

# North councillors in bid for Warrandyte

## Green shire plan

By DAVID WYMAN

New efforts to unite all of Warrandyte are under way, this time stimulated by a proposal to create a Green Wedge municipality.

The move comes from a "Shire Restructure Committee" composed of the three councillors of the North Riding of the Shire of Eltham and five other shire residents.

One of its proposals is to sever from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Green Wedge area of Warrandyte, through South Warrandyte to Park Orchards, and include it in a restructured Eltham shire.

It also proposes transferring the West Riding of Eltham to Diamond Valley shire, bringing parts of North Eltham, rural areas of Diamond Valley, the Green Wedge areas of Whittlesea and nearby parts of Healesville shire into Eltham, with expansion northwards to include Kinglake.

The division of Warrandyte by the Yarra and its unification under one council has long been a volatile issue on both sides of the river (see page 5).

The current move is similar to serious efforts to unite Warrandyte made in 1974, and again in 1986 when the Local Government Commission sought to restructure municipalities.

Warrandyte Ward councillors gave the new Eltham proposals a mixed reception. Doncaster-Templestowe mayor, Cr Val Polley, who lives in Warrandyte, said "it was old news revisited".

"I have always disliked the division of Warrandyte by the river," she said. "It's always been detrimental to the town."

"I would have expected, even as a courtesy, for the Eltham councillors to have talked to their three counterparts across the river. They haven't and that's a pity."

"But it's an interesting concept. It's been tried before on several occasions and each time it's failed. Even so, Warrandyte has felt it has suffered because it is divided and the town is attached to a large and growing urban area."

"I have always favored one Warrandyte."

Cr Vern Denford said Doncaster-Templestowe council and Warrandyte "offered each other a lot".

He said council support for the Green Wedge area had been established for several years and the city would continue to support its retention.

"How would a restructured Eltham financially support the Warrandyte area? I would question their ability to support the infrastructure of Warrandyte and Park Orchards," he said.

"People of Warrandyte have more going for them staying with Doncaster-Templestowe."

The Shire Restructure Committee says its proposed annexations and transfers would unify the townships of Warrandyte, Kinglake, Hurstbridge and Wattle Glen. It believes the Shire of Eltham is unbalanced with one rural riding and two urban ridings.

"Several townships are now split between two or more municipalities. The Green Wedge is fractured between five municipalities," the committee says in a signed statement.

Cr Robert Marshall, of Eltham's North Riding, and a member of the Shire Restructure Committee, said separate meetings to determine support for the proposals would be held in Warrandyte, Eltham, Kinglake and Hurstbridge.

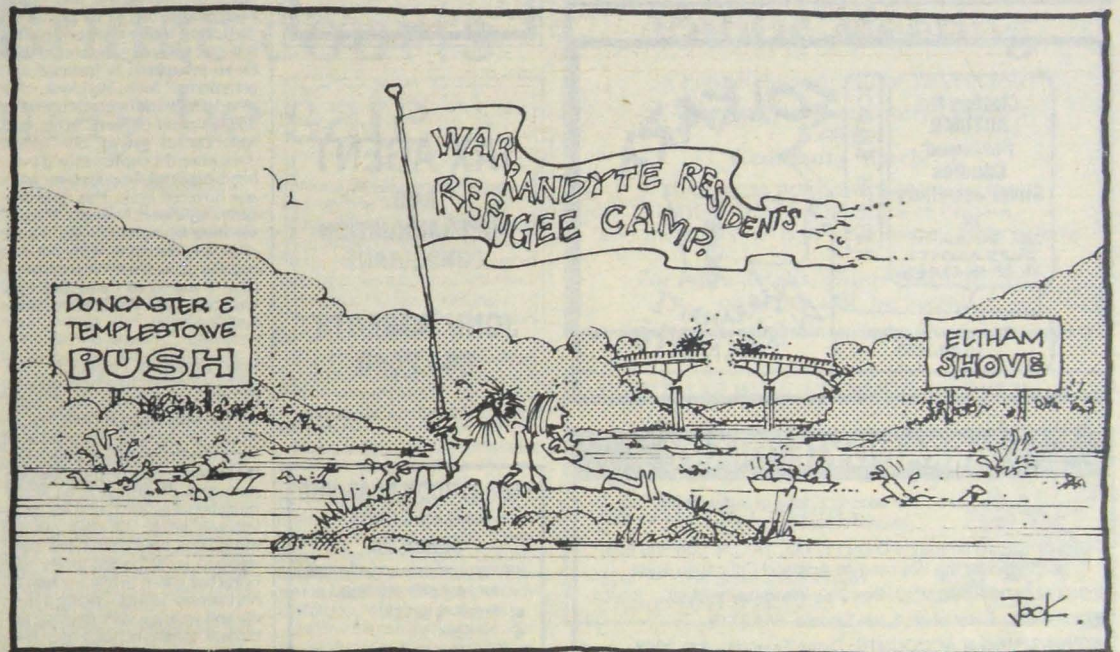
The Warrandyte meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, in the community centre.

"The Warrandyte meeting will be 90 per cent addressed to Warrandyte issues," Cr Marshall told the *Diary*.

"Our new shire proposal would be based mainly on the Green Wedge zonings—and Warrandyte township and the surrounding Landscape Interest area is in the Green Wedge."

"Most of the Shire of Eltham and parts of Whittlesea and Diamond Valley are also Green Wedge."

"All these areas have something very much in common. While these Green Wedge areas



are beautiful and important, their populations are insignificant compared to the rest of their municipalities.

"The Green Wedge areas and the township of Warrandyte will become less important to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe as time goes by."

"The weight of numbers and the weight of development will tend to swamp the area, with a lot of political leverage. That's why we are trying to gather all these Green Wedge areas, which are small in numbers of people, within one municipality."

"Councillors come and go, and while we may have good councillors now, there could be bad ones for our community philosophy in five years time. And then Warrandyte and Hurstbridge could be under threat again."

Cr Marshall said Warrandyte people are not in control of their own destiny because nine of the 12 Doncaster councillors were elected by people who "have nothing like a similar philosophy to Warrandyte people".

## Undies on, yobs off

Two time-hallowed events—the Yarra Yobbos and the Duck Race—have been scratched from this year's Warrandyte Village Festival, but a number of new features have replaced them, including the Warrandyte Festival Undie 500.

A festival organiser told the *Diary* that the Undie 500 is a "novelty race in which all entrants run in their undies or nighties (or someone else's) over a 500 metre course."

"The type of undies you run in is up to you. Make up a team of six, preferably mixed." Prizes are offered for the "best (un)dressed" entries.



Other new events include a farmyard display and lunchtime music at Stiggants Reserve, hayrides, canoe hire on the river at the bottom of Webb Street, a night-time telescope demonstration, a Saturday night disco at the

cricket club and a model railway display at the community centre.

A tent at Stiggants Reserve, run by the Nursing Mothers' Association, will enable parents to feed and change their babies during both days of the festival.

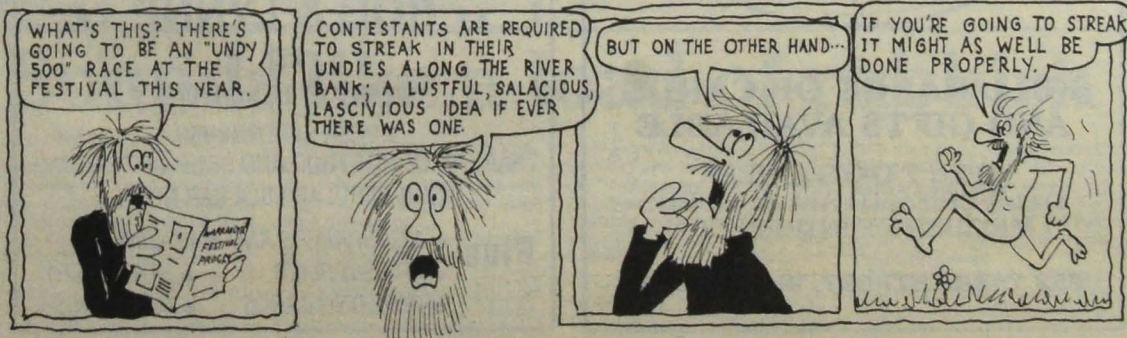
Old festival favourites include the waterslide, food stalls and open air market, Expo '92 at St Stephens church, and, of course the grand festival parade along Yarra Street, commencing at 11 on the Saturday morning.

This year's Warrandyte Festival runs from Thursday, March 26 through to Sunday, March 29.

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**And a happy (hic) 25th birthday to you, too!**

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and it would be singularly churlish of Smokey not to wish them many happy returns of the year, with fondest hopes for the future. We note that they are publicising a cocktail called "DT's 25", devised by a local hostelry. In remembrance of the city's orcharding past (the destruction of which council has presided over throughout the past quarter century) the recipe for this giggling gargle consists mainly of such fruit rotguts as cherry brandy, peach liqueur and apple brandy. In special celebration, the latest issue of the council newsletter makes an hysterical offer to ratepayers with regard to this fearsome concoction (and we quote): "The 25th one you order at one sitting is FREE!" In the name of sobriety and the reduction of the road toll - good one, D-T!

We've all wondered about that police helicopter's regular surveillance of Warrandyte and somebody suggested to us once that they were looking for pot plants. But gee, we said, why would they be so interested in fushcias and geraniums? John Haddock, that wonderfully and benignly unorthodox Irishman of Yarra Street, was watering his garden one recent dusk when the copter arrived overhead, hovered, flew off, came back and hovered again, this time considerably closer to earth. "I could see their faces," said John, whose closest association with pot has been to make tea in one occasionally. "I waved to them and they went away. They didn't even wave back!"

Brian Dunne, of Fossickers Way, admitted at last that he was "lacking fitness" and said okay, okay, he'd do something about it. Yes, he would jog. Now Brian's version of jogging rather defies definition and those privileged to witness the phenomenon described it as something between the real thing and a leisurely stroll. We shall call it a strog. But my, hasn't his pace stepped up since his lovely wife Coral has taken to leading him on his exercise jaunts - riding a bicycle and wearing very fetching leotards. Brian has actually been seen to break into a gallop in pursuit of her. His mates say it's a classic case of the carrot and the donkey, but the *Diary* is far too polite and straitlaced even to suggest such an analogy.

While Brian maintains his relentless pursuit of Coral, their Fossickers Way neighbour John "Tiger" Laing has been reduced to a mere hobble. Because he was approaching 50, John thought it time to announce his retirement from the local Tuesday night tennis competition, but he succumbed to the persuasive powers of the ladies at work and agreed to captain the office softball team. As his nickname suggests, John is a mad Richmond supporter and used Kevin Bartlett motivational tapes to whip his charges into a state of competitive frenzy. And nobody was more fervid than he. In his very first game he tore ankle ligaments and is now on crutches.

**IN RED & WHITE**

And what's all this about bloodshed on the local tennis court? We'd always thought it a genteel game. Val Mackintosh was displeased with her form in a mixed doubles set with Geoff "Frenchie" French and showed her annoyance as she left the court by doing a sharp, fresh-air backhand, unaware that her partner was right behind her. Val's racquet hit him squarely in the face and put him down for the count. Both Geoff, a Warrandyte Tennis Club selector who hails from Ringwood, and his friendship with Val survived.

The trailer yacht parked in the drive of the local police station might have led you to believe that a local chapter of the water police had been established here. Not so. The boat is Sergeant David Burge's newly-acquired pride and joy and right now his is tacking and jibing it around the Gippsland lakes on holiday.

Kevin Close, former principal of Andersons Creek Primary School, was somewhat taken aback when he took up a new appointment in Lilydale to be told his most important job would be to buy a slab of beer for the teachers' Friday "happy hour". Being both the boss and the new boy, he went along with the tradition and was prepared to buy on the second Friday as well before one of his staff said oh no, it's not your shout, we take it in turns. An admirable sense of fair play which

was missing in those people who taught Smokey all those years ago.

His mates have a message for "Bozo" and the message is: Beware! Bozo is a local bloke who specialises in setting up his buddies with the most surprising surprises on the occasions of their 40th birthdays. He has had huge fun at their expense. And guess whose 40th is coming up very soon? Yeah, Bozo's. We wouldn't be surprised if the chaps were plotting a speckie square-up.

The Woosters - Chris, Sandra, Kelly and Darron - of Taroonna Avenue left this month on a 12-month round-Australia trip and asked us to say hooroo on their behalf. So, all you friends/acquaintances, consider yourselves hoorooed.

Out there somewhere are two potential Warrandyte Undie 500 contestants who would raise more than interest and eyebrows at this year's upcoming festival. One is the notorious naked jogger. A real swinger, her antics were faithfully followed by a group of bug-eyed RSL golfers some years ago and exclusively reported in this column. Another is the shapely young customer in a Warrandyte milkbar. Deciding her cappuccino wasn't hot enough, she protested by removing all her clothes. Other district striptease artists will be in their element (and their undies) running the 500.

State services are being cut, and services are not always available.

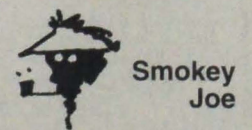
**P.T.C. Tram & Bus division management are incompetent, the state government must fix the mess.**

Liberal opposition remain silent.

The above axiom is from a South Melbourne Tram Workers Committee handbill distributed to passengers in general on February 20. And what a jolly good sense of timing! Why, only the previous afternoon, Warrandyte passengers waiting for what had become laughably known as the 5.17 No 265 via freeway and Templestowe were about to run a sweep on precisely how late their bus was going to arrive at the city rank to take them away from it all. Students of form were going for the 9-10 minutes slot, which had been par for the course for the previous few weeks. Somebody was bold enough to predict 25 minutes and an extreme pessimist among them doubted if it would lob at all. But up she bobbed, and the 9-10 minutes punters were right on. Nine minutes and 37 seconds. The passengers were of the view that the Pub-

lic Transport Corporation should (a) lift its game by the best part of quarter of an hour, or (b) reschedule the 5.17 as the 5.31 or thereabouts.

DEATH NOTICE: The late 5.17 really is late now. Gone to that big depot in the sky. In its place, though, you have the 5.13, 5.14 and 5.29. All part of a new deal introduced on March 1 and explained elsewhere in this issue. More buses more often, and perhaps they'll even get a couple of them to run on time every now and again.



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# Herbicide group will signpost sprayed areas

By GEORGI STICKELS

A volunteer organisation has recently been formed to provide tighter controls on herbicide spraying, particularly in public areas.

The Herbicide Applicators Association of Victoria was founded last November. Its president, Mr Bob Powell, is a Warrandyte fire brigade member and a professional herbicide applicator. He was contracted by Doncaster-Templestowe council to spray the Warrandyte sports ovals late last month.

According to Mr Powell, the organisation was formed to have regulations established in an industry full of "inefficient operators".

Herbicide applicators are currently unlicensed and guidelines for applying poisons vary from shire to shire. Mr Powell told the *Diary* his organisation hopes to persuade the State government to introduce uniform regulations for herbicide application and licensing. Such regulations already govern pesticide applicators.

In the meantime association members must complete a 40 hour course and any-

one employed by a member must do a 24 hour course.

The course includes recognition of common industrial herbicides by name and nature, handling, application and toxicity.

Member's qualifications will be updated annually and members can be fined or expelled for failing to comply. Many other applicators have no such training, said Mr Powell, and should be avoided.

As well as these qualifications, the association also advocates using signs while an area is being sprayed and for 20 minutes after, while the spray is still wet. Locals have long been concerned that there is no warning that an area has been sprayed.

Mr Powell told the *Diary* that association members will be using such signs to warn locals while they are spraying. Unlike blackberry spray, he said, once weed spray is dry there is no risk to users and signs are not required after this time. He added that Roundup, the spray used by the council, is similar to such household brands such as

Hortico Pathweeder and is not known to cause cancer or have other long-term effects.

He said that both the association and council have strict views on not spraying in an area while people were around, and that Doncaster council guidelines were among the best in Melbourne.

He agreed that concerns about spray drifting in the wind were quite legitimate, but added that drift was carefully controlled by sprayers. Contrary to popular belief, he said the best time for spraying was in a slight breeze, which keeps any drift under the hoods used over the spraying nozzles.

All herbicides used by Mr Powell in Warrandyte carry a toxicity schedule of 5 (S5), with S8 the legal maximum. By comparison, household cleaners like ammonia or Drano carry an S5 rating, while Finish and many hair dyes are S6.

Mr Powell runs three-hour workshops for the public on chemical storage and toxicity at home, to educate people about household poisons.

# Bridge courts may be safe

By JUDY MACDONALD

A threat to the future of the bridge tennis courts may have been averted by council support for local submissions to retain the courts.

The Middle Yarra Concept Plan recommends the eventual removal of the courts, returning the land to public open space.

The courts, extensively restored by the Warrandyte Lions Club and meticulously maintained by John Gilbert on a voluntary basis, have long been a popular meeting and picnic place for local groups.

Mr Gilbert's submission to the Department of Planning and Housing, and those of regular users, was supported by Doncaster and Templestowe council who agree that the courts should be retained.

The decision-making panel will reconvene in two months time.

The concept plan has further implications for the Warrandyte area between Alexander Road and Jumping Creek Reserve.

The Main Yarra Trail, a 2.7 metre wide, combined walking and cycling track, will link with the existing trail from the city to

Banksia Street and terminate at Warrandyte bridge.

The trail will follow Hutchinson Avenue and Everard Drive to negotiate the ridge. Everard Drive may become a no-through road.

From the bridge, a walking-only track will continue to the island and on to Black's Flat.

The need for a swing footbridge from the Pound to the north bank will be investigated, while a footbridge to the island will be constructed.

Disturbingly, the plan still calls for the "reinforcement and extension of views of the Yarra River and hillsides beyond". Such a proposal, implying tree-clearing, made by a 1989 Townscape Improvement Study, brought angry residents to their feet at a public meeting with study architects, Whitford and Peck.

As the township riverside area is under the management of council, who have worked closely with the community through the Townscape Advisory Committee, it seems possible that changes to our riverside can be kept to a minimum, while the unmanicured charm of the area is maintained.



Bill Moresmith's Japanese class at Warrandyte Primary

# Japanese visitor gets locals talking

By GEORGI STICKELS  
Picture by JAN TINDALE

The Japanese Consul-General honored local students last month with a special visit to see the innovative telematics system for teaching Japanese in action.

The Consul-General, Mr Yasunori Ken Kikuchi, watched as a class of senior pupils at Warrandyte Primary School communicated in halting Japanese with Year 9 students at Warrandyte High, using microphones and a two way radio system.

Mr Kikuchi told the *Diary* he had never visited a school before but this was a special occasion. Although common in the outback schools of the air, telematics is rarely used in urban classrooms.

Mr Kikuchi said involving children in languages at primary school was a first step to promoting and understanding Japanese culture in Australia. "I hope more schools do it," he said.

Encouraging Japanese and Australian people to share their cultures is a large part of Mr Kikuchi's role in Australia. He represents 2,300 Japanese migrants in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Over 60,000 Australians study Japanese.

Teaching by telematics began in Warrandyte 12 months ago. Students in grades four, five and six at Warrandyte,

Warrandyte South, Wonga Park and Anderson's Creek primary schools are linked by telematics to Warrandyte High School.

The two Japanese teachers at Warrandyte High School, Mr Bill Moresmith and Ms Brenda Fricker, are shared between the four primary schools and the high school. Warrandyte Primary also has a part time Japanese teacher, allowing students to learn Japanese from prep level.

The president of the Warrandyte school council, Mr Bruce Williamson, told the *Diary* that telematics "helps extend the amount of teaching time available. It's one way of stretching resources."

The equipment is also used to teach students at schools with no Japanese teacher. Last year Warrandyte primary ran link-ups with Steels Creek and Eltham East primary schools.

Warrandyte primary's principal, Mr Ken Wing Jan, hopes to continue that this year, although he stressed that radio teaching "will never replace face-to-face" methods.

Cr Louise Joy, and local M Mr Phil Honeywood both accompanied Mr Kikuchi on his visit to the schools. They agreed the system showed "great co-operation" and initiative.

The program won the Myer Foundation Asian Language Advancement Award last year.

# Sounds like a load of rubbish

By INGRID KLEINHENZ

A solution to the rubbish problem along the Yarra river banks has recently been suggested. Simply remove the rubbish bins! Theo Buskes, a member of the Warrandyte Townscape committee and staunch supporter of the unusual proposal, told the *Diary* that local bins are currently "neither desirable nor effective."

He claims that people litter despite bin availability and that the associated health risks and high maintenance costs make bins a nuisance.

Somehow, the idea actually works, although many have questioned its logic. Pound Bend has never had bins and Jumping Creek reserve had the bins removed, with a successful result.

"In general it works very well," a State Park officer told the *Diary*. "I think it has a lot to do with changing community attitudes towards the environment and even though you do get a few individuals who litter, most act responsibly."

According to a council officer, Jane Marriot, if council introduces the idea there will need to

be a "program of enforcement and encouragement" similar to that in state parks, where park rangers hand out rubbish bags and impose fines for littering. However, a trial period would be the first step.

If local residents are willing to give it a try, some say the idea might just work—if handled properly.

## Public Meeting

A Public Meeting will be held in the  
**Warrandyte Community Centre**  
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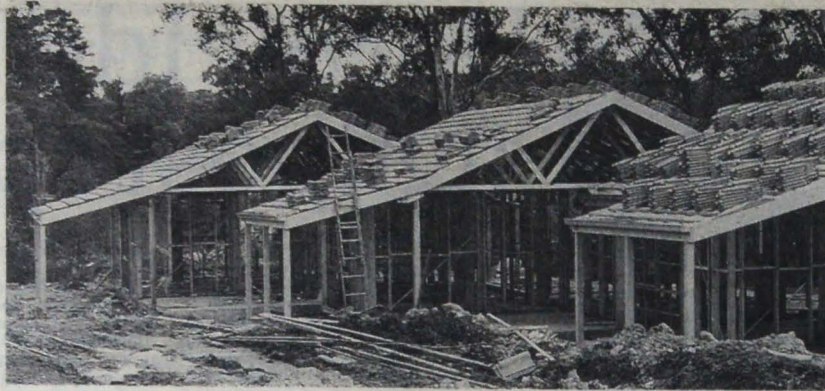
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## Buses are hopeless

As a Warrandyte resident who relies on public transport, I feel compelled to protest about the inadequate service.

Why do most of the peak-time freeway route buses start and terminate at Deep Creek instead of Hogan Avenue? During off-peak times, the Ringwood-Warrandyte route service is approximately two hourly: the route to our nearest railway station. And "no service on Sunday"! The Melbourne-Warrandyte service is almost non-existent.

The transport corporation argues that there is insufficient money to improve a service "which is poorly patronised". If a better service was provided,

the patronage would increase, particularly from the elderly and young, who often have to rely on relatives and friends, or stay home, because the timetable is inadequate for their needs.

Many unemployed people, especially teenagers, do not own a car. The inadequate public transport system makes it even more difficult for them to obtain employment.

The traffic on our roads is intolerable and Warrandyte is no exception. Surely it makes sense to upgrade and develop the public transport system, enabling people who so desire to leave the car at home when possible, and also to cater for those who don't drive. Spending million of dollars on

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freeways only encourages more vehicles (freight and passenger) onto the road system. If this money was diverted to improving the public transport system, encouraging its greater usage, there would be less road carnage, the vehicle pollution would decrease and our environment and health would be improved.

The Russell report, still before Parliament, recommends a better public transport system for Warrandyte. My bet is, it won't happen unless we demand it!

Betty Oke  
Second Street

## We want to stay

We are residents of Warrandyte and have been living in our home for 37 years and we do not want to leave. We have all our friends here and kind neighbours and we are also members of the Senior Citizens Club which we would miss very much of we had to move. My husband and I are an old couple and looking after our property is getting rather too much for us. We are holding on to it because we don't want to leave Warrandyte.

We hope that a retirement village will be built soon so that we can stay and would not be forced to leave Warrandyte.

Hans and Herta Pecher  
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## More homes

I agree with the rejection of dual occupancy on the whole. However, if a group of elderly people could buy a suitable block of land between them, on which they could pool their savings to build a suitable complex (such as the one on the corner of Yarra and Stiggant Streets) they would each own their own unit. The only barrier would be the council permit.

Couldn't the council look into some kind of special building permit for such circumstances? Their expenditure would thus be independent of community funds.

Name and address supplied

# Amanda comes in from the cold

By KYM SMITH

Warrandyte High School's resident jet setter, Amanda Utt, has just spent 12 months as an exchange student in Finland. She has returned downunder with a swag of stories and experiences.

The Rotary Club of Templestowe sponsored Amanda's trip, and arranged for her to spend four months each with three Finnish families. This exposed her to a variety of lifestyles, and she feels this has enriched her experience overseas.

At school, Amanda says English classes posed "no problems at all", although she confesses that she had "absolutely no idea" about most of her other classes, as they were conducted in Finnish.

Amanda attended a senior high school in Finland, and says the subjects there were similar to those in Australia. There was,

however, a heavy emphasis on languages.

Senior Finnish students are only required to attend school when they have scheduled classes: a notion Amanda finds rather appealing.

Amanda believes she has developed an increased sense of self-confidence and independence as a result of her travels. Nevertheless, she was not entirely alone while overseas: she discovered several relatives living over there she never knew she had!

Her father is Estonian, and she recalls what an unusual but wonderful feeling it was to meet apparent "strangers and yet know they were blood relations".

As well as travelling through Stockholm and Estonia, Amanda spent a week in Rome and made two trips to Finnish Lapland, 200

kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. She says even our miserable Melbourne winters can't compete with the average 27 degrees below zero up there!

No wonder Finnish homes are designed with a double front door and windows two panes thick. Maintaining warmth is vital and Amanda says saunas are standard facilities in most houses. She explained that people have saunas three or four times a week, just as we would have baths.

Homesickness was not a real problem after her first few weeks. Those feelings quickly subsided as she got caught up in all that went on around her. She says "the time absolutely flew!", and before she knew it she was caught up in Christmas festivities and endless going-away parties.



Amanda Utt

She says bustling back through customs with 20 other exchange students to be reunited with their eagerly waiting families was an awesome sight. "We seemed to take over Melbourne Airport!" She cannot describe how good it felt to be back on Australian soil with her family.



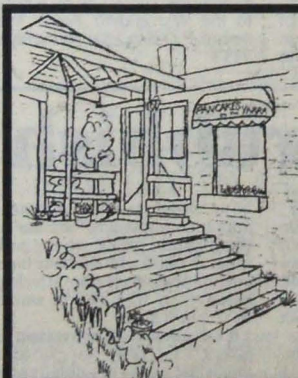
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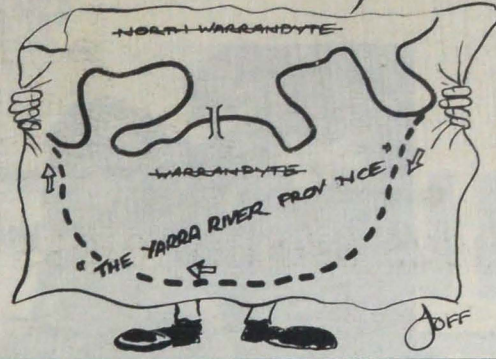
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# Narrow river, long road

By DAVID WYMAN

A united Warrandyte has long been a smouldering issue on both sides of the Yarra.

The issue appears to have been publicly aired first in 1947 when the Melbourne Herald reported that a petition by North Warrandyte ratepayers had sought a poll to decide if they wished to join Doncastershire. The Herald called it "The battle of the bridge" and the outcome is unknown.

The *Diary* appears to have first taken up the issue in 1972 when an Australia Party federal candidate, Randell Champion, proposed that the people of Warrandyte should "have control of their own local affairs". Its division by council boundaries made it an ideal place for a town council, he proposed.

Two years later, Cr Don Ingersoll, of Eltham shire, described North Warrandyte and Warrandyte Ward as the "Cinderellas" of their municipalities. He proposed a marriage of Eltham's North Riding, the Warrandyte Ward, Yarra Glen and Wonga Park into a new municipality.

"Residents would all have

something in common," he told the *Diary*, "protection of the environment, preservation of rural and semi-rural countryside, and total rejection of freeways."

The concept was slammed by the mayor of Doncaster, Cr Ian Marsden, who said there was "no conflict at all between members of our council over the maintenance of a rural attitude to Warrandyte".

Warrandyte Environment League (WEL) called a meeting to debate the issue in 1974 with the justification that "the division of Warrandyte by a municipal boundary has been recognised as the greatest single barrier to effective participation and planning in the community".

Then in 1975, WEL and St Johns Church surveyed 100 residents on both sides of the river. Seventy-eight were in favor of one-council local government for the area. Most favored joining Eltham shire.

And then in 1976, another diversion surfaced - Warrandyte joining Ringwood. This appeared to arise from comments from Ringwood's mayor that it needed more people and was looking at

acquiring a ward from a neighboring municipality.

In 1980 Eltham councillor Robert Marshall (one of the promoters of the current move) called for a unified Warrandyte. He told a municipal boundaries committee that Warrandyte should be part of Eltham.

A report of a government advisory board reviewing shire boundaries in 1982 suggested North Warrandyte should become part of Diamond Valley and at some future date join Doncaster-Templestowe.

But then Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC) chairman, Peter Harkin, told the *Diary* that the board's recommendation was really that North Warrandyte would end up as part of the new "Green Wedge shire" and not part of Diamond Valley.

The issue gained momentum with WEL president John Fisher proposing a new Eltham river riding incorporating Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Eltham and the river areas of Lower Plenty.

Then came the Local Government Commission - remember? - which proposed substantial

changes to municipal boundaries. Mergers of Eltham and Diamond Valley, and Eltham with Warrandyte, generated much comment in 1986 with Eltham again proposing taking over an amalgamated Warrandyte.

The annual general meeting of WAC in that year was turned into a public forum on the municipal future of the town. A straw poll found most people favored amalgamation with Eltham.

The Rural Shire Action Committee weighed in suggesting the whole of the Green Wedge be taken over by Eltham.

In more recent years, Warrandyte citizens have been deeply angered at times by the "urban" councillors of Doncaster over-riding the three Warrandyte Ward councillors on local issues and developments.

Indeed, the decision on the Harris Gully Road subdivision, and others, clearly show that a majority of councillors outside the town can change its character and natural environment.

Now it's 1992, the whole issue of one Warrandyte is wide open once more, taking us back to square one.

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The family day was a combination fire demonstration, bush picnic and local reunion. Most arrived by car, but members of a skydiving club parachuted down during the afternoon, appropriately clad in firefighter's yellow and with smoke bomb vapour trailing from their heels. The CFA helicopter "Firebird" also dropped in.

The Melbourne Fire Museum displayed several of their antique pumps and engines and local brigades marshalled enough of their modern, sophisticated equipment to stop any firebreathing vandal in its tracks.

A special feature was the horse-drawn water tanker, a replica of the KG brigade's first unit, built especially for the occasion.

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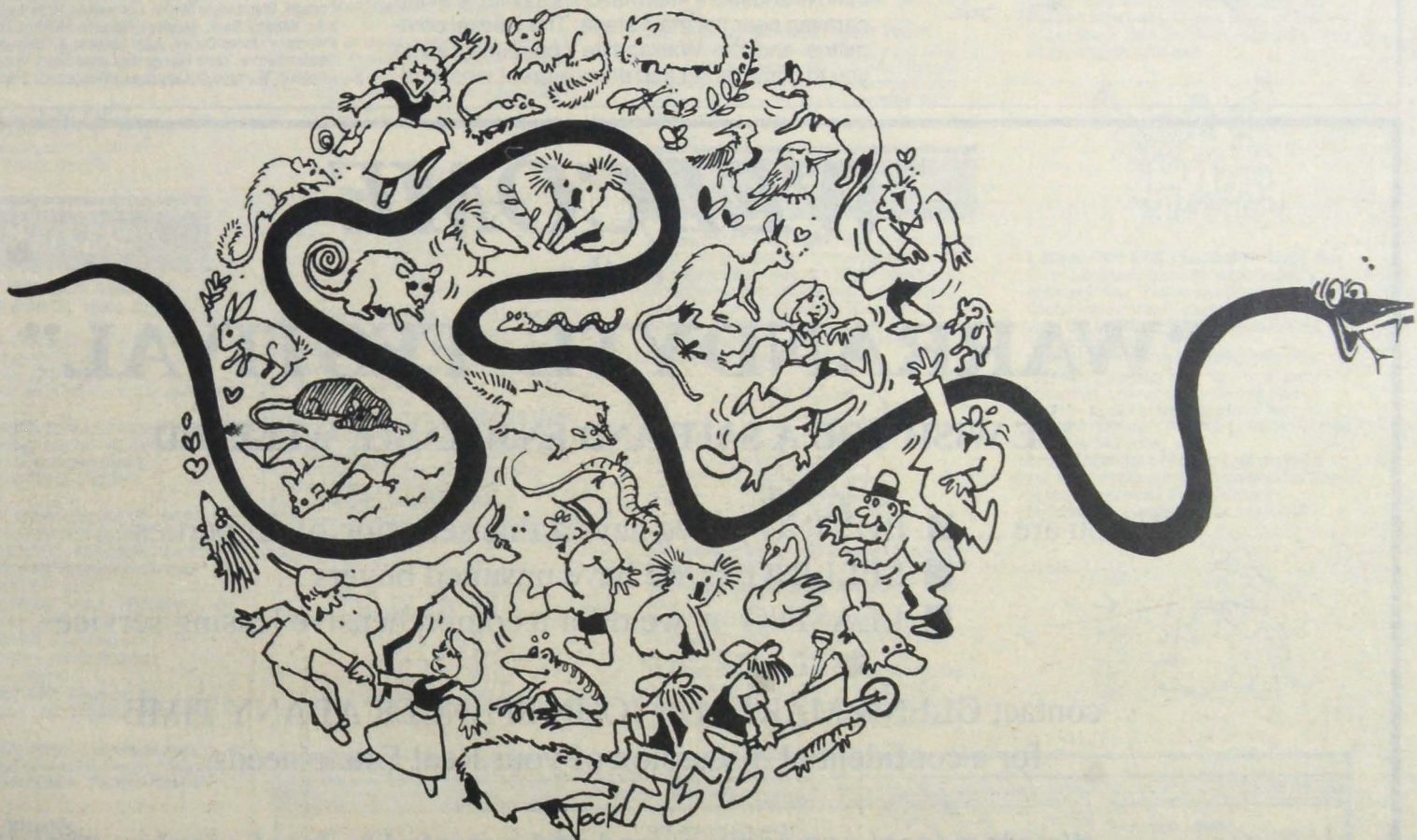
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The street banners appearing in Warrandyte tell us it's festival time—and this year have we got a festival for you! With lots of new activities the 1992 Warrandyte Village Festival will be a colorful, enjoyable and entertaining event for everyone.

This is the first festival following the opening of our wonderful new community centre, and we have integrated the centre into the program. On Friday night the festival is launched with a cocktail party in the centre. During the weekend, the centre will host a model railway display and the Neighbourhood House, Book Exchange and Citizens' Advice Bureau will be open. Devonshire teas will be available and the centre's balcony is a splendid place from which to view the parade.

This year the festival parade theme is 'Warrandyte—Wild Life!' and the colors are green, gold and tan. More bands will add music to the parade, led by our own Warrandyte Community Band. There will be commentaries



at the Yarra Street shops and at Stiggants.

A new feature at Stiggants is Saturday lunch-time music. The Rage Without Alcohol Concert on Saturday afternoon on the riverbank stage will feature many young bands and that evening there is a disco for teens to 20s. The famous Festival Finale Concert runs right through Sunday afternoon and evening with a wide range of talent, culminating—as always—with Paradiddle.

This year for the first time the Fiesta Food Stalls will move up near the stage on Sunday evening, so that you can enjoy food with the entertainment. The Fireworks Finale, fire danger weather permitting, will complete the weekend.

A free bus service will take you round the town, and this year hay rides will provide fun for the young and not-so-young. Peter Daverington will be painting a mural at Stiggants, and the Giant Waterslide will again be running. This year sees the introduction of the Warrandyte Undie 500 event, with daring local talent showing as much form as possible.

Other new items include displays of household fire dangers, wildlife and a farmyard display, canoe hire on the river, a nursing mothers' tent, an inter-church celebration and a theatre sports demonstration.

This program is designed to guide you through the weekend, the maps tell you where everything is and more information is available at the caravan near the main stage. The festival committee and the Warrandyte community invite you to come along and enjoy a great weekend.



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WARRANDYTE VILLAGE FESTIVAL gratefully acknowledges the support of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, the Shire of Eltham, the Apex Club of Warrandyte, Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association, Warrandyte Rotary Club, Lions Club of Warrandyte and our many friends who put in so much time, effort and financial contributions to ensure the success of the festival.

**SPECIAL THANKS** also to the CFA brigades, SES, St John Ambulance Australia (Vic), Victoria Police, Warrandyte State Park rangers, Yarra River Lifeguards, Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Doncaster council workers, Warrandyte Community Church, the Warrandyte Diary, festival bus drivers, local schools and participating community groups.

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**8pm: CONCERT & REFRESHMENTS** at St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries and bookings: Ann Ley, 844 3543.



**8pm: FOLLIES.** Warrandyte Drama Group Revue. Mechanics' Institute Hall, Yarra Street. Cabaret, BYO food and drink. \$12 per head. Also March 25, 27, 28, April 1, 2, 3, 4. Bookings: David Buck, 844 2204.

# FRIDAY 27 MARCH

**9.30am-12noon: KIDS' FESTIVAL PARADE** at Andersons Creek Primary School. Warrandyte and Warrandyte South primary schools and local kinders invited. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242 (ah), 844 2757 (w).

**6pm: OPENING OF EXPO '92** and prize-giving. St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries: Ann Ley, 844 3543.

**6.30pm: C.E.B.S. CARNIVAL FUN NIGHT.** Open to all. Hot food and refreshments. St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries: Barry Valentine, 844 3174.



**7-11pm: FESTIVAL ART SHOW** Gala Opening featuring some of Warrandyte famous artists. In giant marquee behind squash courts. Sponsored by Rotary. Enquiries: 844 2500 (ah).

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**8-11pm: FESTIVAL COCKTAIL PARTY.** Warrandyte Community Centre. \$5. Entry by ticket only. Reservations close 13 March. Bookings: Marilyn Imbrey, 844 2021.

# ALL WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 28 MARCH: 9am-5pm.**  
**SUNDAY 29 MARCH: 10am-4pm.**

**STATIC DISPLAYS.** Conservation and Environment, Melbourne Water, CFA, SES, City of Doncaster, Youth 808, CAB, Warrandyte Environment League, Shire of Eltham. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

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**9am-5pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.** See above.

**9am-2pm: KIDS' MARKET.** Magnificent muddle of stalls offering hand-made goods produced by local kids. Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: Carol, 844 2904.



**9am-5pm: FARMYARD DISPLAY.** Feed and cuddle farmyard favourites. From Brennan Park Animal Farm. At Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: Farmer Bob, 714 8231.

**9am-5pm: MUSIC IN THE CHURCH** and Ecumenical Display. St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries: Ann Ley, 844 3543.

**9am-5pm: DRUG PREVENTION CARAVAN.** Puppets, face painting, zany lights. Free entry. Stiggants Reserve.

**10am-12noon: SPRAY PAINTING DISPLAY.** Watch Peter Daverington as he completes a large spray painting depicting 'Warrandyte—Wild Life!' Toilet block. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**10.30am: MARSHALLING** of Festival Parade floats between bridge and community centre. Pedestrians by tennis court carpark; vehicles in Yarra Street. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242.

**10.50am: JUDGING** of floats. Categories: Most Warrandytish, Most Colorful, Most Elaborate, Best Wildlife, The Wildest Group.



**11am: FESTIVAL PARADE.** From Warrandyte Bridge to Stiggants Reserve. Theme: 'Warrandyte—Wild Life!' Colors: green, gold and tan. Marching bands, entertainers, floats, bikes, horses, clowns, carriages, vintage cars and more. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242.

**12noon: FANCY DRESS & DECORATED BIKES.** Assemble near main stage for parade across stage. Every entrant gets a prize. Compered by Peter 'Grubby' Stubbs and Greg Lawrence. Enquiries: Jenny Southall, 844 2606.

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**12.30pm: CANOE & KAYAK RACES.** From Jumping Creek Reserve to Warrandyte Bridge. Canoe race for double canoes; kayak race for single kayaks. Prizes donated by Canoe Shed. Entry forms from Canoe Shed, 844 2502.

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**2pm: RAFT RACE.** From Warrandyte Bridge to Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries and entries: Canoe Shed, 844 2502.

**2pm: GOLD MINE TOUR.** Join John Hanson for an hour and a half leisurely visit to an 1850s gold mine. Bring torch and wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street or take free festival bus from Stiggants Reserve.

**2.30pm-4pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS.** Continuous entertainment provided by Andersons Creek Primary School, Warrandyte Primary School, Warrandyte High School Band, Glenden School of Dancing, Warrandyte School of Dance, Doncaster & Templestowe Municipal Band and other groups. Main stage, Stiggants Reserve.



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**9am: BUSH SERVICE** at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

**10am-4pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.** See above.

**10am: FREE INTRODUCTORY ADULT YOGA CLASS.** Bhava School of Yoga, 5a West End Road. Enquiries: Lyn Colenso, 844 1128.

**10.30am: INTER-BRIGADE COMPETITION.** See our three local fire brigades compete for the 'Yarra Bent Branch'. Demonstration of firefighting and athletic skills. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**10.30-11.30am: PET PARADE.** Run by Warrandyte High School. Do you have a prizewinning pet? Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish, birds and so on. All are welcome if under owner's control. Near Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: Claire Bloom, 844 2749.

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**1pm: BEV HANSON'S GARDEN & NURSERY open.** 104 Webb Street. Catch free festival bus from Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: 844 3906.

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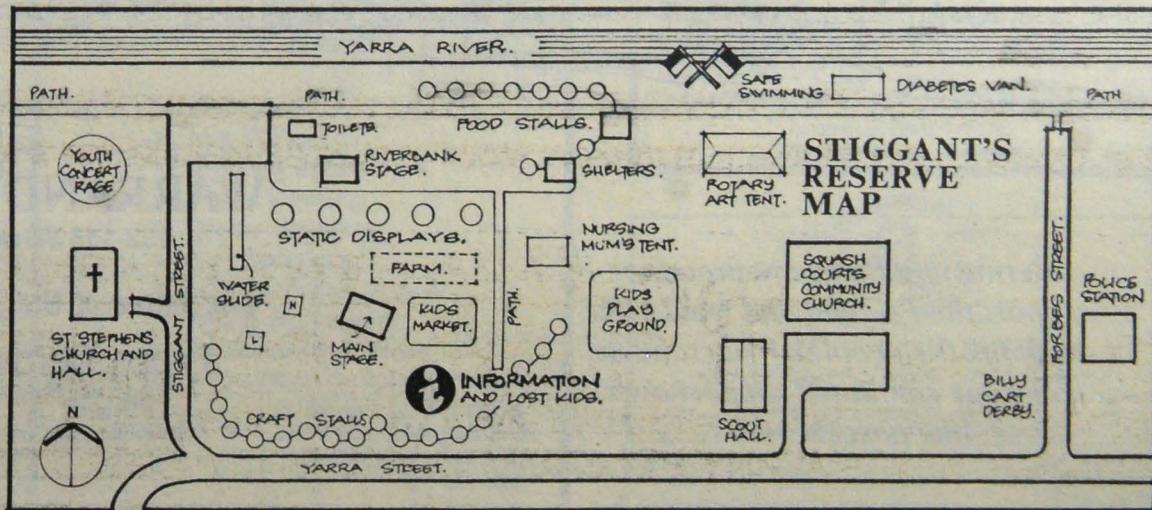


**2.30pm: FREE KIDS' PANTOMIME.** Magic Tree Theatre Company presents 'Veggie Dragon's Birthday Dinner'. Warrandyte Community Church (below squash courts).

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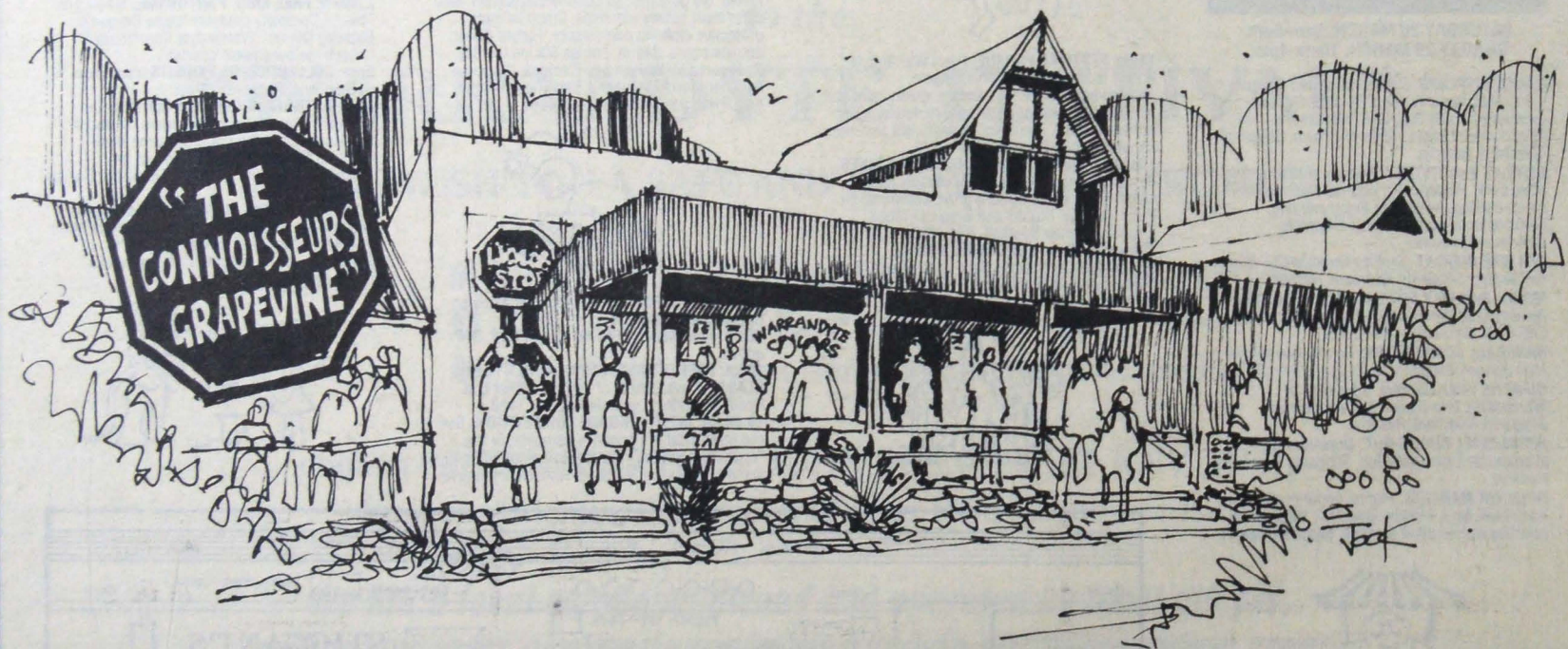
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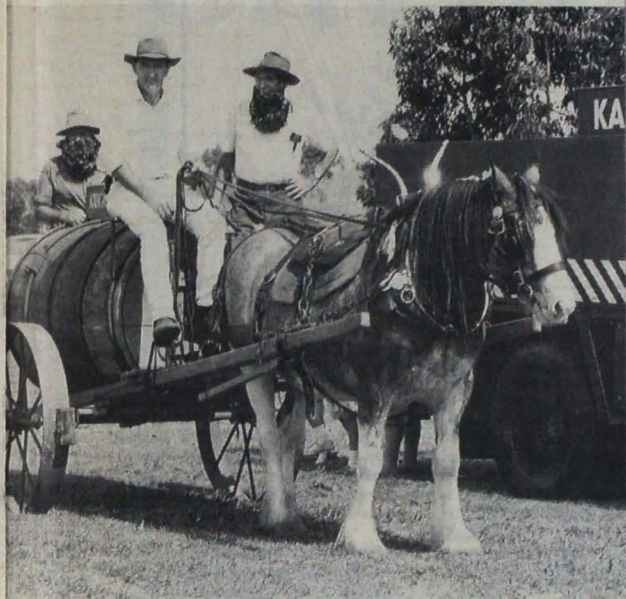
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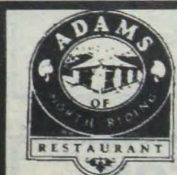
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**That's what Friends are for**

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park group has undergone many changes over the past three or four years, a spokesman for the group told the *Diary*.

He said that this includes a large increase in membership and a steady expansion of activities. From a small nucleus of people, membership has grown to over 200 families, with new people joining each week.

One of the group's basic activities has been running the plant nursery at Pound Bend, where the State Park rangers are based. This area has been upgraded in the past 12 months including installing an automatic watering system.

In addition to growing plants from locally collected seeds and cuttings, rare

native species have been discovered in the park and experiments with direct seeding techniques at the degraded orchard area at Pound Bend have proven promising. Their best success has been with difficult-to-germinate seeds, using a constant temperature hotbed.

The Friends have a close association with the park rangers and align monthly meetings to assist them in their work. The spokesman also said "there has been a policy to include other Friends groups in our activities and to be involved with the local councils in revegetation schemes".

To achieve this, members have participated in many seminars conducted by councils, Melbourne Water and conservation groups.

The Friends consider their monthly newsletter very important. It provides both informative articles on conservation and notice of upcoming events. The group's organisers say this "provides a definite boost to attendance throughout the year".

The success of the group is dependant on an energetic and enthusiastic committee. The Friends are very pleased that local councils, the Department of Conservation, politicians and other government bodies are showing increasing interest in their work for conservation.

"It is obvious that they value the group's opinion on many controversial issues in the community," the spokesman said.

**Feared mammals of the night**

Blood is an essential food for many animals. Leeches, lice, ticks, fleas, mosquitoes and one species of bat all obtain their nourishment from the blood of other animals. Not surprisingly, their penchant for blood, our own included, makes these creatures very unpopular.

Of all these groups, the bats least deserve their low popularity rating. There are almost 1,000 species of bat in the world, but only one feeds on blood. The highly specialised vampire bat is confined to the tropical regions of Central and South America. Its reputation, however, has spread far and wide. This, together with horror movies and tales of witchcraft, has done much to tarnish the image of bats in general.

Bats are among the most widely distributed of all mammals: they are found in all parts of the world except Antarctica. Interestingly, they are the only mammals native to New Zealand: all others have been introduced by man.

A recent survey of bats at the Warrandyte State Park gave people the opportunity to come close to these animals, some for the first time. It was early morning. There was a delicious freshness about the air as locals accompanied the rangers on their inspection of the bat traps which had been set up the previous evening in two localities in the State Park.

At this time of day, after several hours of inactivity, the bats were cold and reluctant to fly. This makes handling them relatively easy.

The warm, mouse-sized bundle of fur nestled in the ranger's

**NATURE**

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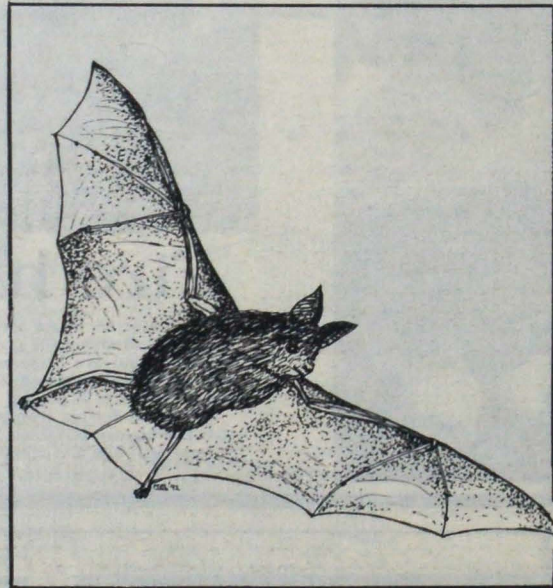
palm was smaller than might be expected. There was nothing remotely evil about it. In fact, to borrow from the current teenage jargon; it was cute!

The little face was rather dog-like in appearance. Its nose was large and fleshy but lacked the elaborate skin flaps that surround the nostrils of some species.

As they fly, bats emit short bursts of high frequency sound through their nostrils and mouth. These pulses are reflected back from solid objects and picked up by large, hairless ears. This highly developed echo location system enables bats to navigate and locate flying insects in the dark. They literally 'see' with sound.

The most distinguishing feature of bats is their wings which, at rest, are folded tightly against the body. As the ranger gently extended the forearm of the captive bat, a remarkable structure was revealed. The wing is composed of a thin membrane of skin stretched over immensely elongated 'finger' bones and encompasses the hindlegs and tail.

It was necessary for one of the rangers to carefully examine the bat to determine its species. This one turned out to be a Small Forest Eptesicus, a species which is common in Warrandyte. The bat tolerated this intrusion



of privacy surprisingly well.

When all measurements had been taken it was given its freedom. Like a small bird, it took to the air and with a few fluttering wingbeats it was gone. A free spirit that poses no threat whatsoever to humans.

Close encounters with bats are not particularly common. Contrary to popular belief, bats do not get tangled in people's hair: their sophisticated sonar sees to that.

Bats should be prized and not despised. They are unique among mammals, having achieved something denied to all other mammals including ourselves. They have the power of sustained flight. Possums, flying squirrels and lemurs are merely gliders, while humans fly only with the aid of artificial wings. True freedom of the air belongs to birds, insects and of course, the bats.

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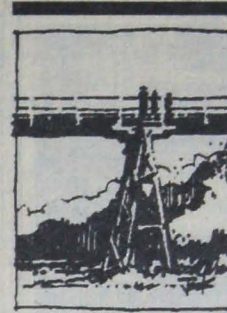
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# Ducks for Christmas



## THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

I CAME to admire Dr Ellen for her great strength of character, her forthright manner of speech, often sprinkled with profanity, her rich warm heart and her golden way of giving.

On her first visit she told me much of Warrandyte's history and of some of the quaint characters who lived there.

She spoke of the wooden bridge. It was built in 1857 and had long been the pride of the village, linking both sides of the river and was the real centre of village life. "Meet you on the bridge," was a common way to make an appointment.



It could take only one car or cart at a time and whoever came on it first had right of way. At midnight on New Year's Eve it was the custom for everyone to gather on the bridge to dance and exchange warm greetings for the coming year. It had escaped bushfires and withstood the great floods of 1934. "I hope," Ellen said, "that it never occurs to anyone to pull it down." But the march of progress had not yet begun here, and it would stand a long time yet.

I admired Ellen's delightful old house, which had also escaped the fires. We walked in her garden and the children were fascinated watching the goldfish in her pool. Water trickled into it from a pipe camouflaged by a mound of rocks and the overflow spread out to water a small patch of lawn below.

I asked her how, when everybody talked about the importance of conserving water, she managed to have an overflow from her pool. She explained that she had a pump on the river, so she had plenty of water. "There was a pump on your property too, but it was destroyed in the fire."

Ellen became a regular visitor; striding, rather than walking, over the hills. She seldom brought her car, saying that on her bad roads it would soon disintegrate. Sometimes she brought fresh meat or fruit, taking milk, butter or cheese in exchange. Once, a few months before Christmas, she came in her car and brought a duck and 12 small ducklings.

"These were given to me," she said, "but I am too busy to look after ducks. If you rear them they should be prime for Christmas and fetch a good price. I'll



find customers for you." We left the ducks on the box while she helped me repair the old shed and make it secure.



Whenever Ellen came after that, she brought a friend with her from the village, customers for the ducks among them. Sometimes when Ellen and her friends came they would bring all the ingredients for a picnic and we would spend the day by the river, swimming or just relaxing. So my little world began to widen.

It looked like being the best Christmas ever. Not only would I have the ducks to sell, there was another great

surprise. Dr Ben and his wife came up one weekend. They were often concerned for my welfare, they told me, and they planned to have a telephone installed for me as a Christmas present. The poles from the previous owner's phone had miraculously escaped bushfires, so installing the phone would not be too costly.

That night I stayed up a long time watching the full moon move across the sky, slip down behind the trees and pick up the mauve mist from the river, making it into haphazard that scarves twined around the branches. I thought long and thanked God for the kindness of people and my good fortune to have such friends.

As Christmas approached the ducks grew fine and fat. Then calamity struck. I was to deliver them by raft on Christmas Eve, but the night before a fox burrowed under the shed. The stricken ducks lay scattered and one was missing. I rushed up to the herb farm and asked to use their phone as mine was not yet installed.

"Oh Ellen," I cried, "The ducks. A fox got in. They're all dead and there is

blood everywhere."

She spoke soothingly. "If they have been bled they will be alright. Don't bother to pluck them, but clean the insides out and bring them down to the river. I'll gather the others."

I worked frantically, then put them in a sack and carried the heavy load down to the raft. In my panic I had not tied the mouth of the sack. Midstream the raft dipped, the ducks slipped out and



floated in all directions. I promptly dived after them, held three in my mouth by their feet as I swam and threw them on the bank where my friends were waiting. Then I swam back for the others. Two friends dived in to help and to

gether we rescued all but one which the current carried away.

Ellen could not restrain her laughter. There we were, three sodden women and a heap of sodden ducks. The women still bought them for the agreed price once Ellen assured them they would be alright.

Until now, Christmas had been a joyous, if somewhat meagre, affair. Now with the sale of the ducks I would be able to afford more by way of presents. We always had a tree, a branch of pine that was Roly's gift, as he would have Christmas dinner with us.

We spent much ingenuity, but little money on decorating it. My friends saved gold and silver paper from cigarette packets for me. This was used to make tiny bells and cover cardboard angels. The children were kept busy too. In Australia holly berries do not ripen until June, so the children set to with a small brush and a bottle of red nail polish to paint the berries on holly branches. Surprisingly, they looked very real.



I had saved matchboxes and filled them with raisins and pieces of crystallised fruit. I wrapped them in colored paper and hung them on the tree with string, colored by dragging it through red and green paint. I cut a cardboard star and the children enjoyed dabbing cotton wool on the tree to represent snow.

Many people thought it strange to keep the traditional European Christmas out in Australia. A hot summer day does not invite roast turkey and plum pudding as it might in real snow and cold weather. Although many early settlers followed such tradition, many people were now accepting the idea of cold food for Christmas, although some argue that if the food must be cooked anyway, why not on the special day?

The children were given money to buy small gifts for me and each other. I doubt if people today, with all their luxury gifts, have more pleasure than we did. Of course the best gift of all was the telephone, a lasting present. It opened up a much wider world and I did not feel cut off any more.

To be continued.



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# Expo '92: a festival feature

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6.30pm daily at Warrandyte Primary School. There is also a vacancy for an untrained child care worker to act as reliever. Applications for both positions should be in writing to Warrandyte After School Care Program, P.O. Box 171, Eltham, 3095, by Wednesday, March 18.

## Bush service

A bush service will held at St Stephens, Stiggants Street, on Sunday, March 29 at 9am, and the Stonnington Recorder Consort will perform there on the same day, from 11 to 11.45am, and 12.30 to 1.15pm.

## Ecumenical

The combined churches of Park Orchards and Warrandyte are holding an open air "Stations of the Cross" service at 10am on Friday, April 17 at Stiggants Reserve, Warrandyte.

## Singers

The Diamond Valley Singers will stage a concert at St Stephens on Thursday, March 26 at 8pm. Light refreshments provided. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children, from Ann Ley, 844 3543.

## Help!

Warrandyte Tennis Club is researching its history, but being such a fire-prone area, many of the early records have been destroyed. The club began in 1907, some information is available for the first few years, and records are in existence from 1954 onwards. But knowledge of the intervening period is very scant. Can anyone out there help? Maybe you know someone who was involved in local tennis at this time, or maybe there are photos in an old family album. If so, Judy Green, 844 2096, would like to hear from you.

## PAK

A major fundraiser for the PAK group, which meets monthly at the North Ringwood Community House, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North, will be a craft and market night on Tuesday, April 7 at 7.30pm. Venue for this night is the Holy Spirit Parish Hall at 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North. PAK is a self-funded, non-profit support group for parents with allergic children. Enquiries to to Lynette Doensen on 876 1947.

## Mums

On Tuesday, April 7 at 8pm, the Warrandyte branch of the Nursing Mothers Association are holding a discussion meeting with a member of the SIDS Foundation. Positive aspects of breast-feeding with regard to sudden infant death syndrome and other preventative measures will be discussed. Venue is the Warrandyte Community Centre. Coffee mornings are held monthly in private homes. Contact Maree on 844 2897 for details.

## Expanding

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is expanding and planning to commence 20 new classes next term. Current groups include a bridge club, over 40s out-of-work group, poets' corner and model railway club. Anyone interested in tutoring or learning new skills can call 844 1839.

## Co-ordinator

The position of co-ordinator of the Warrandyte After School Care Program is vacant. This supervisory role involves around 21 hours per week. Experience with children in a co-ordinating role is preferred but not essential. The program caters for between 30 and 45 primary children from 3.30 to

## Penguins

The local group of the Penguin Club of Australia, which was recently established, still has a few vacancies. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Warrandyte Community Centre, commencing at 8pm. The aim of the club is to bring women together in a



Flashback: The kid's giant waterslide will be, as usual, another favorite feature of the 1992 Warrandyte Village Festival. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

friendly atmosphere to learn speaking in public. Enquiries to 842 2880 or 719 7439.

have the chance to paint their own pictures. Afternoon tea will be provided for the children.

## Probus

The annual general meeting of the Probus Club of Warrandyte will be held on Monday, March 16 at 10am at the Grand Hotel, Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Reports for 1991 will be presented and the president and other officers will be installed. Partners and other visitors are welcome. Lunch will be served at a local venue.

## Best wishes

The numerous Warrandyte friends of Keith and Bobby Wilson, now living at Nambucca Heads, will be sorry to hear that Keith is ill in hospital. They will all want to wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

## Training

The official opening of the Warrandyte Model Railway Club's room at the community centre will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 3pm. Cr John Cohen, shire president of Eltham, will wave the green flag.

## Carols

The interchurch council, organisers of the carols night at Stiggants Reserve last December, have announced a profit of \$650 on the night. This has gone to the Christmas Bowl Appeal to help others less fortunate.

## Tell us

The Diary is your newspaper, and we love to print news of your group's activities. Just jot down all the relevant details, including date, time, venue and contact number, drop it in our box on the old tree, push it under our door at the community centre, or fax it to 844 4168, and we'll do the rest - gratis! But please check your calendar. We close copy on the last Friday of each month for the issue appearing on the second Friday of the month following.

## Artists

Delightful artwork created by the children from the local childcare centre and pre-schools will be on display at the community centre during festival weekend. On the Sunday afternoon, March 29, visiting pre-school children



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# Pony Club Threat

Wyena Horse and Pony club, one of the most successful in the district, again faces a serious threat to its grounds and training facilities.

Part of the club's training ground is on land owned by Melbourne Water, and was rezoned residential in 1990. Melbourne Water has recently applied for a building permit and intends to subdivide the land.

Under Green Wedge restrictions, only two housing sites could be built on the property if it was developed. Pam Duggan, the club's president, told the *Diary* that "Wyena Pony Club have approached Council to acquire the land either by a purchase or a land swap" with Melbourne Water.

As reported in the *Diary* in December 1990, Wyena uses land leased from Melbourne Water (formerly the MMBW) for their cross country course and training for the club's games teams. The land, approximately 17 acres in Hussey's Lane, is lent to the club by the Rough family, who lease the land from Melbourne Water. This arrangement has been successful for over 14 years.

Ms Duggan, then club secretary, told the *Diary* in 1990 "the land is not environmentally sensitive.... and has been grazed and ridden on by horses for many years."



Show jumping at last months horse trials (Picture by Shirley Rotherham)

She also said "the need for safe open spaces in which to ride is of vital importance to all horse riders, children and adult. Over the years the land for riding has gradually diminished."

Wyena held their annual Horse Trials on February 23. The event was attended by 172 riders from all over Victoria

and covered all levels of riding from Grade five to Grade 1.

The course includes a dressage test, cross country course and a show jumping course and is accredited by the Pony Club Association of Victoria as a qualifying event for the state championships held in May. The club's own teams have been very successful in this over the last five years.

# Park rangers will be getting to know their neighbours

By GEORGIE WATERMAN

A community based program called Parkcare is about to begin in Warrandyte.

Fay Valcanis, the project officer, hopes it will create opportunities for neighbors of the state park to become active in restoring and maintaining their local environment. She will be organising several neighborhood nights and, during the next few months, will run two pilot care projects in the park. The first of these will be at Fourth Hill, the other at Bradley's Lane.

According to Ian Roche, the ranger in charge of the state park, this is a key opportunity to improve communication between park managers and neighbors.

"We hope this will be a milestone for the park, because after all, everyone likes to get on with their neighbors and we in the

park are certainly no exception in that sense!"

The rangers in the park feel that many problems in the past have been due to misinformation or genuine ignorance of park values. In the last few years a number of "newer neighbors" have cleared bushland within the park. Others, perhaps unaware of boundaries, have built fences, gardens and other structures within the park.

Another problem is garden escapees, plants such as honeysuckle, smilax and the dreaded onionweed which have grown over into natural bush from private properties. Neighborhood pets have also taken their toll on vulnerable native wildlife.

Ian told the *Diary* that most local people don't realize that Warrandyte State Park is 48 kilometers long. "This means we have a lot of neighbors. At last

count it was about 500. Can you imagine the range of issues that 500 neighbors can raise?"

In the past the park has "tried to reach people" through holiday programs, school visits, involvement in local events such as the Festival and through groups such as the Friends of the Park. Until now the park has not had "the staff resources to concentrate our energy on a regular basis with that very vital group...our neighbors," Ian said.

The park is managed by the Department of Conservation and Environment, but Parkcare has been funded by Open Space 2000, which aims to create a green network of open space and parkland.

Fay Valcanis can be contacted at the park headquarters on 8442659 or at the Warrandyte Festival in the Warrandyte State Park tent.

# New bus timetables

Bus services in Warrandyte are running on a new timetable, following an upgrading of eastern suburbs public transport.

A report released last year by the Public Transport Corporation identified areas which needed improvement in the eastern corridor, including Doncaster, Warrandyte, Templestowe and Ringwood. These have been considered in making the new timetable.

The new bus network has abolished some routes and established new ones. Peak hour services have also been improved.

However it is not all good news. All routes have been altered and trips to Ringwood and the city take longer. The direct and Oban Road routes to Ringwood have

been scrapped. All buses now run via Tortice Drive and Parkwood High School. The trip takes around 35 minutes, compared with ten minutes by car or the old 313 direct route.

Buses to the city, on route 278 via Templestowe, will now take 70 minutes instead of 55. This is not because the route has been altered but because buses were frequently running late on the old timetable. The PTC find it simpler to increase the expected running time rather than determine why the buses ran late!

Services have also been cut as the old 277 route to Melbourne via Doncaster now runs between Deep Creek and East Kew only.

On the positive side, peak free-

way services to the city are more frequent, with 272 and 265 buses leaving every ten minutes. They used to leave every half-hour.

On the old timetable, buses left for Ringwood every two hours and did not run on Saturdays. Now buses will run to Ringwood and the city every half hour throughout the day, and hourly on Saturday. This is due to the introduction of route 300, which runs from Ringwood to the city via Warrandyte.

The new timetables are available from bus depots, train stations, Met shops and Warrandyte CAB. They came into operation on Monday, March 2.

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# Local basketball's historic step forward

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club have taken a big step forward in an historic move which will see their juniors playing at the game's highest level in the State.

Previous restrictions had prevented the Redbacks fielding A or AR sides in the Friday night championship competition, the most elite level of basketball in the country.

Now however, in a deal struck with local rivals Eltham, the under-12 boys side coached by Gavin Whitmore are playing in the AR level of competition, maintaining their local links.

Previously, many of the best juniors in the club had been filtering out to other teams because they were unable to play at a higher level at Warrandyte.

Now the first steps have been taken to ensure that the best players stay where they started.

Whitmore's team - Michael Clark, Lachlan McDonald, Callum Anderson, Andrew Moore, Clayton Swain, Simon Arsenis and Craig Dick - were unbeaten last season in the weaker B grade and have won three tournaments in five months.

They won 17 straight matches in the Albury, Dromana and Eltham tournaments, defeating teams from across the country.

And how are they faring in the stronger AR grade?

More than a month into the season they are unbeaten and on top of the ladder!

Warrandyte are gearing up for the summer finals, with about 30 of the 52 teams expected to be involved.

The season culminates with grand final day on the Saturday (March 28) of the Warrandyte festival weekend.

The club hope to top the record 12 premierships of last season.

# 'Lady Bradman' hits us into big one

The blazing bat of Angela Tunbridge has put Warrandyte Cricket Club in with a great chance of a senior premiership.

Angela hit her fourth century of the season and led a record 192-run opening partnership with Jenni McLaws against Monash University to guarantee the Dytes a place in the VWCA A-grade East final.

The defeat of the men's third eleven in their semi-final has left it to the women to produce a senior pennant for the Dytes. At junior level, hopes rest with the under-14s.

Shock drop-outs were the senior fiftys, who got the staggers after booking a finals berth and were bowled out for 39 (yes, 39) in the penultimate round.

Angela's century against Monash was achieved before the tea adjournment. It was an astonishing performance.

Her opening partner made 75 and Sharon Egeberg contributed 52 to Warrandyte's total of 296.

Monash made a brave chase next day, but were never going to catch us. Jenni made sure of that by taking 4/44 and Monash were 9/229 at game's end.

The men's third eleven were reasonably happy at the end of the first day against Vermont. At 9/255, Dale Vitiritti top-scoring with 72, they believed they had set a very formidable target.

Unfortunately, Vermont were right up to it, losing only five wickets along the way.

James Logan put the young Bloods on course for a place in the under-14 final by taking 5/27 against Boronia in the semi. Justin Edwards chipped in with 2/26 and made 28 as the Dytes chased 151.

They made it, Matthew Chapman top-scoring with an unbeaten 40.

Club president Mark Davis summed up the season as "disappointing... apart, obviously,



Jenni McLaws - figured in huge opening partnership.

from the women, the thirds and the under-14s."

"The seniors won their last two games to give them four wins for the season, but they were major disappointments," he said.

"On the talent in that team, they should have made the finals."

Davis said far too few senior players had followed the example set by captain-coach John Sharman. "John was magnificent," he said. "He finished the season with a batting average of 82.25, the best in the Ringwood association.

"Apart from Greg Tregear and a couple of others, he was left to do it on his own."

The club's Kanga cricket venture for primary school children was a big success and will be an ongoing event. And the call has already gone out for players and parents to support the struggling junior ranks—reduced to just two teams this season.

"We are looking for players in the under-16s, 14s and 12s," Davis said. "And we are looking especially for support from parents."

Warrandyte's presentation night will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$15.

## Cricket Details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 5/307 (Sharman 150 n.o., Tregear 64, Hood 43) and 5/47 d East Ringwood 185 (Walshe 5/48), Warrandyte 9/289 (Sharman 61, Brisbane 44) d St Andrews 7/281 (Tregear 3/70).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 9/276 (Pascoe 90, Creber 41) d East Ringwood 225 (Baker 4/76, Pascoe 3/37), Warrandyte 312 (Booth 81, King 55, Harbolt 44 n.o.) d St Andrews 9/274 (O'Connor 4/57).

THIRDS: Warrandyte 6/294 (Comrie 90, Neagle 89) d East Ringwood 133 (Rodgers 6/32), Warrandyte 243 (Canty 48) lost to St Andrews 373 (Croft 3/73).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 233 (Taylor 66, Grybas 43) lost to East Ringwood 236 (Smith 5/86, Logan 3/35), Warrandyte 211 (Grybas 66) lost to St Andrews 243 (Smith 3/48).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 39 lost to East Ringwood 5/202 and 82, Warrandyte 6/278 (Carroll 132, Utt 71) lost to St Andrews 9/368 (Wilks 4/81, Neilson 3/86).

WOMEN: Warrandyte 205 (Tunbridge 84,

Chapman 65) d South Croydon 192 (McLaws 4/35, Chapman 3/40), Warrandyte 204 (E. McGhee 79) d Fitzroy-Doncaster 8/202.

UNDER-14s: Warrandyte 4/194 (De Leo 44 rel., Logan 34, Chapman 26, Tippett 16 n.o.), Wonga Park 8/85 (De Leo 3/12, Tippett 2/6, Logan 2/25), Warrandyte 3/209 dec. (De Leo 54 rel., Logan 40 rel., Brisbane 43 rel., Edwards 38 n.o.) d South Croydon 52 (Tippett 5/17, Logan 4/11) and 78 (De Leo 2/16, Edwards 3/19, Anderson 2/8, Tippett 2/10).

SEMI-FINAL DETAILS  
THIRDS: Warrandyte 9/255 (Vitiritti 72, Canty 52, Comrie 46) lost to Vermont 5/259 (O'Connor 3/53).

WOMEN: Warrandyte 296 (Tunbridge 118, McLaws 75, Egeberg 52) d Monash University 9/229 (McLaws 4/44, Egeberg 2/69, Tunbridge 1/59, Chapman 1/13).

UNDER-14s: Warrandyte 153 (Chapman 40 n.o., Edwards 28, Brisbane 22) d Boronia 151 (Logan 5/27, Edwards 2/26).

## SPORT

The nagging hurt of a one-point defeat which could have cost them a premiership might well drive Warrandyte Football Club to great heights this season.

The Bloods lost last season's first semi-final by that margin to Lilydale, who went on to win the EDFL third division flag - and the summer lay-off has done nothing to ease the psychological pain.

"Our boys are still hurting badly over that defeat," WFC president Laurie Sloan told the *Diary*. "It is showing in their attitude to training and it could be just what we need to make 1992 the year of the Bloods."

"We've been training three nights a week and the numbers and enthusiasm have delighted coach David Purcell. I think we can look forward to a very successful season."

The first two games of the season will give Warrandyte a good indication of their premiership prospects.

They meet 1991 runners-up Fair Park in the opener (at home on April 4) and Upper Ferntree Gully (third last year) away the following week. And in round four they play last season's fourth division premiers Knox.

The Bloods already will have tried out against Lilydale in an away practice match on March 29. Other practice games are at home to Doncaster East and second division club Norwood on March 15 and 22 respectively.

## Bloods to thrive on 1991 pain

"It is a very interesting early draw for us and it will tell us quite a lot," Sloan said.

"Of other clubs, we know that Templestowe have recruited very well and Donvale, newcomers to the EDFL, have a very good record in their previous competition. But we'll worry about the other clubs on the day."

Pending clearances, Warrandyte will be strengthened this year by the return of full-forward John O'Brien after a season with East Ringwood and the acquisition from Heidelberg of key position player Darren Murphy, who has had VFL experience with Fitzroy. The Bloods also have recruited Doncaster player Mark Harbolt and hope to add at least three Diamond Valley players to their 1992 list.

The only - albeit significant - losses from last year are Cam

Day (overseas) and Joey Hassall (interstate).

Sloan said he was very grateful for the response he had received from club supporters since he returned (in dramatic circumstances) last month to the presidency he had held from 1973-80.

"A lot of people have contacted me offering to help the club out in any way they can," he said.

Liam Spencer, whose playing career at Warrandyte was cut short by injury, is the club's new secretary. He stepped in after failed attempts by two meetings to find a successor to Norm Carrington.

With the new season fast approaching, Warrandyte are seeking at least two trainers. If you are qualified and interested, phone head trainer Margaret Rea on 844 3426, or Liam Spencer on 844 2539.

## Warrandyte's 1992 Draw

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May 2: v Knox (H)  
May 9: v Donvale (A)  
May 16: v Ferntree Gully (H)  
May 23: v Templestowe (A)  
May 30: v Forest Hill (H)  
June 6: v Kilsyth (A)

June 13: v Fair Park (A)  
June 20: v Upper Ferntree Gully (H)  
June 27: v The Basin (H)  
July 4: v Knox (A)  
July 11: v Donvale (H)  
July 18: v Ferntree Gully (A)  
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