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Streetscape threatened?

By JUDY MACDONALD

A possible government plan to clear buildings from the river side of Yarra Street could represent a threat to the village streetscape.

A 'statement of intent' by a State government department to purchase several buildings on the

north side of Yarra Street, between Webb Street and the bridge, is causing concern and exasperation in the community.

These buildings, which include the old bakery, Peter McDougall's office and the Rose Cottage gift shop, stand on land zoned as 'proposed public open space'.

mission to add tearooms to one of the properties brought to light the proposal, in a submission on behalf of the Minister of Planning and Urban Growth.

This submission states that "the department, rather than council, is willing to purchase property when a compensation claim is made, given the metropolitan significance of the area.

"There are only a small

number of properties (approximately six) both reserved for proposed public open space and owned privately. It is intended that the appeal site and the other privately owned land be purchased."

Mr Tony Tucker, town planner with the Department of Planning and Urban Growth council, told the Diary that "the department would take a reactive rather than

proactive role" in the purchase of these buildings.

Mr Tucker said that if the tribunal upholds Doncaster and Templestowe council's refusal of a permit for the proposed tearooms, the department would attempt to purchase the property.

He said there was no proposal to knock the buildings down. In fact they had "not established what to do with them". Zoning of the land had taken place many years ago, he said, and it needed commitment by an authority to ensure that development did not occur on such sites.

If the community felt that the zoning was inappropriate, it was a matter for council and the Department of Conservation and the Environment, he added.

A map appended to the submission indicates that all riverside buildings - including the chemist's shop, gospel chapel and the old post office - are included in the 'proposed public open space' zoning.

While the aim of restricting further built development is understood, the statement of intent to purchase - without a similar statement to preserve - cuts directly across the recommendations of the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Study.

This study has involved representatives from the community and both councils, as well as officers from the departments of

Conservation and Environment and Planning and Urban Growth, in lengthy research and negotiation and has led to considerable debate and discussion in the town.

The study states that the group of buildings in question "contribute to the distinctive character of Warrandyte" and should be retained.

Mr Roger Collins, a spokesman for Doncaster and Templestowe council, told the Diary that he "could not envisage a situation where the department would acquire these buildings and demolish them".

"Owners are not required to sell to the State government," he said. "The aim is to stop growth or commercial development on such sites." Mr Collins said that council officers were well aware of what the community wanted, and councillors Val Polley and Vern Denford did an excellent job in keeping them informed.

Mr Collins said that it would be up to the Department of Conservation and Environment to acquire the properties, while Planning and Urban Growth pays compensation where a business is disadvantaged by the zoning.

The Warrandyte community has fought long and hard to protect the village streetscape, and whilst such lack of clarification exists between the authorities which govern this area, residents will remain understandably wary of all bureaucratic moves.

Locals swing poll results

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte voters both sides of the Yarra ensured the success of pro-conservation, anti-development candidates in council elections held earlier this month.

Final figures, booth-by-booth, were not available when the Diary went to press, but scrutineers' reports indicate the trends.

North of the river, Warrandyte voters guaranteed the return of Mr Robert Marshall to Eltham Shire council, supporting him almost three-to-one.

In the Warrandyte Ward of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, well-known local identity Mrs Louise Joy only defeated her opponent, Mr Daryl Cox, because of the overwhelming response of her Warrandyte supporters.

Mr Cox, president of the pro-development Park Orchards Landowners group, was narrowly ahead in all polling places except Warrandyte, but a better than two-to-one lead in her home town gave Mrs Joy the win by about 350 votes. Final results were Joy, 6184, Cox 5830.

At the 1989 election, Mrs Val Polley defeated Mr Cox by a resounding 4832 votes. Some observers are attributing Mr Cox's better showing this year, in part, to unprecedented last-minute editorial support from the weekly local press.

Contrasting with Mrs Joy's close victory, retiring candidate Cr Vernon Denford won an overwhelming vote of confidence in all four polling places. He retained his seat by a considerable margin, defeating Mr Brian Langdon, 7033 votes to 4770. Last year, high-profile candidate Mr Rob Gell overwhelmed Mr Langdon by a stunning margin in excess of 7000 votes.

Mrs Joy and Cr Denford stood as a team, pledging themselves to help protect the Green Wedge and to oppose inappropriate dual occupancy and insensitive development. They promised to work for improved local services and facilities.

Doncaster and Templestowe poll officials once again commented on the poor voter turnout



Crs Vernon Denford and Louise Joy: Pledged to protect the Green Wedge.

and high percentage of informal votes cast.

Cr Robert Marshall had an unbroken, 14 year record representing North Riding in Eltham Shire council when he retired in 1988 to 're-charge his batteries'. He renominated this year, as firmly committed as ever to the defence of the environment.

Voters in North Warrandyte responded to Mr Marshall's record, and to his determination to work to protect the shire's surviving Green Wedge zones.

After distribution of preferences in a three-way contest, Mr Marshall polled 3770 votes throughout the riding. His nearest

rival, Dr Malcolm Lovegrove, scored 3100 votes. The third candidate was Mr Noel Purchase, who did not continue his campaign, apparently because of a family bereavement.

Scrutineers report that Dr Lovegrove finished 'just ahead' at almost all the polling places except North Warrandyte, and have no hesitation in attributing Mr Marshall's success to the overwhelming support he received here.


Successful candidates Louise Joy, Vernon Denford and Robert Marshall exchanged congratulations and greetings in a telephone hook-up late on election night.

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Have your say
A 'Warrandyte Townscape Information Night' will be held on Wednesday, September 5 at 8pm in the Mechanics' Institute hall. Called by Warrandyte Advisory Committee, it will allow residents to have their say on proposals developed from the previous townscape study. Plans will be displayed in the town from August 25, and urban designer Jane Marriott will be available for discussions in Warrandyte on Sunday, September 2. Phone 840 9418 for further information.

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You'll read elsewhere in this issue about the damage the cretinous kiddiewinkies did in Yarra Street after a "rage" at the Mechanics Institute on July 14. One of the casualties was the *Diary* box, wrenched — with super sub-human strength, no doubt from the cypress tree opposite the shops. Nice one, idiots. Misguided do gooders who tend to condone adolescent atrocities in this town bleat in chorus that "there is not enough here for kids to do". Rubbish! Have they not heard of Russian roulette?

What the geese taketh away, the community restoreth. Or words to that effect. The *Diary* box is back stronger than ever, and for that we thank Tony Evans and Bruce Bence. Thanks, too, to the electrician who offered to run a few thousand volts through it. Maybe next time.



They're leaving North Warrandyte in droves, you know, since the last issue of the *Diary* hit the street. We didn't mean to start a mass exodus. All we did was report, on the back page, the little-

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known football fact that when you cross the bridge from the direction of south you leave Fitzroy's recruiting zone and enter Collingwood territory. A lot of people aren't prepared to live with that sort of stigma. So now's the time to buy real estate in North Warrandyte, because it's going real cheap. Just joshin', folks.

Ron Day is one of the *Diary's* original and most valued advertisers, so we're not about to endanger a very happy relationship by saying he's too mean to buy an air-mail stamp. The postcard he and Jan sent from Paris to Pound Bend neighbours Lorraine (that's his big sister) and Jim Harris arrived the other day — three weeks after the Days returned from their trip. It swells your sense of national pride to realise that overseas postal agencies are just as inefficient as ours.

And who escaped a detention for handing in his homework several days late? Kevin O'Mara, a teacher at Warrandyte Primary. Kevin wasn't within cooee of our deadline with his promo for the school play, *Kids In Paradise*, which he co-wrote and which goes on at Ringwood next month. But because he's such a nice bloke and the cause is so worthy, we stopped the presses and got him a spot on Page 11. This is not to be taken as a precedent. Future late-comers will get the strap and several hundred lines.

Kevin Luttick's drought ended towards the end of the first quarter at the local footy ground. The veteran lager-lover returned to the real world by having his first beer for 31 days. Kevin had sworn off anything amber while the damage done to his waistline by a sustained overdose of Red-back during a Perth holiday was allowed to repair itself. And what did he think of that first come-

back sip of the fair-dinkum Victorian brew at 2.29pm on July 7? "Beautiful!" he said. "No wonder it's so popular!"



Bob Cox's excuse for the shaggy length of his hair was that his regular barber — wife Pattie — was overseas. She's been home a while now though, and he's still looking like Warwick Capper 45 or 50 years on. His mates at the RSL Club have two theories: the Victa mower's on the blink, or Coxie's planning to rent himself out, come December, as a Father Christmas. There's one snag with the latter proposition. Bob's so short he'd have to sit on the kids' knees.

We're very proud of Cliff Green, who founded the *Diary* and, after 20 years' continuous service, still loses sleep over its content, appearance, circulation, image et cetera. When he's not *Diarying*, Cliff goes back to being Australia's foremost screenwriter and he returned from an overseas assignment last month just in time to collect two Awgie awards to add to his trunkful of gongs. We'd always known him as a retiring sort of bloke, so his response to the need for a photograph for this edition surprised us. "Beauty," said Cliff, "I'll wear the Fair Isle jumper I bought in Ireland!" These jet-setters just can't resist it, can they?



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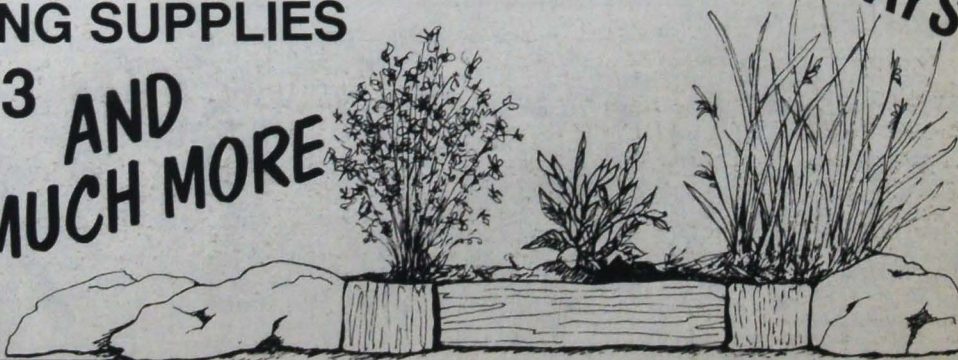
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# Riverfront invasion sends backline into defence

Those of us who feel that we live in a local government vacuum, split by a river and the attitudes of two councils which seem to regard us as dogs on their tails, had their prejudices reinforced one day last month.

It began with one of those late-night ring-arounds. You know the drill. Somebody calls to say they've heard a rumor. It's happening tomorrow. They'll call so-and-so, check it out and get back. Well, they did get back, in this case.

Betty Davis, getting on for 40 years a resident of Kangaroo Ground Road, had heard the whisper and was angry. She passed it on. We tried to confirm it but our councillors, or their answering ma-

chines, were busy that night. Even an invitation to one to ring in the wee hours, hang the expense or sleep, brought no response.

Mrs Davis, who, like many of us, is timid about a scene in public, sought help from her mate, Marg Williamson, who is not scared of a fight. Together, they agreed, they would storm the Mechanics Institute Hall and put their view.

In the end it was Gus McLaren who stood and propped and put the question. "Why don't you leave this bloody place alone?" asked the potter and gadfly, and promptly left.

Yes, but what had got up the noses of

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McLaren, Davis, Williamson and others? For a start it was the anti-democratic idea of calling a meeting for 1pm when most Warrandyte residents were away at work or tending children. Summon us at 8pm, said the trio, and

a more representative sample of citizens will appear. With a good sprinkling of weapons, too, they might have added.

For we should explain now what the speaker that lunchtime was trying to say. "Trying" is the operative word here, for she clearly expected no opposition.

She had been engaged, she said, to consider a plan for the riverbank at Warrandyte. She thought some statues might be nice.

You could almost hear the stomachs heave in the audience.

Poor old Warrandyte. It is beset on the one hand by a botanical Gestapo

("Have gun, will travel") which wants to rip out our plum trees and return us to what it arrogantly believes is some sort of herbaceous, pre-white settlement nirvana.

On the other hand we have to worry about people who would turn us into just another tourist town. With statues along the Yarra, perhaps.

Our councillors, from both banks, should be there when we debate these vital questions. Our people should be back from their offices and factories.

In other words, we shouldn't have to leave the problem to the backline of Davis, Williamson and McLaren. But what a fine defence they put up.

# Butcher shop a slice of history

When Gene and Helen Hamill claim to be operating the oldest butcher shop in Victoria, you'd better believe it.

What is now Village Meats, in Yarra Street, has been dealing in nothing else for more than 88 years.

Its origins go back to one of Warrandyte's pioneer families, the Sloans. And for the following research the *Diary* is indebted to the Warrandyte Historical Society and Frank Sloan.

John (Jack) Sloan worked in the shop as a boy around the turn of the century when his uncle Bill Sloan operated a butcher's shop on the premises.

At the time it was two separate shops, the one on the east side being used as a haberdashery. The building which housed the butcher's shop was thought to have been brought from Kangaroo Ground.

When Jack worked there he used to deliver the meat on horseback to the customers in the area. They used to ride over to the Box Hill railway station on horses to pick up the beasts to supply the shop, then drive them home to Warrandyte.

The animals were held in a paddock on the north-west corner of Webb and Brackenbury Street, where Frank and Belle Sloan now live, before being slaughtered on the block opposite, which is now

occupied by the Quarry Disaster houses.

Charlie Hemsworth and Tom Jones leased the property from Hannah Miriam McLelland in May 1927 and Tom Jones, who operated the shop, put in a refrigerated room. With the advent of sewerage in the area, this room had to be blocked off to meet today's requirements.

Frank Sloan started work in the depression in 1932 in the butcher's shop, which was then operated by Dick Spetts, and worked there until he bought the premises in 1942.

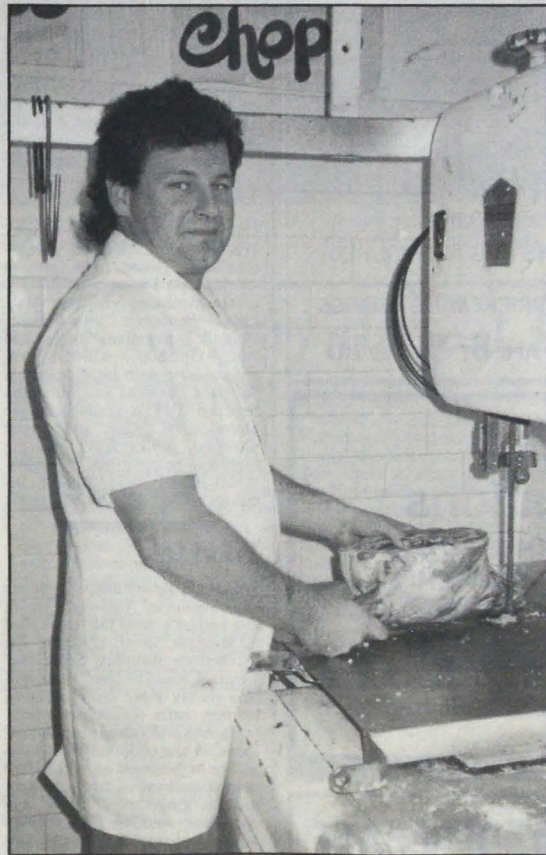
At the time Frank worked for Dick Spetts, there used to be stables and a feed shed on the former

holding paddock where the butcher's horse was kept. The buildings were sold and dismantled when Frank bought the property.

The eastern section at one time had a lowered ceiling which was found to be packed with a great quantity of sawdust to provide an insulated area in which to hang the carcasses.

The building has undergone a number of modifications during its lifetime but the bush timbers and wooden shingles are still in place on the roof section next to the grocer's shop.

The premises have operated continuously as a butcher's shop for more than 88 years.



Above, Gene Hamill at work in the historic store, and left, Victoria's oldest butcher shop complete with its original bush roof timbers and shingles.

## Street reels as party ends in orgy of vandalism

The police helicopter was called in during an orgy of vandalism in Yarra Street last month. Local police said the outbreak was an aftermath of a private party at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

The vandals ripped out traffic signs and smashed six windows in the old post office building. They left a dead fox among their trail of damage in the street.

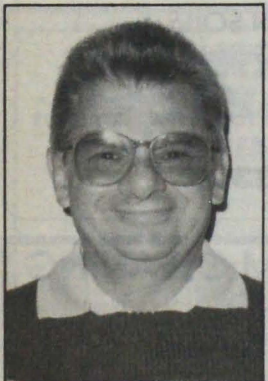
The helicopter was summoned to spotlight the scene, on the night of July 14, but heavy fog limited its effectiveness. There were no arrests.

Police do not link the destruction with a graffiti gang which had left its trademarks on many buildings in Yarra Street and elsewhere a few weeks earlier.

Sergeant David Burge, officer in charge of Warrandyte police, deplored the vandalism but said it should not be interpreted as an indication of an upsurge of crime in the area.

"In fact," he said, "Warrandyte's crime rate has fallen considerably over the past three years."

"It was down 21 per cent in 1987, 23 per cent in '88 and 20 per cent last year."



Cliff Green

## Aussie film writers honor Cliff

Warrandyte writer Cliff Green was one of the winners at the Australian Writers Guild recent awards night.

Cliff was presented with an Awgie award for best children's screenplay. The program, 'Boy Soldiers' was produced by the Australian Children's Television Foundation and screened recently on the ABC's acclaimed 'Winners' series.

The story concerned the treatment of teenagers refusing to report for military training just prior to the outbreak of World War One.

At the same ceremony Cliff

was also presented with the annual Richard Lane Award for service and dedication to the guild.

Cliff is a former vice-president of the Australian Writers Guild and has represented it at international gatherings in Canada, Great Britain, the United States and Australia, helping to achieve better pay and conditions for Australian writers in the film and television industry.

His full-time career as a writer started in 1969 when he gave up school teaching and joined Crawford productions. He worked on several police shows such as Homicide and Matlock Police before going freelance.

Then followed an endless list of quality productions, including 'Marion', 'Power Without Glory', 'Rush', 'I Can Jump Puddles', 'Lawson's Mates' and 'Moving On' picking up numerous Awgies and other awards along the way.

But perhaps his best known screenplay is 'Picnic at Hanging Rock', which any critic would count as one of Australia's finest feature films.

Cliff has always had a considerable involvement with the Warrandyte community and was the founder of the *Warrandyte Diary*. He is still actively involved, serving as the news editor.

## Tough task in store for panel

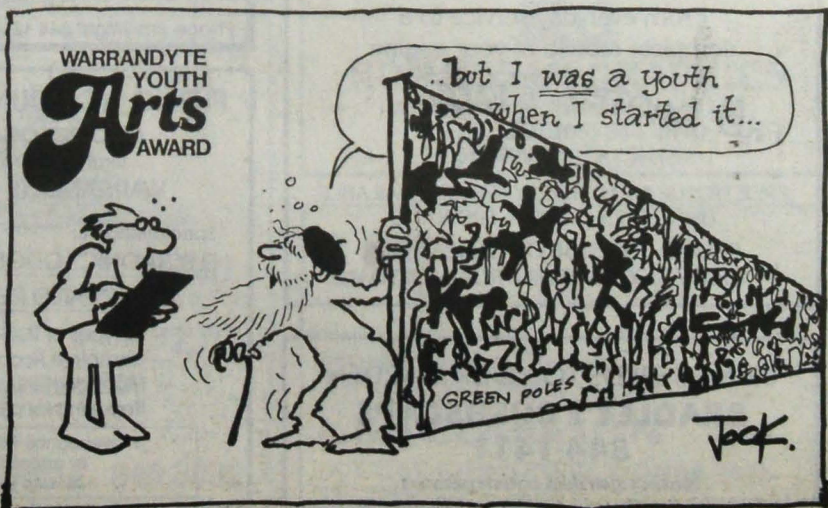
Applications have now closed for the 1990-91 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, sponsored by the Lions Club of Warrandyte and organised by the *Diary*.

"A number of good entries have been received from a wide variety of local young artists," a spokesman for the organisers said. "Now comes the long and difficult task of adjudication and selection."

All entrants will be interviewed by the organising panel and the judging procedure will be explained and discussed.

"Candidates should now wait for a telephone call telling them when their first interview will take place," the spokesman said.

The winner of the award, a \$5000 scholarship donated by Lions, will be announced immediately prior to the Warrandyte Village Festival, in March 1991.



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# Louise's do a real fun raiser

By the time this *Diary* is printed the results of the Doncaster Council elections will be known (see page 1). Regardless of the outcome, we'll have fond memories of the fund-raising concert held for our own Louise Joy and colleague Vernon Denford. Louise's campaign helpers Jackie Law and Leonie Horne arranged a fine evening's entertainment at the Mechanics' Institute Hall on July 26. Roger Kibell introduced the unrehearsed but very professional performers. Angela Clarke, the McCrae brothers and the Skeels-Stevens-Cornell trio sang; Bob Egglestone, Gerald and Jennifer Keunemann, Phoebe Briggs, Marg Lingham and Pat and John Anderson played some classical pieces; Jock Macneish rendered (with illustrations) 'The Person From Snowy River'; and John Anderson premiered a ballad on our Yarra. A great night's entertainment.

## Local fashions

On Saturday, October 20 at 8pm, Warrandyte CAB and Neighbourhood House will present 'Warrandyte Fashions on Parade' in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. Local boutiques — Folkart, Chantik, Australiana Aspect and Alice's Op Shop — will be represented, along with local designers Siordana Fashions and Samantha Schepisi. Tickets available at the above shops. Music and supper provided, drinks BYO and the night will be compered by professional model Vicki Broome. Inquiries on 844 3082 or 844 1839.

## Food fair

This year, the annual St Stephens and Emmanuel Anglican Church fete will be a 'food fair' to be held in Stiggant Street (opposite the market) on Saturday, September 1 from 8.30am to 2pm. There will be a variety of hot and cold foods, kitchen crafts, secondhand cookery books and games — plus balloons for the children. Wine sales will be highlighted, as well as free demonstrations of such culinary arts as gingerbread house and chocolate making. In keeping with this theme, the church's annual raffle will feature prizes of a



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culinary nature. Tickets available from various retail outlets in the town.

## Golden thanks

Maisie and George Temple have asked us to thank their relatives and friends for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts they received on the occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary.

## Pottery skills

The Diamond Valley Arts Society has vacancies in their Tuesday night pottery classes, conducted by Warrandyte potter Mathew Magilton. Both wheel and hand-building are taught. A demonstration by potter Warwick Cheney will be held on August 17 at 8pm. Venue is the old primary school, corner Grimshaw Street and The Circuit. Phone Jean Simmons on 469 2505 for further information.

## Friends and neighbours

Term 3 is underway at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House at 2A Masonic Avenue. A variety of courses, information sessions and group meetings are available to everyone in the community. These include a talk — on August 29 at 10.30am — by Brenda Ryan from the Motor Neurone Society. Daphne Thorne from Careforce Inner-East will conduct a financial counselling and credit advocacy session on August 23 at 9.30am, and on September 12 at 10.30am, there will

be a speaker providing information and answering questions on intellectual disability. More details on 844 1839.

## Music, music, music

The Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library continues its free 'Music in the Courtyard' series at 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. On Sunday, August 12 at 1.45 and 2.45pm, there will be performances by College of the Arts and Melbourne University students Mark Dale, Liza Marshall, Timothy O'Donnell and Paul Hughan. The program will include works by Brouwer, Cordero and Giuliani. David Boddington and Samantha Cohen will present works for two guitars by Lawes, Carulli, Albeniz, Granados, Satie and Debussy on Sunday, August 26. Call Tracy Gibson, 890 1002, for further details.

## New residents

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is offering a special service to new residents in the form of a small information kit, which includes contact numbers and details about local groups, educational and childcare facilities and so on. 'Cuppa-and-chat' sessions are held at the house from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 9.15am to 1.15pm on Thursdays. More details on 844 1839.

## Historic election

Founding president Ted Rotherham was re-elected for another term when the Warrandyte Historical Society held their annual meeting last month. Other office bearers are Joyce Bellingham and Michael Willersdorf (vice presidents), Alan Alder (treasurer) and Shirley Rotherham (minute secretary). Committee members include Ian Hodgson, Bruce Bence, Ken Crook and Richard Warwick. The society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the old post office in Yarra Street, and new members are always

welcome. The next main function is a weekend trip to the historic township of Maldon on October 20 and 21.

## Pottery and India

Johanna Francis, who has taught at the Warrandyte Potters School for the past 12 years, is conducting a pottery and crafts tour of India and Nepal, departing December 28 for four weeks. Accent will be on the potter's craft in Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Varanasi and Nepal. Call Johanna after hours on 725 7074 for more information.

## Sole Support

Members of the Warrandyte Sole Parent Support Group have asked us to express their appreciation to the Shire of Eltham for the community development grant received recently to help cover their operating costs. The group meets on Tuesdays from 1.15 to 3.15pm at the Neighbourhood House, 2A Masonic Avenue. Weekend meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of each month. More information from Jan (844 2769) or Lin (844 1966).

## Women's Outreach

The Inner Eastern Women's Outreach Service is conducting a workshop on families and domestic violence at the committee room, Doncaster and Templestowe City offices in Doncaster Road on Monday, August 13 from 9am to 3pm. Community workers are invited to attend. For information call 857 5934.

## Probus Club

Warrandyte's newest organisation — the Probus Club — meets on the second Monday of every month, from 10am to noon, at the Grand Hotel. Formed by Rotary, Probus aims to cater for retired professionals and business executives, giving them an opportunity to meet together in fellowship. Alex Knee is the inaugural president and can be contacted on 435 8849. The next meeting is on September 10.

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## Polley in call to get locals back in control of hut

The National Trust's apparent shelving of the Warrandyte slab cottage project and their intimation that it is of local significance only, drew prompt comment from Warrandyte Ward councillor, Val Polley.

Reacting to Trust Administrator, Mr Douglas Hill's comments to the *Diary* last month about councils and local communities being responsible for such properties, Cr Polley said she would "argue very strongly for a local committee with council input, taking back the responsibility for the cottage."

"It is these small buildings, not the mansions, which are the significant fragments of Australian history and that far from being of purely 'local significance' as Mr Hill suggests, they are of great importance," she said.

Mr Hill indicated the Trust was unable to maintain these small

properties, however it was at Trust insistence that no work was started on the garden or building.

The original local committee was drained of enthusiasm for the project over a five-year period of red-tape and inactivity.

This committee was prevented from going ahead with plans to carefully restore the garden by the Trust's insistence on professional historical landscape architects. No restoration was to be done to the building without guidance from an expert in the field.

An officer from the strategic planning department at the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council told the *Diary* that no communication had been received about the caretaker roll.

Unless immediate steps are taken by the relevant authorities to plan for the future control and function of the building, all effort and expense to date may well have been useless.



Pictured getting back to nature are, from left, Gosia Wisniewski, Richard Reynolds, Lauren Bishop, Felicity de Kam, Christy Van Tilberg, Laura Grant, Cameron Brookes, Jodie Glassbarrow, Lizzie Pears.

## Fun way to get back to nature

What better than a bush setting to celebrate Environmental Day at Warrandyte South Primary School.

It provided a great chance to get back to nature with a touch of the basics from the olden days.

Held on June 22, the day was a total school community effort involving parents, teachers and children in a wide variety of activities including making damper, soup and fruit salad for a healthy lunch.

Recycled paper making, clay wind chimes, plastic bottle bird feeders, bush weaving, seed pot jewellery, paper mache, pot plants, the planting of indigenous flora and a visit from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park were other activities that went to make the day so successful.

## HOW WE LIVED

Our town 100 years ago - as seen by the local correspondent of the Evelyn Observer



## Great Southern diggers hit pay dirt at last

August 1890: I am glad that the prospectors who for some months past have been sinking the Great Southern shaft have at last struck gold.

This claim has been a very payable one when worked years ago. That if their discovery proves what to all appearances it denotes, it will considerably alter our present (and for some years past) almost total apathy for prospecting, goes beyond a doubt.

The Fourth Hill is still undeveloped at any depth. Very likely

had this been proved years ago we should still have retained our prestige, however, better late than never. We have been rather cavalierly treated for the past year by the Prospecting Board. Better luck next year perhaps.

A company has been formed in Melbourne to re-open and work the antimony mines at Ringwood. When these mines knocked off, about seven or eight pounds was the price for the ore. Now something over 100 pounds per ton is obtainable; a pretty considerable rise! It appears its scarcity is the

cause of this, and sufficient ore was left to warrant the reworking of the mines.

It is the intention of the Templestowe people combined with Warrandyte to call a public meeting at once to try to get some alteration in our daily mails, so as to better suit the inhabitants of both places. All we want here is easy, convenient transit, and that, according to present arrangements, seems to be farther away than ever.

Council electioneering is at present all the go. The petition

presented to Captain Selby, although signed by nearly the whole of the ratepayers, proved unsuccessful, that gentleman declining the honor; so at present time there is every prospect of Mr Kent having a walk-over.

The committee of our proposed Mechanics' Institute are determined to waste no time getting the new building erected. Tenders will be called at once for foundation posts, etc. They are expecting a very successful return from the concert, and they hope that it will be supported

with their usual kindness by many outside friends who have on so many previous occasions patronised the cause.

In railway matters things are quiet. We haven't exactly as yet thoroughly realised our position. Should a decade elapse before communication of that kind is got — well, the boys will get the best of it. What's to keep us up? Will it revert to a general exodus? I think we have been very badly used somehow and somewhere. (From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)

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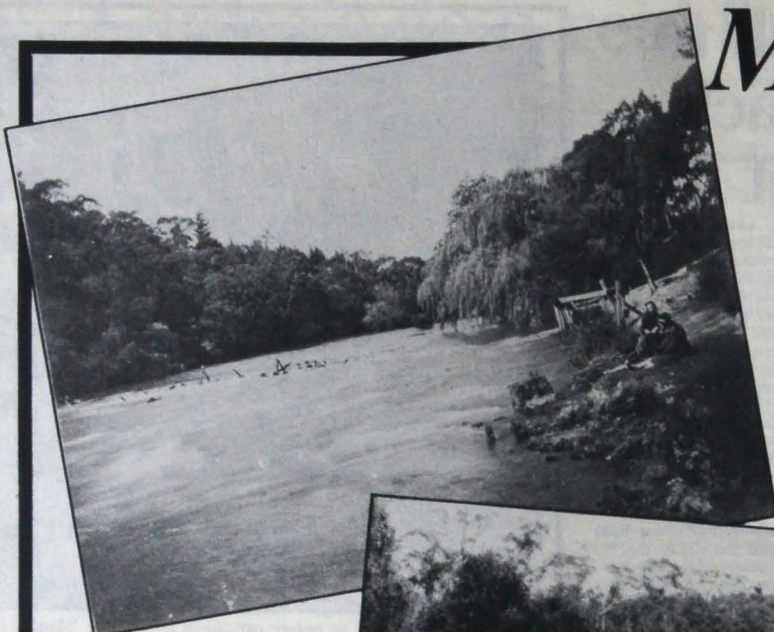
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The ancient course of the Yarra River is steeped in history and legend. For millions of years it flowed sweet and clean. But now, after just 160 years of European settlement it is under threat, just another "convenient gutter".



# Man muddies Yarra's great name

By GLEN JAMESON

It all begins with the river. Across the ancient landscape of Victoria, 60 odd million years ago, a river called the 'Wurrundjeri' flowed.

Its course roughly paralleled the Yarra's present course and continued across Port Phillip Bay and Bass Strait (which were then land), eventually reaching the sea on the west coast of Tasmania.

A large part of the land over which the Wurrundjeri flowed was a great sandy plain. The sand quarry at the Kangaroo Ground tip is a remnant deposit from that ancient river and time.

In more recent geological times, about two million years ago, the Yarra was flowing along its present course when the land around Warrandyte began to rise. This movement created the Warrandyte Gorge and as the land rose so slowly, the river was able to continue generally on its present course.

Also around this time laval flows across the land to the west of Melbourne created what we now call the basalt plains. These stretch from Melbourne across much of western Victoria.

The lava flowed down the course of the Darebin Creek to block the Yarra River in Fairfield. This created massive lakes and a great rise in water levels upstream. Up to 10m of silt was deposited in some low lying areas around Templestowe during this time. You can still find river bank stones way up on the river bank

walls indicating those water levels. Aboriginal legends make mention of this flooding.

Eventually the river cut its way around the basalt wall, cutting its way through the softer silurian soils so that on one side of the river was basalt derived soils and the other side silurian soils. This can be seen in the Yarra Bend area at Collingwood.

The Plenty River which meets the Yarra at Templestowe, similarly delineates the two soil types, which in turn support two distinct indigenous vegetative types. There is the basalt plains flora dominated by River Red Gum grassy woodlands, north and west of Melbourne and the silurian flora dominated by Red Box, Yellow Box and Red Stringybark (such as that found in Warrandyte) to the east of Melbourne.

The river's course was the main pathway for the local Aboriginal people, the Wurrundjeri. It connected camping grounds and ceremonial areas and was the songline for myth and legend and ownership of the land. They saw themselves as the 'White Gum People', ie the 'Manna Gum People'. Manna Gum is the main eucalypt growing on the river's edge, creek valley's and moist gullies.

Did the Aboriginal people call this river the Yarra? The words Yarra Yarra probably meant flowing, flowing, referring to an ever flowing stream. Some suggest Birr-arrung meant river. One school of thought is that the Wurrundjeri only named sections of the river. Ngin-da-bi (thunder) in its upper reaches, Warringai (dingo-jump-up) along the Heidelberg-Templestowe river flats, whilst at Bullen it was Buln-Buln (lyrebird). Perhaps we may never know the story.

When the first Europeans set eyes upon the river in the 1830s, it was a clear stream, its water sweet and clean. Within 40 years of settlement there were calls to pipe water from Yan Yean because pollution of the river had already made it unsafe to drink.

Within that same short space of time the Aboriginal people of the Yarra Yarra tribe had been decimated and much of their valuable knowledge and land management techniques had slipped from our foolish grasp.

A State of the Environment Report 1988, "Victorians Inland Waters" produced by the office of the Commissioner for the Environment paints a dismal portrait of our negligence of the river.

By the time the river has been joined by the Mullum Mullum Creek, the report says this of its water quality: "Major presence of one or more of turbidity, salinity or nutrient levels. Cumulative or non-cumulative toxicants present in substantial levels . . ."

On vegetation it found "little remnant streamside vegetation. Surviving patches fragmented and exotics (weeds) frequent. Ri-



"I hate it when the kids get hooked on junk food!"

parian (river) zone of 30m width intact for less than 25 per cent of catchment and frequently disturbed by roading, bare or eroded. Catchment segment substantially cleared of native indigenous vegetation."

Across the state, native fish species have been severely affected by human activities. Two species are extinct within the state and of the remaining 44 species, 31 are either endangered, vulnerable, restricted in distribution or of uncertain status.

Indigenous native vegetation surrounding a stream is essential for the well-being of the aquatic ecosystem. Most of the instream habitat available for fish, such as fallen trees, logs, wood debris, leaves, bark and tree roots, come from streamside vegetation. This organic matter forms the major primary source of nutrients for the aquatic food chain. Introduced deciduous species such as Willows or Poplars alter the timing, quality and consistency of this food supply.

Despite an outward facade of sophistication, our civilisation has not come to terms with our only two methods of disposal of excess water and liquid wastes — sewerage and the creek and rivers system. Throughout the state, drinking water generally fails to meet World Health Organization bacteriological guidelines.

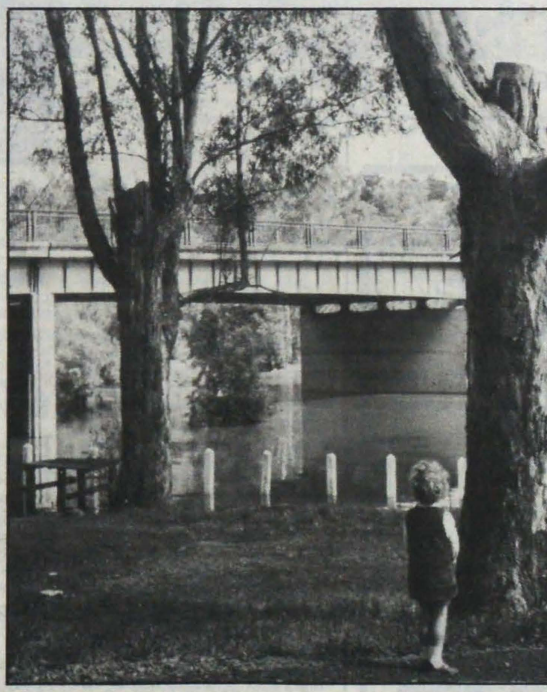
Unmade roads, cattle and horses on river banks, clearing of land, sullage and septic system seepage, illegal chemical dumping, fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides from agriculture, horticulture and home gardens, runoff from roads (oils, fuel, tyre wastes and fumes), animal faecal matter and industrial wastes all contribute to the degradation of water quality. Natural streams have only been to us a convenient gutter.

It all ends in the river. Once the Yarra Yarra was teeming with fish and life in many forms.

It was beheld by its human users as sacred and essential to life. River is life. It still offers us so much despite the fact that it is not safe to drink or swim in. There is much to be done.

I was planting down by the river, restoring the indigenous vegetation one Saturday morning when a companion, Harold, rested on his shovel and said: "We tend to undervalue familiar things and imagine that excellence is only to be found far away."

"I have seen vast rivers like the St Lawrence and Neva, rushing ones like the turbulent and torrid Fraser, lovely blue and emerald green glacial streams of Norway. The Clutha flowing serenely through New Zealand's South Island desert, dry channels of the Fink and Nassob and Derbyshire's peaceful Derwent, but none move me more than the Yarra at Warrandyte."



## Winter chorus croaks to life

How quickly the seasons change; was it only a few short months ago that the earth was parched and cracked, baked by the scorching sun?

Now shallow depressions have become squelchy bogs filled with water containing a myriad of new life. It is from these intermittent, often murky swamps and from the permanent marshes, that the music of the bush emanates in a chorus of croaks, creaks and banks.

Frogs — those amicable amphibians that are so frequently heard and yet rarely seen. It is frustratingly difficult to locate a calling frog. Even if you approach the sound as stealthily as a tiger stalking its prey, you can advance just so close and then

### NATURE

By PAT COUPAR

silence as the Frogs are alerted to your presence. They are experts at detecting the slightest sound or movement.

I have had more success in finding frogs by simply turning over logs and stones around the edges of swampy areas, but always being very careful to return the frogs and replace the logs to their position with as little disturbance as possible. It is in fact

illegal to collect frogs without first obtaining a special permit from the Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

Frogs play an extremely important role in ecological food-chains. Their diet consists of insects, spiders, leeches and countless invertebrates and they in turn are a food source for fish, crustaceans, birds, reptiles and small mammals. They are a particularly favored meal of Red-bellied black snakes, Copperhead, Brown and Tiger snakes, all of which are found in the Warrandyte area.

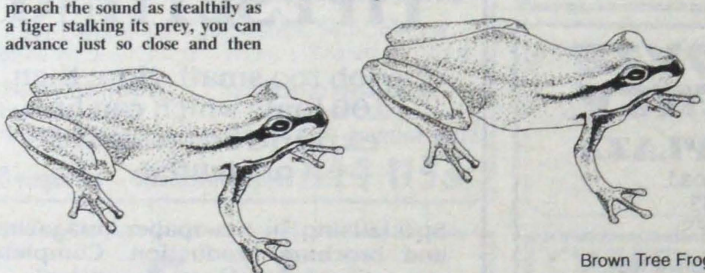
Many frogs breed during the

cooler months of the year, hence the urgent mating calls of the males that reverberate in the air during winter.

They have a fascinating life cycle which has engrossed children for many years. There is something rather magical about the way a young aquatic tadpole transforms into an air-breathing adult frog. The hind legs sprout first from tiny swellings or buds followed in the same way by the forelegs. The long fish-like tail shrinks and finally disappears altogether and the development of the characteristic head with its large bulging eyes, completes the metamorphosis.

Warrandyte has 10 species of frogs, the Brown Toadlet which has been found at Whipstock Gully is locally significant. You might not encounter many of these secretive creatures face to face but it is likely you will hear their throaty croaks at some time or another during winter.

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## Builder 'flouting permit'

### LETTERS



The Landscape Interest A Zoning which helps make Warrandyte a pleasant place to live has not been taken seriously by Doncaster and Templestowe Council who have allowed a planning permit to be blatantly disregarded.

A planning permit issued in a Landscape Interest A Zone block in Warrandyte Road, South Warrandyte, has been totally ignored by an experienced builder and as yet no enforcement order has been placed on it.

Instead, the council officers told the builder to apply for a new planning permit which would then legitimise what he has illegally built.

At the council's physical services committee meeting on July 17, Polley, Denford, Goonan, Stephenson, Waring and others were dismayed such a gross non-compliance could have happened in a "green wedge" area.

Cr Val Polley said: "why doesn't the council enforce building permits and why have we gone to another application when this is so totally wrong?"

Great concern was expressed by councillors as to how the double storey framework with tower could have been built 30m away from where the planning permit specified together with changes to the approved building plan.

They also queried the inadequate number of inspections by council officers and why there had not been more control over

the building at the 'footings' stage.

In response to inquiries from concerned residents about the close proximity to a shared boundary with an existing house, council officers stated the permit had been properly applied for.

It was only after further inquiries that the council officers realised the planning permit had been ignored and told the builder to stop work and apply for a new permit so that the building would then be able to remain where it had been illegally built.

The builder then asked permission to put tiles on the roof to protect the framework. This has given the building more substance and may sway opinion for it to be allowed to remain. It seems the more a planning permit is flouted the less likely it is to be enforced.

The group manager of development control at council, Mr Molan, stated at the physical services committee meeting: "I believe we have to forget what has happened and we should try to ignore the fact that the owner has ignored the original planning permit". Is this "carte blanche" to anyone to ignore planning permits?

On July 25, a meeting between

Cr's Polley and Denford, the owner, objector, and council officers appeared to have failed to resolve the matter.

If residents are concerned about the non-enforcement of planning permits, now is the time for the council to be made aware that this sort of thing cannot be allowed to continue, especially in a "green wedge" zone.

**Coral and Lindsay Beulke  
Warrandyte Road.**

### Canoe funds 'thanks'

I would like to thank the Apex Club and the Canoe Shed for their help in organising a canoe coaching day to raise funds towards my trip to Switzerland in July to represent Australia in the world junior slalom championships.

I would also like to thank the Lions club for their generous donation.

**Jarod Pinder  
Everard Drive**

### World cup support

Would you please pass on my sincere thanks to the Lions Club of Warrandyte for supporting me for the World cup Lacrosse Championships.

**Duncan Freemantle,  
Research Rd.**

## Young citizen pride of the town

The Park Orchard Ratepayers Association is proud that Park Orchards resident Mathew Jones has been selected as Doncaster and Templestowe's Young Citizen of the Year. Mathew is overseas participating in a youth camps scheme and the association looks forward to his return and continued interest in the young people of the community. His presence on the PORA committee is valued and appreciated.

### Public meeting

The association's public meeting on July 26 was a lively and well attended event, with active questioning of local candidates in the municipal elections. PORA hopes to organise a further public meeting between residents and council officers to discuss details of all non-arterial roads due for construction before the end of the decade. Details about the roads are available from the association.

### Clearing concern

Misconceptions regarding the breaching of land clearing permit set out by a council candidate in a letter to a local newspaper were raised at the PORA meeting on July 26 by State Member for Parliament, Mr Phil Honeywood. Mr Honeywood noted the matter was



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not simply one of a "slight clearing" but concerned the bulldozing of 4ha of land, including an area of the Warrandyte State Park. The permit granted to the landowner allowed for the clearing of site for a house and one out building. The excessive clearing was therefore not just a matter of local regulations being breached, but also state laws.

### Bus hopes

PORA hopes the promise of a \$10,000 council grant for Park Orchards will help towards the purchase of a 24 seater mini-bus, making it possible for schoolchildren from both Warrandyte and Park Orchards to be taken to and from school.

### Information night

Park Orchards Community House has organised an evening with Mr Matt Miller of the Don-

caster and Templestowe Council to inform residents how the council works and the role of councillors and council officers. Topics to be discussed include roads, rates, rubbish, how to approach council about issues, how decisions are made and how we as community members can influence these decisions. It will be held at the council offices on Thursday, September 6 from 7 to 9pm. The cost is \$2 including supper and bookings must be made through the House on 876 4381.

### Women's health

Another interesting activity being organised at the Park Orchards Community House soon will be two women's health workshops, covering breast cancer, menopause, and cervical cancer with the emphasis on taking more responsibility for our own health, early detection and prevention. Information will also be given on what services are available from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe to deal with women's health issues. The workshops are on Friday, August 31, from 1 to 3pm and Wednesday, September 5, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. The charge is \$5 and childcare will be available for the daytime session. Book on 887 4381.

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# Noah's got nothing on Sue and Roger

By BRIAN LAURENCE

"Our Father, who was in Heaven, Doug be they name? Thy Kindom come, to Warrandyte, as it was last weekend . . ."

Therein lies the plot for Warrandyte Drama Group's latest production, 'My Son the Lawyer is Drowning'.  
Written by Melbourne playwright Doug MacLeod from workshop sessions, this unusual play has had several acclaimed seasons in Melbourne prior to the Warrandyte production.

Even more unusual than the play, was the presence of the author on opening night, and a well pleased author he was after the show.

Perhaps most unusual of all though, was the appearance of God, first through a TV set; then a dishwasher, before finally subtly materialising in the flesh to the theme from 'Superman' and appropriate blinding rays of light.

His message to the world was delivered through a not so unusual plan to have Alan and Miriam Isaacs, his chosen human pair, build an ark to preserve one pair of every species in the world while all else drowns (No, you can't take your son, the lawyer!). Of course, not all is smooth sailing, as even



Roger Kibell is confronted by a miracle serpent as Sue Dyring laughs on in the local production of 'My Son, The Lawyer, is Drowning' performed by the Warrandyte Drama Group.

God's plans go awry through human feelings and failings.

God was regally rendered by Doug McManus, who had no trouble commanding a strong presence whenever he chose to appear.

Sue Dyring and Roger Kibell admirably represented the human race as the chosen couple, with son-in-law Donald Baigent and mother-in-law Helen Bennett ably supporting and thwarting them.

Representing the alternative race was Vicki Short, tipping the scales considerably in favor of a world populated by iguanadons.

Director Ken Virtue has created yet another excellent

season of live theatre for the Warrandyte Drama Group, maintaining standards worthy of many professional theatres.

The involvement of young people in the support roles of lighting, sound and stage management was well justified by the smooth running of the show, and should lead to a wider range of production selections in the future.

Live theatre is alive and well in Warrandyte, and has the added advantages of only \$10 a ticket, free supper and short drive home afterwards.

May we be truly thankful. Amen.

# Club adds \$29,000 to community coffers

Warrandyte Lions Club has more than proved its commitment to the community over the past year, raising more than \$29,000.

Working to the theme of Community, Commitment and Enjoyment, the club was able to channel \$26,000 of that back into local projects and a further \$1800 went directly to local welfare cases.

The club played a large part in getting the town's Assisi House off the ground. Named after St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of travellers, the house provides emergency accommodation for those in need.

Warrandyte now has a community bus thanks to the joint efforts of the Lions, Rotary and Apex clubs, the Warrandyte Market Committee and the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council.

And, at the request of the council, the club also helped plant trees in Finns Reserve and participated in the Green Gloves clean-up campaign.

Outgoing president, Mr Bill Butler, said the year's successes were due to the solid commitment of club members who jointly notched up a grand 4500 hours of volunteer service over the year.

"I have never known Warrandyte Lions to not enjoy themselves and what they are doing," Mr Butler said.

"One of the strengths of the club is the fellowship between members. There are quiet achievers and there are noisy achievers, but they are achievers and enjoy their club."

He said that perhaps the club's most important project in a river-side community such as Warrandyte was its campaign to teach water safety and survival. This year the club is working with more than 100 children.

Other community projects included the installation of community alarms for elderly and infirm residents who live alone. The

club's work this year took the number of alarms installed in the community at no cost to the recipient to nine.

"We took two busloads of mentally and physically handicapped kids to Luna Park at no cost to them," Mr Butler added.

"They were carried upstairs and onto rides and had a ball. The Lions had a ball too."

There was also a book fair, a Debutantes' Ball, annual Golf Day and the club's sponsorship of two boys to travel to the United States with the National Boys Choir which turned tragedy into triumph when their father's illness threatened their chances of attending.

# Lance wins top Lions honor

Local Lions club member, Lance Vizard, has been awarded the international service organisation's highest honor.

In recognition of his commitment to serving the world community he has been designated a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Named for the founder of Lions, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is conferred on people who demonstrate practical application of its motto: "We serve".

Lance, a member of Warrandyte Lions club, recently received a plaque and lapel pin acknowledging his humanitarian service.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow he becomes part of an international network of more than 20,000 recipients spanning nearly 30 countries.

Lions Clubs International is the worlds largest service club organisation with more than 1.3 million members in more than 160 countries. As the charitable arm of the association, the foundation acts as steward of funds disbursed for humanitarian causes.

# Experts take a lesson from Anderson's Creek

Anderson's Creek Primary School has found itself under the international spotlight thanks to its innovative English program.

On Thursday June 28, the school proudly played host to 15 visiting Americans who were part of a larger group of teachers, principals and lecturers taking part in a two day workshop on the Whole Language Approach to Learning at Melbourne University.

Andersons Creek was one of six schools chosen in Victoria to demonstrate their English program, which was met with an enthusiastic response from the visitors.

A school spokesman said the visitors particularly enjoyed seeing language activities in practise in the classrooms.

It was exciting for students and staff to be involved and to realise

that American educationalists were looking to Victorian schools as leaders in language teaching and learning.

Another recent excitement at the school was the introduction of a new computer catalogue system in the library.

Since the librarian and a dedicated band of mums brought the new system on line on May 28, children have been queuing up to

use the computer to locate books.

In the words of the children themselves, "It's excellent".

The addition of the library computer supports the importance of computer education at Anderson's Creek. Each classroom now has a computer. There are also eight computers in the computer room and a portable Mackintosh is available for use in any area.



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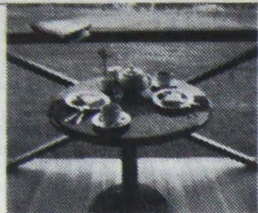
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# In deep with menacing memories

By ROGER KIBELL

Who needs Gordonstoun? The Royals send their lads there to learn what deprivation and suffering mean. Cold showers, spartan rooms, basic food and plain accommodation. It makes men of 'em I'm told.

We achieved the same effect with our swimming lessons at primary school.

I'm not quite sure whether it was because we lived near the beach, whether it was part of the post-war physical fitness movement or whether the head master hated children, but we always seemed to have our lessons in the middle of winter, on a Friday morning when the Antarctic had moved north for the winter and had decided to stay a while at the Brighton Beach Baths.

The Brighton baths were no more than a section of the beach that was fenced off to protect the fish from the marauding swimmers. I was told the baths were shark-proof, but I wasn't convinced. There always seemed to be stretches of the fence with bars missing and I could imagine the shark grapevine transmitting the message that Friday mornings were smorgasbord time. All they needed to do was to find the gap situated just two severed limbs distance from the northern corner . . . .

Fortunately, my worst fears never eventuated. The jelly fish floated through the bars with insouciance but even with my Superman X-ray vision, I never saw any shape resembling Jaws. Just as well really, as I have a morbid fear of "being taken" by one of the seas Arthur Dalys.

My terror began with my father's tales of the victims he had seen. Dad owned a furniture removal business and, way back then, groups went on picnics, carted in the back of furniture removal vans.

On one occasion, Dad took a social group to a bayside beach where the 'lads' showed off by diving from the end of the pier. They dismissed the warnings of the fisherman who was catching baby sharks.

"The mother won't be far away," he suggested, but what does Rambo fear from a mere sardine of the deep?

Dad watched as the lad dived. His body hit the water as the shark's head hit him. A trail of blood-stained water leading from the pier proved the fisherman correct.

The other sharky occasion was more like a daytime version of the

first scenes from 'Jaws'. A lot of noise and frothing water, then nothing but the numbness that accompanies shock.

Dad may have witnessed 80 per cent of all bayside shark attacks with those two occasions, but I grew up believing that behind each new breaker was potential death. As a result, surf swimming, for me, is anything but pleasurable. I venture no further than chest deep and even then only in the company of lots of other swimmers. I always make sure there are sufficient tasty morsels further out than I.

I gaze at the foolish board riders; their legs dangling invitingly. Then there are those European swimmers who head half way to Tasmania before floating on their backs for hours, just like croustons. If there was any justice in the world, they would all 'go' before me, but life's a bitch so I continue to try to balance enjoyment with phobia.

God forbid I would ever have to survive by treading water after a yachting or passenger ship disaster!

Back at the Brighton Beach Baths, we were mindful of the nicky narks but had less concern for the stings of the jelly fish we bombed from the walkway that skirted the boundary of the baths.

Our swimming lessons were events. They began by our boarding the bus at the school. Clutching our woollen bathers wrapped in a face-cloth-size, honeycomb towel, we prayed that the polar winds and the lashing rain would subside before we reached the bay. Life was never that kind.

Invariably, we arrived to see white caps careering madly across the leaden grey sea. Exhorted by our sensibly clad teachers, we dashed to the changing rooms, soon to emerge with arms wrapped three times around our bodies as we tried to protect ourselves from a salt lashing.

All this happened just after World War Two and medals, certificates and honors of all sorts were de rigeur. We were training for our Herald certificates. I scoff at the youngsters of today who gain their certificates after making it across a calm, heated, indoor pool.

Sir Edmund and Tensing practised on the peaks we had to swim through to reach the safety of the walkway on the other side. It was about 4kms across and there was no help in sight. Squadrons of young lads could have disappeared beneath the jelly fish and no one would have known.

The instructor, who every Fri-



day relived his wartime vengeance, bellowed at us to strive for greatness and to think of the Queen. I imagined Her Majesty in drooping woollen bathers and leapt. My coronet sank to the bottom as I began my dogpaddle up the Matterhorn.

After what seemed like my allocated lifespan, I glimpsed the other side of the baths — receding. Not only did I have to contend with my own incompetence, but the tide was taking me diagonally backwards towards one of the most menacing gaps in the safety fence.

Fright and flight surged into action. I flipped onto my back, and as my dad used to say, kicked like buggery until I reached the wooden ladder on the other side.

"Well done laddie! I thought for a minute there you'd forgotten everything I'd taught you during our lessons." I hadn't the heart or the breath to tell him it was not the memory of his words, the Queen or even my pride that made me aquaplane across the baths, but the imagined, or was it real, vision of a grey nurse edging

its way towards the opening in the safety fence murmuring "just two severed limbs distance away from the northern . . . ."

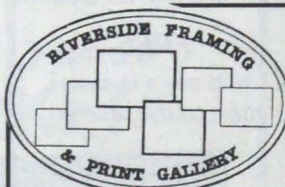
Invariably, the day would clear and the sun would threaten to break through just as we were whistled and instructed to get changed and reboard the bus.

I broke my collarbone once, and my arm was elastoplasted to my body. When the bone had set, the doctor removed the tape by ripping it from my skin. Gratefully, I was too young to have grown body hair but even so, the pain was intense. Extricating myself from my woollen bathers, encrusted with coarse sand grains was similar. I had to fight with the fabric that stretched and clung like Nestles powdered milk to the top of one's palate.

Lunch was consumed and we were off to do battle again with either marbles or British bulldog.

Life was simpler then — you just got hurt a lot and no one could even spell, let alone know what the words 'sue' or 'negligence' meant.

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# The start of something big for local tennis

By EWAN HALL

Warrandyte Tennis Club are gearing up for the three major events on their calendar — the Goldtown Open, club championships and Masters.

The club will host the Goldtown tournament from September 13-16. This is an open event on the Australian satellite circuit and carries prizemoney of \$2000.

Because it is the first satellite competition after a three month winter recess, it draws a top field.

Richard Fromberg, the 1987 winner, will be here again this year. Fromberg is now the top-ranked Australian on the men's international circuit and among the world's top 30. He recently won the Swedish Open.

The Goldtown Open attracts top young players from the Australian Institute of Sport and

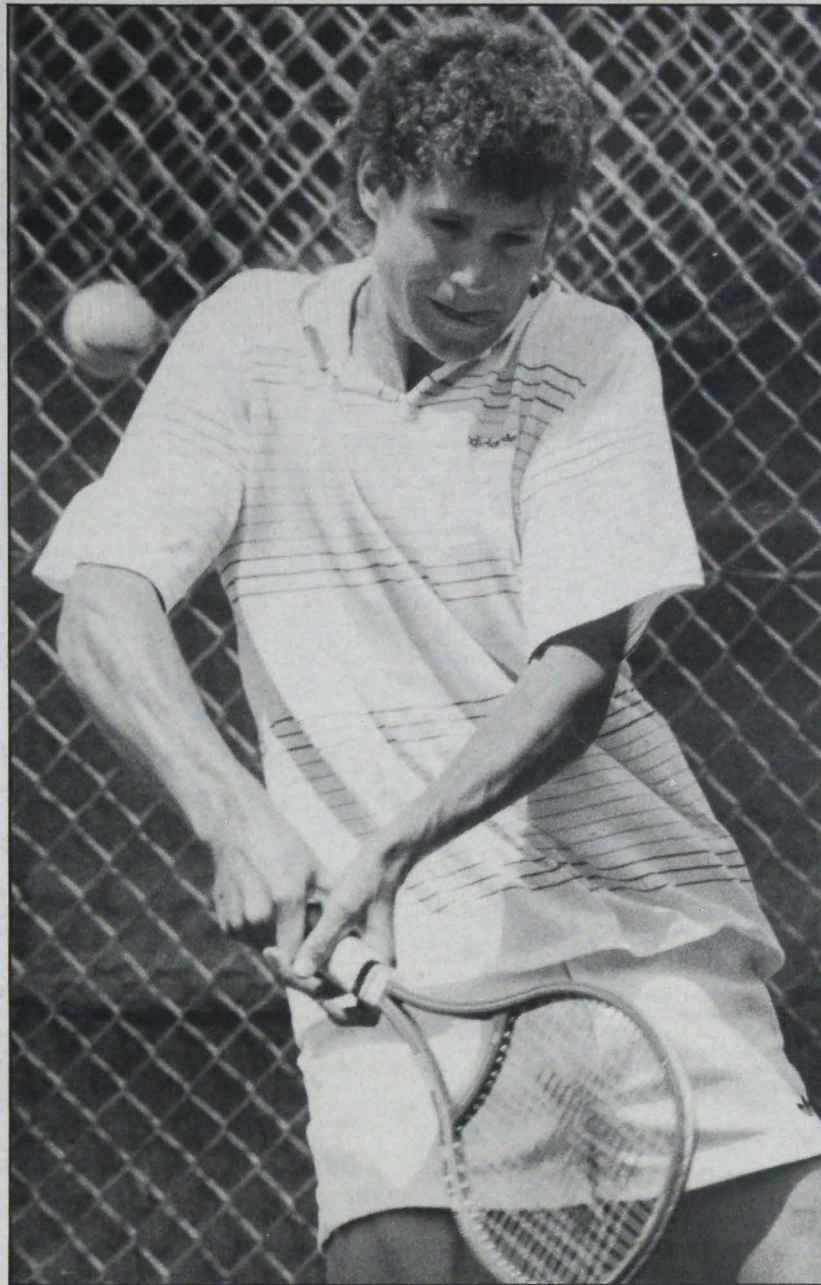
such established Victorian stars as Anne Minter and Nicole Provis, but local players have traditionally fared well.

Ian Peter-Budge won the event in 1988 and local youngsters Andrew Hiscock and Greg Scritchley have competed with success.

The club championships will be played on Sundays, starting August 26 and running through to October. Semi-finals are on October 14 and finals on October 21.

The Masters, final event on the satellite circuit, will be held from November 6-11 and is limited to the top 32 players. Last year the field included Todd Woodbridge, Jason Stoltenberg, Johann Andersson and Mark Kratzmann, who all went on to Wimbledon.

It was another triumph for Peter-Budge, who defeated highly rated John Frawley in the final.



Richard Fromberg — back in search of his second Goldtown Open.

## Assault on pennants stops well short

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's three-pronged attack on premier-ships in the Friday night junior competition ended in the elimination finals.

The under-16B1 team, coached by Rob McLellan and high on the ladder all season, lost by 14 points to Doncaster and Peter Messerle's 12EQs went down by five points to Eltham.

The 14AR girls coached by Nick Arnot found Coburg too good and were beaten by 11 points.

At senior level, the midweek mens competition has a new look, with four games now being played on Wednesday nights at the high school. The expansion team, the Wobblers, recorded an amazing first-up 37-36 victory over last year's finalists, Peter Parkes.

Another 1989 finals team, the Codat Lakers, also suffered on opening night. They lost and had one of their players reported for kicking in a sensational incident.

There was great joy in women's basketball recently when Warrandyte won the grand final of their midweek competition at Kilsyth. The score was 23-9, Jeanette Sleeb's being the main contributor.

In Saturday junior basketball, Warrandyte are maintaining their good form in the weeks leading up to the finals, which begin on September 1.

The club have many teams poised for finals berths.

On the weekend of September 22, 23 and 24, Warrandyte will again be involved in the Albury junior basketball carnival.

Several hundred local people will make the trip to the carnival, in which Warrandyte have a good record.

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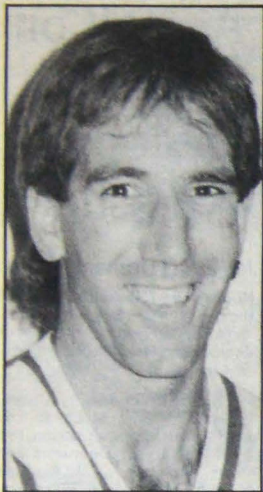
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Robin Golding

## Golding, others bow out

Warrandyte Football Club captain Robin Golding has announced his retirement. And he will be joined on the sidelines next season by other long-time senior stars Mick Hassall, Matthew Elliott and John McCartin.

Ruck-rover Golding has been a model of consistency and a prolific ball-getter since joining the club in 1980. He won the best and fairest award in 1984 and '89.

"I've played senior football since I was 16," Golding told the *Diary*. "I'm 30 now and I want to get out while I'm still physically sound."

"I had a total knee construction in 1988 and that has slowed me down. The knee still gives me a bit of trouble."

Golding has served four seasons as captain and the Bloods will badly miss his drive around the ground. They will also find it very difficult to plug the gaps left by clever wingman/forward Elliott, fearless half-back Hassall and veteran rover McCartin, a hero of the 1983 premiership.

McCartin was chaired from the field after his final home-ground appearance, against Bennettswood-Blackburn South on August 4.

# Bloods save some of their best for a bit too late

Warrandyte gave their home crowd something by which to fondly remember the 1990 football season when they overran Bennettswood-Blackburn South this month.

Although well out of contention for the finals, the Bloods produced one of their best performances of the season to win by 66 points, 16.24 (120) to 8.6 (54). It was their seventh success in 17 matches in an injury-hit 1990 campaign.

"We had a lot of very good young players out there today," coach Lindsay Hopkins said after the game. "We are an extremely young side and it augers well for the future because they are learning to win."

With only the game against premiership favourites Coldstream remaining to complete the season, Warrandyte Football Club president Colin Bawden said the future lay in the continued encouragement of home-grown young talent.

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"Ideally," he said, "we would add a couple of experienced players to help the youngsters. The difficulty is finding the right experienced men to suit our needs."

"It is no good spending a lot of money on wholesale recruiting. Forest Hill did that this season in second division — and they're going to be relegated."

"The committee's job now is to sit down and discuss what has been achieved this season and where we are going next season."

The big win over Bennettswood was achieved despite goal-front inaccuracy, a poor second quarter and a half-time "roasting" from coach Hopkins for disputing umpiring decisions. Its chief architect was full-forward John O'Brien, who kicked eight goals and did many inspirational things.

With first use of the strong wind, the Bloods led 4.10 to 1.0 at quarter time, but it had been a term of missed opportunities and it was obvious that stout defence would be needed to take a lead into the interval. Warrandyte peppered the goal, but could not come to terms with the breeze.

The home side added only three behinds to Bennettswood's 4.3 in the second quarter. Again, scoring opportunities went begging and Warrandyte players made no secret of their annoyance when two unpunished infringements downfield resulted in Bennettswood goals.

It was a different Warrandyte in the third quarter. O'Brien goaled twice and Joe Hassall snapped truly to extend a four-point lead to 22 points and when Cam Day, Lachlan McLean, Hassall and Dale Vitiritti found the kicking direction that had been so lacking earlier, the Bloods had skipped away to a 51-point break.

Bennettswood goaled in the last minute of the quarter, but the

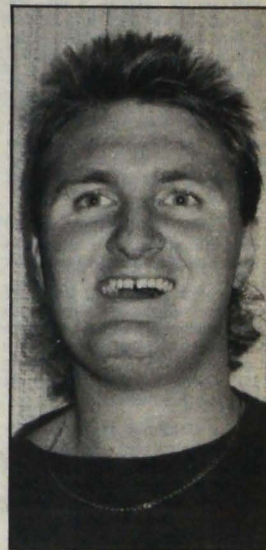
lead at the last change looked enough despite the strength of the wind.

The visitors goaled after five minutes of the final term, but O'Brien responded quickly with a great mark and goal which inspired his teammates and demoralised the opposition.

Goals to John Shallvey and McLean put the game way out of Bennettswood's reach and O'Brien kicked his eighth goal after another fine mark in the pocket. Shallvey put his seal on a fine four-quarter effort with a goal at the 25-minute mark and a Bennettswood goal near the siren was merely a token show of resistance.

Warrandyte's best were O'Brien, Mick Hassall, Joe Hassall, Vitiritti, "Diesel" Valentine, Robin Golding and Shallvey.

Warrandyte will hold their annual players' talent quest and disco at the clubrooms on Saturday, August 11. The presentation dinner is on September 26, venue to be announced.



John O'Brien — eight goals.

## Naughty night boosts Madge fund

The appeal for crippled Warrandyte footballer Gary "Madge" Allsop was swelled by almost \$2000 by a rollicking night of theatre restaurant entertainment late last month.

About 120 people took advantage of discounted tickets offered by internationally-known local entertainer Terry Gill and his "troupe" at his Naughty 90s & Bull 'n' Bush in Hawthorn.

The show was given "rave reviews" by the enthusiastic audience. Gill has offered co-ordinators of the Gary Allsop Trust Fund a similar night — with a new show — next year.

Last month's fund-raiser was boosted by a series of raffles of goods donated by local traders.

They included dinner for two (with champagne) from Gill, wife Carole Ann and the cast; a three-month gym membership, plus aerobics and sauna passes, from Eastland Fitness Centre in Ringwood; a magnificent pottery bowl from Potters Cottage and \$30 worth of veterinary care from Derek Fairley.

For the immaculate man, there was a hair cut and blowwave from Luke's Unisex Hair Design, Warranwood. Australian Skin Technology Beauty Therapy, also of Warranwood, donated a manicure.

Warrandyte Football Club stalwart David Mitchell weighed in with six bottles of champagne.

"It really was a wonderful night and we are indebted to Terry, Carole Ann and the entire Naughty 90s staff," fund chief co-ordinator Helen Revell said.

"The only sad note was that Gary himself was ill and could not attend."

The appeal for Allsop, who broke his neck in a game early last season, is ongoing. If you can help in any way, Mrs Revell can be contacted on 844 3887 (H) and 344 7105 (W).



Gary Allsop celebrates a Bloods victory last season with senior players (from left) Kimberley O'Connor, Steve Yoannidis, John McCartin, Gerald Walshe and Dale Vitiritti.

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