

And a very merry Christmas to you, too!



Time to thank the people who have worked so hard through 1991 to bring you your very own newspaper.

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Finally, heartfelt thanks are due to our advertisers, our printers—York Press—our distribution points, and especially to you, our loyal and valued readers.

The *Diary* is taking a holiday next month. See you in February.

Fire risk worst yet

By BRUCE BENCE

Warrandyte could be facing its worst bushfire threat for many years, following a lush growing season and the promise of a long, dry summer.

Each year, authorities attempt all sorts of predictions as to what sort of fire season is likely. What is certain in this area is that every fire season is potentially dangerous. Without exception, drought years are extremely so.

The only safe precaution is to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Residents should not be lulled into a sense of false security by the ultimately successful controlling of the Pound Bend fire in February this year. The defence was superbly organised, but it was the only serious outbreak in the area at the time, allowing masses of equipment and personnel to be thrown against it.

Another factor is conditions on the day itself, including wind strength, temperature, humidity, dryness of fuel. On a scale of

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ten I would rate February 25, 1991, as four. These points are not made to panic people, but to underline the necessity for readiness and care.

The best defence against fire is knowledge. By joining your local brigade you will not only gain knowledge and skills, you will also be making a worthwhile contribution to the safety of your community.

The first basic step towards protecting your home is to keep grass cut and green around the house. Always keep spouting free of leaves. If there is a fire in the vicinity block downpipes and fill the spouting with water. Place

containers full of water around the property.

Value for money, the best protection is to buy a couple of knapsack pumps. Connect lengths of hose to them and you will have an effective method of dealing with spot fires. The most effective of all is a diesel-powered pump, with adequate water storage such as a dam or swimming pool and overlapping sprays.

The brigades are plagued by people ringing the fire call numbers when they hear the siren. If the siren is sounding, the fire has been reported and ringing these numbers causes chaos and confusion.

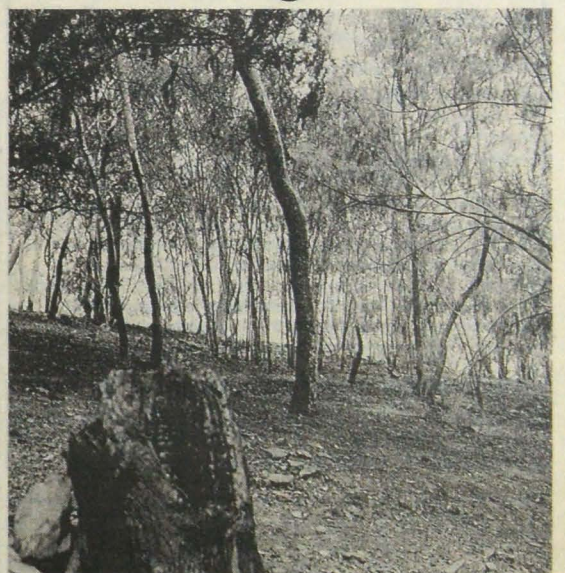
Ring one of the information numbers if you feel it is really necessary, otherwise tune in to Plenty Valley Radio (FM 88.6) and listen for fire information bulletins. These will tell you what is happening and if the emergency is in your location.

The brigades have advised the *Diary* that in the event of a fire, the following safe areas will be used as evacuation centres:

- Box Hill College of TAFE (formerly Kingswood College), Deep Creek Drive, Doncaster East.
- St Anne's school, Knees Road, Park Orchards.
- Whitefriars College, Park Road, Donvale.
- Eltham Community Centre, Pitt Street, Eltham.

Emergency refuges are sited at North Warrandyte Community Centre and Kangaroo Ground Primary School.

The best guide to effective fire protection and safety is 'The Complete Australian Bushfire Book' by Joan Webster, available at the Citizens Advice Bureau in the new community centre and the Warrandyte Historical Society museum in the old post office.



Flashback: Warrandyte bushland, devastated following the February fire.

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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All those balls and not a bag to put them in!

Harry Southall, who is known as "Heavy" for much the same reason as redheads are called "Blue", belts a golf ball quite far enough to belie his lack of brawn. When he travels, the golf gear automatically goes along and it was all systems go for departure recently with Jenny and the two kids to Queensland for the wedding of his twin brother George. Unfortunately, Jenny took him literally when he phoned from his auto business in Alphonington and said: "Pick my golf clubs up from Vic Grybas on the way to picking me up, will you, luv?" Jenny did. She took his regulation 14 clubs out of his bag, tossed them into the back of the 4WD—and off she went. No bag, buggy, spikes, balls, tees or anything like that. Harry would have looked pretty silly walking northern golf courses with four woods, nine irons and a putter under his arm and his only balls in his pocket. The potential disaster was discovered short enough of the border to do a U-turn and right the wrong. But it's still a touchy subject at 38 Betton Crescent.

Peter Lehmann is a third-generation Barossa Valley winemaker who scored top marks at the Warrandyte Cellars' excellent sip and sup night at Pancakes on the Yarra last month. He won Smokey's admiration from the outset by declaring that the only good wine was the wine you enjoyed. Then, at question time, he further entrenched himself in your correspondent's good books by putting down, in the nicest possible way, a fellow (we shall call him a cab sav snob) who seemed bent on upstaging him. The long-winded and highly technical question had to do with the pH content of Mr Lehmann's products, its interaction with whatever and was about as fascinating to the gathering at large as the mating habits of an Abyssinian gnat. From what we know about pH and gnats (which is zero) we thought Peter answered it very adequately, but our friend wasn't finished yet and threw in another load of egghead terminology which had us reaching for imaginary textbooks. Peter Lehmann grinned good-humouredly and said: "Anyone who's intelligent enough to ask a question like that must already know the answer." Game, set and match.

On the basis of his axiom that the definition of a good wine is in the taste buds of the beholder, we rate Mr Lehmann's products very highly. A particular "yum" to his 1990 semillion. The danger, we suppose, of regular exposure to the Cellars' food and wine nights is that it could turn a flagon fiend like SJ into an insufferable label-dropper.

Do we hear someone out there whining about a preponderance of plonk in this column? C'mon,

IN RED & WHITE



The culprit, Jenny Southall (right) puts on an innocent face with daughter Jessica and mum and dad, Pat and Peter Lovett, at the Diary's office-warming party last month. And where was Harry when the picture was taken? At home, trying to forgive.

'tis the season to be merry. Jeff Riddle has at last decided that amber is his favourite colour and is making room in his cabinet for a couple of bottles of Foster's Light by disposing of a like amount of port. Nineteen-forty-seven Penfolds Purple Para, if you don't mind. If that has driven you buffs into a frenzy, give Jeff a call on 844 3567 any weekday after five and discuss it.

And talking about port, Smokey's special blend is continuing to elicit appreciative gurgles from the more experienced tipplers round town. It's called Smokey Joe's Famous Old Tawny Port and is stocked exclusively by Peter Maher of Warrandyte Cellars. At \$9.95 a bottle it's great drinking now—and just right for that Christmas present you almost forgot. Wayne Rankin designed the elegant label, Smokey wrote the blurb and proceeds go to the Diary office equipment fund.

Suffer, girls. Warrandyte's most eligible bachelor has gone and done it! Having managed to slip the matrimonial noose for the last of his three decades, Shane Garrick, the freedom-loving plumber of Betton Crescent, has swapped "I wills" with the gorgeous Lynette Perkins. One thing's for sure: the children of this marriage will be North Melbourne supporters.

Ken Virture, who has done much for this paper as a former editor and ongoing contributor, has always had a bit of, well, flair. And he wasn't really telling a fib when he told the lovely Libby he had to see a man about a car on their way to an overnight Queenscliff holiday. "Happy birthday, darling," said Ken as he handed her the keys to a sleek red Ferrari. So what if it was only rented for the weekend. It turned every head on the way to Queenscliff and back and was the centre of attraction in the Community Centre carpark while the Diary was warming its office on the Sunday. There's no way we're going to divulge Libby's age. No, once they get a year over 39, Smokey doesn't tell.

There'll be a run on Brasso over the coming weeks and all those straw boaters will be dusted off as the town's musicians—young and old, pro and amateur—are rounded up to join once more in the Warrandyte Festival Community Band. Smokey believes there's a general call out to anyone who can hold a tune on brass, wind or percussion. Ring the Stickels residence—844 2514—for more information.




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Toxic herbicides no threat, says council

By GEORGI STICKELS

Responding to public fears, Doncaster council claims its herbicide spraying practices pose no threat to the environment or local residents' health.

Last April, chemical sprays and fertilisers were used on the Warrandyte sports ovals and on grass verges throughout the town. Further spraying has been recently completed.

Residents living opposite the ovals in Taroon Avenue are concerned that substances may drift onto their properties during spraying and later wash into the creek, damaging gardens and the environment.

Of most concern, however, is

the effect on those using the ovals and nearby facilities—such as the kinder.

One resident, Mrs Jean Chapman, told the *Diary* that children often play on the back oval after school, and joggers take their pets. She said mothers with babies and toddlers, who crawl on and even eat the grass, play there after kinder. The ovals also host local football and cricket matches at all levels, year-round.

Mrs Chapman believes signs should be posted immediately after spraying so users can decide if they wish to risk using the oval. These signs could be similar to those erected after blackberry spraying.

According to the health department, said Mrs Chapman, some sprays can cause skin and eye irritation and aggravate asthma and eczema.

However the Superintendent for Parks and Gardens at Doncaster-Templestowe council, Mr Steve Goble, while agreeing that chemical use is a "touchy" area, says such signs are not called for. He believes they may needlessly frighten some users, causing them to overreact and never use the ovals, "especially if they contain the word chemical".

He says the sprays used carry a poison rating of five. Eight is an acceptable maximum. He also said the sprays could

cause asthma, eye or skin irritation or harm if swallowed in industrial concentrations, but were so diluted before being used on plants that such risks were minimised.

In any case, most of the herbicide is either absorbed by plants or the ground within an hour. Once absorbed they cannot affect people or animals, said Mr Goble, making warning signs unnecessary. Signs are posted after blackberry spraying because a toxic residue remains on the berries, he explained.

The superintendent admitted all fertilisers and herbicides used are chemical, not organic, but stressed that all precautions were taken in their use.

He added that the chemicals used in commercial herbicides, namely Mecprop, MCPA and Dicamba, are the same as those found in household sprays available in supermarkets and hardware shops.

Herbicides are not used regularly on the ovals, only when weeds become a problem.

Superintendent Goble told the *Diary* that timing was carefully considered before spraying. Substances are not applied during kindergarten hours, immediately before school finishes or before sports teams use the ovals for matches or practice.

Pesticides, which are more toxic than herbicides or fertilisers, are

not used at all by the council.

Spraying is carried out by a contractor, who, in line with agricultural and health department regulations, must have a technical applicator's license.

No other regulations govern pesticide use, but departmental guidelines recommend using minimal amounts to reduce poisoning the environment, local pets and inhabitants.

Weather is also a concern. Mr Goble said poisons should not be used if wind or rain is likely. However, one resident claims fertiliser was spread on the main oval on a windy day early this year. Perhaps such guidelines should be legislated to ensure they are carried out.

Council refuses church building

By DAVID WYMAN

In another stage of the battle between local residents and the Faithlands Church building in Reynolds Road, Doncaster council has rejected a new permit application from the church. Residents claim the application yet again increased the size of the building, this time by about 50 square metres.

Chief objectors to the building, a huge, ugly concrete structure erected in July 1990, are Sue and Murray Cook, whose house is dwarfed by the neighboring church. Verbal submissions against the permit were made at the council meeting by Sue Cook and the council's town planner.

Speaking to the *Diary*, Sue said, "We're very pleased with council's decision. They decided they really want to stop it. Not to delay it again but to have this finished."

"We've won every round, but they are still appealing. It just seems they can put in application after application, appeal after appeal until one day someone says 'Look, we're sick of this coming up, let's just pass it.' Every time they apply for a new permit, the building increases in size."

The first application for a planning permit in October 1987 showed a floor area of about 350 square metres. The permit was granted and residents appealed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, which subsequently rejected the appeal.

By November 1989, Faithlands submitted plans for a building about 48m by 32m to council. These were endorsed on November 16 1989, but the project was never advertised and no knowledge of any change was available to residents until building work started in late 1989.

The Cooks became aware that the building was going to be more than twice the size of the original plans. They took it to the AAT and the tribunal ordered all work to cease and gave Faithlands until February 28 1991, to get council permission for the larger than authorised building.

In the meantime, Faithlands had already applied for a permit for the 48m by 32m building. About 40 objections were submitted to council from residents citing "loss of amenity", "loss of privacy", traffic and parking problems, the high intensity use of the building and that the building's size made it "visually discordant".

In October 1990, council decided not to grant a permit. Reasons for refusal were "the dominating and incongruous appearance" and that it would "downgrade amenity levels of nearby residential properties".

Faithlands appealed to the AAT against council's decision last February. The tribunal disallowed the appeal with similar reasons to the council.



Captain John Swindley and former resident Kath Watson

North CFA upgrades

The extensions to the North Warrandyte first station were officially opened by the brigade on November 16. The brigade has also commissioned its third vehicle, a Toyota Hi-Lux four-wheel drive utility.

Over 100 people attended the celebrations. Speeches were given by Captain John Swindley and former resident Kath Watson. Ms Watson lived in North Warrandyte for many

years and has long been a staunch supporter of the brigade.

The extensions include a third truck bay and improvements to the stationhouse, making it more comfortable and functional for members.

The new vehicle will be used as a command vehicle, to gain rapid access to hotspots, and move people and equipment without affecting the larger tankers. This will provide much

needed flexibility.

The improvements were financed by residents' contributions and brigade fund-raisers. Much of the building was done by members.

The brigade has about 40 active members but newcomers, including juniors, are always welcome. Prospective members should visit the station in Glynn's Road any Sunday morning between 10am and 12noon.

Creche crisis as cash slashed

By GEORGIE WATERMAN

Families using after-school and childcare services at the Warrandyte Community Childcare Centre will suffer from recent Federal budget cuts.

Elaine Bowen, chairperson and treasurer for the afterschool program told the *Diary* that the subsidy for after-school services has been halved from 54 cents to 28 cents an hour. This leaves a shortfall of about \$4,500 annually. The centre's only option is to increase fees.

Elaine stressed that all families using aftercare services would be affected, whether they worked or not.

"Many people aren't aware in Warrandyte that both the aftercare and childcare services are parent run organisations. We do not have any other form of administrative support from government. Parents' fees pay staff salaries and the maintenance of the centres," she said, adding that the programs employ locals only.

Elaine also said she was concerned for children who may have to return from school to an empty home if parents can't afford the new fees.

The impact of cuts on the Warrandyte Childcare Cooperative is more complex. The fee relief system used there is based on parental income, regardless of their reasons for using childcare. This will be replaced by a two-tiered system which discriminates against families who use childcare for non-work related reasons.

According to the co-operative's chairperson, Hans Dulke, 13 families fit this category and face hefty fee increases. Some are single parents with limited options. Like other parents they deserve a period of respite, for necessary trips to the dentist, doctor or hairdresser, even just to mow the lawn.

Families without relatives or friends nearby who can babysit say even half a day of childcare a week helps them cope. The

parent support system stemming from the program is also invaluable.

Hans Dulke feels the "co-op provides a wholesome and safe environment" designed totally for children, run by trained, dedicated and caring staff.

He added that the new fee system will be time consuming and the centre may have to employ extra administrative staff. If this happens the parents will bear the cost.

A parent, Dianne Wright, is annoyed so little warning was given when funding cuts were announced. She fears costs may rise further for the remaining families if the empty places cannot be filled. "Indirectly or directly, everyone could be affected," she said.

One parent, who said she fears these cuts may mean the writing is on the wall for fee relief and operational subsidies. The Federal Government's future commitment to childcare looks bleak.

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT L43

The Minister for Planning and Housing has approved Amendment L43 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment comes into operation from 27 November 1991.

The amendment introduces interim heritage and archaeological controls for 12 months throughout the municipality, while Amendment L41 (permanent controls) are being exhibited and considered.

A copy of the amendment, related reports and plans can be inspected free of charge during office hours at:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices
699 Doncaster Road, DONCASTER
- The Ministry for Planning and Housing
Ground Floor
The Olderfleet Buildings
477 Collins Street, MELBOURNE
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Holiday activities bring fun in the sun

Compiled by ANN BOYCE

With summer and school holidays approaching, many organisations in and around Warrandyte are running holiday programs for kids of all ages.

Local libraries, national park activities, council-run programs, swimming and water safety and art and craft are just some of the many activities organised, providing something to suit any taste.

In days of budget stretching recession, these provide a great alternative to going away. All activities are cheap, and some are free! However bookings are required for all organised events or programs.

For free activities a little further from home, a book titled Free Stuff for Kids, written by Jane Angus, Leonie Kearney and Scott Riddle is available from newsgents and bookshops.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

This January, get the kids out of the summer heat and into the local library. Local libraries are running storytelling and art and craft sessions all summer.

The Pines and Westfield Shoppingtown libraries are both exploring magic, fairies and dragons in their children's activities this summer. "Tall and certainly not true" stories such as Snow White in New York, and Pirate Pete from down the street, as well as classics like Jack and the Beanstalk or The Frog Prince.

After storytime is a chance to make a wild thing beanbag, a paper bag witch or watch a magic show. The programs and all borrowing are free.

For details and bookings phone

the Pines Library on 842 7740, Shoppingtown 848 2965 or Eltham library, 430 1299. Brochures and reading lists for the Summer Reading Club are also available from libraries. Designed for seven to twelve year olds, this years theme is Dragons Devours books.

PARK BASED PROGRAMS

The rangers are running both family and kids only programs, which are all free.

Early risers can join an earlybird dawn walk to see who really catches the worm.

Night activities, including river discovery and bush walks, run for insomniacs.

If want to help, the annual koala count is on again.

Gold history and junior ranger activities are also returning.

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are running a special event on Sunday January 26. Dampers, billy tea and a spotlight walk are included. Ring 844 2659 for details in early January.

Currawong Bush Park also runs a summer program, but could not be reached by the *Diary*.

All activities are subject to weather and fire conditions.

JUST FOR KIDS: COUNCIL PROGRAMS

"Fun safety and caring" are the aims of councils activities, open to all primary school children. A modest fee is charged.

Eltham Council Youth Services is running a range of activities from January 13. Swimming, bike riding, tennis clinics, excursions, glass painting, screen printing collage and cooking and more.

The cost varies between \$4 and

\$11 per day. Bookings are essential, on 431 1275.

Doncaster's Try activities centre emphasises 'excursions and to get about town'. Children can visit the Alpine Toboggan Park, Puffing Billy, Pizza Hut, the zoo and the fairy park near Anakie, as well as participating in various inhouse activities. Ring 848 1725 for more details and bookings.

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

The Warrandyte Lions Club is conducting swimming pool based courses at \$20 per child. Discounts are available if enrolling more than one child. Contact Deiter Retz on 712 0326.

The Apex club is running river based swimming courses. Their philosophy is 'we instruct where the kids play'. One week's program costs \$20 per child. Contact the Canoe Shed on 844 2502.

The Canoe Shed is also running twilight river trips which finish with a BBQ dinner. A fee is charged for this.

VicSwim is running swimming courses at Eltham Leisure Centre, ph 439 2266, and Ringwood Aquatic Centre, 870 0519.

ART AND CRAFT

A well as council run activities there is plaster play for kids. For \$3 to \$5 for a 45 minute session, children aged 4 to 14 can make and paint their own models. For more details phone 873 2960.

Although not running any January activities, the Doncaster and Templestowe arts centres are running a range of courses from February. Bookings are open now on 840 9382 or 840 9381.



Yabbing with Ranger Craig Hollins.

Hall renovated

By INGRID KLEINHENZ

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association have worked exhaustively to restore their historic hall.

Volunteer workers and professional tradespeople have laboured since September 22, under pressure to finish the project in time for the annual art exhibition on November 8.

WMIAA president Doug McRae led the restoration committee overseeing the renovations, designed by Jock McNeish and Derek Humphries.

After demolishing the interior extensive carpentry, electrical and plaster work and painting were carried out. Restumping and roof repairs were contracted to professionals. Although the

floor was not completely finished in time for the exhibition and the roof remains unfinished, the main tasks were accomplished.

According to the WMIAA newsletter, "Doug's masterminding and effort as well as many hours of help, weekend after weekend", have meant the venture has been a great success, reflecting community effort and support.

When the Warrandyte Arts Association became a tenant the hall survived mainly on WAA funds. The Mechanics Institute itself remained financially insecure. Saving it from closure was an ongoing battle.

The hall would have been sold for commercial redevelopment if not for community support.

In 1986 many problems were solved when the Mechanics In-

stitute and WAA merged. Planning for future restoration then went ahead. Drama productions, art and craft shows and hall rental raised funds which have been used to revamp the hall.

Those involved are proud that the community, not the council, own the hall. They see its restoration as important in a such an artistic community.

WAA ownership has not been easy either, and some of the \$20,000 spent on the renovations is borrowed. But Doug Macrae told the *Diary* "We do not feel under pressure to make money to pay for the restoration. The hall is always soldily booked. We think we're one of the most viable arts groups around. We survive well, considering we are not subsidised."

Harry Neaths

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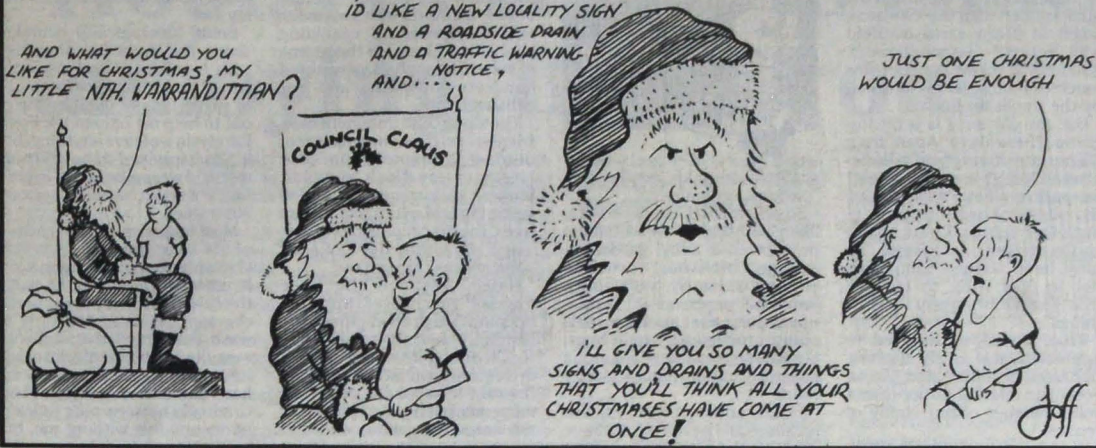
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...A CHRISTMAS TALE



Season for silly signs

By JUDY MACDONALD

Living north of the river has a lot going for it.

It's a bit like going bush every time you cross the bridge to go home. Lots of trees and potholes, winding, unmade roads and dust.

People who live north of the river like it that way. It's a quiet haven, apart from the odd, angry salvo fired across to Doncaster council when suburbia threatens the village which locals passionately defend.

Because Eltham shire is so vast, North Warrandyte is often left to itself. Once the rates are paid. Like having the parents at the other end of the house.

To make up for this arm's length overseeing, Eltham shire council is prone to acting like the absent parent, overcompensating when they do step in.

Council was recently asked for a sign to warn drivers that peak hour traffic was banking up in Research Road at Kangaroo Ground Road. It was a common sight to see—in the rear-vision

mirror—rapidly approaching vehicles sliding sideways. Occasionally they joined the queue noisily, with clanging metal, splintering glass and livid tempers.

Council acted promptly on this, but may have overreacted a little. Formerly, a rustic brown sign with yellow letters proclaiming 'North Warrandyte' greeted travellers crossing the bridge. Surrounding it was a small tree, a riot of blossom in spring and quietly green the rest of the year. The important fire season warning stood out boldly against such competition.

Recently, the rioting blossoms and the tree disappeared. Felled, many freed, by a plumbphobic.

A large metal directional sign has since been attached to the old rustic sign, making a short stack and a messy one at that. This sign points travellers towards Research and Kangaroo Ground.

Mind you, people have been finding their way to these ham-

lets since the first bridge spanned the river. Surely a small finger-post would have sufficed.

Hundreds of extra vehicles make their way daily to Warrandyte from these areas to avoid the delays at the Fitzsimmons Lane roadworks. Surely even they can remember how to get home!

Yet another sign has been grandly erected beyond, and detracting from, the fire warning. It declares that it is an offence to cut down trees on or near your property without authorisation. Formerly exuding a quaint country air, this corner now bristles with signs. Another instance of over-affection from council related to a small petition, politely asking for some drainage to be cut along an unmade road.

It took 12 months, but the battalion of workers and heavy equipment eventually arrived and proceeded to widen the road by several metres before addressing the drain. Untouched bush verges gave way to man

and machine as the road began to resemble the Heidelberg Road cutting.

"We're doing it properly," the bulldozer driver said. "Properly," the foreman echoed.

"It's what you asked for," the shire officer added, "and if you don't stop lying in front of the bulldozer you might get hurt!"

They were so determined to please on this occasion that it took an SOS to a local well-known botanist, who moved the earth in his own way, to end the chaos.

The untouched section of road currently looks as though snow has just fallen, with the sweet bursaria and delicate Christmas bush bursting with blossom. The lower part of the road was recently white too, with virulent onion weed and thistle-down rampant where natural bush was destroyed.

So please, Eltham council, come when we call and listen carefully to what we ask, but don't kill our haven with kindness.



Canoe-borne 'garbos' scour the river.

River cleanup

Friends of the Warrandyte State Park have again used canoes in the Yarra River cleanup organised by Melbourne Water.

On Sunday, November 10 a dozen canoes, crewed by Friends from 10 to 75 years old, scoured the banks, trees and backwaters of the Yarra for rubbish. A dozen sacks of rubbish and sundry large items were retrieved and a good time was had by all involved.

Margaret Burke, co-ordinator of the Friends said the annual

event was worthwhile work and good fun too.

Friends member and local MLA Phil Honeywood steered a canoe this year, but he and Gay Harris dripped good-naturedly up the bank by the end of the day for a barbecue get-together, catered for by Ron Golding.

The Friends are grateful to Canoe Tours on the Yarra and Canoes Plus of Kew, for donating canoes for use on the day. Happily none were damaged.

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The City of Doncaster and Templestowe has prepared Amendment L41 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment proposes heritage and archaeological controls throughout the municipality.

The amendment, related reports and plans can be inspected at:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices 699 Doncaster Road, DONCASTER
- The Department of Planning and Housing Ground Floor The Olderfleet Buildings 477 Collins Street, MELBOURNE
- Eastern Regional Office The Ministry for Planning & Housing Suite 4/38-42 Prospect Street, BOX HILL

Submissions about the amendment must be sent to:

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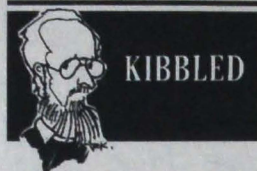
The sinister smells of summer

It had just started to rain and the air was filled with the evocative smell of damp earth overlaid with the scent of jasmine flowers. Suddenly I became aware of how much our life is subtly ordered by the smells around us.

But the old snoz is a bit forgotten these days. Apart from fragrances which come in heavy crystal bottles and cost a mint per sniff, we have downgraded the olfactory organ in favor of our other senses. Color, sound and movement rule supreme. We have been warned from birth not to play with, or take an interest in, "smelly, yukky things".

True, we are encouraged to appreciate the lovely flowers, but smell is still treated like an eccentric relation rather than a valid member of our family of senses.

We delight in fascinating, aromatic Aunt Phoebe, who is wild, exotic and dressed in a cut glass crystal bottle. We shun Uncle Fred, who decayed early in life and is definitely lavatorial in reputation. Most of our relations, the ordinary, uneventful



smells from our life, are decidedly "parfums ordinaire".

Some smells I can live with, like freshly-baked bread, talcum powder on a baby, gardenias, orange blossom, crushed eucalyptus leaves, wet woollen jumpers, peppermint, geraniums, pancake makeup, sea spray, crushed harlequin bugs, blocked septic tanks, Californian Poppy hair oil and Mum's Sunday roast.

Other odors, however, are localised and have a significance greater than their apparent pungency.

In summer, for most Melburnians, the smell of burning wood heralds a watering mouth and images of communal enjoyment. For me, the first smell of smoke sends me scurrying to

the Properties for Sale section of The Age. As the smell of smoke and the sound of crackling intensifies, I long for the aroma of suburban asphalt, of watered concrete footpaths and car exhaust fumes.

The smell of an imminent electrical storm quenches my fear of domestic immolation but heightens my Noah complex. Blessed with trendy concealed guttering and overhanging gum trees, the first explosions of aromatic H₂O hitting the roof send panic waves through me.

Have I cleaned the once fragrant gum leaves from the openings to my downpipes? The distinctly and not so distantly recalled pong of saturated carpet drives me up the ladder and onto the roof to savor the color and movement of hurled leaves and the sound of gallons of water gurgling down the pipes as my scent of fear is blown away by the rain gusts.

Some smells I can definitely live without. The obvious ones, like dog's doo and babies' nappies are odious but temporary. I'm talking about the real

stinkers, like the smell that stalks my car.

Being ideologically sound, I share the domestic shopping with herself. I sound the horn when I arrive home and platoons of eager, helpful children surge out to help me unload the boot. Rarely do we leave anything, but it just happened to be midsummer and we happened to leave a block of tasty cheese in the boot. For a week.

Most fragrances waft in and out of our consciousness; putrified cheese lives with you for a year! It seems to seep into the mats, the carpet, the very being of the car and defies all attempts to wash, fan or cover the smell with every known brand of odor eater.

For the past 12 months, my car has been visited by Uncle Fred. Gradually he's learning to leave home and live without me, but he's still not confident enough to depart for good.

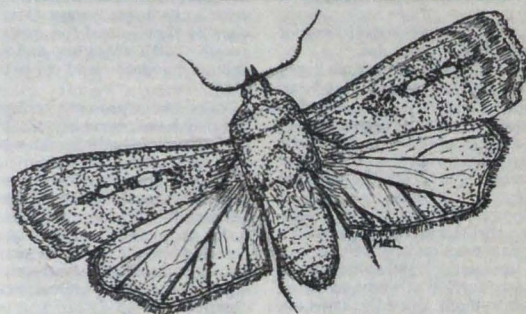
At my age, I can cope with him. Significantly, some of my passengers can't get to like him. Youngsters, usually. Only interested in color and movement!

ROGER KIBELL

Night flight into danger

NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by: MELANIE COUPAR



After a scorching day the heat had abated, summer's brilliant colors paling to shades of grey. Only pinpricks of light from the stars lit a moonless, coalblack sky.

It was a night too beautiful for mass suicide. But the next morning there they were. Dozens of Bogong moths strewn across the front porch like windblown leaves. An outside light, inadvertently left on, had lured them to their untimely deaths.

Bogong moths begin life far away on the pastures of South Australia. The tiny caterpillars that hatch from minute, creamy-white eggs feed on the leaves of capeweed, medic and saltbush. If food becomes scarce however, they sometimes turn cannibalistic, consuming their younger brothers and sisters.

The caterpillars grow slowly over winter, finally pupating in September or October. Summer's high temperatures and droughts are unfavorable to larva and adults.

A few weeks after pupation, the adult moths emerge and

begin to assemble in large numbers. Aided by strong westerly winds, they leave the pastures in a series of mass nightly flights. Like most moths they use a point of bright light by which to navigate, usually the moon or a bright star.

Unfortunately the flight path of the Bogong moths takes them over the cities and suburbs of Melbourne and Canberra, where a multitude of artificial lights play havoc with their navigation. Floodlit buildings, streetlights and houselights deceive thousands of bemused Bogongs.

Despite these diversions and losses millions of moths reach their destination in the Southern Alps. Here they enter deep cracks and caves, settling on the roof and walls, pressed so tightly together that their scaly wings overlap, forming a pattern resembling tiny roof tiles.

The moths remain more or less immobile throughout the summer. Occasionally some of the

group emerge briefly after dusk in a flurried frenzy of activity.

The Bogong moths carry vast food sources in their bodies to survive during this period. The Aborigines who lived in the region were quick to take advantage of this plentiful food source and often raided these natural larders.

They coaxed the fat-rich moths from their caves with smoke. The moths were gathered into baskets and either pounded into a paste to make cakes or simply roasted in hot ashes.

So many moths congregate each year in the Alps that this culling made little impact on their population.

By late summer Bogong moths become active once more. They feed on nectar; rich, replenishing stores of energy for their

return flight. In March they start to leave the mountains. By the first snows in April they have all gone.

Their timing and navigation is remarkable. They reach their birthplace just as autumn rains stimulate the growth of broadleaved pasture plants for the next generation of caterpillars to feed on.

What drives these moths to face such hazardous long distance migrations? Like all animals it is the survival instinct; the need to pass on their genes to the next generation. Whatever the cost, continuation of the species is a must.

Perhaps we can lessen the cost in a small way, by turning off our outside lights when the Bogong moths are moving through Warrandyte.

Christmas church services

Annual carol service, presented by the combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards on Stiggarts Reserve, Warrandyte, on Sunday, December 22 at 8pm.

ANGLICAN: Christmas Eve-11pm carols and service, St. Stephens, Warrandyte. Christmas Day service-8am St Stephens, Warrandyte. 9.30am Emmanuel, Park Orchards. Boxing Day-10am St Stephens.

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Hoons in Husseys Lane annoying, dangerous

I am writing to the *Diary* as a very concerned resident of Husseys Lane, South Warrandyte.

Husseys Lane, along with Gold Memorial Road, were once quiet roads used mostly by residents and locals. They are also well known to local horse riders and joggers.

However they have become well known 'rally tracks' for hoons from all over. This is becoming extremely annoying and very dangerous.

Cars running off the road, down into embankments, is a

common occurrence. With which, I might add, residents no longer sympathise. We recently had the pleasure of a car crashing through our front fence and knocking over a tree. They politely did not inform us of the damage they had inflicted. And as it was the early hours of the morning when it occurred we did not discover the damage until later in the day, by which time the offender had had the car removed, leaving us a selection of empty beer bottles, wrecked

fence and fallen tree. Fortunately there were no horses in that particular paddock.

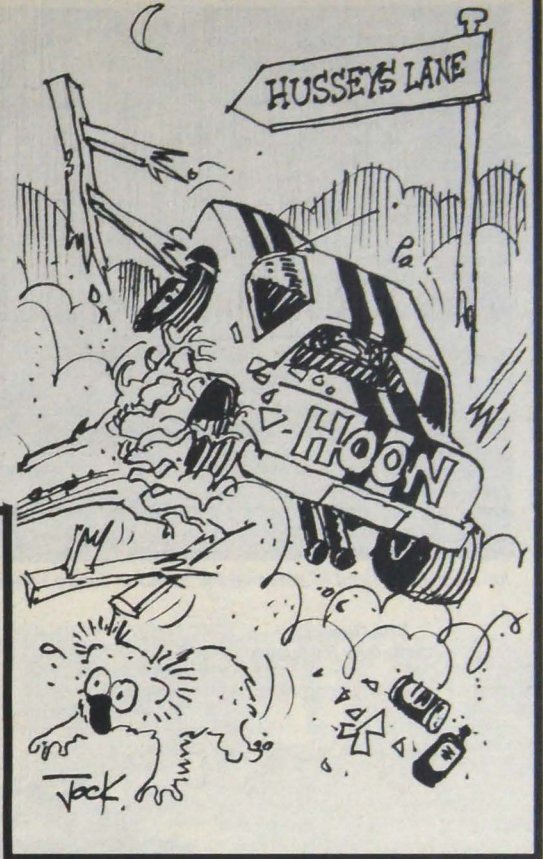
It is also apparent that Husseys Lane has become a short cut for non-residents who have absolutely no respect for the speed limit; not to mention keeping to the correct side of the road. Another good reason why the Eastern Freeway extension should go ahead!

So if you are a local driver, rider, jogger etc., take care

when using these roads as colliding with one of these hoons could be nasty. We residents feel this is only a matter of time. Unfortunately it is usually the innocent who comes off second best.

And so to the hoons. When seen, vehicle details will be taken and passed on to the police. Who, I might add, could patrol the area a little more regularly!

Concerned Resident
Husseys Lane



Offensive ad

I wish to criticise the policy adopted by the Lions Club opportunity shop to display photographs of wanted criminals in the windows.

It seems a paradox that the opportunity shop, which is intended to help and support the needy, is becoming the opposite and acting as a police station.

Little children can feel threatened seeing these wanted signs up in the shop. At present they are in the front position of the shop on a large board next to the books and the toys.



LETTERS

One of the so-called 'desperados' displayed on the board at present has quite a lovely face. When we have so many dishonest, greedy people in the corporate sector, could we leave the young who haven't had a fair go alone?

Please could you remove this offensive advertising elsewhere.

Jan Pierce
Dolleen Rd

Wildwood restaurant

Locals, Alisa World and her hubby Grant Phelan have just opened this little restaurant (Wildwood) out in Hurstbridge. We have just spent an evening out there and it was great. The food is well presented and tastes great and even the music is good. It's BYO so it doesn't cost an arm and a leg and we think they should be recognised for a great job.

The Smart Family

Many thanks to all

Glenn, Anne-Maree, Sean and Johnathon Pinder wish to thank all the wonderful people and organisations who have worked so hard, given us so much help and supported us since Glenn's accident.

Even though this has been a difficult time for us, knowing that we have so much community support and kindness has helped us enormously.

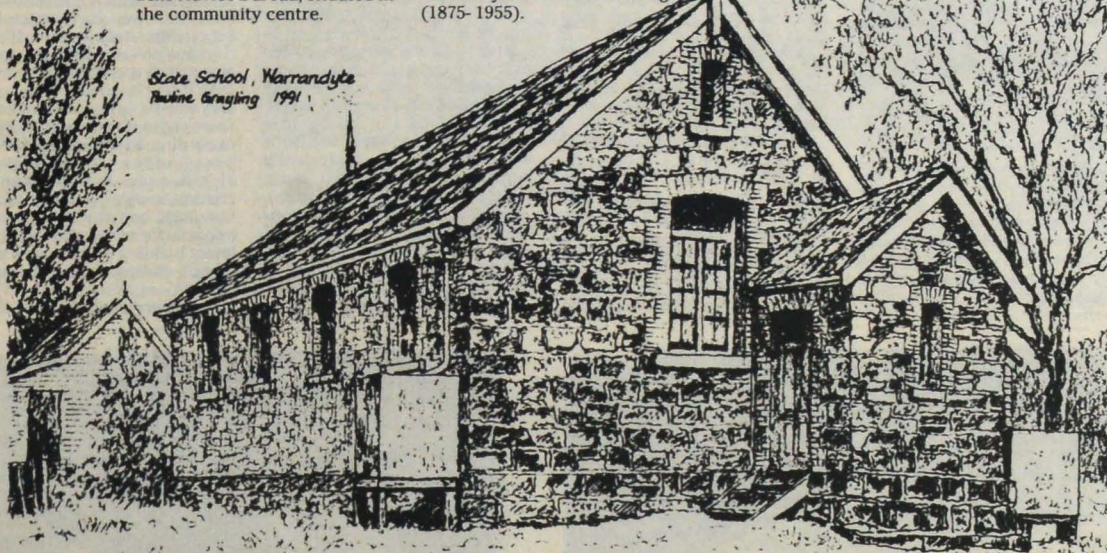
Thank you, everyone.
The Pinder Family.

Local calendar

The Warrandyte Historical Society has produced a calendar, available for \$3.50 from the museum, now situated in the old post office, and from the Citizens Advice Bureau, situated in the community centre.

It features a drawing by Pauline Grayling, showing Warrandyte Primary school, as it looked when first built in 1875.

The society also have on sale a limited edition color print of Warrandyte's old wooden bridge (1875-1955).



State School, Warrandyte
Pauline Grayling 1991

Cat victim of bird vigilante

Over the weekend our cat went missing for two days. We did all the usual things, checked around everywhere, rang vets, etc., to no avail. Finally I went up and down the road asking neighbours if they'd seen our cat. Two doors up I finally found our cat, fortunately still alive.

These people trap cats in cat traps and had trapped our cat and kept him for a whole night and day in this small trap without food or water, saying they probably would have taken him to the RSPCA that night.

They said cats are an 'imported species' and shouldn't be in the area, they catch birds and kill the wildlife and they are feral. The man also told me he probably couldn't put a gun to a cat's head.

They obviously have a problem and kept referring to the problem they've had in Sherbrooke with cats. I pleaded with them not to do it again, but they just said 'keep cats off their land'.

I've rung everyone from the

RSPCA (who said we can't do anything unless we can prove they've mistreated our cat). The police want me to put in a report, and said this sort of thing we have had our cat desexed and have birds of all kinds in our backyard, we even keep a canary as a pet, so cannot say birds are kept away from the area. I cannot believe we can't have pets because of some stupid 'greenies' who are taking it upon themselves to clean up the area for whatever reason.

During this time our daughter was beside herself, as only two weeks ago we lost another cat to snake bite, so are becoming quite neurotic about our pets.

I am a firm believer in protecting the wildlife, but we also have big problems with foxes for instance, which are killing all sorts of things, but the way they are going about it is wrong and someone should be able to do something, but unfortunately the law doesn't cover that sort of thing.

Rosalind Gilbert
North Warrandyte

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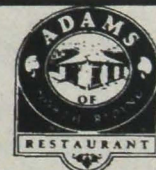
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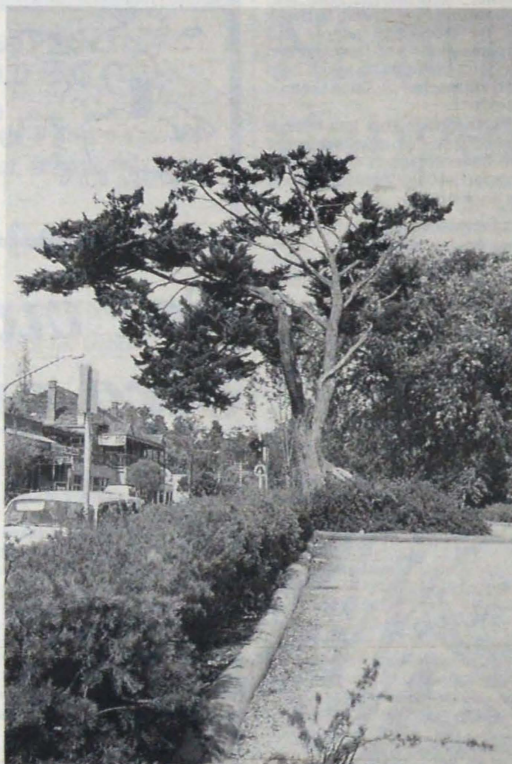
Pride in Heritage

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Ian Roche: we need to preserve the bush for "future Victorians".

The Diary Tree - a community landmark.



Warrandyte is a wonderful place with a character and charm of its own. The recent heritage study by Doncaster and Templestowe council has confirmed this view, recognising Warrandyte's unique natural and cultural values.

Of 250 sites listed in the study, 92 are in and around Warrandyte. These include historically or architecturally significant buildings and natural landscape features which, if conserved, will be valuable to future generations. Eight local sites were awarded state significance, the highest classification. Six of these enclose pristine bushland in Warrandyte State Park.

The Warrandyte Uniting church, completed in 1963, and a private home designed by Robin Boyd make up the tally. The Boyd house is currently owned by Inge King, considered to be one of Australia's leading sculptors.

Ian Roche, ranger in charge at the state park, told the *Diary* he was pleased the park's biological, cultural and visual values had been recognised in the study.

"It further highlights the fact that we have bushland of such high quality and diversity close to Melbourne. We are lucky in Warrandyte that we have such a magnificent park on our doorstep and that we can experience it on a daily basis. This (state classification) is a reminder that Warrandyte State Park belongs to all Victorians."

Ian added that many people are amazed at the park's rich, diverse wildlife. "We have our own mob of kangaroos, a family of powerful owls (the largest in Australia), platypus on the Yarra and many other native animals."

Park rangers have also identified 480 native plant species. Four of these are classified 'vulnerable' and another three 'rare' in Victoria.

Ian is keen for staff, friends of the park and the local community to keep working together to protect the park's quality and integrity. "We owe this to future Victorians," he said.

The Warrandyte Uniting church provides a somewhat different source of spiritual enrichment. Architect John Hipwell said he

was delighted the building was so highly regarded in the study. Mr Hipwell designed the building and supervised its construction in 1963. He gives his partner Albert Ross and local builder Alex Edwards credit for their involvement with the building.

The study praises the "sensitively designed and detailed small church in a bushland setting" for its unusual yet "simple triangular plan with low pitched hip-roof and walls of concrete block."

It likens the "striking triangular copper spire" to famous churches in England and notes the altar, set against the wall and slicing across the triangle-shaped interior, "creating a triangular outdoor seating-space sheltered by an enormous canopy".

It also criticises a recently added corrugated steel roof which "cuts out north light and shatters the geometry."

A range of gold sites, reminiscent of an important bygone era, were awarded regional significance. Included are mine shafts, tunnels, water race remains, houses and cottages associated with gold, former water wheel, battery and ore crushing sites and alluvial diggings.

Most locals are familiar with the Pound Bend, or Evelyn, tunnel dug to divert the Yarra river so the old bed could be explored for gold. Begun in 1870, the venture had failed by 1872.

The tunnel's lesser known subsequent history is equally interesting.

In 1884 the Melbourne Water Power Company considered using the tunnel to generate electricity for all of Melbourne. This ambitious venture was shelved until an unsuccessful attempt to supply locals with electricity in the 1920s. The tunnel was awarded regional significance in the study.

One of the study's key elements is Warrandyte township itself. According to the study this "picturesque village within a wooded valley" is historically important and the main streetscape worthy of protection.

Particularly valued features include the now doomed butcher's shop and the bakery, Gospel Chapel, Diary Tree, the Grand Hotel and the Mechanics' Institute.

The old Warrandyte post office,



Warrandyte's streetscape "worthy of preservation".



The Stonehouse craft shop.

The newly renovated Gospel Chapel.

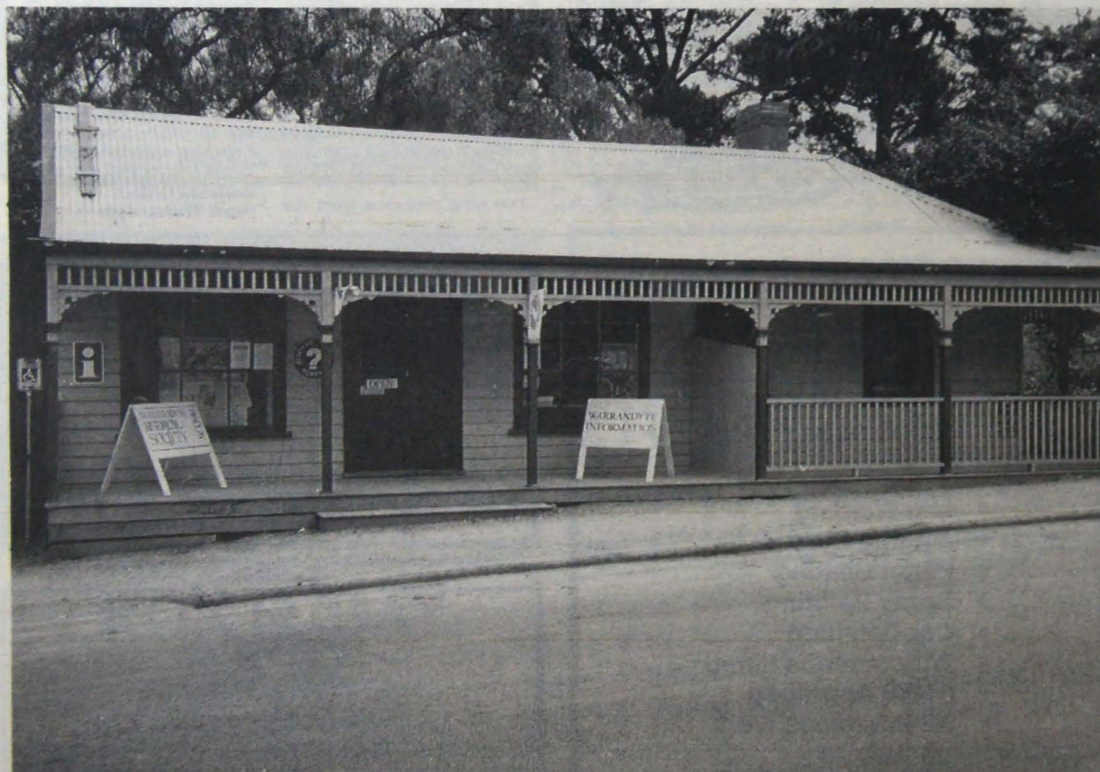


Council - have the courage to ensure their protection.

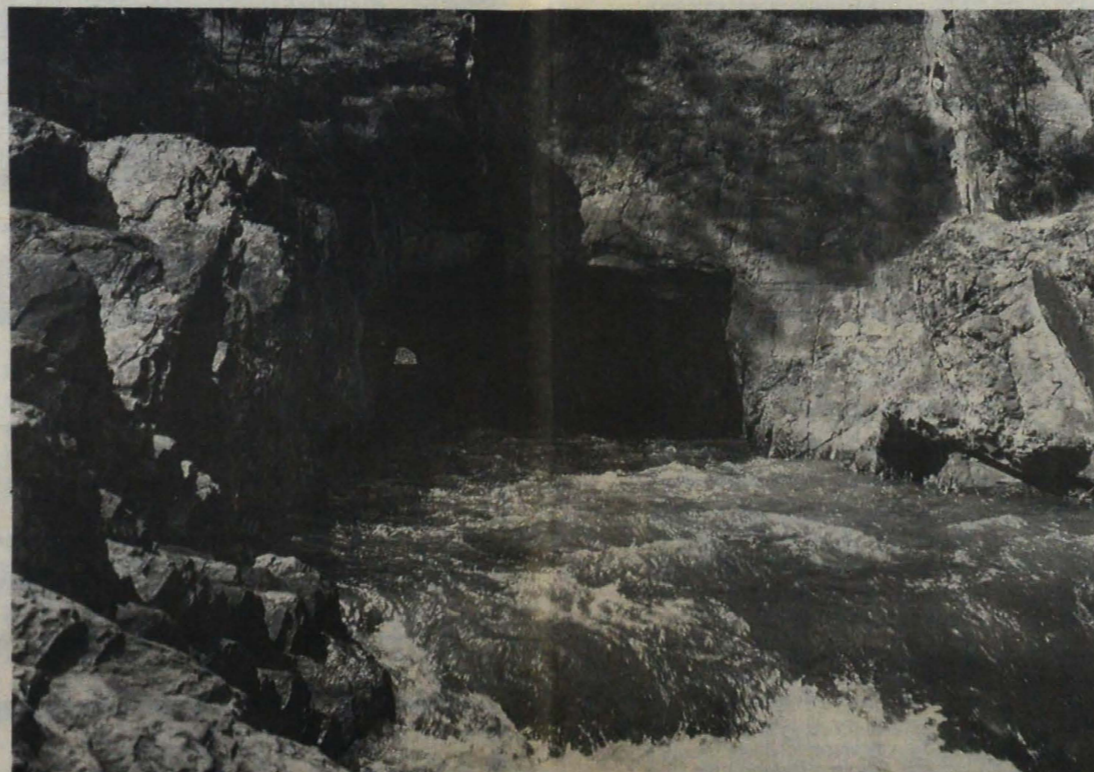
"special picturesque character." According to the study, "all our local stone buildings are important today because quarrying ceased in the 1950s." Examples include the Stonehouse, war memorial, and former fire station, built by local stonemason George Stringer in 1944, using sandstone

from the quarry in Whipstick Gully. The Andersons Creek cemetery is also of local significance. The resting place of many former citizens, it "clearly demonstrates the historical connection to gold mining". The first recorded burial was in 1867.

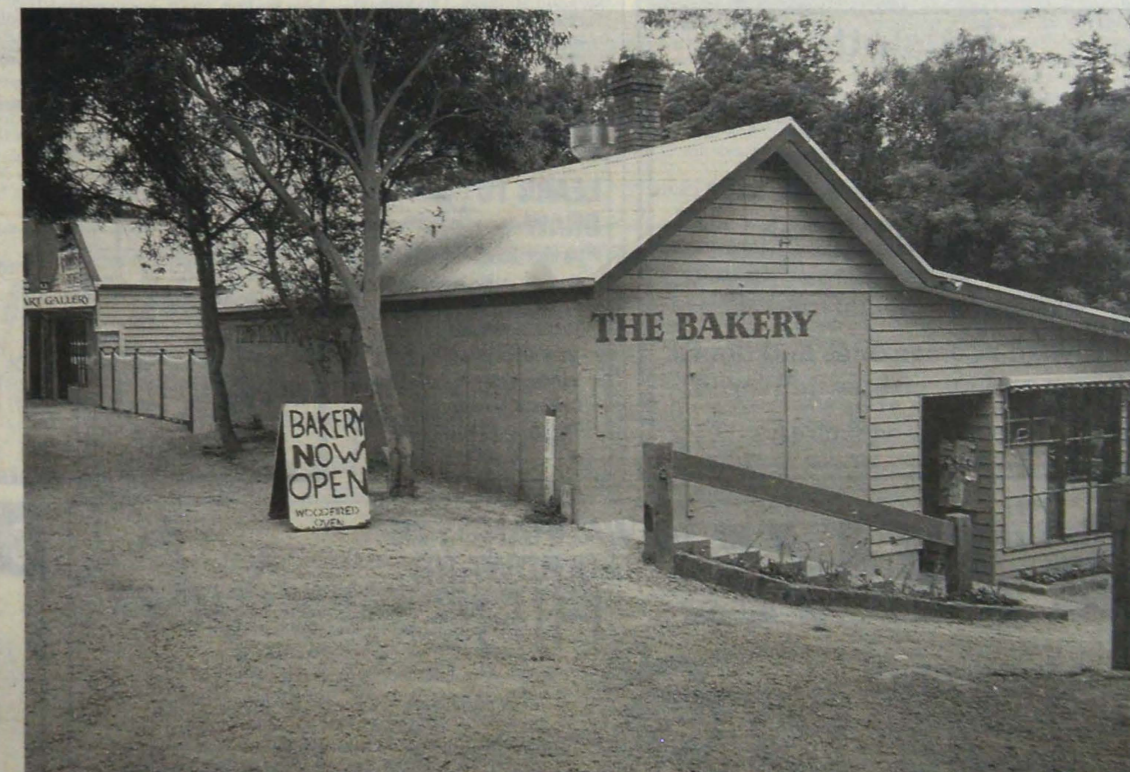
The heritage study has recognised many aspects of local daily life: pub, shops, parks, churches, homes and community buildings. Council needs to have the courage to take the next vital step and ensure these elements are protected, not just on paper but in reality, both now and for the future.



The Old Post Office, a sole survivor from gold days.



Pound Bend tunnel, a varied past.



The Bakery, still boasting a woodfired oven.

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velop the museum, an aboriginal display, an outstanding collection of bushfire pictures and a unique group of photos of Warrandyte people are already on show. All historical society members and friends are invited to a Christmas party at the old post office at 12noon on Sunday, December 15. A plate would be appreciated.



Lions Club president Peter Egan (left) presents South Warrandyte Primary School student Andrew Pickard with a certificate following the school's participation in Fire Awareness Week. School vice-principal Peter Nankervis looks proudly on.

Wild festival

'Warrandyte: Wildlife' is the theme for our 16th festival, planned for March 28 and 29, 1992. Parade categories will include 'most colorful', 'most elaborate', 'best wildlife', 'most Warrandytish' and 'wildest group'. Festival colors are green, gold and tan. As always, the committee is looking for new ideas, and John Boyle (844 3120) is awaiting your call. They are also seeking donations of material and foam rubber sheeting for parade costumes, as well as people who can help continue the work commenced by artists in residence in local schools. Ring Denise Farran (844 1208) or Marilyn Imbery (844 2021) if you can help.

Vacancies

Yarra View kindergarten in North Warrandyte still has some vacancies for 1992. Enquiries to 844 2899.

Wedding

Catherine, daughter of Pat and Frank Doyle of Harris Gully Road, married Ian Durran, formerly of Betton Crescent and son of Bob and Dot Durran, at the Heidelberg Catholic Church on November 23. They have settled in Belgrave.

Youth

Warrandyte Youth Services invites everyone interested to their annual general meeting on Sunday, December 15 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, commencing at 5pm.

Feted

Everyone had lots of fun at the Uniting Church fete on November 23. Among the winners were Ryan Karis of Floods Road who won the aeroplane competition and Cameron Boyle of Osborne Road and Tom Sheehan of Glynn Road who were successful in the golf. And it wasn't only the kids who enjoyed meeting Santa. Eighty year old Elma Watts was noticed sitting on his lap!

Opening

Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau is opening its new office in the community centre on Saturday, December 14 at 4pm, and everyone who lives in Warrandyte and Park Orchards is cordially invited. The honors will be performed by Cr Val Polley, mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe.

Museum

The Warrandyte Historical Society's museum in the old post office in Yarra Street is now open, from 12noon to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 5pm on Wednesdays and at other times by appointment. While it will take time for the society to fully de-

Culture

Warrandyte Community Centre is holding a cultural day on Sunday, December 15 at the centre in Yarra Street, from 10am till 3pm. There will be music and dancing by a Malaysian dance group, art and craft stalls, Asian foods and light refreshments. Everyone is invited.

Dockets

Friends, relatives and students of Andersons Creek and Warrandyte Primary Schools have been enthusiastically saving their docketts from Harry Heath's supermarket since early August. The schools are receiving a two and a half percent rebate for all docketts saved.

Penguins

Following an interest meeting in Warrandyte, a group of the Penguin Club of Australia has been set up to cater for women in the Doncaster, Templestowe and Warrandyte areas. They aim to bring women together in a friendly atmosphere to learn speaking in public. There are still some vacancies in the group. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays at 8pm in the Warrandyte Community Centre. Next meetings are February 5 and 19. Enquiries to 842 2880 or 719 7439.

Hire a trier

Are you rushing around trying to clean up the house and garden before Christmas? If you need help, ring Jean Chapman of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Labor Exchange on 844 3326. If you are looking for work, or have a staff vacancy, give Jean a ring. She may be able to help.

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Facilities

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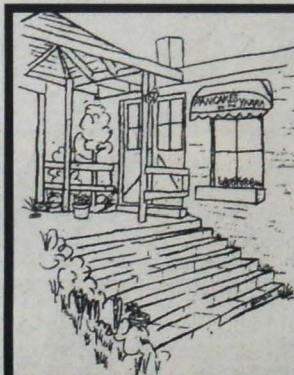
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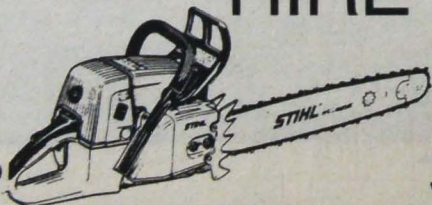
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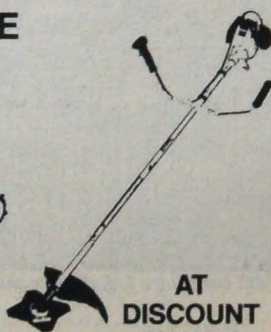
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The market and the black bomber



THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

WHEN I lived in the suburbs I had many good friends who often came to visit me. Now that I had moved further away they could not come so frequently. It took more time and the roads were in a shocking state. But they came when they could, especially a doctor and his wife who were always ready to help me.

They agreed wholeheartedly with my decision to move away from my nervous irritable husband, who was always so impatient with the children. One day Watty and Patty walked over to tell me that Dr Ben had phoned and would I call him back. I had no phone then so we all walked up to the herb farm to use theirs. Ben said, "You know Evelyn, I am always enquiring about new treatments for the boys' eczema. I hear from several sources that cows' milk can be harmful for them and that goats' milk would be much better. If not an actual cure, it's at least less likely to irritate their skin."

The basic reason, he explained, was that cows passed into their milk all the grass pollens that irritated allergies. Goats do not, so I should try to get goats' milk.

As we walked back, Robert running ahead and looking under stones for the lizards he loved, I pondered the matter, wondering how in hell I would get goats' milk. That night, as I said my prayers, I asked for a solution. I always asked for help in my prayers and was careful to give thanks when a solution presented itself.

The following Saturday Roly came over. He had put by enough 'bits' to acquire a new cart and came proudly to show it. The two wheeled cart with shining blue and red paint was indeed something to be proud of.

He came in for a cuppa and told me he was going to market in a nearby village the following Monday, and asked if I would like to go with him. Evan was too young to understand, but Robert's eyes glowed. Mine too, I think, as Roly described all the animals that would be for sale.

Roly went out then to cut a load of wood. I always loved to watch him swinging an axe. He would hum a tune, keeping time with his effortless swinging rhythm, muscles rippling along his sunburnt arms. He tried to teach me, but I never developed an easy swing.

While he was chopping I asked if there would be goats at the market, and explained as best I could about goats' milk versus cows' milk.

Suddenly I felt a pang of guilt. "No Roly, I can't ask you to put goats in your new cart."

"That'll be all right missus, I'll put sacks in the bottom. And if they have goats they won't cost much, as nobody wants 'em."



We were ready early, as Roly had told me his old horse was slow and it would take two hours to reach the market. We ambled along, other cart owners waving and glancing in admiration at Roly and his new cart as they passed us.

Great patches of blue sky showed between soft white clouds as we came at last to the very small but lively country market. The children nearly burst with excitement at the many sounds around us. Pigs squealed as owners tried to push them into the sale pens and cows mooed.

"They need to be milked," Roly said, "but they sell better with a full udder." Sheep baaed, ducks quacked and hens squawked. Roly showed us around briefly, said he would find us at home time and went off to join his mates.

Inside a long wooden shed was a stall that sold a few groceries, sticky buns and toffee apples on sticks. And such meat pies! Along the outside wall were wooden benches holding a great variety of secondhand goods. Bunches of cutlery tied together with string, rusty tools, bits of harness, old ploughs and crockery, often chipped and cracked, were all for sale.

As we wandered along in the warm sunshine people stared at us. We were strangers here, where everybody knew everyone else. Presently I felt a tap on my arm and turned to see a small, shrivelled old woman leading a goat.

"Roly says yer want a goat. Yer can 'ave 'er for five shillin'. She's a good milker. If yer buy 'er now, I don't 'ave to put 'er in the sale yard and pay commission."

Knowing nothing about goats, I looked at the creature over. She was mostly black with a few white patches and long twisted horns. The old woman must have thought I had an expert eye, be-

cause she said with a long drawl, "All right, yer can 'ave 'er for four bob, if I can 'ave 'er milk afore yer go 'ome." I agreed, and the old woman tied the goat to a post "til 'ome time."

Dr Ben's wife sometimes gave me bundles of surgery sheets and towels to mend, so I also had a few 'bits' put by. Having paid for the goat, I looked around for other bargains. The secondhand goods sales had started. I bought a small wooden butter churn for two shillings and sixpence, and a hammer and a flat iron for one shilling apiece.

By now the children had begun to itch badly from all the excitement and the warm sunshine. I bought us a meat pie each and we sat under a shady tree while I changed their bandages. I always had fresh ones with me. When they were more comfortable we ate the pies, rich gravy dribbling down our chins.

When we arrived home, Roly tethered the goat on a long rope. "Better keep 'er tethered 'til she's used to yer," he said. "What's 'er name?"

"Oh, I forgot to ask. How stupid of me. Oh well, I'll soon think of one." The goat earned a name for herself by the end of the first day.

In the morning, I led her to Sally's bail, tied her to one of the posts and attempted to milk her. To my astonishment, she flopped down tight on her teats and absolutely refused to be milked. No amount of food or persuasion would move her.

I left her and sat down on a large flat stone. This convenient seat later became known as the 'thinking stone'. Robert called it that because "Mum always sits there when she wants to think". I now thought long and hard about this cursed animal. I am not a very practical person by nature, but in the end I decided the only thing would

be to make a sling from hessian sacks. I fastened ropes to the corners of two sugar bags. Leaving the milking bucket out of sight, I went back to the bail, carrying a few branches of green wattle leaves, which goats love.

The goat thus distracted, I slid the sling under her body and tied the ropes to the cross beams of the bail. Her legs dangling just above the ground, the goat gave me a baleful look, but I managed to get a can of milk from her.

I left her on the tether and went back to my work. I took every chance to work outside while the boys had their daytime sleep. Now I worked at the bottom of the hill, levering out more rock and thinking what a fine rock garden I would make.

Glancing up, I saw the goat standing at the top of the ridge. She had bitten through the rope and now lowered her head, ready to charge. I waited for the rush, neatly side-stepped and grabbed the end of the rope. I led her to a nearby shed made of galvanised iron and wire netting, that must have once been a hen house. I shoved her in and slammed the door.

I christened her the Black Bomber, and struggled with her until Roly's next visit. I told him I could cope no longer and he agreed to take her back to market.

One evening towards dusk, a woman drove up in a battered old utility. She introduced herself as Peg Johnson, goat breeder. In the back of the truck were two goats, hornless with sleek white coats.

"Roly tells me you need goats' milk for your children." Her speech, like her movements, was brisk and matter of fact. "I sell milk. Goats too, when I have too many."

"I can't buy milk from you," I replied.

"I have neither transport, nor a fridge or ice chest to keep it in."

"Well you can have these two for four pounds each."

I quickly explained that I could not find that amount of money all at once.

"You will need two goats, one to be milking while the other is dry. I'll make you a proposition." I invited her in for a cuppa.

"You can have these two goats. I'm sure you will care for them well, and I know how well goats' milk can benefit children's eczema. If you give me their kids for the next two kiddings, that will be sufficient payment." So I became the owner of two fine animals, named Agnes and Annabel.

Peg and I became firm friends. She gave me sound advice on caring for them, and taught me how to make goats' cheese. We all loved the sweet, nutty flavour of the milk.

Years later, when I had a car, I would take my goats to country shows. I often won prizes for them, ensuring higher prices for their offspring.

Preparing the goats for show was great fun. A wash in warm soapy water, a good rinse and then blue water to whiten their coats even more. Then I shined their hooves with black boot polish. The children would proudly lead the goats around the ring before the judges. It became quite a profitable business. I even joined the Milch Goat Society.

After paying Peg with the first two lots of kids, four in all, my own stock began to build up. Peg would take my goats to her buck when they were in season, as I had no transport to take them myself.

Some two years later, Peg said, "Evelyn, you now have six goats, I think you should have your own buck. I have a good young buck. He is pedigreed, and perhaps too expensive for you to buy, but I'll lend him to you. In return you can give me one or two of his kids."

Charles arrived, a fine handsome specimen of male goat. Now it is one thing to be the proud, if temporary, owner of a prize animal, but quite another matter to deal with him.

Roly had built me a strong bush timber enclosure, with a shelter within for Charles. But we built it in the wrong place, as Peg was quick to point out later.

A buck should be kept out of sight of females.

Charles fought madly to break free and get at the females, at times becoming quite ferocious. Part of his courting ritual was to spray himself with his urine. Urine that gave off a stench horrible beyond description, it took one's breath away. Roly, bless him, came to the rescue and moved the whole structure well down the hill. Food and water now had to be carried further up and down that steep hill, but it was well worth the effort.

To be continued.

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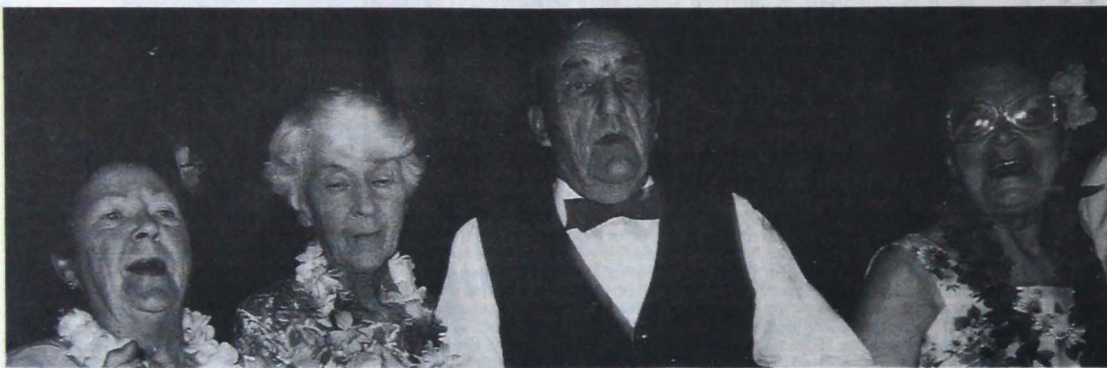
The seniors celebrated their 29th birthday on November 14 with their larger than life con-

cert. The troupe of 30 entertained 100 people, including visitors from other clubs.

The concert's repeat performance will be on February 21. For bookings ring Helen Ward on 844 2671.



Frank Kendrick (Pictures by Jan Tindale)



(L to R) Margaret Perron, Doll Holland, Harry Smith, Ruby Bone

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Replica of the fire cart built for the Kangaroo Ground Fire Brigade in 1914.

The centenary of the Kangaroo Ground Fire Brigade will be celebrated at a family day on Sunday, February 9, 1992. This is a very special event, for not only is the brigade 100 years old, but historians believe it was the first bush fire brigade to be formed in Australia.

On display will be one of the Fire Service Museum's superbly restored antique fire engines, plus the Kangaroo Ground brigade's replica of their first fire cart, originally built by the local blacksmith in 1914. The replica was built by Bruce Ness, grandson of one of the brigade's founding members.

Park hours

With the start of daylight saving, the Warrandyte State Park is now open longer; from 8am to 7pm Monday to Sunday (including public holidays).

Environs

Are you concerned about your local environment? The Warrandyte Environment League would appreciate your help and ideas. Contact Greg Stroot on 844 3459, or write to P.O. Box 126, Warrandyte 3113.

Food help

The Warrandyte Food Bank commenced operating last June, and since then 96 parcels have been delivered, providing food for 227 people in the district. As well as the box in Harry Heath's supermarket, where shoppers may place their donations, greengroceries have been donated by Denise and Rodney Hogg of Goldfields Fruit Market. Other purchases have been made possible by donations and the generous support of the Warrandyte Lions Club.

Wheels

All you need is a couple of hours a month and a dash of goodwill and you can join the volunteers of the Warrandyte Meals on Wheels Service, providing meals for the sick and elderly in our community. Drivers and non-drivers are needed. Ring Judith Woods on 850 1777 during business hours, or at home on 844 3848, Anne Drew on 844 3438, or Dorothy Rush on 844 3438.

Relief

Two members of the Warrandyte Community Church, Dr Frank Cooksey and Mr Rod Dawson, are in the Philippines performing relief work following the recent cyclone. Dr Cooksey has organised a team of medical volunteers to help with the treatment of more than 3,000 injured. Mr Dawson, a carpenter, will be doing practical jobs as required.

Schoolyard prototype keeps running on empty

By CHRIS VANDERVELDE
Like many teenagers, locals Nick Bradford, Daryl Hunter and Chris Vandervelde are interested in cars. But not just to drive! They were so interested they spent over 1500 hours designing and building a fuel efficient prototype car. Representing their school, Warrandyte High, they entered it in the Australian Shell Mileage Marathon Fuel Miser competition. The competition required the single-seater entries to run laps around a track at an average speed of 25 kilometres per hour using

the least possible fuel. This involved solving technical problems, incredible organisation and planning, building the fibreglass body and the engine as well as raising finances to fund the car's construction. Sponsorship came from industries and the school council while parents and teachers supplied advice and practical help. Their first race was in Sydney. Technical problems caused the engine to overheat and the boys finished "a disappointing but credible 33 out of 68".

Undaunted, they tackled the mechanical problems with great success. At Horsham in November they won in their section, eventually taking first place overall by the narrow margin of a third of a millilitre. Now the boys have a new goal. To return to Sydney in 1992 with a high-tech prototype. Given their achievements this year there is no doubt they can do it. However they need new sponsors to succeed. Anyone who can help out with funds please contact Chris on 8442121, or write to 120 Research Road, Warrandyte.



Nick and Chris with their car and trophy

Gone for good



Jennifer Morrison, winner of the Juliet Arnott Endeavor Award

The last day at school brings a swell of conflicting emotions. Sadness at losing the familiar, comforting world where friends and enemies, customs and expectations are all familiar; relief at the release from bonds which had begun to rub; excitement at the thought of the world ahead and doubts about our ability to survive in the real world. Emotions ran high at Warrandyte High School's Year 12 valedictory evening, which formally marked the end of students' school years. Eltham Shire President Mr John Cohen and his wife, and the manager of the Doncaster School Support Centre, Mrs Marilyn Jameson, honoured the school with their presence. After welcoming them, the school's principal Michael Blake and council president Glenn Martin spoke to students about the world ahead and the attitudes needed to succeed in it. A former student, Justin Kibell, shared his first post-school experiences at RMIT with the group. He urged them to be adventurous and develop a varied life. Justin says his involvement with the SES has helped him

meet people of different ages and interests. Three special awards were presented. Karen Boldzen received an academic achievement award. David Joy was named Caltex All Rounder for his involvement in school committees, sport and drama. The Endeavor Award, in memory of a much loved ex-student, Juliet Arnott, was presented by family member Nick Arnott to Jennifer Morrison. All students received a profile certificate, recording their participation in school activities throughout high school. Matthew Vincent thanked the teachers for their support on behalf of all students. Year 12 coordinator Ms Judy Steel received special thanks. The evening was one of formality, seriousness and humor, marked by the warmth from a community which cares about its young people and wishes the very best for its Year 12 class of 1991.

Teaching them to make a tidy town

Warrandyte Primary School has won the schools section of this year's Keep Our City Beautiful campaign, run by Doncaster and Templestowe council. The school received a commemorative plaque and a \$500 prize. Warrandyte will now represent the City of Doncaster and Templestowe in the Tidy Towns-Keep Australia Beautiful awards for 1991. The competition assesses schools on the level of their development of environmental awareness among both students and the wider school community. Warrandyte Primary uses re-

cycled paper in both offices and classrooms. Hundreds of trees have been planted in the school grounds and in the neighboring state park over the last three years. The school also has a compost heap for lunch scraps, can-teen left-overs and parents' lawn clippings. The school's principal, Mr Ken Wing Jan, said the award recognises "the enormous efforts and contributions made by the parents, teachers and children towards keeping our school and city beautiful and litter-free". He congratulated everyone who participated in the environmental awareness program at

the school and at working bees to beautify the school grounds. Three students at the school—Kym Swain, Chris Dick and Richard Chandler—also won book awards for their recycling posters in the poster coloring competition. Warrandyte Primary is a recycling centre. The school's environmental education co-ordinator, Carole Lush, told the *Diary* that aluminium cans, compost material and office papers can be brought to the school for recycling during the school week, Monday to Friday. She said the school hopes the community will support their recycling efforts.

Honor from the East

Our local primary and secondary schools have together won an award for their Japanese language program. The Myer Foundation Asian Language Advancement award of \$3,000 went to Warrandyte High School and its associated primary schools: Anderson's Creek, Warrandyte, Warrandyte South and Wonga Park. The schools have been working together for nearly three years, sharing teachers and communicating via 'school of the air' telematics equipment. The awards were presented by the Consul General for Japan at a recent special function at Parliament House.

Local young Einsteins!

Seven Anderson's Creek primary students won prizes at this year's Science Talent Search. Simon Carter, Joel Borwick, Alexander Wedd, Georgie Anassis, James Dunn, Brent Gibson and Nathaniel Thulke, all in grades five and six at the school, won bursaries and participation awards for their entries. The students were encouraged by their class teacher Mrs M. Willey, as their projects, a burglar alarm, mechanical arm and cleaning set, took shape. The talent search is an annual event run by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria.



From left: Simon Carter, Joel Borwick, Alexander Wedd, Georgie Anassis, James Dunn, Brent Gibson, Nathaniel Thulke



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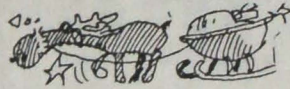
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DAVE PRIDMORE Local benefactor lost

By BRUCE BENCE

David Pridmore, who was well-known around Warrandyte, died at the Anne Cardle Centre in Bendigo on November 16 1991. He was 76.

He lived with his wife Maisie in Warrandyte and South Warrandyte for many years, and will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

The son of locals John and Jane Pridmore, Dave was born at Axedale, east of Bendigo in 1915. He was the fifth of seven children. He married Maisie Fraser in 1943, and they lived in the inner eastern suburbs for some years.

Dave and Maisie and their three children, Peter, Brenda and David, moved out to

Warrandyte where Dave built the family home from local stone. The children all attended Warrandyte South Primary and Norwood High schools. Dave played local football until a knee injury forced an early retirement. He also played cricket.

Technically minded, Dave worked at Radio Corporation in South Melbourne for 33 years and later set up his own business, servicing radio and television sets for local families. He also ran a chicken business.

The Pridmores moved to Bendigo in 1979 due to Maisie's ill-health. She died in 1989. By this time, Dave was afflicted with crippling arthritis and

had suffered several strokes, rendering him increasingly immobile. He was admitted to the Anne Cardle Centre in 1988, where he stayed until he died.

Dave will perhaps be best remembered for the land he donated to the community, on which the South Warrandyte fire station is now built.

This donation was a gift of gratitude after the fire brigade and community volunteers joined a search to find his youngest son, David junior, on a wintry June day in 1956. The searchers had even dragged the Pridmore's icy dam before the boy, aged 2, was found a mile from home, blissfully unaware that he was lost.

Press gang parties on



Paul Williams, Bruce Bence and Cr Vern Denford

Diary staff and friends gathered together last month to celebrate the opening of the paper's new office in the community centre.

Because the 20 or so people who combine to bring out the paper each month do much of their work in isolation, the 'office warming' party was a rare chance to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Everyone admired our new equipment and furniture, the layout of the office and the historic front pages decorating the walls.

Although the afternoon was strictly informal, we did prevail upon Cr Val Polley to say a few words, not as mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe, but as our first chief of staff!

Jan Tindale sneaked around, taking these pictures.

Ingrid Kleinhenz, Melanie Coupar and Georgi Stickels



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Bloods out of the red but rudderless

Warrandyte Football Club are back in the black — but short of a president and a secretary. The annual general meeting last month was told that the club had an operating profit of \$1048 for the year to November 14 after paying off a debt of almost \$10,000 inherited from the previous year.

However, the meeting produced no candidates for the presidency or secretaryship, vacated after two years by Colin Bawden and Norm Carrington respectively.

The club will meet again on Monday, February 10, to fill those positions and two committee vacancies.

Bawden and Carrington, who are stepping down for business and family reasons, will continue in "caretaker" capacities until that meeting.

Bawden told the AGM the year had seen a remarkable turnaround for the club on and off the field. "After game two, the committee met and decided that if we halved our debt and finished the season still in (EDFL) third division, we would have done a great job," he said. "We did much better than that."

(Warrandyte made the finals and were beaten by eventual premiers Lilydale by a point in the first semi.)

Bawden said the club's biggest problem was still a "lack of people to do a little".

"It falls back on a few to do the lot," he said. "Until members and supporters are prepared to get together and all do a little, we will not reach first division."

His sentiments were echoed by Carrington. "I believe we have two groups in Warrandyte," he

said. "There are those who would be happy to see us as a fourth division amateur side, and those who want to see us move up in the EDFL competition."

"As long as those two groups nuzzle at each other, we will not really kick on."

Carrington told the meeting he was prepared to resume as secretary after a year's break. "Anyone who is prepared to take on the job now need not necessarily regard it as long-term," he said.

Treasurer Roger Drew said successful social functions — especially those for young people — had contributed largely to the club's financial turnaround. "We will be starting the coming year on a brighter note," he said.

The meeting empowered the incoming committee to investigate, in conjunction with

Warrandyte Cricket Club, the possibility of installing poker machines, which will be introduced to Victoria next year.

"If poker machines are successful, I think we'd be stupid to just walk away from them as a fund-raiser," Drew said.

Drew and vice-president Geoff Feltham were returned unopposed. The new committee so far is Bawden, Tom Kerkhof, John Ryan, Liam Spencer and Georgina McFie. It will also include a representative of Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

The Bloods will begin training for 1992, under coaches David Purcell and Glen Walsh, in the last week of January. They will play in a pre-season competition at Epping and a practice match has already been booked.

Dytes fair game in duck season

With five rounds gone, Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven are still chasing their first win of the 1991-92 RDCA season.

The Dytes, who made a late run into last season's finals, find themselves at the foot of the Chandler Shield ladder after a sad series of inept batting displays.

Only once have they reached 200 (a round 200 in the first game) and according to club president Mark Davis, even that is a losing score in what has become a tougher competition.

"This season, 250 puts you in with a chance and 300 probably is a winning score," Davis told the *Diary*. "We are not occupying the crease. We are not batting out our allocated 75 overs in the two-day matches."

Davis said practice form remained good and there was no will-to-win problem.

"Simply, when our batsmen go to the crease they are not looking at the situation on the scoreboard and adapting to that situation. We are batting as if we are a few down for 300 on our way to making 500," he said.

Warrandyte's batting problems were underlined when they could muster only 199—of which Andrew Hood made 90—against Ainslie Park at their latest outing. They were chasing 315.

Thankfully, the batting malaise has confined itself to the senior eleven. Plenty of runs are being made elsewhere.

The seconds (premiers last season) dropped their first game in many when they set Ainslie Park a target of only 130; and the thirds, a young sided by rookie



captain Dale Vitiritti, continue to impress.

Andrew Snaidero was the star of the thirds' latest victory, a 113-run demolition of Ainslie Park. Snaidero made 102 of Warrandyte's 338.

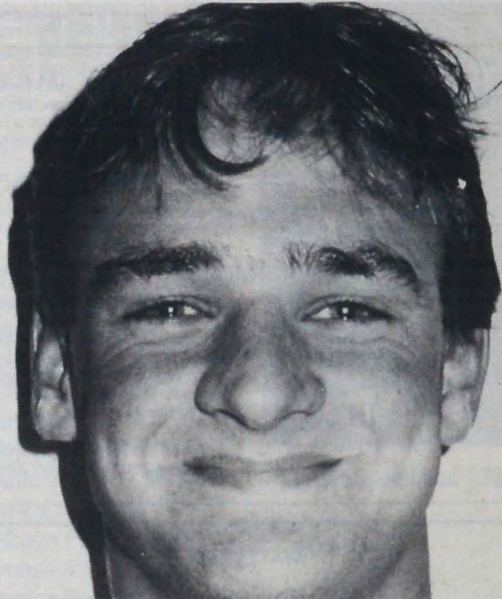
And the women are putting the senior men to shame! They lost their first game for the season, against Monash University in the latest round, and probably should have won it.

Warrandyte defended a score of 7/200 with an attack depleted by injury and were beaten by just 15 runs.

There have been some fine batting performances down through the grades, including centuries by young Steve Bell in the thirds, Brett Fisher (fourths), Matt Wilks (fifths) and Angela Tunbridge.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 86 and 3/93 lost to Croydon North 7/214. Warrandyte 167 (Sharman 80 n.o.) lost to Lilydale 175 (Walshe 3/32, Sharman 3/59). Warrandyte 4/171 (Hood 73, Tregear 47, Sturesteps 27) lost to Parkwood 8/178 (C. Snaidero 3/21, Graf 2/29). Warrandyte 199 (Hood 90, Mooney 20) lost to Ainslie Park 315 (Sharman 5/86, Walshe 2/86). SECONDS: Warrandyte 161 (Brisbane 61) and 2/49 d Croydon North 136 (Watts 4/36). Warrandyte 7/212 (Kline 71 n.o.) d Lilydale 102 (Graf 3/15, Watts 3/30) and 5/83 (Jungwirth 5/38). Warrandyte 129 (Day 48, Pascoe 27) lost to Ainslie Park 9/272 (Vitiritti 2/20, C. Day 3/10, Jungwirth 2/71, Watts 1/83 off 35 overs).



Andrew Snaidero — century against Ainslie Park

THIRDS: Warrandyte 5/251 (Goddard 61, Mooney 54 n.o., Vitiritti 45) d Croydon North 244 (Howarth 4/63, Croft 4/48). Warrandyte 9/337 (Bell 102, Vitiritti 60) d Lilydale 138. Warrandyte 338 (A. Snaidero 102, Vitiritti 47, Neagle 40) d Ainslie Park 225 (Baker 4/87, Goddard 3/26). FOURTHS: Warrandyte 9/221 (Comrie 93) d Croydon North 148 (Stockley 5/42). Warrandyte 208 (Fisher 100) lost to Lilydale 226 (Rodgers 4/51, Stockley 3/41). Warrandyte 9/260 (Rodgers 78, C. Grybas 69, Brisbane 68) d Ainslie Park 188 (Stockley 5/62). FIFTHS: Warrandyte 193 (Ut 66) and 2/96 (Dorning 45 n.o.) drew with Croydon North 193 (Fernando 3/59). Warrandyte 163 (Deleo 64, Wilks 45) d Bayswater Park 122 (Fernando 4/30, Joy 3/27). Warrandyte 210 (Wilks 100, Hadboldt 24) d Ainslie Park 125 (Hadboldt 6/59, O'Connor 4/18) and 2/63. WOMEN: Warrandyte 203 (Chapman 66, McLaws 46) and 97 d Parkdale 184 (Tunbridge 5/44, Egeberg 3/51). Warrandyte 205 (Tunbridge 103 n.o.) d Frankston 127 (Tunbridge 3/40) and 3/91. Warrandyte 7/200 (McLaws 55, Egeberg 50, McGhee 30) lost to Monash University 7/215 (McLaws 3/46, Egeberg 1/45).

It's Makeshift, grand finally

By CLINTON GRYBAS

It was a case of third time lucky for Makeshift in the grand final of Warrandyte Basketball Club's midweek men's competition.

The biggest midweek crowd yet saw Makeshift beat the Hitmen 56-49 in an action-packed affair to win their first premiership in three grand final appearances.

The match did not go the full 40 minutes because nine players were fouled out. When Damien Thwaites recorded his fifth foul with 41 seconds to play, it left just one Hitman on court. Under the rules, a team must field more than one player, so Makeshift were declared the winners.

Earlier, the crowd had been brought to its feet by a series of spectacular moves from both sides in a superb display of basketball.

After a tight first half, Makeshift broke away to a 12-point lead which looked enough for victory, but the Hitmen came back as only they can to trail by just four with two minutes to play.

They would have won it had Steve McIntosh not single-handedly taken the game by the scruff of the neck for Makeshift. McIntosh finished with a record grand final tally of 27 points, several of them in the final dramatic moments.

Simon Appleby had supported him well with 13 points (nine in three-pointers) before fouling out.

For the Hitmen, Thwaites shot a personal season high 22 and Matthew Vincent contributed 14.

The victory ended a grand final jinx for Makeshift, whose two previous appearances had resulted in nine and 10-point losses.

In the over-30 section, Andersons Creek upset Peter Parkes 32-24, reversing a 41-25 thrashing when they had met in a semi-final.

It was back-to-back premierships for the Creek, who were again led by Stan Slabon, with 12 points.

John Talia scored 12 for the losers, who were shooting for their first premiership.

Girls net two pennants

Warrandyte Netball Club completed a highly successful spring season on November 30 with two premierships.

Eleven of the 15 teams made the finals, seven made it through to the grand finals and the Wedgetails (under-14, 2) and Wasps (under-16, 1) brought home pennants.

Warrandyte's beaten grand finalists were Wattles (under-12, 2), Wombles (under-12, 4), Giants (under-14, 4), Wildcats (under-14, 5) and Wonders (open A).

The "mighty atoms" of the season were the Wagtails (under-10, 1), who went through undefeated. There are no finals in that division.

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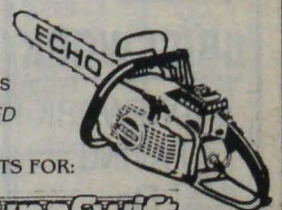


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