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Seven shops bid fails

By CLIFF GREEN

Doncaster and Templestowe council has thrown out a developer's plan to build seven shops on vacant land in Yarra Street, beside the Mechanics' Institute hall.

Council has rejected the proposal on a number of grounds, including overdevelopment of the site, traffic safety problems in Yarra Street, Mitchell Avenue and adjoining streets and "loss of privacy" for nearby residents and has proposed the land should be rezoned from business to residential.

The shops were planned for timbered land above Yarra Street, immediately north-east of the hall. Because of the elevated nature of the site, the developer

had proposed to cut an access roadway through vacant residential land in Mitchell Avenue, to parking at the rear of the shops.

Cr Val Polley, who moved council's rejection of the proposal, said she regarded the action as a "landmark decision" for the local community. "The report to council backs up everything we've been saying on the need to carefully examine — and question — every single proposal for further development in the village."

Council received eight objections to the proposal from individual residents, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee and the Warrandyte Environment League, as well as a petition with nine signatures. "Many of the objectors' concerns have been substantiated," an officers' report to council states.

This detailed, well-argued report suggests the proposal is an overdevelopment of the land, given the proximity of residential properties and "the bushland character of the locality".

Council officers point out that "the proposed development is contrary to the orderly and proper planning of the Warrandyte township." They further allege that the "submitted plans are inaccurate and do not correctly or adequately depict the proposed buildings and works."

Although not quoted as a specific ground for rejection, Cr Polley believes that councillors took into account the present over-supply of shops in Warrandyte and the economic difficulties local traders are facing at this time.

"Several years ago, council commissioned consultants to report on this situation," Cr Polley

told the Diary. This report indicated that the provision of further retail floorspace in Warrandyte "could well be at the expense of the viability of other shops in the locality."

"And the economic climate has certainly deteriorated since then," Cr Polley said.

Council has long considered this piece of land "a problem site". Numerous past proposals for its development have either been rejected or have failed to proceed for other reasons.

In 1979 the Warrandyte Planning Strategy suggested it be taken "out of the commercial zone" and ten years later the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Report commented that the business zoning "seems unusual because of the limited access and poor exposure to Yarra Street".

In recommending rejection of the proposal, council officers suggested that "rezoning of the land to Warrandyte Residential Zone is considered appropriate given the characteristics of the site and the existing retail trading patterns."

Such a rezoning would result in a panel hearing taking place. Council officers believe the owner of the land would be the only opponent to rezoning, and given the "apparent lack of economic support evidence and the absence of a direct road frontage" opposition to such rezoning "would be very difficult" to justify.

The Diary understands that a meeting between council and the developer, to further discuss the future of the site, will be held later this month.



Cr Val Polley: landmark decision



Fireworks for festival finale

The well-loved fireworks display is returning to the Warrandyte Village Festival after an absence of a year. The display, always a spectacular finale to the traditional Sunday night open air concert at Stiggants Reserve, was cancelled last year following a serious fireworks accident at Melbourne's Moomba.

Many Warrandyte festival-goers considered the light show and hand-held sparkler spectacle no compensation for the loss of the fireworks.

Confident that all safety precautions are being followed and secure in the knowledge that they are using the most experienced fireworks expert in Melbourne, festival organisers have shown no hesitation in restoring the display.

Festival officials have also been quick to reassure locals that the linking of the Warrandyte Festival with Doncaster and Templestowe's new Youth Festival will not have any detrimental effects on the highly successful Warrandyte event.

When the "umbrella" festival was first proposed, a number of residents feared some sort of merger, resulting in the Warrandyte event losing its individual character.

Doncaster council has a record of failed festival and gala day initiatives, including the demise of the highly commercial Wurundjeri Festival and the debacle of last year's "mayor's day".

Initial press reports raised fears that the long-established Warrandyte Festival was being

"taken over" in an attempt to bolster the flagging fortunes of outside events.

Festival committee president John Boyle has been quick to allay such fears. "The Warrandyte community will still be running the Warrandyte Festival," John told the Diary.

"Our involvement with the new City Links Festival will be quite tenuous. All the results should be positive, including increased funding, wider publicity and a better awareness across the city of what a great community we've got here in Warrandyte."

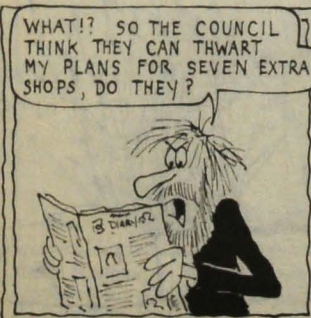
"Warrandyte on Parade" is the theme of this year's festival, to be staged on March 15, 16 and 17. A special Diary supplement, listing the full program of events, will be available from Friday, March 1 and will also be included in the next issue, due out on Friday, March 8.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING to discuss D&T Council's OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

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# Old PO scandal leaves a bad smell around town

With a tragic war raging in that other place, it's nice to come home to a quiet little Warrandyte-style conflict. This number has been doing the rounds of the local dinner party circuit these many months. It was debated at Doncaster council and made ABC radio one Sunday morning recently. Even 'DT News' misreported it. Now Smokey has to run the full story for the sake of truth, justice and the Warrandyte way. We're talking about the old post office new loo blue of course. Our very own *Clochemerle*.

Like the Middle East crisis, the origins of this little barney are buried deep in local history. The newly-restored post office was opened in May 1987 and the ladies who man (to coin a sexist phrase) the Citizens' Advice Bureau were delighted with their Yarra Street home. In all respects but one. There was no toilet. Of course there was always the nice new blue public loo beside the Gospel Chapel. Unfortunately, like most such facilities, the niceness faded with the newness. What the good ladies did to relieve their anxiety is best left hidden behind a veil of modesty and a screen of blackberry bushes. But the need for an on-site powder room (as they say) was urgent.

Two skilled and kind-hearted citizens of this town came to the rescue. Acting without financial reward they attached a neat little appendage to the rear of the old post office, finished it in the style of the restored building and painted it to match. With sewerage coming through, everyone eagerly awaited connection; especially the CAB ladies. However, several of the splendid and courageous folk who had worked so hard for so long to effect the restoration took umbrage. The appendage wasn't authentic, it destroyed the line of the historic building and it hadn't been there in the first place. They wanted an internal toilet. Out of sight, out of mind. The only spot available was one end of the space now being used as a kitchen.

Needless to say, the aforementioned ladies were not keen to share their food preparation area with a set of lavatory fittings, even with a wall between. Nor would they forego their kitchen. No room for a loo, and none for compromise either. The appendage had to go and the kitchen had to stay. Voices were raised; faces were flushed. So the appendage (still without plumbing) was demolished, the kitchen remained, and so did the ever pressing problem.

Meantime, the CAB ladies had been making do (as they say) in one of those little fibreglass chemical contraptions at the rear of the building. Historical society research tells us that the only authentic solution would be a traditional country pan dunny,

## IN RED & WHITE

away down the back, below the floodline. But there's no nightcart man now is there? As always, council comes to the rescue. The new toilet will be out the back. But it won't be an historically sensitive thunderbox. No way. They're building a modern, detached sewerod outoffice complete with disabled access. In a suitably sympathetic architectural style, mind you. Which seems to have brought relief and satisfaction to all parties. Or has it?

Great jazzmen neither die nor fade away. They just keep coming back to Potters Cottage. Graeme Bell, the maestro, saddened his audience there on April 8, 1989, by announcing his swansong at a

unresolved discussion. Hope for peace between the two groups in 1991.

A lot of drivers have braked sharply in Yarra Street for a lot of reasons — but hands up those who've hit the anchors for a peacock. We know of only one, a Met bus driver whose quick thinking saved some magnificent feathers from flying one morning last month. The fabulous fowl obviously had escaped from one of those magnificent gardens which roll down to the river near the police station. Didn't fancy the outside world much because he was in a helluva hurry to get back home.

No, you won't find this sign in Warrandyte, but it's a timely message for all of us. A Diary reader snapped it in a forest in south-eastern New South Wales.



much-loved venue he'd played every year since 1974. Local jazz fans will applaud the reversal of that decision. Bell and his All Stars, just back from a sensational tour of China, return to the Cottage for a four-night season starting March 7. Bookings are now open on 844 2270.

A bloke we know took none too kindly to being put off an overheated Warrandyte bus one stinking hot afternoon just after Christmas and told to wait for the next one (which just happened to be an hour and 14 minutes away). He fired in a letter to the chief general manager of the Met suggesting they might refund his \$2.70 bus fare and the \$11.90 it cost him to get home in a taxi from the point of breakdown. The disgruntled passenger has so far received no response. He assumes the Met supremo is on holiday — and hopes for his sake it's not a busman's holiday. He might never make it back.

Can you imagine our local greenies having a wild New Year's eve party? Seems there were plenty of high jinks when some of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and members of Warrandyte Environment League got together. Visiting dogs fought and Anne Warren's pool was full of kids and dogs trying to rescue them. Doug Seymour stood amongst all this sorting through old files. Richard Schurmann was harvesting themeda (local grass) seed as league president Greg Stroot tossed Friends co-ordinator Margaret Burke into the pool after an

Max Magill, who has covered more ground than Marco Polo since the travel bug bit him a few years ago, found Belfast not the friendliest of the cities on his most recent itinerary. The troops patrolling the streets may have something to do with it. He certainly wasn't expecting the "G'day Max!" and the slap on the back as he nervously trod a central city pavement. Dale McCartin, also on holiday from Warrandyte. You never really leave this town, you know.

Thanks, David Reid, of Houghton Road, for the following letter:

Further to your observation (Diary No 216) of an unidentified woodpecker operating in town, I would like to report the results of a strange mist which appears to have spread along the verges of Houghton Road a few months ago.

A pair of self-seeded local eucalypts very nearly succumbed to its effects and I think would have died except for my efforts at resuscitation.

Since then it seems the trees have had another close shave, this time by a road grader covering the same ground (even though Houghton Road is sealed at this point).

Obviously some higher power is trying to knock us into shape.



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# Vegetation protected by council

An Eltham council decision to protect and enhance native vegetation along watercourses in certain areas within the shire has been welcomed by local residents.

Part of the council's Stream and Floodway Zone, these areas include a short section of land adjacent to Stony Creek, North Warrandyte, upstream of the Research-Warrandyte Road, and the valley of the Research Creek between Coolabah Drive and Reynolds Road.

This zone has been in council's planning scheme for many years to safeguard areas in private ownership adjacent to a number of watercourses in residential areas.

A planning permit is now required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation within the zone. Exemptions are given to avoid hazardous situations, for the protection of public services, for fire prevention and for the eradication of noxious weeds.

Shire president Cr Peter Graham told the *Diary* that "it is pleasing to be able to give protection to those areas of native vegetation along our urban creeks which have significant visual, conservation and land protection values."

"It is also very noteworthy that these powers now available to council mark a recognition of the

importance of our urban streamside areas, not only as floodways and drainage channels, but as the breathing spaces and visual backdrop to the built up parts of the shire."

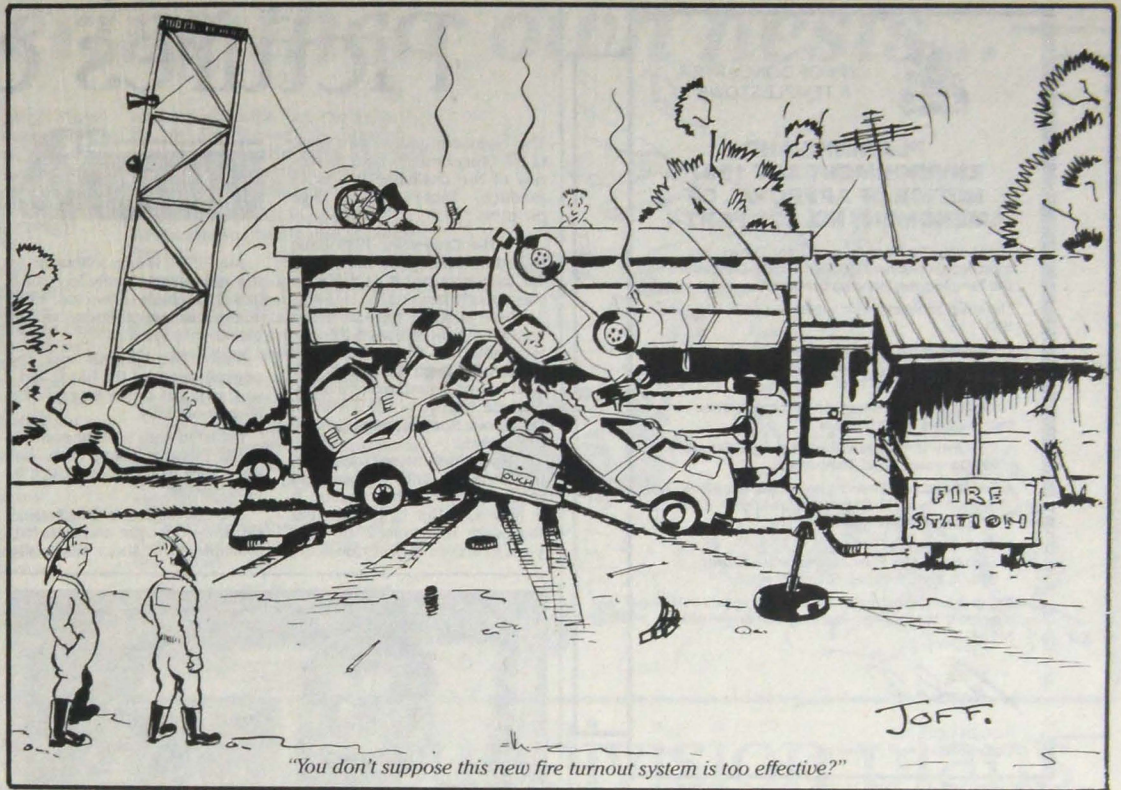
Cr Graham said council would consider several factors before deciding on any application to remove native vegetation in the Stream and Floodway Zone.

These would include the preservation of the natural environment, the need to prevent erosion, the enhancement of the visual amenity of the area, the need to preserve and protect vegetation of special significance and the flow of floodwater.

He said any permit issued could include conditions requiring the retention of buffer strips of remnant vegetation, or the replanting of part of the land.

Council has stated they intend using the new measures "sensitively and responsibly". Advice is available to the public on these regulations and on all other matters relating to good land management and the protection of native vegetation.

"Because the urban watercourses of the shire contribute so much to the character of Eltham, it is vital that we all play a part in the protection of the native vegetation in these areas," Cr Graham said.



"You don't suppose this new fire turnout system is too effective?"

## Brigade trials emergency device

Warrandyte fire brigade is being equipped with the Emergency Recall Device, updating the existing Fire Reporting System used to turnout the brigade.

The device overcomes limitations of the previous system, introduced in 1966. The new technology enables a

possible 96 phones to be connected among all types of emergency services.

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The system can work in all

types of telephone exchanges and can operate in more than one exchange area.

Warrandyte is one of two brigades being changed over to the device as part of an evaluation program.

Hopefully history will not repeat itself. In 1961 Warran-

dyte received one of the new Small Town Unit fire trucks to evaluate. Within a few months the devastating 1962 fires had engulfed the area. The unit saw more service than most fire trucks see in their entire lives.

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## Wealth rating 'overlooks needs'

Warrandyte is the eighth wealthiest suburb in Melbourne, according to a recent Bureau of Statistics report. The City of Doncaster and Templestowe scores six of the top ten places, with Templestowe first and Park Orchards second.

However Mr Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte, is concerned. "This so-called wealth index has been provided to State and Federal government departments,"

he told the *Diary*. "They will use the information to plan services and funding. Doncaster and Templestowe could well be labelled an area requiring less than average government support."

For the first time, the Bureau of Statistics has issued what it terms an Index of Economic Resources for Australian suburbs. Using a number of key socio-economic indexes, including

home ownership, size of houses, number of vehicles and family income levels, the bureau has attempted to determine the affluence of areas.

"Such an assessment overlooks the actual needs of our area," Mr Honeywood said. "Some of the inner city suburbs that ranked well below local suburbs have long been provided with a full range of government services."

"However, because Doncaster and Templestowe is an area still experiencing high urban growth rate and with many young families, it lags behind other areas in the provision of government services. We have no community health centre, limited government supported child minding centres and very poor public transport."

## Holiday clowning for Travis



Travis Southall, 4, of Warrandyte receives a helping hand from Marina the clown at the Marine Studies Centre art class for juniors. Travis was holidaying with his grandparents at Portarlington. His grandfather is ex-*Diary* editor Peter Lovett.

## Minister appointed

The Uniting Church at Warrandyte has appointed Rev Syd Smale as its new minister. Rev Smale has a wide range of experiences as clergyman, counsellor, lecturer, writer and educationist.

Church spokesman John Hanson told the *Diary* that Rev Smale had been minister at churches including Rosanna and North Balwyn and at the First Church, Dunedin, New Zealand.

"He has recently been a senior lecturer at RMIT," John said. "One course that he set up proved very popular with many young people seeking to understand life."

"Rev Smale has worked in distance education, travelling to Spain and China. He also travelled around Australia, working with speech therapists using telecommunication techniques for children in remote areas with communication disorders."

Rev Smale is a qualified marriage guidance counsellor and for many years wrote the 'Plain Sermons' column in the Doncaster-Templestowe News. Rev Smale and his wife Mary will continue to live at their home in Donvale. They can be contacted on 842 2418.

He will be inducted at a special service at the church in Tarooma Avenue on Sunday, February 10 at 2.30pm.

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The Minister for Planning and Urban Growth has approved Amendment L25 Part 1 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment came into operation on 16 January 1991.

The amendment changes the name "Warrandyte Residential Zone" to "Environmental Residential Zone".

A copy of the amendment can be inspected free of charge during office hours at:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- The Ministry for Planning and Urban Growth  
Ground Floor, The Olderfleet Buildings  
477 Collins Street, Melbourne
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Suite 4, 38-42 Prospect Street, Box Hill

Any queries related to this Amendment should be directed to the Strategic Planning Unit on 840 9285 or 840 9432.

ROGER COLLINS  
Manager-Strategic Planning

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# Pictures challenged

The twentieth anniversary issue of the *Diary* brought back memories of the challenge it was to produce those front page pictures.

For the December 1980 issue the editor asked for a horizontal. No, he demanded it as the page was already laid out.

There is some type of nexus operating between what the editor wants and what offers itself on site. Although the Elderly Citizens put on a razzamatazz extravaganza worthy of the Tivoli no knock-out horizontals presented themselves.

I disciplined myself and shot no verticals until Maisie and Madge went into their routine. It is now a matter of history that the editor reorganised the front page to accept their risqué act.

## LETTERS

July 1980 was a follow-up to the story of the lonely loo which gazed solemnly down on Yarra Street from an otherwise vacant block.

Miss Olive Sinclair was the original owner of the block and I was sent out to photograph the 89-year-old lady.

I started with several conventional pictures using flash, but knew they wouldn't do justice to Miss Sinclair.

She started to reminisce and I sat down opposite and took two available light shots while she

told about her life as a primary school teacher.

The editor used the vertical, but I always preferred the horizontal photo with a mantle clock on the same level as her face.

Still, that is one of the immutable truths of the universe the editor always uses the picture the photographer likes least.

Sandy Burgoyne,  
Research Road.

happened in December, the Shire of Eltham must be applauded for buying out the developers to save the North Warrandyte wedge-tailed eagles.

Thanks, too, to the Melbourne dailies and television stations which agreed with the *Diary* that the survival of a very special bird in a very special environment was worth a fight.

Particular thanks to the fighters themselves, those dedicated young folk who convinced us all that the future of that environment is in the very best of hands.

One imagines that if those eagles had any way of knowing what it had all been about, they would say thank-you, too.

Lee Tindale,  
Browns Road.

## Thanks for the eagles

It's never too late to say thanks and in this, the first *Diary* since it

## Couple met at school



Catherine and Che Selby: High school sweethearts

Six years ago, Catherine Foote met Che Selby at Warrandyte High School. Late in November last year, Catherine, formerly of David Road, and Che, formerly of Pound Road, were married at St Dominic's Catholic Church in Camberwell.

The reception was held at Pancakes on the Yarra restaurant in Warrandyte. They spent their honeymoon at South Molle Island and are now living in Research Road. Their families and many Warrandyte friends wish them lots of luck for their future life together.

## Monsters in Warrandyte

Full moons are renowned for werewolves, but we have monsters equally as bad here in Warrandyte. Some person or persons decided to get their thrills by going on a killing rampage in Webb Street during the full moon at Christmas time.

They weren't happy just shooting poor defenceless pet goats and chooks, but had to stab them as well.

It's a worry when you can't go away for a well-earned holiday, knowing you have done everything to ensure your pets are being taken care of.

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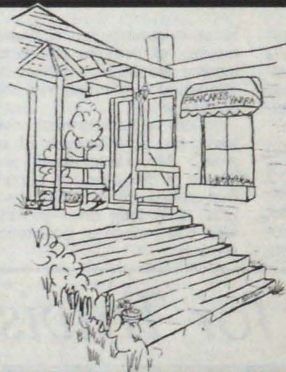
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# Just feathering their own nests...

"When will we be able to chop up the Green Wedge and make lots of money?" Bob Bracken complained to Benjamin Bear, midway through a meeting of the Society of Green Wedge Owners. "They didn't believe that magic cut-an'-come-again stuff, did they?"

"No," mumbled Merv Mulga. "And they didn't fall for that line about making the bush nicer by chopping it up into small bits, pushing down the trees, digging big holes and building lots of roads and houses."

"Money," said Benjamin Bear. "That's the answer."

"You mean the money we haven't made?" Merv asked cynically.

"No," Benjamin answered, "the money the mayor and corporation of Donkeydoo won't be making."

"Eh?" Merv had no idea what Benjamin was talking about.

"Well," Benjamin explained, "if they let us cut up our Green Wedge into lots more tiny slices, lots more people will come to live here and they'll pay the

corporation lots more rates. Then they'll have lots more money for mayoral sausage sizzles."

"But what about all the things the new people will want," Merv asked. "Like bingo halls and rubbish bins on wheels? Won't that use more money?"

Benjamin didn't answer.

"Besides," Merv continued. "Things could be worse. The corporation's said they might chop back our rates because we're not allowed to chop up our Green Wedge and can't afford to look after it."

"But we don't want that! Then we'll have nothing left to complain about," Benjamin was almost crying.

Finally, after a long silent moment, Bob Bracken hauled a strange looking garment from his bag. It was made of hessian and feathers with a headpiece of painted papier mache.

"What's that?" Benjamin and Merv asked.

"Me eagle suit," Bob answered as he struggled into the

outlandish outfit. "All I've gotta do," he said through the hooked beak mask, "is climb that tree over there, sit on a branch, flap me wings and squawk a bit."

"Then what will happen?" Benjamin was fascinated, despite himself.

"Then the mayor and corporation of Donkeydoo will come along, declare the tree a holy place, acquire the land and pay me lots of money."

Benjamin and Merv were impressed, despite themselves.

"But it's not quite finished," Bob said, taking a can and brush from his bag. He began painting the feathers a brilliant, iridescent verdant hue.

"You'll never fool them now," Benjamin laughed. "Eagles aren't that color!"

"This one is," Bob explained quietly as he slopped on more paint. "This one's a Green Wedge-tail eagle..."

CLIFF GREEN



## Council rejects subdivision plans

A request by Park Orchards property owners to have their Landscape Interest A land subdivided into two lots has been refused by Doncaster and Templestowe council.

It was the seventh time that Mr and Mrs B. Robinson, of 8-12 Rainbow Valley Road, have requested to have part of the property rezoned, revoked or amended under various planning acts, to allow a two-lot subdivision.

In a significant decision that reaffirms the zoning integrity of the Green Wedge, Doncaster and Templestowe councillors reject-

ed the owners' request when it came before the physical services committee meeting on January 29.

Mr and Mrs Robinson, through Haydn Cockayne and Co., solicitors, had sought a subdivision based on the entire property remaining zoned Landscape Interest A.

They proposed that council's planning scheme be amended, in text only, to allow the subdivision of one acre at the Rainbow Valley Road frontage on which the Robinsons would build a new home. In effect, this would create one house on one acre and another

(the existing) house on five acres.

Council stated that the north side of Rainbow Valley Road "is of landscape significance, and has steep slopes which warrant its non-urban or Landscape Interest A status". It further stated that the Minister for Planning and Urban Growth in late 1990 reaffirmed the state's Green Wedge policy in amendment number R95.

The solicitors for Mrs and Mrs Robinson argued that the allotments in the Landscape Interest A zone could not comply with the objectives of the zoning and

should therefore be removed from the zoning.

Council pointed out that the majority of lots in the zone were already less than eight hectares with an average lot size of 2.3 hectares.

Council's recommendation said: "If council approved the request for 8-12 Rainbow Valley Road it would be obliged to approve similar requests by the other 400 property owners in Landscape Interest A zone."

In a written submission to council objecting to the request for subdivision, Mrs E. Purnell, of

Rainbow Valley Road, said that granting the request would indeed have a domino effect. Neighbours would split their 20-acre blocks into one acre lots until the Green Wedge no longer existed.

"I implore councillors to reject it (the request) in the interests of the environment and future generations of Victorians. Someone has to take a strong stand to try and protect the environment, and our Landscape A — our Green Wedge — is worthy of preservation and protection," she said.

DAVID WYMAN



GREEN WEDGE  
IN CONFLICT

## Rezoning vs rate relief — the broadacre debate

By DAVID WYMAN

Renewed calls for rezoning of Green Wedge properties have been severely criticised by Mr Perry McNeillage, the newly-elected president of the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association (PORA). Meanwhile, discussions are continuing into possible rate relief for broadacre owners.

These issues were strongly debated at PORA's annual general election late last year, when Mr McNeillage convincingly defeated Mr Daryl Cox, president of the Park Orchards Land Owners Association (POLA) and twice-defeated Warrandyte Ward council candidate, for the position of PORA president.

Mr Cox stood on a platform advocating change and development for the broadacre landowners "seeking relief from their financial stress" thus turning the election into yet another skirmish in the ongoing battle for the future of the Green Wedge.

However, the well attended meeting rejected Mr Cox's claim that Park Orchards is just another metropolitan suburb and "not the bush where conservation and environmentalists belong".

This was the first time for many years that more than one candidate has stood for the positions of president and vice president of PORA. Retiring president Mr Adrian Jackson was elected vice president. Mr Jackson has also been an outspoken opponent of Green Wedge development.

Mr Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte, chaired the election proceedings. Councillors Vern Denford, Louise Joy and Val Polley addressed the meeting and acted as scrutineers.

Later, Mr McNeillage told the *Diary* that the issue of rezoning surfaced every time there was a

forthcoming council election. Most of the arguments of the protagonists for rezoning — issues of hardship, not being able to cope — were fatuous.

"The real reason why these people want their properties rezoned is because they can simply see broadacre superannuation policies at the end of it. For all the interest and care they have for the area amenity, if the green light came on they'd all be off to Noosa," Mr McNeillage said.

"There are two sections of broadacre landholdings in the Landscape Interest A and Conservation zones in the area. One section comprises the traditional landholders which may be one or two generations old now.

"These horticulturalists and stockowners clearly have problems with diminishing markets and cost escalations. They perceive it is a right of theirs to do what they like with their land.

"The Green Wedge zonings have come in on top of them. That's fine, so long as they're making a profit and continuing their livelihood. But a lot of these working property owners are coming to the end of their working life and maybe the next generation is not going to carry on because the economics are just not there.

"They're faced with a considerable problem when there is a minimum subdivision of 20 acres in Landscape Interest A, for example."

However, Mr McNeillage said the problems of the traditional landholders were no excuse to disrupt planning schemes. But their problems were on the agenda of the working party formed to look at the intrinsic resources of the Green Wedge.

He said the other section of broadacre landholdings were those which were purchased af-

ter the Landscape Interest A and Conservation zonings were established. "These people should have been in a position to realise that they were not able to rezone their land," he said.

Mr McNeillage was critical of the Park Orchards Landowners' Association which he described as "a bunch of mates trying to walk through a planning scheme". He said the association had a strange dichotomy in its mission. "It calls itself a landowners' association, while the members' sole objective is to divest themselves of as much of their land as possible."

Some local commentators have seen a differential rates system for broadacre landowners "caught" in the Green Wedge as a possible solution. However Mr Cox, apparently speaking on behalf of POLA, dismisses this, referring to it as a "token".

Mr Phil Honeywood told the *Diary* that rate relief for Green Wedge residents who purchased properties knowing they could not subdivide them would be extremely difficult to justify. However he supported the argument that landholders who purchased their properties prior to the introduction of the Green Wedge zonings in the 1970s were morally entitled to some form of rate relief.

He said that these traditional landholders were "caught in a bind" as they advanced in age. They may wish to keep the property in the family but may find they cannot afford council farm rates, land tax and other financial imposts.

"Their situation is exacerbated by the lack of age care facilities in their localities," Mr Honeywood said. He noted that a number of long-term property owners genuinely cared for the conservation values of their land.

"I'm concerned that in practice it would be almost impossible to set a special rate for property owners who purchased prior to the introduction of Green Wedge zonings, and those who purchased afterwards.

"It would be extremely difficult to justify giving rate relief to the latter group. These property owners have taken a calculated punt that the zoning would be changed to their advantage at a future date.

"These people made investment decisions at the time of property purchase in the full knowledge that there would be little likelihood that their property could be rezoned for subdivision no matter which political party was in government."

Mr Honeywood said the complexities of the issue justified the appointment of an expert panel by Doncaster and Templestowe council to report on the possibilities of rate relief in the Green Wedge "keeping the history of the matter at the forefront of their deliberations".

Cr Val Polley said there were limited forms of differential rating in existence now, such as for farms and churches. Changes in the Local Government Act, due in about 18 months, would give council considerable flexibility in rating.

On the question of development in the Green Wedge, Cr Polley stressed that nothing had changed since council decided 18 months ago not to consider further rezoning.

"That decision is still in place. Even under recently announced plans for changes in the planning of Melbourne, nothing has changed in our area. The government is talking about urban consolidation, but the Green Wedge area is clearly not suitable for that," she said.

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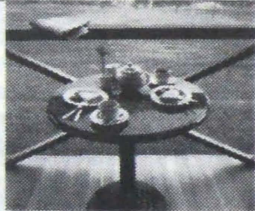


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Kate was born on February 20, 1896 in her family's log cabin home in Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

The simple family home had a bark roof. Clothes were washed in the river and cooking was done on a wood-fired stove. The site is where the squash courts now stand.

Kate's birth was just three weeks after the death of her father, John Jones, a Warrandyte miner. Kate's mother, Freda, had no choice but to send four of her eight children to an orphanage.

Two years after John's death Freda married another miner, Edwin Holloway and the family moved to a cottage at the top of Webb Street. The four children were brought home from the orphanage and Freda and Edwin had another three children.

Kate walked two miles each day to attend Warrandyte School No 12 where she was taught arithmetic, spelling, dictation, geography and history. The girls also learned needlework, for which Kate won a prize.



Kate completed eighth grade at the age of 14 and studied dressmaking in Ringwood, walking there and home again each day.

After completing the course she worked for Tom and May Beavis in Doncaster. She looked after the children and helped Mrs Beavis, who was using crutches at the time. Kate lived with the family during the week and walked home on Saturday.

If Kate wanted to travel anywhere it was usually by foot. She walked to dances at South Warrandyte Hall and it was a big event to go to Melbourne in the coach.

Kate met her future husband, Jack Colman, at a cricket match when she was 18.

The Colman family owned land south of Hussey's Lane, east of Anderson's Creek and up to the main road where they had an orchard. Jack helped his father in the South Warrandyte orchard and in later years grew raspberries on the small flat in the corner of Hussey's Lane and Anderson's Creek.

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## KATE COLMAN

# Dedicated pioneer

The Warrandyte area lost a link with the past on December 11, 1990 when Kate Colman (nee Jones) died at the age of 94. Fortunately Kate's story was written down by her granddaughter Jenny Fitzgerald after many hours of conversation in 1971. BRUCE BENCE pays tribute.

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Kate and her elder daughters Jessie and Joyce took refuge in the dam at the corner of their property and watched the inferno. Her youngest daughter Gwen was staying in Warrandyte and sheltered in the river.

Ironically twenty-three years later in January 1962 Kate joined granddaughters Jenny and Helen Fitzgerald in the same dam as again fire threatened her home. That time the house survived.

Kate kept the post office for 10 years until the general store was built, ensuring the post office remained open so that the district wouldn't lose its mail service.

South Warrandyte has always had a history of self help. When a recreation ground was needed the community got together, raised the money and jointly built it themselves. The ground was appropriately named Colman Park in recognition of the service that Jack and the Colman family had given to the area.

Kate and Jack's grandchildren and great grandchildren still live on part of the land that Peter Colman took up last century.

Kate and Jack celebrated their golden wedding in 1968, not long before Jack died in 1970.

Kate lived in her own home with the support of her family until she was 90, and spent her remaining years at Amaroo Nursing Home in Ringwood.

Kate leaves nine grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.



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We are allowed a certain parlance when a change takes place, and it is only in justice to them to say that the numerous friends of Mr and Mrs Grant will miss their familiar faces in the old hotel. Mr Hayes, the new landlord, is an experienced hotel-keeper and will thoroughly keep up the prestige of the old hotel.

The public meeting held in the Mechanics' Institute respecting the loan was well attended by ratepayers. Mr Kent as chairman was in his proper place. Mr Councillor Smith (Templestowe) in a clear and

### HOW WE LIVED

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



lucid speech brought before the ratepayers the advantages of the loan.

However, the ratepayers had previously made up their minds, and a unanimous vote against the loan was carried. Afterwards the meeting gave full power to

their local representatives to assist the Templestowe division in any action they might take immediately.

February 1891: Mr Henry Kingsley, caretaker for Mr Potter, who has a residence about a mile from the Creek on the Yarra, informed Constable Williamson on Saturday morning last that about 1 o'clock that morning two men came and knocked at his door, and on getting there and inquiring their business they became abusive, and on his ordering them off the premises one of them presented a pistol at him, threatening to shoot him.

He immediately went to his bedroom, took his breech loader, and through the window fired at the legs of one of them. He dropped, eventually getting up and taking off as fast as possible. Constable Williamson has the matter in hand. As yet no clue has been got as to who the parties were.

A concert was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., Wm Hutchinson, Esq. JP in the chair, in aid of stipend funds of the St Peter's Church (Episcopalian). The whole of the performers were in good fettle, and everything went off first rate.

The chairman thanked the audience for their kind presence and support. Mr Williamson proposed a vote of thanks to the performers and to Mrs Trezise for the kind loan of her piano, which was, with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman by Mr Hollow, carried unanimously. Miss Holloway played the National Anthem, which was sung by all present, thus terminating the proceedings.

It may be mentioned the church committee have decided in future to send a circular to each house asking for quarterly subscriptions in aid of this fund, discontinuing the Sunday collections (except in special cases) if successful. (From the Newspaper Collection, State Library of Victoria.)

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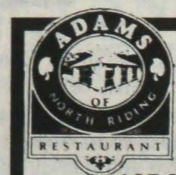
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TEMPLESTOWE PLANNING  
SCHEME AMENDMENT L29**

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe has prepared Amendment L29 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment introduces:

- further vegetation clearing controls in the Landscape Interest A Zone,
- landfill and excavation controls in the Residential D and the Environmental Residential Zone (previously the Warrandyte Residential Zone),
- building and works controls near the Anderson Creek and
- additional controls over tennis courts and tennis court lighting.

The amendment can be inspected at:

• Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices  
699 Doncaster Road  
DONCASTER

• The Department of Planning & Urban Growth  
Ground Floor  
The Olderfleet Buildings  
477 Collins Street  
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Submissions about the amendment must be sent to:

City of Doncaster and Templestowe,  
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DONCASTER 3108

Attention: Manager - Strategic Planning

by 4 March 1991

*Roger Collins*

Signed: ROGER COLLINS  
Manager - Strategic Planning

Date: 17.1.91

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# Morning walks discover magic

We rose early. Something my son and I had done while on holiday to watch the dawn breaking. Sunrise over ocean is pure magic.

But this time we were home in Warrandyte. We had recently returned from a camping trip in remote regions of East Gippsland. I suppose I was trying to recapture the feeling of isolation and wonderment that comes from being surrounded by such awesome natural beauty. An unlikely achievement in a place only 30 kilometres from the second largest city in Australia.

The pre-dawn air was distinctly chilly as we crunched through the leaf litter and forest debris on our way to the river. The bush is extremely dry at this time of the year.

Summer is a tough season. The prolific growth which followed good spring rains is quick to dry and becomes a bushfire threat when the hot north wind blows and the temperature soars.

The ground is hard and dry but the plants that grow in the stony soils of Warrandyte are survivors, adapted to these harsh conditions. The spectacular wealth of wildflowers is well and truly over. Most have set seeds which have since been dispersed by wind or eaten by birds and insects. However, several of the understorey shrubs are blooming.

White is the dominant color of these summer-flowering plants: the cassinias, tree-everlasting, river lomatia, tea-trees and the delicately scented sweet bursaria.

We arrived at the river to an extraordinary sight. Swirls of wispy mist were rising from the surface of the inky black water.

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR

Drawings: MELANIE COUPAR

"Spooky," my son whispered. It was indeed an eerie sight. In the soft grey light of dawn, the drifting mist had an ethereal quality. It was as if we were witnessing the calm aftermath of some catastrophic event in the Earth's history.

Reluctantly we left the steaming river to gain a better vantage point to view the sunrise. The track narrowed as we started to climb. A couple of blue wrens danced across our path with tails held high.

The male was magnificent in full breeding plumage. These dainty little birds are always on the move, twisting and turning in all directions. Nimbly, the male hopped onto a tussock of kangaroo grass. The bronzed seed heads bowed low under the weight as he proudly displayed the brilliant blue of his upper body and tail to his mate.

The birds had awoken long before us and the chorus of rosellas, honeyeaters and thornbills was well under way. One call intrigued us, a sort of muffled "oom oom" repeated with monotonous regularity. We finally traced it to a fairly large, plump bird perched high in the branches of a dead stringybark tree. It was a bronzewing, a member of the pigeon family



Blue wren

which is more commonly seen foraging on the ground.

We emerged from the bush, this time to a rocky ledge overlooking the river, just as the first rays of sun were forcing their way through the trees like slender fingers. There was a fine view of the meandering river overhung on both banks with surprisingly lush vegetation including burgan and silver wattle. In the water were dense patches of native reeds.

We scrambled to the water's edge. The shafts of sunlight were stronger now. A pair of black ducks appeared from the protection of the reeds and swam silently to investigate, sending ripples through the reflection of creamy-white tree trunks. The trunks belonged to manna gums,

the magnificent eucalypts which stand guard over the river.

We sat quietly on the bank, wrapped in our own thoughts. I breathed deeply the still crisp, deliciously fresh air that we take for granted but which is so vital for our existence. I thought for the umpteenth time about how much we plunder our fragile, blue planet and how precious little we give in return. Surely we cannot continue this dreadful imbalance.

The sun, one hundred times larger than planet Earth, was noticeably higher over the horizon. It was time to go.

Warrandyte is not the wilderness of East Gippsland but it is undoubtedly a special place and sunrise over river is pure magic.

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# Survival meeting called

Faced with threat of extinction by their governing body unless they increase their membership, Warrandyte Apex Club is holding a public meeting in April in a last ditch effort to stave off the death penalty. An urgent invitation is extended to all men in the community aged between 18 and 40. The club has contributed much to the local scene, including the long-running waste paper drive, building the stage and picnic shelter at Stiggants Reserve and a continuing major involvement with the Warrandyte Festival. It has provided a lot of local folk with a great deal of social pleasure and fellowship. It would be sad to see this fine Warrandyte club die. Watch next month's Diary for date and venue of the meeting. Meantime, you might care to call John (844 2907) or Dale (844 3739).



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reading, various communication strategies and how to increase concentration, memory and observation skills, as well as the use and maintenance of hearing aids and other devices. Better Hearing Australia is a non-profit, self-help organisation. The Warrandyte group is tutored by Carol Parkinson and meets at the Neighbourhood House.

## Olympic folly

Forget Barcelona or Atlanta, the Warrandyte Arts Association has decided that the '91 Olympics will be held in Warrandyte at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Thrill to the spectacle of the unique opening ceremony, be enthralled by special sporting events, gaze in wonder at top athletes in their prime, watch hard-hitting, in-depth interviews with international personalities. You'll never be more glad to see a closing ceremony! It's all happening at the Olympic Follies, eight big fun cabaret nights on March 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 and 23. BYO everything, including your craziest friends. For tickets, ring Colleen on 844 2918, any week night except Wednesday, between 6 and 9pm. But be quick!

## Beg pardon?

Have you a hearing loss? Are you forever saying, "Sorry, I can't hear you?" Better Hearing Australia offers help to people with an acquired hearing loss. A group has now started in Warrandyte, and information can be obtained on 510 1577. You can learn lip-

did corps of volunteer men and women who stand between this community and the threat of devastating fire. Be prepared. Every local household should contain a copy of the internationally acclaimed 'Complete Bushfire Book of Australia' by Joan Webster, obtainable from the CAB office at the old post office.

## Festival rage

In conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival, a Rage Without Alcohol concert will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 5pm on the riverbank below Stiggants Reserve. The organisers are seeking young bands eager to perform. Target audience age group is approximately 13 to 20 years. If your band is keen to have a go, give Lynne a ring on 844 2191.

## Wyena trials

On Sunday, February 24, the Wyena Horse and Pony Club will hold their annual horse trials at Rough's property, Husseys Lane, South Warrandyte. The trials consist of rider and horse covering a cross country course, a show jumping course and dressage test. The event is open to pony club riders in grades 1 to 5. Adult riders will have a section at grade 3 height. It will be a qualifying event for grade 1 riders who hope to compete in the 1991 state championships. Entry forms from P.Duggan (842 4311) or C.Mills (844 2555).

## Poetry fest

The Montsalvat National Poetry Festival takes place at Montsalvat, Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham over Moomba weekend — March 8 to 11. The festival will bring together some 20 top interstate poets, along with more than 50 Victorians, many winners of national poetry awards. Over 100 poets will read their work across the four days and open reading opportunities will be available to

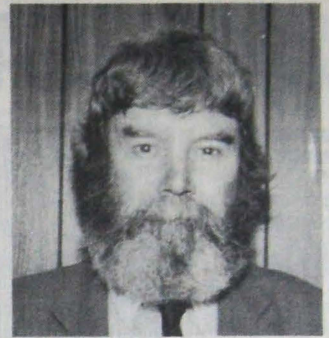
all comers. Students and children with poems to read are especially welcome. Special features will include workshops with experienced poets, an exhibition of concrete-visual poetry, panels, discussion groups, a book launch and a specialist bookstall. The festival is being directed by Warrandyte poet Mal Morgan, who has run La Mama Poetica poetry readings for the past six years. Cost is \$10 per day, or \$20 for the family, with half price concessions. Call Mal on 844 2114.

## CAB back

Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau, located at the old post office, 111 Yarra Street, is open for business after the holiday break. Training courses for new volunteers commence later this month, as well as ongoing training for presently serving volunteers, many of whom work one 3-hour shift each week. If you are interested, contact the training co-ordinator Cheryl Wilkinson, phone 844 3082. The bureau is publishing a 1991 directory of Warrandyte services, with a brief introductory history by Bruce Bence. Latest information on the various groups in the community would be appreciated. Contact Louise Joy at the bureau, phone 844 3082. The bureau has programs for all local community and neighbourhood houses for first and second terms.

## Water color

Warrandyte artists Ron Muller and Reg Cox will be tutoring beginner and advanced art students in water color technique at Gallery 21 in Lower Templestowe, commencing February 11. Director Noel Stevenson believes the classes "will provide an opportunity for students wanting to improve their knowledge of water colors and their personal painting skills at a professional level in an artistic environment". Noel can be contacted on 850 7704 or 850 1018.



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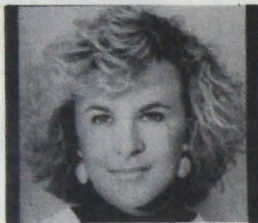
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## Bush band Paradiddle has remained the top attraction at Warrandyte's festival. KEN VIRTUE traces their musical journey through the years.

As this issue of the *Diary* goes to press five members of Australia's premier bush band Paradiddle will be bowing to their hosts in Tokyo at the start of a three and a half week tour of Japan.

Organised by the Victorian Tourist Commission, with a yen for more Japanese visitors to our garden state, Paradiddle will be strumming and plucking their special brand of Aussie traditional music all over Japan.

It will indeed be a whistle stop tour because most of their playing will be on railway stations. I'd love to be there to see the reaction of a few thousand oriental commuters (waiting for the 6pm bullet train to Osaka) as Paradiddle start clucking their spoons, rattling their lagerphone, clattering their washboard and sawing away at their bush fiddle!

I rather suspect that the normally immutable faces caught in their tidy peak hour queues will break into grins of amazement as they are handed Victorian tourist pamphlets while listening to "Thongs, thongs, thirty two million feet can't be wrong, everyone's wearing them thongs".

The invitation from Victor is the highlight of the 13 year history of Warrandyte's much-loved bush band.

The initial four members of the group, Greg Rugh, Rob Farbairn, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara, met in 1978 while studying music at Toorak State College.

They played in folk clubs and pubs until they recorded their first album "Wait Till the Word Gets Around" in late 1978.

"We worked with Brian Lawrence as the sound engineer on that first album and we still have a great respect for his ability to be astute about our music," Kevin O'Mara said.

Marilyn Hodgkin was the vocalist then, but the band was soon joined by Athalie Brooks as a vocalist and double bass player.

"Bush dancing was largely unheard of in the late 70s, but Para-



Paradiddle (from left): Helmut Lopaczuk, Athalie Brooks, Kevin O'Mara, Ron Clark and Alex Black.

# Bush Band lures with station tour

diddle started regular dances at the Heidelberg Town Hall," explained Kevin.

The band were invited to the Festival of Sydney in 1980 and was recorded live by the ABC at the Sydney Opera House. During that time Paradiddle also played regular guest spots on such children's television shows as Shirl's Neighbourhood.

In late 1980 they recorded their second album, "Sorry to Keep You Waiting".

During 1981 Judy Turner joined as Paradiddle's first fiddler and in 82/83 they decided to work as full-time musicians. They toured Victoria and parts of New South Wales, and completed a schools tour with the Victorian Arts Council. Their third album came from a live recording at Carlton's Stockade Hotel and was dubbed "Eureka live at the Stockade".

Both Kevin and Greg left the band in 1983, and Helmut Lopaczuk joined as accordion player. Later, Rob Farbairn moved on and Kevin rejoined the band, now back to part-time playing.

Their reputation by then was such that they supported Peter

Paul and Mary at a Melbourne Concert Hall show in '86, and they continued their regular family bush dances at Kew, Doncaster and Hawthorn.

"I guess what makes Paradiddle different is that we work on having a fun show, doing a lot of our own songs, and having real audience participation," Kevin said. "At a recent Toyota night we had a whole lot of Japanese businessmen on stage, and they really got into the swing of things!"

Mark Leehy left in 1989 and the band now consists of Alex Black as fiddler, Ron Clark as drummer, as well as Athalie, Helmut and Kevin. (John Zigmantis is sound engineer).

"There's still a family feeling about the band," said Kevin with obvious pride. "Over all the years every member has still come back to our Christmas party and we all fill in for each other if someone is away or sick."

Rob and Greg are now in an Irish Australian group called "The Travelling Wallabies" and Rob wrote "Giddy, Giddy" a number one country music hit for Slim Dusty.

Helmut and Mark have received awards from the Australian Songwriters Association, and Kevin and Mark still work together on school musicals. They recently recorded a children's album "Aussie Kids Singalong" soon to be released.

The band has put together a video bush dance kit for schools and play about every six weeks at the South Melbourne Town hall.

*Diary* readers can see Paradiddle again at the next Warrandyte Festival.

"It's probably the hardest job of the year for me," said Kevin. "I'm more nervous in front of the people I know! We've done the festival every year since 1979 (except for 1983) and we take a lot of professional pride in putting on a good show for Warrandyte — there'll be another new song this year too."

Having been part of the special magic of Paradiddle playing on Sunday Festival night at Stiggants for many years I wouldn't miss it for quids — and neither should you, dear reader.

# KARATE

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# A big year for baskets

By CLINTON GRYPAS  
With the new year of competition about to begin, it is time to look back on the highlights of 1990 for Warrandyte Basketball Club.

The year began with the completion of the 1989-90 summer season, with Warrandyte having eight grand finalists. Six of those teams won their grand finals and the other two were narrowly defeated.

The winter proved to be even better for the club with

12 grand final teams competing for nine premierships and three near-misses.

The current summer season is drawing to a close. Finals begin on March 2 and finish on March 23 with grand finals at venues throughout the eastern suburbs.

The Albury junior tournament is always a big event on Warrandyte's basketball calendar and 1990 was no exception, with a record win rate.

Seven teams made the trip

and all but one made the semi-finals. Three went on to win their grand finals.

The Friday night championship season continued through the year and Warrandyte brought home several premierships. The winners include the under-11 boys, coached by Gavin Whitmore.

In the midweek men's competition, the standard improved dramatically and the new year of competition will involve a record 10 teams.

In the December finals, the

Hitmen made it back-to-back flags with a stirring 27-18 win over the CODAT Lakers.

The grand final was played before a packed house at the basketball club's home, Warrandyte High School.

The Warrandyte women's team enjoyed great success during the year and a Thursday night women's competition may be introduced.

If you put that together with the 300-plus junior players, you can see why basketball is big in Warrandyte.



Val Hunt (left) and Maren Evans with examples of their Bauermalerei painting. Maren's tray won first prize at the Whittlesea Show.

## Painters blitz show

A newly formed Warrandyte folk art painting group has had success at the 1990 Whittlesea Show.

The group hasn't been together long enough to decide on a formal name, but took out the first three prizes in the cottage art class with their Bavarian folk art, or Bauermalerei painting.

First prize was awarded to Maren Evans of Stoney Creek Road,

North Warrandyte, second went to Vera Lenfer of East Doncaster and third was taken out by Val Hunt, also of Stoney Creek Road.

The painters' success may lead to the introduction of a new category at the Whittlesea Show next year.

The group meets monthly in the Warrandyte Church of England hall.

## Memorial service held

An early morning service in memory of David Malcolm Smith was held at Anderson's Creek Cemetery on Thursday, December 20, 1990.

Family and friends gathered for the service and placed a plaque to mark the anniversary of David's tragic death in a road accident.

David grew up in Warrandyte and was part of a group of enthusiastic and dedicated young men who gave so much to the fire brigade in the testing years from 1962 to 1969.

He helped to provide a volunteer fire service for motor sports in Victoria and in later years was involved in establishing a similar service in South Australia.

David joined the RAAF fire service to become one of 20 firefighters from Warrandyte area brigades to make a career in professional fire fighting.

Warrandyte Fire Brigade was represented at the memorial service by Captain Bob Bird and some of David's former brigade members.

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## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987 NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. L27 PART 3

The Minister for Planning and Urban Growth has approved Amendment L27 Part 3 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment came into operation on 16 January 1991.

The amendment affects 482-484 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, South Warrandyte and will enable the redevelopment of an existing petrol station subject to the grant of a planning permit.

A copy of the amendment can be inspected free of charge during office hours at:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- The Ministry for Planning and Urban Growth Ground Floor, The Olderfleet Buildings 477 Collins Street, Melbourne
- Eastern Regional Office The Ministry for Planning and Urban Growth Suite 4, 38-42 Prospect Street, Box Hill

Any queries related to this Amendment should be directed to the Strategic Planning Unit on 840 9285 or 840 9432.

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## 'Oldie' among bloods new faces

Warrandyte Football Club has begun the build-up to the 1991 season with the promise of five new faces — and a familiar one considerably strengthening its ongoing EDFL premiership campaign.

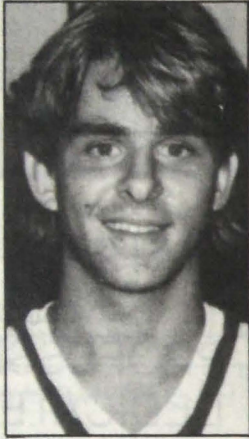
The confirmed recruits are new senior coach David Purcell and reserves coach/senior player Glen Walsh, both members of last year's Heidelberg premiership team in the Diamond Valley league. The Bloods also hope to sign three other Heidelberg stars. They are confident of picking up tall key-position player Darren Murphy, 26, who has played VFL football for Fitzroy, and are negotiating with forward Ben Fuller and rover/forward Terry Bright.

The familiar face returning is former outstanding Warrandyte junior Eugene Hansen, who played at senior level here before Fitzroy recruited him for their under-19s. Hansen is a clever and fearless centreline player.

On the debit side, Warrandyte appears to have lost the valuable, long-serving Robin Golding, Mick Hassall, Matthew Elliott and John McCartin, who have announced their retirements. But club president Colin Bowden has not conceded defeat on that score.

"John has definitely retired for the last time," he said, "but I'm hoping to talk Robin, Matthew and Mick into giving it another season."

"We already have two very



Eugene Hansen

good new players and we have regained Eugene. If we get the other recruits and avoid a run of injuries like we had last season, we will be fielding a strong senior team."

Bowden said the club was also expecting an injection of talent into the seniors from the under-18s.

The Bloods started full training on February 4. They will train at the recreation reserve on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until the end of the cricket season, when the normal Tuesday/Thursday schedule will apply.

Warrandyte's first game is on April 6, away to Templestowe, a newcomer to the Eastern Districts league after a long and recently-unhappy history in the Diamond Valley.

# Skipper Sharman shows how!

Captain-coach John Sharman continues to lead by example as Warrandyte Cricket Club's senior eleven maintains its thrust for a berth in the RDCA Chandler Shield finals.

The Dytes have won two of their three matches since the Christmas recess — and Sharman has been among the runs each time.

He made 55 of Warrandyte's winning score of 7/269 against Ainslie Park, 65 of 6/272 in a narrow defeat by South Croydon and dominated the one-day February 2 fixture against Norwood by contributing an unbeaten 53 to a total of 4/158.

The Chandler Shield eleven is pushing hard for a place in the four and its prospects have been strengthened by the form of pace bowler Gerald Walshe, who has returned aggregate figures of 10/124 in the past three games.

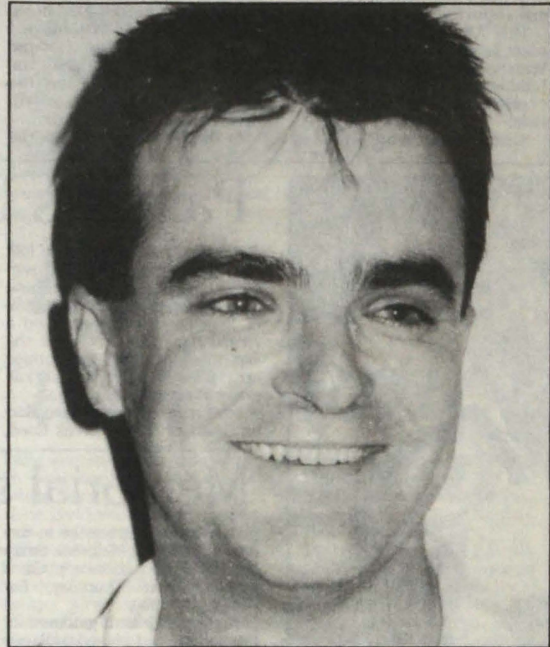
Walshe also starred with the bat against Ainslie Park, hitting an undefeated 64.

The greater depth achieved this season under Sharman's leadership is reflected in consistency in the senior grades. Of the six men's teams, only the sixth eleven appears to be out of contention for the finals.

Third eleven batsman Greg Creber and Kimberley O'Connor, a bowler with the fifts, have made names for themselves with outstanding individual performances since fixtures resumed after the holiday break.

Creber made 101 — almost half Warrandyte's total of 6/208 — in the win over South Croydon, and O'Connor took 6/111 and 5/25 in consecutive games, against Ainslie Park and South Croydon.

The women's team is back on



John Sharman

track for the finals after losing consecutive games, to Monash University and Frankston. Warrandyte reversed that trend with a comfortable win over Bentleigh on February 2, Jenny McLaws completing a fine double of 47 runs and 4/20.

Jenny Chapman had starred with the ball against Frankston, taking 5/20. But Frankston's total

of 67 was still too good for Warrandyte, who could manage only 5/63.

Only a handful of junior games have been played since the resumption, but defeats of the under-16, under-14 and under-12(1) sides in the one-day round on February have put them all under pressure from a finals viewpoint.

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 7/269 (Sharman 55, Sturtevant 42, Walshe 64 n.o., Pascoe 34) and 1/91 d Ainslie Park 24 (Walsh 4/45), Warrandyte 6/272 (Hood 58, Tregear 49, Sharman 65) lost to South Croydon 7/283 (Walshe 3/49), Warrandyte 4/158 (Sharman 53 n.o.) d Norwood 136 (Pascoe 3/35, Walshe 3/30).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 9/237 (Baker 59, Doming 57, King 44, Kline 43 n.o.) d Ainslie Park 227 (C. Snaidero 4/73), Warrandyte 218 (McLean 44, Kline 44) d South Croydon 174 (C. Snaidero 3/26, King 3/60), Warrandyte 7/195 (Baker 67) d Norwood 169 (C. Snaidero 4/45, English 3/26).

THIRDS: Warrandyte 6/208 (Creber 101, Brisbane 40) d South Croydon 8/184, Warrandyte 9/196 (A. Snaidero 59, B. Brisbane 43) d Norwood 160 (Brisbane 3/67).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 229 (Davis 74, J. McCartin 62 n.o.) d Ainslie Park 145 and 2/38 (Croft 4/28 and 2/23), Warrandyte 6/216 (Davis 79 n.o., Gathercole 48) d South Croydon 6/134, Warrandyte 9/159 (Wall 30) lost to Norwood 6/195 (Wall 3/28).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 9/295 (Haworth 62, King 94 n.o.) lost to Ainslie Park 9/362 (O'Connor 6/111), Warrandyte 6/164 (Howarth 65) d South Croydon 106 (O'Connor 5/25), Warrandyte 4/224 (B. Valentine 107, Harboff 53 n.o.) d Norwood 127 (Warr 3/55, Baker 3/30).

SIXTHS: Warrandyte 251 (Jungwith 61, Cameron 50 n.o.) lost to Croydon Hockeys 253 (New 4/64), Warrandyte 118 lost to Ainslie Park 207, Warrandyte 9/156 lost to St Andrews 8/165 (Sharpe 4/39).

WOMEN: Warrandyte 134 (Egberg 45) lost to Monash University 181 (Egberg 4/38), Warrandyte 5/63 lost to Frankston 67 (Chapman 5/20, Tunbridge 3/25), Warrandyte 8/135 (McLaws 47) d Bentleigh 97 (McLaws 4/20).

UNDER-16s: Warrandyte 164 (William 42, Howarth 41, P. Bernard 23) lost to Croydon United 5/261 (Punshon 2/29, S. Baker 2/75), Warrandyte 9/75 (Baker 34 n.o., Bernard 19) lost to Croydon North 7/156 (C. Grybas 3/48, Punshon 2/44).

UNDER-14s: Warrandyte 7/176 (S. Bell 56 n.o., Deleo 40, A. Luffick 30) d Kilsyth 7/115 (M. Chapman 4/25), Warrandyte 3/148 (Bell 51 rel., Deleo 57, Luffick 24 n.o.) lost to Mt Evelyn 5/152 (Chapman 2/31).

UNDER-12s(1): Warrandyte 56 (Roby 17, J. Edwards 14 n.o.) lost to Ainslie Park 8/152 (T. Chapman 2/23, Russell 2/44).

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