

Council sides with the thick end of the Wedge



Councillor Rob Gell: Green Wedge subdivision 'dead'

By CLIFF GREEN

Following the resounding success of pro-conservation, anti-development candidates at last month's elections, Doncaster-Templestowe Council has thrown out all proposals for rezoning the Green Wedge.

At a special meeting late last month, council resolved to fully uphold the State Government's non-urban land policies.

This follows several years of bitter campaigning for and against the rezoning proposal, culminating in its emergence as the key issue in the council elections recently fought in the Warrandyte Ward.

"The possibility of residential subdivision in Green Wedge land between Warrandyte and Park Orchards is now effectively dead," Cr Rob Gell told the *Diary*. "However, the enhancement and rehabilitation of seriously degraded broad acres and bushland within the zone must now be tackled.

"We will be looking for input from groups and individuals who argued both sides of the recent debate. Everyone agrees that much of this land has been neglected. We must all work together to re-establish the conservation values of the area."

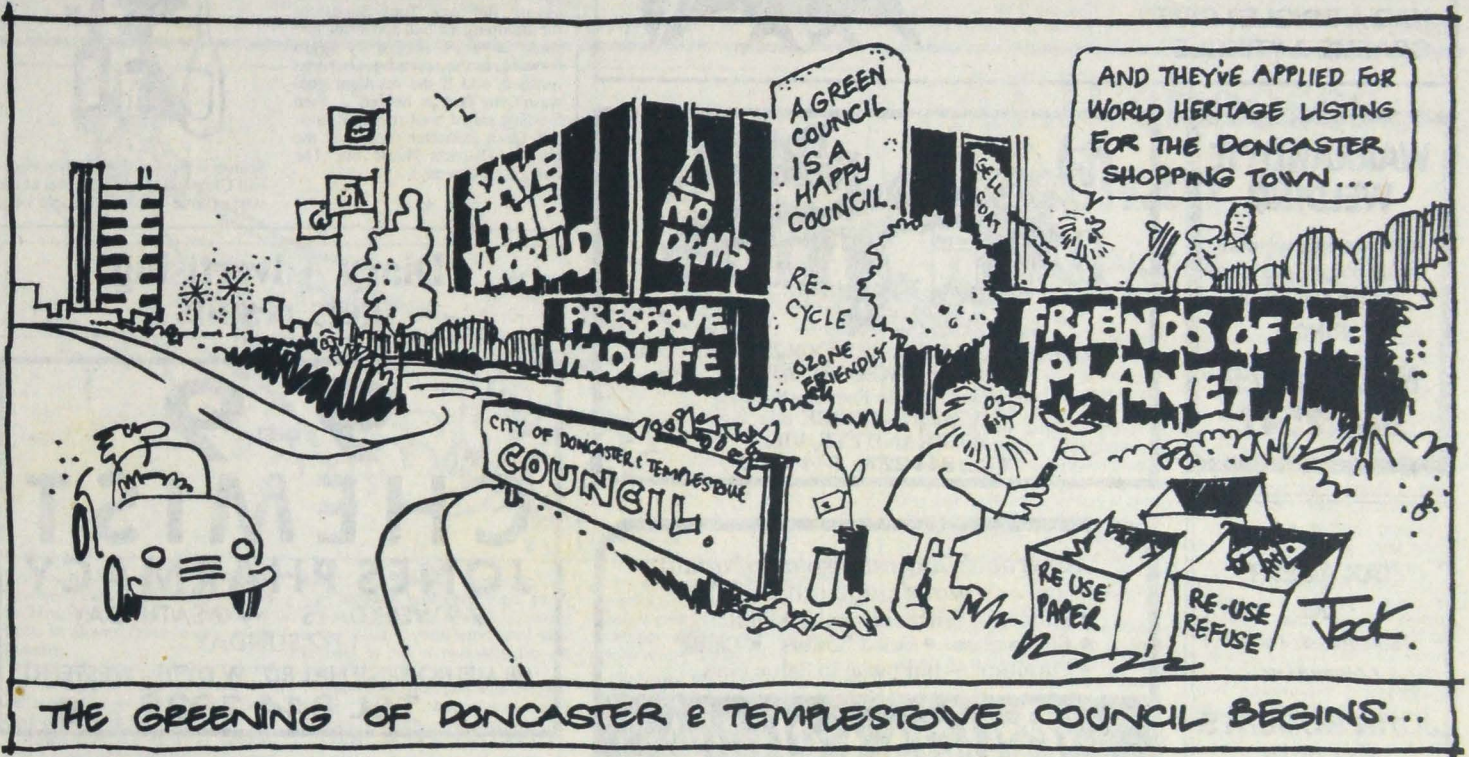
Council unanimously agreed that no applications for "further subdivision or additional residential development in the area east of Mullum Mullum Creek" would be considered.

Further they resolved that an environmental study of this land should be undertaken, with emphasis on the adequacy of planning controls to protect and enhance the area, leading to "the development of a local conservation strategy".

Battle was joined more than a year ago, when council released its Warrandyte-Park Orchards Zoning Study. This report highlighted a conflict of interest between large and small lot owners of Green Wedge land and indicated that council was under pressure to rezone the large allotments.

The Park Orchards Landowners' Association (POLA) argued that many of the lots were too large to maintain. It claimed this was leading to a deterioration of the natural environment, and following subdivision, owners of one-acre lots would be able to care for and enhance their land.

The Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association (PORA) replied that 80 per cent of residents in the study area rejected rezoning. "In today's environmentally conscious community, the sight of green hillsides



or bushland in the Green Wedge does not equate to the development of suburban streetscapes," it stated.

Several Warrandyte groups, including the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and the Warrandyte Environment League, also opposed rezoning. POLA dismissed Warrandyte's intervention.

"We believe that people living in one area should not interfere with the matters affecting another, particularly where the places are different," POLA president, Mr Daryl Cox, wrote in a letter to the *Diary*. "Although Warrandyte and Park Orchards are in the same municipality, that's where the similarity ends between the two places."

This sanguine view was dispelled for Warrandyte residents when plans were announced for a one-acre subdivision of 27 acres at the corner of Tills Drive and Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, conditional upon Green Wedge rezoning.

Mr Cox's decision to contest the Warrandyte Ward vacancy in the recent council poll ensured that Green Wedge rezoning became a key issue at the elections. Mr Cox

scored less than 23 per cent of the vote. His opponent, Val Polley, standing on a declared anti-development policy, achieved 60 per cent of the total votes cast in a three-way contest.

She was joined by Rob Gell — an active opponent of rezoning, both as a spokesman for WAC and as a writer in this newspaper — who won the extraordinary council vacancy by a crushing majority. Anti-development candidates took seats in other wards. Overnight, it would seem, Doncaster-Templestowe Council had 'changed color'.

One POLA argument for rezoning has been the difficulties landowners have maintaining their properties in the face of high rates and other charges. Ironically, their campaign exacerbated this by lifting subdivisional expectations, which were then reflected in higher land values, leading to increases in rates.

Council has recognised the need to relieve this pressure, resolving to explore "a differential rating system and other financial incentives for the conservation and landscape interest zones".



Councillor Val Polley: her victory was decisive.

Local police care may end at bridge

Over-the-bridge residents will no longer be able to call for help from Warrandyte Police from December 3 if a state-wide restructuring of police boundaries goes ahead.

The restructuring is part of an efficiency drive by Victoria Police and broadly changes police station boundaries of responsibility to match municipal boundaries.

Warrandyte Police would lose its present area of responsibility north of the Yarra and probably add East Doncaster to its territory.

The move would add at least 10 minutes to the time it would take police — Eltham Police — to arrive at a North Warrandyte home in an emergency.

move is almost certain to go ahead.

At the moment, Warrandyte Police (five members headed by Sergeant David Burge) cover 489 square kilometres with a population of around 12,000. Their area of responsibility is roughly bounded by Research Road (nearly to Research shops), the Kangaroo Ground store, Jumping Creek bridge, North Croydon, Oban Road (North Ringwood) to the edge of Mitcham.

Meanwhile, the *Diary* believes that plans are advanced for the building of new premises for Warrandyte Police. A new station at a cost of around \$500,000 is scheduled for 1991-92.

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No excuses for the Bloods' failure against Norwood, but if the penalty against full-back Tony Sturesteps for thumping the ball across the line when he was besieged by aggro forwards in the second quarter was justified, and if the resultant goal wasn't, in fact, a behind ... then Smokey might well re-admit himself for a refresher course at the Eastern Districts Home For The Benignly Demented.

IN RED & WHITE

Admittedly, Jeff Riddle shoots a mean game of pool. But is he aiming too high? Jeff now totes one of those screw-together cues in a carry-case. When he walked into the RSL club the other night, someone asked how long he'd been playing the flute.

Local band Lost Property are (is?), we are told, tuning up for a gig (to slip into the language of the age) at Warrandyte Football Club on Friday, September 22. Smokey, who is much more attuned to Lawrence Welk and Victor Sylvester, might just go along to see what this new-fangled music is all about.



Sexism is alive at Warrandyte Football Club and scores are level at the start of time-on. Some people who,

in the best traditions of equality, make membership a his-and-her thing, found the latest club newsletter addressed to him, with her directly below. Others found it reversed. Half the envelopes were addressed by secretary Anthony Giles-Peters, half by Ann Drew. It's quite a little war they're having.



So you thought drivers controlled MET buses, eh? Wrong. Doors do. If the doors, which are terribly temperamental, won't close, the bus don't go. The MET saves a lot of passengers that way. We felt for the driver who left his seat on the quarry hill to fix these infernal folding things. And as he made the doors obey, the bus started rolling. The driver's sprint half the length of the bus to set us on course again was a thing to behold. Faster than a speeding Green Arrow ... It is rarely a dull moment on the Warrandyte bus.

The *Diary* welcomes bright new talent Joff Manders to its team of gifted cartoonists. Joff, who has lived in Tills Drive all his life, originally trained as a potter, but is now a district officer with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. His cartoons have appeared in fire-fighting journals. Joff joins our established cartoonists, Jock Macneish and Paul Williams, recording with deft pen-strokes the follies, foibles and future of our local scene.



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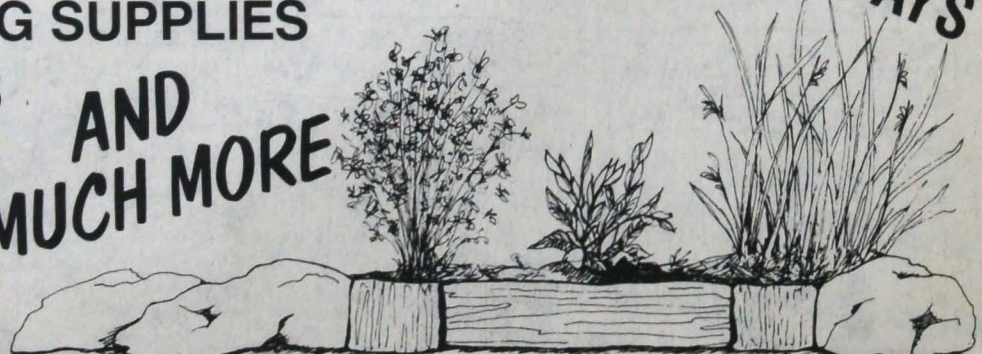
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In praise of a reasoned amount of local xenophobia

It is hard to resist the urge to yawn uncontrollably when friends make that tired old comment about the cut lunch and the six pack. You know how it goes.

"Jack! Lucy! Great to see you again. Come inside and have a drink."

"Phew, yeah, what a journey out here to Warrandyte. Needed a cut lunch and a six-pack from the city. Left home last week actually... heh, heh!"

Dear old Jack does not realise that the aforementioned gag has not worked since some poor comic with delusions of humor was panned for it sometime after the gold rush. Although, before the advent of the horseless carriage and the Eastern Freeway, the guy could probably be accused of serious under-estimation.

To my mind, a 40-minute cruise from the city in 1989 fashion is hardly worth comment. Except that people do comment and, frankly, I am happy to encourage the wags and the wise guys to keep on thinking that Warrandyte is the remote outpost they assume it to be. It is a beautiful, peaceful and, yes, handy place to reside, but let us not encourage too many "outsiders" to think the same way.

My self-styled strain of local xenophobia makes me want to keep Warrandyte small, quiet and unchanged, although I

JO'S PLACE



might be too late. It is not really a distrust of city folk or dislike of people generally. It is just the housing developments, traffic and demand for extra services they bring with them that I can live happily without.

Now that the days are becoming warmer and the weekends sunnier, we are going to be seeing a lot more of the out-of-towners.

They swarm here from the city each fine weekend to swell the tills and cash-boxes of local craft shops and milk bars. For the locals it is time to stock up, hole up and keep a healthy distance away from the main street of a Sunday afternoon. The local milk bar is packed six-deep with hassled dads trying to establish who wants the double "Coney Island" and who the iceblock and chips (most of which will end up on the pavement).

Bless them; they all left their cut lunches and six-packs behind and they have saved

their hunger and thirst for our local business.

I came across an interesting new solution to the world's problems the other day, put forward by proponents of "right brain" education for our children.

Some psychologists argue that training our youngsters to use the right side of their brains in conjunction with the left would open up new areas of enterprise, understanding and sensitivity in their thoughts and actions. This new breed of enlightened decision-makers would be better prepared to face up to the environmental, social and political challenges of the 1990s.

The left and right sides of the brain have very different functions. The left controls the rational, ordered and systematic thought processes. The right side is the

source of intuitive, inspirational and creative activity.

Our society has evolved into what could be termed a "left brained-dominated" culture. At school we take on board a set body of "useful" information and rationalisation skills in a highly formal and systematic manner. We dedicate our life's endeavors to reach a set pinnacle of achievement and measure our success according to the accumulation of wealth. According to this appraisal of human endeavor, the attainment of "growth", "economic wealth" and "development" are paramount, and the consequences on quality of life, spiritual disposition and physical environment secondary.

Psychologists say that left and right brain-dominated people are easy to tell apart. Left brain people are methodical, logical, organised and rarely impulsive. Right brain-dominated folk are generally the "creative" types. Right brainers are impulsive, disorganised and intuitive. They are enthusiastic visionary people whom come up with wonderful ideas, but rarely see them through.

Let the right brain totally dominate and you have a poor, dear creative eccentric who has trouble getting by with the daily requirements of 20th Century existence.

Marry the left and right side functions, and there is a chance to maximise the potential of humankind.

It may all sound like another one of those head-in-the-clouds theories, but I visited a school recently where right brain training brought fascinating results in a short period of time.

The Year 8-11 students at St Margaret's School, Berwick, have been involved in a nine-week "right brain" art program based on the techniques discussed in Betty Edwards' book, 'Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain' (St Martin's Press, New York, 1979). Using her techniques, more than 90 per cent of the girls have shown remarkable improvement in their art work.

Girls who thought they really could not draw well have unlocked hidden artistic talent, and those with potential have produced some truly amazing results.

I recommend the book to anyone who feels that they may have some hidden talent to unlock, or who may be interested in a new approach to their drawing.

Meanwhile, I will try to kick-start the good old left brain into action, so that the rest of my day is not the impulsive muddle of glorious disorganisation it was yesterday.

JO PEARSON

Hail bonzer goat Billy

By KEN VIRTUE

"Hey, mister, great looking dog!" giggled a pair of neighborhood kids as I walked by with my goat.

I resisted the urge to parry their sarcasm with a brilliantly witty adult remark, (like "goat to hell!"), and allowed Billy to lead me on down the road. Owning a goat can be very rewarding, I reminded myself, and I simply won't allow teenage ridicule to lessen my enjoyment. A shame, I'll admit, about his name. Billy is entirely predictable for a male goat, and somewhat pedestrian...

An animal with this much character should have been dubbed Manuel or Monty. In fact he was originally christened Goatee before moving to Warrandyte, but that's another story.

Some readers may be wondering why all the fuss about an animal whose apparent sole purpose in life is to eat its own body weight in grass every day. But you have to know about goats to truly appreciate their finer points.

Smokey Joe, our esteemed *Diary*



journor, is also a goat connoisseur. Smokey's goat owed allegiance only to him, and would be rambunctious in the extreme to any other human.

Peter Harkin's goat ate about half an acre of blackberries in architecturally precise sections and then came back for more.

Goats are like that — handy, determined little vegemites who are smart enough not to tangle their tethers while foraging in neat circles. Try getting a sheep to do that!

It was obvious at the time of a recent holiday that goats are also neighbor-friendly. While we were away, Billy was agisted next door, and won the Cornells hearts and

minds by steadily munching his way through half their back yard.

Taking him for a walk is clearly a personal eccentricity, and this activity is not a necessity for all goat shepherds.

Note here, that goats prefer not to be "owned", but would rather be gently shepherded through life.

Goats, unlike humans, are self-exercising and are not prone to cardiovascular disease, so I rather think he takes me for a walk in his own big-hearted way. He bleats appealingly as I return home after a hard day at the office but is not as cloying as the cat, and not as demonstrative as our dancing dog.

Goats are cool, that's all. If you

have a spare acre of grass, blackberries, rosebushes or wisterias then a goat is more genteel than a whipper snipper and just as voracious as the family Victra.

Perhaps we have been blessed with a 'king among goats' at our house, or one with a uniquely double digit IQ, but I think not.

There's an old Peruvian proverb which says, "A goat is to grass as scythe is to hay". Somewhat esoteric for the budding shepherd, I'll agree.

At least try to give your goat a more appealing name. Yelling out "Heel, Billy!" can be a little embarrassing!

ALP chooses Linehan to contest Casey

The ALP has announced that Jon Linehan will be its candidate for the Federal seat of Casey. He was pre-selected unopposed to contest the seat in the forthcoming election.

Mr Linehan brings together a strong and diverse background in economics and local government.

A former tutor in economics at Monash University, he has a comprehensive understanding of the economic picture. Jon Linehan believes Casey needs a voice in Canberra that will argue strongly for the needs of ordinary people with economic credibility.

Jon Linehan has had considerable involvement in local government. As a former chairman of the Victorian Local Government Training Committee and Deputy National Chairman of the Local Government Training Council, as well as numerous local government committees, he is aware of the major issues that communities face. During his involvement in local affairs he has been successfully involved in the campaign to increase funding for local roads.

Jon Linehan says that if elected, he would develop close contacts with local councils to ensure that they are able to get the maximum

amount of funding from the Commonwealth to improve local services.

At present he is involved in discussions with the relevant federal ministers over increased money for childcare. These discussions have continued over 18 months and reflect a strong commitment to childcare and the needs of families.

Jon Linehan believes that one of the major issues in the next federal election will be conservation. "We all have an important role to play in achieving a balance between our needs and conserving the environment. Both at a local level in Casey and at a national level the Hawke Government is seen as having a more positive and comprehensive approach than the opposition."

Jon Linehan is employed as the national industrial officer for the Municipal Employees Union and is a member of several ACTU and government committees.

Commenting on local issues, Jon Linehan said: "The seat of Casey needs a strong voice in Parliament to represent the diverse interests present in the Union areas such as Croydon and Lilydale to the rural section of the electorate."

Courts, plums saved

The bridge tennis courts and village plum trees are safe, now that Doncaster-Templestowe Council has decided to adopt a modified version of the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Report and to use it as a general guide to improvements in the township area.

This follows months of research and discussion by the consultants and community representatives, a public meeting at which the report was debated and the consideration of a number of written submissions by local groups and individual residents.

"The report has been drastically modified to accommodate the many comments received from the local community," Councillor Val Polley told the *Diary*. "The end result is that the riverside tennis courts will remain. The cherry plum trees will be left, but suckers and seedlings will be removed."

Councillor Polley pointed out that the committee and the consul-

ants differed on the controversial question of creating 'vistas' of the river through tree removal. "The final report reflects this by stating that the creation of vistas is recommended, but has not been endorsed by the local committee.

"The study should have positive results," Councillor Polley said. "It will provide an overall plan for the township and the river frontage, something that has been neglected for far too long."

Council will be seeking the assistance of the Board of Works in river edge improvements, landscaping, willow removal upstream of the bridge and the design and construction of a new canoe ramp.

Before any improvement work being commenced, council has pledged to make detailed designs available for public comment. "A committee of management is being formed," Councillor Polley said, "and the community will have many opportunities to put into the work of this body."

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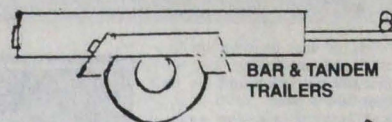
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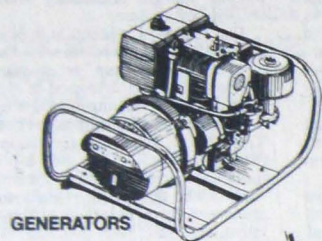
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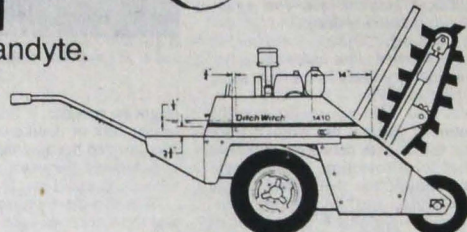
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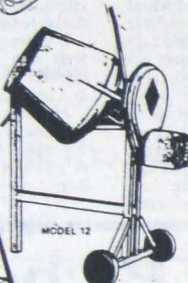
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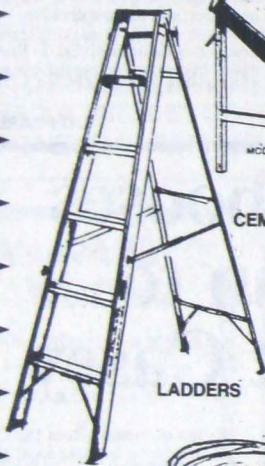
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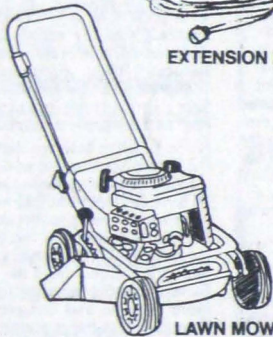
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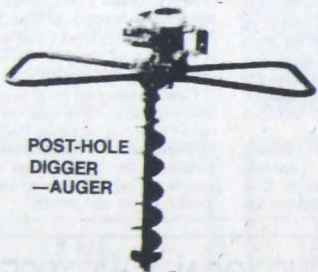
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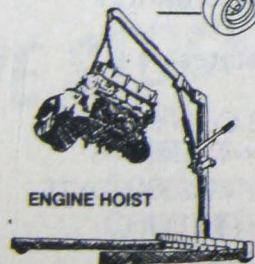
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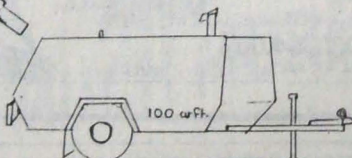


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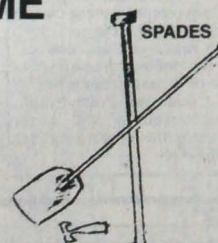


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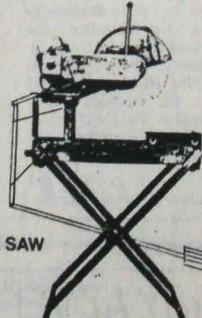
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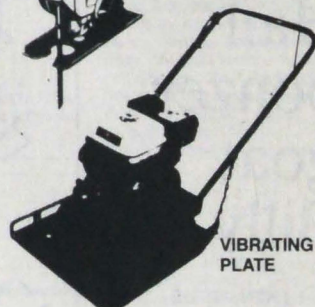
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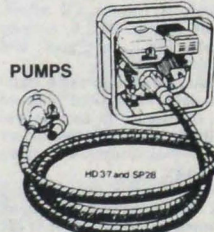
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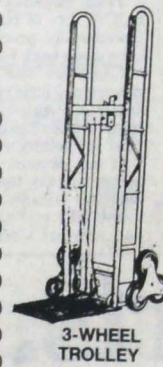
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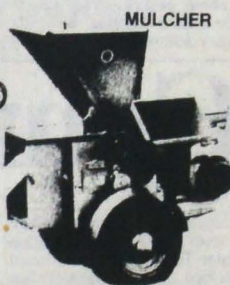
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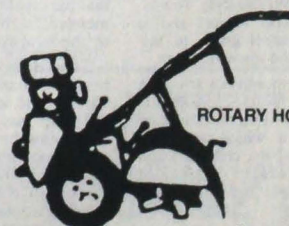
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Tills Drive restaurant gets the chop

Council rejects plan as 'inappropriate' and 'undesirable precedent'

A proposal to build a 150-seat restaurant at the corner of Tills Drive and Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, immediately behind the Stonehouse craft and pottery shop, has been rejected by Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

As reported in the last *Diary*, the project would have included parking for 80 cars. Local residents were particularly concerned about the impact the restaurant structure and its signs would have had on the immediate environment.

At their meeting late last month, council resolved not to support the project because it was "inconsistent with the objectives of the Conservation A Zone".

It was also considered that such an intensive commercial development would be "inappropriate for the area" and would "create an undesirable precedent for all land zoned Conservation A within the municipality".

This followed vigorous representations to council by the Tills Drive Residents' Group, formed to fight the proposal.

The group opposed the development on the grounds that it was inappropriate in the Warrandyte Green Wedge and that it would result in a degradation of the existing natural environment, with a resulting loss of amenity to both residents and visitors.

Most of the 17 families in the street expressed strong opposition to the proposed restaurant. They were especially anxious, following earlier reports of an application to council for the rezoning of 27 acres of land on the opposite corner of Tills Drive.

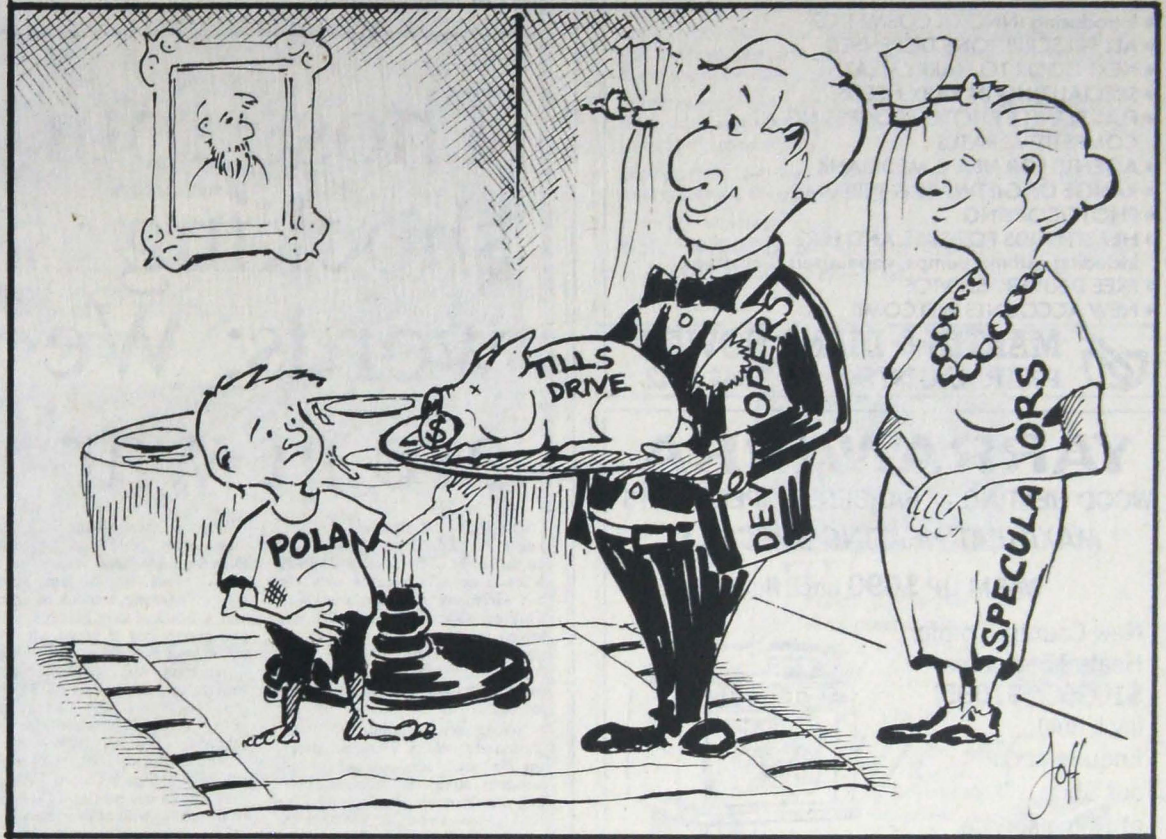
Such rezoning of Green Wedge land would have allowed one-acre residential subdivision of the site. Coupled with the restaurant proposal, this would have permanently altered the rural character of the area. (Council's rejection of Green Wedge re-zoning proposals is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

One member of the group told council that the developer's argument that public demand existed for such a large venue was not supported by their discussions with Warrandyte restaurant owners.

"The two largest restaurants can currently only justify opening three nights a week," he said. "One restaurant in West Warrandyte has collapsed due to insufficient custom and the hotel is considering closing its bistro, again because of poor demand."

"The restaurant proposal is not warranted by unsatisfied demand, but is simply an exercise in entrepreneurial opportunism and should be treated as such."

Council voted unanimously to reject the proposal.



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Another win for the community

The Warrandyte community has won several significant victories in recent months in its fight to maintain its identity and individual character in the face of pressure towards unchecked urban development.

COMMENT

Cliff Green

The defeat of dual occupancy and closer density housing, resulting in the creation of the Warrandyte Special Residential Zone, was the first of these. Most recently, pressure to rezone parts of the Green Wedge has been likewise averted. The speedy defeat of the Tills Drive restaurant proposal was the immediate result of this new policy.

Dual occupancy was finally defeated because local groups took this fight into the political arena; it became an issue at a closely-fought State election. The Green Wedge was saved because residents in Park Orchards and Warrandyte successfully supported pro-conservation candidates in the Doncaster-Templestowe Council elections.

Whilst appreciating the value

of consultation, resident groups realise that their final strength lies in the political process, ultimately expressed through the ballot box.

Over the past 20 years or more, Warrandyte has built a formidable reputation through informed and effective negotiation backed by an ability to rally the numbers, fill up the petitions, pack out the public meetings.

Local issues during recent times have thrown up a variety of neighbourhood bodies and pressure groups, each one formed to conduct a particular campaign.

The Warrandyte Environment League and, more latterly, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee worked for the defeat of dual occupancy. But the sharp edge of this campaign was the Residents'

Action Group, formed by a core of concerned neighbours living around the first dual occupancy project.

Other bodies sprang from recent neighbourhood issues in Mullens Road, Harris Gully Road and Tills Drive. A loose amalgam of concerned Warrandyte groups and individuals combined with the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association (PORA) to support the successful candidates in the recent council elections.

Mention of PORA illustrates the value of a broadly-based, 'umbrella' residents' body, united in the common cause of serving its community and protecting and enhancing the environment.

Our neighbours in Park Orchards are justly proud of their association. Boasting a large percentage of residents as members it can evolve policies and strategies, lobby and negotiate, all from a position of strength. Not only does it involve itself in the bigger issues, such as the threat to the Green Wedge, it is also

effective in the day-to-day domestic problems of its community.

A number of people feel the time may have come to establish a Warrandyte Community Association; a broadly-based organisation with a mass membership, formed to improve local facilities and services, to protect and enhance our immediate environment; a forum for the expression of our concerns and aspirations. This body could realistically aim to recruit 1000 members within twelve months. Its persuasive power would be irresistible.

Our need for such a body, caught as we are between two municipalities, is obvious. Not as a replacement for such groups as WAC and WEL, but to complement and help strengthen them, to bring this community together as never before.

The *Diary* is interested in your views. Write us a letter and drop it in the box on the old cypress tree opposite the State Bank in Yarra Street, or post it to P.O. Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.

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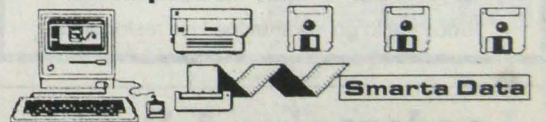
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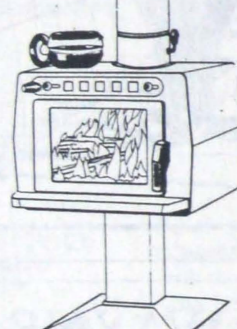
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This month marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War. In the first of two articles, DULCIE CROUCH remembers her part in that conflict.

Those four shocking words: We are at war

I was sitting in front of the fire, knitting and listening to the radio on the night of September 1, 1939 when a newflash came over the air. Germany had declared war. This message was eventually followed by our Prime Minister announcing "We are at war". Those four words were to have a great impact on the six years that followed.

Young men were enlisting by the thousands, others were volunteering for such services as air raid wardens, auxiliary ambulance drivers, etc. Women were joining The Red Cross, Food for Britain, the comfort fund and other such organisations.

In Warrandyte, a first aid course was organised with Dr Mary Thornton conducting the theory, and Joker Hall the practical, in readiness if and when the need arose.

Many men and women were drafted into essential services such as munitions, aircraft production and uniform manufacturing factories.

With the escalation of the war, women were enlisting into the three services WRAN (Women's Royal Australian Navy), WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force), AWAS (Australian Women's Army Service) and VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment), which eventually became known as AAMWS (Australian Army Medical Women's Service), when women were accepted without training.

After completing the first aid course, I then went into St. John's Ambulance Headquarters to train in home nursing. Having passed both exams, I then had to have 70 hours practical experience in hospital wards. This qualified me to become a VAD and I was attached to the Camberwell Division. Eventually I enlisted in the AAMWS and worked in hospitals as a nursing orderly. My first day was out at Royal Park, going through an IQ test in the morning, then came lunch which was taken in the mess hut, not a dining room.

What a change from home life: long trestle tables, no tablecloth. On the table was butter in the pound block, tins of jam, golden syrup, Vegemite, a block of cheese and a bowl of dog biscuits and a two-pound loaf of bread, all eaten off enamel plates.

We then went on a three-week rookie course down at Darley, (near Bacchus Marsh), a very cold place indeed. We were the first school to enjoy hot showers.

Having completed the rookie school we then reported to headquarters for our postings. I was sent to Bonegilla with approximately 36 others. The next morning we left Spencer Street at 7 am by train for Albury, where army trucks were waiting to transport us to Bonegilla Hospital where we were shown to our quarters.

At 7 am the next morning I walked into a ward with some 48 male patients, some ready to take us down a peg or two. It didn't take long for us to give as good as we got.

Many army personnel were returning from the islands to do a refresher course at the camp at Bonegilla and some would become ill with diseases not known to our medical officers, such as dengue fever and scrub typhus.

I can remember one funny incident. We had many malaria cases admitted. Most recovered after about five days, but as the course of treatment was three weeks, they had to stay in hospital. One patient asked what size shoe I took (I was wearing golf shoes). When told he wanted to know if he could borrow them, as he was going to play golf with the charge sister next day. His twin brother would take his place, changing uniform for pyjamas.

Night duty for the first time was a little difficult to get used to. Sleeping by day and working by night, having breakfast at tea time and tea at breakfast. It was when on night duty on one occasion that I got word that I was to be posted to Queensland. We were not told our final destination until we arrived in Brisbane.



A wartime picture of Dulcie Crouch.

Once again we had to report at Royal Park for instructions. For four days we reported and were dismissed, then the next day we were ready to leave Melbourne for Brisbane. This was my first experience on a troop train and it took two days to get there. Endeavoring to have a wash became a major operation as we had to hold the top of the tap to release water which ran straight through as the plug wasn't any use at all.

On the troop train security was extremely tight. Although we didn't know it at the time our fellow travellers were the troops going north to join the fight against the Japanese. Some patients who came down to the station at Albury to see me off were not allowed to approach the train.

On arriving in Brisbane we were taken out to a staging camp known as Frasers Paddock. I remember writing home and telling my parents I wondered if we were sent out to pasture.

Two weeks after leaving Bonegilla we arrived at the Greenslopes Hospital, very different to Bonegilla, as it was set on the side of the hill, so wards were on different levels. I shared a small hut with three other girls, Marj, May and Flo.

I had the privilege of working in the plastic surgery ward later on and it was most interesting. While I was at Greenslopes Hospital the war in Europe ended and a number of ex prisoners of war who returned home needed hospital care.

Lights out in our quarters was 10 pm, and on this particular Monday word came over the radio that the war in the Pacific was over. Word soon got around and bars were opened. Staff being relieved went out drinking. Others of us were trying to sleep. Next morning we found out it was a false alarm.

When the end of the war was finally announced, Mary and I had a day off so went into Brisbane. I have never seen anything like the crowd. All shops were closed and you were just swept along with the crowd.

Coming clean

By KEN VIRTUE
Bright green gloves and bulging plastic garbage bags were the order of the day as more than 50 volunteers from the Warrandyte community joined forces to make the Great Yarra clean-up, held on Sunday, August 27, a great success.

Organised by a committee which included Lin Chandler, John Cox, Tom Blackburn and Alan King, the clean-up was held as part of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Green Gloves Week campaign.

Doncaster-Templestowe is an entrant in the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns competition.

Organisers were delighted with the support received from local schools during the Green Gloves Week and from service clubs, members of WAC, WEL and Friends of the Park, the CFA and Yarra River Lifeguards.

Alan King points out that in a way the result was slightly disappointing as the large volume of rubbish indicates that some of our residents and visitors are not acting as responsibly as they should in disposing of rubbish.

Areas near bus stops and carparks, particularly where no rubbish bins are located; were the most untidy, and unfortunately much of the rubbish in the town was related to everyday activities.

As well as the expected bottles, wrappers and cartons, bank autoteller slips and shopping lists were very prominent. Doncaster and Templestowe council has already agreed to place additional bins in key areas.

A big thanks to those who took part from the Chairman of the Keep Doncaster and Templestowe City Beautiful committee, Councillor Brian Gilmore, ward councillors and the organisers.



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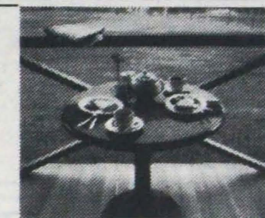
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New faces on WEL executive

Garry McKelvie, a North Warrandyte resident and high school teacher, was elected president of Warrandyte Environment League at its annual general meeting on August 22.

Mr McKelvie has been an active member of the WEL committee since he and his family established their home in the area five years ago.

Fifty-five members gathered for the dinner meeting at the Grand Hotel and there was lively discussion on the future directions and priorities of WEL's activities.

Richard Schurmann used a light-hearted slide presentation to challenge members with the organisational issues needing solution, and guest speaker Ken McKenzie reminded all present of the continuing need for the league.

Garry McKelvie soon had a committee of 11, with many new faces, and left the meeting with a schedule of interests of those members present.

Local singer Jonathan Ashley entertained the meeting.

DAVID WYMAN



LETTER

Thanks for the space

The League would like the *Diary* people to know it appreciates the space given to the WEL in the run-up to our AGM. The League thanks the *Diary* for so ably helping publicise the meeting and thereby ensuring its success.

Doug Seymour

So that's why they called it night-soil!

September 1889: I wonder if the Local Government Act empowers the president of a shire to give an obstreperous councillor in charge. In a debate last Monday Mr Councillor Sell persisted in a certain course of action.

Mr President, after duly warning this gentleman, said, turning to the Secretary, "I empower you to summon Cr Sell at the next court for misdemeanour." It was in earnest, too. If these instructions are carried out I should like to be at the Police Court or Court of Petty Sessions. The novelty would amply repay for expenses.

Perhaps, when councillors know by experience what power the president (under their sanction) possesses, a curtailment of the time of this shire in the transaction of their not too multifarious business might result.

That the duties of an inspector of nuisances, in at all events, the Doncaster and Templestowe ridings is not exactly an enviable one is apparent. If the constable that has now the appointment was a miracle, then he could do his duty in the day-time,

and sit up all night to watch the carting of night-soil in the district.

Some time ago two councillors stated they had seen carts with this refuse brought into both ridings. What is an ordinary man to do? That Constable Crigan has, as far as was able, consistently performed his duties the council, at their last meeting, recognised.

Yet, in view of the present diptherial complaint (which is a very sad thing) in both ridings, yet more stringent measures should be taken in this matter.

The solution of the Ringwood mystery has been a very clever piece of work. The detective force has not enjoyed a very good character of late, and this certainly will redound to the credit of all concerned.

The River Yarra is a banker, and the flood is fully equal to the one we had some time ago. From the Newspaper Collection. State Library of Victoria.



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

Government grant for Neighbourhood program

Warrandyte Neighborhood House has received a grant from the Department of Labor (youth affairs division) for a new program for adolescents, 'Preparation For Effective Family Living'.

The Member for Whittlesea, Max McDonald, presented the house with a cheque for \$1000 from the department to cover the program's running costs.

The course emphasises communication, decision-making and mutual respect, and shows how to use the skills learnt to build positive relationships. It comes from the same group of psychologists which

developed the widely-acclaimed STEP (Systematic Training For Effective Parenting) and STEP/Teen courses for adults.

The course is led by Tom Sinclair, who has had more than 20 years experience in community services, specialising in work with children and adolescents.

Warrandyte Neighborhood House says it aims to address some of the urgent problems facing young people today, particularly in the light of the Burdekin Report findings. It will be conducted at the Neighborhood House as part of the organisation's commitment to pro-

viding information, support and encouragement to families and individuals.

An eight-week program, PREP will commence on Wednesday, October 25 from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm each week, and there will be no charge for participants. Alternative days and times can also be arranged for a second course if warranted by enrolment numbers.

For further information and enrolments, contact co-ordinators Lin Chandler or Linda Draeger on 844 1839 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am-2 pm) or call in to see them at 178 Yarra Street.

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Colin Bentley doing what he loves best — playing trains.

Model club is choofing right along

The iron rails have finally reached Warrandyte. In Aton Street, actually. In Colin Bentley's back shed, to be more precise.

What started as a Christmas present of two locomotives for a daughter has taken over the shed. Colin shifted the layout outside after June Bentley demanded her lounge room back. Since then a shed wall has had to be extended.

Colin, long since retired as an organiser with the Municipal Employees Union but still working hard for the CAB and the after-

school care program, has expended what left-over energy he has on his hobby.

No bitsy kit models here. Colin has built hills and plains from papier mache stretched over chicken-wire. The fir trees are cut from a left over plastic Christmas tree.

All the buildings have people around them. People enter the pub, work at the timber mill, watch the horse show or get caught by the quarry boss drinking on the job.

The express flashes by the fi-

shermen on the lake; the goods train shunts into load timber and the local stops at each station as it passes.

And at night, 94 street and house lights come on.

Colin is firmly planted in the steam era, although he does bow to modern times by keeping a few diesels on hand.

Colin is the driving force behind the Warrandyte Model Railway Club, which started up some four months ago.

The club — which now has some 20 members, adults and children — cover every aspect of model railroading from rolling stock, to scenery to electronics and meets at the Neighbourhood House.

Members are looking for bigger premises and have their eyes on the Whitehouse.

The club meets every second and fourth Friday of the month at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested should ring Colin Bentley (844 2529) or Graeme Fry (844 2986).

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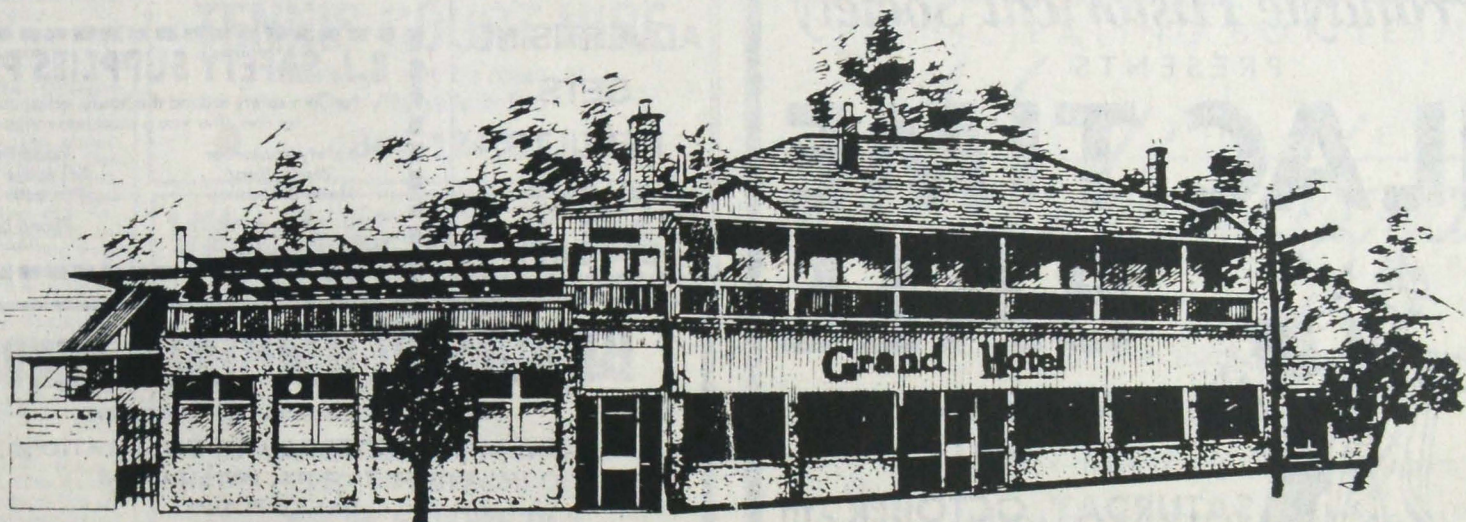
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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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An evening that effervesced

Warrandyte is an amazing place. When several talented musicians from the Warrandyte Arts Association gave a concert to celebrate the acquisition of a new piano, the quality of the evening was created not only by the high standard of the music but also by a wonderfully enthusiastic and convivial audience — aided and abetted by copious quantities of champagne.

Ann Arnold cut the ribbon around the piano and the program commenced with music student Phoebe Briggs playing Beethoven's Sonata No. 1 in E flat. Such a work is a major project in anyone's language, and Phoebe's account was very satisfying. A perfect way to launch the new instrument.

Joanna Selleck's flute was captivating when she combined with Linda Mitchell on the piano in Demersserman's 'Sixieme Solo de Concert'.

Jenny Keuneman's cello was a highlight of the evening. She was joined by Linda on the piano in pieces by Saint Saens, Faure and Maria Theresia von Paradis.

Pat Anderson, Margaret Lingham and John Anderson on the piano, violin and cello gave an enjoyable performance of a movement from a Haydn trio.



REVIEW

Gail Macrae

It was then fitting that Linda Mitchell, who is president of the music group of the Warrandyte Arts Association, and who was closely involved in selecting the new piano, should play a solo piece, which was Chopin's Nocturn in E flat.

Doug Macrae was in glorious voice, first in two Schubert lieder: the lyrical 'Der Lindenbaum' and the haunting and dramatic 'Erkoning', and then in Mozart's Catalogue Aria — accompanied in each by Phoebe Briggs.

Don Macrae gave a relaxed rendition of Mozart's 'Serenade' from 'Don Giovanni', then rounded off the evening with two Gilbert and Sullivan songs, 'The Sentry's Song', from 'Iolanthe', and, in a duet with Doug, 'Tell a Tale of Cock and Bull', from 'Yeoman of the Guards'.

So the audience of the 50 or so saw the new piano, designed in Germany and assembled in Korea from English and German components, well and truly christened.

Having a blooming ball!

The lilacs are blooming again in Warrandyte, and the historical society is celebrating the coming of spring with the 1989 Lilac Time Ball at the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute Hall on Saturday, October 7.

The ball was a highlight of the district's springtime social calendar in years past, and when the society revived the tradition to mark their 10th anniversary in 1986, it proved such a success that they decided to make it an annual event.

All the old favorites will be featured, including 50-50 dancing, lucky spots, a balloon dance, a belle of the ball contest and a sumptuous, country-style supper. The hall will be decorated in lilac and white, and the organisers are appealing for bunches of locally grown lilac blossom.

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Paradise is where there's no room for extensions

By ROGER KIBELL

"Oh, you've put on a new room since we were last here. It looks great!"

"It's not finished yet. We still have to find a fabric for the futon that matches the hand-printed curtains. Len is still worried about the best color for the acrylic wash on the red seconds."

In these days of pyrotechnic inflation and interest rates, home extensions and additions are the go. In the eighties, however, extensions have become, not just financially more sensible, but have transcended the mere need for extra room and have become "statements", an art form. Gone are the days when an extension meant slapping fibro on the verandah and bunting up a wall across the middle of the living room to make two bedrooms for the nippers.

Nowadays, an extra bedroom and enlarged family room are not just for "lebensraum" when the kinder get grosser, but approximate the actions of successive monarchs' attempts to improve Buck House; a new wing here, a facade there and all done so tastefully.

A whole new industry has emerged. It would be a brave man who would contemplate the addition without the imprimatur of architect, interior design person, kitchen stylist or co-ordinator. We have entered the era of expert-induced paranoia and renovation insecurity. The products are glittering prizes, but at what cost?

Liz, I am reliably informed, lives in a small, comfortable flat in a small section of the palace, keeping the rest of the pad for official public occasions. Apparently, she finds the human scale, warmth and affordability of the apartment more appropriate than the colosseum dimensions of the palace.

I must be royal, I, too, feel more at ease with a measure of low-tech, human scale tat around me than with acres of granite and polished stainless steel. Big spaces can be intimidating.

I understand that Melbourne shrinks have made a killing in recent years. They have their couches full of Templestowe and Warrandyte patients, all suffering from agoraphobia. Most of the patients begin their day with an acute attack when they move from their bedroom to their amphitheatre ensuite. Their malaise gets worse when they have to cross their living room to their kitchen and crisis sets in when they contemplate the significance of their spa heating bill.

Despite the escalating agoraphobia and financial neuroses, the trend towards large extensions is growing, so my puny attitudes about restraint must be aberrant. I must be the deviant.

The game's up. I admit it, I have deep-seated neurosis, but at least I won't have to shell out for therapy. I understand my problem. You see, it all started long ago when my best friend's house was ruined, by renovation!

Stewy lived over the road from me in a suburb far removed from Warrandyte. After school and on weekends, I used to nick over to his place. Now there was a real house. It was one of those houses that lost control when the foundations were laid. It had a decidedly, early Australian contempt for the laws of physics and the local building regulations. No doubt, Stew's parents found the house difficult to live in, but I thought it was heaven.

Stew's bedroom which he shared with his older brother, was smaller than the average Warrandyte walk-in wardrobe. The bunks, built against one wall, left only enough room for a game of Monopoly to sit between them and the other wall. Between the end of the bunks and the door wall, was a wardrobe that tempted me to believe in infinite space. Perhaps it had no floor because whatever we threw in, vanished, leaving just as much space as before.

The bedroom floor, stored precious "objects" — meccano sets, model aeroplanes, paper, books, games, toys and sporting equipment. Clothing, sensibly, was strewn wherever it fell.

There wasn't one plastic Ikea

Just look what wealth did to Stewy's place!

storage rack to be seen. Not even a color-coordinated bedspread sullied the overall appearance. No trim-line venetians provided controlled ambient light for the room. They would have been wasted anyway as we used the window as our main means of egress, right in the middle of Stew's mum's ginger plants. We were always being told off for ruining the garden.

The rest of the house was equally liveable. The kitchen was small, warm and non-threatening; a sort of "before" short for a Miele ad.

If milk bottles still had tops, would 'House and Garden' make special acrylic containers for them? Stew's mum kept hers in a cardboard box. She was well ahead of the times. Twenty-five years ago she was collecting aluminium tops for recycling. Her local church used the money for missionary work.

Along with her store of bottle tops, was her cache of Lan Choo labels festooning the mantelpiece above the gas stove. I wonder how many labels you'd need for a jacuzzi?

The kitchen decoration was pre-modern eclectic, the type of decorating that happily accommodates the splattered remnants of a blown pressure-cooked casserole. Not many modern kitchens can boast this.

I always felt at ease in Stew's place as did Buster, their lolling

dog. No designer label pooch, Buster was like the house: a bitser with loads of charm.

Childhood, however, doesn't last forever; nor did Stew's place. His dad got too rich and could afford to ruin everything. They renovated.


The entire house was "done over", from the cream brick cladding to the sensible planning and antiseptic decorating. The dado and three-ply were replaced by plaster-smooth plasterboard. Bends in walls were straightened, wooden floors with hand-made rag rugs were smothered by wall-to-wall respectability. The kitchen was laminated and Stew's bedroom was enlarged, dry cleaned, pressed and shifted to the front of the house, away from the ginger plants. It was

hardly worth climbing out the window once that happened.

After the "end", it may have been nothing more than my advancing years, my galloping adolescent angst, but I never felt the same about going over to Stew's; the vitality had fled the house.

Nowadays, as I drive home into Warrandyte, past the unused mod grass tennis courts and cavernous executive residences, I wonder if any of the kids there will cherish fond memories of "just nicking over to Stew's for a minute"? Do any of them just after the bohemian decadence of their friend's 1960s Jennings? Will intercoms, spas, ballroom bedrooms, atriums and children's retreats become the halcyon day icons of today's young romantics?

Yes, I often anguish over questions such as these as we drive back home of a Saturday. We usually have to nick out on the weekend to pick up a few special things for the new extension.



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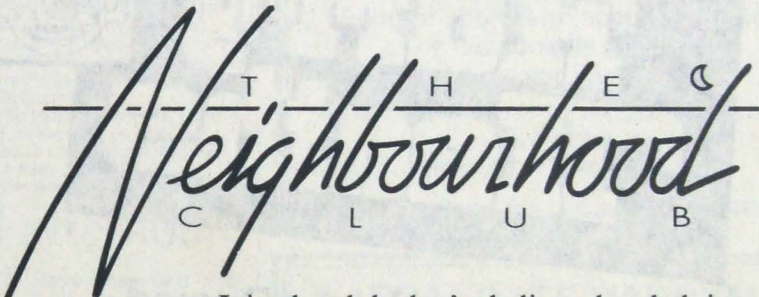
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The 'Environment Alphabet' was launched during a recent visit to Casey by Senator Chris Puplick, shadow minister for the environment and the arts.

"There are many publications dealing with environmental threats and challenges, but often they adopt a rather technical approach or relate only to specific issues," says Mr Halverson. "The 'Environment Alphabet' is easy to read, and designed to provide people with information about practical, often very simple, ways they can help tackle some of the problems."

Anyone who would like a free copy of the 'Environment Alphabet' should contact Bob Halverson's office, 726 9077. Bulk copies are available for use by schools, local groups, and other interested organisations.

IN BRIEF



Warrandyte's lost property shop — the police station — has the following items awaiting ownership: A Reppo sports cycle, a Roadmaster BMX bike, a sizeable bundle of cash found in the village car park and several lengths of orange electrical conduit.

The Diamond Valley Arts Society's gallery will feature a pottery demonstration by Irma Hitzler at 8pm on September 29.

The gallery is open each Saturday from 1pm to 5pm. It is located at the Old Greensborough Primary School, opposite Safeways, in Grimshaw Street, Greensborough.

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Dytes' 13-pronged attack

Warrandyte Cricket Club will field 13 teams in the 1989-90 season, which starts on October 7.

The Dytes will have five senior and seven junior sides in the Ringwood District Cricket Association and a women's eleven in the VWCA competition.

Greg Tregear, who made a big impression as senior captain-coach last summer, has been reappointed

Who's who at the CC

Chris Dorning is the new president of Warrandyte Cricket Club. He succeeds Geoff Taylor, who has retired after a three-year stint.

The annual general meeting elected Maria McGhee vice-president and Steve Pascoe secretary/treasurer.

John McCartin is senior match committee chairman, Brett Kline registration secretary, Jenni McLaws women's representative on the committee and Mark Davis veterans co-ordinator.

Anne Pascoe, Ian Cameron and Jason Gathercole are in charge of catering and Joe Scicluna is grounds chairman.

The club's representatives on the social rooms steering committee are Jim Gathercole and Fred Jungwirth and the bar committee comprises Geoff Taylor, Ron Milton and Joe Scicluna.

In addition to captaining the women's eleven, Jenny Chapman is publicity officer and in charge of the Business Directory and sponsorship.

Andrew Rodgers has been appointed social secretary and Russell Dorning, Peter Bell and Peter Hamilton are responsible for "special efforts".

Steve and Ann Pascoe are the club's delegates to the RDCA and Ms McGhee will represent Warrandyte on the VWCA.

Eyes down, numbers up

Where are the bingo buffs of Warrandyte?

The local cricket and football clubs have been disappointed by recent attendances at the regular Wednesday night games (eyes down 7.30) at the social rooms.

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and is confident of success from Chandler Shield level through to the fifth eleven.

Women's coach Brian Chapman has recruited three new players with great potential and will be disappointed with anything less than a premierships season.

The club is delighted to have Ain Utt as junior administrator. It believes Utt and other experienced players who will share coaching duties will bring out the best in the wealth of junior talent available.

Senior captains for the new season are Tregear (Chandler Shield), Grant Brisbane (Chandler Reserve), Geoff Taylor (thirds), David Stockley (fourths) and Ian Cameron (fifths).

Jenny Chapman will again lead the women's side.

The club is seeking maximum on-field participation this season and invites any player at any level of expertise to try out.

The ravages of the sodden winter

will restrict pre-season practice.

Until the recreation reserve is usable again, the men will work out at the East Doncaster indoor cricket centre (from 8 p.m. on Fridays) and the women at the Box Hill centre on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Juniors will practise at the Warrandyte nets, the under-12s on Mondays, the under-14s and under-16s on Wednesdays, from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

If the local ground recovers before the start of the season, senior practice will be on Thursdays.

For prospective players, it is just a matter of turning up and padding up at the various training venues.

Inquiries can be directed to: Men — Steve Pascoe (844 1213) and Chris Dorning (844 1167); women — Jenny Chapman (844 1428) and Maria McGhee (478 7108); juniors — Ain Utt (844 2889).

Business Directory as usual

The 1990 Warrandyte and District Business Directory is now being compiled.

Any business, club or group wanting to be included should contact Jenny Chapman on 844 1428.

Warrandyte Cricket Club has produced the directory for more than 25 years and delivers it to every home and business in the area.

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Mike Howell (left) and Ben Saaksjarvi, members of pennant-winning teams in the EMRLTA junior winter competition.

Their winter of content

The strength of tennis in Warrandyte was underlined by the success of local teams in the EMRLTA winter competition.

Ten senior and 13 junior teams from Warrandyte Tennis Club were involved and the result was six pennants.

Eight of the senior teams made the finals and two won their grand finals.

The victorious teams were Section Mixed 3 (Melissa Kerkhof,

Jenny Stubbs, David Termorshuizen and Greg Scritchley) and Section Mixed 15 (Tim Karanges, Mark Hockley, Fiona Tomlinson, Nicole Tomlinson and Sharon Tomlinson).

The four successful junior teams were:

Girls 1 (Purple): Rachael Swift, Elissa McBain, Elise Youl, Joelle Thompson, Rebecca Edwards.

Girls 4: Luisa Thomas, Kim Edwards, Kirsty De Bruijne,

Christie Lawrence, Joanne Yarwood.

Boys 5: Evan McGinty, Brett Thompson, Mike Howell, Matthew Green, Gwynne Thomas.

Mixed 23: Justin Edwards, Luke Bennett, Ben Saaksjarvi, Kirsty Pulford, Sheree Greatrex, Tania Curwood.

Warrandyte is now playing its club championships and invites all tennis fans to watch the finals, on October 15 and 22.

Truly, a grand afternoon

The Warrandyte recreation reserve club rooms will be the scene of VFL grand final action on September 30.

The big game will be shown on the big screen at Warrandyte Football Club's special grand final spitroast.

The function starts at 11.30 a.m. and it's \$10 a head.

The club's presentation night will be held at Alfred's Homestead on September 27.

Tickets are \$30 (single) and are available from Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573), Jenny Walshe (876 3719) and Shane Revell (844 3887).

Stick with the kids — president

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Norwood led by 11 points at the first change and 23 points at the interval. Warrandyte were conceding height on most lines and struggling to penetrate the Norwood defence.

Norwood increased their lead to 40 points in the third quarter, but goals to Lachlan McLean and John O'Brien trimmed the deficit at the last change to 27 points.

In his three-quarter time address, coach Hopkins urged his players to kick a couple of early goals in the last term and put Norwood's character to the test.

The Bloods responded by contesting fiercely in the opening minutes, but their run — and their season — ended when Norwood steadied and rebuilt a path to goal.

Final score was 16.7 (103) to 5.10 (40).



Dale Comrie (left) is congratulated by Warrandyte Football Club reserves coach Bruce Onken after winning the reserves best and fairest award. Comrie, just 19, was a runaway winner despite playing only 12 games in the seconds. See story back page.

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The Madge appeal

\$10,000 personal gift to trust fund

A Warrandyte businessman has given \$10,000 to the appeal for crippled footballer Gary (Madge) Allsop.

The donor does not want to be named.

His gift is by far the biggest individual contribution to the fund for Allsop, 28, who is still in the Austin Hospital's Spinal Care Unit after his tragic accident in the fourth game of the season.

"It is a very generous and thoughtful gift from a man who himself has experienced suffering," fund chief co-ordinator Helen Reveli told the *Diary*.

"Obviously, we are very grateful for the donation."

The appeal for Allsop is now concentrated on a raffle, with first a trip for two to the United States, valued at \$4500.

Tickets, at \$2, are available from: Dr Brian Bayly's surgery, Warrandyte Cellars, the Village Milk Bar, the Grand Hotel (on Friday nights), South Warrandyte Milk Bar, Dorset Gardens Hotel and Tasman Talents Pty Ltd of Ferntree Gully.

Warrandyte Football Club has appealed for people willing to sell tickets outside the Warrandyte area.

"We would like to hear from anyone prepared to sell a book at work or wherever," Mrs Reveli said. She can be contacted on 344 7105 during business hours, or on 844 3887.

The raffle, which carries other valuable prizes, will be drawn at the Eastern Districts Football League presentation night at Rembrandt's Restaurant, Wantirna South, on October 18.

Organisers of the appeal were disappointed by the response to a fund-raising disco at the Dorset Gardens on September 3.

Unfortunately, the function clashed with the EDFL third division grand final (won by Norwood) and Father's Day.

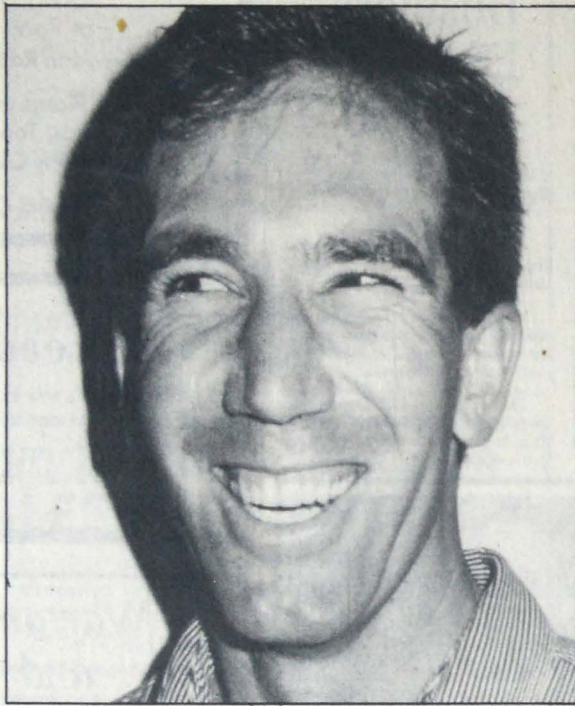
Donations to the Gary Allsop Trust fund should be addressed to PO Box 151, Warrandyte, 3113.

Dribblers!

Warrandyte Basketball Club is seeking young recruits — boys and girls aged six and upward — for the new season, which starts in mid-October.

Games are played on Saturdays and the contact is Cheryl Clark (844 1188).

Skipper Golding does it again



Robin Golding ... second best and fairest award.

Captain Robin Golding has put the seal on a remarkable comeback by winning Warrandyte Football Club's best and fairest award for the second time.

Golding, who missed the entire 1988 season after a total knee reconstruction, polled 124 votes (on a 1-5 voting basis) to beat young ruckman Kimberley O'Connor by 31.

Defender Gerald Walshe was third, on 71. Forward Andrew Snaidero and recruited utility player Craig Lord were fourth and fifth, on 54 and 53 respectively.

Golding, 29, a far-roaming centreman who learned his football in Adelaide, previously won the award in 1984.

His 1988 season lasted just one game and a few minutes. He badly damaged knee ligaments in the opening minutes of the second match and dedicated himself to a comeback after reconstruction surgery.

"There was a lot of hard work involved in getting the knee right again," he said, "but to make the finals this year with our young side — and now this award — has made it all very worthwhile."

"I suppose this has been my best season. I may have played some better games in 1984, but this has certainly been most even season."

Golding, whose wife Tammy is the club trainer, is already thinking in terms of 1990.

"I think Warrandyte have a very good year ahead," he said, "if the club sticks with the young guys and the young guys are prepared to stick at it."

Best and fairest votes were counted at the clubrooms on September 2. Golding took the lead after the "one" votes had been read and despite challenges — first from Snaidero, then from O'Connor — drew clear as the "fives" were counted.

There was a big cheer from his clubmates when Gary Allsop was awarded top votes by the three judges for one of the three games he completed



Kimberley O'Connor

before breaking and dislocating his neck in the match against Upper Ferntree Gully on April 29.

Outstanding young ruck prospect Dale Comrie made a one-act affair of the reserves award. Comrie, who recently turned 19, polled 46 votes (on a 1-3 basis) to score by 24 from David Sloan.

Lou Amos was third on 19 and Bob McHugh and Justin Hansen equal fourth, on 18.

Comrie collected his winning tally in just 12 reserves games. He played five matches in the seniors.

The under-18s award went to Matt Luttick, with 44 votes. Adam Smark was second with 34 and Matt Hurley third with 30. John Hassall and Michael Eaves shared fourth place, with 27.

McLean parting message: Stick with kids!

Warrandyte Football Club president Kevin McLean will step down in November after three years in the chair.

McLean announced, after the Bloods' EDFL third division premiership thrust had ended in the preliminary final, that he would not be seeking re-election.

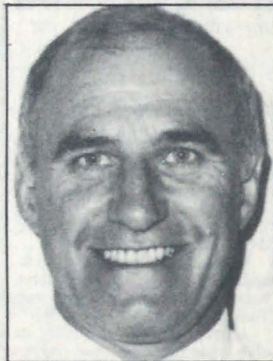
He said pressure of business was the reason for his decision. "I just haven't got time to do the job," he said.

For a similar reason, vice-president Brian Day will not be seeking the top job.

It is believed that former ruckman Colin Bawden will be a candidate.

While disappointed by Warrandyte's preliminary final showing against Norwood — a 63-point loss — McLean said the 1989 season had been "positive" and expectations for 1990 and beyond were good.

"We set out a couple of years ago to play the kids," he said. "When you look at the preliminary final



Kevin McLean

side, you see that policy is working.

"Only one player in that side — Craig Lord — was an import. Only two, Craig and Robin Golding, did not come up through our junior ranks — and Robin has been here for nine years.

"The future looks good, provid-

ing the incoming committee continues to play the kids."

McLean said the Bloods' 1989 campaign had been frustrated by injuries and the wettest winter in memory.

"We lost so many good players with injury," he said, "and it's no secret that we play our best football on top of the ground."

McLean, a former Collingwood player, coached Warrandyte to their last premiership, in 1983. He doubled this season as runner for the seniors.

Asked if he believed coach Lindsay Hopkins would be back for a second term, McLean said: "That's up to Lindsay and the committee. Personally, I think he did an excellent job. I'd be disappointed if he didn't keep going next year."

Hopkins agreed that the season had produced a "lot of pluses".

"We let ourselves down against Norwood," he said, "but this is still a very young side."

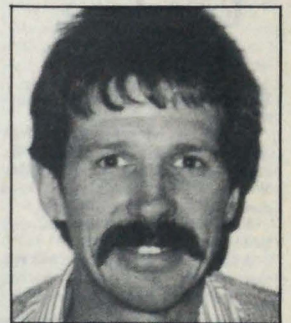
And would he coach the Bloods next season?

"It's too early to think about that," he said.

Warrandyte, who had drawn with Norwood in the penultimate home-and-away game, were out-reached, out-marked, outplayed and, as one supporter put it, "out-desperated" in the preliminary final.

Norwood set the pattern with two goals in the opening minutes.

There was no lack of endeavour on the Bloods' part, but Norwood were just that much more determined to be first to the ball and the umpires were rightfully and consistently playing the man in front.



Lindsay Hopkins

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