

# Bridge traffic tangles ahead?

Warrandyte bridge appears destined to become a major outlet for traffic generated in the proposed Lower Plenty corridor, according to Mr Phil Honeywood, State MP for Warrandyte.

Mr Honeywood warns local residents that they need look no further than the latest edition of the Melways directory to see that Warrandyte township is under threat from increased traffic from the north, through North Warrandyte and across the bridge.

Mr Honeywood has pin-pointed maps 10 and 11 in the Melways directory, 1990 edition, showing dotted line extensions of the Outer Ring Road from Plenty Road to the Greensborough By-Pass, then to Ryans Road.

"This could provide a deluge of traffic from the western and northern suburbs," Mr Honeywood said, "including interstate trucks from the Hume Highway, linking up with Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road, using Warrandyte as a bypass through to industrial areas to the south in the Dandenong region."

Much of the Plenty Corridor, located to the north of the Yarra, has been targeted for rapid urban growth, with a projected 70,000 residents in large housing estates — on what is now semi-rural land — within the next decade.

As previously reported, both the Shire of Eltham and the City of Doncaster are concerned about the impact traffic generated as a result of such a population increase could have on their municipalities.

"A key section of the State Government's plan calls for the upgrading of arterial roads to the Plenty Corridor, running in both east-west and north-south directions," Mr Honeywood said.

"Under the plan, these major upgraded traffic thoroughfares will be vital in allowing a smooth flow of traffic from the Plenty area to other



Phil Honeywood: Irreparable damage to the district.

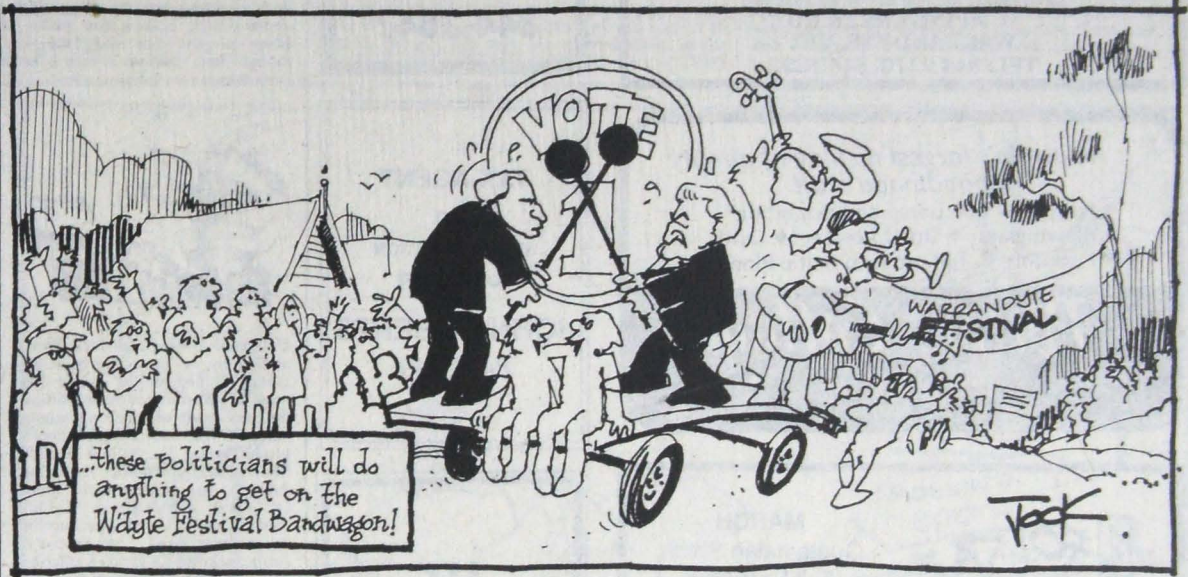
parts of the Melbourne metropolitan area."

According to Mr Honeywood, "most traffic travelling either east or south from the built-up Plenty district will have only two places to cross the Yarra. These will be through North Warrandyte and across the Warrandyte bridge, or across the Fitzsimons Lane bridge."

"The government has no plans to build a new north-south thoroughfare as this will be too costly; would involve resuming large areas of built-up land in such expensive areas as Templestowe; and would go against the major reason for diverting urban growth to Plenty, that is, to provide cheap housing sites."

"On this basis, any traffic coming from north of the river, will be forced to go along the existing — albeit upgraded — road link through North Warrandyte and across the bridge."

"Local residents should ask the State government where all these cars from the proposed Plenty housing scheme will go, before it is too late. Otherwise, such increased traffic flow could cause irreparable damage to the local environment and to the character of the district."



## Festival fun, frolic follows Federal fury

By CLIFF GREEN

Saturday, March 24 — in a neat juxtaposition of fabulous high jinks and po-faced political campaigning — is both the first day of the Warrandyte Village Festival, and polling day in the 1990 Federal elections.

The politicians will be out to woo your votes, the festival organisers and their many helpers are out to show you a right good time.

The theme this year is 'Movement, Noise and Colour'. Which could mean just about everything — and probably will.

We still remember that marvelous inaugural festival during a petrol strike. We had to walk every-

where, the roads were miraculously free of cars and the atmosphere was so clear and quiet you could smell the eucalyptus and hear the birds.

Nor we will ever forget the debacle that was the First Great Warrandyte Duck Race last year. Jock and Cyril had fun with that one for months afterwards. Ever gluttons for punishment, the organisers promise us that they've perfected their plastic duck launching techniques, and all will be well this year. What a shame.

And it's Warrandyte's lucky thirteenth festival. And, of course, the committee is promising the best festival ever. Which means it will

be exactly the same as last year, with an added attraction or two.

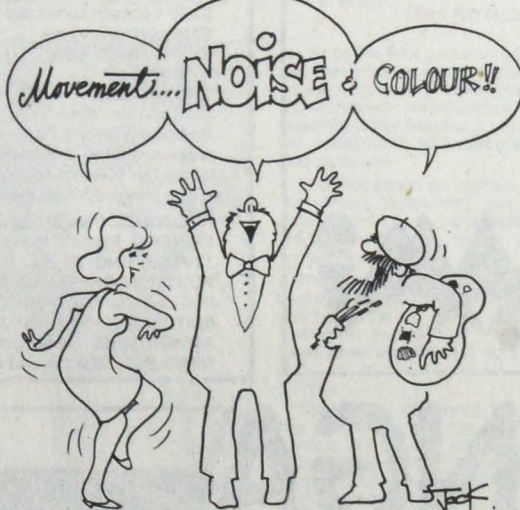
Such as the bouts of olympic wrestling on the Stiggants stage and a spectacular light show, preceding the last items in the open-air festival concert and the great grand fireworks finale.

Like we said. We know what to expect each year, with just a few surprises. Which is exactly how we want it. And no promotions. Our festival has remained refreshingly free from commercialism and blatant fund-raising. No Ronald McDonalds, no rafts with Coca-Cola sails, no Fosters fun runs.

Just the people of Warrandyte doing what they do best: entertaining themselves and each other. And anyone else who happens to wander along. Celebrating the splendid community spirit of this special little place.

And not a Federal politician in sight.

So vote early on Saturday, March 24, line up for the festival parade along Yarra Street, then hightail it down to Stiggants Reserve and the riverbank to enjoy the best weekend in the Warrandyte year.



**Four-page festival program inside**



Applications are now being invited for the Second Warrandyte Youth Arts Award. Valued at \$5,000, the award is a joint project of Warrandyte Lions, the *Diary* and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust.

Offered each two years, the award is available to any young artist who usually resides in Warrandyte and is aged between 18 and 25 years inclusive. The term 'artist' includes painters, potters, sculptors, craftspeople, dancers, singers, actors, musicians, writers, film-makers, designers and any other young person intending to make their career in some form of artistic endeavour.

It is intended that the \$5,000 scholarship — which has been donated by the Lions Club of Warrandyte — should be used in ways that specifically suit the needs of the winner. This could include tuition fees, a study tour abroad, a short-term basic living allowance, or the purchase of equipment or materials.

The diversity and vigor of the Warrandyte arts community has been recognised since the turn of the century, and it is intended that this award should help ensure the continuation of this tradition for years to come.

Entries close on June 30, 1990, and the winner will be announced immediately prior to the Warrandyte Village Festival in March 1991. Further information and entry forms are available from the Citizens' Advice Bureau at the old post office in Yarra Street, or by writing to the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, P.O. Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.

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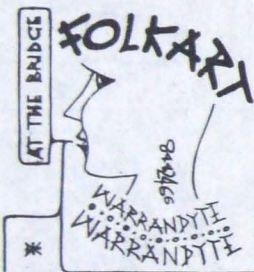
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Another long-running Warrandyte tradition has bitten the dust. After 13 years, the Apex Club's monthly paper drive is no more. Damn shame because Apex had been ploughing the \$1000-a-month proceeds right back into this community. Recent monuments are the Stiggant Reserve stage and rotunda. A few months ago, the recyclers cut the paper price by 25 per cent; a few weeks ago they cut it to nothing. So what, folks, do we do now with our waste paper? North Warrandyte is covered by Eltham Shire's weekly dry-rubbish service and Apex suggests the other side contact their council for advice. Hang on to your old Diaries, though. In a few years they'll be rarer than a zero inflation rate.



Delighted to hear that Jack Yarra and Molly Anderson are back together. Remember the couple that most of Warrandyte heard lifting the roof with their strong young voices in Warrandyte High School's production of *The Sallow Wattle*? Molly, better known as Katherine Adcock, has joined Jack, more commonly called Justin Macdonald, as lead vocal and backup for the popular band *Lost Property*. Justin reckons it's great. Katherine will give him a break from the mike and a chance to feature on his guitar. Warrandyte Cricket Club will be the first to sample the new sound. If the reaction to *The Sallow Wattle* was any indication, these two young singers will have a good innings.

Jack Barr is one of Smokey's favourite people — and that's got nothing to do with the fact that his adventures and misadventures have filled a deal of space in this column over the past umpteen years. No, we like him because well, because he is Jack Barr. And we're considerably chuffed to report that the local footy club have appointed him bar manager. Tell you what: a beer at the clubrooms in 1990 might be a lot of things, but it won't be dull.

**IN RED & WHITE**

Noticed the *Diary's* splendid new banner lined up with the rest of the festival decorations along Yarra Street? Leonie Horne sewed the banner and Walter and Matthew Magilton designed and painted it. Thanks, Walter and Matthew. Thanks Leonie.

The continuing saga of Warrandyte's vandalised tennis clubhouse. Smokey saw club supremo Greg Lawrence stringing fishing line around the clubhouse balcony one day last month. "What are you trying to catch, Greg, flying fish?" Smokey asked. "No," Greg replied. "Blanky cockatoos!"

The school bus that was grinding up Melbourne Hill one day last week was loaded with kids. The destination sign at the front didn't read 'Melbourne', 'Doncaster', 'Ringwood', 'Special' or even 'On Tour'. Just one short, plaintive word: 'LOST'.



We are unaware of the VFL (memo editor: please make that AFL) allegiance of Cameron Day, one of Warrandyte's better footballers, but we strongly suspect he has admiration for Hawthorn's Dermott Breton. Cameron fronted for the Bloods' first 1990 training run sporting a blond perm. So now it's Dermie Day. We wonder if coach Lindsay Hopkins will allow him to wear luminous green boots after half-time.

You know the old one about how you cook a cockatoo. You put an axe-head into boiling water with the cockie. When the axe-head's tender, the cockie's ready to eat. Greg Lawrence reckons that if you cooked any of Warrandyte's cockatoos at the moment, you'd find they were stuffed with Western red cedar sawdust.



Conclusive evidence supporting Smokey's contention that jogging is not only unnecessary but reckless has come from a most unlikely source — an inveterate jogger. Kevin Close, schoolteacher and local footy stalwart, has been fast-walking or slow-running (whichever way you look at this curious activity) for years. Now he's paying the price — a depressed fracture of the foot. Yep, the doc said he's over-jogged. Hope you've learned your lesson, teach.

Smokey reported last month that *Diary* hack Lee Tindale had finally abandoned his old manual typewriter and had entered the brave new world of electronic whizzbangery. Well, we spoke too soon. After at least a day of persistent puzzling, Lee abandoned the pushbutton miracle of modern word management. So back onto the dining table was thumped the old portable, and using Jan's vacuum cleaner, Lee sucked a heap of spider webs, pencil shavings and bulldust from amongst its works. He has now pronounced the old hunt-and-peck good for another 30 years of muckraking journalism. Although Lee's typing still looks like it was done by a family of chimpanzees.



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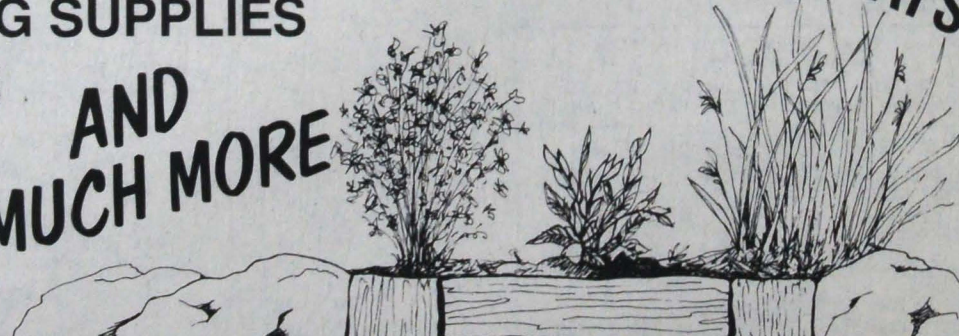
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# Goodbye Bob and Trish - and thanks a million!

The *Diary* has come to the end of an era. Trish and Bob Millington, who have been editor and advertising manager respectively for the past seven years, have reluctantly let go the reins.

Bob, along with Mark Davis, began editing the paper in June 1983. He went solo from the first issue of 1986. One of Melbourne's most distinguished journalists, Bob directed the *Diary* team in totally transforming the newspaper.

It was during Bob and Mark's joint reign that we went from old-fashioned hot-metal setting and letterpress printing to computerised typesetting and offset

printing. Later, in February 1987, Bob revamped the paper from its traditional smaller 'bastard' size into a full-blown tabloid. Under Bob, the *Diary* grew up.

The quality of Bob's sub-editing, his gift for bright yet dignified layout, his brilliant writing style and his insistence on the highest ethical standards, helped keep the journal in the top rank of community newspapers.

Trish Millington has sold and administered the advertising in this paper over the same period. Bringing to the *Diary* a lifetime's experience in advertising, Trish's energy, keen salesmanship and enthusiasm ensured a steady cashflow and enabled

us to finance the changes Bob was spearheading in the editorial department. The paper's advertising revenue has virtually trebled during her time as manager.

But like most folk who have a lot to contribute, Trish and Bob are very busy people. After a record seven years of dedicated service they have finally had to stand aside.

Fortunately, we have been able to appoint a new advertising manager. Jenny Southall has agreed to take on the job. Although new to advertising, as the daughter of veteran journalist and former *Diary*

editor Peter Lovett, Jenny was probably born with printer's ink coursing through her veins.

The *Diary* is looking for a new editor, but in the meantime, trustees and former editors Lee Tindale and Cliff Green are holding the fort. Chief of staff Jan Tindale is still co-ordinating and 'fronting' the paper.

The Millingtons leave the *Diary* in splendid shape. Together they have worked to build a newspaper of which we can all be proud. Thank you, Trish and Bob. You have served this community and its newspaper well.

## Squeeze is on at Park Orchards

Park Orchards residents are becoming increasingly concerned at the threat of closer density residential development in their area, brought about through dual occupancy and strata subdivisions.

This follows the recent declaration of the Warrandyte Residential Zone, under which dual occupancy and flat development are totally prohibited in the Warrandyte township, a situation unique in Victoria.

Mr Adrian Jackson, president of the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association, believes that Park Orchards should be similarly protected.

"Voters' choice of councillors at the last Doncaster and Templestowe election sent a strong message to the new council," Mr Jackson told the *Diary*. "This message resulted in the preservation of the Green Wedge around Warrandyte and Park Orchards."

Mr Jackson has identified the increasing push for dual occupancy and strata subdivisions as "the next threat to the unique, semi-rural character of Park Orchards".

Increasingly, residents in other parts of Doncaster-Templestowe are becoming enchanted by the proliferation of dual occupancy, flat and unit construction within the city. Recent local press reports have highlighted deep dissatisfaction with projects planned, including those in Laurie Street, East Doncaster and Acheron Street, Doncaster.

"The Doncaster and Templestowe Council, which is now the responsible planning authority for their own planning scheme, will have first say to stop any encouragement of this type of development," Mr Jackson said.

## Frightfully good fun

By the time this edition of the *Diary* gently alights on the streets of our township it is likely that tickets for the Festival Follies will be scarce indeed.

This year the WAA Drama Group's production is entitled *The Frightful Follies* and director Yvonne Morey says there is ample meaning in the name.

"The theme revolves around ghosts and ghouls and things that go bump in the night, but it will all be a fun show for regular Follies audiences," said Yvonne.

The 1990 production blends comedy, dance and song and will be showing at the Mechanics Institute Hall at 8 p.m. on March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24.

The cast has been keenly rehearsing for several weeks and shrieks of spooky laughter have been heard emanating from the old hall (particularly at full moon).

As usual the show is cabaret style, so bring your own drinks and eats. Tickets at \$10 each can be booked with Linda Mitchell on 844 1409.

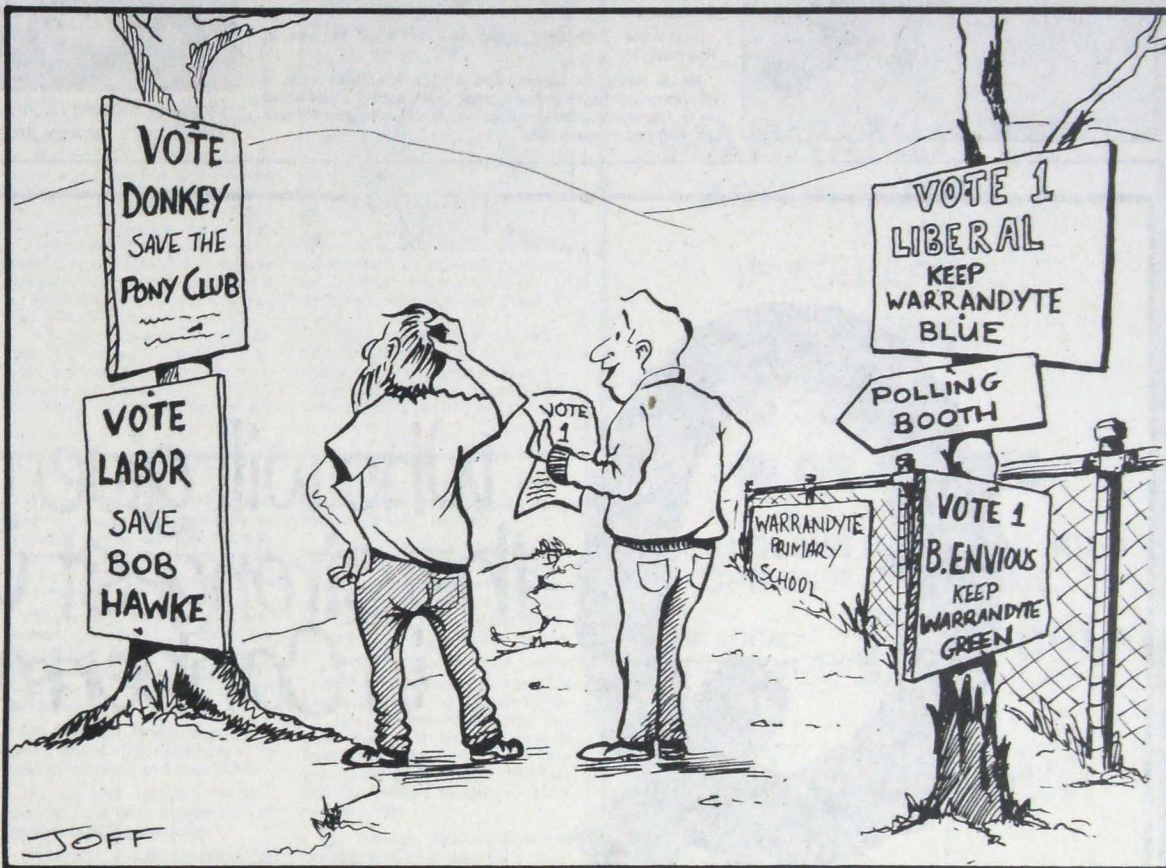
## Residents alarmed

He warned that any increase in dual occupancy development in Park Orchards will drive up the rating values for those people who wish to retain the attractive features that brought them here.

"I urge readers to remember that their choice of councillors and State MPs will continue to be of prime concern in protecting Park Orchards from over-development," Mr Jackson said.

"A ban on dual occupancy, similar to that operating in Warrandyte, could be sought through the representations of Mr Phil Honeywood, the local State member. Mr Honeywood can be telephoned on 725 3570."

Mr Jackson indicated that this important local issue will be discussed at future meetings of the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association.



"Lower taxes, higher pensions, turn Yarra River water into wine - I'm voting for this bloke!"

## The private Mrs Frogmouth goes out on a limb



No prize for this, nature lovers, but test your powers of observation on this lofty stringybark. Somewhere in its branches is a nesting tawny frogmouth, master (mistress) of camouflage and patience.

Mrs Podargus strigoides (to be strictly scientific) set up house next door to a delighted North Warrandyte family and sat and sat and sat.

The ornithology books said her mate would be keeping vigil nearby, and a few hours' searching found him - two trees away and looking no less part of a branch than his missus.

The family observed her in her natural state from the bathroom window. In their presence outside, she "froze" and merged with the tree, although familiarity seemed to be breeding confidence in her.

Mum and her two chicks departed the nest in late January.

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# Platypus among friends



The Friends of Warrandyte State Park have come to the rescue of the Healesville platypus population.

Healesville Sanctuary curator of animals David Middleton, who fears for the future of the species in that area, was a guest of the friends late last month.

The purpose of his visit was to inspect the Warrandyte park's native plant nursery and propagation techniques with a view to applying them to the preservation of Healesville's Watts River environment.

Middleton had sought a \$600 grant from Healesville Shire to buy trees for a community tree-planting day to stabilise the banks of the Watts and improve stream quality — all with the aim of protecting the habitat of the platypus.

Despite the platypus being its emblem, council rejected the request.

Middleton was most impressed by what he saw at Warrandyte.

He is likely to recommend to the sanctuary that a voluntary assistance group similar to the park friends be set up in Healesville, dedicated to conservation in general and the platypus in particular.



David Middleton (right) listens intently as Pat Coupar explains the Friends of Warrandyte State Park's nursery program.

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# Bob Halverson for Casey

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## No, it's not his dog — just his problem

By JUDY MACDONALD

A fellow from North Warrandyte says there is no better way to get the adrenalin pumping than to take the neighbour's dog for a walk. Well not actually take, rather to give in.

He knew it was behind him when he set off downhill to stroll to the shops. Even after a couple of fierce "go homes" it was still there, stealthily following.

By the time they reached Research Road it was chasing cars with gay abandon — right under their wheels. "Not my problem," he thought, feigning disinterest.

The drivers thought differently! He scolded it from the corner of his mouth. It grinned a toothy, comradely grin, lunging at another car.

Across the bridge, our hero made a point of studying the water below as the furred companion rounded up more cars. By the time they reached the roundabout, our fellow actually shepherded Fido through the traffic — less to save the dog's life than to avoid the angry confrontation with motorists.

With relief he saw the dog take up with a family carrying ice-creams towards the river. He hastened to do his shopping, undiscovered, and headed home across the bridge.

He spotted his furry neighbour on the river bank below galavanting from one sunbathing group to the next, scattering sand along with his bonhomie. "Too bad if he gets lost or stolen," he thought. "It's not my problem!"

Nice try! Somewhere, at some time, our fellow had been splashed by the milk of human kindness. Turning on his heel he almost sped back to retrieve the dog.

The furry one greeted him like a long-lost master, drawing more looks from those now-gritty sunbathers. And they headed homeward, the four-footed one beating him up the hill and disappearing down his own drive without a backward glance.

Our friend can't stand all this public censure. He has decided to sneak through the bush before hitting the road beyond his neighbour's drive or at last resort, go back to trying to find a car park in the village at weekends.





# The contest for Casey

These policy statements were submitted, at the *Diary's* invitation, by the three major-party candidates for Casey in the March 24 federal election. They are published in unedited form.

## • Bob Halverson (Liberal)

A survey recently conducted throughout the Casey electorate by federal member Mr Bob Halverson has highlighted the issues most concerning local voters.

"Residents of Warrandyte who participated in the survey indicated that quality of life and standard of living issues are uppermost in their minds" said Mr Halverson.

"Economic issues, particularly cutting interest rates and taxes, incentives for small business, a safer society, better roads, and help for families, pensioners and retirees, all rated highly on their survey response forms as problems needing immediate action.

"Our Liberal policies offer positive answers to these problems and will get Australia heading in the right direction again" Mr Halverson said.

"Another significant issue in Warrandyte is protection of the environment.

"Local residents are particularly

concerned about preserving the special character of the unique, beautiful and vulnerable Warrandyte area. This is justified and understandable, considering the proximity of Warrandyte to Melbourne and urban areas of rapid growth and development, and the increasing popularity of the Warrandyte State Park, Pound Bend Reserve and scenic Yarra River as tourist and recreational areas.

"They are also concerned about the broader national and international environmental and conservation issues, such as global pollution, the greenhouse effect and depletion of the ozone layer."

"Mr Halverson said that unlike Labor, the Liberal Party is committed to a consultative — rather than a confrontationalist approach to environmental protection.

"We believe that the environment debate needs to be conducted along rational and sensible lines instead of confining it to the sim-

## Major-party candidates outline their policies

plistic and misleading 'environment versus jobs' or 'development equals destruction' arguments.

Liberal policies reflect a comprehensive strategy which integrates the fundamentally compatible and mutually dependent interests of environmental protection and conservation (quality of life) and economic growth (standard of living). We must have both if we are to build a better world.

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"We fully understand that the choices available to future generations depend entirely on the decisions we make today.

"Caring adequately for our en-



vironment is not a simple platitude, but involves some hard decisions — decisions we are not afraid to make".

People interested in obtaining further information about Liberal policies on the environment or any other issues should contact Mr Halverson's office on 726 9077.

## • Jon Linehan (Labor)



The Australian Labor Party federal candidate for the seat of Casey is Research resident Jon Linehan.

Mr Linehan maintains that one of the major issues in this election is conservation. "Of the two major parties the ALP has clearly shown itself to be the most committed party in this area" he said.

"At the national level the list of achievements is impressive. Kakadu, the Franklin and the Daintree rainforest have all been saved in spite of the Opposition. The Wesley Vale pulp and paper development with its unacceptable pollution of Bass Strait was also stopped. A clear strategy has been outlined in the 1989 Environmental Statement, which addresses such issues as soil degradation" he added.

Mr Linehan said that we need to have an integrated approach to recycling and to tap into the willingness of people to change. He has been involved in a State plan for recycling.

"There is a need to take into account concerns of the local people, such as preserving the local dirt roads in Warrandyte where residents don't want development."

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

He has had extensive involvement in local government at both the state and federal levels.

"There is a need to argue for funding for local services which

impact on average people, and I have done that" he said.

A former Monash University tutor in economics, Mr Linehan believes his thorough understanding of the economic climate gives him the credibility to argue for the ordinary needs of people in his electorate.

Mr Linehan has been involved in discussions with the relevant minister over increased funding for child care. He has a thorough knowledge of the funding care programs and centre based child care and has worked to improve child care in Casey.

Mr Linehan believes that the people of Casey deserve a hard working representative. His view is that the people of Casey should ask themselves one question — have they seen their local federal member at work? If the answer is no, then it is time that somebody else is elected to stand up for them.

## • Paul Rees (Democrats)

The Australian public has for the first time a chance to break the two party system which has created the conditions in which we find ourselves today. The Australian Democrats are a real alternative party with effective and commonsense policies.

I joined the Australian Democrats because I felt that their policies are forward thinking, clear and effective. Originally I am from Wales, coming to Australia in 1983 and working in the field of restaurant management. I have since changed my career path towards furthering my education at RMIT to become a librarian.

My wife and I have bought our first home in the Croydon area one year ago and as everybody would be aware, the high interest rates and inflated house prices have affected us badly. We are both regular users of public transport to commute to and from work, thus realising the importance of an efficient and safe means of public transportation.

Australia is facing serious economic, environmental and social problems. The economic practices which now govern our lives reflect an increasing lack of concern for what should be central issues of social and environmental quality of life in both the domestic and international context. The policies of the other major parties perpetuate this destructive and short-sighted disregard for our future, allowing the wealthy to get richer and the poor to be trapped in a cycle of poverty.

The Australian Democrats will seek to achieve a sustainable econ-

omy providing a higher quality of life, rather than merely the highest possible level of consumption by (i) placing a surcharge on luxury goods; and (ii) taxing the massive amounts of money leaving Australia to speculate against our currency. This will then be channelled back in the form of tax exemptions on certain savings to provide funds for home buyers, rural producers and small businesses as well as establishing a register of foreign ownership which has been rejected by the Liberal, National and Labor parties.

Medicare should not be dismantled. Medicare needs to be made efficient and expanded to cover other health services.

Australian Democrats are not beholden to big businesses or unions. We believe that small business people and small farmers need selective, well targeted government support to enable them to contribute to the Australian economy and to build their own future.

Our policies on social security are a stark contrast to the actions of the current government. However, we are not advocating cradle to the grave dependency. Meeting a person's essential needs provides the basis for social development. Enabling people to have control over their own circumstances is an essential part of restoring dignity, self reliance and a feeling of self worth.

We owe to our children and the children of the future a clean and safe environment to live in. The Australian Democrats have fought for conservation and the protection



of the environment since the party's formation.

My overall feeling is that governments have all too often gone for the quick fix options for what are long term problems. Planning and investment into alternative forms of energy must be given a high priority. A sensible approach to environmental issues and problems can be reached, but the urgency of some of these problems is not realised by the Labor, Liberal and National parties.

Commonsense and integrity is badly needed in the House of Representatives. The Australian Democrats are a third force that can make a difference.

This election ... GIVE A DAMN and vote DEMOCRAT.

## RSL Club soldiers right on

Warrandyte RSL Club is now fully licensed and intends to expand its membership and activities.

The Brackenbury Street clubrooms are open from 5 pm Monday to Saturday and all residents — ex-service or not — are invited to visit with a view to joining.

Recreational facilities include pool, table tennis and darts. The club is also the "base" for regular golf games.

Beer is on tap at very reasonable prices. Packaged beer will be available to members.

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# Thoroughly rapt in brown paper

By ROGER KIBELL

Brown paper played a vital part in my childhood.

I remember being sent to the local shop-front library to return mother's selection and collect for her those novels selected by the antique librarian. Mother's selection was always from a very narrow range of novels, usually from the Romance or Mystery sections.

The library was no bigger than the Warrandyte Op shop and yet seemed, at the time, a vast temple of education. Occasionally, I selected from the Children's Section but usually satisfied myself with a quick browse and out into the street, having paid the 15 pence for the novels of the week, chosen by the all-knowing lady librarians. But what about brown paper?

No sooner had I delivered the novels into my mother's safe keeping than they would be swathed in brown paper. In those times, common people knew things: like camphor blocks in little cotton bags worn around the neck cured colds and flu. Without the knowledge of the local health department, it must have been a time of rampant contagious diseases because every hard-backed novel was con-domed in brown paper.

Brown paper covers concealed such salacious authors as Georgette Heyer and Agatha Christie. The covers, seething with past borrowers' diseases were hermetically sealed, safe now for bed reading.

Perhaps today's medical researchers and pharmaceutical companies could make a killing examining the antiseptic properties of brown paper. Just imagine healthy customers leaving, say, Fairfield Hospital after a week, wrapped in brown paper.

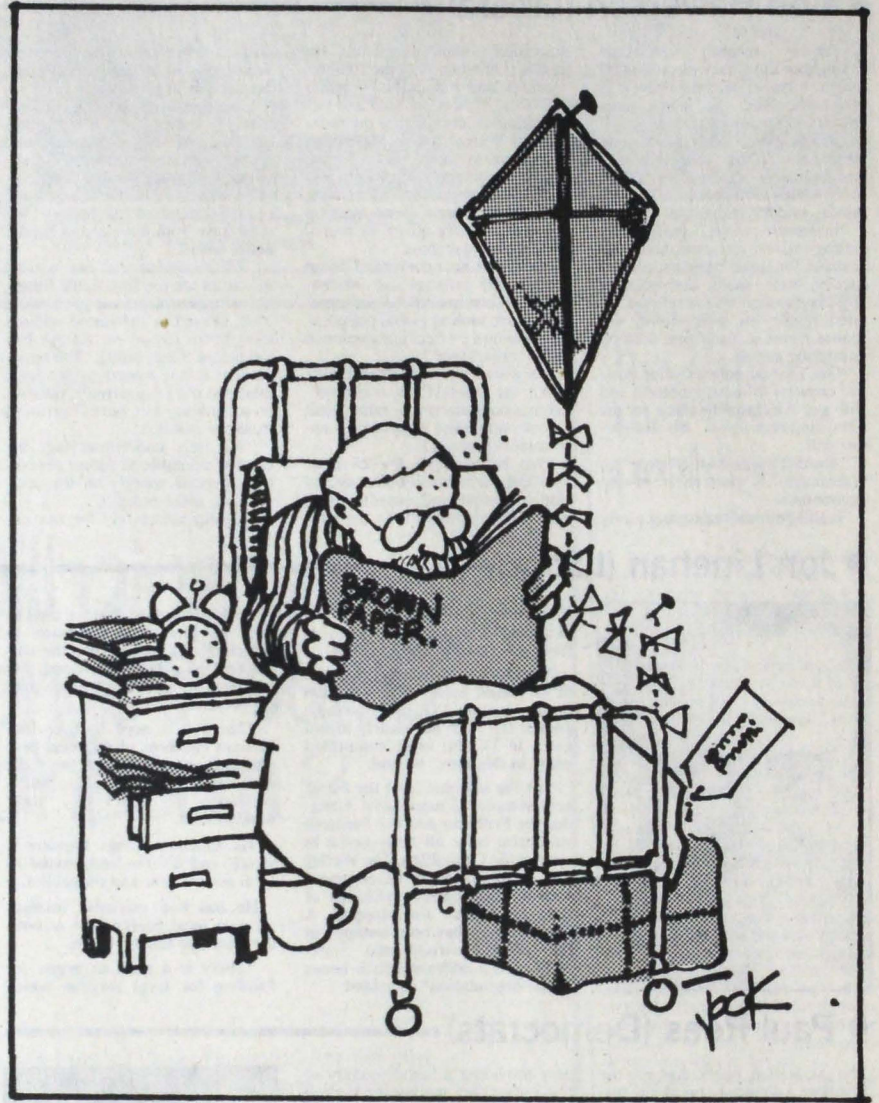
But where did all those brown sheets come from? My recollections seem to be of everything being paper wrapped by shopkeepers. Large flat crisp sheets of brown paper would lie in wait on the counters. Merchandise would be deftly wrapped and tied with string, string that fell from either a suspended pressed metal ball or was drawn from a capacious metal canister on the counter.

If the parcel was too large for the customer's string bag then a loop handle would be tied by the shopkeeper for the customer who was always right — unless, of course, you were a junior and then you knew your place. I wonder if my kids will harbor fond memories of shopping at Harry Heaths?

I remember, at home, drawers and shelves full of folded brown paper of different thicknesses and degrees of opacity. A division one Taitslotto win to a young boy.

A kite had to be made. The paper and string caches were rifled to discover the best bits to be glued around balsa wood sticks. Some poor kids had to use newspaper but we knew what "real living" was — we had proper brown paper and torn material strips for the tail.

Occasionally, our kites would fly,



but it was the making more than the flying that enthralled us.

No steamed pudding was complete without its mob-cap of string-tied brown paper. Fruit cakes were shielded by butter-greased brown paper linings.

No honorable present sent by post from a dotting relative would be acceptable unless swathed in layer upon layer of the ever comforting b.p.

Why the demise of the old friend? It's obvious really: we were attacked by the sixties. Insidiously, all the old varieties were replaced

by spurious excitement. Traditional ways and emotional comfort were replaced by exponential growth and economic rationalisation.

The plastic bag became trendy, the hallmark of a modern family, a bit like detergent. I remember bullying my mother into buying detergent because it said on the ads that you didn't need to dry up. Guess whose job it was to dry the dishes!

Unfortunately, the ads spoke with forked tongue and I still had to dry the smears off the dishes. One small step for the washer up, one giant step for the multinationals.

The wonders of modern technology continually have built up our hopes only to have them smashed. I am now convinced that the ubiquitous plastic bags have been found wanting. Most of them will only be able to look forward to nothing better than an after-life as a piece of fake wood, thanks to the Smorgons.

Fake wood! That's something no self-respecting sheet of brown paper would stoop so low as to contemplate.

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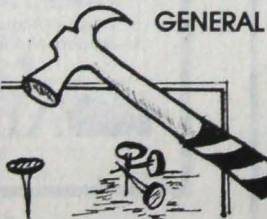
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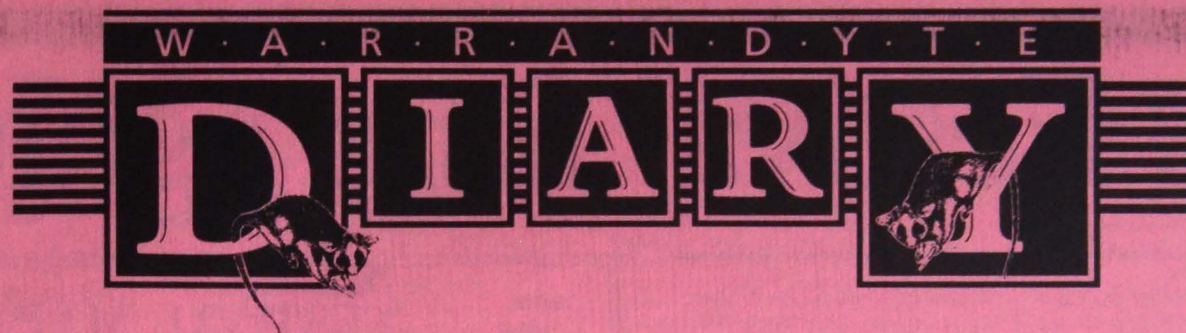
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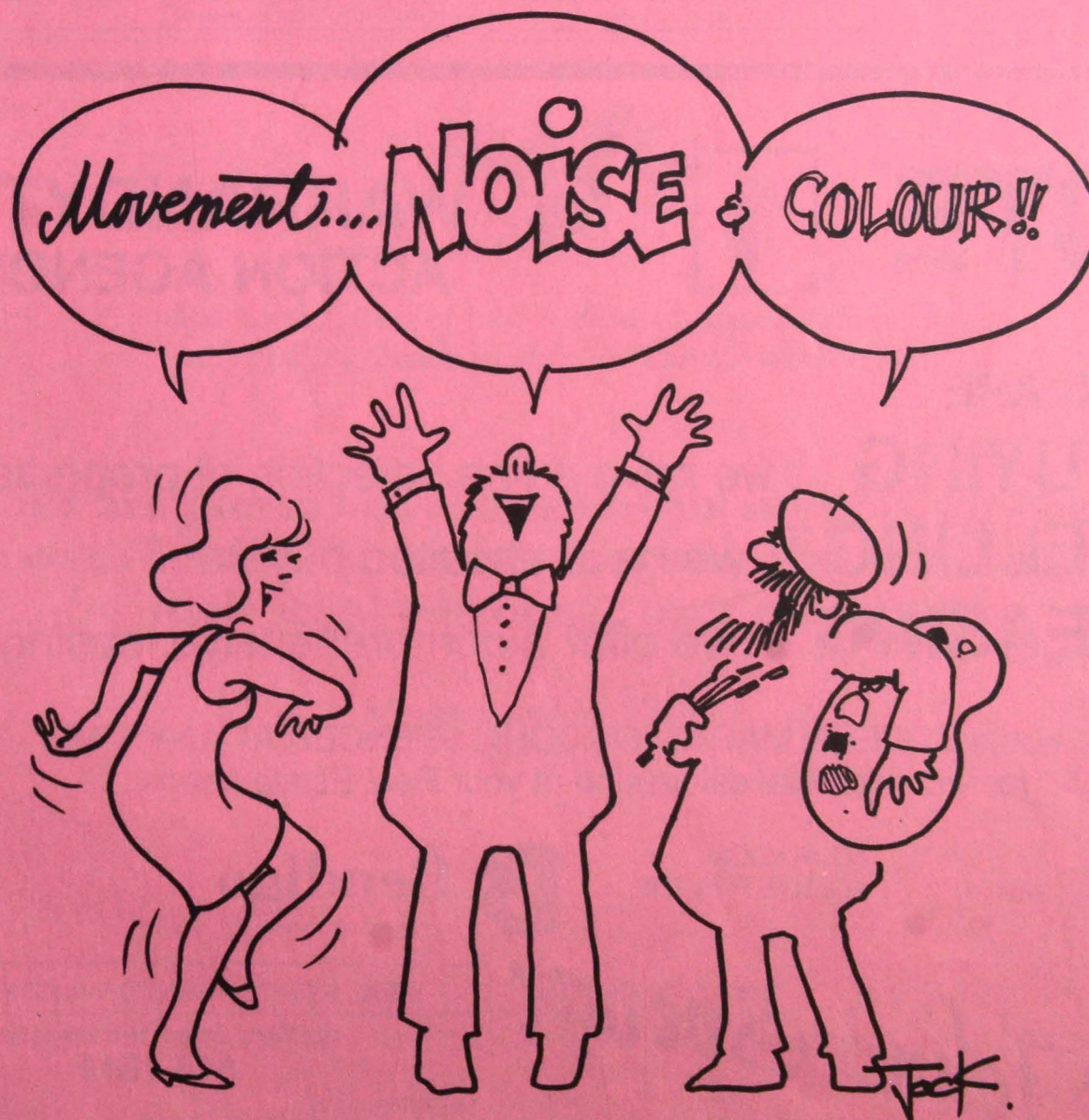
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# WARRANDYTE VILLAGE FESTIVAL PROGRAM 1990





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The Warrandyte Village Festival is on again! This year it promises to be bigger than 'Ben Hur'... Well, bigger than last year's festival, anyway. Two days and four evenings of continuous enjoyment — Thursday 22 March through to Sunday 25 March 1990 — catering for the young, the elderly and everyone in between. So come on into Warrandyte and join in this festive occasion.

The map (right) shows you where everything is and the information in this program tells you all about the activities.

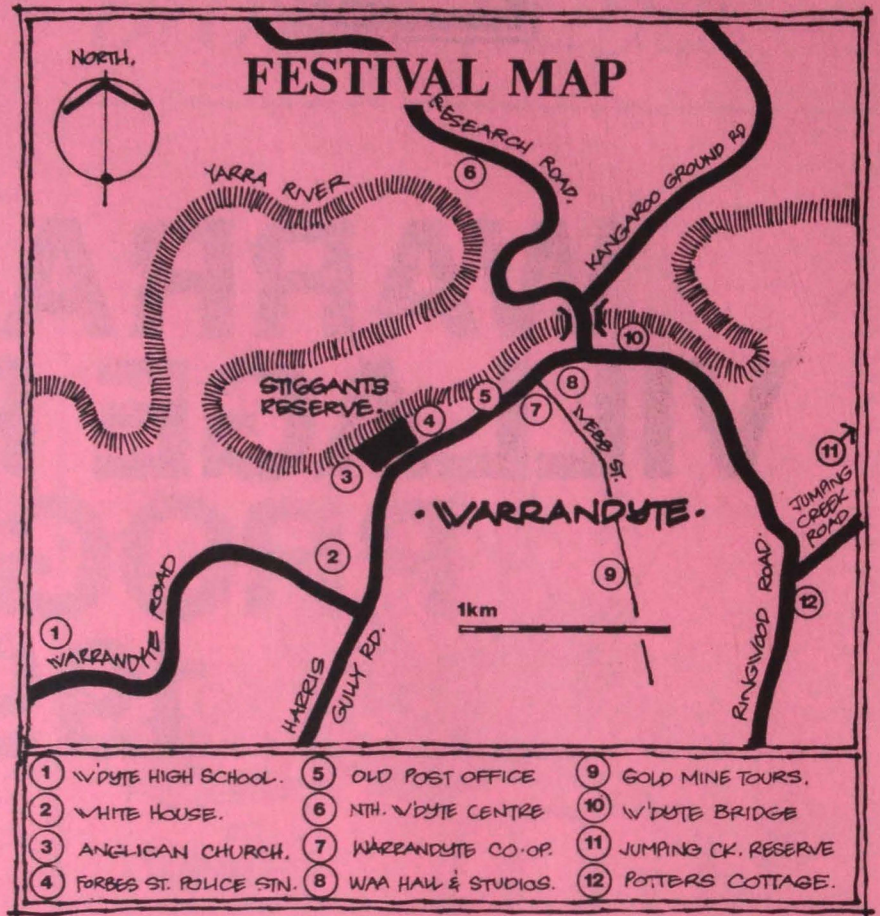
Special events at this year's festival include the Second Great Warrandyte Duck Race (yes, the battle between these yellow plastic birds is on again), spectacular garden tours and the ever-popular river activities.

A free festival shuttle bus service will take you to each venue in time for special events. So why not leave your car at one of the parking areas shown on the map and let us do the driving?

Help to publicise our Village Festival by purchasing a bumper sticker, available through local schools or at the information van for \$1.50 each.

Don't miss the festival concert and fireworks grand finale on Sunday 25 March. What an apt way to finish — with plenty of color and noise!

The festival committee wishes everyone a great weekend!



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## THUR 22 MARCH

**6.00 pm: EXPO '90 CONTEST.** Entries accepted St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

**8.00 pm: ORGAN RECITAL** at St Stephens, Stiggants Street.

**8.00 pm: FRIGHTFUL FOLLIES.** Warrandyte Drama Group Revue. Mechanics' Institute Hall, Yarra Street. Cabaret, BYO food and drink. \$10 per head. Also March 15, 16 and 17. Bookings: Linda Mitchell, 844 1409.



## FRI 23 MARCH

**9.30 am — 12 noon: KIDS' FESTIVAL WARM-UP PARADE** at Andersons Creek Primary School. Enquiries: Rick, 844 2757.

**7.00 pm: OPENING OF EXPO '90** at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

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## SAT 24 MARCH

**8.30 am: APEX FUN RUN.** Run by Warrandyte Apex Club from Stiggants Reserve. 9 km course. Prizes given. Entries on the day. Be there at least 15 minutes before start. Enquiries: Dale Zeising, 844 3739.



**10.00 am — 4.00 pm: STATE PARK RANGERS.** Kids! Come along and test your senses in the Wombat Tunnel. Conservation videos, billy tea and damper. Enquiries: 844 2659.

**10.00 am: STATIC DISPLAYS.** Conservation, Forests and Land, Yarra River Lifeguards, Warrandyte Environment League, Friends of the Park, SES, MMBW, CFA. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**10.00 am: OPEN AIR MARKETS.** A variety of market stalls. Selected goods include plants, homemade bread and cakes, toys, clothes, jewellery, leadlighting, novelties and handbuilt furniture. Stiggants Reserve.



**10.00 am: FOOD FIESTA.** Tantalise your taste buds. Select from a large range of international stalls — Filipino, Indian, Indonesian, Chinese, German and English. Eat there or take home. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**10.00 am — 4.00 pm: KITES GALORE.** Kite flying demonstrations, workshop and stall, where you can make your own kite. Stiggants Reserve.

**10.00 am: KIDS' MARKET.** Magnificent middle of stalls, offering handmade goods produced by local kids. Stiggants Reserve. Contact: Marilyn, 844 1175.

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**10.00 am — 5.00 pm: POTTERS COTTAGE EXHIBITION.** Extensive range of Australian craft. Potters Cottage, Jumping Creek Road.

**10.30 am: JUDGING** of Festival Parade floats.

**11.00 am: FESTIVAL PARADE.** Remember, the festival theme this year is 'Movement, Noise and Color'. Entries will be judged in these categories: Most elaborate, creative, craziest, noisiest and colourful. Sponsored by Warrandyte Market Committee. School bands sponsored by Pines Shopping Centre. From Warrandyte bridge to Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: John Boyle, 844 3120.

**11.00 am — 4.00 pm: LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.** Sold by the ladies of the Anglican church at the church.

**12 noon: PARADE ENTRIES ON STAGE.** Dress up for the parade. Prizes for each entrant. Entry free. Straight after the parade on Stiggants stage.

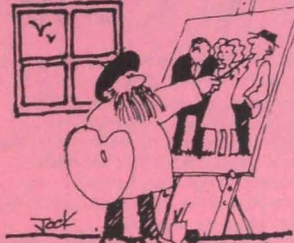
**12 noon: DECORATED BIKES.** Competition run by the Lions Club for the best decorated bike in the parade. Judged near the stage after the parade. Prizes donated by the Lions Club.

**12 noon: BIKE REGISTRATION.** Is your bike registered? If not, the Lions Club of Warrandyte and the Victoria Police will register it for you free of charge. Stiggants Reserve.

**12 noon: FREE WATERSLIDE.** Run by Warrandyte Scout Group, Stiggants Reserve. Changing tent provided. Bring togs and towels. Enquiries: Ken Garrioch, 438 3846.

**12 noon: HAYRIDES.** From river end of Forbes Street to the old dairy. Ride on a horse-drawn cart.

**1.00 pm: OLYMPIC WRESTLING.** On stage at Stiggants Reserve.



**1.00 pm: ARTISTS' PAINT-IN.** Join Warrandyte artists on Stiggants Reserve where the WAA Painting Group will form the core of an outdoor paint-in. Bring your own easel. Enquiries: Pauline Cross, 439 1775.

**1.00 pm: CANOE & KAYAK RACE.** From Stiggants Reserve to the bridge and back. Warrandyte Canoe Club. Entries on the day. Enquiries: John Boyle, 844 3120.

**1.30 pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS.** Continuous entertainment provided by Warrandyte, Andersons Creek and Warrandyte South primary schools, Warrandyte High School and the Helen Briggs Dancers.



**2.00 pm: RAFT RACE.** See Warrandyte's mariners battle the raging rapids. Enquiries and entries: Canoe Shed, 844 2502.

**2.00 pm: GOLD MINE TOUR.** Join our tour guide, John Hanson, for an hour and a half leisurely walk through Warrandyte's Gold Rush days and visit an actual 1850s gold mine. Bring torch and wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street or catch a free festival bus from Stiggants Reserve.

**2.00 pm: OLYMPIC WRESTLING.** On stage at Stiggants Reserve.

**2.30 pm — until dark: LOCAL ROCK BANDS.** Cold Shot, Steep Descent, Sonik Fury, Scared Fretless, Lost Property, Cast of Strangers. On stage at Stiggants Reserve.

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## SUN 25 MARCH

**8.00 am: LIONS CLUB GYMKHANA.** Wyena Pony Club Grounds, Croydon Road, South Warrandyte. Ribbons to 6th place. Entries \$1, pedestrians and riders \$1. Enquiries: Alan Caulfield, 844 3011 or 437 1353.



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**8.00 am — 4.30 pm: FISHING COMPETITION.** Enquiries, Canoe Shed, 844 2502.



**9.00 am: BILLY CART DERBY.** Crash helmets and protective clothing compulsory. No go-carts, no commercial entries. Billy carts must satisfy marshalls. Forbes Street, outside the police station. Entries 50c on the day. Enquiries: George Nikakis, 712 0595.

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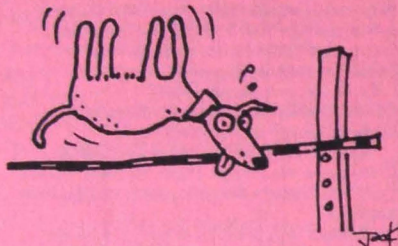
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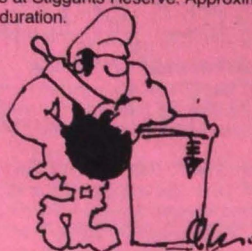
**10.30 am: PET PARADE & DOG JUMP.** Run by Warrandyte High School. Bring your special pet along to Stiggants Reserve. All pets must be under owner's control. Can your dog jump fences? After the pet judging, see if your dog can jump the hurdles provided. Enquiries: Claire Bloom, 844 2749.

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**11.30 am: LILO RACE.** Have a go! You will need a lilo and a pair of sandshoes. Easy but exciting rapids from Forbes Street. Minimum age 10 years. Patrolled by the Yarra River Lifeguards. Enquiries: 844 2502.

**12 noon: GARDEN TOURS.** Conducted tour of some of Warrandyte's rustic gardens. Catch the bus at Stiggants Reserve. Approximately 2 hours duration.



**12 noon: YARRA YOBBOS.** Novelty activities on the riverbank at Stiggants Reserve, including gumboot throw, rolling-pin throw, egg throw, Otto bin races. Warrandyte Uniting Church. Prizes donated by Potters Cottage. Enquiries: Alan King, 844 3622.

**1.00 pm: TUG O' WAR.** Warrandyte fire brigades. See local groups competing for the tug o' war trophy. Fire brigades, Apex, Lions, sporting groups. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Entry on the day.

**1.45 pm: OLYMPIC WRESTLING.** On stage at Stiggants Reserve.

**2.00 pm: DUCK RACE.** Quack, quack, quack! Support, encourage and barrack for your plastic duck. (After Yarra Yobbos finish.) Ducks



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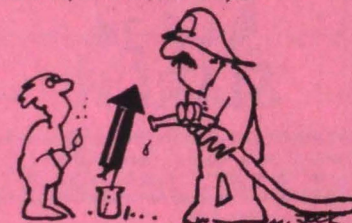
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**5.00 — 6.00 pm: COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS** from Expo '90, St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

**6.30 pm: SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW** by Hugh McSpeddon. Stiggants Reserve.

**8.45 pm: FIREWORKS FINALE.** See our festival weekend finish in a blaze of color. After the concert, look skywards and see this glorious display of fireworks. Sponsored by Harry Heaths Supermarket, Warrandyte.



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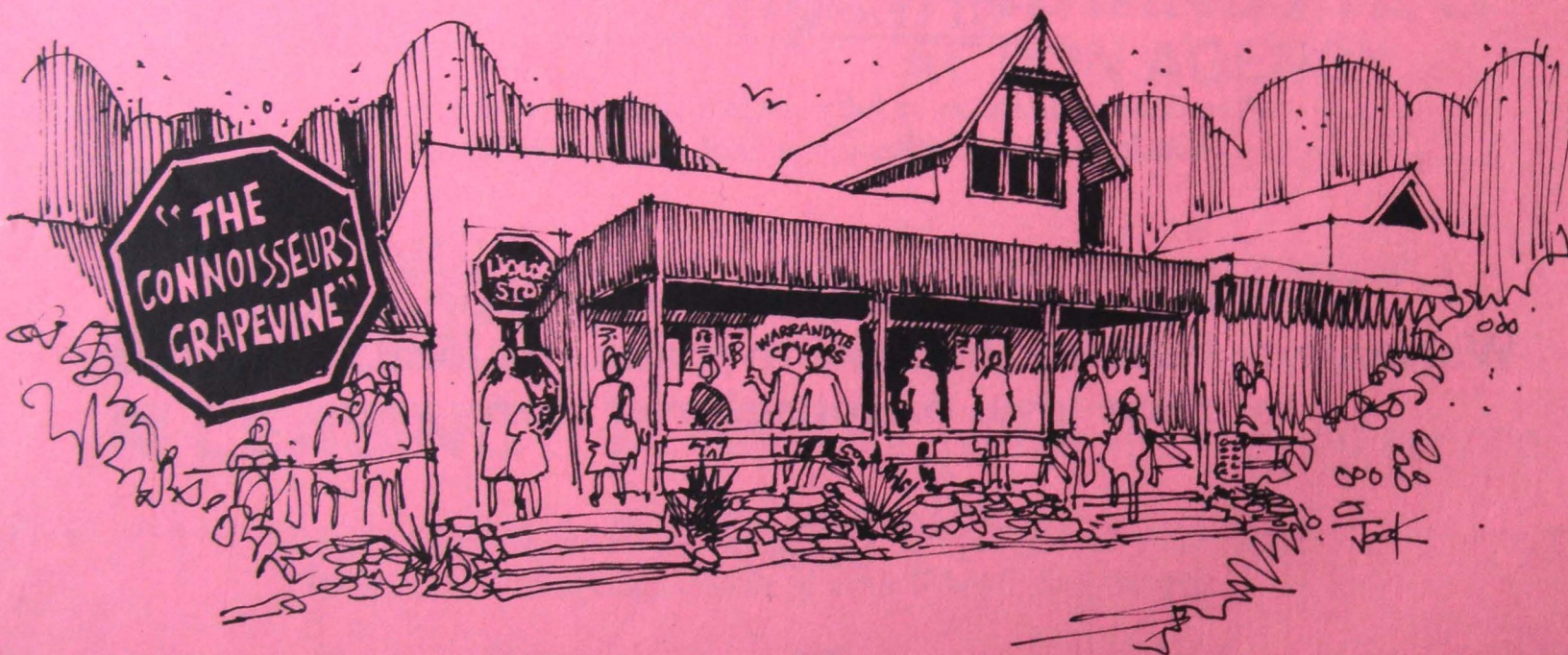
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LETTER

## Don't lie low — get afloat!

A lot of hot air is being cast about concerning the Li-lo Race at this year's Warrandyte Festival.

After blowing up your Li-lo, save some puff for the paddle from the Police Rapid at the bottom of Forbes Street to the finish near the swings.

All contestants should wear tennis shoes or wetsuit boots to protect their feet. Fins and flippers are banned because they give an unfair advantage.

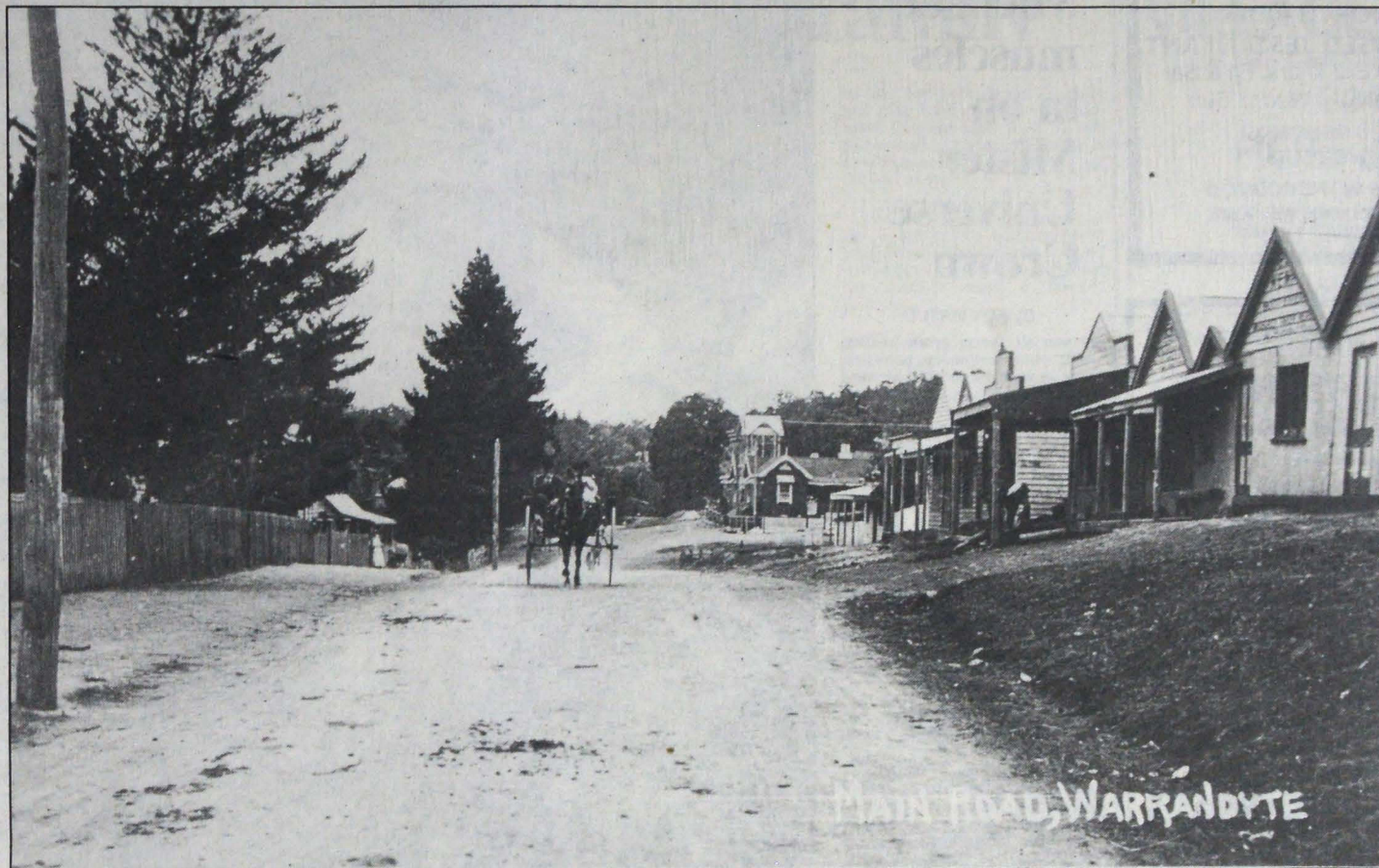
Children must be over 10 years of age and have parental consent. There are separate sections for under-12, under-15 and open.

Entry is free and contestants can sign on at The Canoe shed right up to the day or at the festival on the day.

The Yarra River Lifeguard Service will patrol the event and the timing will be done by the Apex Club.

The race starts at 11am on the Saturday.

R. Freemantle,  
For Festival Committee



Yarra Street, Warrandyte, as it looked around 1910.

# Along the 1912 track to 'Beautiful Warrandyte'

Starting from Wonga Park Road at Parson's Gully the other day, I took my way down towards the township of Warrandyte to see this famous beauty spot.

Proceeding on my way, I took notice of the beautiful wattles now just coming into full bloom, and the scent from them was something grand, but I was sorry to see the neglect and disgraceful actions of some residents in disfiguring the place.

Where there has been a substantial two-rail fence along the road very little of it remains, for I suppose it has been cut down and taken for home consumption.

Still, as I went along I noticed a signboard at the bridge over the Yarra, on which it states that no load heavier than three tons is to go on it. This bridge is literally falling to pieces, and ought to at once receive attention.

Concern for the preservation of Warrandyte goes way, way back. Just how far back is unclear, but it was certainly before conservation became a "movement" and decades before the term "greenie" was coined. At least one Warrandyte-lover was concerned as early as 1912. We reprint here his or her letter to The Evelyn Observer of that year.

Then again appears a tennis court which is rapidly going to ruin, the net actually being left on the court to rot. Again looking around, I notice visitors in motor cars, buggies, etc., arrive, and go straight for the wattle bloom and

break great limbs off, and the trees left in a shabby-looking state.

Surely there is some person or body that can prevent the disfigurement of the place. This wholesale destruction, or any attempt,

is strictly forbidden lower down the river, and more so at Studley Park.

I hear there is a Progress League in existence, but perhaps they think this looking after things has nothing to do with them, but if this body desire to make progress they should take a hand to looking after the welfare of the place, if not the place will be disfigured. Then you will lose your artists; visitors will cease to come, and then what will become of Beautiful Warrandyte.

However, I am not going to shout shame, or disgraceful, or any such epithets on anyone, but will fold my hands meekly together and comfort myself with the pious thought "For of such is the Kingdom," etc. Trusting a more able pen than mine will speak against these actions, — I am,

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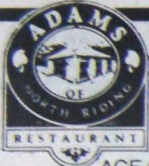
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By KEN VIRTUE

As you sit there, gentle reader, doing your imaginary push-ups, spare a thought for the physical effort required to be a Mister Universe.

Michael Melksham, 21, of Bradleys Lane, took on the world's biggest muscles in the UK and Spain and came home as Junior Mister Universe 1989.

"I was really pleased with my achievement", Michael told the Diary, "and with the fact that Melbourne contestants were also Mr World and Miss World."

Michael's title, awarded by a panel of judges from the National Amateur Body Building Association, was won against top finalists from 20 countries.

What prompted the young student at Eltham College to take up body building?

"When I was playing football for Warrandyte in my teens I started gym work to get stronger," he said. "Actually I did get a lot stronger, but then I ran a bit slower, so I decided to take up body building as my sport."

Michael shares his enthusiasm for body building fitness with sister Elaine 23, who is Miss Victoria, and with his girlfriend who is Miss Australia.

His mother Gloria must be Harry Heath's best customer as she tunes her muscles by loading the shopping trolley for Michael's 'diet'.

- Every day he consumes:
- Six eggs plus cereal for breakfast.
  - Rice and fruit for morning tea.
  - Fish and vegetables for lunch.
  - Rice and fruit for afternoon tea.
  - Red meat (man-sized serve) and vegetables in the evening.

"The calorie intake is balanced against my workload," Michael said. "I cycle and walk every day, then do two hours of solid gym work every night."

"I train with a friend because you need almost aggressive encouragement to keep pushing yourself with heavier weights."

At 17, Michael weighed an average 80 kg — now he tips the scales at 115. He works as a carpenter but says it's not an ideal trade for a body builder.

"If I decide to seriously work for an Open title I'd have to train full time," said Michael. "I've gained some sponsorship support from USA-based Golden Gym, and from an amino-acids company."

Amino acids are used for "waking up the system" before eating and before and after exercise.

Michael says his genetic make-up suits the sport so he has not taken steroids. He is concerned that many Open class body builders do use these drugs and says he would only make that choice on proper medical advice.

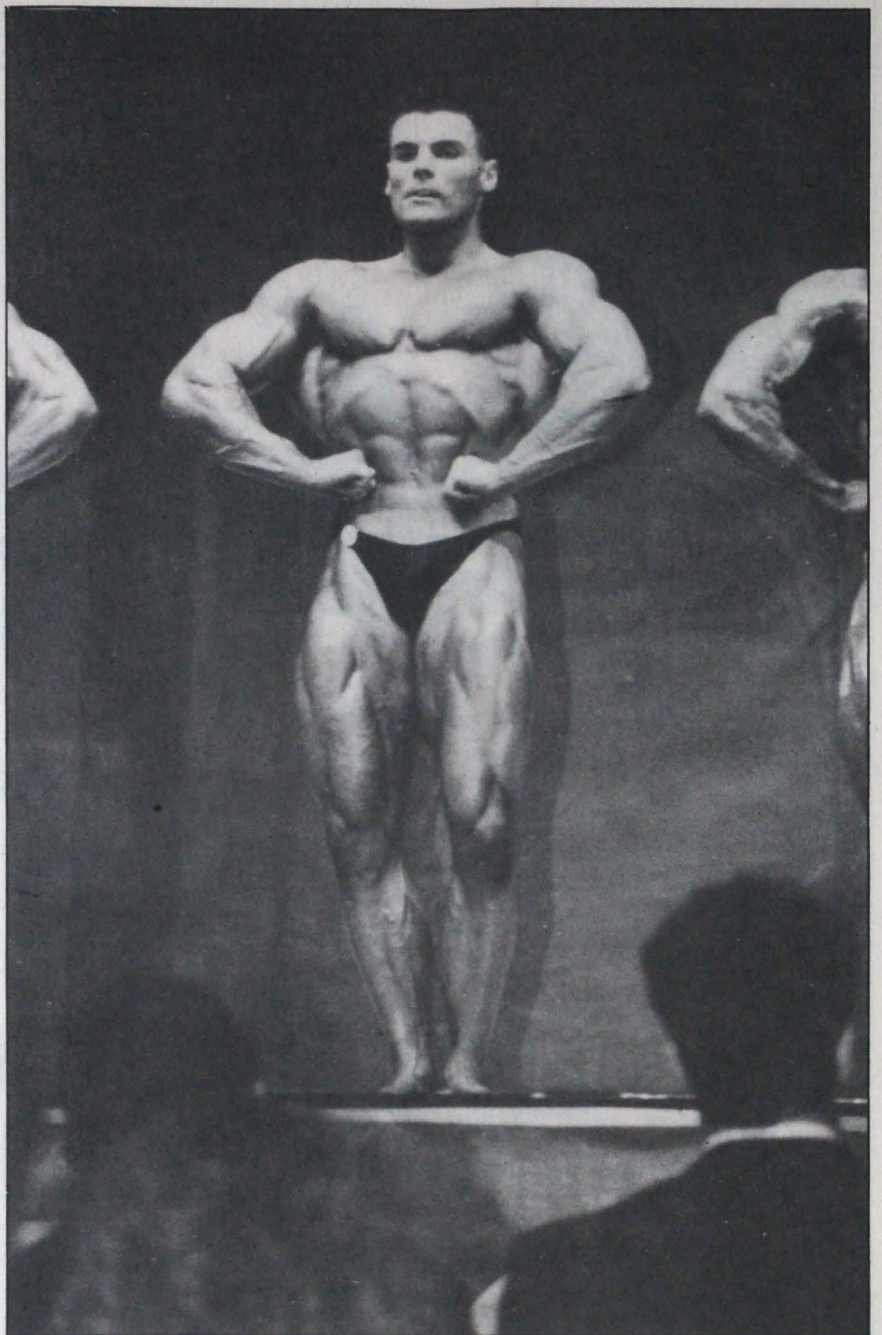
It is hard to imagine how this quiet, sincere young man could grow any more muscles, even if you learn all his training and presentation came only from reading and observation.

There are no professional coaches it seems, and little hope of earning the "top money" like the American professionals.

Michael dispels the usual myths about muscle men. He is intelligent, sensible about his work and sport and knowledgeable about all aspects of fitness.

He says the muscles won't turn to flab in future provided his calorie intake matches any exercise program.

It also appears that jogging is 'no good' for serious body builders, so we can all feel much better about sleeping in every morning. Wouldn't want to ruin our latent torsos, would we?



Michael Melksham

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## Baby possum adopts family



Mark Glendenning with baby ringtail possum.

Sue Glendenning got quite a shock recently when she came across what appeared to be a dead rat on the ground near their house. She was about to get a shovel and bury the corpse when she heard a tiny cry.

Closer examination revealed that it was a very young baby ringtail possum and it was alive. Sue contacted the State Park ranger for information on how to look after the possum and the right formula to feed it until one of the park staff was available to take it over.

The possum responded to tender loving care and soon made herself at home. Sue's son Mark got the job of chief nurse and soon found out that possums like to sleep during

the day and frolic during the night and that baby possums also demand frequent night feeds. It was just as well that Mark was on holidays from school and could rest up during the day.

The possum showed no fear of her foster parents and the house was just full of good things to climb and explore, running up and down the curtains being a favorite pastime.

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Guests included the Mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe, Cr Trevor Waring, Cr Vern Denford and Mrs M Murdoch, president of the Royal Women's Hospital.

Special guests were the four daughters of the late Sylvia Hussey, a foundation member of the auxiliary and a member for more than 57 years.

Auxiliary vice-president Bonnie Peake (who served 18 consecutive terms as president) outlined to the

luncheon the group's fund-raising activities over the years, highlighting the annual Lilac Time Ball. Bonnie recalled the times when the ball attracted people from near and far for a night of dancing and a home-made supper — and all for the princely sum of one shilling and sixpence.

Rene Smith, the auxiliary's longest-serving member and the daughter of a foundation member, was asked to cut the birthday cake, which she had made, decorated and donated.

The auxiliary executive thanks all those who contributed to make the occasion such a success.



Mayor Trevor Waring congratulates auxiliary President Dulcie Crouch (centre).

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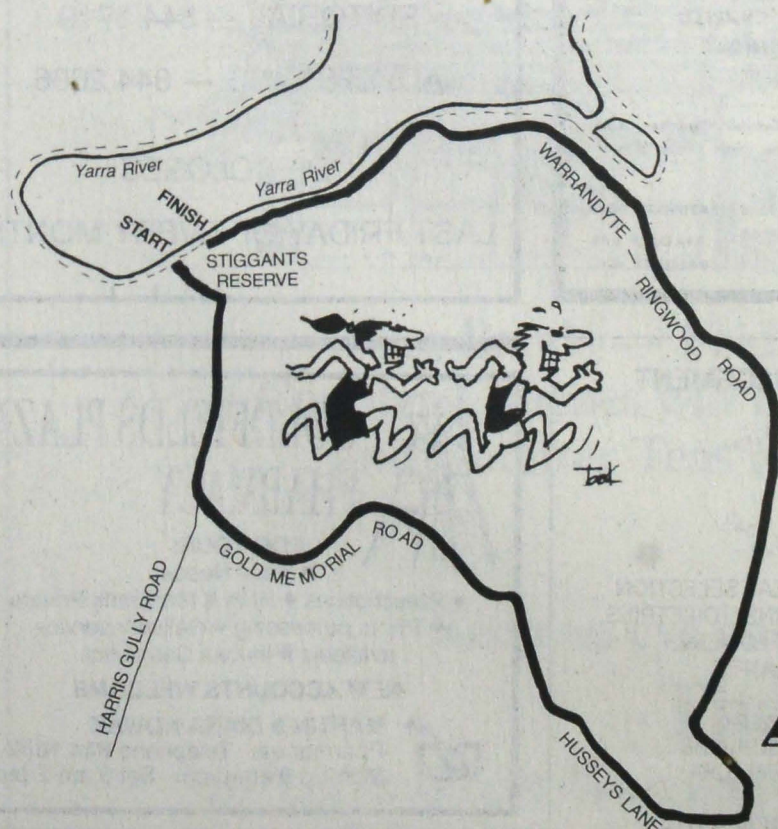
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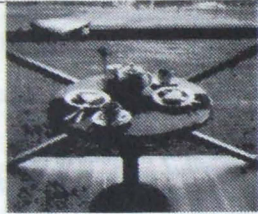


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Anyone who has ever attended Warrandyte Primary in the last 50 years or so will be interested and perhaps saddened (as I am) by the news that the pines play area is to be totally obliterated over the first term holidays.

There have been numerous discussions about the pine trees in previous years and now that the Eastern Region Department has promised the funds, it's becoming evident their demise is inevitable.

However before the bulldozers move in, some very good points have been made by various people and it is my earnest hope they have been thoroughly discussed.

Here are some of them:  
• Instead of total annihilation, why can't it be done in stages? This would minimise erosion and enable one area to re-establish with some plant growth.

• That the project begin in the lower half because there is less slope there and would be less immediate erosion. This area could then be used by the children and planting of cut areas could begin again minimising soil erosion.

## LETTERS

• That the proposed "flat area" be in the lower half because the "cut and fill" would be less severe and the embankment created nowhere near as high and thus a lot safer for the children.

• That the development of the upper area be done with consideration to maintaining some aspects of the pines area. Why not make a selection of the younger, healthier pines to remain on the school grounds? These selected trees could be used to develop small attractive areas, perhaps with seats and tables, where children could sit and play.

It's the general opinion of the "experts" that the trees would need to be felled within five to ten years anyway, but surely the points made earlier offer definite food for thought.

Coralie Souvatzis  
Trezise Street.

## Swanky house swap

Believe it or not, some of your readers could be tempted to give up the idyllic Warrandyte lifestyle for a stint of inner city living. A case in point is the Davidson family. Please pass on our expression of interest to the bloke with the swanky house.

Bruce and Pam Davidson  
Betton Crescent

## Road's fate sealed

A recent inquiry at council offices by a resident of Lorraine Avenue has led to the revelation that our

quiet little country lane is scheduled for road making within the next 12 months.

Apart from the financial considerations, which are extreme (average cost per household between \$9000 and \$10000), the aesthetics of the area will be irretrievably damaged and our avenue will most probably be converted into a speedway by through traffic.

Further investigation has established that Doncaster and Templestowe Council has another 60 unmade roads on its books due for construction in the very near future.

All residents not on bitumenised roads and who are comfortable with their existing environment would be wise to begin preparation of their own "battle plans" (petitions, letters to council) to collectively oppose this council's intended urbanisation of Warrandyte.

Impressions are that council can easily suppress the rumblings of a small group of residents within an individual street. (They may face a much tougher task against a large cross-section of this community.)

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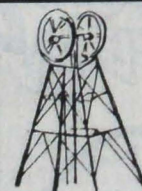
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Also on the Sunday, the Great Lilo Race will take place. You will need your lilo and a pair of sandals. Enjoy the easy but exciting rapids. No contestants will be allowed to carry pins. Enquiries on both of these events to the Canoe Shed, 266 Yarra Street, phone 844 2502.

## Organ and port

On Thursday, March 22, an organ recital will be held to inaugurate St Stephen's new organ and to launch Expo '90. It will commence at 8 pm, with refreshments to follow. Mark Joyner, organist and master of choristers at St George's, Malvern, and formerly of Wangaratta cathedral, will perform. Admission is \$5 (\$2.50 concession) and tickets are available from the vicar (844 3473).

As well as the entries competing for awards in Expo '90, there will also be an exhibition of kinder and Sunday school paintings on show at St Stephens church in Stiggants Street during the festival weekend. Ring Ann Ley on 844 3543 for details.

## Toy library

Due to the demolition of the old community centre, Warrandyte Toy Library is open for 1990 at the Squash and Community Centre, 57-59 Yarra Street. Hours are Thursdays — 3 to 4.30 pm, and Saturdays — 1 to 2.30 pm. The library is available for children up to six years of age and may be



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## Opportunity shifts

And just in case you haven't noticed, the Lions' Opportunity Shop has also moved, just ahead of the demolishers. It is now located in the little old cottage in Yarra Street, between the old dairy and the Gospel Chapel, next to the lower parking area. These are only temporary premises, until the new community centre is built.

## Winner at work

Bridget Liddell, winner of the inaugural Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, is joining the committee organising the second award. Locals interested in collecting Bridget's delightful jewellery will find it displayed at the Bridge Gallery in Yarra Street. Entries for the 1990-91 award are now open and details are published elsewhere in this issue.



Flashback: Composer George Dreyfus congratulates Bridget Liddell, winner of the first Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, this time last year.

## Display night

The Diamond Valley Arts Society holds a display night on the first Friday of each month at 8 pm in the old Greensborough Primary School, Grimshaw Street (opposite Safeways). Members of the society display their talents in painting — including oils, pastel, water color and other media; and craftwork — including pottery, needlework, glasswork and so on. Monthly themes are arranged. The first demonstration this year will be painting in water color by Rick Rowton on Friday, April 27 at 8 pm. Donation \$2. Further information from Jean Simmons on 469 2505.

## Food for the eyes

A group of artists from the St Andrews area will have their work exhibited at the North Riding Res-

taurant, Hurstbridge-Kinglake Road, St Andrews, from March 29 to April 1, 1990. The show will open at 6 pm on March 29 and visitors will be able to stay and enjoy dinner with the artists. Opening time on the remaining days is 11 am, and the restaurant will be open during these times.

## Child care cash

Max McDonald, State MP for Whittlesea, attended Reservoir Primary School recently to present a cheque for \$3,000 as part of the government's out-of-school-hours child care program. This is a community-based program and is operated by the school council. The grant provides \$1,000 to establish the program, \$1,000 for operational costs and a further \$1,000 for fee relief for low income families.

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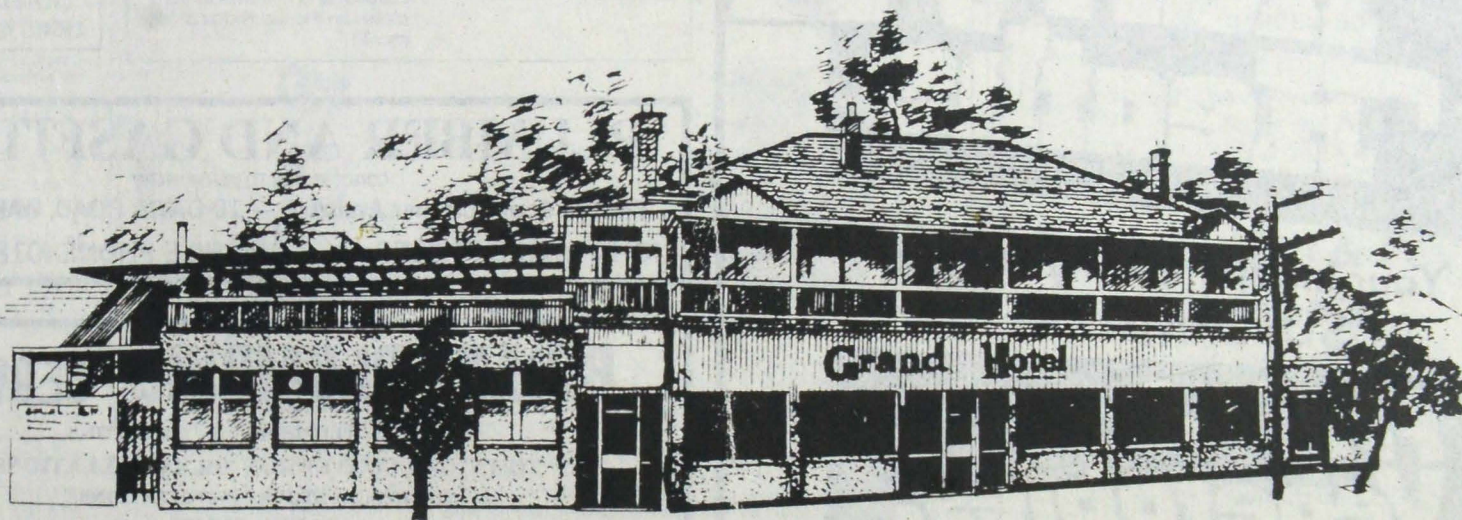
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*Cr Val Polley: Morning coffee at the community house.*

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Everyone seems eager to acquire new skills in 1990, and most of the early courses in the term 1/2 program at the community house are full, many with waiting lists. Second courses are being offered for some of them, and others may be available later in the year. But there are still a few vacancies in the following courses.

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# It's the world on wheels

Champion Warrandyte motorcyclist Grant Hodson, 29, is on the road again. And this time his pursuit of international honours will take him around the world.

Grant, who spent last year riding in Japan, has been invited to compete in the World Superbike Championship, which will take in 14 countries in nine months.

He will ride for the Italian Motor Factory team, who use Yamaha engines on custom-built chassis.

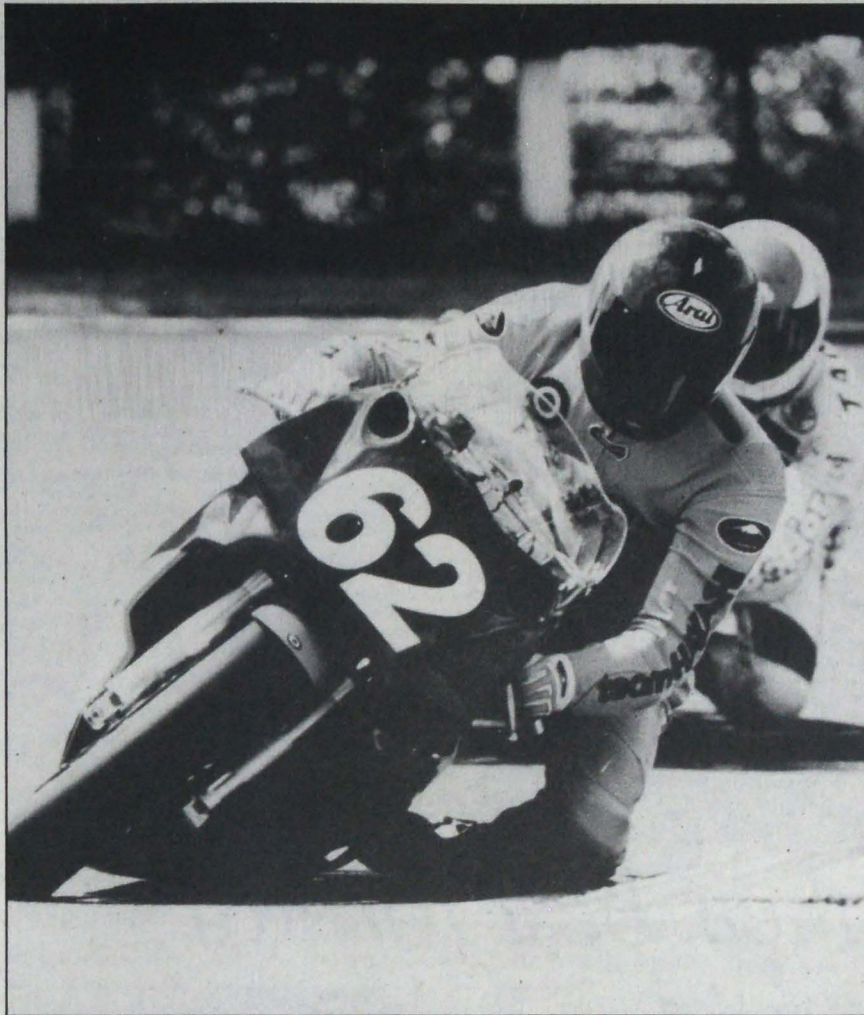
The world series starts on March 18 in Spain and will take Grant to Britain, Hungary, West Germany, Brazil, Canada, the United States, Austria, Japan, France, Italy, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. He will be based on the Italian Riviera.

Grant, of Pound Bend, had returned to Australia with an assurance that he would be re-signed for the Japanese circuit this year. But the promise was broken.

It was a major setback to Grant's ambition to become world champion, but the invitation to ride in the superbike championship has put his plans back on course.

"Everything is heading in the right direction now I've secured this ride," he said.

At this stage, Grant is uncertain if he will be riding in this year's Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix. He was second in the six-hour endurance race at Phillip Island last December.



Grant Hodson in action at Phillip Island in December.

## ... and on wild white water

Outstanding young Warrandyte canoeists Richard Macquire and Jarod Pinder are to take on the world's best.

Richard, 17, and Jarod, 16, will tackle the white waters of Austria and Switzerland in July in the European and world junior slalom championships.

And Richard will go on to represent Australia at senior level in the World cup and Pre-World Championships in Europe in August and September.

The two boys, who have known each other for five years and are "good best buddies" will train in Germany for a week before their assault on the junior titles.

As members of the five-strong Australian team (all from Victoria) they will tackle the European championships at Spittal, Austria, on July 6-7 and the world titles on the Rhine in Switzerland on July 21-22.

From there, Richard will join another Warrandyte national representative, Paul Beattie, in the 16-man senior team for the World Cup series during August and the pre-world events on September 1-2 in Yugoslavia.

International competition is nothing new to Richard, who took part in junior world championships



Richard Macquire (left) and Jarod Pinder prepare on the Yarra for Europe.

in the United States and Switzerland last year.

He won the under-18 title at the Australian slalom championship in Tasmania in January (Jarod was

second), outscoring the winner of the senior event.

Both boys are training daily on the Yarra in their lead-up to the European adventure.

Jarod was "born" to canoeing and kayaking. Father Trevor is a long-time white water enthusiast and old brother Kaine is also a top exponent of the sport.

## Warrandyte Football Club's 1990 draw

Eastern Districts Football League Third Division, seniors and reserves.

- April 1 v Upper Ferntree Gully (home)
- April 7 v Ferntree Gully (away)
- April 21 v Fair Park (home)
- April 28 v The Basin (away)
- May 5 v Lilydale (home)
- May 12 v Doncaster East (away)
- May 19 v Mt Evelyn (home)
- May 26 v Bennetswood-Blackburn South (away)
- June 2 v Coldstream (home)
- June 16 v Upper Ferntree Gully (away)

- June 23 v Ferntree Gully (home)
- June 30 v Fair Park (away)
- July 7 v The Basin (home)
- July 14 v Lilydale (away)
- July 21 v Doncaster East (home)
- July 28 v Mt Evelyn (away)
- August 4 v Bennetswood-Blackburn South (home)
- August 11 v Coldstream (away)
- Finals: August 18, 25, September 1, 8.

## Warrandyte cricket scores

**CHANDLER SHIELD**  
 Warrandyte 121 (A. Snaidero 49 n.o.) lost to North Croydon 9/153 (C. Snaidero 3/50).  
 Warrandyte 105 (Tregear 53) lost to Parkwood 158 (Walshe 3/73, J. O'Brien 4/46).  
 Warrandyte 334 (C. Day 81, Walshe 44, J. O'Brien 44, M. Day 37, Tregear 36) d North Ringwood 182 (J. O'Brien 4/40, D. Jungwirth 2/19) and 1/51.

**CHANDLER RESERVE**  
 Warrandyte 75 (Baker 32) lost to Croydon North 9/299.  
 Warrandyte 7/228 (King 90, Brisbane 33, Hughes 32) d Parkwood 7/226 (A. Vitiritti 3/57).  
 Warrandyte 117 (G. McCartin 30) lost to North Ringwood 5/277.

**THIRDS**  
 Warrandyte 188 (Wilson 67, Ryan 38) lost to Mooroolbark 225.  
 Warrandyte 149 (Wilson 44) lost to Mt Evelyn 242 (Wilkes 4/63).

Warrandyte 6/162 (D. Vitiritti 56) lost to Croydon North 5/183.  
 Warrandyte 231 or 232 (Cam 56, Wilson 52, Wilkes 42) v Parkwood 3/231 (result in dispute).

**FOURTHS**  
 Warrandyte 221 (Blackburn 90, Utt 43) d Mt Evelyn 7/190 (Harbold 6/86).

**FIFTHS**  
 Warrandyte 8/197 (Bell 45) lost to Mt Evelyn 7/260 (Warr 3/59).

**WOMEN'S A-GRADE**  
 Warrandyte 7/163 (Tunbridge 82, McLaws 38) lost to North Croydon 7/341.  
 Warrandyte 83 lost to Montrose 0/84.  
 Warrandyte 186 (Tunbridge 38, Utt 26, E. McGhee 22) d Tecoma 99 (McLaws 4/52).  
 Semi-final: Warrandyte 256 (McLaws 70, Tunbridge 44, Egeberg 34, Carson 24 n.o.) drew with Montrose 6/246 (McLaws 3/56).

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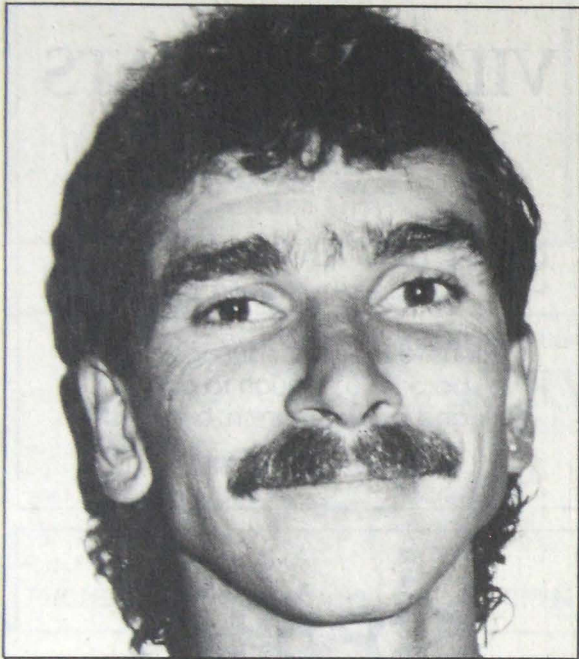
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# All of a sudden, it's football



Matthew Elliott... a welcome return

## And the 1990 Bloods are looking good

It will be a case of saying goodbye to cricket and hello to football in the same breath at the end of this month.

Warrandyte Cricket Club will use the local ground for the last time on Saturday, March 31, and the football club will open their 1990 campaign there the following day.

"We'll be working well into the night covering the wicket area and preparing the ground for the Sunday game," said club secretary Norman Carrington.

"I just hope it's not prophetic that we'll be playing our first game on April Fools Day."

The Bloods open the new season against Upper Ferntree Gully and by the time the ball is bounced will have two months' solid preparation under their belts.

Training (on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) started at the beginning of February and has been enthusiastic and well attended. It will revert to the traditional Tuesday and Thursday once the cricket



club have vacated the recreation reserve.

New Warrandyte Football Club president Colin Bawden has been in the game far too long to talk about premierships at this stage of a season, but he believes the Bloods can look forward to a successful year if the work that has already been done off the field is carried on by the players on the arena.

"I'm very pleased with the way the new committee is going," he told the Diary. "We've done a lot off the field and it will be up to the players to follow that through."

Warrandyte will be strengthened by the return of several players whose 1989 season was cut short by injury. They include Matthew Elliott, John Colenzo and the ever-green John McCartin.

Elliott's comeback is a particularly valuable bonus. The creative and damaging wingman/half-

forward missed the second half of last season with a serious knee injury but polled very well in the senior best and fairest award despite his limited appearances.

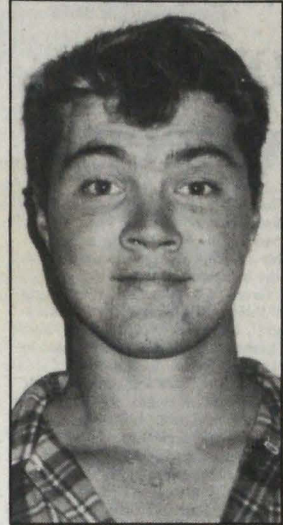
The club are also delighted by the return of big key position player Mark O'Brien, who "retired" last season after only a handful of games.

On the debit side, Brian Scicluna — another 1989 casualty will not be available.

Warrandyte have recruited at least two players and are negotiating with others. The "certainties" are Dale Wilson, who has been in the army in Sydney since playing for Surrey Hills, and Anthony Farley, who has been at the police academy since playing junior football here.

"We are talking to a couple of other people we hope to sign before the start of the season," Bawden said.

The club invites any aspiring junior footballers to try out for the new season. The contacts are Alan Bellinger (844 3573), for under-10s up to and including under-16s, and Bill Luttick (844 1776), for under-18s.



Mark O'Brien

## The Cellars weighs in for footy

Warrandyte Cellars has become a major sponsor of Warrandyte Football Club. And club members will benefit from the association.

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Sponsorships are still being sought and any business or individual willing to support the Bloods in this way is invited to contact John Read (844 2180).

New members are also being sought and the contact is Geoff Feltham (844 2955).

A revised fee schedule is aimed at encouraging family membership. The new fees are: family (two people) \$50; single \$35; student \$25.

The club will extend clubroom hours this season and expand social activities to include entertainment after each home game.

Already planned are such social events as a players' auction, a sportsmen's night, bush dance, comedy shows and a jazz night.

**Our 1990 draw**  
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## Dytes save their best for last

Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven avoided relegation from the RDCA Chandler Shield competition with a big win in the last round of the season.

The Dytes salvaged something from a disappointing summer with a fine, all-round team performance to trounce Croydon North by 152 runs.

Croydon North were dismissed before tea on the first day for just 182, John O'Brien doing the damage by taking 4/40. At stumps, Warrandyte were well on the way

## Senior cricketers beat threat of relegation

to victory, with 80 on the board for the loss of only one wicket.

Contributions came from several players on the second day of the match, Cam Day top-scoring with 81 and Gerald Walshe and O'Brien each making 44 as Warrandyte hit their way to 344. It was a personal best with the bat for O'Brien.

Dropped catches frustrated the women's eleven in their thrust to-

wards a berth in the A-grade final. Warrandyte met Montrose in the semi-final and were given a great start by openers Jenni McLaws and Angela Tunbridge, who put on 85. McLaws finished with 70 and Tunbridge 44.

The Dytes batted all day, with all players contributing to the very respectable total of 256.

In a rain-interrupted second day, McLaws struck early, taking the first three wickets to have Montrose reeling at 3/24.

But for a series of dropped catches, Warrandyte may have won quite comfortably. Instead the game ended with Montrose 10 runs short and with four wickets standing.

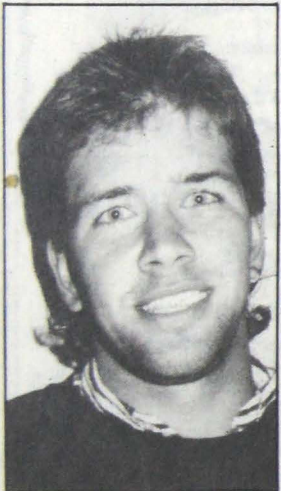
It was officially a draw, but Warrandyte dropped out of the finals because they had finished below Montrose on the ladder.

In the junior competition, Warrandyte's under-16s finished on top of the ladder and when this edition of the Diary went to press were well placed to win their semi-final against Templeton. Warrandyte were 3/52, chasing 98.

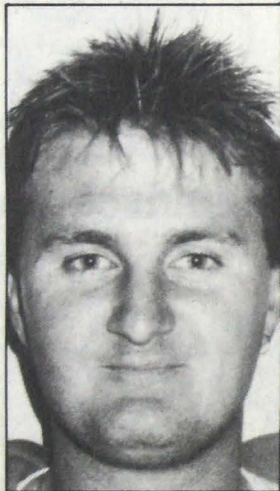
The under-14Bs and under-12As also made the semi-finals.

The club will hold its senior presentation night at the social rooms in Taroon Avenue on Saturday, March 31, starting at 8 p.m.

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