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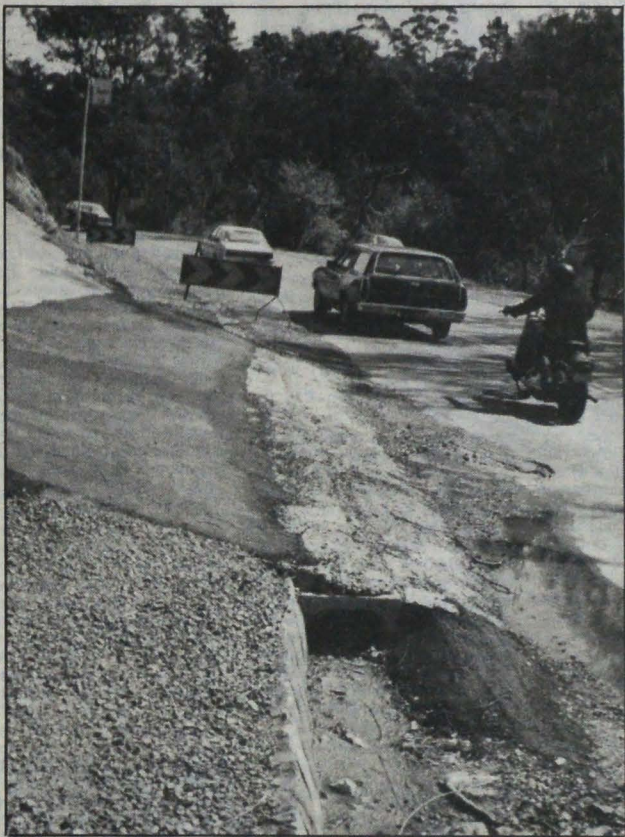
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Driving around the bend!



That bend in Ringwood Road, showing two of the intruding driveways.

No, it's not an error in engineering design. That strange bend on the Ringwood Road, just outside Warrandyte township, is meant to be that way — apparently. But Doncaster and Templestowe council has promised to 'look at it', all the same.

Council's manager (construction), Mr Max Rich, told the Diary he would inspect the site with a view to improving driver safety.

For many weeks, during and after construction of a footpath, driving around this bend east of the town has been hazardous, particularly for traffic heading east. Yet the work, which began in May last year, is designed to improve safety — to give drivers greater sight distance.

The initial work of cutting back the embankment was stopped and delayed because it intruded into private property. Work resumed again this year with the construction of a footpath with a bluestone pitcher kerb.

Four driveways cross the kerb and gutter and each now intrudes,

in varying degrees, up to about a metre onto the road pavement. Mr Rich said this was done to avoid making the existing steep driveways even steeper.

"Because of this, we had to compromise and some of the driveways come out onto the road a little too far from what we would like to have," he said.

An asphalt overlay has to be placed on the road to finish the project and Mr Rich was not sure when this would be done.

He pointed out that "the footpath wasn't really put there as a footpath, but to improve the sight distance for drivers. Before, you couldn't see very far around the corner and there have been quite a few accidents there."

When the Diary said that it believed the corner was even more unsafe than it was before, Mr Rich said he could see our point and would probably inspect the site on September 28. Keep watching for further developments — and watch yourself going around that bend!

DAVID WYMAN

Residents fear permit reversals

Plans disputed

By DAVID WYMAN

Green Wedge supporters will be watching closely decisions by Doncaster-Templestowe council and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in the next few weeks.

On October 16, council votes on a new planning permit application by a church organisation to allow its Reynolds Road building — which has grown two and a half times from the original approval plans — to proceed.

And on November 2, the AAT will hear an appeal by an owner-builder in South Warrandyte against a council decision to refuse to grant him a permit.

Both cases involve buildings part constructed in Landscape Interest A zoning. Both buildings are grossly different from the original council-approved plans.

Doncaster-Templestowe council on October 16 will hear the case of Faithland Inc to grant a new planning permit for its building at 320 Reynolds Road, Donvale, near the Tindals Road corner.

This building began early this year. Despite residents' objections, it had been approved by council as a church building 19 metres by 18 metres in area. A subsequent hearing of objections by the tribunal gave the church the green light to proceed with the building.

But in May, local residents noted its growing size with concern.

In fact, it is now almost two and a half times the length, one and half times the depth and more than twice the area of the building indicated on the approved plans. It is believed that Faithland, which is associated with Assemblies of God, has spent about \$700,000 on the building.

Persistent enquiries by neighbours Murray and Sue Cook found that Faithland Inc had redrawn the plans before

the AAT hearing. The plans for a (now) 48 metres by 30 metres building were endorsed by council.

"We approached the planning department of council to have a look at the plans. After viewing them (which we and nobody else had ever sighted), we could see that they had been wrongly endorsed," Murray Cook said.

"We asked what had happened; why had this set of plans been endorsed when the approval from the AAT was for a building 19 metres by 18 metres. The council's reasoning was, 'Whoops. I think we have made a mistake.'"

"From there, we asked the council for help to put an enforcement order on the building. This was denied. You can see council's attitude from the threatening letter received from their solicitors."

Murray Cook said he and Sue decided they would have to take the church and the council back to the AAT to seek an enforcement order. "Our property is in a semi-rural area and we did not think that the council could make a mistake and hope that we would ignore it," he told the Diary.

The AAT ruled early in August that in the event of a planning permit not being issued by February 28, 1991, the Faithland building should be cut back to its original approved size by March 31, 1991. The tribunal ordered all work on the building to be ceased immediately and directed an enforcement order be served on Faithland Inc.

Murray Cook said: "We have won that round but now the church has applied for a new permit to proceed with what they have already built." The Diary understands that a planning authority can-

not issue a permit for construction that has already occurred.

Meanwhile Murray and Sue Cook, who are among over 30 objectors to the new permit application, believe the AAT decision puts the council in a spot. If councillors refuse the permit, who will pay for the demolition of part of the building?

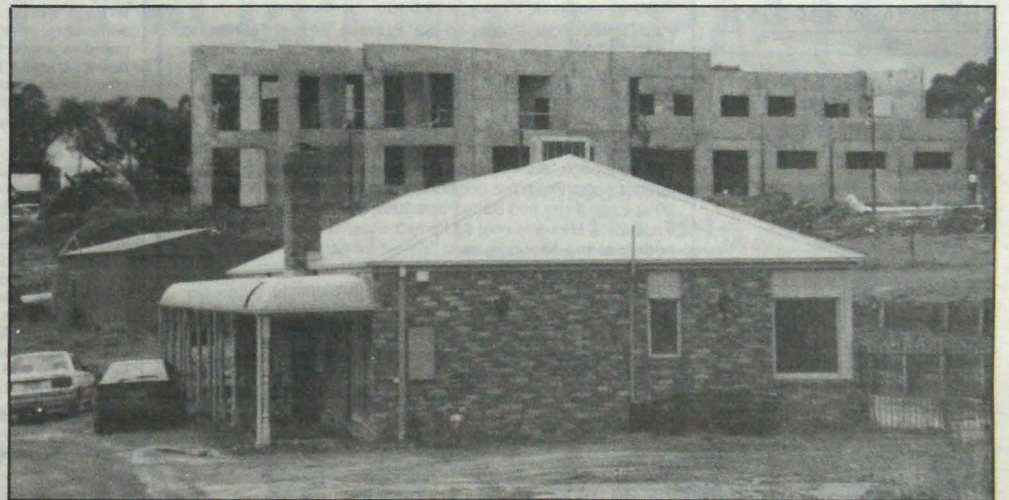
"On October 16 the council votes on the issue — to recommend a new planning permit or do what is morally correct — refuse the permit," Mr Cook said. "Council is running scared because they are concerned with the legal side of responsibility."

Doncaster and Templestowe councillors have begun to show a strong stand against misuse of zonings and planning permits.

They refused a permit for the three-level house in Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, South Warrandyte, on July 31. This house had been relocated and its layout changed from the plans approved by council. But the owners sought a new permit for what had already been constructed.

Cr Val Polley, who moved to have the new permit refused, said council's decision showed it was prepared to make a stand. Otherwise it would have meant people could do what they like with a permit and then apply for another when found out.

The tribunal will hear the appeal against council's ruling on November 2. Among the grounds of appeal is this statement: "The subject detached house is in the course of construction with the prior knowledge and consent of officers of the council."



Murray and Sue Cook's house in Reynolds Road, with the partly-built shell of the Faithland church looming behind.

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That, as they say, is show business

As you'll read elsewhere in these pages, Warrandyte Primary School's original musical production *Kids In Paradise* was a smash hit in its world premiere at Ringwood last month. As a follow-up assignment, the sixth grade kids were asked to briefly write their impressions, and we particularly liked the offering from Christian Parsons: "Kids In Paradise was a huge success. I played the part of a native in Scenes 1 and 2 and in Scenes 4 and 5 I played the part of a scout. In the last performance I left my fly undone and it was very embarrassing. I even went red. But luckily most people thought it was rigged. This was the highlight of my Grade Six year." Smokey takes Christian's last statement to mean the highlight was being involved in the play, not leaving himself unzipped.



At current beer prices you'd have to be a mug to say no to 35 free pots and a dozen cans or stubbies. That's what mine host Michael Smith is giving away at 5.30 each Wednesday evening in the Grand Hotel's 'Mug of the Week' draw. Names are put into a hat during the week and the winner has to be there at drawing time to qualify. The one condition is that the pots have to be consumed within a week — but don't let that throw you because you're welcome to bring a mate or mates along to share your extreme good fortune.

Now it can be told. A few months ago, Warrandyte Tennis Club ran a fund-raising night at their clubrooms. Rising junior Richard Youl scooped the pool and chose, out of many donated prizes, a beautiful designer label gown worth several hundred dollars. Amelia Briggs made him a good offer, but Richard declined, claiming it was not enough. We're not sure about Richard's vital statistics, but the dress is size ten, so if any female out there fancies something special and is prepared to pay Richard's price, you never know... Incidentally, Richard's talent as a player is not confined to the mixed doubles.

It takes a lot to faze John Hadlock, the laconic Irishman of Yarra Street. Your average golfer would say a few words if he snapped the head off his seven iron, but not so our John after a most unorthodox shot from the rough at Healesville the other day. He considered the respective positions, in relation to the green, of his clubhead and the ball — and shaped up to the former with a six iron. "I think I'll play the head," he said. "It's closer to the hole."

IN RED & WHITE

You meet all kinds of people when you're planting 500 trees along the Yarra on a sunny spring Sunday. Before a sod had been turned, an irate woman had confronted a group unlocking the riverfront access gate behind the police station and asked how dare they desecrate the environment by driving vehicles down there. The group, which included four park rangers and Doncaster council official Jane Marriotti (who'd organised the whole day), put her mind at rest. Several back-breaking hours later, when Friends of Warrandyte State Park were beseeching passers-by to give 'em a hand, up stepped a lady in a red top and black tracksuit pants and darned near took over the show. She is a dab hand at tree-planting herself and very persuasive when it comes to pressing somewhat bemused tourists into service. The park friends would have her permanently on their team, so if she reads this and would like to be involved in an utterly worthy conservation cause, Ian and Margaret Burke (844 1060) would love to hear from her.

We'd have bet on double-m, and lost. In all those years of growing older, we always called the Eltham turn-off Fitzsimmons (the flat vowel sound) Lane. Then along came this very articulate lady who said no, not really, it's the rounded i, as in pie. The single m, you see. Having scurried to the Melways and then to the very scene of the sign, we graciously admit defeat. It has set us thinking that the name must have its origins in district history and, in the interest of all-round edification, we'd like to hear more.



We'd also like to hear someone who draws his pay cheque from the public coffers explain why the Fitzsimmons (damn it!) Lane-Warrandyte Road roundabout was obsolete before it was conceived and why it is allowed to stand today as the eastern suburbs' major traffic snarl. Must be lovely to live in Eltham, Greensborough or any point north and have the right of way night and day. If the words 'traffic lights' ever get beyond the muttered stage, someone might point out that Warrandyte was here first.

The 'Special 00' bus from Warrandyte on Show Day morning was not all that it appeared. It was, in fact, the late-arrived 272, via King Street and the freeway. But would the driver, who had treated his only passenger with ignore at the Golden Gate in his haste to make up time, admit as much when overhauled by car at Deep Creek? Hardly. Not until the passenger waved the special green Show Day timetable at him. The good news is that having bungled the start, the driver managed to find Melbourne. It is, after all, a big target. Our man says he has a sneaking admiration for Peter Spyker, who has assumed responsibility for un-muddling the Met, but prefers the odds about Horatio at the bridge.

We told you last time we'd resurrect the ageless John 'Porky' Smith to folk hero status in this town, and we're delighted to fire the first shot, from an anonymous admirer: "It seems Porky has a new woman in his life. She walks the streets with him, drives with him in his panel van and, yes, she sleeps with him! She has even been known to go to the Strathbogies rabbiting with him! Her name's Heidi. She's his new Jack Russell pup." Keep the contributions coming, folks.

We bet you didn't even notice. That's right, the *Diary* changed typefaces last month. The body type (that's the small stuff you're reading now) selected for our first issue 20 years ago was the elegant if ubiquitous Times Roman. In June this year we changed from flatbed printing to rotary, saving time and money. But we lost a little in readability converting to the high speed process. For the sake of local ophthalmic health we had to make the body type larger or, change typefaces. Larger type meant fewer words, so we chose a different face, selecting Cheltenham for its readability and traditional appearance. Cheltenham was designed in 1896 as a move away from the highly decorated faces of the Victorian era. It became immensely popular, by the 1930s was going out of style, but has enjoyed a recent modest revival. We think it sums up Warrandyte: good to look at, if a touch old-fashioned. Cheltenham isn't your common newspaper face, but then the *Diary* isn't your common newspaper.



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Council targets funds for Wedge studies

By CLIFF GREEN

Doncaster and Templestowe council has included \$20,000 in the 1990-91 budget towards implementing botanical, zoological and visual studies of Green Wedge land between Park Orchards and Warrandyte.

This follows council's decision, taken more than a year ago, that no applications "for further subdivision or additional residential land east of Mullum Mullum Creek" would be considered.

The studies will set out to identify problems concerning the development of rural residential or small rural lots in the area, determine which areas can accommodate such development without detriment to landscape values and recommend controls to ensure that any such development is compatible with the landscape.

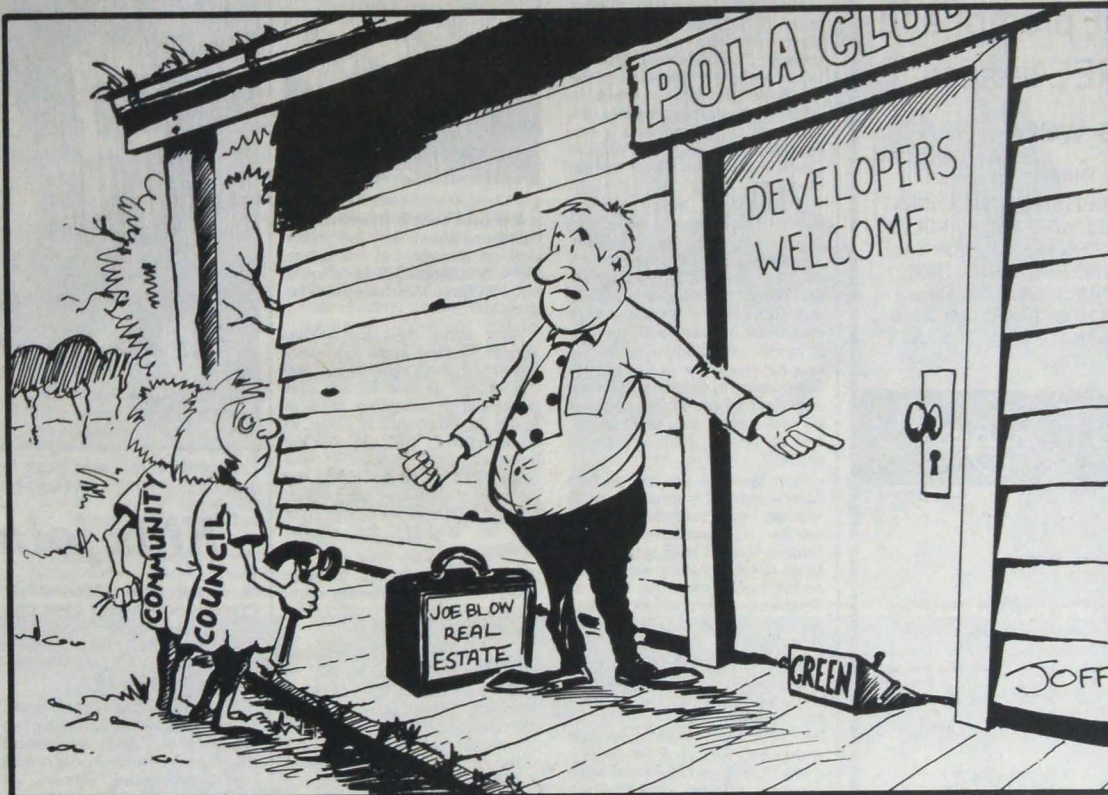
Cr Val Polley told the *Diary* that she welcomed the granting of money for this purpose. "It will not be enough to do all we want, but council is applying for further funding under the State government's 'Go Green' campaign and to the Federal government as part of the 'Save the Bush' program.

"There is a need for data to confirm what everybody feels in their hearts," Cr Polley said. "That the area is worthy of continued protection. Council support of the Green Wedge enforces State government policy as outlined in the 1987 document 'Shaping Melbourne's Future'."

The studies will attempt to identify sites of botanical and zoological significance in the area and determine planning measures to ensure their long-term conservation.

They will be conducted under terms of reference set out by the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Environmental Working Party, established by council when it decided to remove all threats to the Green Wedge.

This body includes representatives from Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, Park Orchards Landowners Association, Warrandyte Advisory Committee and Warrandyte ward councillors.



"Okay, which of you kids blocked this doorway!"

"The Working Party has been busy for a year," Cr Polley said, "setting up the studies, discussing alternative rating systems for conservation and landscape interest zones, examining planning controls and looking at the need for new controls to protect and enhance the environmental qualities of the area.

"The working party considered

there was a need for a planning, education and environment officer to inform people about new guidelines for the clearing of land within the area. Council has, however, appointed a planning enforcement officer whose role is to uphold the regulations.

"I am still keen to see that the educational role is picked up in the near future, informing people

as to their responsibilities to the environment in relation to planning, clearing controls and zoning requirements. Recent clearing in Nelson Road has demonstrated the obvious need for such a position."

The working party has also been concerned about local real estate agents advertising land in

the Green Wedge as having 'future subdivisional potential'.

"Council's 1989 resolution expressly states that subdivisions were not to be supported in that particular area," Cr Polley said. "The Green Wedges were designed to provide breathing space between Melbourne's growth corridors and to conserve areas of natural beauty.



A work by last year's winning sculptor Greg Wain

Sculptures displayed

If your prize garden or front entrance could do with a generous helping of culture, then be sure to attend the Fourth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

Organised by Mary and Peter Burns, the exhibition will be showing 22 large works "suitable for natural and manmade environments" and is a must for serious art lovers and collectors.

Artists include Greg Wain (winner in 1987 and 1989), Neville Assad (1988 award), Chris Langton, Paul Brophy, Giuseppe Raneri, Jenny Frickey, Paula Irvin, Stephen Killick, Alex Selenitsch, Darren McGinn and Shane Kent.

The exhibition will be opened by Professor Margaret Plant, Chairman, Visual Arts Department, Monash University, on Sunday November 4 at 3pm.

The venue is the Burns' property "Kangaroo" 30 Henley Road, Kangaroo Ground. (Melway - 172, A1) Phone 712 0351.

Award judges are Grazia Dunn, director Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Gareth Sansom, dean of the School of Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts, and Peter Burns.

The exhibition will be open until Sunday, December 2.

Doubt on building

Warrandyte's Whitehouse, the council-owned building adjacent to the Recreation Reserve, is again the subject of community debate.

Originally purchased by Doncaster and Templestowe council for \$16,500 in 1972, the Taroon Avenue building is disrepair. Many contend it may be close to the end of its economic life. Others believe it is of great sentimental — and some historical — value and should be restored.

"Doncaster and Templestowe council is divided over the future of the Whitehouse," Cr Val Polley told the *Diary*. "Recent budget discussions centred around whether the building should be refurbished or reconstructed."

Cr Polley understands there are reports that question the structural integrity of the building, throwing doubts on its future.

Council has allocated \$35,000 to the Whitehouse in this financial year.

The Warrandyte Historical Society believes that the Whitehouse site is the longest continually occupied site in the area.

Residents will have an opportunity to discuss the future of the building at the Whitehouse Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Whitehouse, Taroon Avenue, at 8pm on Wednesday, October 24.

Pre-school to miss dedicated teacher

North Warrandyte Pre-School teacher Yvonne Manley will be missed following her retirement.

Yvonne began at the pre-school on February 5, 1973 and has had responsibility for hundreds of Warrandyte infants.

She has given them a sound basis for school education and is held in high esteem by the prep teachers at Warrandyte Primary.

Yvonne was involved in the opening of a new building and purchased the indoor and outdoor equipment.

She has also been tireless with committee work, and in her involvement with infant welfare and the Diamond Valley and El-

tham Kindergarten Teachers Association.

Weekend father and children days at pre-school were organised by Yvonne, who donated her own time.

She also showed her community spirit by involving children in the Warrandyte Festival.

Small touches, such as bringing flowers from her own garden to the pre-school highlighted her dedication.

Yvonne has the ability to recall parents involved in the pre-school and all are welcomed with a warmth that could only come from the heart.

Outside her career Yvonne

participates in china painting, drama group, a garden club and is dedicated to her own family.

In her retirement she will be missed greatly at the pre-school, but other groups will benefit from a knowledgeable and much-loved lady.

A farewell presentation will be made to Yvonne at 2pm on November 18 as part of the Back to North Warrandyte Pre-School celebrations.

The Back To will be from 11.30am to 3pm. Tea, coffee and afternoon tea will be provided but BYO lunch. Contact Gael on 844 2547 or Janine on 844 1216 for more information.



Yvonne Manley entertains children with a story at North Warrandyte Pre-school

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Early resident dies

October 1890: The remains of the late Mr John Masterton were buried in the Anderson's Creek cemetery on Monday afternoon last. There was a very large attendance of relatives and friends, the Presbyterian service of the dead being conducted by the Rev Mr Hall.

Mr John Masterton (better known in the district as 'Johnny' Masterton) was 42 years old, coming, I am informed, with his father and other members of the family to Anderson's Creek in 1856, he then being six years old. The past 36 years with a few exceptions, were spent on the Creek, making him one of our old identities.

It is very sad. In the prime of life, just intending to enter into matrimony, the spoiler came. Recovering from a severe attack of influenza, in a fit of coughing he broke a blood-vessel. Although he rallied for a few days it was but a flicker, and he died.

As an all-round cricketer he was for years one of the best in the county. In finishing this very imperfect tribute I can safely say he was a good son, good friend, and an honest man. *Requiescat in pace!*

Is it possible we are such a narrow-minded community as to warrant the remarks of our worthy representatives in the Bulleen Shire? I have spoken to a large number of our ratepayers re the bridge over the Yarra at Templestowe to connect Eltham, and the general opinion is let Templestowe have everything but a railway to our excision.

Monetarily it does not interfere with our riding, and I am sure in every other way it should be beneficial to us. On Monday last a deputation waited on the Eltham Shire councillors and were very well received, in fact the two shires seem to be unanimous in the matter, and the Warrandyte Riding as a whole wish them God speed.

HOW WE LIVED

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



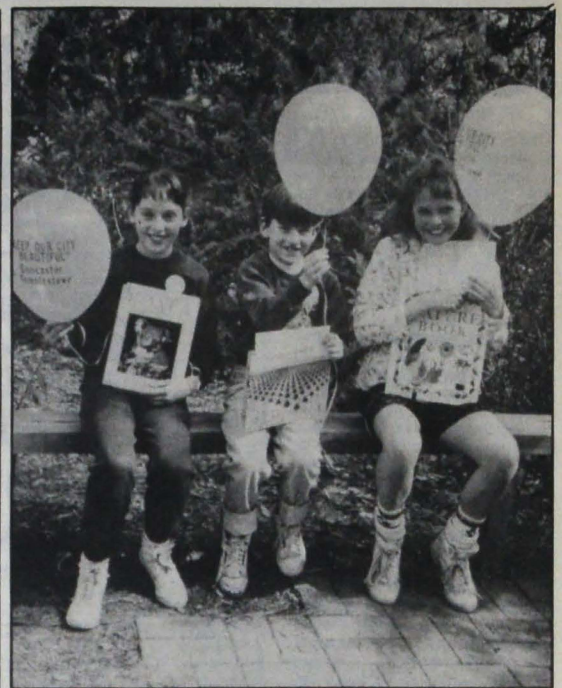
It should benefit Templestowe. Goodness knows they are pretty well off already, but I suppose the old custom will be carried out. "To them that have shall be given".

After many days the Evelyn Tunnel Electric Light Company has at last given signs of life, and this time it is safe to say that works will be pushed on at once. About 25,000 pounds is, I hear, to be expended. The old sluicing lease of about 200 acres has been taken up, so that when the permanent dam has been erected, the whole bend of the river will be available for alluvial working.

Our new Mechanics' Institute and Free Library is nearly completed, and will be a credit to the place.

Locally there is nothing (else) fresh. Things are just as dull as they could be. Both the Great Southern and the Growler's have discontinued work, and we are now relying solely on the works at the Evelyn Tunnel. The weather still keeps very wet and wintry, and a few days of warmth and sunshine would be a godsend.

(From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)



Competition winners, from left, Tessa Halliday, Simon Guerin and Emma Tice, with their book prizes.

Kids join clean-up

In recent weeks Warrandyte Primary School has been participating in the "Keep Our City Beautiful" campaign, initiated by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

This included litter recycling talks, a poster coloring competition and a general tidy-up of the schoolground and surrounding streets, as well as various classroom activities.

The school received a special award for schoolground

improvements from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. Thanks are due to the children and teachers who participated so enthusiastically in these activities.

Congratulations also to Simon Guerin, Emma Tice and Tessa Halliday, winners of the poster coloring competition. They were presented with a book award by Cr Stevenson at a special morning tea at the council offices on September 18.

CAROLE LUSH

Firemen saved home

We wish to thank all of the firemen of South Warrandyte and Warrandyte who came to our rescue when our garage was burning down and who undoubtedly saved our house.

We are very appreciative of the efforts of our CFA volunteers.
Judy and Athole Wedgwood
South Warrandyte



LETTERS

Members of Warrandyte Senior Citizens have been very busy in the past couple of months with our concert party twice entertaining patients at Inala Nursing Home.

Frankston Senior citizens visited our centre to be entertained by our concert party and to a sit-down tea. Gwennap Hostel residents from Footscray spent the day with us and we also put on a concert for them.

During Deafness Aware Week we were asked to perform a concert at the Forest Hill Shopping Centre which was a great success.

In September our concert party will be entertaining Lilydale Senior Citizens in their club rooms at Lilydale.

We are going on a weekend pokie trip on September 15 and on September 30 are going on a holiday to Wagga Wagga.

Our Indoor Pennant Bowling teams have done very well thanks to Mr Bill Ward, and two top teams of bowlers. They just missed winning the Pennant this year.

The Warrandyte Senior Citizens always has something going on.

Our thanks go to social secretary Mrs Helen Ward, who arranges our outings.

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 Paradise!"

By KEN VIRTUE

Written by Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin, this show had all the special feeling of one that the kids loved doing, and that was special to watch.

How Denise Farran directed such wonderful youthful acting in concert with all those dancers was simply hard to believe for a school show.

Choreographed by Lyn McKillop and Janine Sansom, the dancers weaved through cavemen, hula girls, monkeys, natives and tropical birds.

The main characters told the story of a greedy business group trying to exploit an unspoilt tropical paradise which was fed by a magical bong tree.

The witch doctor, "Gunja" played by Ross Byrne, had to get a dancing lesson from the lively and convincing "Miss Fax" played by Hayley Davis. Both added a lot of gaiety to the action.

The islanders, led strongly by "Coco" (Sarah Dinale), included a wonderful hippy-like "Snuzzle" (Erin McKimm) and the "Phantom" himself, Luke Stickels.

They were supported by the not-so-military marching antics of a wandering scout group, led

loudly and well by Kathryn Leehy.

"Crawley" was a "yes sir, no sir, three bags full sir" crony played believably by Tristan Martin.

His boss, "CD" was the opportunistic entrepreneur, seen so much recently in Australian commerce.

Hilary Walker was stunning in her performance as "CD" singing strongly, moving well and making her part the obvious central character.

Nadine McKillop and Jaime Kyne were particularly good as the lead dancers backed by a strong group of 12 including Timoli Nixon and Amber McKellar.

The soundtrack, recorded by Paradiddle Band, enabled the cast children to use their microphones confidently, and for all the extras to move so well on and off the stage. Stage manager Graeme Caudry, well done!

The costumes were a riot of color and shapes, and a credit to Jill Whitchurch.

Of course, good triumphed over evil in the end in the musical and the businessmen found some lost family and saw the error of their ways.

Like many others, I can hardly wait to see what magic is in store for us next year!



Bags help household recycling

Recycling in Warrandyte is about to become easier, but only south of the river.

Doncaster and Templestowe council now supplies its residents with bags for the collection of household recyclable material, but Eltham Council has no such collection plans.

Bags are available from Doncaster council offices. Residents can have the bags collected with their weekly rubbish. The bags can be filled with aluminium cans, any type of glass and some types of clear plastic bottles. Empty soft drink bottles are ideal. Glass can be clear or colored.

Doncaster council also sells compost bins for the disposal of food scraps. They come in two sizes, small and large, and are reasonably inexpensive.

Unfortunately, residents north of the river cannot have their recyclable material collected. Eltham council considers collection of bags in parts of North Riding and other areas within the shire 'uneconomical'. These areas include Kangaroo Ground and Research Roads, Warrandyte.

The matter is being considered by council, but no change is likely within twelve months. Eltham shire spokesman, Mr John Stamps, told the *Diary* that council could be influenced by an increase in demand, but the main concern was "economic viability".

In the meantime, residents north of the river can obtain bags from the Eltham-Greensborough Recycling Depot in Montmorency. When full they can be taken to the Kangaroo Ground tip.

No paper recycling facilities now exist in or near Warrandyte. The Apex Club's paper drives tended some time ago and it is believed there is a very limited market for recycled paper products.

This means far more paper is available than can be re-used. As a result Australian Paper Manufacturers, a major recycling company, had to cancel many paper collection licences. Our local paper collection and the Nunawading Waste Transfer Centre are among those which no longer operate.

Newspaper poses a separate problem, as it cannot be re-used until it has been de-inked. The State Government is looking at a possible de-inking plant in Albury-Wodonga. However such a plant is at least two years away and may cause its own pollution problems within the environmentally sensitive Murray Valley.

GEORGI STICKELS



A great time and sad it's over

Kids in Grade 6P at Warrandyte Primary School comment on Kids In Paradise:

My part in Kids In Paradise was a dancer. We were dressed as flowers. Every lunchtime we would rehearse all our dances with Miss Sansom and Mrs McKillop. Soon we began rehearsing with the whole cast, putting everything together. Before we knew it, it was Monday, September 10. That day we had a dress rehearsal at the theatre, then an evening performance. After that we had two more evening performances. Wednesday

was the final night with all the presentations to the people involved in the show. I was extremely tired after all the performances and sad that it was all over. If you saw the show I hope you enjoyed it.

TERRI GEORGE

In "Kids In Paradise" I played the part of CD. I thought everyone did really well, especially Tom Davies who filled in for Ross Byrne on the first night. I really enjoyed being CD and I am sad that it's over. CD was the part of an awful business-

man who treated everyone like dirt (especially Crawley who was a real wimp).

HILARY WALKER

This year's play was a lot of fun. Sometimes it was really hectic downstairs having to rush around getting on make-up and costumes. I was a cave man in the play and it was lots of fun but one problem was the make-up. We got lots of charcoal and brown stuff on our face and it was all over us. By Thursday I was very worn out. It was great!

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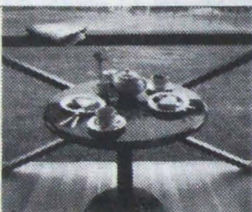
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Tree planting draws helpers

Residents and tourists enjoying a sunny day appeared somewhat startled as they were strolling along the reserve at the end of Forbes Street.

Here about 30 industrious volunteers were planting trees in a neglected strip of land near the walking track. The exercise was part of the Doncaster and Templestowe Council's Townscape Plan.

The site was carefully prepared beforehand and the trees supplied by the council and Friends of Warrandyte State Park. The trees were staked and provided with rabbit-proof guards.

The volunteers were drawn from several groups such as Friends of the State Park, Warrandyte Environment League, State Park Rangers and people passing by who joined in to help with the planting.

Many of the helpers brought their children who were very enthusiastic workers and ultimately the ones who will benefit the most from this important project.

At the end of about three hours, 500 plants had been given a new home.

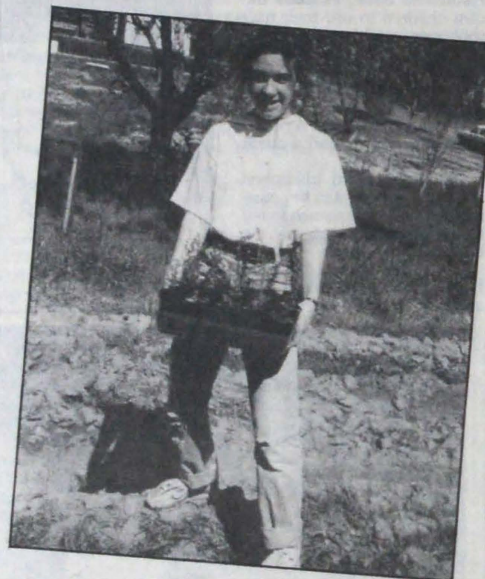
This exercise is one of many planned to improve

and protect the scenic areas around Warrandyte.

Participants were grateful to the management of Harry Heaths Supermarket who generously supplied food and cold drinks for the volunteers.

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park arranged afternoon tea and many of the children were able to cook damper on sticks.

It was felt that the success of the day was due in no small part to the talents and ability of Jane Marriott who worked so hard to co-ordinate this special community project.



Left: Melanie Coupar carries some seedlings

Right: Digging the soil. From left, Joan Rigg, Jane Marriott and Gail Roche put in some hard work



Right: Andrew Burns digs a hole for another tree

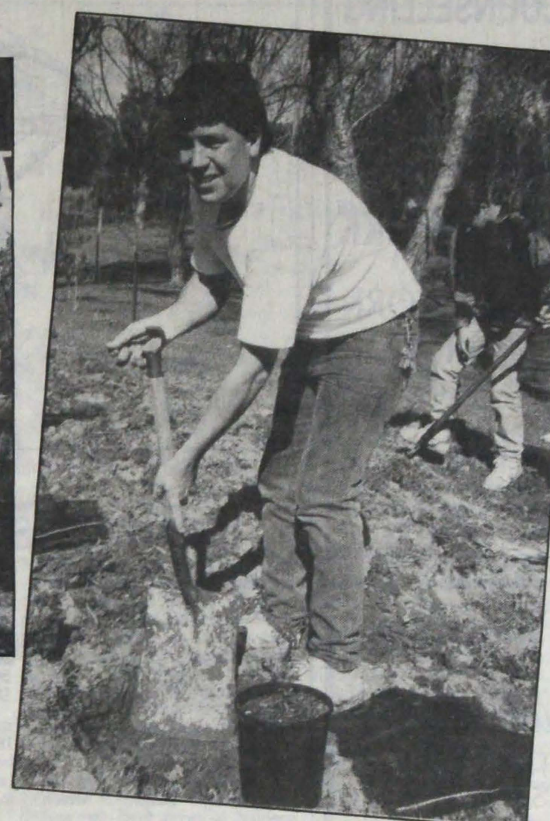
Below: Shaun Johnstone, 2½, proved age was no barrier to helping with the project.



Above: There was no shortage of volunteers to help with the planting

Left: It was heads down as these women concentrated on planting more trees

Right: Shirley and Ted Rotherham were among the helpers



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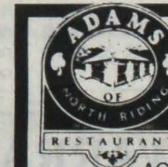
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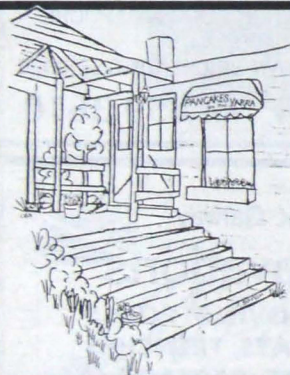
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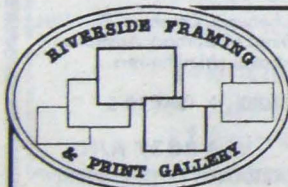
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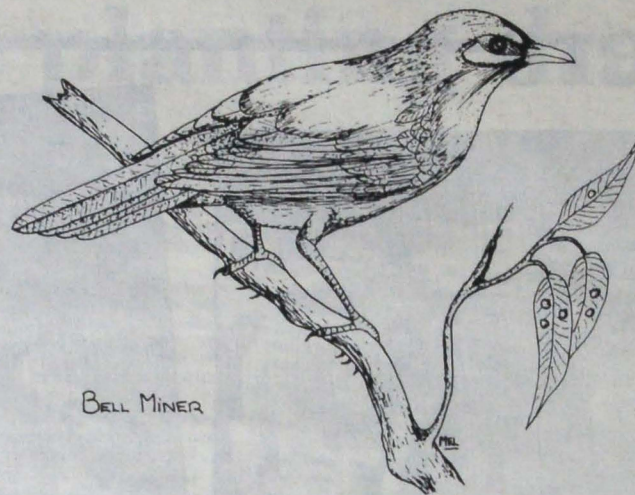


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Bellbirds evoke memories

My first visit to Warrandyte was more than 17 years ago, yet I vividly recall the rough, winding track with its pot holes and bull dust leading down to the tranquil waters of the Yarra river.

I remember the aroma of eucalyptus oil vaporising in the stifling heat of a mid-summer day. There was a stillness about the place, a feeling of remoteness.

I remember most of all the intermittent pinging which seemed to echo from the surrounding trees. It was my first encounter with bellbirds. I must have read about them somewhere, for I knew instinctively that they were the source of those "tink tink" noises. It was not until several visits later that I actually saw the birds themselves. Although not shy birds, their olive-green color makes them hard to discern among the foliage of the eucalyptus trees where they spend much of their time. Occasionally a bird will hop on to an exposed branch where the brilliant orange of its legs and beak are revealed.

Bellbirds, also known as bell miners, are native birds closely related to the noisy miner. They are not related to the Indian

NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawings: MELANIE COUPAR

mynah, which was introduced in 1863 and is now common in all habitats, often replacing native birds such as parrots by competing for nesting hollows.

Bellbirds live in large colonies and are aggressively territorial, driving away other birds, many of which are much larger than themselves.

Bellbirds are honeyeaters and like other members of their group, feed on nectar and insects. They seem to have a marked preference for scale insects, in particular the sugar lerp, a small, sap-sucking insect often found on eucalyptus leaves.

Lerps construct a sugary covering rather like a tent, under which they shelter and feed. The bellbirds eat these sugary shelters but not the insects themselves, which continue to do damage to the leaves, making another shelter at the same time. Bellbirds have taken advantage

of this reconstruction work and actually farm the lerps for their secretions.

The damage lerps cause to the leaves is in the form of discolored, dry patches leading to premature shedding of leaves.

The bellbirds of Warrandyte have seen many changes over the years. Since that hot summer day 17 years ago, I have driven down the rough, winding track to the river countless times. Now it is a sealed road with no pot holes and no bull dust, but at least now the bush does not receive a choking covering of dust every time a car passes by. At least now the aromatic eucalypts and understory of wattles and pomaderris are protected as part of the Warrandyte State Park.

At weekends the area is a popular destination for canoeists, bushwalkers or for those who just enjoy a picnic in pleasant surroundings. It has become so popular that at times during the warmer months it is difficult to find a parking spot.

The feeling of remoteness has gone, but the bellbirds are still there as a constant reminder to me of the day I discovered and fell in love with Warrandyte.

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Meeting to discuss vandalism



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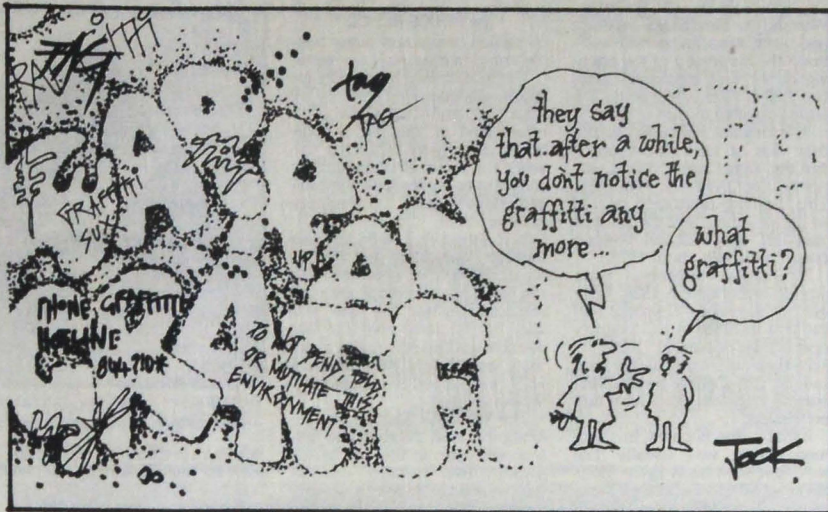
Are vandalism and graffiti problems in Warrandyte? What are the causes and can solutions be found? These questions will be posed at a public meeting next month, called by Cr Louise Joy and organised by the Citizens Advice Bureau. Speakers will include Sergeant Burge from the Warrandyte police, Mr Noel Buchanan of Ultimative Art, Mr Bob Smith from the Met and Mr Matt Miller, City of Doncaster and Templestowe. Chairman will be CAB president, Dr Brian Bayly. The meeting will be held at Warrandyte High School at 8pm on Thursday, November 1.

Exchange

The International Education Forum (Australia), a non-profit student exchange organisation, is expecting students from several countries to begin studies at local schools in January 1991. The IEF is seeking host homes for these young people, who will stay for six months. The purpose of student exchange is both cultural and educational. The organisers say hosting a student is a rewarding two-way experience. Further information from Carmen Janicke on 844 2046.

Nursing mums

The Warrandyte group of the Nursing Mothers Association holds regular coffee mornings and evening meetings for mothers who are breast or bottle feeding or are expecting a baby. The next coffee morning will be held on Wednesday, October 24 from 10am to 12 noon. Further details and venue from Kristin, phone 431 1443.



Directory

A directory of Warrandyte community services and places of interest is being put together by the Citizens Advice Bureau. It should prove useful to local residents as well as visitors. Information about groups or specific services should be forwarded to Karen Reeves, WCAB, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113 by October 15.

New boss

There is a new manager at Harry Heath's supermarket. Andrew Walters recently took over from Greg Butcher. Andrew was previously assistant manager at Harry Heath's in Fountain Gate. He is enjoying the community spirit at Warrandyte which, he says, makes it very different from other stores.

Volunteers

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Warrandyte is looking for more volunteers. The bureau is open from 10am to 4pm, with two shifts of volunteers. They receive their training from TAFE colleges. A weekend tourist information service, from 1pm to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays, is also offered. If you would like to help, please call 844 3082.

Thanks

Michael Hanrahan recently lost some valuable papers. He has asked us to thank the thoughtful person who found and returned them.

Wildside walks

Wildflower walks will leave from Bimbadeen native plant nursery on the weekend of October 20 and 21 at 2.30pm. Proprietor Peter Hanson and parents Bev and John will conduct the walks on their property at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte and the adjoining State Park. The family garden will be open for inspection. October is the ideal time to visit the area, which features a large variety of native flowers, bush orchids in particular. Nearby gold tunnels are an added attraction and may also be inspected (but bring a torch).

Beeper

Cath and Ron Belzer have asked us to pass on their thanks for the Minicom beeper which has been presented to them by the Lions Club of Warrandyte. Ron is an old-time Warrandyte, born at the old post office some 86 years ago. The beeper lets out a high-pitched signal to alert neighbours in times of need.

Results

Details of the Fathers' Day raffle organised by Warrandyte Youth Services have been announced. First prize, a \$50 voucher from the Bridge Gallery, was won by K. Pearce of Warrandyte. Second prize, a book on birds of Australia, also went to a Warrandyte resident — Pat Sharp. Marty Kidd of Panton Hill won third prize, a Cocos palm, and Angela Fenech of Coburg won a \$20 voucher from Warrandyte Hardware. Thanks to the donors and to Lynne and Rob of the Village Milk Bar for selling tickets and supporting the centre.

Music

On Sunday, October 14, Etienne de Lavaux will present a program of classical and original works for guitar and zither at the Box Hill Doncaster Regional Library, from 1.45-2.30pm and 2.45-3.30pm. Admission is free. Students from the Victoria College of the Arts and Melbourne University will present four centuries of music for Spanish guitar on Sunday, October 28 at the same times. The library is at 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Further information from Tracy Gibson on 890 1002.

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Hall celebrates centenary

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association will celebrate the centenary of the opening of the first mechanics institute hall in Warrandyte at its 35th annual exhibition next month.

The original hall was, on the river side of Yarra Street, opposite the Webb Street corner was opened on December 19, 1890. This building ultimately proved to be too small, and the present hall, on the Mitchell Avenue corner, was built about 1926.

Mechanics institutes were started in London in 1824. They quickly spread to Australia, and the first institute in this country opened in Hobart in 1827. By 1839 there was a mechanics institute at 228 Collins Street, Melbourne, only four years after first settlement.

Initially free libraries, institute membership was usually five shillings (fifty cents) a year. Their purpose was to encourage "artisans" to learn to read and broaden their knowledge at a time when few working class homes

By **BRUCE BENCE**
contained books and many people could neither read nor write.

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute was operating a library by June 1882, and it may have been established in the old schoolhouse as early as 1878. Over the years the focus of the institutes shifted to providing halls for local gatherings and community entertainment.

It is fitting that several years ago the Warrandyte Arts Association decided to combine with the Mechanics Institute, take full responsibility for the hall and keep the old name alive. The first institute on the Australian mainland, established in Sydney in 1827, was named the Mechanics' School of Arts.

The WMI&AA 35th annual exhibition of craft, painting and pottery will open in the Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street at 8.15pm, Friday November 9, continuing until Sunday November 11. Profits will go towards the upkeep of the hall and to help



Warrandyte's original Mechanics Institute Hall, erected in 1890 on the site now occupied by the pharmacy.

WMI&AA in their long and valiant fight to restore and update the building.

A booklet commemorating the centenary, prepared with the assistance of the Warrandyte His-

torical Society, will be available at the exhibition. The November issue of the *Diary*, to be published the same day, will carry special features and pictures marking the occasion.

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Jeannie Cole

Jeannie Marie Cole, formerly of Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte, died on September 8 at Byron Bay, NSW, after a long illness.

Jeannie and her late husband Ralph came to Warrandyte with their daughter Robin in 1947, and lived in a cottage in Yarra Street before building their house in Brackenbury Street. The family multiplied to five children: John, Wendy, Anne-Marie and Peter. Wendy (now Gedge) and her family still live in Warrandyte.

Jeannie assisted in establishing of the Warrandyte Primary School Mothers' Club, which raised the money for the swimming pool. She was also involved in the early stages of the Meals on Wheels service. Jeannie and Ralph had a lot of fun participating in WAA drama group productions during the 1950s and 60s.

Sadly missed

In 1976 they retired, moving to a lovely coastal hamlet in Northern NSW called New Brighton. Word soon spread of this new "Warrandyte by the sea" and a few other local retirees joined them. John, Robin and Anne-Marie also settled in this area with their families and were a great comfort to Jeannie throughout her illness.

Barry Scritchley

Warrandyte was shocked by the untimely death last month of well-known Lions Club member and tennis enthusiast Barry Scritchley.

Barry and his family are loved and respected around the town

and the contribution Barry has made in many areas is well known.

He was a plumber by trade and tennis club members especially remember his tireless work during weeks of terrible weather, connecting the clubhouse to the MMBW sewer, more than seven metres in the ground.

Barry will be greatly missed, and the heartfelt sympathy of the Warrandyte community goes out to his wife Margaret and sons Greg and Darren.

Elaine Spong

Elaine Spong of Mount Gambier, formerly of Warrandyte, passed away on September 10 after a

long and painful illness. With husband Charles and children Trevor and Julia, Elaine lived for a number of years in Webb Street.

Elaine worked in advertising in her earlier years, including Readers Digest, Woman's Day, the Victorian Broadcasting Network and Pink Pages. In 1974 she offered her services to the *Diary* as advertising and business manager, bringing a new professionalism to that aspect of our newspaper's operations.

The Spong family left Warrandyte for Echuca, where Elaine became deeply involved in the activities of the local art group. Following this, they shifted to Mount Gambier in South Australia.

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Local kids grab the glory

By CLINTON GRVBAS

September 1990 will go down as one of the greatest months in the history of Warrandyte Basketball Club. In that month, Warrandyte won 12 premierships spanning two competitions in various age groups.

The junior Saturday finals began with Warrandyte represented by nine boys' and three girls' teams in the grand finals.

The under-9DP boys team were first up. Coached by Brian Dunn, they took on Eltham and lost by just a point, 13-12, with Vaughn McKillop getting nine for Warrandyte.

The 9A team coached by Con Arsenis lost a thriller 25-28, also

to Eltham, with Craig Dick scoring 12.

Ian Hay's 9D-team played Bulleen and won 16-10. The 11AR combination of Gavin Whitmore had an easy 41-26 win against Bulleen, Damien Brady leading the assault with 12 points, and the 11DWs coached by Brackston Withers won 26-21 against Balwyn, with Greg Camolin top scoring.

The 13BO team coached by Robert Brendal played a memorable match against Marcellin, coming from 13 behind to snatch victory 46-44, Chris Hughes top scoring.

Chris Henderson's 13CM team overcame Whitehorse by three in another close one.

The 17AR team coached by Peter Petrov played Doncaster, and won by a point (34-33). The match was played in front of more than 200 people at Bulleen stadium, with Ashley Grybas top scoring.

Ian Sharp's 17Ds completed a great day for the boys defeating Ivanhoe 46-29.

In the girls, the 9Cs coached by Gail Dick defeated Bulleen 20-13. The 11B team coached by Irene McLellan defeated Whitehorse 53-35 and Gavin Whitmore's 15Ds lost a close one 28-33 to Bulleen.

For the season Warrandyte also had five most-improved teams — the boys' 11CR, 13BP, 13DA and 15BA and the girls' 13D.

If those results were not good enough, the Albury junior tournament certainly was. Warrandyte's seven teams played 33 matches for 29 wins.

In the cut-throat tournament, four of the teams went out, one in the grand final, two in the semis and one in the preliminary rounds.

The other three teams were unbeaten. They were the U14 boys coached by Andrew Freemantle: 40-35 grand final winners over Albury; 14B girls, coached by Damien Thwaites, who defeated TLS 44-37 in the grand final; and the U16 boys coached by Ron McLellan defeating Monier 49-42.



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Visitors grab the gold

Visitors dominated Warrandyte Tennis Club's Goldtown Open last month. The tournament attracted entries from all over Victoria.

The blue-ribbon event, the men's open singles, was won by John Arbanas, who defeated Peter Caruana 6-1, 6-3 in a one-sided final.

Jo-Anne Limmer took the women's open title with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Shareen Bottrell.

Despite the strength of the visiting contingent, local players shared the spoils.

Club coach Fabio Forlano teamed with Paul Lord to win the men's open doubles and Geoff Ryan defeated David Green in an all-Warrandyte C singles final.

Ryan and another local player, Richard Lowe, were defeated in the final of the C doubles.

The club thanks the local sponsors for their part in making the Goldtown such a big success. Results:

MEN
Open singles: J. Arbanas d P. Caruana 6-1, 6-3.
A singles: G. Moise d D. Morvell 6-1, 6-1.
B singles: M. Bush d S. McDonald 6-2, 6-2.
C singles: G. Ryan d D. Green 6-2, 6-4.
Open doubles: F. Forlano and P. Lord d S. Rose and A. Ryan 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
B doubles: R. Madafferi and S. McDonald d A. Sais and L. Heczey w/o.
C doubles: D. Wallis and C. Simon d G. Ryan and R. Lowe 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

WOMEN
Open singles: J. Limmer d D. Bottrell 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
A singles: O. Cecchin d K. Henderson 6-3, 6-0.
Open doubles: R. Hunter and M. Dittman d M. Deak and M. Tate 6-3, 6-3.



Peter Doohan, a product of the satellite tennis circuit.

Satellite stars back for Masters Tourney

By EWAN HALL

From the humble beginnings of a single court built near the bridge in 1907, Warrandyte Tennis Club has come a long way.

The club has undergone much expansion, building, relocation and extension and now has five courts and an excellent clubhouse in Taroona Avenue, serving more than 700 members.

Next month it will host, for the third successive year, the final of the Victorian professional satellite circuit, the Masters tournament.

From Cup Day (Tuesday, November 6) to Sunday, November 11, the best 24 players in the three-event satellite series will battle it out at Warrandyte to win

circuit points in the prestigious competition.

Success on the circuit, and particularly in the Masters, is vital for the players because it goes towards their seeding in the international ATP tennis ranking system.

Satellite circuits provide an opportunity for up-and-coming players to gain experience in tournaments of a high standard. Such circuits have existed in Australia for only eight years, but their value to the country's tennis future is unquestionable.

The achievement of such recent competitors as Richard Fromberg, John Frawley, Peter Doohan, Darren Cahill, Jason Stoltenberg, Todd Woodbridge

and Johan Anderson bear testimony to that.

The Masters has been won recently by Anderson (1987), Woodbridge (1988) and local player Ian Peter-Budge (last year). There is also a doubles competition at the Masters and that title was won last year by David Adams and Charlton Eagle.

Warrandyte Tennis Club has been involved in the men's Victorian satellite circuit for the past six years. From 1985-87 it held the Warrandyte Men's Tennis Classic, a circuit event.

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Dytes are off and running

Warrandyte Cricket Club has started the new season with a flurry of runs and wickets. The five men's teams which played in the RDCA's opening fixtures on October 7 were all well placed at the end of the first day to force victories.

At first glance, the pre-season programme implemented by new captain-coach John Sharman appeared to have produced instant results.

The women's team fared poorly in their first appearance for 1990-91. They could only manage 45 against Brighton East.

Tight bowling and fielding by the Chandler Shield XI restricted Croydon United to a total of 197, Sharman leading by example to take 3/50.

Newcomer Mick English, a "quick spinner" recruited from Parkwood, impressed in his debut with figures of 2/45 and former captain-coach Greg Tregear chipped in with 2/31. Warrandyte were 0/3 at stumps.

Evergreen Steve Pascoe was unbeaten on 68 when the seconds were bowled out for 209 a few minutes before the scheduled close. He had found a valuable ally in Brett Kline, who made 52.

Alan Vitiritti was right among the wickets as the thirds dismissed Croydon United for 167. Vitiritti took 5/23.

Another veteran, Ain Utt, led a very even batting performance by the fourths. Utt topscored with 47 as Warrandyte amassed 262 for the loss of eight wickets.

The sixths were also in fine form with the bat, compiling 6/229.

The club has appealed to parents for assistance in maintaining the junior competition.

"We have already been forced to drop one junior team and there may be other casualties unless parents — some of whom seem to use the club as a child-minding facility — are prepared

to lend a hand," WCC president Mark Davis told the *Diary*.

"Again, it's the same old faces doing all the work."

Warrandyte has already arranged an extensive programme of social events all the way through to early March.

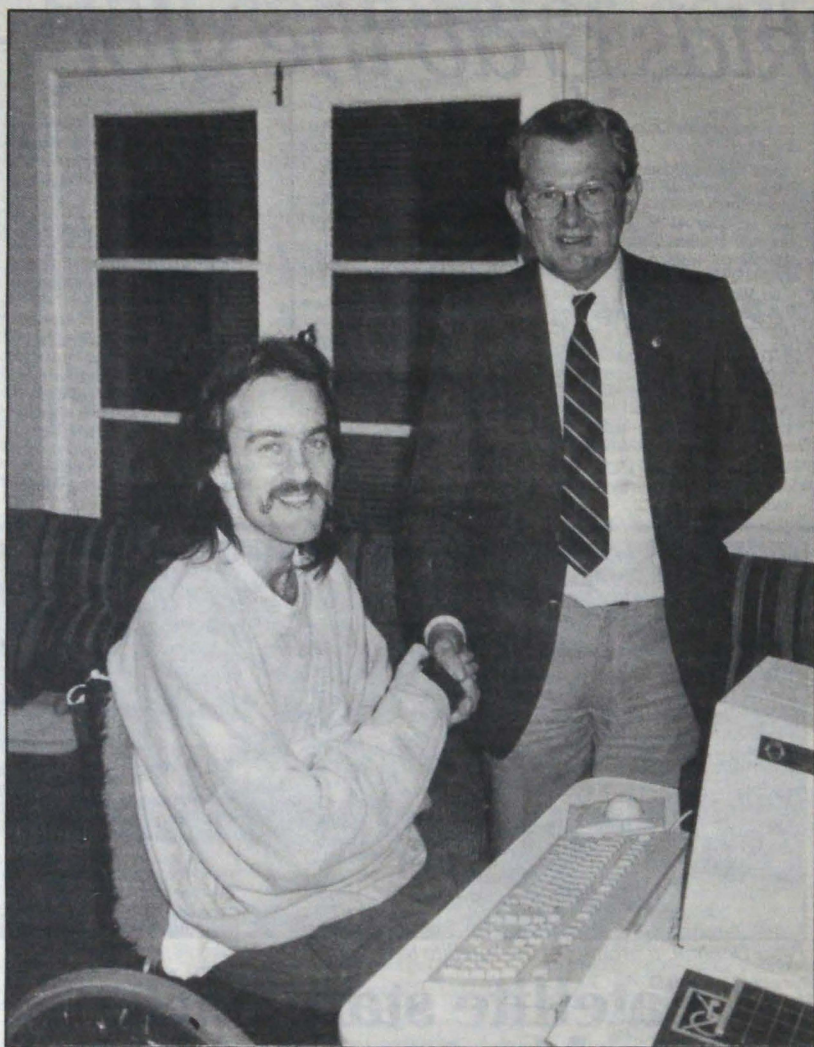
Upcoming functions include a band night at the clubrooms on October 13, a pool competition to start on October 18, past players' lunch on October 20, a sports trivia night on November 1 and a Melbourne Cup extravaganza on November 3.

MATCH DETAILS

Chandler Shield: Warrandyte 0/3 v Croydon United 197 (English 2/45, Sharman 3/50, Tregear 2/31).
Seconds: Warrandyte 209 (Pascoe 68 n.o., Kline 52, B. Brisbane 25, R. Dorning 18) v Croydon United.
Thirds: Warrandyte 0/7 v Croydon United 161 (Vitiritti 5/23, Brisbane 2/43, Harbolt 1/25, Baker 1/24).

Fourths: Warrandyte 8/262 (Utt 47, R. Valentine 44, Snaidero 43, Baker 40 n.o.) v Croydon United.
Fifths: No fixture.

Sixths: Warrandyte 6/229 (Cameron 58 n.o., D. Comrie 54, S. Bell 31) v Croydon United.
Women: Warrandyte 45 v Brighton East 0/77.



Warrandyte Lions Club president Steve Hobson hands over the new computer to a delighted Gary Allsop.

Madge logs on for new future

All of a sudden, everything is computing for Gary 'Madge' Allsop — thanks to the Warrandyte Lions Club.

The Lions have presented the crippled Warrandyte footballer with a complete computer package. And he is working it overtime.

A \$3365 donation from the club — and a lot of willing assistance from a lot of other people — has set Gary up at home with a Mac SE220 system, complete with extended keyboard, imagewriter, microsoftworks, SAM and discs.

The likeable young man who broke his neck in an on-field collision early in the 1989 season is delighted.

"I'm rapt," he said. "I really can't describe my gratitude to the Lions Club, to the people who worked in with them to make this possible, and to all the people who helped me since the accident.

"My first big project on the keyboard will be 'thank-you' letters to all those people."

The system Gary is now enthusiastically operating was acquired economically by arrangement between Apple Computer Australia Pty Ltd and Melbourne University's Apple Consortium.

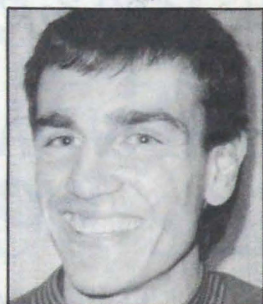
It is no coincidence that Helen Revell, co-ordinator of the Gary Allsop Trust Fund, is a senior staff member at the university.

Also deeply involved in the package deal were the Croydon Rehabilitation Unit and the university Campus Computer Shop, which put the end result together.

"We are all hopeful that using the computer will enhance Gary's hand functions and also provide opportunities for his vocational future," Mrs Revell said.

"His dedication to mastering the computer is very, very impressive."

Determined indeed



Mick Hassall

A lot of opposition forwards will vouch for Mick Hassall's determination on the football field. And Warrandyte Football Club has reaffirmed its recognition of that quality by again awarding him the Daryl Valentine Memorial Trophy.

The award, for the most determined senior player, is in its 10th year — and Hassall has won it four times.

It will be the last time, if the tough little half-back sticks with

his decision to retire. But the club will be putting pressure on him during the summer to give it another season.

The Bloods' annual presentation night was held at the clubrooms late last month. As previously reported, full-forward John O'Brien won the senior best and fairest award from Dale Vitiritti and Robin Golding.

O'Brien also took the goalkicking trophy. James Weatherly was judged best first-year player and Rod Valentine most improved.

Geoff Feltham and Ray Walshe shared the best clubman award for their tireless work behind the scenes.

John Furlong was the reserves' best and fairest, from John Colenso and Michael Day. The coach's award went to Neil Hennessy and the Jeff Darby Memorial Trophy (most determined) to Richard Zerbe.

The club will hold its annual general meeting at the pavilion on Monday, October 22. All members are urged to attend.

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