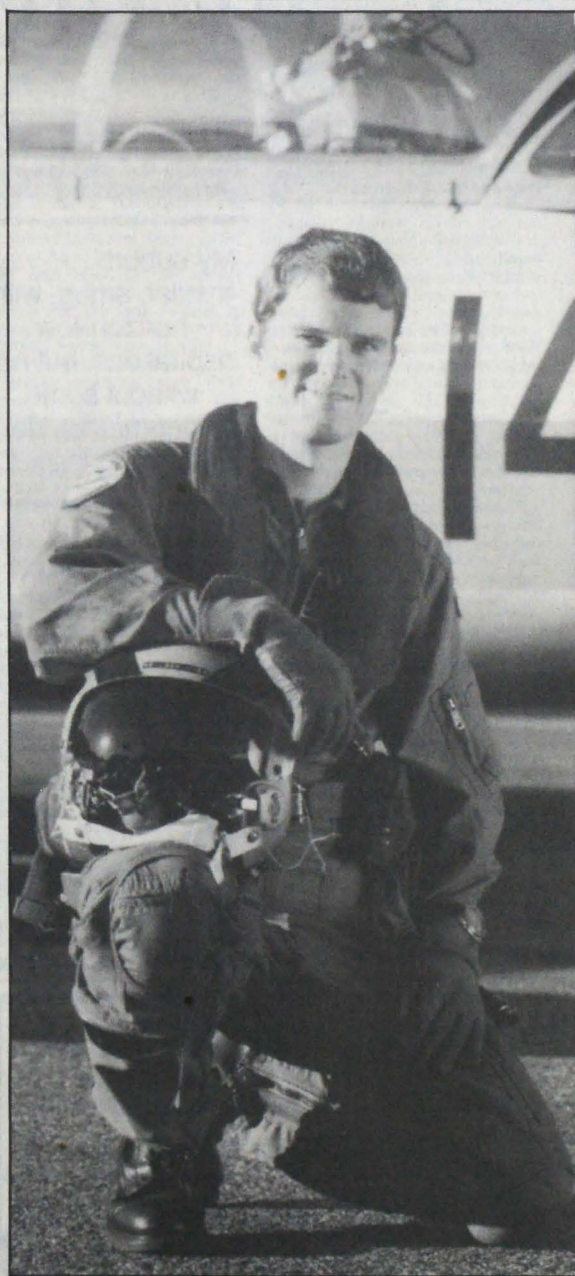
Through all this time Ken has remained chairman of the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, the body responsible for publishing the Diary. His advice, encouragement and many hours of practical assistance help keep this newspaper going. He was recently elected chairman of directors of his beloved co-op.

The people of Warrandyte thank you, Ken, for six years hard labor. They thank you for your commitment and your understanding, your sacrifice and your dedication, your wisdom and your humanity.

And they have been hard years, especially the latter ones, when you have often battled on despite serious illness.

Finally, thank you, Cecily McKenzie, for all that you have had to bear. Only you can really know how hard those years have been.

CLIFF GREEN



Gareth Neilson of Warrandyte is among the 20 young men who graduated recently from the pilots' course at Pearce RAAF Base in Western Australia.

Graduation was the culmination of 30 weeks training and 60 hours flying in CT-4 Airtrainers at No.1 Flying Training School at Point Cook in Victoria, followed by 38 weeks training and a further 150 hours flying in Macchi aircraft at No.2 Flying Training School at Pearce.

Pilot Officer Neilson grew up in Niddrie and lived for a time in Sunshine but moved to Warrandyte and completed his secondary education there, winning a Caltex

## Gareth is flying high

award for best all-round student.

He joined the RAAF and attended the RAAF Academy and ADFA, graduating with a Bsc. He completed a year at the School of Air Force Studies and was then posted to join No. 148 Pilots' Course.

Gareth has now been recommended for a posting to fly strike aircraft.

## REVIEW

Judy MacDonald

## 'Gone to Blazes' had real fire

If, as we suspect, the Mechanics Institute is kept standing by frequent gusts of laughter and loud bursts of applause, then the North Warrandyte CFA has done its bit to ensure it a long future.

North's show, 'Gone to Blazes', playing over three nights in August, certainly drew plenty of laughter and applause from the audience, and as a fundraising first, the review was a winner.

Written by the much-enjoyed Carol Cole and directed most professionally by Anita Baragwanath, 'Gone to Blazes' drew more than 80 per cent of its cast and crew from brigade members and their families, which, in Anita's words, "achieved the initial goal of using home-grown talent."

That many of the performers were making their stage debut was certainly not obvious. Costume and timing were excellent and the show combined a nice mix of humor and song.

Some voices were quite exceptional and well received, including that of Sue Dyring, a popular performer with the WAA, who with Jock McNeish, Jonathan Ashley and Alan Cornell performed as The Sneakers.

The Sneakers brought the house down with their version of Morning Town Ride, which poked fun at the Sunday morning CFA ritual and siren.

Another fine voice was that of Mike Allen, a former lieutenant with the CFA, while Mandy Stevens brought lumps to a few throats with her rendition of 'Wind Beneath My Wings'.

Carol Cole's romp through Europe and the South Seas as Noreen — a typical Aussie abroad — with her husband, Herb, played by none other than the captain himself, John Swindley, provided the focal point for the sets and the continuity of the theme. The audience loved the voluble Noreen and longsuffering Herb, on their overseas trip won from Harry Heath's.

The large cast played characters ranging from belly dancers' slaves and eunuchs, dancing to music from the inscrutable snake charmer, Paul Batrouney; the Tanker sisters presenting the foot-stamping 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy', to the outback ranchers and cowboys of Oklahoma.

The whole cast worked very well together, or so it seemed from the auditorium, where, in the Warrandyte way, the whole audience worked very well together at eating, drinking and being generally merry.

## Church fete on again

Lightning sketches, badge making and a lucky spinning wheel will be just some of the fun activities at the Anglican Church fete at St. Stephen's Stiggart Street, Warrandyte, on Saturday, September 2, from 9 am to 3 pm.

The parish fete, organised by St Stephen's and Emmanuel, Park Orchards, should have loads of fun for young and old with bargains galore and special entertainment for the children.

Traditional home-made bread and cakes, sweets, jams plus gourmet foods will be on sale. A bar-

becue, as well as satays and baked potatoes, will be served at lunch-time and Devonshire teas throughout the day.

Stalls will feature hand-made garments for all ages, secondhand clothing, books and records. The ever-popular white elephant stall will be back again and a wide array of native plants will be on sale.

A monster raffle will be drawn at 2.30 pm.

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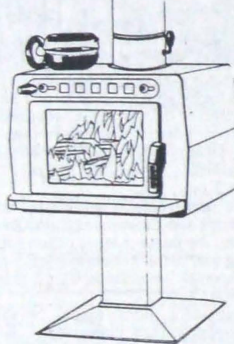
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### Confessions of a Renaissance man



By ROGER KIBELL

You can hardly call Warrandyte shopping centre Las Vegas. True, it does have a certain laconic charm, a gentleness and understated enmity that appeals to one at certain times and stages of life, but it would never have satisfied me as a child.

Life in my childhood suburb, which shall remain nameless, was comfortable. Very little ruffled our security and peace of mind. I could spend month after month without any major disturbance affecting my lifestyle.

We had sufficient money, my parents were happy together, our house was hardly Warrandytian in dimensions but it was adequate. I don't think, however, I want to experience ever again the penetrating cold I suffered. One ineffective briquette heater in the living room was so inadequate that my bedroom, which led directly off the living room, was polar.

All winter the sheets felt wet and my walls were the inspiration for the Arts Centre water window. The only time I have been colder in Australia, was camping under canvas at Ayers Rock in the winter.

My suburb typified lower middle-class Australia in the fifties and sixties. It was insular, smug, with horizon-low aspirations but not without some monumental life-shattering issues. Methodists were a worry and the Catholic girls had pierced ears. Redeemingly, their churches were attractive.

As we lived on a corner and had a paling fence the depth of our block, frequently we had to endure the sound of a stick being hurried along the fence, much to the irritation of our demented cocker spaniel. Issues such as these left us agonising. Relief from life's frustrations and self-centred adolescent worries was gained by a walk along The Strip — Las Vegas.

Warrandyte kids eat your hearts out. You haven't lived! A short, flat walk of one block and I was in paradise.

The Strip was enormously long; not your piddling six or seven shops, but at least six miles of excitement. Some Methodists have tried to tell me it was only half a mile long but you know what they're like.

If I were asked, told, to get some milk and bread, I would ride my bike to the corner shops, but The

## Drifting back to the street of my dreams

Strip was reserved for Saturday's promenading.

The railway station formed the epicentre of the shopping centre. As most people were perambulatory, the station was vital for business and social trips. Naturally, the local merchants capitalised on the locals' need to walk along the central road to their homes, hence the rise of capitalism and source of my adolescent joy. The major bus stops at Warrandyte are but insipid reflections of the glories of past, distant civilisations.

A proper, appreciative exploration of The Strip had to be organised with the precision of a developer's plan to carve up Till's Drive.

The west end of The Strip was a little too tawdry for my tastes. It had the automotive components' shop, a builders' suppliers, the shop-front library and some nonentity professional businesses.

Giltz came once you crossed the



railway line. I worked up to this with a quick browse of the corner shoe shop and the menswear shop, Scotts and son. Sure enough you could be served by either Mr Scotts

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or his son. My mother often brought home clothes from this shop for both my father and me to try on for size. Few self respecting males would waste their time shopping when Scotts provided such a try-out

The nearby bank was worth a visit but it was a bit daunting. Now, there was a real bank; solid, imposing, grey with heavy doors bearing brass handles. It was a privilege to be allowed to walk in the door; the sort of place that leads one to think that it's sort of your money — if they let you have it. That was a time when money was real; pennies and shillings and florins.

Buoyed by the heady heights of finance I was ready for the big stuff — Coles and Woolworths. They always came in pairs. It may have been apocryphal but the story went that Woolworths vowed to build a store in competition with Coles wherever Coles went. What bliss!

Being a child of some refinement, I always thought Woolworths a little down-market. It never had the bustling excitement of Coles and its merchandise wasn't suitably eclectic. I could always rely on Coles for some really weird goods but Woolworths was just a bit too pedestrian. Today, I can't look at Woolworths supermarkets without a tinge of pity.

Sports shops, the fish shop, butchers, grocers, Gas and Fuel Corporation, ladies underwear shops (snigger), furniture shops, newsagencies, cake shops, estate-agencies and the wonderful cinema billboards ere all essential calling places on my journey. For a few hours I lived a vicarious existence so different from the habitual ordinariness of my home.

Doing The Strip, I didn't meet many new people, but rubbed shoulders with throbbing vitality. For a short time I became the Renaissance man trapped in a stable boy's garb. Today, I can understand the Carlton and inner city mentality but I wouldn't want reality to intrude too much into the 'dyte. In my exotic Italy we didn't have pollution, violence (apart from yonny fights) and rampant yuppie-led inflation.

I'm not advocating that Warrandyte develop six miles of hedonism but, just every now, and then, I hanker for The Strip. I can only take so much of craft shops and environmental tat without even the chance to see the man in the station signal box turning the wheel to close the gates at the railway crossing.

Somehow, watching people snarling at feral prunus trees doesn't have the same appeal.

## Now-gone hostel was the first

By ANN CRAWFORD

Most residents of Warrandyte will be aware of the Youth Hostels Association, either through their own family members' involvement or from memories of the hostel which operated at Pound Bend until early 1986.

In September, YHA celebrates 50 years of hostelling in Australia. The Association was formed on September 4, 1939.

It was ironic that on the same day as Mr Menzies pledged Australia's full support to Britain at the start of World War Two, a meeting was held in Melbourne to form a Youth Hostels Association whose aims were to encourage and enable young people to travel and meet others in an atmosphere of tolerance, freedom and good companionship. The youth hostel movement had started in Germany in 1909 and had spread throughout Europe, Britain and to New Zealand.

Despite the war YHA got off to a good start and the hostel at Warrandyte played a significant part. It was the first YHA owned hostel in Australia. The property was leased to YHA in 1940 in a dilapidated condition.

Keen members worked many hours to make it habitable and several Melbourne businesses were pressed into donating equipment. The hostel at Warrandyte was leased from the (then) Department of Crown Lands and Survey after "Doc" Scholes (Dr A. G. Scholes) made approaches to the market gardener who was leasing the building and the land around it. The department then separated the land from the building by title.

The first hostellers were a party of school children and their teacher. During World War Two you would often find a party of aircraft workers or recruits, for example, staying over for the day or weekend as honorary membership had been given to all army personnel for the duration.

After the war, the hostel continued to be well-frequented, every weekend being booked for months ahead during the summer. It was the stopping-off spot for numerous walking and cycling trips and was also used in campaigns such as "Know Your Hostels" (1946), Work Parties were well attended and, indeed, were advertised as a "social event".

As a result of all the improvements made, Warrandyte was described in 1947 as a "first-rate hostel".

Warrandyte hostel's very proximity to the Yarra prompted the birth of a new activity, canoeing which could use the hostel as its base. This idea was well-received and, in June 1947, the YHA Canoe Touring Section was "launched". Work was started on a canoe shed in the hostel grounds a few months



The Pound Bend hostel in its heyday.

later. In addition to cycling and walking, canoeing weekends were now held. Later on, however, the number of people using the hostel dwindled and the YHA closed the centre in 1986 when the lease ran out.

The second significant event to take place at Warrandyte was the inaugural meeting of The Australian Youth Hostels Association, held at the hostel on the weekend of January 25-26, 1947. Representatives from New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia and South Australia met to form a national association so that Australian members could receive reciprocal rights with all other countries where hostelling was established.

On Sunday September 3, YHA 50th anniversary celebrations will be held at the site of the hostel, at the end of Pound Bend Road, during which a memorial will be unveiled by Kay Setches, Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, to commemorate the first YHA Hostel in Australia and the venue of the inaugural meeting of AYHA. All residents of Warrandyte who wish to renew their memories or acquaint themselves with YHA as it is today are invited to attend. It is to be a family day when

folks may bring a picnic or barbecue lunch from noon. From 2.15 pm the Paraddiddle Bush Band will entertain and at 3 pm the memorial will be unveiled. There will be a tree planting ceremony, and afternoon tea will be served.

It is rewarding to know that from that small start in Melbourne and Warrandyte in 1939 has grown a Youth Hostels Association in Victoria with 38,000 members and 23 hostels. There are now 123,000 members and some 150 hostels throughout Australia and a worldwide network in more than 70 countries.

YHA is the world's largest travel association, doing a great job in enabling young people from all over the world to meet and learn of each others' countries and cultures in an atmosphere of tolerance, freedom and friendship. YHA membership is available to all — juniors, individuals, families, school and youth groups — there are no age restrictions. Further information may be obtained from YHA Victoria, 205 King Street, Melbourne, or by phoning 670 7991.

(Ann Crawford is vice president of YHA Victoria)

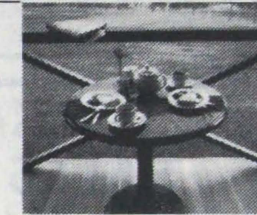
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## 'Dragon Girl' promises fire

The kids from Warrandyte Primary School are fronting up again this year with yet another new musical.

information is that this promises to be the biggest and best show ever.

It was written by locals Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara with Lyn Bartlett from Donvale. Two of the previous shows 'Kids in Space' and 'Currawong Creek', have been published recently and are in demand all over Australia.

Public performance dates for 'Dragon Girl' are Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 7. Tickets are on sale at the school.

The Karralika Theatre in Ringwood will be the venue for the world premiere of 'Dragon Girl', a fantasy-adventure story that the organisers maintain will have the audience glued to its seats.

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Some individuals — Cliff Green, for his work on the brochure and publicity; Bruce Bence, for ably organising everything with assistance from Graeme Atkinson; Jackie Law and Lee Horne for fund raising — received our special thanks.

However we also thank the many others, those who letter boxed the entire ward, those who handed out how-to-vote cards on the day or acted as scrutineers. They worked to ensure that the ward was represented by councillors whom they considered would act in their best interests.

We feel honored to have received such strong support from all over the ward. We anticipate a very busy time ahead and to working hard, and look forward to receiving continuing support.

Val Polley and Rob Gell

## LETTERS

helped with a telephone, hot drinks and words of comfort, particularly for my son Daniel, during the event.

RIP, little car — you may have been old but you gave us plenty of faithful service over the years.

Lin Chandler,  
Dingley Dell Road

## Childminding is possible

It was with great pleasure I heard Warrandyte was going to have a Community Centre. What a disappointment to hear no child minding facilities were to be incorporated into the building. As a sole parent with no family living nearby (and most mothers seem to fit into either or both these categories these days), I rely guiltily on friends to mind my children when I need to go to the most basic appointments.

I read last month your article reporting on the progress of the centre. You wrote: "Although new regulations will not permit the building of any childminding facilities at the centre." Utter rubbish! It is totally untrue; regulations have been changed recently and will most certainly permit childminding facilities to be built, however they will now cost more.

Hundreds of women in Warrandyte will require childminding whilst using the centre during the day, as they will be the main users at this time. Both an outside playground (what about wet weather?) and Warrandyte East Occasional Child Care are a band aid solution. Warrandyte East Occasional Child Care, I might add, costs the City of Doncaster and Templestowe nothing, it is open only three mornings

per week for 2 1/2 hours with four places available (always full) to leave children. It has a waiting list.

The Warrandyte Co-op Child Care Centre has an even longer waiting list. I have been on this list for eight months to have my toddler stay half a morning per week. I am still waiting.

Should the community centre be built without child minding facilities, I predict that in a few years or even months the need will be so great for this, due to public pressure, it will be introduced at a far greater expense. These should be built into the plans. Mothers and children need a break!

Paula Pekel,  
Yarra Street

## Leave the plum trees

I am heartily sick and tired of "Johnnie come lateys" telling us how to clean up or alter our township, with the most disastrous results. Now the cherry plum trees. I join the other protestors. Live through a bushfire or two before you think of removing our natural non-native fire breaks.

Betty Lavender,  
Warrandyte

## Pining for the pines

Rip out the school pines because they are a fire hazard? They have survived the worst fires in memory.

Rip out the school pines because of the danger to the school children? I hope they would be evacuated long before a fire got that close to the school.

Rip out the school pines and plant lawn? How SUBURBAN.

Shirley Rotherham

## Take a bow, firefighters

Couldn't let a *Diary* go by without expressing our gratitude to the local CFA volunteers who tried in vain to save our car when she lit up the night sky last Tuesday (ironically, we were on the way to open up Neighborhood House for a stress management session!).

Many thanks also to neighbors Gary and Sarah and friends who

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Cradling in the Yarra at Warrandyte, around the era of Yankee Jim.

## The times of Yankee Jim

By CLIFF GREEN

Yankee Jim wasn't a "yank" at all. He was a Canadian, born on Prince Edward Island, then part of the province of Nova Scotia. But he did come to Victoria via the Californian goldfields, arriving in Melbourne in May 1853.

His proper name was James McAvoy. The rush to California had brought him no riches, but it had infected him with a serious dose of gold fever, a "sickness" that was to persist throughout a hard, adventurous, poverty-haunted life. He was about 22 when he arrived in Melbourne. Buying a few supplies, he lost no time in heading for the nearest goldfield, at Anderson's Creek.

James McAvoy's story has been well told in 'The Yarra Miner', a little book written by Jan Miller and Isabell Buckland of Yellingbo and published by the authors. Attractively produced, the book is illustrated with a number of photographs, many of them from the Warrandyte Historical Society's collection.

Even as early as 1853, Anderson's Creek was described as "about two miles of streets lined on both sides with tents." But alluvial gold was already hard to find, Jim had no luck and was forced back to Melbourne, where he found both work as a laborer and a young wife, one Mary Jordan, aged 21.

After saving a little money they headed for the goldfields once more, to Queenstown on the Calcedonia Diggings, beyond Kangaroo Ground. But this was a rough field, and after their first child Thomas was born, and before their second arrived, James had relocated his little family at Anderson's Creek, where some semblances of civilisation were beginning to appear.

He built a hut and survived, flossicking on the almost worked-out field. But the now heavily-polluted Yarra River that flowed past his door beckoned Jim towards its pristine, largely unexplored upper reaches. Publican Patrick Geraghty agreed to grub stake him for a while, and after filling Mary's cupboards with provisions, Jim headed upriver.

He reached the new strike at Yarra Junction, only to find its promise already diminished. So he pushed on further through the forest, reaching the district now called Warburton. Other miners joined him, including his Brother John, who had followed him out from Prince Edward Island a few years before.

Most of the others drifted away, but James McAvoy stayed. He had already been tagged "Yankee Jim", and soon this field became known as Yankee Jim's. He explored and prospected even further upstream and down, discovering a number of creeks, two of which still bear his nickname.

By 1864 Mary and his family — now numbering four children — had come to join him in his small bark hut, but the little gold he won seldom lifted their income above subsistence level. The rich strike, the glittering nugget eluded him. The McAvoy's had six children by 1867, and Mary journeyed down to Lilydale for the birth of number seven.

Finally they returned to Ander-

son's Creek, by now generally known as Warrandyte. But the place had changed. Alluvial gold was exhausted and companies were employing men to sink deeper shafts and hew longer tunnels out of the rock. The stamp of batteries echoed along the gullies.

In 1880 Jim McAvoy ceased his prospecting life and became a "quartz reefer", working with his sons the McAvoy Quartz Claim at Warrandyte. But it was nearly all over for this battling, rough-hewn Canadian. Hard work and hard drink took its toll, and in 1884 aged only 57, James McAvoy succumbed to erysipelas, a contagious skin infection, usually accompanied by a high fever and then often fatal.

Within a few years two of Jim's young sons — Richard and James — were dead from lung complaints exacerbated by mining in dusty and damp conditions. Mary died of a cerebral haemorrhage in 1890.

'The Yarra Miner' is available for sale at the Warrandyte Historical Society's museum, beside the Opportunity Shop in Yarra Street and open every Sunday Afternoon.

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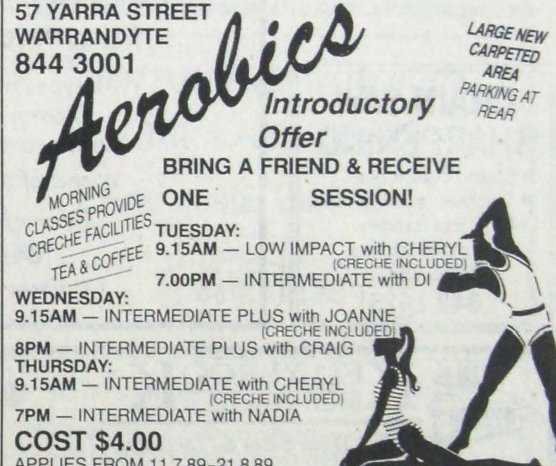
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## Birthday bush bash for school

The Warrandyte South Primary School will hold its 85th anniversary bush fair on September 9 from 10 am to 4 pm at the school in Hall Road.

The fair will have all the usual stalls and entertainment including white elephant, plants, crafts, show-bags, lucky dips, lucky jars and envelopes, badge making, hair and face painting, plaster cast making, mini-golf putting competition and pony rides.

To keep with the 85th birthday theme there will be traditional games, including gumboot and cowpat throwing competitions and skittles. Stall keepers will be dressed in old-fashioned costumes.

Highlights of the day will include a reunion of past students and teachers, from 11 am. There will be a display of photos and memorabilia about the school. A commemorative wine selection, recipe and history books will be available.

The Croydon Narrow Gauge Railway Group will stage a model railway exhibition. The Warrandyte Environment League and The Friends of the Warrandyte State Park will be on hand to show which plants to grow in the area.

The school children will be giving bush dancing displays during the day.

Plenty of food is planned including a barbecue and spit roast, baked potatoes, doughnut and coffee stand, devonshire tea, cakes, fairy floss and sweets.

## Foul murder, sweet charity

August, 1889: Our surroundings have not certainly been of the most pleasant nature lately, culminating in the recent murder at Ringwood.

The unfortunate man has not left any surroundings that could give a trace or clue for the motive for the wretched and cowardly deed, but that a murder has been committed there seems to be little doubt.

It is to be hoped that the inevitable "murder will out" may be demonstrated in this instance.

A very successful concert, &c., was held in the State school here on Friday evening, 16th inst., in aid of the family of the late Mr Philip Belzer.

The program was a varied one. The accompaniments, singing and recitations were of a superior character, and all combined to make the success achieved. Miss Clara Gardner and Mrs Smedley in the former, and the ladies and gentlemen who took their part in the latter, not forgetting the farce.

The recognition by the public was very pronounced, and cheering

### How We Lived

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

and encores were the order of the day.

Mr Wm. Collins ably occupied the chair. The piano was kindly lent by Miss Symington, our popular schoolmaster's sister and assistant.

The dance immediately afterwards took place in Mr Grant's Hall, and was largely attended, everybody enjoying themselves thoroughly. Great praise is due to the gentlemen who have carried this good object out to a deserved success.

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in general. Approval of the project would constitute a bad precedent in planning.

In a written submission, WEL said: "The league contends that the current long-standing zoning remains appropriate in terms of the sensitive locality, as the site adjoins the state park, river reserve and other Conservation A land. The site is also important in district landscape terms."

The proposed development was completely out of scale and charac-

ter when compared with the Stonehouse and the immediate surrounding area, WEL said.

But the consultants' submission says that the site environment "is substantially affected by urban activities" and that "the building has been designed to be non-intrusive from all public angles and to blend with the environment".

Last year, an application for a permit to use the Stonehouse as a restaurant by the previous owners was rejected by council as inappropriate for the site.

## McDonald welcomes guide for greenies

Max McDonald, the Member for Whittlesea, has welcomed the launch of a manual for local governments wishing to set up their own conservation strategies.

The manual, released by the Minister for Planning and Environment and believed to be a world first, is entitled 'Looking Forward: A guide to Preparing a Local Conservation Strategy'.

"Municipalities and community groups are becoming very keen to implement the local aspects of the state conservation strategy and the manual offers practical advice on how to do that," Mr McDonald said.

Mr McDonald said the local strategies were the ultimate step in the process which began with the World Strategy in 1980, followed by the Australian National Strategy in 1983 and the Victorian plan in 1987.

The pilot conservation strategies — in Heidelberg and in the Shire of Heytesbury in the Western District — have progressed well since beginning last year and were used in developing the manual.

The manual addresses issues such as reducing air and water pollution, minimising waste, recycling, conserving energy and using land wisely and suggests concrete actions on all of these subjects.

"By looking at those issues, the local community plays a major role in reducing emissions of greenhouse gases," Mr McDonald said.

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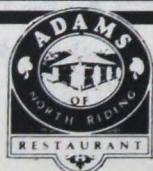
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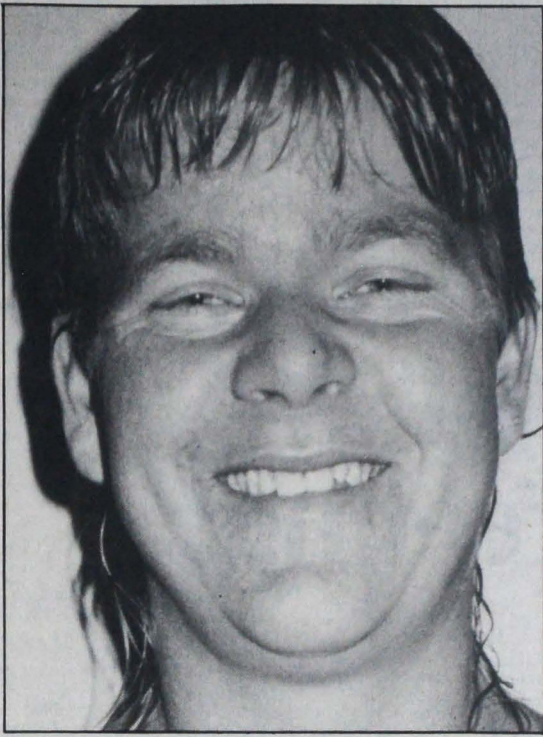
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# Snowy, the great survivor



Tracy (Snowy) Prior

Less than 12 months ago, Tracy (Snowy) Prior was thinking merely of survival. Next month he will be running for Australia.

Tracy, 27, of Fossickers Way, leaves on September 5 with 49 other Australian competitors and a "spectator fleet" of 100 for the Transplant Olympics in Singapore. It is something his wildest imagination had never entertained when, in September last year, he became Victoria's third liver transplant recipient.

"To be honest, I'd never heard of the Transplant Olympics at that stage," Tracy told the Diary. "I was looking just to survive."

"Now I'm looking forward not only to these games, but to the next, in England two years hence. I'll really be striving for that."

Tracy had been given six months to live before he received the donor liver at the Austin Hospital. He knew the chances of rejection were high and that there was a one-in-three chance he would die within 12 months.

Since then, he has returned to his trade as a plumber — something specialists had told him he would never do — and resumed an active role at Warrandyte Football Club. A former player, he trains regularly with the Bloods and is general assistant to the coach.

"A lot of people think transplant recipients are more or less vegetables," he said. "One of the aims of the Olympics is to show

that we are not, that we can lead virtually a normal life.

"There are things I can't do. I can't play footy (or any other contact sport), which is the thing I'd like to do most."

"But, it's a small sacrifice to make."

The Transplant Olympics will be held from September 10-15. Tracy will compete in five events (the maximum individual quota), including the marathon (five kilometres), 1500 metres and long jump.

His wife De will be in Singapore for five days of the games. She would love to stay for their duration, but has pressing responsibilities at home keeping tabs on livewire son Loughlan, 15 months. And the Priors are expecting their second child in November.

Tracy is one of only three liver-transplant recipients in the Australian team, which includes 20 Victorians. Most are kidney or bone-marrow recipients.

He has no visions of bringing home gold. "There are 39 countries involved and some of the competitors are exceptional athletes," he said. "But just being there, being well again and having a go will be a great feeling."

Tracy said the games would underline the need for and value of transplant donors.

"Without them we wouldn't be here," he said.

## A world on wheels for Grant



Grant Hodson

Champion Warrandyte motorcyclist Grant Hodson is making a brief "pit stop" at home before resuming his international racing career.

Grant, 28, of Pound Bend, returned to Australia to renew his visa — and acquaintances with his family and friends — between events on the tough Japanese Formula One circuit.

He joined the circuit this year after winning the 1988 Suzuki World Cup in Spain.

Grant, who aims to be world 500cc Grand Prix champion by 1991, will return to Japan to tackle the World Superbike Championship, and on the strength of his most recent performance must be rated a top chance.

Riding for the Hayashi team with fellow-Australian Rod Cox, he finished 18th after crashing in the first lap of the Suzuka Eight-hour Endurance Race for F1 class machines.

"The crash cost us three laps and left us last of the 60 bikes in the event," Grant said.

"We had other mishaps after that and we were delighted to finish so close to the winners."

Grant hopes to be back home for the Australian Grand Prix on Phillip Island next April.

## Call for kids

Warrandyte Basketball Club is seeking young recruits for the new season.

Any aspiring boy or girl aged six and upwards is invited to participate in Australia's fastest-growing sport.

The new season starts in mid-October and games are played on Saturdays.

The contact is Cheryl Clark (844 118).

## Tennis club to serve up another Goldtown ace

Many big names in Australian tennis will be in Warrandyte for next month's Goldtown Open.

Warrandyte Tennis Club will host the event — which this year has Victorian Tennis Association computer points rating — from September 14-17.

Past Goldtowns have attracted such players as Todd Woodbridge, Jason Stoltenberg, Johann Anderson, Richard Fromberg, Nicole Provis, Ann Minter and Christine Radford.

Last year's winners were local player Ian Peter-Budge and Bernadette Randall.

But the tournament caters for all levels of ability, not merely players with big reputations.

Anyone is welcome to complete an entry form, which are available from the clubhouse or by phoning Tom Kerkhoff on 844 3970.

There are singles and doubles graded men's and women's events on the programme.

Matches will be scheduled day and night to ensure that as many people as possible are able to see the action. Bar and kiosk facilities will be available throughout the tournament.

The Goldtown Open is the first leg of a "double" which has really put Warrandyte on the Victorian tennis map.

The second — the Masters, which culminates the satellite circuit — will be held in November.



Ann Minter (above) and Nicole Provis, two of the big names who have helped to put the Goldtown Open on the Australian tennis map.



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# A milestone in sight as fund for Madge kicks on

Two more major fund-raising efforts could inject almost \$45,000 into the appeal for crippled Warrandyte footballer Gary (Madge) Allsop.

Warrandyte Football Club is about to launch a raffle — with a first prize of a trip for two to the United States — which it hopes will raise \$30,000.

And a target of \$14,000 has been set for a disco night at the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon on September 3.

If both targets are met, it would put the appeal total in sight of \$100,000.

WFC hopes to sell 15,000

tickets in the raffle, at \$2 each. Tickets will be on sale throughout Warrandyte and through all clubs in the Eastern Districts Football League.

The raffle will be drawn at the EDFL presentation night at Rembrandt's Restaurant, Wantirna South, on October 18.

The disco night is a joint effort by the Dorset Gardens and Tasman Talents Pty Ltd, an agency associated with Allsop — a night club disc jockey — and his colleagues in the Melbourne entertainment industry.

Admission will be \$10 a head. All door money and 50 per cent

## The Gary Allsop appeal

of the bar profit will go to the fund. The organisers are hoping for a crowd of 1000.

The night will feature a top band, artists including Wendy Stapleton, Jim Keays (of Masters Apprentices) and leading DJs.

Tickets are available from the Dorset Gardens and, at the local club, from Helen Revell (344 7105 BH, 844 3887), Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573) and Jenny Walshe (876 3719).

First Prize in the WFC raffle is

valued at \$4500. Donated by Qantas and Traveland, with the support of Boronia Football Club, it includes three nights in Honolulu, four nights in Los Angeles and a trip to Disneyland.

Other prizes are a landscape painting, a catered dinner for six in your own home, a valuable watch, a unique hand-turned table lamp and dinner for two at Pancakes on the Yarra.

"We'll have tickets available at every selling point in Warrandyte," Mrs Revell, chief co-

ordinator of the Gary Allsop Trust Fund, told the Diary. "But we are looking for people who might be able to sell a book at work or among friends at home.

"We would love to hear from anyone who wants a ticket or is prepared to sell tickets."

Again, the contacts are Mrs Revell, Mrs Walshe and Mr Giles-Peters.

The Gary Allsop appeal will also benefit from the EDFL Grand Final Breakfast at the Dorset Gardens on Saturday, September 30. Proceeds will also be directed to an appeal for the

family of Mitcham player Greg Pimm, who died of a heart attack during a game on June 17. Tickets to the breakfast are \$40, all inclusive.

A benefit night for the Pimm family will be held at Chaucers, Canterbury Road, Canterbury, on Friday, August 18. Admission is \$50 a head and tickets are available from the league (762 5766) or from Peter Toohey (726 0135, 873 3792).

Donations to the Gary Allsop Trust fund should be addressed to PO Box 151, Warrandyte, 3113. Mrs Revell welcomes inquiries.

## Coach begs to differ

Warrandyte's under-18s can thank a sceptical coach for their appearance in the EDFL final.

Bill Luttick, one of the best coaches of juniors in this town's football history, wasn't entirely convinced by the league's declaration that Coldstream had beaten the young Bloods for fourth spot by 0.17 percentage points.

He was right. At Bill's insistence, the league double-checked and found Warrandyte had snuck in by 0.7. That amounts to about five behinds in the course of the entire season.

Warrandyte cut it fine on the wrong side of the ledger in the first semi-final against Upper Ferntree Gully. They lost by two points.

## Big night

VFL grand final day (September 30) will be a spitroast, sip and sit-down affair at Warrandyte Football Club again this year.

The club will repeat last year's highly-successful function at the social rooms.

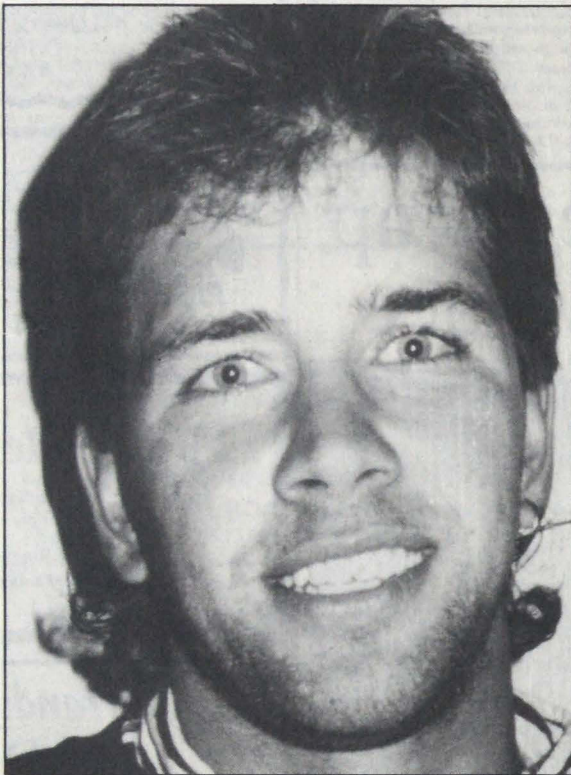
The grand final will be shown on the big screen, and it's \$10 a head.

Warrandyte's presentation night will be held on Show Day eve, September 27, at Alfred's Home-stead. Tickets, at \$30 a head, are available from Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573), Jenny Walshe (876 3719) and Shane Revell (844 3887).

## Blue movie

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a "Blues Brothers Night" at the social rooms on Saturday, August 19. It's a "dress-up" affair in keeping with a video screening of the John Baluchi-Dan Ackroyd hit movie. The fun starts at 7.30 pm and supper will be provided.

# Two to go — Bloods have that grand final feeling!



Gerald Walshe, one of Warrandyte's best in the first semi-final against Fair Park.

Warrandyte advanced to the EDFL third division preliminary final by outplaying then outstaying Fair Park in the first semi-final at Ferntree Gully.

It was the Bloods' first finals appearance since the 1983 premiership season.

They led throughout and regrouped after a desperate Fair Park last-quarter fightback to win by 15 points, 11.12 (78) to 9.9 (63).

Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean and coach Lindsay Hopkins agreed that character had seen the Bloods through.

"The players showed real character in the last quarter," McLean said. "They worked harder than Fair Park and I thought they teamed much better."

Hopkins told the *Diary* he gave his team a "very, very good chance" of taking the premiership.

"These players have character and the will to win," he said, "and while you have that you have a lot going for you."

"We have peaked at the right time."

Warrandyte were to meet Lilydale or Norwood in the preliminary final at the same venue on August 27 and, as Hopkins pointed out, they have beaten the former and drawn with the latter this season.

The Bloods were favoured by a fresh crosswind in the first quarter against Fair Park and started well with goals from veteran rover John McCartin, Andrew Snaidero and

Craig Lord before the opposition had opened their account.

Warrandyte were winning more than their share of the ball but when Fair Park managed to go forward they did so with telling effect, for two goals.

Full-forward John O'Brien converted from a free near goal to give Warrandyte a 13-point advantage, but Fair Park struck back.

Brad Day to O'Brien was good football which deserved the goal that resulted but a costly free on the boundary right on the quarter-time siren reduced Fair Park's deficit to nine points.

Considering their number of possessions, Warrandyte should have been further ahead.

Fair Park goaled early in the second quarter to trail by only three points, but McCartin, playing his best game since he emerged from premature retirement, turned the tide back Warrandyte's way with two lightning handpasses which produced goals.

Robin Golding and O'Brien were the recipients of those handpasses and the Bloods' lead was 15 points.

Fair Park came back hard and attacked consistently, but a magnificent defence led by Gerald Walshe and Tony Sturesteps restricted them to just one more goal for the quarter. And McCartin flashed into the play again late in the term to goal and send Warrandyte in at the interval with a 14-point lead.

The third quarter was a story of desperation on both sides and near-misses for Warrandyte. The only goal of the term came at the 25-

minute mark when Dale Vitritti took advantage of a 15-metre penalty. The Bloods added 1.5 for the quarter to Fair Park's three behinds.

O'Brien, who had battled two opponents for most of the game, gave Warrandyte what appeared to be a winning advantage early in the final term when he threaded a goal after marking on the boundary. But there was still plenty of fight left in Fair Park.

Two free kicks deep in the forward line produced goals and a 15-metre penalty contributed to another. Warrandyte's lead was just nine points.

Urged on by a big Warrandyte contingent of supporters, the Bloods steadied and met every challenge head-on. It was no place for the frail or infirm.

At least one Fair Park player appeared to be reported after an incident on Warrandyte's half-back line.

Jarod Dickson, who had burrowed the packs and contributed all day, made the game safe with a superb goal from the boundary at the start of time-on.

Warrandyte had many good players. The best were Golding, Walshe, Cameron Day, Dickson, Sturesteps, McCartin and Craig Townsend.

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