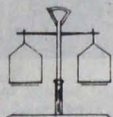


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Lush growth brings menace

High bushfire risk facing Warrandyte

By BRUCE BENCE

December marks the end of the year, the beginning of summer, the advent of Christmas and — inevitably — the start of another fire season.

To those who have survived the awesome fury and destruction of a bushfire, then lived through the trauma of its aftermath, there can be few more terrible experiences. Yet every year, without exception, the people of Warrandyte face this risk.

The fact that there has not been an uncontrolled bushfire in the area for 20 years — since 1969 — should leave no room for complacency. Twenty-three years elapsed between the holocaust of 1939 and the summer of 1962, when the area was once more swept by fire.

All the factors that can combine to create a fire-prone environment exist in the Warrandyte area. This is one of the highest risk zones in Victoria, which in itself is one of the three areas of highest risk in the world.

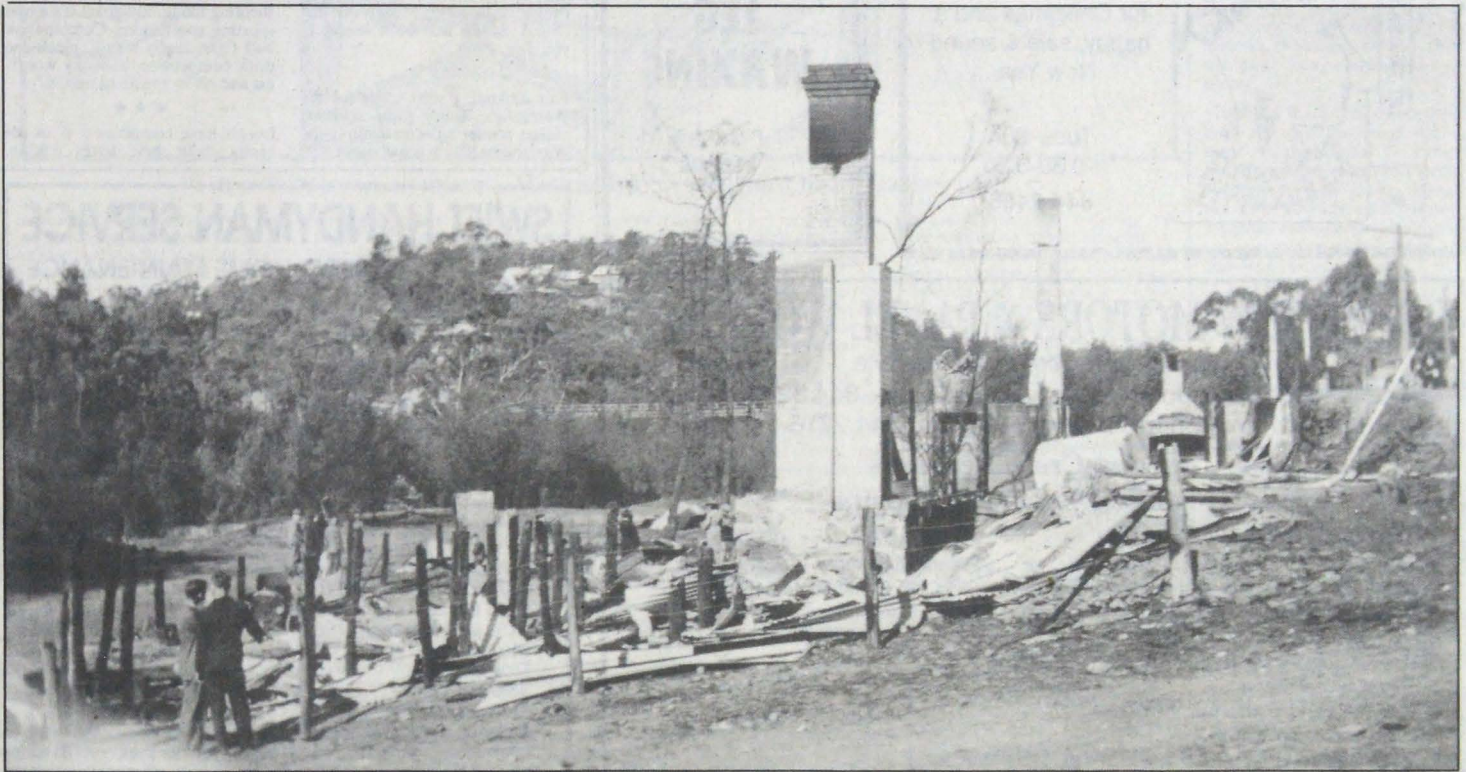
The price of freedom from destruction by fire is constant vigilance every year, year in and year out. This requires a level of dedication difficult to maintain after a sequence of years when the dangers appear to have receded. It is so easy to become complacent.

This happened in January 1969, when people with a lifetime of fire-fighting experience were lulled into a sense of false security.

Vegetation across the state was still quite green, and all the indications were that conditions were not dangerous. Then, without warning, nature cut loose. The state was roasting under temperatures in the high 40s, humidity was down to seven per cent and winds in excess of 120 kph swept in from the north.

The wind rose before dawn, fires were raging out of control by nine o'clock in the morning and by the end of the day 21 people were dead and 253 fires had been recorded by the Country Fire Authority.

Twenty-one of these fires reached major proportions. Two of



The price we pay. All that was left of the Kia Ora Cafe and Taffy Jones' house after the 1939 fires. They were situated in Yarra Street, between the bakery and the bridge. The foundations of Taffy's house can still be seen.

them roared through the Warrandyte area. This was the one bad day in an otherwise "quiet" fire season.

There is no reason why anyone should be burnt out during a bushfire, provided they have taken proper precautions early enough and someone is present to protect the property on the day.

Living in a fire-prone environment and ignoring the advice and countless warnings of the fire services — reiterated year in and year out — is akin to playing Russian

roulette: the survival of your property is left to chance.

The advent of the motor mower and — more recently — the whipper-snipper leaves no excuse for not clearing up around your property. This will not only help protect your own surroundings, it is also an obligation to the community in which you live.

Apart from removing rubbish and anything that will burn from around the buildings, the best protection is to keep grass short and watered, so that it remains green. It

will still burn, but at a much slower rate.

During the 1939 fires, one Warrandyte home was saved because the wife filled every available container with water and placed them around the house before she left with her infant son to take refuge in the river. When her husband arrived home he was able to extinguish spot fires before they took hold.

The loss most felt by those who have been burnt out is not the destruction of their house, it is the

disappearance of those seemingly small things they most treasure. This is a loss that remains for the rest of their lives.

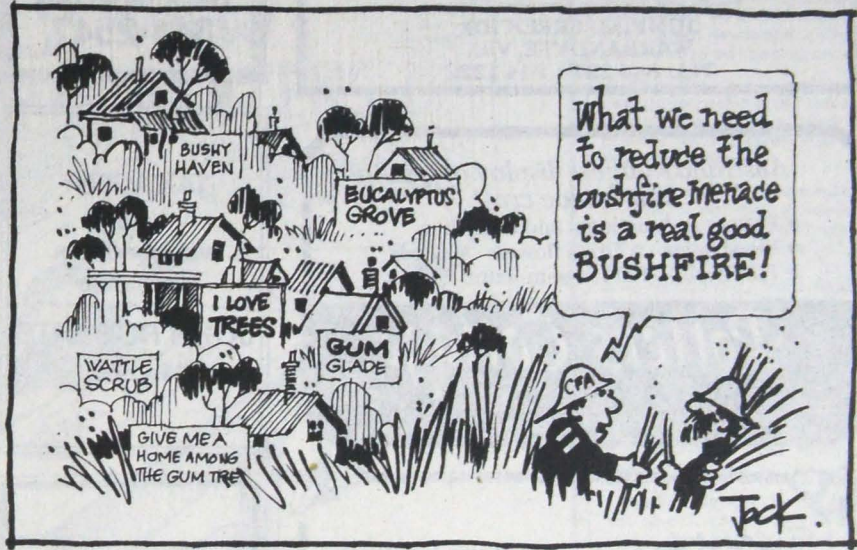
A special factor is causing great concern this fire season. Never in living memory has the growth of vegetation been so prolific. When this dries out — as inevitably it must — any fires that start will soon become unmanageable, unless the brigades can reach the out-breaks promptly and deal with them quickly.

If you need any advice on how to

protect your property, contact your local brigade. They will be only too pleased to help you to help them — before it is too late.

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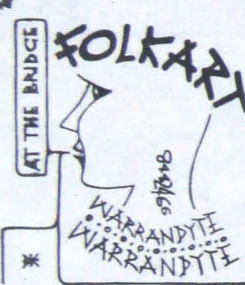


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Gary Allsop didn't plan it that way, but there were few dry eyes among Warrandyte Football Club members after he had addressed the annual meeting late last month. The brave little man they call "Madge" spoke from his wheelchair and into a microphone held by his devoted wife Sue-Ellen. Gary had come along to say "thank you" to all those who had helped him since he broke and dislocated his neck in an on-field collision at Upper Ferntree Gully on April 29. He also wanted to explain the precise nature of his injury and to outline his progress. Gary recalled thinking "bullshit" when a specialist at the Austin Hospital told him a few days after the accident that he would never walk again. He still refuses to accept it. What he has learned to accept is that it is going to take time. "We're pretty confident that as time goes by we'll succeed," he said.


God, you're an apathetic lot! You've let Jim Harris off the hook, you know! Last month we invited reaction to Jim's spontaneous decision to pocket his winnings in the Grand Hotel's Caulfield Cup sweep and make very short work of wife Lorraine's booby prize — a pot of beer. And how much reaction did we get? Not a Mintie wrapper, mate. We can only assume that you condoned an act which a more enlightened society might regard as callous and chauvinistic. But hang about — we have a tacit vote for Lorraine. Mine hostess Sharlene Harris feels pretty bad about being a party (albeit innocent) to the purloined pot and says she'll very happily shout her a drink of her choice if she cares to drop into the Grand. So let that be a lesson to you, Jim.

Fair dinkum, if that letter for the Warrandyte Dairy (note spelling, please, postie) turns up again in the Warrandyte Diary (note subtle dif-

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ference, please, postie) box again, we may scream. We mentioned it in the last issue — and up it bobbed again. At this rate, it may continue to do so until the cows come home.



Greg Lawrence, Warrandyte Tennis Club supremo, was rapt when he learned Peters had once again agreed to sponsor the Masters tournament, held last month. Now he knows that although they might be dab hands at knocking up litres of the old cold stuff, and generous to a man with sponsorship cash, the blokes at the ice creamery sure can't read maps. First they delivered a freezer for the sample products to the bridge courts. When told of their error, they pointed out that as it was on wheels, the locals might consider pushing it along the road to the right location. Then, at the end of the tournament, they lost their way completely and failed to show for the presentation ceremony.

Ever seen *Diary* hack Lee Tindale shearing the family goat? It's a real sporting spectacular. Combination bull fight, rugby scrum, pluck the duck competition, bullocky wordfest and all-in wrestling match.

Locals have complained to us recently about their drives sinking,

subsiding and turning into quagmires. Holes almost large enough to swallow the family sedan have appeared in several cases. Oldtimers around town tell us it's all because we've had an unusually wet year. The rains have filled long forgotten underground mine shafts and tunnels to brimming, finally forcing the water to the surface. Let's hope it's only water that's coming up. We know that long gone generations had no qualms about tipping night-spill (the sticky stinking stuff for those unacquainted with such genteel terminology) down the then uncovered holes. We even know of a few dunnies and thunderboxes built right over the tops of shafts. A fullblown case of our odouriferous past coming back to haunt us.

Before we meet again — with a little bit of luck — that derelict old slum we've been calling a community centre these past nine years will be one step closer to being razed to the ground. For the first time ever, Smokey will be standing by, cheering on the bulldozers.

Just hours before the gala opening of Gallery Gundulmirri's first major exhibition, several hundred dollars worth of plants and terracotta pots, which adorned the passageway to the gallery entrance at the back of the Bridge shops, were stolen. Marilyn Byrne, proprietor of the Bridge video shop, discovered the theft. Realising that the gallery's owner, Brenda Kazan, was away filming for the day, (go on: admit that you've seen her in that bank ad) she set about helping a mate.

Marilyn, with the help of Barbara Silis (Dr Bailey's nurse) contacted Beasley's Nursery. The nursery lent a collection of plants. Wicker baskets for the plants came from River Clay, and Royce Byrne provided the manpower and the trailer. The opening night turned out to be a great success, not only for art lovers, but plant lovers as well. Brenda wishes to express her absolute joy and gratitude to those who rallied to save the day.

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Phil Honeywood

Mr Honeywood's position highlights the effect of more and more freeways. They merely divert a traffic problem from one suburb to the next.



Rob Gell

DIARY

With this edition, the *Diary* snoozes off into hibernation until February.

During the past 12 months the *Diary* has celebrated its 20th edition and shifted into its 20th year. With the generous help of the Lions Club, we launched the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award. As one of Warrandyte's great newspapers, we intend to keep on keeping on.

The *Diary* is a community newspaper, not a profit-making organisation, yet we have to pay our way. Sincerely then we thank our advertisers.

We are lucky to have a talented band of part-time journalists, and we will fight any attempt by the metropolitan dailies to lure them away. We dips our lids to Judy Macdonald, Bruce Bence, David Wyman, Ken Virtue, Smokey Joe, Marion Winton, Mopoke, Pamela Conder, Judy Green, Jenny Shere, find of the year Roger Kibell, and all else who have sailed in us.

And God bless our artists: Jock McNeish, Paul Williams and Joff Manders.

Jan Tindale, our chief of staff, has co-ordinated editorial coverage superbly. Tapes of her table-top arguments with sports editor Lee Tindale will go on sale early in the new year. Cliff Green, chairman of the *Diary* trustees, has shepherded us along.

Behind it all, Pam Sharp has kept the accounts and the almost inexhaustible Jill Howell has typed the deathless prose. Thanks, too, to Helen Lavery, the often bewildered but indomitable compositor who makes up our pages with humor and common sense.

And last, all thanks to you, gentle readers, for your support.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

MP and Gell clash on road

By CLIFF GREEN

Concern by local Liberal MP Phil Honeywood that State Government delay in proceeding with the extension to the Eastern Freeway is leading to traffic chaos in Warrandyte is being challenged by Warrandyte Ward councillor Rob Gell.

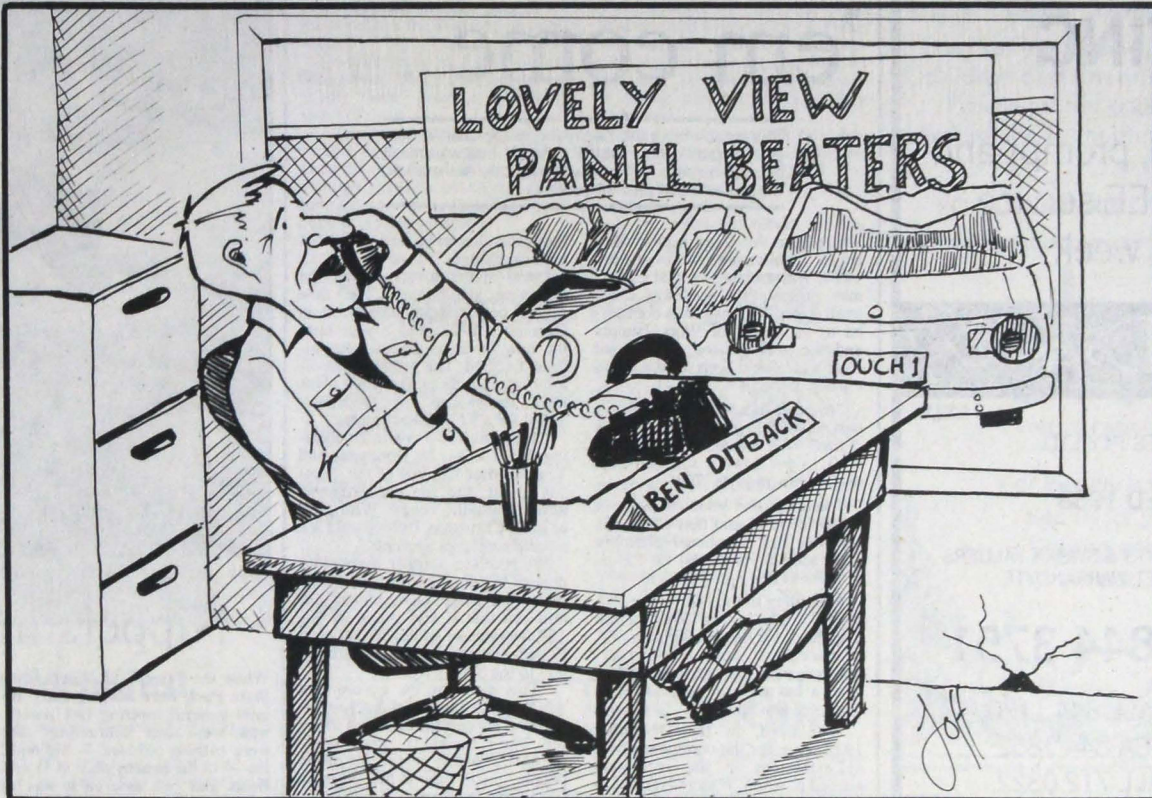
According to Mr Honeywood, many outer-eastern motorists and commuters are becoming frustrated with increasing peak hour traffic delays on Maroondah Highway and Doncaster Road.

"Instead of persevering with traffic hold-ups on these main roads, motorists from as far afield as Lilydale, Mooroolbark and Croydon are diverting down Jumping Creek Road and through residential streets in Warrandyte," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*.

"As Doncaster-Templestowe Council continues to upgrade the Reynolds Road-City route, the situation will become worse for local residents. Streets such as Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, Yarra Street, Harris Gully Road and Tindals Road are already becoming dangerous for school students and others to cross."

Mr Honeywood said that the freeway extension from Doncaster Road to Springvale Road was a 1988 election promise. "Since then the Government has continued to defer and delay the project.

"Local residents should realise that if and when the extension is constructed it will alleviate a great deal of the congestion we now ex-



"I'm strictly a conservationist. Warrandyte's roads must be left as they are!"

perience in Warrandyte streets.

"The proposed freeway will be located well to the south of Warrandyte and therefore will take traffic away from our residential roads.

"The danger is that if the freeway extension does not go ahead as promised, Reynolds Road will become the major alternative route to Doncaster Road and the City. This will only serve to worsen our already fragile local road network," Mr Honeywood said.

Councillor Gell believes the Government's decision to delay and

review the proposed extension reflects emerging community concern about the value of common open space.

He challenges the need to adhere to "decisions about road locations made decades ago, when our urban creeks were seen as wastelands" and to accept a "one-shot engineering solution to what is a much broader problem."

"Undoubtedly motorists are becoming frustrated with traffic delays, but Mr Honeywood's position highlights the effect of more and

more freeways. They merely divert a traffic problem from one suburb to the next," Councillor Gell told the *Diary*.

"I am sure that Warrandyte residents would not prefer to see the solution to their traffic problem by merely moving it to residents in adjacent suburbs.

"The decision to review will allow examination of a systematic transport plan for the Eastern Region which will assess the effectiveness of the 'Northern Route', the upgrading of other major roads and

measures aimed at reducing the dependence on private vehicles.

"I am not sure that Mr Honeywood's concerns for Warrandyte residents and the need to rapidly proceed with the freeway extension is not borne out of a desire to see the demise of the proposed 'Northern Route', the extension of Reynolds Road past his own front door," Councillor Gell concluded.

Traffic threat to bridge

By JUDY MACDONALD

Kangaroo Ground Road, Warrandyte bridge and Yarra Street could well become the missing link in the proposed Metropolitan Ring Road if the Plenty Corridor strategic plan is fully implemented.

While Warrandyte residents have been looking southwards, hoping for the approach of the Northern Route to alleviate traffic pressures, a new and possibly greater pressure is building from the north.

Development of the Plenty Corridor from Greensborough to Whittlesea is expected to bring around 20,000 new residents to that area by 1995. The strategic plan document claims that new residential development will accommodate about 70,000 over the next 10 to 15 years.

As this growth will put increased pressure on traffic routes to the south, the Roads Corporation — or Vic Roads, as it now calls itself — has identified possible 'pressure valves' to the east and west of the corridor to relieve congestion.

It is the eastern flow route which will have great impact on Warrandyte.

Mr Alan Collins, a Vic Roads officer who was a member of the Plenty Corridor planning team, confirmed that Vic Roads has nominated existing roads to provide a link from the Plenty Corridor to Warrandyte and so to Ringwood and Lilydale; namely Bannons Lane, Halleys Gully Road, Kinglake-Heidelberg Road, Wattle Glen-Kangaroo Ground Road and Kangaroo Ground Road to the Warrandyte bridge.

Mr Collins envisages "social trips, such as young people visiting their parents" to be the major use of this road link; however he did agree that the roads would be clearly signposted to indicate a through route, and that where safety was a problem, roads would be improved.

"Vic Roads is not doing any work on a ring road in that area," Mr Collins said. But Vic Roads' dismissive approach is not shared by local government.

Eltham Shire is concerned about the increase in traffic which will be generated across its boundary from the corridor and is already considering ways of ensuring that Hurstbridge is

bypassed by traffic coming from the top of the corridor.

Mr Chris Lo Piccolo, Eltham traffic engineer, told the *Diary* that it was "hard to cater for the increase, as you don't know what to expect". He says that traffic to Ringwood will definitely increase, but believes that present road conditions will make it more attractive for corridor traffic to cross the Yarra at Fitzsimons Lane.

He stressed that if a significant number of drivers use the Wattle Glen route, they will choose Kangaroo Ground Road and the bridge as their crossing place.

Unfortunately for Warrandyte, Eltham Shire is about to make the rough section of road between Wattle Glen and Kangaroo Ground, funds permitting. This will increase the flow in the direction of Warrandyte and establish the made-road link to the corridor. Mr Lo Piccolo said that this road already carries more traffic than Kangaroo Ground Road.

Eltham Shire councillor John Fisher told the *Diary* that he was very concerned at the implications of increased traffic through the shire, given that Eltham's money for roads has been slashed by 30 per cent. Councillor Fisher will call for a report from Eltham Shire, estimating the impact of traffic from the Plenty Valley on the North and Central ridings.

A road count conducted in 1987 showed that Warrandyte bridge already carries between 800 and 1200 vehicles, both ways, during a two-hour peak.

The Strategy Summary Document (1989) predicts a flow of 4000 vehicles through the Wattle Glen route during peak hour. The document is not specific as to what route the traffic would take from that point. A further 30,000 vehicles a day are expected to use the Fitzsimons Lane crossing.

City of Doncaster and Templestowe officer Kelvin Ward told the *Diary* that it has been difficult to obtain information about the possible impact on the city, as the corridor study team's brief was not to include outside traffic impact.

Mr Ward sees the main concern with the strategic plan as being the ideal of providing employment within the new corridor. He does not envisage such employment developing at the same rate as the demand, so that new

residents will travel to the high employment areas to the east and west.

A report by the Northern Municipalities Transport Group (1988) states, among other "road priorities" for the valley:

- Construction of an outer ring road link, or its equivalent, across the north-east sector of the metropolitan area.
- Early duplication of Fitzsimons Lane bridge, together with improvement in access between Grimshaw Street and Main Road, Eltham.
- Consideration of a new Yarra River crossing between Burke Road and Fitzsimons Lane, with a view to linking the R5 route to the Eastern Freeway.

This section of the report concludes with the comment: "In the absence of funding for these and other local valley projects, the capacity of the existing inadequate road network will restrain growth in the corridor and severe traffic impacts would occur in neighboring municipalities."

The northern municipalities considered road and public transport needs in and beyond the valley. Their report says "total development (of the corridor) would necessitate a four-lane major road running to the east and to the west..."

It quotes an earlier report: "to develop the Plenty Corridor the following must occur ... development of the northern section of the Outer Ring which is not in the METRAS ten year program."

While METRAS does recommend that the Greensborough by-pass and Plenty Road be taken across the river to meet the Eastern Freeway at Bulleen Road, the largest residential area planned for the corridor is in its far north — above Hurstbridge and Wattle Glen.

A glance at the map of METRAS Recommendations (1987) leaves little doubt as to the vulnerability of the Warrandyte area. It shows an almost complete ring road from the far south-west to Tullamarine, across to Broadmeadows and then to Greensborough, ending at Yan Yean Road.

The gap in this ring — of approximately 12 kilometres — has Warrandyte bridge right in the middle. It is not unreasonable to assume that intense pressure will be brought to bear in the next 10 years to close that gap.

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This issue marks the beginning of the Diary's 20th year of publication. CLIFF GREEN has wandered through our files to see how Warrandyte has marked Christmas these past 19 years.

Apart from the *Diary* itself, which began publication in December 1970, Warrandyte's special Christmas present that year was clear, fresh water. The town was connected to the Board of Works supply and the milk-colored, chlorinated river water we'd been drinking was a thing of the past.

"Another link with Warrandyte's past washed down our non-existent drains," we wrote. "Did anyone think to put down a souvenir bottling of Warrandyte '70?"

Tolerance and goodwill were in the air in 1971 and that Christmas saw our first combined churches carol service celebrated on the riverbank at Stiggant Reserve.

According to the *Diary*, "the Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches have been holding monthly discussions, open to everyone, and have been discovering that they have a lot more in common than they ever anticipated."

We called, in the December 1972 issue, for the commencement of extensions to the recreation ground pavilion. Warrandyte had to wait 15 years for that particular present. In the same issue, Harry Hudson recalled the Christmas Festival of 1956 when the Warrandyte Arts Association was born.

December 1973 saw us thundering against the Yarra Brae dam (which didn't eventuate) and in December 1974 we were demanding new primary and secondary schools (which did).

Peace and goodwill didn't get much of a go in the political climate of 1975, and December was federal election month. "Attacks on Yarra Valley planning and conservation are the hard face of Fraser Liberalism showing through the environmentalist veneer," wrote sitting ALP member Race Mathew in the *Diary*. Whew!

We were promised a terrific present in December 1976. The Warrandyte Environment League announced plans for the first 'This Is Warrandyte Festival'. A promise

that was delivered and has been kept ever since.

Local sports lovers scored the following two years. The new squash courts were announced in December 1977, and a year later the new tennis clubhouse was almost finished. The promised pavilion came a little closer when plans were announced, in December 1979, for a \$110,000 complex.

Christmas 1980 saw us celebrating the purchase by Doncaster and Templestowe Council of the "Getson" land, site for our proposed new community centre. With a bit of luck, Christmas 1990 should see us celebrating its opening.

We received another marvellous present in time for Christmas 1981, when the State Government announced that it was going to buy 154 hectares of bushland, between Warrandyte and Wonga Park, to add to the State Park.

"This move by the government will ensure that another nine kilometres of natural bushland along the Yarra banks is permanently preserved for the enjoyment of the people," local Liberal MP Norman Lacey told the *Diary*.

By December 1982 we were getting ourselves into a right old lather over plans to put a big kink in Yarra Street, diverting it away from the village and towards the river, straight through the old post office. Fortunately, that was a gift from officialdom we managed to send straight back.

The Warrandyte Elderly Citizens celebrated their 21st birthday, in time for Christmas 1983. In 1984, a couple of would-be thieves were foiled when they tried to give themselves a whopping big present by hauling the safe out of our local State Bank with a stolen tow-truck.

Subdividers were causing concern in December 1985. Smokey reported the classic case of the naked jogger in our issue of December 1986, a year later we were bemoaning proposals for 20 new shops and last Christmas we predicted a bad season for bushfires. So what's new under the sun?

Christmas services

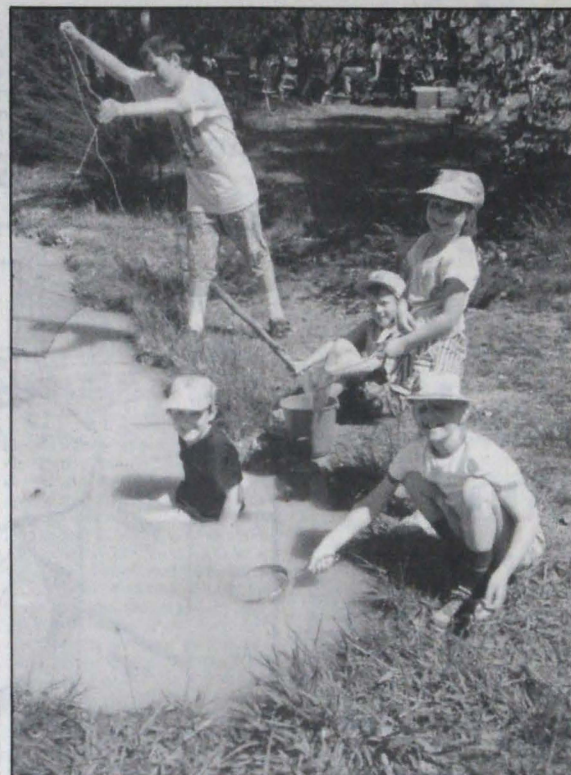
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Look out chaps! You don't know what lurks therein!

Nippers meet nippers

While the Friends of Warrandyte State Park were holding their annual general meeting last month, what were their kids doing? they were catching yabbies — big ones, too — in the nearby dam at Pound Bend. But rest assured it was all the interests of conservation.

The FOWSPIAN-mites, as they call themselves, were conducting their second survey of the dam's

yabby population, and the news was all good. "More yabbies and bigger yabbies," said Myles Seymour, as the last of 150 specimens was returned to the water.

The kids nipped in the bud a few tentative suggestions from the "oldies" that the taste quality should be explored at the barbecue which followed the AGM.



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It is a native of Central America. When it is about 10 years old it sends up a flower head that can reach about 10 metres with green-

ish yellow flowers in horizontal branches.

It then sets seed, so look out for the invasion of little agaves in years to come.

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Co-op takes on new project

Now that the Bakery is being managed by Sue Fowles, Jean Chapman is starting yet another project for the benefit of the Warrandyte community.

Growing out of the labor exchange, the Co-op is establishing a family "aide" program to help in times of crisis.

A family's patterns of coping can be thrown by crises such as a car accident or a death in the family. Another situation which can cause loneliness and a decreased ability to cope is moving interstate.

Jean Chapman, through the labor exchange, has already helped peo-

ple in these situations. The Co-op has seen the need to expand it.

Each family has particular practical needs at a time of crisis. These can include cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing, gardening and shopping. The needs and demands of young children are especially important.

Fees for this service will be negotiated between the Co-op and users.

The Co-op has applied to Community Services Victoria for money for the program.

If you need the service or can help please contact Jean on 844 2548 or 844 3326.

Tender set for March

It is expected that a tender for the construction of Warrandyte's new community centre will be accepted at a meeting of Doncaster and Templestowe Council on March 6, 1990.

To be constructed on a site bounded by Yarra Street, Webb Street, Mitchell Avenue and an unmade section of Brackenbury Street, known locally as 'Getsons', the project has been costed at \$2.3 million. Council has set aside \$1.2 million in this year's budget, thus construction will be spread over two financial years.

Council officer Mr Paul Molan has told the *Diary* that it will be



necessary for all tenants to have vacated the present premises by the end of February, so that demolition can proceed.

Representatives of groups occupying the proposed new building met with the architect late last month, when detailed plans were inspected and tenants' last-minute requirements were discussed and finalised.

Young gets jobs hotline

A special hotline for students working over the school holiday period has been set up, the Member for Whittlesea, Max McDonald, announced.

Thousands of students who will be working these holidays should phone the service if they have any doubts about what they should be paid.

"The Youth Wageline has been set up so young people can quickly find out exactly what they should be paid, whether they are working as a gardener or a shop assistant," Mr McDonald said.

The number for the hotline is 655 1350.



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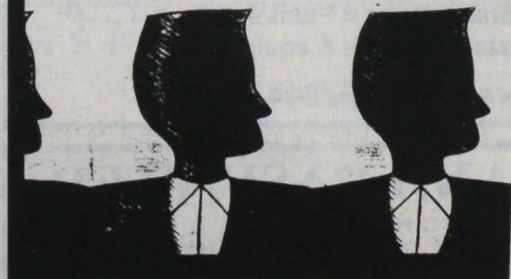
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Crossing roulette

Our Pedestrian Crossings. The time: a recent drizzly Thursday morning.

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Episode 2. Similar to episode 1. A child wishing to cross Harris Gully Road. A car on the school side was stopped and flashing headlights at cars going through on the other side. However, the reason was soon apparent, as the child was completely hidden to the rear side cars by the crossing flag.

LETTERS

I was quite relieved to arrive at my destination.

John Hanson,
Webb Street.

pitalisation. My wife was severely shocked. We are both very grateful for the unselfish aid we received from all concerned.

Lyn Mitchell
Albert Road.

Thank you, neighbors

My wife and I would appreciate it very much if you could convey to those concerned through your column our sincere thanks to those who rendered assistance at the scene of our accident at the Research Road and Bradleys Lane intersection at approximately 5pm, November 1.


The accident resulted in my hos-

Seniors' greetings

The committee and members of our Senior Citizens Centre wish to express our gratitude and thanks to the Warrandyte *Diary* staff for bringing to the notice of the community our activities etc.

We also wish to express our gratitude to all the undermentioned, who have helped us in some way over the year and wish you all the seasons greetings: The Warrandyte Cellars, Harry Heath's Supermarket, Village Milk Bar, The Bakery, Grand Hotel, Jones' Chemists, Peter McDougall.

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Message from MP

The warmth of Christmas means so many things to us: a celebration of the miracle of Christ's birth, a reunion of families, relatives and friends; a time of peace and goodwill to all mankind; and a welcome holiday.

Yet to many the joy of Christmas is less — the sick or disabled, the poor and the unemployed and those who must bear the loss or absence of loved ones.

Christmas is a reminder that these people deserve our thoughts, our help and our action.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and urge you to take care on the roads during these busy few weeks.

Phil Honeywood,
MLA for Warrandyte

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Miss Macguire and friend.

Sarah has firm grip on reins

Sarah Macguire is really riding high. These have been exciting weeks for the 20-year-old Bradleys Lane woman, who has been riding horses since she was eight.

The Sun Miss Country Show Girl, a commendable 12th in the Garryowen — the Melbourne Cup of equestrian events, at the Royal Show — and a place in the Victorian team for the Australian championships in Melbourne next year. And how does she feel about it all? The *Diary* doesn't know.

Sarah wasn't home when the *Diary* called for an interview, but

we agreed with sister Louise that she might be pleasantly surprised to see her picture-story in her local paper.

Louise provided the details: Sarah has lived in Warrandyte for 15 years and her first horse was named Misty. She graduated from gymkhanas to agricultural shows to interstate royal shows, with mother Lyn her travelling companion and encouragement.

Sarah was educated at Tintern, Ringwood, and is in her final year of a bachelorhood of business (marketing) at the Chisholm Institute of Technology in Caulfield.

Cricket details

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FOURTHS
Warrandyte 8/179 (Baker 37, Chris Dorning 35, Blackburn 28) lost to Norwood 283 (Stockley 5/46).
Warrandyte 90 (J. Gathercole 23) lost to South Croydon 7/120 (Wilkes 4/29)

FIFTHS
Warrandyte 176 and 0/97 (Lawrence 62, Utt 41 no, Fernando 40 no) lost to Norwood 258 (Cameron 7/58).
Warrandyte 107 (S. Bellinger 37) lost to South Croydon 9/164 (Bellinger 4/30).

WOMEN
Warrandyte 128 (J. Chapman 33, E. McGhee 29) lost to Tecoma 174 (McLaws 4/39).
Warrandyte 195 (McLaws 105, Chapman 36) v Montrose 1/8.

UNDER-16A
Warrandyte 7/265 (B. Valentine 74, C. Grybas 50, B. Brisbane 53, R. Punshon 35) drew Croydon.
Warrandyte 7/283 (Valentine 66, Brisbane 58, Grybas 55, A. Hughes 37) d Knox Gardens 7/77 (G. Lees 3/11, M. Ramsay 2/20).
Warrandyte 184 (Hughes 41, Lees 40, Brisbane 37) d Chirnside Park 92 (Lees 3/13, Ramsay 3/15).
Warrandyte 6/92 d North Ringwood 92 (Lees 3/39).

UNDER-16B
Warrandyte 115 d Templeton 9/62 (S. Baker 3/20).
Warrandyte 7/142 (M. Harbolt 50 ret., S. Baker 23) d Ainslie Park 137.
Warrandyte 6/64 lost to St Andrews 4/81.
Warrandyte 59 lost to Norwood 4/89.

UNDER-14A
Warrandyte 9/142 (S. Bell 39, A. White 30) d St Andrews 119 (O. O'Callaghan 3/32).
Warrandyte 7/181 (P. Bernard 47) lost to Parkwood 188 (Bernard 5/42).
Warrandyte 8/189 (Bell 50 ret., Hose 45) d Chirnside Park 51 (O'Callaghan 4/11, Bernard 4/15).
Warrandyte 63 lost to Kilsyth 2/97.

UNDER-14B
Warrandyte 2/7 drew Montrose 68 (D. Callinan 3/12, T. Mangos 3/6).
Warrandyte 9/108 (A. Lilburne 19) and 3/55 d North Croydon 78.
Warrandyte 7/212 (T. Gathercole 41 ret., A. Tippett 41 ret.) d Croydon Hockeyers 110 (A. Utt 4/8, A. Donis 3/20).
Warrandyte 84 d Heathmont Baptists 57 (A. Sutherland 3/8).

UNDER-12A
Warrandyte 9/115 (A. Deleo 32 ret., A. Mangos 30 ret.) d South Croydon 37 (J. Logan 3/6).
Warrandyte 6/177 (D. Walls 31 ret., Mangos 30 ret., Deleo 27, J. Edwards 23 no) d Lilydale 51 and 66 (Deleo 3/11).
Warrandyte 134 (G. Hose 26, A. Logan 25) lost to Ainslie Park 7/146).
Warrandyte 1/158 (Mangos 44 ret., Deleo 30 ret., M. Chapman 21) d Croydon North 40 (Walls 3/4, J. Edwards 3/5).

UNDER-12B
Warrandyte 117 (J. Moseley 37 no, C. Parsons 26) d Croydon Hockeyers 86 (Moseley 4/9).
Warrandyte 7/152 (Moseley 31, K. Brain 27, M. Simatkovick 21 no) d Lilydale 6/131.
Warrandyte 77 lost to Ainslie Park 305 (A. Donis 3/46).
Warrandyte 6/66 (Parsons 22) lost to St Andrews 1/129

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
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Eight wickets — teenage paceman blitzes seniors

"I wouldn't want to be facing him three years from now!" That's his captain's opinion of what lies ahead for outstanding local fast bowling prospect Guy Lees.

Grant Brisbane, captain of Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Reserve (second eleven) team, was speaking after the 15-year-old had turned in a sensational performance against South Croydon.

Lees sent down 27 overs for 8/89 in South Croydon's total of 311.

"Obviously, Guy has enormous potential," Brisbane said. "His action needs some work, but he has the right attitude to go a long way as a fast bowler."

Guy, who lives at Eltham, is a product of Eltham College.

His outstanding individual effort was not enough to give Warrandyte the points against South Croydon, who won by 69 runs.

The Dytes had several contributors with the bat in their score of 242. Mick Day top-scored with 52 and Joram Read, Brett Kline and Cameron Day chipped in with 36, 34 and 31 respectively.

The round saw the Chandler Shield eleven break through for their first win of the season.

Warrandyte batted first and opener Brendan Baker laid a solid foundation with a steady 42.

Colin Dorning continued his good form and his fine innings of 60 guided Warrandyte to a total of 173.

Accurate bowling and tight, aggressive fielding had South Croydon under pressure from the outset of their reply and they were never going to make it.

John O'Brien took the bowling

SPORT

honours with 4/36 off 21 overs as South Croydon were bundled out for 132.

The women's A-grade team were in sight of victory in their match against Montrose — thanks to Jenni McLaws.

Jenni batted brilliantly, making 105 of Warrandyte's 195 total and receiving solid support from captain Jenny Chapman, who contributed 36.

When Montrose went into face the last three overs of the day, Jenni struck almost immediately, clean-bowling one of the openers to have the opposition 1/8 at stumps.

The season goes into holiday recess on December 6 and the women's on January 13.

CHANDLER SHIELD

Warrandyte 5/108 (Sturesteps 50, Colin Dorning 34 no) lost to Norwood 3/135.

Warrandyte 173 (Colin Dorning 60, Baker 42) d South Croydon 132 (J. O'Brien 4/36). Player of match: J. O'Brien.

CHANDLER RESERVE

Warrandyte 126 (King 26, Read 24, A. Snaidero) d Norwood 8/82 (C. Snaidero 5/30, Ryan 3/28).

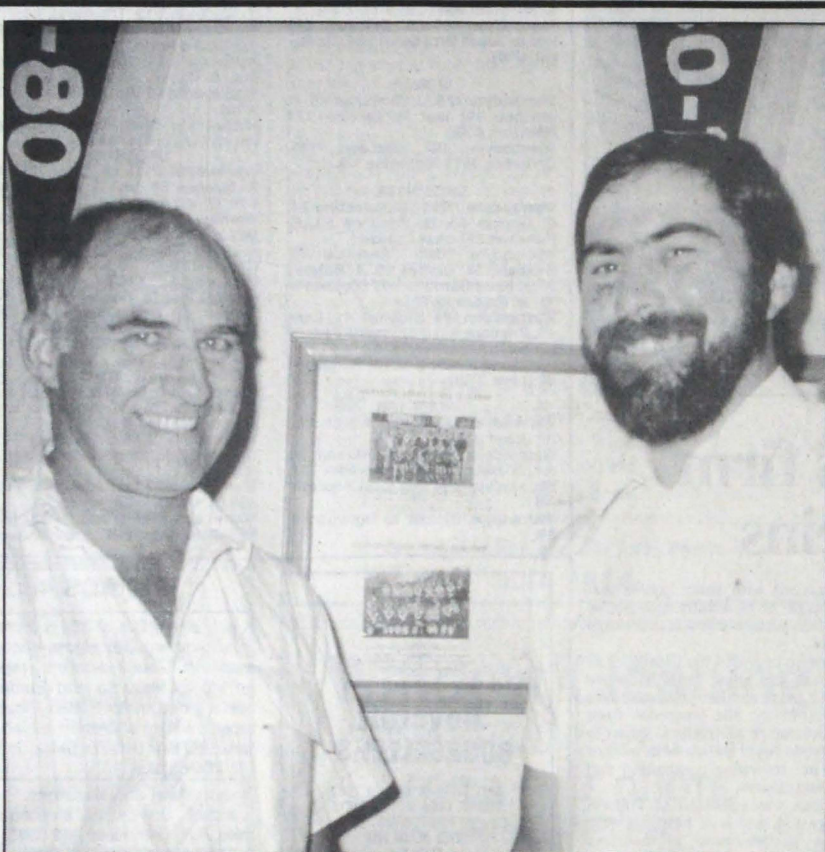
Warrandyte 242 (M. Day 52, J. Read 36, B. Kline 34, C. Day 31) lost to South Croydon 3/311 (G. Lees 8/89). POM: Guy Lees.

THIRDS

Warrandyte 128 (L. Spencer 27) lost to Norwood 242 and 1/39.

Warrandyte 2/206 (G. Taylor 96 no, Comrie 70) d South Croydon 125 (J. Hassall 4/34, Rodgers 4/12).

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Kevin McLean (left) hands over the Warrandyte Football reins to Colin Bawden.

Bawden unopposed as new Bloods president

Former local ruckman Colin Bawden is the new president of Warrandyte Football Club.

Bawden was elected unopposed at the club's annual general meeting late last month. He succeeds former Collingwood player and former Warrandyte premiership coach Kevin McLean, who did not seek a fourth term.

The new secretary is Norm Carrington. He takes over from the long-serving Anthony Giles-Peters, who did not seek re-election after eight years as secretary and ten years on the committee.

The meeting also confirmed the reappointment of coaches Lindsay Hopkins (seniors), Bruce Onken (reserves) and Bill Luttich (under-18s) for second terms.

Only one member of the outgoing committee sought re-election.

He is John Read, the new vice-president.

Dennis O'Brien succeeds Shane Revell as treasurer.

The general committee is Alan Bellinger, Jeff Riddle, Mick Sporton, Lance Williams, Peter Townsend, Eric Houghton, Darren Thatcher, Jeff Feltham and former club president Jeff Reddie.

In his report to the meeting, McLean said he hoped the new committee would carry on the three-year plan of his term to promote young local players and to provide appropriate incentives.

He also called on the people of Warrandyte to get squarely behind the football club.

"We've always had people prepared to criticise the club and its

running," McLean said. "The time has come for us all to pull together."

McLean paraphrased the late American President John F. Kennedy to emphasise his point: "Do not say what the Warrandyte Football can do for me, but what I can do for the Warrandyte Football Club."

Colin Bawden made his Warrandyte playing debut 24 years ago in the under-16s and came up through the ranks to become a fixture as the club's senior ruckman. He retired two years ago.

His first major function as president will be to chair a players' meeting at the clubrooms on Friday, December 15 (starting 7.30 pm) at which the Bloods' 1990 campaign will be outlined.

Local star is master of the Masters



Ian Peter-Budge

Local player Ian Peter-Budge battled through the ranks of young tennis internationals to take out the Peters Ice Cream Masters Tournament at the Warrandyte club last month.

Ian, of Reynolds Road, defeated Australian Institute of Sport star Todd Woodbridge 7-6 6-4 in the singles final, after beating ex-AIS player Adam Anderson 3-6 6-3 6-3 in a quarter-final.

In the doubles final, South African-born pair David Adams and Charlton Eagle defeated AIS youngsters Todd Woodbridge and Jamie Morgan, 6-4 6-2.

Keen tennis-watchers suggest that the damp, slower porous courts at Warrandyte may have suited Peter-Budge, who has been playing under similar conditions during the recent Melbourne pennant season.

But conditions aside, there is no doubt that the local courts have proved lucky for Ian Peter-Budge. Victorious in the 1988 Goldtown Open, his upset Masters win has secured him a unique 'Warrandyte double'.

At the beginning of the Masters, final leg in the Victorian satellite circuit, all the bets were on Queensland Mark Kratzmann, who had made a clean sweep of the earlier tournaments at Dingley, Dendy Park and Wheelers Hill.

But Todd Woodbridge ended Kratzmann's 16-match winning streak at Warrandyte, beating him 6-2 7-6 in a rain-interrupted quarter-final.

Everyone then expected Woodbridge to blitz through and take out the singles final. But Ian Peter-Budge, the surprise packet of the tournament, proved them wrong.

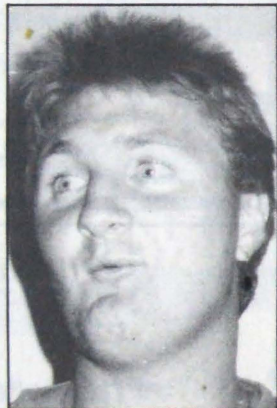
Warrandyte club president Greg Lawrence told the *Diary* that despite weather problems, locals had been treated to a marvellous week of first-class play.

"A good crowd turned out for the finals on the Sunday. The event was packed with strong, exciting tennis, and congratulations must be extended to all the players — winners and losers alike.

"I want to thank the people of Warrandyte, and of our club in particular, for their time and effort. As always, this was a key factor in making the event such a great success."



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