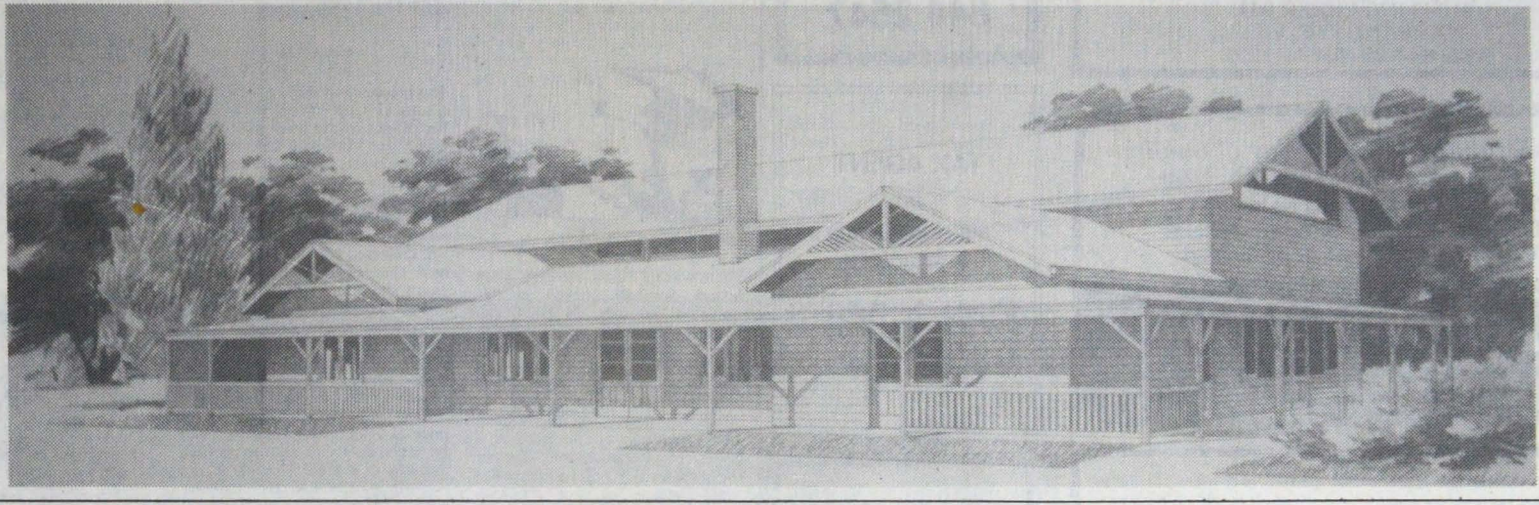


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Kevin Parker's impression of how a renovated, single-storey Whitehouse could look.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE**

**Marsh gives town a mural**

Warrandyte's new community centre will feature a major public work by former local painter Dale Marsh, designed to enhance and highlight the dramatic central foyer planned for the complex.

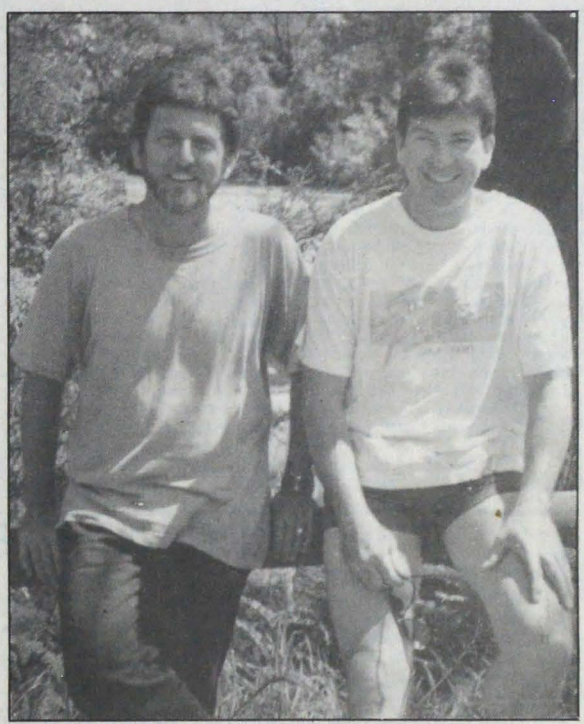
Dale has already begun painting studies for this piece in his studio on Bribie Island, Queensland. The finished work will be a mural measuring approximately four metres wide by three metres high.

Described as a "romantic, humanist work of epic scale, impressionistic rather than illustrative," it is Dale's intention that the mural should "celebrate the spirit of the Warrandyte community as it exists today". The value of the work when completed is estimated to be in excess of \$100,000.

The project is being organised by the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, publishers of the *Diary*.

Dale Marsh lived and worked in Research Road, Warrandyte between 1970 and 1976. During this time he held his first major exhibitions, which were immediate sell-out successes. Because of this and other reasons, Warrandyte holds a special place in Dale's affections, and he has offered to donate the mural to the community.

Due to its size, work on the mural will be carried out in a space lent by the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre. When the painting



Dale Marsh (left), renews his memory of the Warrandyte landscape with *Diary* artist Jock Macneish.

has been completed the stretcher frames will be disassembled and the canvas rolled, for transport to Victoria and final erection in Warrandyte.

Dale Marsh is represented in the Queensland Gallery, Benalla Regional Gallery, Australian War Memorial, Latrobe Valley Art Centre, Camberwell Civic Centre, the BHP Collection (Newcastle) and in many corporate and private collections here and overseas, notably those of Prince Philip and Princess Alexandra.

He has recently completed several

big public commissions for new buildings in the city of Brisbane, as well as a large outdoor mural on Bribie Island.

Given Warrandyte's place in the history of Australian art and the continuing vitality of its arts community, the organisers believe Dale's mural could form the centrepiece for a variety of fine pieces — paintings, sculpture, pottery and so on — to be displayed in and around the centre.

This could ultimately build into a regional collection of national interest and value.

**Whitehouse rescue is on**

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte community is rallying to save the Whitehouse, the council-owned building in Tarroona Avenue, next to the Recreation Reserve.

Originally purchased by Doncaster and Templestowe Council for \$16,500 in 1972, the building is now in a state of some disrepair and a council memo has recommended that it should be demolished.

"We want to keep the Whitehouse," Jim Pleasance, chairman of the management committee, told the *Diary*. "It is an essential community facility. There is also a great deal of sentimental attachment to the building locally."

A 'Save the Whitehouse' petition has been circulating in the town.

The historical society believes that the Whitehouse site is the longest continually occupied allotment in the area.

First held under a miner's right as early as 1856, it was used as a residence and school, continuing its life as a privately-owned hall and refreshment rooms serving picnic parties at the recreation reserve, right up until the 1960s.

Council bought it as premises for the community youth club and elderly citizens' club, following strong local agitation expressed through the columns of this newspaper.

It has more recently served as

brownies and for a taekwondo group, as well as providing a venue for dances, discos and other district functions.

The upper storey has long been considered unsafe and is now un-

usable and from a practical point of view that appears to be impossible. So if the top storey was removed and the lower part restored to its original appearance, that would be a most acceptable compromise."

Council has tentatively committed \$100,000 to the maintenance of the Whitehouse, and Cr Val Polley has expressed strong support for the single-storey option.

"To restore the entire building, as it stands now, appears to be out of the question," she said. "To conform to existing regulations, the lower part would have to be rebuilt in brick, and what we would finally have is essentially a new building costing a great deal of money."

"But by replacing the condemned top storey with a new roof — following the original line and possibly opening up the ceiling of the main hall — we could have an attractive, viable building, totally in keeping with the aesthetic values of the original structure."

The management committee believes the building has earned the right to continue to serve the Warrandyte community.

"The Whitehouse has always been a self-help enterprise," Jim Pleasance said. "We charge minimum hiring rates and carry out most of the maintenance tasks ourselves, so the money goes a long way. And that's how we want it to stay."

The committee is anxious to hear residents' opinions on the future of the Whitehouse, and readers are invited to write to the *Diary*, expressing their views.



Cr Val Polley: attractive, viable building.

used. As an alternative to demolition, council is considering removing the top floor and restoring the building to its original single-storey form.

It is believed that the top floor was added during extensive remodeling carried out during the early 1930s, and as such does not have the same historical significance as the rest of the building.

"Ideally, we would like it to be kept as it is," Jim Pleasance said,

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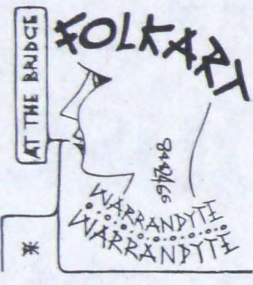


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Q: How do the kids at Warrandyte High School get to kiss their teachers? A: They score parts in the school's now famous annual musical productions.

Wild life in suburbia. A Beauty Gully Road resident, strolling through bush out that way recently, spied a clump of marijuana and a koala. The following day both were gone. Any connection?



There was fur-flung rejoicing when Jessica Southall arrived in this world on November 14. Harry and Jenny had been hoping for a girl to pigeon a pair with young Travis. And Jen's mum Pat Lovett, who'd been on hand several days to lend expertise to the nursing side of things, had insisted on a lady-child after a quadrella of grandsons. And down at Portarlinton, former *Diary* editor Peter was missing Pat heaps because he's a shocking cook. He once made cheese-on-toast in a vertical toaster and still believes the way to cook a frozen pie is to shove it under the grill. Pete is delighted to have a new grandchild and he's sure Pat's homecoming roast'll be delicious. Incidentally, Jenny and Jessica are both fine.

There is rejoicing, too, north of the river, where dry rubbish has come out into the open. Eltham Shire now allows junk to be left beside the maximum two bins for collection each Monday. There are restrictions, but nothing you'd object to if you weren't trying to smuggle out a decaying whale. Dry rubbish collections have been the source of much community jealousy. The Doncaster side have had 'em for years. God bless Eltham for stepping into the 20th Century.

**IN RED & WHITE**

News that November 14 was a day of protest rally, a free day on public transport, hadn't really got through and the very nice Asian driver of 7.58 (Freeway, via King Street) was having a bit of difficulty explaining it to each oncoming commuter. Somewhere along Thompson Road he got his act together: "No charge today — it my birthday!"

The recollection that he was in the Caulfield Cup sweep there drew Jim Harris to the local pub on his way home from golf that very day. Or that's his excuse. It was well worth the stop because "Lucky Jim" had won \$25 and Lorraine, his wife of 40-plus years, had scored a prize, too. The booby prize. A pot. Jim collected his loot and said yes, he'd take Lorraine's as well because she doesn't drink beer, you know. So he drank it — and precipitated hostilities on the home front. Lorraine claims that, having embezzled (or enguzzled) her prize, he should give her at least half of his. Jim says nonsense, that he'll happily dig into his winnings for the price of a pot and that life at Pound Bend should then return to normal. Smokey is a mate of each of the warring parties and is remaining strictly Swiss. But don't go away.

Is Jim Harris a cad? Or is Lorraine being greedy? Smokey invites your view. In no more than 20 words, pen your opinion and drop it into the *Diary* box on the cypress tree or post it to PO Box 209. No bra-burning though, girls, and no Bonds bonfires either, chaps. Entries from the Harris or Day families are ineligible. Your verdict will be published in the December *Diary*.

Whoa there! Lorraine has fought back by pocketing the proceeds of the beer bottle collection she shrewdly organised in Jim's absence. Is she entitled to the proceeds of something to which she did not contribute? Please indicate by a tick or cross at the end of your submission.

We lap up the milk of human kindness, but if the postie delivers one more bill to the Warrandyte Dairy, Fossickers Way, to the *Diary* box at the PO, we may well turn sour. Even curdle. Ours is "I" before "A" mate.

There used to be a horse called Printer's Error running around Victorian tracks and God knows how many newspaper proof-readers changed it to "Error". There mistake. Had those galley slaves not been hi-teched out of the industry, they would have the blue pencil poised above the name E. Bowles in the cricket details on the back page of this *Diary*. Rong again.



Wanted! One town crier for the Warrandyte Festival, 1990. Must be prepared to walk around with megaphone and large bell to announce activities. Needed for two full days, Saturday and Sunday. Pay's lousy, but the perks are good. If interested, contact John Boyle on 844 3120 or just shout loudly enough.

Bowls very well, does Eugene Bowles. Took 5/25 for Warrandyte fifths against Ainslie Park.



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## How an alien invader intimidated a household

Something peculiar is happening at our place, but first of all some background ...

We all know how difficult it is perching a house on a steep block of native bush and wondering where we might fit a small garden without destroying that bush.

The agent who called our block "gently sloping" had previously sold sites on the walls of the Grand Canyon. Gently sloping, perhaps, over one third; the rest leaned literally towards precipitous.

In those days — the early 1970s — we were quite happy with an aureole, but mothers-in-law and the like urged flowers, "at least somewhere". They bore down on us with boot-loads of geraniums, daisies and, would you believe, hydrangea cuttings.

So we constructed a few eartheries, while the rest

of Melbourne discovered rockeries, and imported yards of mountain soil.

We are yet to find from which mountain this soil came, but we suspect it is just to the left of the Simpson Desert.

Into these small pockets around the house we put plants which we hoped wouldn't leap into the bush and destroy it. Luckily, they didn't. As the patter of tiny feet gave way to the soft blue puff of exhaust fumes and the faint sounds of goodbye — or more commonly, "See ya!" — the once-again untouched bush now fairly glows with orchids and native grasses.

Now back to the story.

In one of these plots, for nigh on 12 years has sat

an ordinary looking, nameless, spikey plant — perhaps flaxlike — never changing from one year to the next except to grow perhaps an inch or so.

And then the rains came ...

This spring the plant got to a stage where it seemed to burst with energy. The perfect roundness into which it had drawn its usually rather languid leaves caught the eye.

Then, from its centre, emerged a huge enfolded bud which pushed its way from ground level to top my young six-footer's head, in two weeks.

We began to photograph it.

It looked like a giant asparagus, and swift calculations were being made along the lines of an advertising deal with Edgell.

Too late. It grew on. Now the trunk — almost two hands round — is three times my height, five foot two and a half, in socks — rigid and powerful.

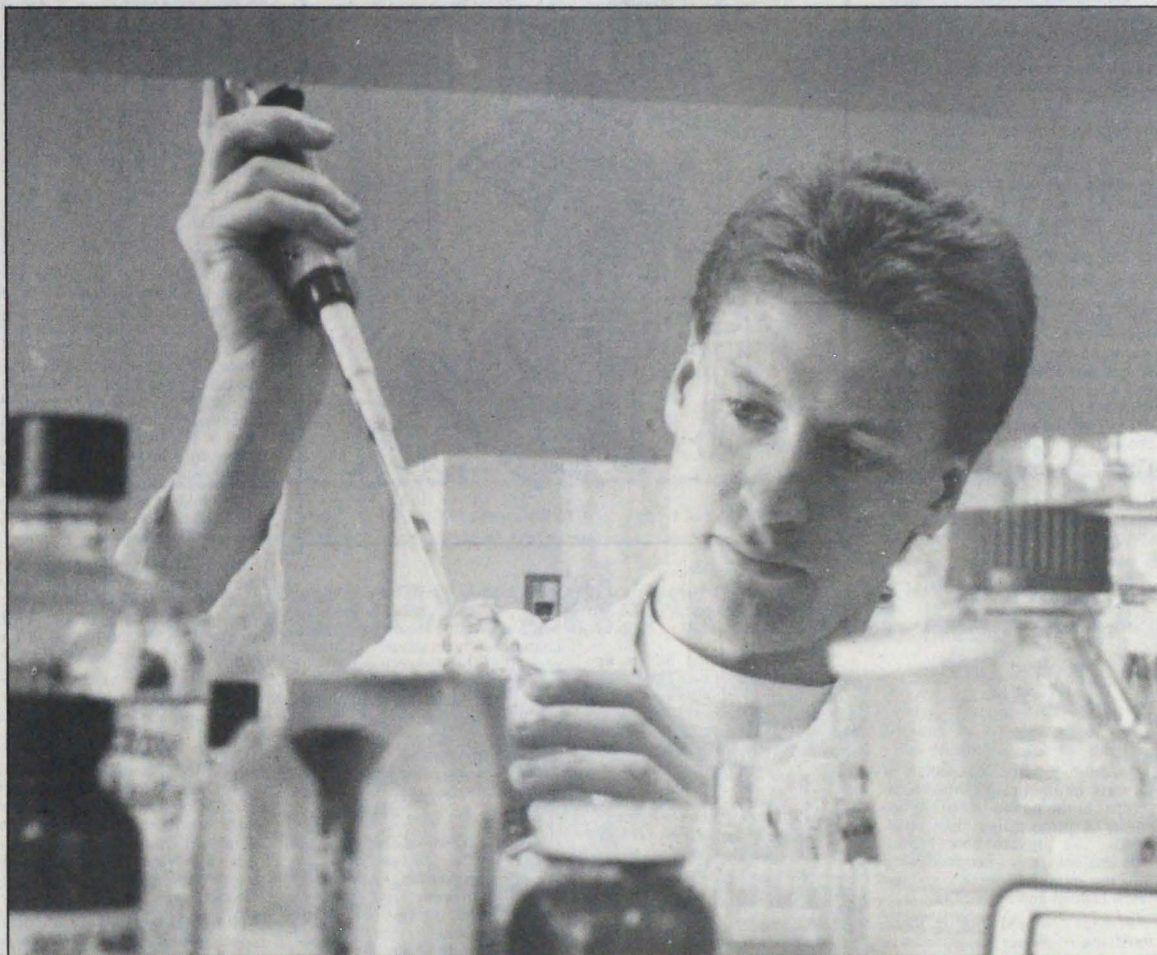
Its top is crested by a tight wad of bud which peels off at intervals as the growth continues, to form small arms ending in a fist of buds.

This energy spurt has completely devastated the host leaves, which are lying around in a most untidy way. Giving birth to this monster was obviously too much for them.

I can't finish the story yet as the buds are not open. I am a bit anxious, though. I doubt if it will rush out and devour the bush.

But it's beginning to intimidate me.

JUDY MACDONALD



Douglas Hilton: "The great thing about Warrandyte is that people are generally tolerant, and accepting of all types."

By KEN VIRTUE

It was a proud moment for research scientist Douglas Hilton, 25, when he was recently named as the winner of the Channel Ten Young Achiever Award.

Douglas had already won the SEC Science and Technology Award, and was chosen from more than 400 entrants and from finalists in other awards for arts, sports, community and career achievement. The finalists included basketballer Andrew Gaze, pianist Adam Przewlocki and welfare worker Moira Kelly.

"This was the year they chose science," Douglas told the *Diary*, "and it seems to be an indication of increasing community awareness of factors affecting our health and lifestyle."

Douglas played a major role in the discovery of the protein LIF (Leukaemia Inhibitory Factor) while working with an experienced team of hormone researchers at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute.

"LIF happened to kill one leukaemia cell from a single mouse," said Douglas, "and also proved to have lots of interesting effects on different cell types, and on the formation of bones and the function of the liver."

Douglas strongly stressed that LIF has shown no effect yet on human leukaemia cells, and that it is not a wonder drug for leukaemia. The most likely commercial use for

## Success finds scientist

LIF will be in making disease-resistant livestock, and it has therefore been patented by the institute which will market and develop it through the Australian Medical Research and Development Corporation.

Douglas came from London with his family in 1972 and was educated at Warrandyte Primary School and East Doncaster High School.

"This was pre-Warrandyte High School," recalls Douglas, "so a lot of my primary school friends went in different directions to various high schools. It would have been nice to go through Warrandyte High with the same group."

"I did the usual cricket and football thing" Douglas said, "but by Form 4 I knew I wanted a science career. By Form 5 I knew it would be biochemistry."

The younger Douglas Hilton felt

school to be "too generalist" in nature, and had a keen desire to understand the miracle of life.

"You have one cell which becomes a fertilised egg turning into millions of cells which makes us what we are. It's mind blowing!" said Douglas. He believes this basic cell research is something worth doing and something everyone should be interested in.

The young Hilton's mentors included special local identities who gave him a solid example, people like Peter Moran, Ken McKenzie and Jean Chapman.

"The great thing about Warrandyte," says Douglas, "is that people are generally tolerant, and accepting of all types. You can be standing down at the football next to a famous artist or businessman, and it's just people doing what they want to do."

Egalitarian? "Yes, that's the word," he agrees. "It's a really appealing lifestyle for us."

The "us" includes wife, Adrienne, whom Douglas met at the Hall Institute where she works as a laboratory technician assisting scientists who are specialising in diabetes research.

Douglas's mother, Anne, is well known in the community, and he has a younger brother who is a silversmith working in London.

Where to next? "I probably won't work on LIF forever," replies Douglas, "it depends on where the research takes me."

Douglas has already written 14 research papers, addressed four scientific conferences, won the 1986 MacFarlane Burnett prize, and topped Monash University in immunology as well as his honors Year at Melbourne University.

He has about six months work ahead of him to complete his PhD thesis and believes he'll go to Boston within two years for the required overseas research experience.

Could he earn big money working for a business corporation?

"I suppose I could go into commerce, but then they tell you what to work on," he says with the determination of a young man so obviously attracted to pure research.

Will they come back to Warrandyte? "We couldn't live anywhere else long term..."

## It's a sin to sell a lie, new drama suggests

The boundary between theatre and life can be fuzzy... especially as the Warrandyte Drama Group prepares the world premiere of 'Crying For The Moon' by Helen Cahill.

This play was born out of a series of theatrical workshops Helen directed using role-play and discussion to explore issues of interest or concern.

From these workshops emerged the man who, late home from work, lied to his wife. He had another woman and was concerned to lose neither his mainstream life nor his extra-curricular activity. Once given a wife, a mother, two teenage children and his other woman, we have the cast of 'Crying for the Moon'.

The play explores the lives of these people as the lie falls apart. It traces the emergence of the truth and the way in which it causes a shift in the lives of each of the characters.

There are sad moments, as when the teenage daughter, played by Danielle Taylor, seeks to teach her father how best he might win back

her mother, or as David Morey, playing the bewildered son, can do little more than deny the rift between his parents. There are moments of humor laced with horror as we watch Yvonne Morey as the mother-in-law intruding and shaping others' lives. Doug McManus, playing David, is both victim and aggressor.

At the heart of the play is disappointment as the characters deal with having their lives fall short of their dreams. Hence the title, 'Crying for the Moon'. Mary-Anne Higgs, playing the mistress, gives us a powerful image of someone struggling to part with her fantasy of the rescuing hero. Playing his wife, we watch Elaine Henderson emerge from ferocious resentment to a passionate independence.

The play will provoke a variety of opinion and judgments about the way in which the characters conduct their lives.

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# Retired clotheshorse set to re-enter the fray

Call me Dante. I've just returned from hell, or to be more precise, from a shopping expedition.

Once I lived for clothes' shopping. The Clothes Horse at the Southern Cross, Opal, Potts and Sons and a plethora of menswear shops were like Mecca to a Moslem for me. I slipped into slim strides and acquired Aquila shoes, confident that my Georg Jensen cufflinks complemented my slim-line tie and solid silver tie pin. Nowadays, the dressing isn't so dapper and I'm not so sure!

I seem to have arrived at that stage in life when I'm tentative about the style I should adopt. Whenever I realise, or more usually, am told that I haven't a thing to wear, panic sets in. It's not just that I can't decide whether I'm English County or 1960s Revival. An added complication is my carefully nurtured miserliness.

What I think should cost \$20 invariably ends up costing telephone numbers. Consequently, having established that the salesperson is not a scriptwriter for 'Fast Forward' usually I turn tail and leave without buying anything. Once home, eagerly, I await the catalogues.

I alone am responsible for Australia's appalling foreign debt. All my clothes are "loss leaders" bought at sales. As a result, my wardrobe (sic) is an aggregate of several decades of specials. Why buy a smart, expensive shirt when I can get four imported, "almost okays" for the same price? To me, this is indisputable logic. But local pressure has "suggested" I rethink. Hence today's shopping catastrophe.

‘The guide's pages are full of glittering prizes and all at 1950 prices.’

I seem to gravitate to specials of all sorts. In times past I would have scoffed at the notion of buying because of price rather than style. Lately, the proverb about sows' ears and silk purses keeps slipping into my mind whenever I spy the latest fashion and its price tag.

Perhaps I should shop in those terrifying boutiques where there is no price tag to be seen. Then, maybe, I would be able to select according to suitability rather than cost. The catch, however, would be in leaving with the merchandise.

I did return with some clothes today; three windcheater things on special. I left home with the specific intention of buying some shoes as the soles of my existing ones are being inadequately held together by library book staples. These, I am

happy to report, work quite well, but only for a few weeks until the wire wears through. Then, the grip is excellent but they are dynamite on polished floors.

Being out of staples and bereft of any alternative cheap solutions, necessity, and my wife, forced me out, determined to put common sense before cost. It would have been too easy for me to go straight to the

it had out the front? A whole cartload of windcheater things.

Earlier in the day I had seen an Equilibrium top that I really liked until I noticed the clumsy printing on the price tag. Things like that really grate. But there, in front of the shirt shop was a table laden with neatly printed "reduced price" labels. So neat were they, that I bought three.

printing happened about five years ago when I had my cataract operation.

Perhaps, without realising it, my eye specialist installed a budget lens, one that constantly seeks its own penurious kin. Whatever the logical explanation, I'm prepared to try to change.

From now on, I'm going to be strong. But doing cold turkey is a bit harsh. For my first few shopping sorties I think I'll need "herself" to accompany me, just to keep me on the straight and narrow. Given my strength of character, her help will only need to be minimal. To be doubly sure, however, I should determine a strategy to see me over the next few months.

‘My children will laugh again, my wife will be cured and I will look spunkily co-ordinated.’

Easy steps. That's the obvious way to tackle the problem. First, I'll wean myself off No Brand grocery products (that, in itself, should reduce the tranquilisers by half!). Then, I'll stop reading junk mail sale catalogues. Finally, I'll take the oath to shop only in accredited, expensive emporia. Surely, by then, I will be back to normality and I'll be spending the way a sensible consumer ought.

My children will laugh again, my wife will be cured and I will look spunkily co-ordinated.

What a cathartic experience! Even writing about my path to redemption has made me feel better. A problem aired and all that. With my blueprint for the rebirth of the sartorially splendid me, I'm set now for the fine tuning.

Step one. Make some fundamental decisions. What's going to be my mid-life style? Am I to be David Jones? Najee? Pat's Menland? or Oversized New Wave? I tend to think Country Road for a man of my standing and years. It'll mean a whole wardrobe, though. Out with all my old specials' rubbish and in with all that lovely trendy, quality, tastefully co-ordinated and expensive clobber.

I'll have to work on a methodical replacement program. How about this? Suppose I allocate one quarter of my fortnightly salary to new, proper clothing. Given the price of the clothes I saw in the shops today, that means that in a month I will have been able to afford a windcheater and a pair of socks... That leaves me with work clothes, casual gear, sportswear, formal wear and assorted jackets and jumpers to go.

Tranquilisers aren't all that harmful, are they?



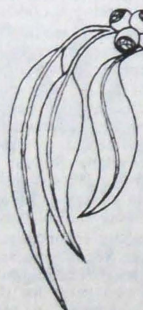
Shoppingtown shoe shop. Instead, I consulted the 'Shoppers' Guide to Economy Stores'.

The factory-to-you outlets appeal to people like me. The guide's pages are full of glittering prizes and all at 1950 prices. The promise, however, always seems better than the reality. I draw the line at buying goods I can find in my own drawers.

Having spent the morning travelling from one tantalising prospect to another, I ended up at Shoppingtown ogling covetously the Florshiem merchandise. For one chilling moment, my past life surfaced as I made a beeline for the beautiful brown brogues. It wasn't so much the \$200 price tag as the color of the laces that decided me against the purchase.

If I could find an aesthetic fault so easily, there was no point in bothering about the rest of their lines. Outraged, I was forced to leave. That really was a close one!

It's true. Every cloud does have a silver lining. Just near the shoe shop is a great shirt shop, and guess what



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The long arm of the law! (News item: Warrandyte police area will end at the river from December.)

## Sth Warrandyte celebrates 85th birthday with bush fair

Warrandyte South Primary School continued its 85th birthday celebrations with a bush fair on September 9. The day was a great success and a good time was had by all.

The bush fair was the school's major fund-raising event for the year. Over \$15,000 was raised which will be used to purchase equipment.

There was plenty to do and see for the younger ones. The Warrandyte South Scout Group erected a flying fox which was a real hit with the kids. Children had fun climbing all over the Warrandyte South CFA fire truck and the Bob Jane 'Big Foot' truck with its enormous wheels.

The CFA's Captain Koala was there to meet the children. The Croaydon Narrow Gauge Railway Group set up a fascinating display.

The Croaydon-Mooroolbark Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade were on hand in case of emergency but fortunately they were not needed.

### Reunion

A reunion of past students and teachers was held on the day. More than 500 attended including two original class members. Reunion people browsed through an interesting display of old photos and memorabilia and attended a reunion dance later that evening at the Mechanics Hall, Warrandyte.

The weather was fine for most of the day apart from one heavy downpour during the auction. However this wasn't a problem as the very spirited bidding continued from beneath the umbrellas!

The Warrandyte Environment League and The Friends of the Park did a great job dispensing information such as 'which plants to grow in your area'.

The school would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 85th birthday celebrations such a great success.

# War on weeds is declared

North Warrandyte's severe weed problem was highlighted to Eltham Shire councillors during a recent bus tour arranged by the shire's pest plants committee.

The committee was set up in response to growing community awareness after a special public meeting.



Alma Angus explains the workings of "The Bradley Brigade" to Councillor John Fisher.

John Galea, shire manager of parks and environment, said that although the weed problem was serious over most of the shire, it was North Warrandyte which was the focus of community awareness of the problem.



Four of the 10 members of the pest plants committee are from Warrandyte.

Councillors were addressed by Ian Roche, head ranger of the state park, and by Alma Angus, who explained the work of the Bradley Brigade, a group of Bradley's Lane residents which meets regularly to tackle weeds in Norman Reserve.

Mrs Angus said the weed eradication method used was called the Bradley Method. This featured in *The Diary* in the "Wombat" column a couple of years ago.

Chaired by Councillor John Fisher, the committee's major achievement to date has been the commissioning and overseeing of a botanical consultant's report on the weed problem. According to Councillor Fisher, this is a "first" for local government in Victoria.

The committee recently decided it had to do more than just advise councillors. A bus tour was organised to show councillors the magnitude of the problem.

"We had only two hours of coun-

cillors' time and couldn't fit everything in," Councillor Fisher said. "North Warrandyte is an area with a severe weed problem and a high level of community awareness. We wanted to show the councillors both."

The bus tour ended at Norman

Reserve, Bradley's Lane, where the Warrandyte Environment League's market stall was set up to provide a light lunch. Members of WEL and Friends of Warrandyte State Park joined the gathering to meet councillors and to amplify community concern.

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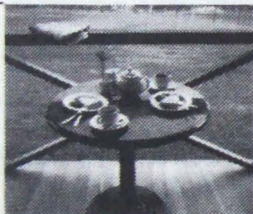
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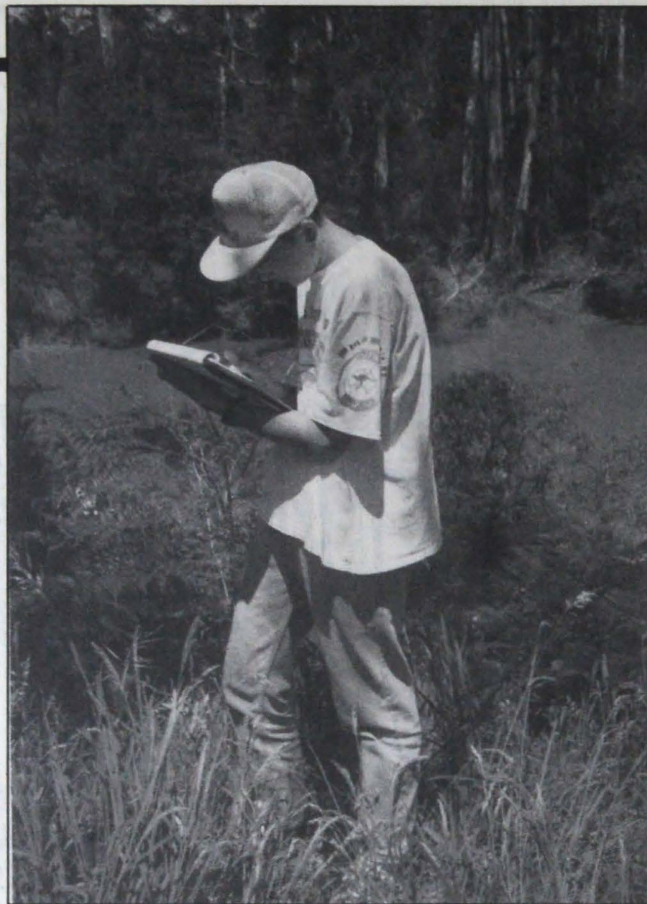
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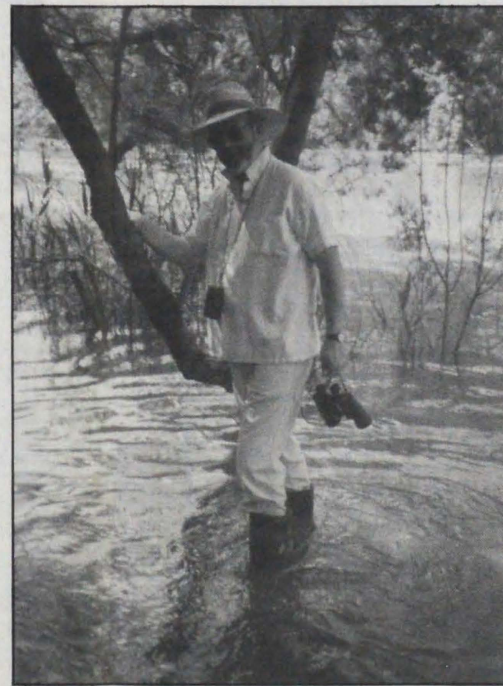
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# Koala census finds all's well

By JAN TINDALE

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It was all in a day's work (or march) for Friends of Warrandyte State Park on October 29 in their first Pound Bend-based koala count. And when aching legs had been rested and the numbers tallied, the exercise was deemed very worthwhile indeed.

Twenty-one koalas were spotted, indicating that the population of the area is at least holding its own.

The sightings included four mums with joeys.

"It's worthy of note that none of the koalas seen had ear tags or any symptoms of disease," said senior park ranger Ian Roche, who oversaw the "census". "All

koalas released here in 1985 were tagged and disease-free.

"We know from various reports that koalas have spread far and wide, probably originating from Pound Bend.

"It would be premature to jump to any conclusions based on this small piece of information, but it would seem that the population has at least managed to maintain itself and is sufficiently stress-free to breed successfully.

"The results of the October 29 survey are interesting and encouraging."

The Friends were divided into three groups for the count — one to survey the river gums, the others to cover the inland tracts.

And the team assigned to the river gum twice: most koalas sighted and most blisters.

State Park rangers would like to hear from anyone who sights a koala in the Warrandyte area. The phone number is 844 2659.

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**Prunus proposals**

The Doncaster and Templestowe Council has asked me to inform the petitioners for the retention of the prunus in Warrandyte that the following resolutions have been made:

- Council adopt the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Report as a general source of guidelines for the Warrandyte townscape and express the desire to implement the recommendations of the report in general.
- A further report be prepared regarding the implementation of major recommendations of the report, which shall include costing.
- Prior to any work being commenced, detailed designs be developed and made available for public comment.
- Capital works items be referred for consideration with the 1990/91 Estimates.
- Council request details of assistance which the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works could provide concerning construction; river edge improvement design, landscaping, engineering and construction; landscaping generally; and willow removal upstream of bridge.

The Townscape Improvement Report had been amended before these resolutions, to recommend control rather than eradication, for the prunus.

Judy Macdonald

**Honeywood seeks help**

I am writing to seek comment from your readers on amendments proposed by the Labor State Government to the Crimes (Family Violence) Act which are at present before Parliament.

These proposed amendments are likely to affect families in the Warrandyte area.

The act at present allows orders to be obtained in a magistrates court against a person who has allegedly engaged in violence against or behaved in an offensive manner towards a family member, and is likely to do so again.

An order may impose any restrictions the court considers desirable, including the exclusion of the person from any premises frequented by the other family member, such as the family home.

Under Labor's amendments to come before Parliament, the meaning of "family member" will be extended and the range of people

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who can seek orders on behalf of a child also will be extended.

Persons who can seek orders will include the child concerned if above the age of 14 (which could lead to more controversial children divorcing their parent situations), and third parties such as social workers.

"Family member" will include not only relatives, but also any person who is having or has had an "intimate personal relationship" with the person concerned. This would seem to include both heterosexual and homosexual relationships of any duration.

The Liberal Party is concerned about the possible implications of some of these amendments, and if any of your readers have any views concerning the desirability of these amendments, they can contact me by phone on 725 3570 or write to PO Box 34, Croydon, 3136.

**Phillip Honeywood,**  
 MLA for Warrandyte.

**A major mystery**

The disappearance of the Major Mitchell from the local Sulphur Crested flock, as reported by a letter recently, is something I have observed for quite a few years.

The beautiful pink bird disappears every year at the onset of the breeding season around late winter and rejoins the flock later in summer.

Where the Major Mitchell goes during this time I don't know. The Mallee is its natural home in Victoria. I would think it remains in the local area and would like to hear of any observations people have made.

**Glen Jameson**

**Association is backed**

The proposal to form an association of Warrandyte residents which could present a consensus of opinions on matters affecting them is strongly supported.

Whilst our councillors can represent us, they have only three votes out of 12. An association comprising 1000 or even 500 dedicated Warrandyteites, representing the townsfolk, would certainly be a force to be reckoned with.

In recent months there have been a number of petitions successful,

e.g. removal of plum trees, Mitchell Avenue road closure, the Warrandyte community centre and currently the White House, which hopefully will succeed.

I believe the council staff and the councillors want to help us rather than have a brawl every now and then. I do believe we think a little differently to residents in other parts of the city, so why not have an association to tell council. A grand idea.

I believe that I, more than anyone, after my battle to get rates justice for Brackenbury Street residents, know how hard it is to fight with a small number of troops. If such an association had been in existence a year ago I am sure that the success would have been more widespread.

Go to it, I am sure you will recruit residents with lots of talents and skills.

**Bob Cox,**  
 Brackenbury Street

**Goodbye to Green Wedge**

Warrandyte ward resident and traffic engineer Charles Uber has told the *Diary* that ratepayers have been given few details of the far-reaching plans of the Doncaster Council.

As Mr Uber has been very supportive and is very familiar with these plans why hasn't he informed the ratepayers? After all, he fully outlined the intentions in the Doncaster and Templestowe News last year, although a later letter from a reader outlined the rejection of these plans as "being only of value for radial traffic and would not stop the need for an outer ring road further east."

Unfortunately, Mr Uber is neither accurate nor up-to-date with his information. For example, the council programmed Fitzsimons Lane Bridge for 1998-99, but plans for both the bridge duplication and the road are about to be exhibited. Contrary to the council's plans there will not be another bridge between the environmentally sensitive areas of Fitzsimons Lane and Banksia Street. Instead the Minister for Transport will duplicate the Fitzsimons Lane Bridge as a No. 1 priority.

It is obvious from the construction along Foote Street — Reynolds Road that this is a large, four-lane duplicated highway with provision for six lanes. As stated by Councillor Doug McKenzie and confirmed by FOI documents, the route listed by Mr Uber is a truck and bus route, even for "B Doubles".

The route would open up the whole of this area to Croydon and beyond to encourage even more traffic into this city. Councillor

McKenzie is very proud of this plan to turn the Yarra Valley into a high-volume truck route to carry a predicted 50,000 vehicles per day around the front of the metropolitan parks.

Mr McKenzie, a Doncaster West councillor (the area affected), does not share the environmental sensitivity of the Warrandyte councillors, which he made clear when he caused the rejection of clauses by Councillor Rob Gell, which would have protected the ratepayers' environment from vehicle emissions and noise on the proposed Eastern Arterial extension.

While Mr Uber may believe that the Green Wedge can be maintained, most people would realise that such roads usually have the reverse effect and promote massive development.

When supporting the use of the Mullum-Mullum and the Koonung Valley for the Eastern Arterial extension, the council engineer, an Eltham resident, states: "The State Government and the council have made provision for open space and conservation through the planning scheme processes and used its resources to protect the Yarra Valley, Warrandyte and Park Orchards."

Well, Bulleen-Templestowe Roads are the Yarra Valley, or a large part of it. The densely populated and developed Yarra Valley Estate off Bulleen Road has no open space, not even one children's playground, nor any safe access to the Yarra Valley Parks.

In fact there is no public land left on this side of the road. All of this has been sold off and developed, and now the council is trying to turn the area abutting Greenaway Street into factories, as well as rezone even the drive-in theatre for private recreational use.

So much for the protection of the Yarra Valley. What goes next? Warrandyte or Park Orchards? (Editor's note: this letter has been shortened for space reasons.)

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# 'Annie' packed a whallop

Warrandyte High showed great courage in the choice of its latest musical production, 'Annie'. Not only did they ignore the advice of W.C. Fields, the high proved that it was possible to stage a show featuring juvenile characters and a stray dog without alienating the audience.

Apart from an attack of first night nerves which landed the stray in the orchestra pit, the production ran smoothly and was at all times entertaining.

We have come to expect a high level of professionalism at Warrandyte and producer director Chris White did not let us down. Chris's production matched the slick New York style of the show — occasionally whimsical, but never cloyingly cute. His brilliant set designs captured the essence of time and place, contrasting the living standards of New Yorkers during the Great Depression.

'Annie' is a demanding show, both technically and musically. The performers relied on the strong musical support they received from the orchestra to sing the difficult and at times tuneless music. It was pleasing to hear how musical performances improve with confidence during the run of the show.

The back-up of Don Harrison and his lighting and audio crew was also evident.

Based on the experiences of the cartoon character, Orphan Annie, the simple storyline is written in short-frame scenes, which give the show a cartoon-strip quality. Stage manager John Lajoie and crew handled the quick set changes with great efficiency.

The role of Annie was played on alternate nights by Joanne McMahon and Rachael Milner. I am glad it was possible to see both of these two talented young ladies, as each brought to the role a great deal of individual charm and talent. Joanne's natural stage appeal and excellent singing voice should ensure many future roles.

I was also impressed by Rachael Milner's acting and voice productions, and by the manner in which both handled their reluctant canine co-star. Thank you both for two enjoyable, and at times moving, performances.

Miss Steel played the difficult role of the dipsomaniac Miss Hannigan with enthusiasm and conviction, bringing to the role the expe-

rience of one who has studied her craft.

The choreography must have presented quite a challenge to Dani Allgood, and I congratulate her on the originality and staging of the routines, especially her handling of the scenes in the orphanage. Angie Chiodo's costumes added to the authenticity of the period.

We heard the approach of Warbucks before he materialised on stage and there was instant audience recognition that the role was in the hands of an established performer. Warrandyte High is privileged to have a singer/actor of Greg Stewart's ability and experience.

Not only does Greg "become" his character, he lifts the performance of those around him. His duet with Annie, "I don't need anything but you", was a highlight of the show.

In case there is anyone in Warrandyte who has never attended a high school production, we have a local star, Kathryn Adcock, whose presence would agreeably grace the stage of any leading theatre.

We have watched Kathryn mature as a performer, and there is little doubt that with her superb

vocal range and professionalism her name could one day be in lights above one of those New York streets.

Of special mention in character roles were David Joy, an amusing "Drake" to-the-manner-born butler, and Evan Zigmantis playing the part of President Roosevelt. Of particular note was the scene in which Roosevelt had his staff join with Annie in singing his New Deal philosophy of optimism and hope.

Also good to see some new talent emerging, in Adam Howard as the conniving Rooster, with his accomplice, Melissa Coutts as Lily St. Regis, Martin Bendeler, Scott Cappellani, and the "Boylan sisters" added to the feel of the 1930s. I look forward to seeing future work of the vivacious Christina Oehlmann.

Congratulations, Chris White. The hours of work put in by you and your team were reflected in the standard of the production.

Finally, a word of advice to Sandy, the stray. If you want to make it in the big time don't turn your back on the audience.

MARION WINTON

## New club is starting

A new Probus Club for retired professional and business men is being formed in the district under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Warrandyte.

Probus clubs are social clubs which provide regular monthly meetings with discussions on matters of current importance. Members also hear addresses by guest speakers and visit places and organisations of specific interest.

An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 10am at the Grand Hotel.

Retired or semi-retired men interested in becoming foundation members of this club can obtain further information by ringing Adrian Waller 844 2008 (evenings) or by writing to the Secretary, Rotary Club of Warrandyte, PO Box 55, Warrandyte.

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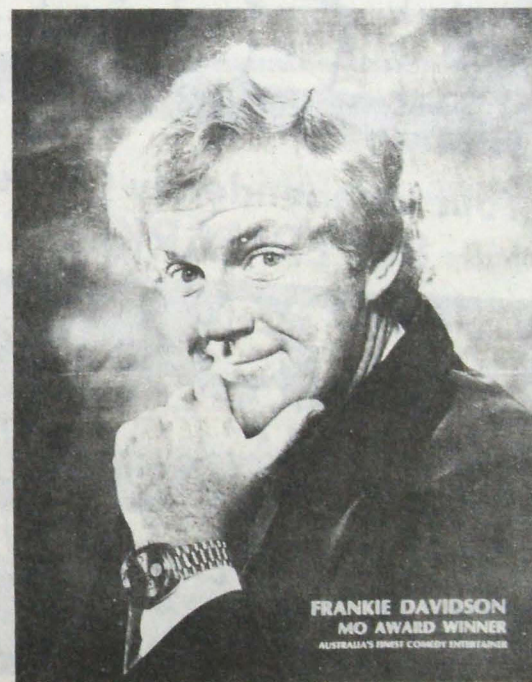
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### Gold tours

Ian Keyte leads tours of our local gold mines on the first and last Sundays of each month. Bookings can be made at the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Tours run from 1.30 pm till 4 pm. Torch, gumboots and jackets are required. Further information on 878 739.

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### 60th birthday next February

lost many of its early records in the bushfires. It is keen to collect as much information about those days as possible. Alice O'Leary (844 3453) or Dulcie Crouch (844 3938) would love to hear from anyone who can help.



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### Boy at last . . .

Celebrations have been thick and fast in Lorraine Avenue where Lynette and Peter Hookey have finally cracked it for a boy following

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### Birthdays

More than \$200 was raised at the Warrandyte Women's Hospital Auxiliary's recent cake stall. Merle Foote was the lucky raffle winner. The group, which celebrates its

two lovely girls. Mother and father well, son Timothy is fine and grandfather recovering.

### And a girl

Congratulations to Ben Jones and his wife Jean (Chapman) on the arrival of their 10th grandchild, a second daughter for their youngest son Gary. It's a double celebration in the family as their son has recently graduated from the Police academy. With seven children and now 10 grandchildren, Ben and Jean are indeed keeping up with the Jones's.

### Good fun

The Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club, which caters for residents of 55 years and over, runs a full program from its centre in Tarroona Avenue. Activities include bingo, billiards, indoor bowls, aerobics, card games and so on. Many outings are organised, including theatre and pokie trips.

Members of the group have great fun practising and performing in their concert party. And of course, there is always just friendly fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee, if this is what you prefer. A Friday morning bus service runs from private homes to Shoppingtown.

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### Pumpkins

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### Nursery name

What's young, green and strictly native? The Friends of the Warrandyte State Park would like to know. They are holding a competition to name the nursery plantation at Pound Bend. Entries will be judged by Georgia Saunders, wife of Don Saunders, director of National Parks Services, in December. Post your entries to F.O.W.S.P., Box 220, Warrandyte.

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# A drive into our history

As you leave the Eastern Freeway and drive along Bulleen Road to Warrandyte, your eyes are pulled to the left, towards the river and the hills of Ivanhoe and Heidelberg.

The highest point along this landscape is Mount Eagle, just to the left of Banksia Street, on which camped the Heidelberg school of artists. From this spot, this creative eye, they conjured their vision of pastoral Australia. The Yarra Valley, the gliding stream, the distant blue ranges. The brilliant blue crystal days of the long hot summer over golden hills of grasses.

Below Mount Eagle are the swamps and billabongs of Bolin. The food-rich, feasting wetlands of the Kulin people. A place of ceremony and legend. Home to Bunjil, the eagle, an important spiritual ancestor who once lived on these river flats. Bunjil. Mount Eagle. Eagle-mont.

Although the two cultures, Aboriginal and European, have great differences, they both were attracted to this piece of land. The land in turn created a piece of culture for us to use and understand.

As soon as Melbourne was settled, the rich river flats of Bolin attracted settlers. Magnificent huge river beds, yellow box and manna gum were felled. Thickets of melaleuca, tee-tree and banksia were

cleared. Swamps and billabongs were drained and filled. The black people were fenced off. New crops and pasture fed early Melbourne and its hungry rush for gold and land until the great Yarra Yarra destroyed all in its path.

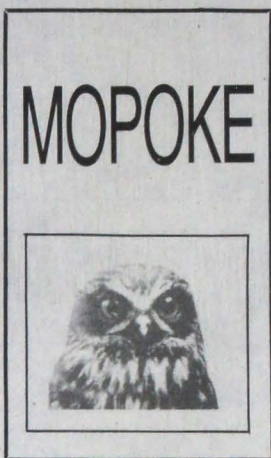
Orchards, vineyards and market gardens were all destroyed by the 1860s flood. The swollen waters deposited washed clay dug by the Warrandyte miners over the silt of the flats. The land was destroyed as the great tide of Europeans had destroyed much of the Aboriginal culture of this land.

The land then fell strangely neglected.

We continue our drive ... over Banksia Street, past "Heide" on to Birrarung Park. The hill behind Birrarung is called Viewbank. To the right of this hill is the confluence of the Yarra and Plenty Rivers. Birrarung is thought to be the Aboriginal name for this section of the river.

The river red gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) dominates this country. The road then moves away from the river, twisting and turning like the river itself, and you wonder if this road follows an older track.

Across Fitzsimmons Lane and we begin to climb into the hills. As we do we leave the river red country behind and the red box forest takes over. The river is way over on



the left and can only be located when mists hang above it on cooler days. We are now driving through the vegetation of the Warrandyte Gorge.

We pass Pound Bend Road and the delightful bush remnant block on the corner. This bush block is of high bushland integrity and signals to me that Warrandyte has been

reached. Over Melbourne Hill and the panorama of the red box hills and the blue hills beyond. (Red box forest accounts for only some 3 percent of the vegetation of the Yarra Valley, our little section is most precious and rare.)

Down into the gorge. It, too, has a special cultural force. A place of potters and artists. A place of ceremony. Pound Bend was the site of the last big gathering of the Wurrundjeri for ceremony. Across Andersons Creek and the site is set aside for celebration of sporting recreation.

Into the village and a meeting with the river sparkling through the silver wattles. Up Jumping Creek Road, past Stane Brae, where the great wedgetail eagle is sometimes seen. Through Wonga Park and down to Homestead Road, which leads to where Brushy Creek flows into the river.

Brushy Creek is the water course on which the famous Wurrundjeri elder, Barak, was born. A little further upstream is the bald hill of Mount Lofty, as it was when the first Europeans set eyes upon it.

Mount Lofty marks the upstream limit of the Warrandyte Gorge. It also marks the eastern border of the red box forest, for beyond this, river beds begin to dominate again on the alluvial flats towards Yarra Glen.



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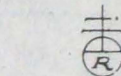
Open — Men's Singles: Fabio Forlano d Andrew Hiscock 6-0, 6-1. Women's Singles: Melanie Rankin d Lori Ryan 6-0, 6-3. Men's Doubles: Fabio Forlano-David Green d Geoff French-Andrew Hiscock 7-6, 7-5. Women's Doubles: Melanie Rankin-Melissa Kerkhof d Lori Ryan-Val Mackintosh 6-3, 7-6. Mixed Doubles: Andrew Hiscock-Melanie Rankin d Geoff French-Lori Ryan 6-1, 6-3.

B-Grade — Men's Singles: Barry Hawkins d Frank Waites 6-0, 6-2. Women's Singles: Cecile Ruegg d Gwenda Ennis (only 3 entrants, played as round robin). Men's Doubles: John Laing-Ross Henderson d Colin & Shane Greatrex 6-0, 6-0. Women's Doubles: Pat Abbott-Sandy Yarwood d Barbara & Elissa McBain 6-1, 6-3. Mixed Doubles: Greg Lawrence-Joan Bradbury d Barry & Dorothy Hawkins 6-2, 6-4.

### JUNIORS

17U — Boys' Singles: Andrew Hiscock d Greg Scritchley 6-3, 6-3. Girls' Singles: Melanie Rankin d Melissa Kerkhof 6-2, 6-3. Boys' Doubles: Greg Scritchley-Claes Ruegg d Andrew Hiscock-Geoff Ryan 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. Girls' Doubles: Melanie Rankin-Prue Fisher d Melissa Kerhof-Lyndal Mackintosh 6-1, 6-4. Mixed Doubles: Andrew Hiscock-Melanie Rankin d Greg Scritchley-Melissa Kerkhof 6-1, 7-5.

13U — Boys' Singles: Mike Howell d Billy Forde 10-2. Girls' Singles — Christie Lawrence d Prue Hiscock 10-7. Boys' Doubles: Mike Howell-Billy Forde d Adam White-Glenn Eberbach 10-4. Girls' Doubles: Christie Lawrence-Prue Hiscock d Marney Pulford-Vanessa Kearney 10-2. Mixed Doubles: Jamie Mackintosh-Christie Lawrence d Adam White-Tiffany Jacobs 10-6.



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# Late start — and Dytes are later than most!

The rain-delayed 1989-90 cricket season has started dismally for Warrandyte.

After two completed rounds, the five senior men's teams had mustered only one win between them.

The Chandler Shield side had yet to open its winning account. A respectable score of 200 against Vermont when the weather eventually allowed the season to get under way was not enough to take the points.

Vermont replied with 8/252 despite a fine bowling performance from David Sloan, who took 3/31. Sloan did even better in the second match, against Ainslie Park. This time he weighed in with 5/40.

Still, it was not enough in defence of Warrandyte's score of 145. Ainslie Park won by 41 runs.

The Dytes' only success in the RDCA senior competition was inspired by Chandler Reserves opening batsman Brendan Baker, who hit a magnificent 103 against Vermont.

Baker's innings steered Warrandyte to 237, which was 12 runs more than Vermont could manage. It also earned him promotion to the senior eleven and club officials believe he will relish the challenge of the top competition.

Among the few highlights of the opening rounds was the "leadership-by-example" approach

of new Warrandyte Cricket Club president Chris Dorning.

Dorning and the aptly-named Eugene Bowles played virtually a two-man hand for the fifths against Ainslie Park.

The president made 86 of Warrandyte's score of 164 and Bowles took 5/25. Their outstanding performance deserved more than a 14-run defeat.

The women's eleven have fared better — two wins (including a forfeit) out of three games — and believe they can go on with it.

Elizabeth McGhee showed the benefit of her training experience with the Victorian under-18 squad by carrying her bat for 45 as a stand-in opening against North Crocydon.

Warrandyte's junior sides are performing well, but scores were unavailable when this edition of the *Diary* went to press. They will be published in the December issue.

#### CHANDLER SHIELD

Warrandyte 200 (T. Sturesteps 49, D. Sloan 32) lost to Vermont 8/252 (Sloan 3/31). Player of match: Jason Graf.

Warrandyte 145 (Colin Dorning 42) lost to Ainslie Park 186 (Sloan 5/40, J. O'Brien 2/26). POM: David Sloan.

#### CHANDLER RESERVE

Warrandyte 237 (Baker 103, A. Snaidero 41, Hughes 33) d Vermont 225 (B. Ryan 3/23, Hughes 4/57). POM: Baker.

Warrandyte 145 (G. Brisbane 39, B. Kline 33) lost to Ainslie Park 7/352 (D. Jungwirth 3/84). POM: David Jungwirth.

#### FOURTHS

Warrandyte 99 (P. Baker 34) lost to Vermont 9/146 (Baker 3/15). POM: Peter Baker.

Warrandyte 108 (Jim Gathercole 28) lost to Ainslie Park 405.

#### FIFTHS

Warrandyte 98 (I. Cameron 36 no) lost to Vermont 8/206.

Warrandyte 164 (Chris Dorning 86) lost to Ainslie Park 178 (Bowles 5/25). POM: Dorning, Eugene Bowles.

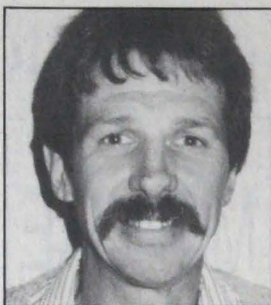
#### WOMEN

Warrandyte 137 (E. McGhee 45 no, A. Tunbridge 30, J. McLaws 21) lost to North Crocydon 239 (M. McGhee 4/32). POM: Elizabeth McGhee.

Warrandyte d Melbourne Uni (forfeit).



Chris Dorning



Lindsay Hopkins

## Hopkins the hot favorite

Warrandyte Football Club seems certain to reappoint senior coach Lindsay Hopkins for next season.

Hopkins, who led the Bloods into third position in the EDFL third division this year, is available and the outgoing club committee will strongly recommend that his services be retained.

The decision will be in the hands of the new committee which will be elected at this month's annual general meeting. But at this stage

the reappointment would appear to be a formality.

Hopkins, a former successful coach of second division club Crocydon, is believed to have been instrumental in having the 1990 Warrandyte job advertised. He is reported to have suggested that this might attract applications from potential playing-coaches.

Sweeping changes to the 1989 committee are expected at the annual meeting, at the clubrooms on November 27.

Kevin McLean, president for the past three years, will not seek re-election. It is known that former player Colin Bawden will be a candidate for the position.

All members are urged to attend the meeting, which starts at 8 p.m.



Runner-up Greg Scritchley (left) with 17 and under boys' singles winner Andrew Hiscock at the Warrandyte Tennis Club championships last month.

## How the leader showed the lesser how

Club coach Fabio Forlano demonstrated his hard-hitting superiority when he blitzed through the ranks of top local players to take the men's open singles event at the Warrandyte Tennis Club championships last month.

Fabio defeated last year's champion, 16 year old Andrew Hiscock, 6-0, 6-1.

However, Melanie Rankin, also 16, successfully defended her title as women's champion, easily defeating Lori Ryan in the open singles, 6-0, 6-3.

Fabio teamed with junior David Green to win the men's open doubles, narrowly defeating Geoff French and Andrew Hiscock, 7-6, 7-5. The women's open doubles event was won by junior players Melanie Rankin and Melissa Kerkhof who overwhelmed veterans Lori Ryan and Val Mackintosh, 6-1, 6-3.

Juniors triumphed again in the open mixed doubles, with Andrew Hiscock and Melanie Rankin running away from older players Geoff French and Lori Ryan, 6-1, 6-3.

The junior championships saw the club's same outstanding young players sweeping the field.

In the 17 and under boys' singles, Andrew Hiscock defeated Greg Scritchley, 6-3, 6-3. The

girls' event was won by Melanie Rankin, who defeated Melissa Kerkhof, 6-2, 6-3.

The 17 and under boys' doubles event resulted in Greg Scritchley and Claes Ruegg narrowly defeating Andrew Hiscock and Geoff Ryan, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. Melanie Rankin and Prue Fisher defeated Melissa Kerkhof and Lyndal Mackintosh in the girls' event, with the scores 6-1, 6-4.

The mixed doubles in the 17 and under age group saw Andrew Hiscock and Melanie Rankin defeat Greg Scritchley and Melissa Kerkhof, 6-1, 7-5.

Boys' 13 and under singles went to Mike Howell, who overwhelmed Billy Forde, 10-2. Christie Lawrence won the girls' event, defeating Prue Hiscock, 10-7.

Mike Howell teamed with Billy Forde to take out the under 13 boys' doubles against Adam White and Glenn Eberbach, winning 10-4. The girls' event was won by Christie Lawrence and Prue Hiscock, who defeated Marney Pulford and Vanessa Kearney, 10-2.

Jamie Mackintosh and Christie Lawrence won the under 13 mixed doubles, defeating Adam White and Tiffany Jacobs, 10-6.

The Oriander Trophy, awarded annually to the club's most improved junior, was shared this year by joint winners Mike Howell and Lyndal Mackintosh.

As the Diary went to press, club members were carrying out last minute preparations for the Warrandyte Peters Ice Cream Masters, to be played on the Tarroona Avenue courts from Wednesday 15 to Sunday, November 19.

The final leg in the Victorian satellite circuit, the Masters tournament brings top players to Warrandyte each year, permitting local fans to watch international standard tennis in the comfort of their own club.

Results already recorded in the earlier legs of the circuit suggest that Queenslanders Mark Kratzman will be the player to watch this year.

Details: Page 11.

## Madge is home — and 'wants in'

Gary (Madge) Allsop has come home. And he's looking for ways to help his beloved Warrandyte Football Club.

Allsop, 29, was released from the Austin Hospital's Spinal Care Unit this month, a month earlier than expected. He had been at the Austin since April 29, when he was airlifted from the Upper Ferntree Gully ground after breaking his neck in the first quarter.

He will continue his rehabilitation programme away from the many, many mates his infectious courage and personality have made in hospital, but under the care of two very loving families with the continuing support of a community which has taken him to heart.

Gary Allsop cannot walk, but he is determined to do so. And he wants to be involved again in football ... Warrandyte football.

"He's already recruited one of the Austin ward attendants for Warrandyte next year," Helen Revell, co-ordinator of the Gary Allsop Trust Fund, told the *Diary*.

"He hopes to help out the club in some capacity next year.

"Gary is delighted to be home. For the time being, he and wife Sue-Ellen will be living at the home of Sue's parents.

"Gary, Sue-Ellen and both families are very grateful for the support they've been given by the Warrandyte Football Club, the Eastern Districts Football League and the Warrandyte Community."

The Gary Allsop Trust Fund now stands at \$80,505. A raffle carrying a first prize of a trip for two to the United States and drawn last month boosted the appeal by \$12,500.

Winners were: 1. B. Holly, Doncaster; 2. S. McNamee, Ferny Creek; 3. T. Waldrin, Narooma, NSW; 4. G. Rankin, Ivanhoe; 5. A. King, Warrandyte; 6. L. Revell, Warrandyte.

The appeal now goes into recess until the new year, although donations to the fund, to PO Box 151, Warrandyte, are still very welcome.

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## In two words: thank you

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There have been many hundreds who have given their money, their time or their efforts — or all three.

They know who they are and, named or not, they are asked to accept the deep thanks of Gary, his wife Sue-Ellen, their families, Warrandyte Football Club and the Eastern Districts Football League.

Typical of the support for the much-loved Madge was the work that went into the major raffle, drawn last month, in aid of the Gary Allsop Trust Fund.

Fund co-ordinator Helen Revell thanks the following for their parts in that important fund-raising effort: Businesses: S. and M. Jones Chemist; Harry Heath's Supermarket; Grand Hotel; The Village Milk Bar; Warrandyte Cellars; Dr. Brian Bayly's Surgery; South Warrandyte Milk Bar; Gateway Con-

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To the Junior Football Club, and to the bingo players.

To disappointments: That we weren't allowed to sell at The Pines or Shoppingtown. Had we been able to sell there, and if more volunteers had been available over the finals series, we might have reached our target of 15,000 tickets. We sold 6597. It is still a very good result for Madge.

The raffle was drawn by Damien McConnell, general manager of Boronia Travel and president of Boronia Football Club, at the EDFL presentation night at Rembrandt's on October 18. The draw was supervised by EDFL president Bruce Holmes and WFC vice-president Brian Day.