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Streetscape threat

By GEORGI STICKELS

A permit to replace the historic village butchery in Yarra Street with two new shops was endorsed by Doncaster and Templestowe council last month, despite opposition from all three Warrandyte ward councillors.

Many people in the town see the decision as a direct threat to the village streetscape. One resident told the *Diary*: "One cannot help wondering if some of the other riding councillors intend to destroy Warrandyte in the long run".

The permit allows for two shops on the site of the existing butchery with carparking space behind, accessible from Webb Street.

On advice from the council heritage advisor the design was modified to replace the bull-nose verandah with a skillion and to simplify the roofline and shop frontage in an effort to match the streetscape. The heritage advisor also recommended one of the shops continue to operate as a butcher's shop.

Along with the old post office and bakery, the butchery typifies historic Yarra Street. Locals say the streetscape has not changed significantly in 70 years. The Warrandyte Historical Society and many residents are concerned the new shops will destroy more of Warrandyte's heritage and spoil the streetscape.

Twenty residents attended the council meeting at which the permit was endorsed. The proposal, first mooted in June, has met with 19 formal objections and a petition with 625 signatures. Other issues concerning residents include:

- Efforts by the current owner to improve the shop and its historical appeal.
- The building is well maintained, structurally it need not come down.
- The need for a butcher's shop in the village area.
- The oversupply of retail space in Warrandyte
- Possible reduced tourist appeal and disadvantage to other store owners if the new shops go ahead
- The "unreasonable visual impact" of the proposed carpark and its difficult pedestrian access.

The butcher's shop first opened in 1904 and has provided meat for local residents ever since. The building was modified and extended several times, but the original bush roof tim-



"Once it's gone..."

bers and wooden shingles are still in place.

Mr Rob Holberry, the current butcher, was upset by the decision. "I just want to forget all about it," he said.

The National Trust, although unable to add the shop to its heritage register because of modifications to the original structure, has acknowledged the "charm of this building and its importance to the local community". It recommended that "council implement appropriate town planning controls to protect the character of Warrandyte township".

Council's decision ignores both the trust's recommendation and the council's own findings. Recent townscape and heritage studies carried out by council found "The townscape quality of the settlement is very important

with its main street...which includes the bakery, former post office and butchers shop.

"Warrandyte is an important historic area within the municipality and the central area of the township is worthy of protection."

Historical society member Mr Bruce Bence told the *Diary*, "I find it hard to believe that the council would destroy the building in spite of the heritage study comments and the urging of the National Trust. In addition, the community sees the building to be of value."

Doncaster-Templestowe mayor and Warrandyte ward councillor Val Polley told the *Diary* that all three Warrandyte councillors had asked for a fortnight's delay in granting the permit, but were outvoted by their colleagues.

Cr Polley was disappointed by council's decision. "I feel it's really important to preserve as much as we can of anything of heritage value and keep the original fabric, not just rebuilding in the old style. Once it's gone it's gone forever."

She said a more acceptable compromise might be to try to retain "as much of the original fabric as possible", instead of demolishing and rebuilding. It would be a shame to alter the street so radically after matching the style so well in the new community centre, she added.

Cr Polley commented that several changes had taken place in Warrandyte in recent years that had threatened its character. These included the demolition of the Whitehouse, the State Bank facelift, the new Golden Gate store and the new

estates cropping up on Warrandyte-Heidelberg Road which destroy our "green open space".

She added that unfortunately some councillors, in various councils, face "a dilemma between allowing progress and heritage protection. They don't see value in them as old buildings, they just see value in change".

Many residents feel council's decision reflects an increasing tendency for Doncaster-Templestowe council to overlook Warrandyte's environmental and historical importance. There are fears that if the butcher's shop comes down, it will pave the way for altering the whole streetscape. "Once one goes, the whole lot will go", Bruce Bence said.

"Council were not even prepared to consider a possible alternative which would give the owner two shops but leave the existing shop intact."

Your home grown Diary

This is an historic issue of Warrandyte's own newspaper. For the first time the *Diary* is being produced—apart from the actual printing—entirely in our own office in the new community centre in Yarra Street.

Ever since we began publication, 21 years ago next month, the paper has come together on kitchen tables and lounge room floors all over town. But now it is being edited, designed and typeset in the one place.

And what a delightful workplace it is, our sparkling new office here at the heart of Warrandyte, with the community strolling past and half the world peering in our windows.

A few people have worked hard to bring our dream to reality.

Jock Macneish deserves special thanks. From liaising with the centre's architects, through obtaining furniture, to researching and selecting our typesetting and page makeup system via Leanne Sproule-Carroll of Computers Now, Jock has stayed with it. We have also had a lot of help and advice from Wayne Rankin, Mark Davis and Ken Allardice.

We must thank and welcome Louise Winchester, our in-house typesetter. Louise's skill, technical artistry not to mention her patience has brought us through this difficult but rewarding month.

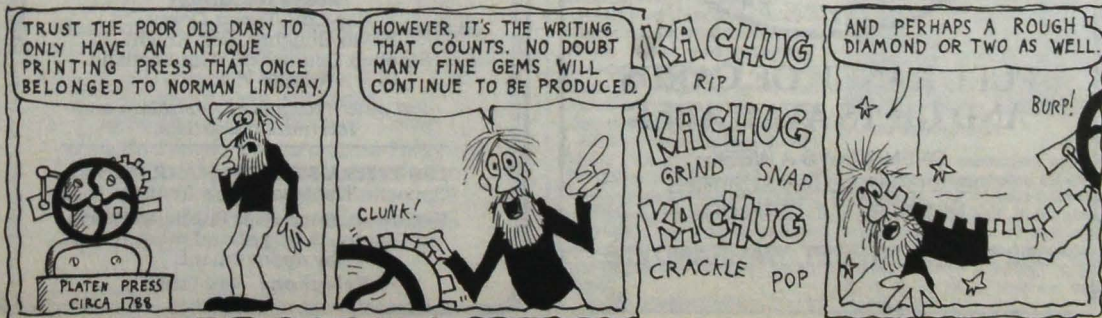
The Community Centre Management Group eased us into our new home and a generous donation of \$2000 from the Warrandyte Community Market helped enormously.

But there was one sad note. We said goodbye to Helen and Andrew and the rest of our friends at Bandida Productions, that valiant little typesetting firm that has given us such splendid service over the past eight years.

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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So who's a lucky boy? Who's got a new toy—and before Christmas, too? Bob Millington. He's got a brand new cellular phone. Hang about, can this be the same Bob Millington who, only yesterday it seems, publicly ridiculed the use and abuse of such gadgetry? Did he not poke fun, in his consistently excellent News Diary column in the Age, at the phonies (sorry) who big-note it by whipping out a cordless communicator in restaurants, on public transport and the like and making like tycoons? Did he not invite reader contributions to underscore his scorn? Yes. Yes. Yes. So why the extraordinary change of attitude? Beats us, but we can tell you he's driving wife Trish crazy by phoning her umpteen times a day "just to see if it's still working . . . Oh, and could you call me back, dear, to make sure I'm receiving okay?" He even calls from the Age dunny while he's having a cigarette (smoking on the editorial floor being about as popular there as Kerry Packer). Trish is wondering if the novelty will ever wear off.

often it was on first-name terms with the fix-it blokes. But when it gave up the ghost completely a couple of weeks ago—when the grass around the place was approaching waist height—Jan cried "Enough!", she got out the manual and did some heavy homework. She stripped the infernal machine next day, fronted at Croydon, ignored the scepticism, got the parts she demanded, went home, reassembled the monster and pulled it into life first try. The Ryobi is now going so well there is a danger of it taking off and colliding with a flow-flying aircraft.

Wapping in Warrandyte, and at last we've made the change to full-on, in-house, computerised typesetting and page make-up. Which is more than most of the big boys have managed. And if you can barely tell the difference between this issue and the last, we're getting there.



Reports are drifting in confirming the efficacy of Smokey Joe's Famous Old Tawny Port. No paint-stripper this, but a really smooth, classy little drop. One of Smokey's mates took a bottle to an intimate dinner party the other week. Everyone admired Wayne Rankin's label design, took an exploratory sip and before you could say "aged in oak", the bottle was empty. Makes a great Christmas present, too. But you'd better give it a nudge yourself, first. Pick up a bottle from Peter Maher at Warrandyte Cellars. And by the way, proceeds go to the Diary office equipment fund, so we'll all be happy.

And yes, Virginia, we are publishing from our office in the new community centre. But no, we don't print the paper on that antique machine standing just inside the front doors. That's a Chandler and Price foot-operated platen letterpress, and although it would probably still work, we consider it honorably retired. We believe it once belonged to Norman Lindsay, so it's certainly seen some risqué reproductions in its day. Donated to us by the local Wallace-Crabbe family, well-known in literary and artistic circles, it's been resting in pieces under Jock Macneish's house until we had somewhere to display it. Jock's cleaned, painted and re-assembled it. We're not sure how old it is, but it must be a genuine product of the Industrial Revolution. Definitely dark satanic mills gear.



"Excuse me, but do you catch this bus regularly?" asked the driver of the 7.40am number 272 out of Warrandyte as the passenger, whose wife had chased it to Blackburn Road for him, paid his fare. "Not as often as I miss it, mate," he replied, tacitly applauding himself for such fine and spontaneous wit. "What I mean, sir," said the driver, a gentleman of Indian persuasion, "is, could you tell me which way I am to go?" Well, yes. Right into King Street, left into High Street, right into Manningham Road, left into Thompsons Road, then on to the Freeway. They throw them in at the deep end at The Met, don't they?

Mother, a reader writes, does this sound familiar to you? Two rounds of white bread with ham and salad; two rounds of brown bread with sausage and tomato; four biscuits (two Teddy Bear, two with chocolate decoration); four plain crunchy biscuits; two drinks (one pine and orange, one apple); one apple; one banana; one apricot muesli bar. Reason she asks is that this and similar lunches are being regularly dumped unopened in a rubbish bin at the bridge bus stop. She wonders why. So do we.

Even if you didn't contribute, you're welcome to the official opening at 4pm on November 16 of North Warrandyte Fire Brigade's building extensions. The brigade will also unveil its third vehicle, a rapid-access, four-wheel drive ute. Donations from residents made both improvements possible. And is there a worthier cause?

Heaven forbid that we should deter you from phoning Jan Tindale, our chief of staff, with *Diary* news—but for God's sake don't let her involve you in a discussion on the innermost workings of a Ryobi whipper-snipper. Unless you have nothing planned for the next couple of hours. The Tindale Ryobi had always been a cantankerous piece of equipment and had been to the Croydon service centre so

Friends of the Warrandyte State Park are fighting a losing battle against the weeds that are taking a stranglehold on Warrandyte (see page 5). They need the help of as many volunteer weed-pullers as they can get. Blitzes are planned for November 10 and December 8 at Stony Creek and Mark Gardner (844 3799) would love to hear from you.

Overheard at a recent Warrandyte Tennis Club knees-up: "That bloke definitely shouldn't be drinking on an empty brain."



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High hopes for youth

Volunteers needed to keep things running

By INGRID KLEINHENZ

Encouraging young people to help themselves places better control of their future in their hands, according to the co-ordinator of Warrandyte Youth Services, Agnes Fenech.

"Young people need all the support and encouragement they can get if they are to help themselves," she said.

The recently opened Warrandyte Youth Services centre has been created to provide resources for Warrandyte's youth. Situated on the top level of the new community centre, Warrandyte Youth Services marks a new beginning for local youth activities.

A lot has changed since its predecessor, the Coffee Shop, was closed down. "It's been not only a name change but a whole change in direction," Agnes told the *Diary*.

After the Coffee Shop closed, Agnes, working with young people, community members, the WYS committee of management, Doncaster council and the SOE, produced a Future Directions paper, aimed at maintaining enthusiasm.

The report, released early in 1990, recommended that WYS provide both recreational facilities and training courses aimed

at attracting youth involvement in forming the new WYS.

Despite early problems, such as finding a suitable venue and administration base, enthusiasm prevailed. As a result, job seekers, drug and alcohol education programs, a musicians' group, the young people's committee and radio production program, Airways, were all organised from a four foot by seven foot office behind the Yarra Street butcher's shop.

The foundations for future success were laid.

The Airways radio production program earlier this year was a great success. "It was something I enjoyed being involved in when I was a student and I felt others would also benefit," said Agnes.

After tutoring at Melbourne radio station 3CR, those involved ran their own live-to-air show. They now have their own monthly show on a Monday from 4.30 to 5.30pm for the next six months.

"It has progressed to the stage where we are the ones receiving the calls and it's great." National Child Poverty and Education Conference organiser, Roger Holdsworth has asked the group to cover the radio aspect of the conference, which will run from November 13 to 15.

Feedback like this enables the

participants to really appreciate the results of their hard work. Corin Spencer, who was involved in Airways, told the *Diary* "It was a fantastic opportunity and I would definitely like to continue working in the field".

Now with a strong administrative base at the community centre, WYS may "take full flight" and implement their early plans.

A Young People's Committee has been established to bridge the communication gap between staff, community and young people. Future success now depends on youth involvement and adequate funding.

Planned events include a mural for the community centre's west wall, a youth rights forum, music workshops, drug and alcohol abuse education, job seekers and another radio course, a youth magazine, end-of-year camp and involvement in next year's Doncaster youth festival. A wallet-size youth information card, with emergency and contact phone numbers for young people, is another of Agnes's goals.

Despite extensive youth involvement, being the sole worker is a mammoth task. Agnes is looking for a pool of skilled, experienced volunteers to realise plans to open the centre on Friday and Saturday nights. However "it is imperative that we

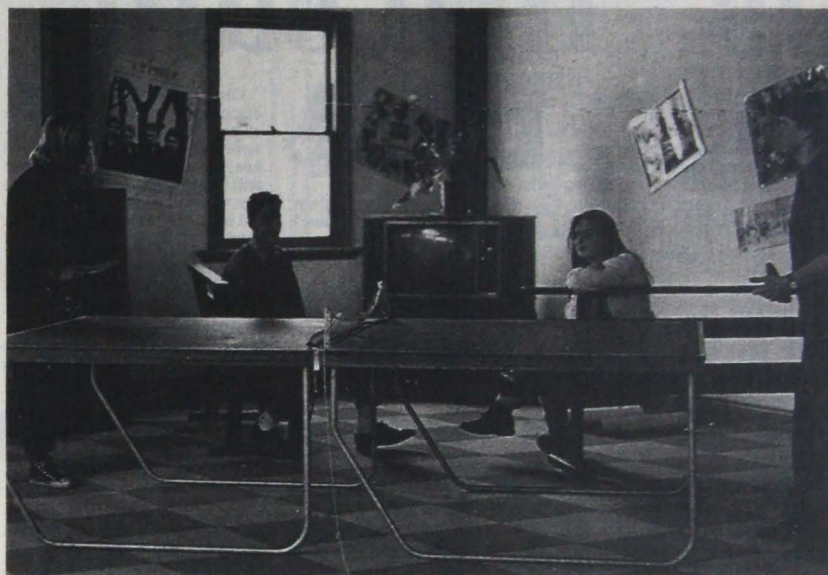


Table tennis is a popular pastime at WYS. (Photo by Brigitte Kleinhenz)

gain specialised workers with professional or recreationally based skills," she said.

If you have the energy and skills required, contact Agnes on 844 2985 between 10am and 6pm, Monday to Thursday. Local young people should also get involved, says Agnes, to make their needs known and make the most of all that Warrandyte Youth Services has to offer.



Members of Warrandyte Youth Services, on air during production of their Airways program.



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North centre is "fire safe"

I would like to clarify some misunderstandings which were printed in the article in the October *Diary*. "No fire refuge at North centre". They appear to have arisen as a result of the discussion of two separate reports in the one article.

Last July, users of the North Warrandyte Community Centre met with Captain John Swindley of the North Warrandyte CFA and Bernie Murray, Eltham shire's emergency management officer. Discussion centred on ways in which fire protection procedures might be amended for the new Displan being drawn up for the centre.

Our report began: "...it must be said that the system presently in place was effective during the fire in Warrandyte on February 25, 1991.

"Rapid deployment of fire trucks to the NWCC, previous burning-off on the south side of the NWCC by the CFA, efficient operation of the roof sprinkler system, constant water supply, constant telephone service, continued good access to the NWCC contributed not only to the physical safety of the building but also to a strong feeling of being safe on the part of the occupants during the fire."

Readers of last month's article might be excused if they received the reverse impression. The centre does not lack basic equipment. Our report goes on:

"The CFA and Eltham shire council consider the building to be as bushfire-safe as can be practically expected (given that it was not built as a fire refuge) with cleared surrounds, good

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access, roof sprinkler system, water and water reservoir (tank).

"In addition, the CFA burns surrounding undergrowth as part of their annual fire season preparation. Normally there would be at least one fire truck stationed at the NWCC during a fire...and a water cart available to replenish the reservoir as required."

Actions of staff at the centre during last February's fire were exemplary. Roof sprinklers were activated and other emergency preparations undertaken prior to attendance by the CFA.

It is true, however, that the pump for the roof sprinklers was stiff to turn on, and that all users of the centre were not previously included in fire drills, etc. In preparing and carrying out the previous Displan for the centre, there had been inadequate communication between the shire, the CFA and users of the centre.

There was no means of satisfactorily notifying occupants of the centre of a fire threat. The succession of command at the centre was not clear during last February's fire.

The position regarding use of the NWCC as an evacuation centre is confused. Pre-schools at the NWCC have no special procedures in place for high fire risk days. There are no clear and concise fire emergency plans readily visible to occupants of the centre.

The group which met to produce this report will meet again at appropriate intervals to ensure that the points listed above are remedied. In addition, we will be looking at such other aspects of Displan as toxic chemical spill on Research Road. The new Displan should be finalised before Christmas.

A separate issue is the appropriateness of the building itself for a fire refuge. As the only non-residential building in North Warrandyte apart from the fire station, Eltham council was somewhat restricted in its choice of a designated "emergency refuge", required as part of the statewide implementation of Displan after the fires of 1982.

The NWCC is clearly not well-sited for this purpose, nor of ideal construction. Our report recommends consultation with an appropriate firm of architects/engineers to assess the centre and report to council.

Contrary to the *Diary* article, many of the building-related items in Greg Craig's report were not specifically recommended by us (for a variety of reasons) and none of these is being acted on at present.

The coroner's inquiry into the February 25 fire has been deferred until at least next March. In any case, it is up to us as a community to provide ourselves with the best fire protection before the next fire season. We believe that this will be achieved.

Marilyn Moore,
North Warrandyte
Community Centre
Committee of Management



Flashback: The blackened remains of the youth hostel at Pound Bend, following February's bushfire.

Mailbox bandit strikes again

I was absolutely disgusted on a recent weekend away to find our letterbox had been completely vandalised. Only the stump it stood on remained.

This is not an unusual occurrence in this seemingly nice area. Recently two of the neighbours' letterboxes have been smashed beyond repair, signposts wrecked, fences graffitied.

On further investigation at the end of our court I found the remains of a fire, no letterbox, ashes and yes, a "Safety House" sign. Yes, ours was a safety house, and apparently the signs don't burn. If people are so desperate for wood they could have asked and I would willingly give them some firewood.

I have contacted the police, made an official statement and would like to mention to whom it concerns that this is a criminal matter. I honestly can't see how these people enjoy destroying other's property. It is a pity these people aren't aware they are so bored.

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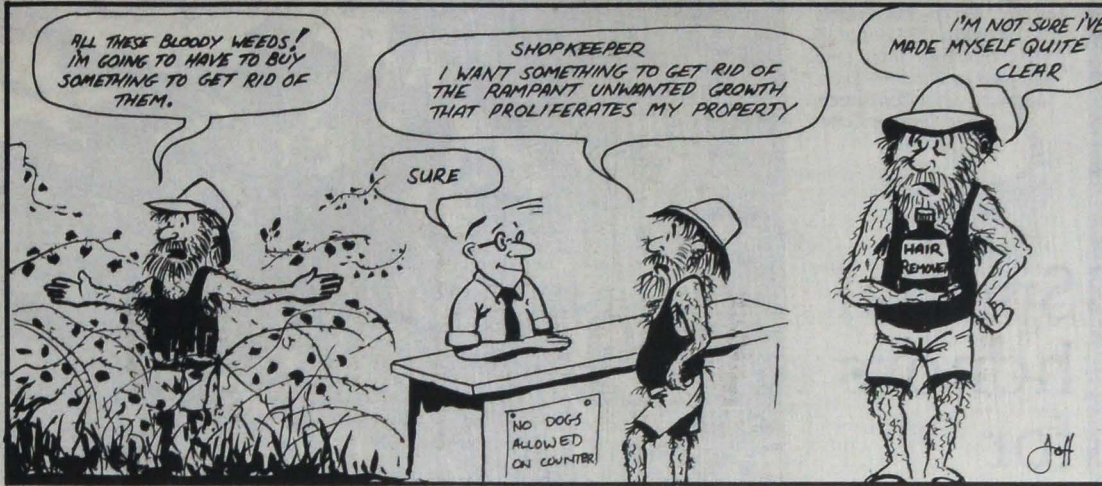
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By JOFF



Weed out this menace

By GLEN JAMESON

It is relatively easy to get community participation in tree planting but quite another thing convincing people of the need to weed.

Warrandyte folk need not plant another tree or shrub to maintain the local ecosystem. Weeding is all that's required. It's the weed work done now that will ensure the local ecosystem survives for future generations. But weed work is seen as negative and boring while tree planting is positive and creative.

However it is very creative and positive to remove exotic grasses and other weeds to make room for indigenous seeds and plants

to grow. They are just waiting for encouragement.

Local botanist and senior ecologist with the Department of Conservation and Environment, David Cameron, is "appalled at the spread of angled onion weed (pictured below) through Warrandyte. I keep my property clean of it and try to weed local road verges when possible," he said. "Smilax (or bridal creeper), being difficult to eradicate, is also a major problem".

Both plants completely smother indigenous vegetation, creating ecological dead spots. Over time trees will die and the forests will disappear. And no local flora means no local fauna.

Mark Gardner from Warrandyte State Park has been experimenting with carpet underlay along Stoney Creek to smother heavy infestations. He feels "personal input from adjoining property owners would hasten the solution of the angled onion weed problem".

Warrandyte State Park head ranger Ian Roache says "the only way to control weeds is as a community. No government or agency can do it. Chemical control is not the answer. Friends and community groups are our best hope, everybody must work as locally as possible on weeds". Eltham Shire plans to organise local groups to tackle the problem.

Patrick Fricker, head ranger at Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park, thinks "major waterway weed research projects should be initiated, looking at biological control." He said full co-ordination is required as many chemical weed control costs are wasted when floodwaters bring new weeds downstream.

"All streams should be looked at and the solutions co-ordinated. Perhaps monies used for control of these weeds by various agencies should be pooled and put into research for long term control," he said.

Local communities can become involved by seeking "funding from Go-Green, Save the Bush or Open Space 2000".



New wildfire plan underway

The new Melbourne regional fire management plan has been drafted and released for comment by the state Department of Conservation and Environment.

The plan examines the prevention and control of fires around Melbourne during the fire season. Warrandyte State Park is one of the areas mentioned specifically in the report. Other areas include St Andrews township and several wildlife parks and pieces of crown land.

A senior department spokesperson, Ms Stronell, said, "The plan looks at methods of preventing and suppressing a wildfire and outlines the protection

responsibilities of the Department in the Melbourne region".

The draft plan proposes that such fire management works as slashing and burning-off should be carried out annually.

The final plan will be drawn up in late November, after careful consideration of comments from the community. "The plan aims to give the highest level of protection to life, private property and public land assets and values," said Ms Stronell.

The draft plan can be viewed at department offices in the city and at the Pound Bend state park office. Comments can be submitted until November 15.

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Special honors for local firemen

By BRUCE BENCE

Warrandyte Fire Brigade was presented with a community service award during Fire Awareness Week 1991.

The award acknowledges the efforts of firefighters who have protected and educated the local community over past years. It also recognises the outstanding work of fireman Peter Horne, who has lectured on fire awareness and safety at schools, kindergartens and youth groups for many years.

Doncaster and Templestowe council recommended the Warrandyte brigade for the award.



Captain Bob Bird and Peter Horne attended the Melbourne Fire Services museum on October 18 to receive their award from the Australian Fire Protection Association. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mal Sandon, made the presentation. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Richard Meldrum and his wife were also present.

A torchlight parade through the city followed the presentation and marked the end of Fire Awareness Week. It also celebrated the centenary of the

MFB and Country Fire Brigades Board, now known as the CFA.

Some 1500 firefighters, bearing lighted torches, participated in the parade. They represented over 80 brigades, some from as far away as Portland, Wodonga and Lakes Entrance. Many of these brigades took part in the first torchlight march in 1873, when the tradition of carrying lighted torches first began.

The parade also featured vehicles ranging from beautifully restored horse-drawn engines to powerful,

state-of-the-art equipment. Most of the old machines are on display at the Fire Services Museum in East Melbourne.

Kangaroo Ground brigade was one of the few rural brigades to take part in the march.

They took with them the brigade's replica of their original fire cart, first built for the brigade in 1914 by the local blacksmith. The replica was built to commemorate the brigade's centenary next February. The builders' grandfather was an original brigade member. Founded on February 6, 1892 the Kangaroo Ground brigade is the oldest bush fire brigade on record in Australia.

The event was filmed by Kangaroo Ground firefighter Nick Pelling, the fire services official photographer. North Warrandyte brigade members also attended.

The Melbourne Fire Services Museum is open to the public every Sunday.



Bob Bird (left) and Peter Horne proudly display the award won by Warrandyte firefighters.



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Our winning ballerina prepares for overseas



Gabrielle Davidson's dreams are coming true.

On Christmas Day she will be in Paris for the first of 18 days in Europe, on a scholarship from the Australian Ballet Company, where Gabrielle (pictured at right) is a dancer.

"I'll be travelling with three other scholarship winners to Paris, Stuttgart, Munich, Lausanne, The Hague and London," Gabrielle told the *Diary*.

"We'll be seeing different ballet companies perform, and watching their rehearsals and some daily classes," she said.

Gabrielle, 20, won a Warrandyte Youth Arts Award this year and now has a chance to put the award money to good use. "I'll be using the money for some private coaching in Paris and London, hopefully with a well-known Russian dancer."

On her return Gabrielle will commence rehearsals for the Melbourne season of Giselle, opening next February. "We usually have a morning

class every day starting at 10.30am, and then rehearsals for the show in the afternoon until 6pm," Gabrielle explained.

Gabrielle joined the Australian Ballet Company in January this year after two years at the Australian Ballet School. "I've been dancing since I was four," Gabrielle said, "but at the age of 15 I was convinced that I wanted a career as a dancer and so I've been dancing full-time since I was 15".

Her parents, Helen and Peter Davidson, are justifiably proud of their daughter's success. Two years ago Gabrielle and her mother stood on the steps of the Paris Opera House. Gabrielle dreamed she would one day dance in the world famous venue. Now her dreams are coming true.

No doubt many in Warrandyte will also be on the tips of their toes, cheering her on.

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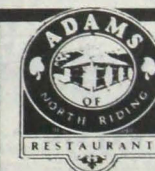
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THE RIVER By Keith Vagg

Whenever my mind seems poisoned by incessant screams of this society of cement and insincerity, I run to the river and soak my brain in the swirling, surging eddies, until once again, I am re-born, to re-enter the mindless throng.

Here, still the groping tentacles of noise probe the bushy barrier, in search of succulent escapees, but I am savagely defended by deflecting layers of a leaved army, desperately trying to repel the natural environment of man.

Seated amongst the silent, stately statues, I once more become as insignificant as the solitary ant which crosses my foot in search of something more appetising.

The relentlessly rushing waters disregard my presence as they would a piece of wood, as broken and bleached, it is swept forward to obscurity.

Still it surges. And still I sit, and peering possums watch the dusk draining my doubts, and stripping me naked of my human pretensions.

Still it surges, and still I sit.

At last, my feeble soul sets to become as solid as the soil that surrounds me, I am able to arise, once more to amaze at the intricacies of this incredible existence.

Still it surges, and I return to life.

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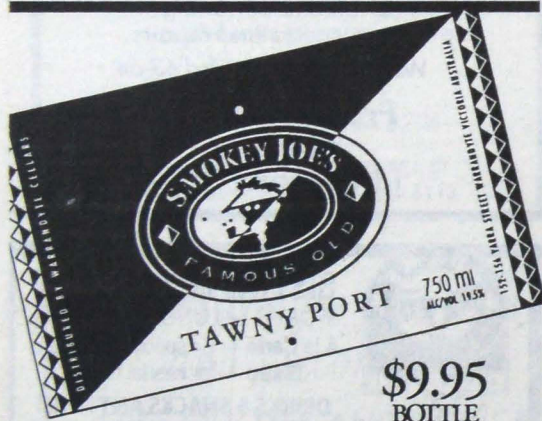
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Wisdom tipped down from above

Have you considered how much time you spend waiting in and around Warrandyte? Strangely enough, I don't regard this as lost time. Every waiting experience provides us with the chance to contemplate the meaning of life. Just sit or stand in a waiting room or queue and let the experience swim over you. Ommm!

This brought-to-you-cheaply philosophy came to me in a blinding flash; significantly opposite the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Kangaroo Ground.

Herself and I are lined up for the tip to open. Looking to my left, I hope to see horses lunging in the purpose-built arena. Like Godot I wait, but nothing happens. The arena, too, waits.

To my right are signs of domestic life; tricycles, washing on the line, open windows, crumbling mudbrick and the faint sounds of music as yet unrecognisable. A man in a suit—it is Sunday—walks from the house to the gate.

On previous trips I had waited in lines of what I assumed to be male-dominated vehicles. I used



to think the tip was a male preserve, and to some extent I still do, but I'm pleased to report that sexual equality has reached the tip and that family outings are gaining in popularity.

There are still many males who leave engines running whilst they open their doors and step out to adjust the crutches of their faded blue stubbles, but now also, wives and children use the opportunity to picnic by the side of the car or conduct family conferences whilst waiting for the ticket collector to open the gates to paradise.

Here we have it; a metaphor for life; people queuing to dispose of their past and the detritus of life with the reminders of things spiritual in mudbrick houses along the way.

As in life, patience is required. No honking of horns or queue jumping can allow you to avoid the ubiquitous St Peter who waits for your money or your ticket.

Each mortal, in turn, admits to possessing domestic, garden or mixed refuse. Mea Culpa! Benevolently you are issued directions to proceed one way or the other. To be recycled or to spend time in limbo at the tip face.

The tip face gives you time to contemplate what other people discard. Going to the tip is a cathartic experience. You leave it purged, cleansed, promising not to make the same mess again; deep down knowing that because you're human, you'll probably have to face the ticket collector again, next time with a rapidly diminishing number of small green cardboard absolutions.

Whilst at the tip face, you compare your human fallibility and status.

We are all equal before the ticket collector but we know that the tip face is where the real test occurs. To cast an envious eye over another's throwouts is to

admit to your own social inferiority. To swan up in your RR, open the rear door, sweep out your castoffs and have swarms of peasantry kill to pocket your merest trifles, is "class".

Because you have arrived early and have patiently waited, you leave observing the line of penitents behind you. For a change it's the reverse of the prodigal son story. Your wait has been worthwhile. The prodigal has been out raging late the previous night and has driven up expecting a quick entry through the gates to paradise. But he faces the indisputable truth that a throbbing V8 and a tandem trailer are no more significant than a mini with garbag full of cotton balls in the eyes of the gatekeeper.

After absolution, we drove home past the cars full of glazed eyes, blaring radios and stuffed stubbles, out the gates and past our waiting spot. As I drove past Wycliffe I thought I heard angelic choirs singing "The Messiah".

My wait had not been in vain.
ROGER KIBELL



Catherine Jones (left) and Jo Turner.

Young scientists

Congratulations to Catherine Jones, who was on the winning team at this year's Science Talent Search.

Catherine, who lives in North Warrandyte, was one of four students from Tintern Church of England Girls Grammar School who won the competition with their solar science and junior games entry. The team had to design a board game based on the solar system.

The other girls were Amelia

Cavanagh, Emma Jackson and Jo Turner.

Each winning team member received a certificate and was presented with a medal at La Trobe University on November 6.

The Science Talent Search is held each year and is open to all schools in Victoria. It is organised by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria and sponsored by the Royal Chemistry Institute of Australia.

Seeking wild Nancy

NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

postmen of the past who wore bright red jackets.

Bush peas are often referred to as eggs and bacon. The name covers several different species, all of which have orange-red and yellow flowers and bloom in large numbers during spring.

Other more evocative names are delightful, like the sundews. These plants have tiny hairs on their leaves that glisten with sticky droplets used to attract and ensnare insects. Other, more down-to-earth names include stinking pennywort and onion orchid, named after the shape of its leaves not its smell.

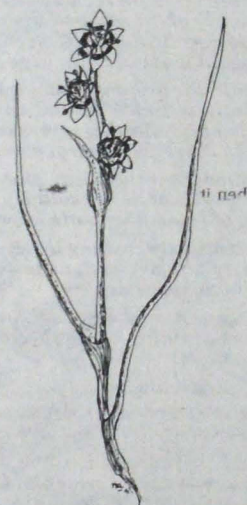
Not surprisingly most people prefer to use common names rather than scientific ones, which are often hard to pronounce.

However when a love of plants grows to an obsession, descriptive names can be frustrating, especially when chocolate lilies smell of caramel toffee, pink finger orchids are more often white and milkmaids look nothing like

Who was Nancy? No one knows, but the dainty white lily called early nancy is one of the first to bloom and is known as the "harbinger of spring".

The common names bestowed on our wildflowers often reflect a visual feature of the plant or occasionally its perfume. Greenhood orchids, for example, have predominantly green flowers in the shape of a hood. The many varieties of greenhoods include tall, nodding, trim and superb. Confusion can arise when, freakishly, a tall greenhood may be small and stunted. Is it then called a short tall greenhood?

Some names are highly imaginative such as the ground-hugging creeper dubbed running postman. It has brilliant scarlet pea flowers and was named after



Latin words it is also helpful to study the structure of a flower in more detail. The rest is a matter of practice. Many gardeners still use common names, but have the added advantage of knowing the scientific name.

The tall greenhood becomes pterostylis longifolia and its characteristics may be unravelled from this name. Pteron is a wing, stylis a column or style and longifolia means simply long leaves. These features never change, even if the plant is a short tall greenhood.

As for early nancy, its name is Wurmbea dioica.

Perhaps it's easier to stick to nancy, whoever she was.

their human counterparts. It is then no longer enough to call a yellow orchid a donkey orchid when there are several other species tagged with the same vernacular.

The botanical name is universal and derived from Latin or Greek. As well as learning the

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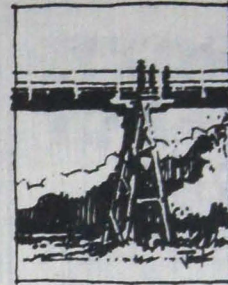


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A raft and the air force boys



THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

I HAVE a brother who was in the air force throughout the war. When he had leave he would come to me and bring with him four or five of his mates. I didn't have enough beds for them all, but with a cushion each, they didn't mind sleeping on the lounge room floor. There was an enormous fireplace that could take logs up to four feet long, and in winter the boys would keep it going all night. There was never any shortage of firewood.



On one of their visits they brought a radio and a six volt car battery with which to operate it. One of them, Jack, used to borrow a car from his father, so transport was no problem. They always brought a good supply of food. I blessed their visits, this time especially, for now with the radio I could hear news and listen to music.

So we were making progress. The problem was how to get the battery recharged when it ran flat. I arranged with the grocer who brought supplies to the herb farm once a fortnight that I would take the battery on a wheel barrow, push it a mile up the hill, and leave it at the farm gate for him to take for charging. It meant we would be two weeks without the radio, but I had been so long without outside news that it was a small matter.

My brother and his mates must have discussed what to do about the battery charging, because when they came again some four or five months later they brought with them a windmill propeller and a car generator. This they erected on a high mast to catch the breeze. They built a makeshift cover to keep the battery and generator dry, so when it was needed I could charge the battery myself.

Sitting by the river, my thoughts often dwelt on what a fine thing it would be if I could think of some way to cross it. Then we would be an easy two miles from the village instead of a strenuous four miles. I could swim across of course, but not with children.

After the boys had erected the wind generator and we had enjoyed a good dinner, we sat far into the night discussing possible ways of crossing the river. To rebuild the suspension bridge that had been burnt in the fires would be too difficult and costly. My brother Dick suggested a flying fox, but that would also be difficult.



At last Jack said, "Look here, the steel cables of the old bridge are just lying there, why don't we use them and build a raft? We could use the cable to pull it across." Everyone agreed.

We went down next day to choose a crossing place where there were not too many dangerous rocks. As we sat on the bank eating our picnic the boys worked out the materials they would need.



A few months passed before they had leave again, but then they brought with them wooden planks, eight four gallon kerosene tins and a soldering iron and other tools. These were all tied to the running boards of the car. In those days cars had very useful running boards on which things could be strapped.

We were up early next morning, eager to begin. I packed food and we took my small primus stove on which to heat the soldering iron. The tins had to be well soldered to make them watertight. The raft itself took a couple of days to build. Then they secured the cable on my side of the river by fastening it to a strong tree. They threaded it through the strong wire loop they had fixed to the raft and Jack swam across with the cable. The other boys drove down through the village to help Jack make it secure over there.

At last it was finished. The launching of the 'Queen Mary' could not have created more excitement. I had invited Watty and Patty, Roly and Lou to come and see the launching. Roly had told Maisie the postmistress, so she brought some of the villagers down to their side of the river to watch.

The boys tried it first, then took me across. When they decided it was time for me to try alone, I did so with some trepidation, going backwards and forwards until I got the feel of it. Then I took Robert and Evan across, showing them how to hold onto the cable. They were frightened when the raft dipped in the current, but after a few trips they began to enjoy it.

Summer gave way to autumn and the river remained at a reasonable level.

But I was to know moments of fear - even sheer panic - when the river was in the full flood of winter. Then it would lash itself in fury against the high cliffs, while I stood hesitating on the bank, wondering if I dare cross.



Some two hundred yards downstream a tunnel had been cut through the hill during the mining days so that the stream could be diverted and alluvial gold could be taken from the river bed. When in flood the river rushed angrily through this tunnel, creating violent, swirling currents and causing my small craft to swing and dip violently.

Years later the government built a large dam on the upper reaches of the river. After that flooding was no longer a problem. At that time, however, I never quite lost my fear of crossing in winter.

But I would still go and try. I knew that in a couple of years Robert would be old enough for school with Evan following two years later. The long, hilly walk of five miles or so to school would be too much for them. But by landing them on the opposite bank they would only have a mile and a half to walk.



By the time school days commenced I had become more adept at handling the raft in winter. But I still took the precaution of tying the boys to me with a leather strap fixed around my waist taught them to handle the cable by overlapping their hands, and made for us rough mittens - with leather from old boots stitched to the palms - to protect us from blisters and torn skin.

Often after storms flotsam would float down the river and I would have to pull swiftly out of the path of a big log, tree branches or pieces of broken canoes.

Temperatures were always lower than the river than on high ground, and we would leave half an hour earlier in winter so we had time to chip the ice off the raft with a tomahawk. In summer we slung our boots around our necks or crossed barefooted, but in winter we had to wear long rubber boots.

During the calmer months we made many trips, crossing the river at walking into the village. Thus we discovered on my high hill at night I could look down into the valley where the village and other houses lay. There was no electricity except in the village itself but by the flickering lights of candles and kerosene lamps I could pinpoint the houses of friends we had visited that day.

Warrandyte was an artists' paradise and we came to know them very well. There were also a few retired professional people. Most of the men were away at the war. Those not eligible for active service travelled by bus each day to their work in the city or suburbs.

The bus service was privately owned in those days. It took people to work the morning and back in the evening. Other than that it made one trip midday for women to go shopping.

Fridays were special days. Then the bus would take the women to Victor Market. The driver would go off, leaving the women for a couple of hours to their shopping. On returning to the village he would deviate off his route taking them up sidetracks and helping them unload their shopping. No-one ever seemed to be in a hurry then. His cyon days indeed.

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Sandra and Shane Farley and their instant family

Playgroup

The Rainbow Family Playgroup, which operates at 20 Brysons Road, Warranwood, is a "Steiner-oriented" group for parents and their two to four-year olds. The playgroup is held once a week, commencing at 9.30am. Numbers are limited to seven families and fees are \$40 per family for an eight week term. Sessions are run by Kim Preston, who has been a Steiner playgroup leader for the last three years. For further information you can contact Kim on 879 9008.

Induction

An invitation is extended to everyone in the community to the induction of the new vicar of the Anglican parish of Warrandyte and Park Orchards, Rev Garry Gason, on Tuesday, December 10 at 8pm at St Stephens Church, Stiggants Street, Warrandyte. The induction will be conducted by Bishop Robert Butters. Fr Garry, with his wife Flo and family, have come to Warrandyte from Oakleigh.

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VCE art

Warrandyte High School's first VCE studio arts and graphics classes will be holding an exhibition in the school theatre from Friday, November 15 to Monday, November 18. Times will be displayed around Warrandyte before then. Studio arts is one of the subjects offered in the new VCE and various mediums are used. The exhibition will feature stained glass, fabric design, silkscreening, paintings and drawings, along with symbols, advertising, technical drawing and graphing from the graphics class. The Year 11 students involved invite anyone who may be interested to come and see their work.

Pre-school

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte and District Pre-school Association Inc will be held at the kindergarten in Taroona Avenue on Monday, November 25 at 7.30pm. Nominations are invited for office bearers' positions for 1992.

Apex paper

The Apex Club of Warrandyte collects paper on the first Sunday morning of each month (except January). Limited pick-ups occur, but the club would appreciate it if residents could bring their paper to the collection point at the Warrandyte football oval carpark. Money raised from the collection is distributed back into the community through charities and local projects.

Mural

A group of young people have got the Warrandyte Youth Services mural project up and running and would love other young community members to join them, to share their ideas and artistic talents. If you are interested and want to have fun and make some more friends, join them on Saturday, November 9 at the community centre, from 11am to 1pm. If you have any questions, phone Agnes on 844 2985 or just drop into the Warrandyte Youth Services Centre.

Reminder

The annual art and craft exhibition of the Warrandyte Arts Association opens in the Mechanics' Institute hall on Friday, November 8 at 8.15pm and continues over the weekend of November 9 and 10. Lots of Christmas bargains will be available.

Peter Pan

A production of Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie will be performed by the Warrandyte Youth Theatre during November, under the direction of Helen Cahill. Performances take place on November 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 at 7.30pm, with a matinee on November 24 at 2pm. Adults \$10, children \$5 and families \$25. Proceeds will help with the hall restoration. For bookings phone 844 1198.

North

The committee of management of the North Warrandyte community centre will hold its annual general meeting at the centre on Monday, December 9 at 8.30pm. All interested residents are welcome. Inquiries to Marilyn Moore on 844 1072.

Job seekers

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Calendar

A drawing of Warrandyte Primary School by Pauline Grayling is featured on a 1992 calendar being published by the Warrandyte Historical Society. It shows the school as it was originally built, shingle roof and all. The calendar should be available early this month.

Pre-school

The North Warrandyte Pre-school will be holding an open day on Sunday, November 17 from 11am till 3pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

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Winners

The lucky winner of the Amagles educational toys in the Warrandyte Women's Hospital Auxiliary's recent raffle was Mrs Barbara Sims. Miss Mary Aumann won the kitchen scales. The raffle raised \$132.41 and the auxiliary thanks all who helped. Tickets for their last raffle of the year will be selling outside Harry Heaths, Thurs, Sat., December 12, 13 and 14. It will be drawn on Saturday, December 14.

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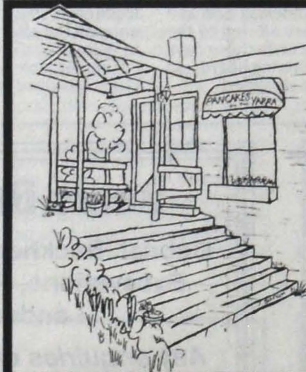
Warrandyte & District Pre-School Association Inc.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of the Warrandyte and District Pre-School Association Incorporated, in respect of the year ended October 31, 1991, will be held at the Kindergarten, Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte, on November 25, 1991, at 7.30 pm.
BUSINESS:
(a) To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements.
(b) To elect Office Bearers.
Nominations are called for the positions of Office Bearers of the Committee for the 1992 year, and should be forwarded to the Secretary by Monday, November 18, 1991. However, nominations will be accepted on the night.
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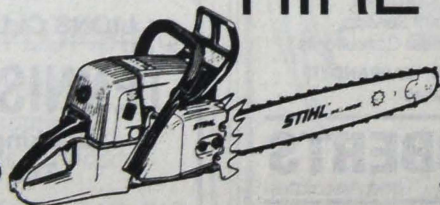
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Basketball finals shape as three-way thriller

By CLINTON GRYBAS

The Warrandyte Basketball Club men's midweek competition is building up to an exciting finish, with less than a game separating the top three sides approaching the finals.

Makeshift head the table from the Hitmen, with the Codat Lakers in third place. In matches between those sides this year, never more than a basket has split them at the end, ensuring a dramatic finals series.

The Hitmen-Codat battles have

been particularly exciting, with the Hitmen winning two games 44-42 and 42-41, and Codat the other scoreline of 42-41.

David Thwaites holds the key to the Lakers' chances. Several weeks ago he shot a record 78 points in a 105-11 romp over the bottom-of-the-table PTP.

As Makeshift attempt to win their first ever title, Chris McIntosh may hold the key to their fortunes. They go into the finals as favourites but rely on Chris scoring at least 15 points.

SPORT



The Hitmen's proud tradition invariably sees them contest the finals. They have won more titles than any other side and will figure again this season.

The culmination of the season is grand final night on Wednesday, December 4 at Warrandyte

High School, with the over-30s grand final at 7.30 and the main game at 8.30.

In the Friday night junior competition, the club is dominating, with seven of the 12 teams set to figure in finals action.

The under-11B team of Gavin Whitmore has been particularly impressive, their closest win being a 46-15 blowout.

The 13Bs of Damien Thwaites are also starring and Ron McLellan's 17B team have lost just one match.

AFL does it for Madge

The AFL has rallied to the appeal for crippled former Warrandyte footballer Gary (Madge) Allsop - to the tune of \$15,000.

Allsop, 31, who broke his back in an on-field collision in 1989, was judged eligible for a grant under the league's little-known Golden Opportunities Award.

The award is a multi-purpose fund which covers serious injuries suffered at any level of football.

Allsop applied for assistance after learning of the award quite by chance.

The money - supplemented by \$10,000 from the Gary Allsop Trust Fund - has financed extensions to accommodate Madge at his parents' home in Blackburn. The extensions include a special bathroom, living area and a recording studio (Allsop was a nightclub DJ before his accident).

"Ross Oakley, the AFL chief commissioner, told me I was a classic case for a grant," Allsop said. "Obviously, I am very, very grateful."

New move for local bowling

GEORGI STICKELS continues a Diary series on Warrandyte's sporting needs.

Moves are underway for a bowling green for Warrandyte's growing number of lawn bowls enthusiasts.

Warrandyte has never had a bowling club and, according to local resident Jim Harris, Doncaster council say we don't need one because three greens already exist at the Donvale sports complex in Reynold's Road.

There are also greens in Ringwood, but Mr Harris believes our own club is "something we could do with".

He said many locals played at the Donvale centre, but would rather play locally if we had the facilities. There is also the possibility that outsiders would play in Warrandyte. "It's a very popular game nowadays, and no longer just an older person's game," he said.

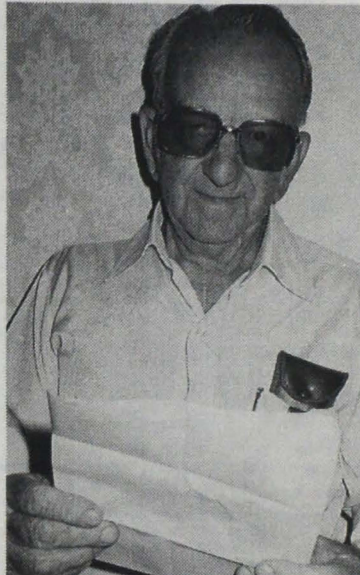
Several of Warrandyte's senior citizens would also like an outdoor bowling green. They believe playing outdoors would be better for their health, and more enjoyable.

Five years ago Mr Harris lobbied council to buy land for a lawn bowls club in Warrandyte. The project was taken out of his hands and the Donvale sports complex, including tennis courts and hockey fields, was built.

However, he said he had recently been "inundated with phone calls" from local players, urging him to try again. A petition is circulating in Warrandyte, asking council to provide some land for a green. The former Whitehouse site is one suggested locality.

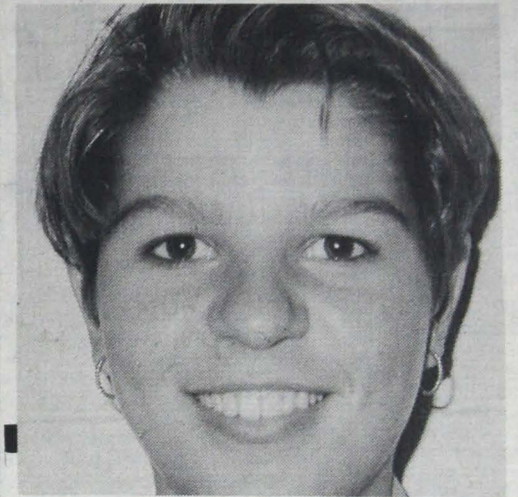
The Warrandyte Advisory Committee is exploring the need for various sports facilities in Warrandyte. Spokesman Mark Davis said WAC was trying to determine the community's needs and the capacity to meet them.

"It may well be that a bowling green is required" he said. WAC will hold a public meeting to discuss its findings before submitting them to council.



Jim Harris and the petition seeking a bowling club for Warrandyte

Briony shoots for the moon



Briony Clark - aiming for the top

At 15, Warrandyte High School netball dynamo Briony Clark has already represented Victoria twice. And she is aiming much higher than that.

This month she is trying out for the 1992 under-17 state team and has her sights set on the open side, then Australian selection - and in the "not-too-distant future".

Those who know her determination and her love of a new challenge have no doubt she will make it.

Briony was 11 and in grade six when she first represented her state. She was asked to try out for the Victorian primary school team and, to her considerable surprise, was selected for the national championships in Darwin. Victoria finished second.

She was also a member of the Victorian team which finished third to South Australia in the recent national under-16 titles at Melbourne's Royal Park.

Briony was quietly confident of selection because she had tried out last year and narrowly missed a place in the team.

She said the training sessions leading up to this year's event were gruelling but well worth the hard work.

For two months before the carnival, team members were required to attend six-hour sessions on Saturdays and Sundays to build on overall fitness and game skills.

On top of that, Briony, who plays goal defence, had to honour commitments to her club, Lower Plenty, where she is the second youngest player in the State League Provisional 1 team.

Then, of course, there was the matter of her studies as a Year 9 student.

"I found the demands of schoolwork can quite easily be juggled with those of netball, provided you are organised and plan ahead," Briony said.

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Dytes in hot seat as bats blow it

There is life yet in the fogies!

Warrandyte have again been "left at the barrier" in the Chandler Shield cricket competition. And the clear message is that the batsmen must lift their game.

In a sluggish start reminiscent of last season, the Dytes have lost their first match and have very little hope of salvaging points from the second.

In 1990-91, Warrandyte left their best until last and scrambled into the finals. This time the assignment is more daunting because the competition is regarded as tougher.

The start of the season was delayed a week by the state of the grounds after an unfriendly winter and Warrandyte were comfortably beaten by Mooroolbark in the opener.

The frailty of the batting was underscored in the second match, when the Dytes were bundled out by Croydon North or just 86. Croydon were 5/87 in reply at stumps on the first day.

Captain-coach John Sharman gain led from the front in the Mooroolbark match, top-scoring with 80 and taking the bowling honours with 3/51. But he had too little support from too few.

Tony Sturesteps, who made 35, and Andy King, 33, were the only real contributors with the bat. "Obviously, we are disappointed with the start to the season," Warrandyte Cricket Club president Mark Davis told the Diary. "Our bowling and fielding have been fair enough—although we dropped catches against Mooroolbark—but the batsmen are letting themselves and the side down."

"We cannot afford to concede other clubs a big start this season because several of them have recruited well and the competition is stronger."

The second eleven, premiers last season, may have been lucky to escape with a draw against Mooroolbark and their match against Croydon North was delicately poised at the end of the first day.

So far, the most impressive performances have come from the young thirds team and the women's eleven.

The thirds easily won their



opening match and were well placed in their second. Club officials have been delighted with the batting of Steve Goddard (recruited from Parkwood), wicketkeeper David Mooney and last season's under-10s star Steve Bell.

Veterans Jenny McLaws and Jenny Chapman have been in fine touch for the women, who were untroubled in their first two games and are in a strong position in the unfinished match against Parkdale.

All-rounder McLaws has been consistently among the runs and wickets and Chapman top-scored with 66 in Warrandyte's total of 203 in the Parkdale game.

Warrandyte have been forced to disband their under-16 side because of lack of player and

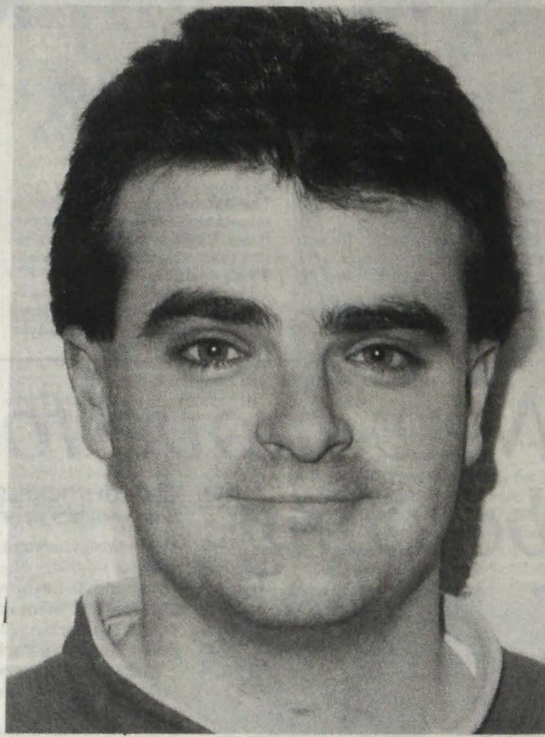
parental interest. It leaves the Dytes with only three junior sides—under-14 and two under-12s.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 200 (Sharman 80, Sturesteps 35, King 33) lost to Mooroolbark 281 (Sharman 3/51) and 1/30. Warrandyte 86 v Croydon North 5/87. **SECONDS:** Warrandyte 6/193 (Barker 55, Kline 33), drew with Mooroolbark 9/313 (Snaidero 5/90). Warrandyte 161 (Brisbane 62, Graf 33) v Croydon North 2/21. **THIRDS:** Warrandyte 6/193 (Goddard 64, Mooney 33, Haworth 30) d Mooroolbark 143 (Davis 4/53). Warrandyte 6/250 (Mooney 54 n.o., Goddard 61, Bell 35, Vitiritti 45) v Croydon North. **FOURTHS:** Warrandyte 105 lost to Mooroolbark 7/250 (Warr 5/76). Warrandyte 9/221 (Comrie 93, Weatherley 38) v Croydon North. **FIFTHS:** Warrandyte 272 (Elliott 95, Jungwirth 65) d Mooroolbark 4/210. Warrandyte 193 (Utt 66) v Croydon North 1/38.

WOMEN: Warrandyte 0/91 (McLaws 41 n.o., Tunbridge 38 n.o.) d East Box Hill 48 (McLaws 3/11) 3/49. Warrandyte 2/98 (McLaws 58 n.o.) d Oakleigh 6/74. Warrandyte 203 (Chapman 66, McLaws 46) v Parkdale.

VETERANS: Warrandyte 137 (Utt 16, Davis 16) lost to Kilsyth 3/161.



John Sharman - a fine double against Mooroolbark.

German duo dominate Masters tennis

The Masters tournament at Warrandyte Tennis Club earlier this month resulted in all-German singles final.

Rising star Axel Finnberg defeated Jörn Grunewald in straight sets, 6-0, 7-6. Finnberg totally dominated the first set but "went off the boil" early in the second, allowing Grunewald to struggle back into the match. Final victory went to Finnberg in a second set tie-breaker.

The large crowd at Warrandyte was entertained by a match featuring many long, hard-hitting baseline rallies.

Earlier in the day, four Australians fought out the doubles final. In a very tight match, David Adams and Charlton Eagle defeated Roger Rasheed and Wayne Arthurs, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

Run by the Victorian Tennis Association, the Sfid Masters is the culminating event in the Ford Futures Men's Satellite Circuit. This tournament has been staged at Warrandyte for the past four years.

VTA president Dr John Fraser congratulated the club on yet another successful event.

Late last month, 14-year old Vincent McHugh took out the men's singles title at the Warrandyte Tennis Club championships. He defeated Greg Scritchley, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Once again the women's title went to Melanie Rankin, 18. She blitzed Lyndal Mackintosh in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. Melanie teamed with Melissa Kerkhof to win the women's doubles and completed the hat trick, combining with Andrew Hiscock to take out the mixed doubles title.

Club coach Fabio Forlano and junior Mike Howell were the winning combination in the men's doubles.

Mike took out a treble in the 17 and under junior section of the championships, winning the boy's singles, the boys' doubles

with Ben Saaksjarvi and the mixed doubles with Elise Youl.

Vanessa Kearney also took out three events, winning the 13 and under girl's singles, the girls' doubles with Natasha Teather and the mixed doubles with Rowan Berry.

The 17 and under girl's junior title went to Kim Edwards. Kim also won an annual club scholarship to the Australian Sports Camps summer tennis clinic, as did Ben Saaksjarvi. The trophy for the most improved junior, donated by the Oriander family, was won by Peter Saaksjarvi.

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

Open—Men's Singles: Vincent McHugh d Greg Scritchley 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. **Women's Singles:** Melanie Rankin d Lyndal Mackintosh 6-1, 6-3. **Men's Doubles:** Fabio Forlano-Mike Howell d Andrew Hiscock-Greg Scritchley 6-2, 4-6, 7-6. **Women's Doubles:** Melanie Rankin-Melissa Kerkhof d Lyndal Mackintosh-Janine Phillips 4-6,

6-1, 7-6. **Mixed Doubles:** Andrew Hiscock-Melanie Rankin d Fabio Forlano-Elise Youl 6-4, 6-3.

8-Grade—Men's Singles: Bruce Youl d Greg Lawrence 6-0, 6-2. **Women's Singles:** Elise Youl d Penny Kerkhof 7-5, 7-6. **Men's Doubles:** Bruce & Richard Youl d Greg Tester-Morris Winestone 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. **Women's Doubles:** Prue Hiscock-Elise Youl d Penny Kerkhof-Ruth Rankin 2-6, 6-3, 7-6. **Mixed Doubles:** Tom & Penny Kerkhof d Ken & Pat Adlam 1-6, 6-0, 5-2 (ret).

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17U—Boy's Singles: Mike Howell d Ben Saaksjarvi 6-2, 6-0. **Girl's Singles:** Kim Edwards d Elise Youl 6-1, 6-3. **Boys' Doubles:** Mike Howell-Ben Saaksjarvi d Justin Edwards-Nick Brady 6-1, 6-1. **Girls' Doubles:** Kim Edwards-Prue Hiscock d Lyndal Mackintosh-Melanie Lawrence 6-4, 6-2. **Mixed Doubles:** Mike Howell-Elise Youl d Nick Brady-Prue Hiscock 10-2.

13U—Boy's Singles: Luke Bennett d Brett Yarwood 10-1. **Girl's Singles:** Vanessa Kearney d Zoe Milner 10-8. **Boys' Doubles:** Luke Bennett-Rowan Berry d Adam Youl-Peter Saaksjarvi 10-0. **Girls' Doubles:** Vanessa Kearney-Natasha Teather d Leanne Dreger-Michelle Simpson 10-4. **Mixed Doubles:** Rowan Berry-Vanessa Kearney d Peter Saaksjarvi-Liz Wilmot 10-2.

The venerable old gents in the members at Lord's would have tut-tutted themselves into a minor frenzy of indignation had they witnessed an extraordinary game of cricket at Warrandyte High School last month.

It was the Fogies versus the Young 'Uns—Warrandyte Cricket Club's Veterans Eleven versus a combined side drawn from the firsts, seconds, thirds and supplemented by a couple of ring-ins.

The challenge to a one-day 'friendly' was issued by the Vets and accepted gleefully by the whipper-snappers, who fully expected to hand out a hiding but were beaten by 12 runs.

Young 'Uns captain Tony Sturesteps was too distraught to speak to the Diary after the match, but his Veteran's counterpart, club president Mark Davis, had plenty to say.

"There was never any doubt about the outcome," Davis said. "We outplayed them in every department and outsmarted them as well. We set out to give them a spanking and we did it quite comfortably."

The Vets won the toss and bowled on a turning wicket. A sharp spell by deceptively youthful-looking left-arm opening bowler Stewart Howarth brought quick results, former under 16s star Steve Bell looking back in time to see his off-stump cartwheeling down the ground.

Things didn't really improve for the Young 'Uns, the only resistance coming from Sturesteps (30 retired), whose fine batting was in stark contrast to the very questionable tactics he was to adopt in the field.

Tidy spells for the Vets came from elderly leg-spinner David Watts, ageless Steve Pascoe, Chris Snaidero and grey-haired Barry Johnson, who all bowled to a plan devised to frustrate the lusty hitting of the upstarts.

The Young 'Uns innings closed at 135 and despite the unseemly tactics adopted by Sturesteps—bodyline bowling, sledging and intimidation of the umpires—the Veterans cruised to 6/147. Their stars were Pascoe, Davis and Brett Kline, who retired on 30, 30 and 29 respectively.

Rumors abounded after the game that captain-coach John Sharman was seriously considering several Veterans for the club's first eleven.

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