

'Fast' bill pause

Govt backs off

By CLIFF GREEN

The State Government has decided not to pursue a controversial planning amendment act during this session of Parliament.

This follows vigorous lobbying by environment groups, municipal councils and an Opposition decision to oppose the bill in the Upper House. The Warrandyte Environment League and other local bodies campaigned strongly against it.

The Planning and Environment (Further Amendment Bill) was introduced by the minister, Mr McCutcheon, in an effort to "fast track" unspecified development projects through the permit process, over-riding local government planning paths, community consultation and public appeal processes.

"This bill was sneaked into the second reading stage before the public consultation process had really begun," Mr Greg Stroot, WEL president told the *Diary*. "Under the amendment, the league and residents could be excluded from the notification obligations and from the objection and appeal processes."

"We object to the proposed increase in the authority of the minister to rezone land without notice. The minister already has the power to fast-track a project, but the safety catch is that the project must be declared of 'State importance'."

State Opposition had initially decided to support the bill, subject to a "sunrise" clause which would have effectively frozen use of the legislation during the life of the present Government. Following vigorous party room discussion, however, the coalition decided not to allow passage of the bill in the current session.

"In the local area, we have already had a number of glaring examples of abuses of local planning provisions," Mr Phil Honeywood, Liberal MP for Warrandyte told the *Diary*. "In each case vigilant neighbours and local residents have been able to enforce their rights before the 'people's court'—the Administrative Appeals Tribunal."

"While no-one would deny that there have been deliberate abuses of appeal mechanisms... a balance must prevail between the rights of developers and the rights of local residents to have a genuine input."

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe joined in strong municipal protests against the bill. "Local councils are right at the grass-roots level when it comes to planning matters," mayor and Warrandyte Ward councillor Val Polley told the *Diary*.

"The amendment act could have denied council involvement in these issues, thus cutting off effective consultation, objection and appeal procedures to local communities and individuals."

"These are the people likely to be most affected by development proposals, yet these are the very ones being denied an effective voice."

According to news reports, the minister, Mr McCutcheon, has decided not to continue debate on the bill during this session of Parliament, "leaving more time for consultation."

"WEL's immediate priority now is to monitor developments and work to get the changes made that Warrandyte needs," a league spokesman said. "We are horrified by the risks entailed for a community like ours. And although the legislation has been deferred, the risk is still there."



No, it's Featherman!

Who are these people, and what on earth are they doing? Why are these men (one wearing a long tail of purple feathers) abseiling down the cliff above the Pound Bend tunnel with all that bizarre paraphernalia? Community bus driver Colin Bentley was taking schoolkids down Pound Bend Road for Arbor Day treeplanting activities at the

Warrandyte State Park last month when this extraordinary scene hove into view. But no, the world hadn't gone bananas. It was just part of a day in the life of local live-wire businessman John Boyle (right) and his salesmen Robin Golding (he with the parasol) and Rowen Bavinton. John is a wholesale importer of just about anything—feathers, canewear,

toys (you name it)—and was merely defying death for an advertisement for a trade magazine. "He'll go to any heights to advertise," said Tony Summers, of Pigeon Bank Lane Studios, who took the picture. "And he'll do anything for a quid!" said John's wife Kerrie.

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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How Lorraine lurched into love with Jim

IN RED & WHITE

In 1938, a young bloke who fancied himself as a bit of a ladies' man was keeping one eye on the road and the other in the mirror, on a good sort down the back, as he drove the Saturday afternoon bus from Melbourne to Warrandyte. As she'd got aboard, the good sort had nominated Everard Drive as her destination and as the bus approached that point she got to her feet, confirming the driver's first impressions about the excellence of her legs. And that's when he put into action the little plot he'd hatched a few miles back. He applied the brakes a little late and quite abruptly. Just as he'd planned, his passenger hurtled involuntarily down the aisle and darned near into his arms. As a means of drawing the good sort's attention to himself, Jim Harris's methods lacked subtlety but were very effective. When she got home, Lorraine Day told her mum and dad that there was a "very cheeky driver on the bus today". Jim and Lorraine Harris celebrated their golden wedding last month. It is a lovely love story.

The goodbye kiss was more than fleeting, and she went back for seconds just as the 272 rumbled in. Our informant says the flush of newlywed bliss was apparent in her cheeks (and he checked the third finger of her left hand to make sure none of that inner-suburban pre-marital naughtiness had found its way to this town). The lady clearly was a newcomer to Warrandyte buses because she had to ask the driver the fare. Told it was \$5.70 return, she cooed: "Oh, I've got the 70 cents. Can you change this \$50 note?" Now bus drivers tend to become a little irritable when such things are thrust upon them, particularly on early runs when change is limited. But love was in the air and the charisma contagious. No, he sighed, but sit down and we'll hope we make enough change between here and the city to crack half a hundred. She did. It did. And the three fellow passengers privileged to witness it tacitly applauded a very cute vignette of life. And our informant, hard-bitten, unromantic old sod that he is, bought his wife a bunch of flowers on the way home that night and begged her to pretend it was their wedding anniversary.

wants to boogie all night he'll be doing it alone because the Revells start work very early. And we wonder why Shane has just invested in three rolls of barbed wire.

Jean Chapman says she's had plenty of reasons over the years to complain about bureaucracy, but credit where it's due. Jean's mum, Alma Gray, who is 87, was coming to live with her in Tarroona Avenue and because she doesn't see very well was going to have trouble with the "walking legs" sign across the main road. Jean wrote to Vic Roads on April 27 and asked them to install an audio-tactile device (a clicker) at the traffic lights. On May 20, she got a letter back saying the device would be installed by the end of June. It was, in fact, put in the very day the Vic Roads letter arrived. Jean says how's that for efficiency and thank you very, very much.

Don't go away, because we haven't quite finished with Jim yet. Like the devoted husband of 50 years that he is, he got Lorraine breakfast in bed on May 23, the big day, didn't he? And he fussed about her all day, anticipating her every whim and whispering sweet nothings, didn't he? No, he didn't. He played golf at Healesville because, well, Jim always plays golf at Healesville on Saturday. He did take her out to dinner that night though. Even insisted on paying.



LEFT IN THE LURCH: Everyone knows the 272 bus (via freeway and King Street) to Warrandyte leaves the city pointing down from the eastern side of Russell Street. The rank is deliciously close to the Duke of Wellington pub, but that's another story and let's hasten back to the plot. Everyone? Not the pilot of the 5.30pm on Tuesday, May 5. He pulled in on the western side, pointing up. Logically, and rather than try a U-turn in heavy traffic, he would have walked across the street, confessed his blunder and suggested passengers follow him back to board the bus where it stood. Logic, though, was not his long suit because he propped for a few seconds, took off empty in the general direction of Darwin and was never seen again. Well, perhaps not never, but certainly not by the time the 5.45 had come along 10 minutes late and rescued some very frustrated travellers. One commuter was testy enough to remark that you could depend on The Met all right: to find new ways to stuff things up.

The North Warrandyte lady was talking about the young local bloke who used to call on her daughter and who dropped in the other day on a social visit. "Gee, he looks different with his hair cut," she said. "Last time he was here our Old English Sheepdog was frightened of him!"

The departure from this town of Ken and Cecily McKenzie was very sad and a bit inconvenient for their great mate and boarder Anthony Giles-Peters. Anthony moved into a flat at the McKenzie's David Road ranch after his previous abode was sold over his head (it didn't have to be very high). Diehard Diary readers will recall the free ads we gave him at the time: A Home For The Gnome and later, when he'd inspected and rejected a place which had everything but a dunny, A Throne For The Gnome. But enough of this nostalgia. With the McKenzie place sold, Anthony needed new digs and is soon to move into a granny flat behind the Revells, in South Warrandyte. The Gnome, Shane and Helen are good buddies from way, way back, but some house rules have been drawn up. Among them is that if Anthony

The community spirit of former Diary editor Bob Millington extends to the ultimate test of endurance: being one of the parents at a school camp. Millo went along to Gelantipy, in the Gippsland hills, to play supervisor to son Gareth and his school-mates on a recent Warrandyte Primary adventure and rather excelled himself by falling off a log bridge-expensive camera gear and all-into a creek during an orienteering exercise. Then came the camp dance, when a little miss wandered up and asked: "Mr Millington, are you going to dance with the girls?" "But of course," he replied. "Why do you ask?" "Well, won't Trish get angry?" "Of course not," said Bob. "I won't tell her if you don't." Our Gelantipy spy was shocked. It seemed like such a practised line, he said.

We really hope you don't have to use his panel-beating services, but if the crunch comes you won't find Graeme Riddell and his Riverview Panels in Yarra Street any more. Graeme has moved into a new shop at Research (1 Contour Close). No mere panel beater, he also offers full mechanical servicing and uses the latest environment-friendly paint products. Riverview is developing into a real family business. Stepson Darren Winter, 20 and panel-beating apprentice of the year at Richmond TAFE, is Graeme's right-hand man, and stepdaughter Melissa, 17, will be joining the operation when she finishes her spray-painting apprenticeship at Richmond.



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Local family embarks on ocean adventure tour

A Warrandyte family of four has up-anchored and set sail for who-knows-where.

Terry and Jo Newman (45 and 40) and children Sam and Elsie (13 and nine) are off into the Pacific on a home-built 42-foot yacht for destinations unknown.

Their home for an indefinite duration will be the *Sotalia*, which took six years to build. Terry did the hull, Jo the interior and wiring.

The *Sotalia* was lifted by crane from their Bradleys Lane garden last month and trucked to Williamstown for launching. Immediately ahead for the Newmans are "familiarisation" exercises on Port Phillip and Westernport bays. Then it's blue water and ports of call to be decided along the way.

The Newmans, who had lived in Warrandyte for 12 years, are far from being novices in the world of ocean adventuring. In 1976, Terry and Jo launched a yacht they had built themselves and sailed the eastern coast of Australia to Papua New Guinea, Arnhem Land, Indonesia and all the way to Fremantle. That voyage took three years.

And when Sam was two years old, they cruised the

Right: The *Sotalia* is lifted aboard a semi-trailer in Bradleys Lane for the trip to Williamstown.

Above: Terry, Jo, Sam and Elsie Newman—ocean adventures ahead.

Mediterranean for six months.

Now, with a full crew of four, a long-planned odyssey begins.

"We are all very excited," Jo said, "particularly the children.

"Open ocean sailing like this as a family will be a new experience. We will learn as we go."

Sam and Elsie will school by correspondence.

The *Sotalia* was named after a species of South American dolphin which is born in the river and makes its way to the sea. For "Amazon" in this case, substitute "Yarra".



Urban wedge for green shire

By GEORGI STICKELS

The proposal by a committee of Eltham North Riding councillors and others for a Green Wedge municipality has taken a new turn, with Eltham council dropping plans to sever the shire's West Riding.

However, North Riding councillor Bill Penrose claims the secession was not an integral part of the Green Wedge shire plan. He told the *Diary* that there had never been any definite plans to dump the highly urbanised West Riding from Eltham. He said it was merely an option about which council had requested more information.

"The information suggests it would not be a good thing, so that's that," he said.

Cr Penrose said it would not affect moves by the council to-

wards a Green Wedge shire, reported in the *Diary* over past months. The proposal would simply continue with West Riding attached.

At a meeting in the community centre last March, Eltham councillors Penrose and Robert Marshall suggested the proposed green shire would not include West Riding, but incorporate all of Warrandyte and other Green Wedge areas currently in the Shires of Hurstbridge, Whittlesea, Diamond Valley and Kinglake.

Cr Penrose told the *Diary* that "contamination" of the green shire by an area with "a whole urban outlook" was not a serious issue.

"I don't think contamination is a suitable word. It was a concern several years ago but I think it's been recognised by the commu-

nity that both parts need each other," he said.

If such a plan went ahead, the restructured Eltham shire would still contain both urban and rural areas, much like the City of Doncaster. But Cr Penrose says this would cause "no major conflict". He said it was more important to unite environmentally sensitive areas in one municipality.

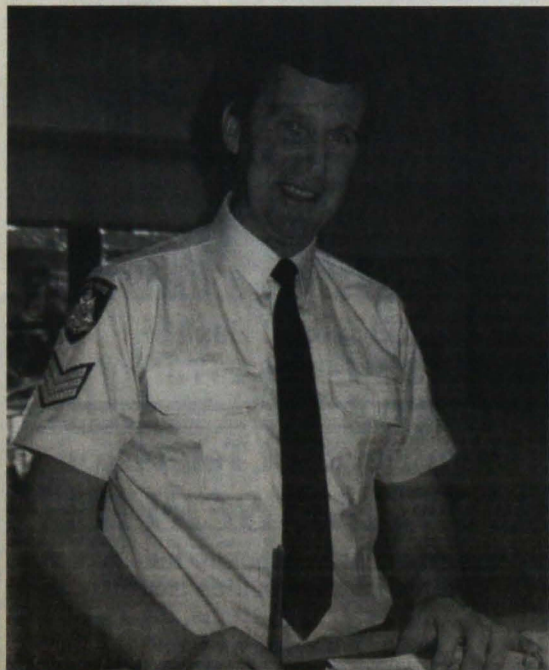
"We still think the Green Wedge parts should all be in one shire. It does create some problems," he conceded, "but I wouldn't want to try and solve things by cutting them (West Riding) off".

The council's decision is the result of a report presented at a council meeting last month. It suggested the advantages of seceding the West Riding are outweighed by the advantages of keeping the shire as it stands.

The West Riding provides one third of the shire's revenue and contains major facilities, including council's works department and living and learning centre.

"The financial viability of the shire without West Riding is difficult to ascertain...The shire could be at risk due to loss of government grants, reduced revenue and increased administration costs," the report concluded.

The Eltham Shire Restructure Committee is still examining the possibility of a green shire, following some community interest at meetings at Warrandyte and Hurstbridge in March. A spokesperson for the group told the *Diary* "no immediate action is planned for the short term". A meeting at Eltham generated little interest either way, the spokesperson said.



Local top cop going bush

By JANE RICHARDSON

Sergeant David Burge hung up his cap at Warrandyte police station for the last time last month.

Sgt Burge, 39, has transferred to Morwell, a move he has wanted to make for some time. He told the *Diary* he is looking forward to moving to the country and spending more time with his wife, Virginia.

The Burges own a property in Morwell and have recently built a home on it, which will shortly be christened with the arrival of their first child, expected early in July.

Sgt Burge began his career in the police force at Hamilton. He worked at various stations in and around Melbourne before settling in at Warrandyte five years ago.

Left: Sergeant David Burge: farewell to Warrandyte

In that time Sgt Burge says he has grown fond of the town, which he sees as a quiet, peaceful place where nothing appears to have changed. He told the *Diary* he has made many good friends within the community, and has particularly enjoyed unique local events, including the Warrandyte Festival.

"I wish to thank the people of Warrandyte for their open, friendly and co-operative nature which made me feel welcome and part of the community," he said.

He intends to return to Warrandyte often, and keep in touch with his many friends and acquaintances of the past five years.

Sergeant Burt Rutherford from Doncaster has taken over the reins at Warrandyte police station until a permanent replacement is appointed.

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Dog laws a must

LETTERS

I wish to comment on the letter from "an angry resident" (*Diary*, May) regarding the restrictions of the walking of dogs in some parts of Warrandyte State Park, specifically Fourth Hill. In particular, I wish to voice my disappointment at the inaccurate and offensive comments directed at the park rangers.

Firstly, the rangers have not banned dogs from the park. In fact, the rangers are responsible for implementing the policy which was approved in the management plan, subsequently monitored over a period of 12 months and recently reviewed. This policy allows for the walking of dogs on some parts of the park (eg Norman Reserve), while restricting dogs from locations such as Fourth Hill and Pound Bend.

The rangers may make recommendations on any issue in the park, but ultimately I must consider a wider range of views

from park planners, wildlife experts and the community before any decision is made.

Secondly, I made the decision to reaffirm the policy of the management plan in consultation with the acting regional manager of the Melbourne region, Ms Lynne Stronnell. This was made after careful consideration of alternatives and the results of monitoring, which clearly demonstrated that the majority of dog owners in the park (over 90 per cent) have not been responsible in controlling their dogs on a lead. This has resulted in significant conflicts with nature conservation values and the enjoyment of other visitors.

Warrandyte State Park is an

important part of a statewide park system which is reserved for the benefit of all Victorians, both today and in the future. Residents should feel very fortunate to have such a significant historic and natural resource on their doorstep as the management plan identified. In some cases certain restrictions are required for the benefit of the majority.

In the case of the new dog restrictions at Fourth Hill, the rangers have been very understanding of the sensitivity of the issue and have attempted, where possible, to explain the policy and suggest alternative dog walking areas rather than issue infringement notices. Unfortunately some residents have not accepted these explanations.

I am sure that the majority of Warrandyte residents have a close affinity and understanding of the state park's importance as a very significant area of Victoria's history and as a precious nature conservation and passive recreation area.

I also believe that most residents and visitors appreciate the important and sometimes very difficult job of park rangers. The rangers at Warrandyte State Park have consistently demonstrated a willingness to become closely involved with the community through schools education, holiday programs, community days and involvement with the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

The comments directed at these dedicated staff by the "angry resident" would not be supported by most people in Warrandyte.

Ian Harris
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Host program

By KYM SMITH

Warrandyte High School will host children from eight primary schools, including Warrandyte and Anderson's Creek, during Term 2 as part of a new transition program.

The main aim of the program is to prepare grade six students for their first year of secondary school in 1993. Students are given an extensive tour of the school, followed by 'mini-lessons' offered by staff.

Activities are offered in English, drama, maths and social science. The students also take part in their first experiments in proper laboratories.

The schools aim to make transition from primary to second-

ary as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Warrandyte High's emphasis on better linkup programs is already evident in their shared Japanese classes, where communications systems link the school with Warrandyte, Anderson's Creek, and Warrandyte South primary schools.

Warrandyte High will hold a grades five and six parent information night on June 15, at 7.45pm in the school theatre. Parents will have the opportunity to meet teaching staff, discuss school policies and facilities and meet other parents. The school's principal, Mr Michael Blake, invites all parents unable to attend to speak with him. Appointments can be made on 844 2749.



Grade six students from Anderson's Creek Primary School visit a laboratory at Warrandyte High during the transition program.

Thank you

On Mothers' Day we went up to the Anderson's Creek Cemetery to put flowers on the family graves. The cemetery is a credit to the Trust. It looked a picture; not a blade of grass out of place. It is a credit to the Trust members who are responsible for it and to the staff who maintain it.

Our thanks to Alan Bellinger, Darren Hay and Don D'Oliviera. It is a pleasure to see the standard Cliff Cooper (the cemetery's first full time employee who has recently retired) set being maintained so well.

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COMMENT

By JUDY MACDONALD

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Of course, they hasten to cover the rule sheets with such disclaimers as "the material contained on this page has been developed solely for use by Designs and Directions community workshops to generate discussion. The ideas contained in this document are intended to invite comment."

Well, I've been invoked! For the enlightenment of ratepayers who have not been given a guernsey in this game, let me explain. At each of ten one-day workshops, people from such similar groups as businessmen, service clubs and sporting groups are presented with propositions for the future of the city.

Each workshop deals with the same topics, including physical environment, education and so on; however each workshop has a vastly different set of propositions within each topic.

In workshop 1, "volunteerism" (sic) is to become the backbone of community support services being currently delivered by council.

By workshop 4, this theme is developed to include the mu-

nicipality being managed by a board of directors, comprised of eight full-time paid officers, apparently directing hordes of volunteers. Remember, this is just a game. You can have real fun in workshop 1, fantasising about council operating an open university via a subscriber television network. This becomes less amusing by workshop 10, where there is discussion about Warrandyte as the centre for a non-traditional university campus and altering significantly "the rural aspects of the eastern end of the municipality".

By workshop 3 we're really having fun. The quarry in Warrandyte Road could be turned into an amphitheatre with "patrons enjoying the open-air grandeur whilst being pampered by high quality seating, catering, carparking and public transport facilities".

A section of all workshops, headed "physical environment", plugs away for "piazzas" at each activity centre: The Pines, Box Hill and Doncaster. "These piazzas will form a major part in the community life of the population." Presumably, they will be the only open spaces left in the city.

When we are not enjoying our-

selves in the piazzas, workshop 2 allows us to take the monorail shuttle from Doncaster to Box Hill, enabling us to view the "high-quality, high-rise housing in selected areas, i.e. Manningham Road, Doncaster Road and Blackburn/Reynolds Road" on the way.

Doncaster Tower could be rebuilt "as the focal point of the civic centre/hotel/casino complex". Beats Park Lane and Pall Mall, doesn't it?

There is not enough space in a year's issue of the *Diary* to outline all of the propositions put to the ten workshops, however Warrandyte is very much part of the fun.

"Warrandyte will be developed", reads one proposal, "as a tourist area but not as a free area. Entry fees could be charged to some parts of it. A folk museum will be constructed in Warrandyte and operated by local people with an interest in the area and an interest in promoting tourism". Have these people even seen our old post office?

Purpose-built tourist roads could be a feature of our future, "to focus on the historic aspects of the area". "A wildlife sanctuary in Warrandyte will create a tourist attraction." "A fun park will be developed at Warrandyte featuring the river and historic aspects of the area...which will attract people from all over the state." That must be the two that haven't already been attracted. Workshop 6 suggests that War-

randyte will be linked to The Pines activity centre by an underground rail service. Dug by volunteers, we presume.

Of course, some of the slightly more ridiculous propositions have been selected for this commentary, but why on earth are such controversial ideas put forward? It all smacks of yet another town planners' scheme. The development of "attractive entrances" into the city strikes a familiar chord.

Despite the disclaimers, these workshops have already taken place. A paper listing preferences in percentages has been produced. Though the claim is made that council is not considering any of the proposals, councillors and council staff formed two of the workshop groups.

It seems an extraordinary coincidence that plans are already available for the The Pines activity centre, mentioned in the workshops. A riverside golf course—also mentioned—is currently under discussion.

It seems dangerously manipulative to attempt to kick-start thought processes with preconceived ideas, leaving little room for alternative thought. In some cases, workshops seem to have "preferred" the best of a bad lot. If rates are being spent on such curious pastimes, those who were not invited to play may do well to make enquiries of council or of WAC—if it's still out there—or it may turn out that you can neither pass "go", nor collect \$200.



Pancakes on the Yarra

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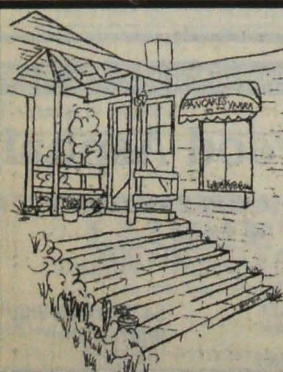
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The Yarra Yarra dance group will be performing at Warrandyte on Sunday, July 12.

Wurundjeri returns

By GLEN JAMESON

Late in November 1987, Friends of the Warrandyte State Park were gathered on the beach at Stane Brae, as Aunt Winnie bathed her feet in the Yarra. It had been 20 years since the waters of the sacred Birrarung had flowed across her skin. Winnie was happy. Norm, another Wurundjeri, returned from walking along the riverbeach with a small stone tool he had found; a treasure from the past.

Throughout Warrandyte and beyond, there are many reminders of the presence of the ancient Wurundjeri tribe, the people who followed the river like the mist. Earth rings, axe heads, scarred trees, stone scatters and the indigenous forests and animals invoke the images of the land's first inhabitants. The presence today of the Wurundjeri in the forests, dancing by the river or visiting the misty mountains realises the vision. They have survived.

Wurundjeri translates to 'witchetty grub people'. 'Wurun' means manna gum and 'jeri' is a larvae that lives in that tree. Manna gum is the tall white gum that follows the course of the Yarra, or Birrarung, as the Wurundjeri know it.

Many of the mammals that live in the manna gums, which grow along the riverbanks in Warrandyte, are the source of Wurundjeri legends. There is the awesome and sage-like Koob-boor, or Koala, and the Turnun, the Feathertail Glider possum. Above them all flies Bunjil, the Creator, the Wedge-tailed eagle who swept over all the lands.

About the time that gold was officially found in Anderson's Creek and 'get rich fever' gripped the young colony, the Wurundjeri held a big corroboree at Pound Bend. Earlier they had been denied access to Bolin Bolin swamp area in Bulleen, an important ceremonial, meeting, and hunting ground. Social and religious customs of thousands of years were swept aside by fence and gun.

Pound Bend was originally designated an Aboriginal reserve and, this being known to the leaders, they were persuaded to hold the corroboree there. Echoes of ancient chants and songs rang around the Bend as the firelit dancers retraced journeys of Dreamtime an-

cestors. Observances were made and the songlines were joined, but it would be the last time for a long, long while. The Wurundjeri were soon forced to move on and the Pound Bend land was consumed by the hungry colony.

Firstly they gathered at Watts River reserve and then to Coranderrk where the tribe worked at establishing a successful business venture growing hops. Local producers complained so the authorities stopped that venture.

The Wurundjeri suffered a dramatic population collapse. Despite constant pleas from Barak the articulate headman, and white sympathisers, nothing was done to improve

military background, legend has it that he hid under his chimney and his wife lit a fire under him to hide him from the Wurundjeri warriors who came looking for him, no doubt on a payback mission.

Directly across the river in what is now Eltham, Thomas Sweeney lived at the same time as Newman. Sweeney and the Wurundjeri got on well, with the Wurundjeri teaching Sweeney's children to swim. They helped make bricks for the Sweeney cottage, which still stands today. The difference in attitude of the two men reflects, to some people, the indigenous feel of Eltham and the soul-less city of Doncaster.

The images still remain of the Wurundjeri. Photographs of Barak killing a snake in Warrandyte, or painting one of his numerous depictions of ceremony or corroboree, or seated alone on his humble verandah at Corranderrk. Photos of black women, possum rugs around their half naked, tribal scarred breasts, wide-eyed faces dazed from brutal contact. A chevron-legged painted dancer, white dots on his legs, panels on his body. A picture of Winnie, Narrandjeri, possum-cloaked beneath the Richmond corroboree tree, proud and strong, feeling the winds on her face.

You felt Winnie could make the indigenous flowers grow and the memory of her is still strong. Winnie passed away four years ago when the Star of Bunjil (Altair) was high in the winter evening sky and the silver wattles were in full bloom along Birrarung.

The children of those Wurundjeri who were born on Corranderrk are still involved in the rich cultural heritage of the Wurundjeri, and are carrying it on into the future. Norm is now the leader of the Wurundjeri, his brothers Murundindi and Warranbadj are coming to dance in Warrandyte at the community centre on July 12 as part of the National Aboriginal Day of Celebration Week.

Come and share this cultural event with the Wurundjeri. Talk to the Friends of the Wurundjeri. Dance with the Yarra Yarra dance group and listen for the songlines that are all about us. And look to the river to see if the silver wattles are all in bloom.

'listen for the songlines...'

their basic facilities and death hunted the children from the reserve. By the winter of 1903, as the silver wattles flowered and formed a golden wreath along Birrarung, Barak passed away. In 80 short years the Wurundjeri had all but vanished.

There are local historical accounts of Aboriginals cooking magpies in earth ovens under the Warrandyte bridge in the 1930s. Were they refugees from Corranderrk, which had just been closed, retracing the ancient pathways? We will never know, few records were kept of such things.

Aboriginals had no citizenship rights at the time, let alone treatment as human beings with individual names. There were no cultural rights for access to land and Aboriginals could not own land until 1967.

Did Wurundjeri blood spill in Warrandyte? There certainly are historical records of clashes during the early period of contact. Doncaster's earliest resident, Major Newman, lived at the confluence of Birrarung and Mullum Mullum creek. A hard man of



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LES ADAMS

The man who loved to teach

By ROBERT WHITE

Les Adams always had faith in new generations. A man involved in education for most of his working life, he was fiercely committed to the young people over whom he had such an influence.

It was during his stint as principal of Heidelberg Technical School that his compassion for the plight of the young adult was shown in its best light. He pioneered the work experience program that is now such an important part of secondary schooling, part of the enduring legacy that he leaves behind.

Les Adams died on May 20 at the age of 70. He had lived in Warrandyte for most of his life. It was something of a family tradition; his grandfather had been a goldminer and his parents were orchardists on the main road just west of the township near Pound Road.

He attended Warrandyte primary school, as his mother had before him, with his sisters Edna (now deceased) and Millie. So did his children, Peter, Maxine and Kathryn. His grandsons, Matthew and Tim Chapman are also former Warrandyte primary students, leaving their younger brother Chris to continue the family tradition at the top of the Forbes Street hill.

Les's mother Ethel, 92, still lives in the family home on the corner of Warrandyte-Heidelberg Road and Batskos Drive.

The cherry blossom has long disappeared with the subdivi-

ing of the old orchard. But Les and wife Olive, were able to watch over the development of the family property from their home which still stands on part of the original property.

Les was brought up on the orchard but quickly showed higher than average academic skills. He won a secondary school scholarship to Melbourne Technical School and was dux of his junior year in 1936. He went on to complete a diploma in engineering.

After a time in engineering he took up his true love; teaching. And it was in the role of educator that he excelled.

He rose through the ranks to be vice-principal at Heidelberg Tech and then principal. It was a position that both excited and challenged him. He believed that the school could offer more than it was providing and was concerned that school did not always prepare students for the world outside the classroom.

He was also concerned that students had career ideas without really knowing what their future job might really be like. Les wanted his students to have experience with their chosen profession and encouraged many business people around Heidelberg to "chance their arm" and give students the opportunity to learn at first-hand what it was like to be a cabinet maker or a fitter and turner or the hundreds of other career choices that were available.

Les's interest in the project was

so great he would often surprise his students by turning up at the workplace unannounced to see how they were going.

The Heidelberg project was lauded in education and industry circles. Les was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the operation of similar projects in England, Italy and America.

It was a research grant he accepted with relish. His report on the study tour became compulsory reading for schools embarking on work experience schemes.

Mathematics was another area of particular interest to Les. He co-authored a number of maths text books and workbooks.

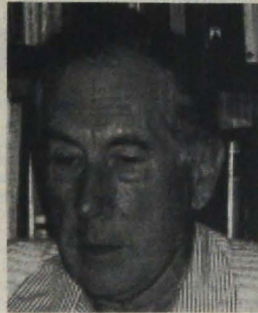
He continued to climb the education ladder, becoming an assistant regional director, a position he held until his retirement.

Les was a prominent local identity. He was a better than average footballer, playing with Warrandyte and holding club positions over the years.

He was also a handy spin bowler and batsman. He played for Warrandyte until he was 50 and his enthusiastic service to the Warrandyte Cricket Club earned him life membership.

Always keen to see junior cricketers encouraged, he played a dominant role in the formation of junior sides at Warrandyte. The club has for many years offered the Les Adams Shield as a junior encouragement award.

He also worked on the now defunct district progress association and was a longstanding



member of the St Stephens Anglican Church.

Les was a member of the Rotary Club of Heidelberg West and attended an international conference in England in 1984.

Ill-health in recent years prevented him from fulfilling all the plans he had set himself for retirement, but he was able to continue with his hobby; the study and planting of native flora.

He spent many months of the year with his wife Olive at their country retreat at Paynesville.

In recognition of his contribution to Warrandyte, his funeral service at St Stephens church was packed to overflowing by locals paying their respects.

Les Adams is survived by his wife Olive, his children Peter, Maxine and Kathryn, grandchildren Phoebe, Matthew, Tim and Chris, mother Ethel and his sister Millie Lee.



Arbor week

Pictures by JAN TINDALE

Local primary school students have been working with Warrandyte State Park rangers to mark Arbor Week, which had to be extended to two weeks this year so that all schools could participate.

More than 800 students from Andersons Creek, South Warrandyte, St Annes and Warrandyte

primary schools have planted about 1400 native plants.

All the plants and seeds were planted inside rabbit-proof fencing.

Ranger David Van Bockel told the *Diary* the week was a great success, with each child picking out a cutting to take home, "to care for them and hopefully plant in their garden in the spring".



Local primary students (above & left) plant trees to mark Arbor Week

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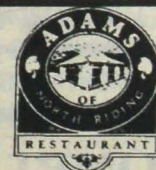
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Somehow I couldn't imagine John Smart swathed in raffia, dried flowers and milliner's glue. My mind couldn't run to him dropping his needle to rush out and pump petrol.

He was on his third door wreath for the day and it was giving him trouble. The artificial flowers just wouldn't stay in place and he kept being interrupted by patrons wanting boring things like petrol, oil and driveway service.

"No, it's my wife's stuff!" This jolted me out of my reverie like a slap across the face with a useless property portfolio. "She's into this sort of thing, so I agreed that she could sell them down here." My world returned to normal, but it did start me thinking.

When times are good, we can afford the luxury of specialisation. Shops hang out their shingles and we enter assured of no surprises. But when the economy is fragile, personkind's inventiveness takes over and necessity spawns creative solutions.

Smarty's foray into diversification could be just the tip of the iceberg. Perhaps it's time for other Warrandyte traders to look into their own backyards to see what merchandising bonanzas they can find.

Interested? Then come with me on a journey to a New Age Warrandyte of my imagination.

"Just nipping down to get some milk," Herself quipped as she backed out the car and headed for the village. Times had certainly changed since her arrival in Warrandyte 15 years earlier.

In those days, a trip for milk was an uneventful expedition. But now, with the newly-discovered, spouse-led retail recovery underway, it resembled a return to the psychedelia of the hippy era.

Herself crossed the bridge and donned her Raybans as the neons from the roundabout free range egg stall hit her retinas. Since this stall had been such a success, sales of beater Indian egg cups, Thai silk teapot covers and placemats reading "Folk art what they eat," had soared. A chance conversation over a normal domestic breakfast had spawned the marketing success now known as the Eastern End of Warrandyte.

Thyme on the Terrace had branched out into clocks and the antique shop shared premises with an eccentric aunt's passion for sculptures made from recycled teabags. The carpark in front of the Canoe Shed had been transformed into a Chinese opera theatre after the postmaster's mistress had taken a trip to Beijing.

"No point going to the old milkbar," she thought. "I'm damned if I'm going to run the



gauntlet of all those foot massage touts."

Now the walkway has been built from the cane shop to the roundabout, it took some time to navigate the brick-paved shopping mall. Having edged along Yarra Street, Herself just had time to glimpse the bakery between the Garage Sale stalls; a weekly joint venture by the baker's wife and the estate agent's girlfriend.

"Can't imagine where they get the goods," she mused as she sidled past the Porsches and Jags lined up outside McDougall's and the Horse Blanket Embroidery Cottage.

"Damn!" Herself had forgotten the daily clowning routine the butcher's wife had introduced. At 2.30 each day, free sausages were given away to the person in the crowd who volunteered to be the back half of the donkey in the Mack Sennett routine she had learned at an Outer Eastern TAFE night school course.

She had wanted to do the

Marcel Marceau Mime Diet, but her Thursday nights had been pre-booked to help the bank manager's wife organise her weekly scone and biscuit stall. This good lady was offering a dozen scones with each automatic teller withdrawal over \$100, plus a dozen chocolate chip bikkies for transactions above \$200.

Having escaped the enticement of the spa bath at Pigeon Bank Studio, Herself closed her eyes—metaphorically—and sped to the West End.

The front-end loaders and Caterpillar tractors had long become tourist attractions outside Needles and Pins. In fact, they had been classified by the National Trust after a visiting American gallery director had declared them among the world's finest examples of Post Abstractionist Representationism.

Milk in hand from the Festival grocery and Weight Loss supermarket, Herself departed for home. The petrol gauge showed almost empty. This would mean a perilous journey to Templestowe.

"Wasn't it wonderful when Smarty's was a petrol station and not a combined craft shop, clog dancing information centre and pool hall," she sighed.

John lit another cigar and smiled.

ROGER KIBELL

Peaceful refuge at Jumping Creek

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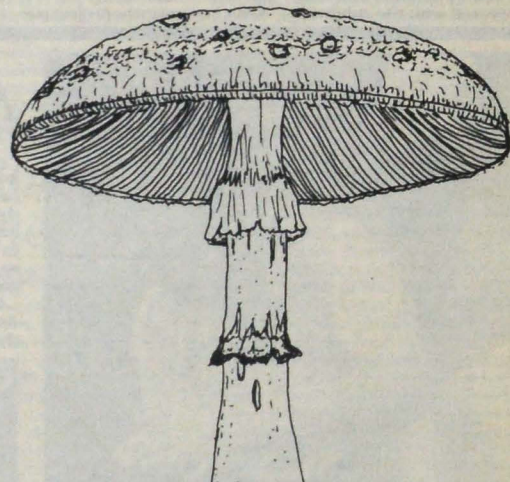
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

Sandy Bay carpark and follows the river upstream along a self-guided nature trail. After a while the numbered nature walk heads away from the river, but the track to Blue Tongue Bend continues on, sometimes clinging precariously to the slopes and offering stunning views of the river below.

In other places the track delves deep into the bushland. Here, tall Candlebarks cast heavy shadows, transforming the walking track into a dark corridor. Just as quickly the canopy opens, giving light to huge tussocks of native grasses which, when viewed from a distance, resemble a giant shagpile carpet.

Blue Tongue Bend is a sharp curve of the river where the current forces the swirling water over a series of rocks in a mass of foaming bubbles. Like the chapel, this is another place that offers a respite to the walker.

At the Bend the walking track joins a broad management track which ascends a ridge passing through almost pure strands of Red Box eucalypts. These trees, with their flaky grey bark and round blue-green leaves, epitomise Warrandyte, as does the tinkling call of the Bellbirds which echoes from the foliage.



Several moist gullies are encountered before the track returns to the carpark. These are magic places which, at this time of the year, are filled with the fruits of winter; the fungi. The variety is immense, from delicately gilled toadstools to tough, leathery bracket fungi, from pastel puff-balls to brilliant orange jelly fungi.

Jumping Creek Reserve is one of the most popular areas of the State Park. But only a few of the many visitors venture far beyond the picnic tables, barbecues and beach area. For those

that do, the bush holds a number of surprises. The vegetation is constantly changing as the track meanders through the forest. The variety of birdlife along the way is possibly the best anywhere in Warrandyte. Shy Swamp Wallabies may be glimpsed in the more remote regions of the reserve. Perhaps the best kept secret of all is the curious open air chapel. It might not offer shelter in the physical sense, but it is a place to refresh body and mind and, together with the surrounding bushland, provides a sanctuary for the soul.

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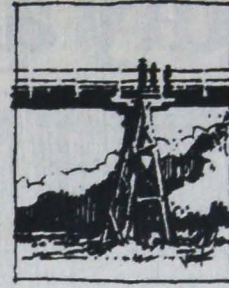
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A pony and a pathway



THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

NOW early December, it was the end of Robert's second year at school and the beginning of the summer holidays. He was sad that school was finished for a few weeks, in spite of all we might do in the holidays. I was not really surprised at that.

The school had been built in the early mining days, of local stone with two classrooms. There was a headmaster, one infant teacher and 26 children. The headmaster was a quiet man, unobtrusive and somewhat shy, but with a deep love of nature and children.

Nearly all schools in the suburbs had a half day mid-week for sport, but this man had a different plan. The bushfires had burnt many of the trees that surrounded the school and because of the possible danger of them falling and injuring children, they had been cut down to stumps.

Mr Moran, the headmaster, had hollowed out some of the stumps. Every Wednesday he lit fires in the stumps and told the children to bring chops and sausages which he would cook for their lunch.

After this unique school meal, he would take them for long walks and give them a kind of nature lesson. He taught them to observe birds, to note the different kinds of eucalypts and wattles that grew along the river bank, how to tread carefully and not damage the little greenhood orchids that nodded in the breeze. Walking along the river bank, he explained how the river came to be turned into a tunnel cut through a hill, so that gold could be panned from its bed.

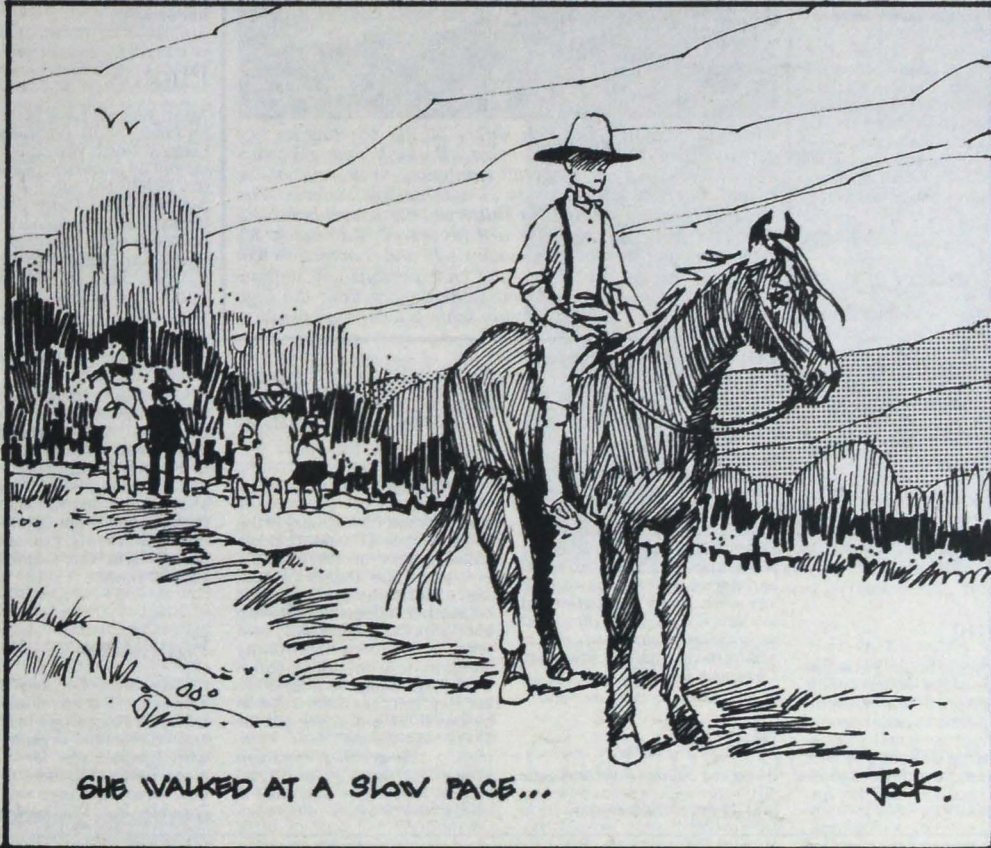
In moist shady places he found clumps of delicate maiden hair fern, patches of the blue and white wild violets, that stood above their rosettes of leaves like small rigid soldiers.

This man, Clive Moran, did much for me too. It happened sometimes that one or another of my boys, maybe both together, would get a secondary infection. This meant they could not go to school, and it took up to a month to clear up. I had no modern drugs, only Lysol, warm water and cotton wool to break up the pustules. Clive would come with school work, trying to keep the boys level with their class.

One evening I sat Robert down on the 'thinking stone' beside me and told him I had a plan. I said that I could scrape up enough money to buy a pony.

"Evan will start school in the new year. If you can learn to ride a pony during these holidays, you can both ride to school. The policeman has a good paddock just at the foot of the school hill. I have already asked if we can put a pony there, and he was delighted. A pony would keep the grass down, and if it eats grass all day, it should not cost so much to feed it at night."

Robert jumped in the air for sheer joy.



SHE WALKED AT A SLOW PACE...

He loved all animals but a love of horses was deep in his Irish blood.

Just then Lou came along. Lou never arrived empty-handed. This time he brought two fat bream and some small, but always very sweet, blackfish. Sometimes I half expected him to have found his reef of gold and walk in with a nugget, but it never happened.

I put the fish in the Coolgardie safe, and told Lou of our plan to buy a pony. I would ask Roly to take us to market. Lou jumped up and down, as excited as Robert. "I know horses M'um, can I come too?"

"Lou," I said, "come in and have a bowl of soup, and if you see Roly, ask him to come around". I had bought an enormous iron pot at the market. It stood on the side of the great black stove. In it I put anything I could lay my hands on: extra bones begged from the butcher, bacon rind, carrot tops, cabbage and cauliflower stalks, well scrubbed vegetable skins, herbs of

course, and a couple of handfuls of barley. Together with crusty, homemade bread, it made a fine meal.

The following Monday we set off early, with ten pounds in my purse, two very excited children and Lou. I clutched a picnic basket filled with goodies: a bacon and egg pie, cakes, bread and butter, and bottles of milk. I had stuffed the sides with homemade biscuits.

I think the first thing we saw was a pony. A fat man, his trousers crinkled like a concertina, held the pony with a bridle. Children were crawling under her, pulling her tail, climbing over her, but she accepted all without a quiver. Her owner said, "See how good she is with children".

Then Roly came up with a Mrs Dally. "She knows everything about 'orses," he said.

Mrs Dally expertly looked over the pony, opened its mouth, put in her hand and felt its teeth. "She's not in her first youth but good for a long time yet.

How much do you want for her?"

"Twelve pounds."

"No, no. She is only worth six pounds."

"Ok, give me eight pounds, that is good enough."

I paid the eight pounds and the pony was ours. Roly tied her to the back of his cart and we went under a shady tree to have our picnic. Lou watched the whole procedure, but said no word.

Arriving home that evening, we gave the pony a good feed of chaff and bran and let her rest.

Robert first tried the pony on a still, warm summer evening. He had some interested spectators: Watty, Patty, Roly, Lou, even Ellen came. They stood in a row while I put Robert on this quiet little pony. She walked along at a slow pace, and soon I gave the bridle to Robert, and walked beside her. When we had gone a certain distance, the pony turned of her own accord and came back to the starting point. We tried again and the same thing hap-

pened. Just so far and no further.

Suddenly, from the row of people watching, came the sound of laughter, growing louder as more people joined in. Roly's chins wobbled uncontrollably, and his enormous stomach jumped up and down, shaking. Lou teetered on his toes, his toothless mouth open like an orb. Ellen's very hearty laugh outdid the others in richness. Watty, in her excitement, clutched her skirts, dragging them almost up to her knees, while Patty tried hard to restrain a smile, the nearest she ever got to laughing.

When I could get a word in, I said, "Now Roly, I know this is something to do with me and the pony, but what exactly is the cause of all this hilarity?"

Between guffaws of laughter, he managed to chuckle "You've been had, Missus, you've been had. She's a circus pony y'know, trained to take kids so far and back for sixpence."

Then I began to laugh, but soon anger welled up as I thought of my lost money. "Now look here," I said. "You, Roly and you, Lou. You said you both knew about horses, but you don't know a damn thing about them. Between you, you can take her back to her owner, and I don't care how you do it, but you get my money back. But first you can all come in for a cup of tea."

The women came in, but the two men slunk off, taking the pony and, I think, feeling a little ashamed of themselves. They found the owner, and I don't know what threats they used, but they got the money back.

I had much trouble that night, trying to comfort Robert. I promised that he would have a pony, but we must first find someone who really knew about horses.

As Christmas neared, and I was busy with all the preparations, Roly came in. He looked excited and somewhat pleased with himself.

"Missus, I have a present for yer. Come and see."

I took the boys and the four of us walked down the long driveway, through the gate and across the road to where Roly led us. We stood at the top of the steep hill.

I stared in amazement. Roly had cut a zigzag path down to the river and the raft. Not only that, but he had carried sacks of pebbles to spread on its slippery clay base to make it safe.

I had no speech, only a lump in my throat.

"It's a good path missus, better than a pony," Roly said.

I had had no reason to go down to the river for several days, so had no idea he was doing this. I took his hand and put his other hand on my shoulder. "Roly this is beyond words, come in and I'll try and tell you what this means to us."

It was not until the following term holidays in May that we finally got a pony.

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Reunion

Did you attend Warrandyte Primary School between 1952 and 1958? If so, come and meet old friends at Stiggants Reserve at 10.30am on Sunday, June 28. BYO lunch, drinks, family and old photographs. Other ex-students very welcome.

Dancing

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is holding ballroom dancing classes at the community centre for eight weeks commencing Monday, July 6. If you've never learned to dance, or feel you need a refresher course, this is your opportunity. A minimum class of twelve is needed. If interested, call Jean Chapman on 844 3326.

Nursing mums

The Nursing Mothers Association's Warrandyte branch is holding its next morning coffee on Wednesday, June 24 at 10am at 8 Caloola Drive, North Warrandyte. All pregnant women and mothers with breast or bottle-

Winetasting

Warrandyte Community Child-care Centre invites everyone to their annual winetasting on Saturday, June 13 at 8pm. Wines will be presented by Peter Maher of Warrandyte Cellars. Tickets, at \$5 each, are available from the Childcare Centre, corner Masonic Avenue and Ringwood Road, Warrandyte, or from Warrandyte Cellars. There will be spot prizes, raffles, fine cheese, music and good company. Call Helen Moppert on 712 0602 for further information.

Hearing

Better Hearing holds a class at the community centre each Thursday from 1.30 to 2.30pm. The group aims to assist people with hearing problems by teaching lip-reading skills and providing information on devices available. Contact 510 1577 for further information.



Local watercolorist Reg Cox shows off the painting he has generously donated as a raffle prize at the forthcoming Warrandyte High School art and craft exhibition, to be held at the school on Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June. The show will be opened by Jock Macneish, the school band will play and wine and savories will be served. Admission \$8. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$2 and concessions will be available. Various artists and craftspersons will demonstrate during the weekend and student work from the high school and neighbouring primary schools will be on display.

Hire a trier

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Job Exchange aims to obtain local jobs for local people. If you need work done, or have an employment vacancy, please contact us. We have lots of people looking for part-time work. Among our triers this month is Peter, 23, who has worked at plastering, glazing and in retail and storeman's jobs. He will take any work. Jenny is experienced at clerical work (no typing) and as a catering assistant. She is willing to try anything. Ring Jean Chapman, 844 3326.

Mature

If you are unemployed and over 40 you are welcome to come and join others in the same situation

at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House between 1 and 3pm, alternate Wednesdays. Phone 844 1839 for more information.

Auxiliary

The Warrandyte Auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital held its annual general meeting recently. President, Mrs Dulcie Crouch, welcomed visitors and reported on another successful year, with ever-popular cake stalls, two stints in the Lions opportunity shop, as well as raffles and a Christmas hamper. The Mothers' Day fruit cake raffle was won by David Gibson. A cheque for \$2472 was handed over, completing the group's Dynamap project for ward 24, at a total cost of \$3000. The Dynamap is used in the delivery suite to au-

tomatically read blood pressure without disturbing the patient. All office bearers were returned unopposed.

Arts award

Intending candidates for the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award have only until the end of this month to apply. Applications close on June 30. See advertisement on page 6 of this issue for full details.

Photos

Arrangements have been made for family photo portraits to be taken at North Warrandyte Preschool on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July. For only \$10 you will receive a framed portrait of your family, normally valued at \$60. Bookings close Saturday 4 July. Phone Lyn Watson (844 1144), Carmen Janicke (844 2046), Robyn Jordan (844 2980).

Anniversary

Eric and Lois Hogg celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 31. They renewed their vows to each other at their home in Russell Road. Their seven children and 15 grandchildren shared this joyous day with them, as did other family members and friends. Eric and Lois have lived in Warrandyte for the past 30 years.

Facilities

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Long-time president Greg Lawrence was awarded life membership at the recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Tennis Club. Greg has served tennis in the town for more than nine years, first as a committee member of the club, then as president since 1986.

Addressing the meeting, Greg spoke of "a strong and progressive year for Warrandyte Tennis Club". He reported that Doncaster council has agreed to financially assist with the building of clubroom extensions.

"Previous submissions for two additional courts have been unsuccessful," he said. Problems had arisen because of the proximity of the proposed courts to Andersons Creek and to the small oval. "However, plans for one new court are now being prepared."

Re-elected were Greg Lawrence (president), James Bonthorne (secretary), Frank Waites (treasurer), Robyn Bonthorne (assistant secretary), Jim McHugh (vice-president) and Judy Green (junior convenor).

The club now boasts a membership of about 700 players, with teams competing in Saturday afternoon competition, VTA pennant, mid-ladies three days a week, night tennis four times a week and junior competition on Saturday mornings.

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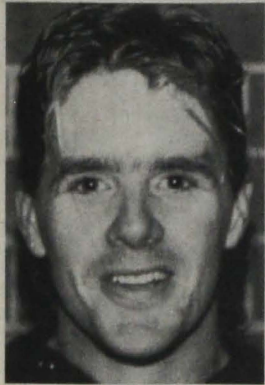
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Bloods back to earth!

'Battle of Tempy' victory comes at enormous price



James Weatherly - one of the best against Kilsyth.

Plenty of sting in the Wasps

Opposing netball teams have learnt that there is plenty of sting in the Warrandyte Wasps. The girls are proving to be an unbeatable combination in the Doncaster and District competition.

Joel Thompson and Carissa Gallwith have inspired their younger teammates in the Open B section and the Wasps have developed great flexibility.

Most of the players are able to comfortably fill any of several positions on the court.

The first half of the winter season has produced much promise for Warrandyte Netball Club.

The under-13 Woodpeckers are second on the ladder, with just one loss. Their defence is economical and their attackers fast and accurate.

The Wattles (also under-13) are having a mixed season against strong opposition in Section 1 and the concentration and skills of the under-11 Wagtails are showing steady improvement.

Warrandyte's newest netballers, the under-11 Waratahs, are full of enthusiasm and matching that with enormous improvement in skills and team sportsmanship.

A crippling crop of injuries has brought high-flying Warrandyte Football Club right back to earth in the race for the EDFL third division premiership.

The Bloods were reduced to walking wounded by a torrid encounter with Templestowe on May 23 and have lost both games since, to Forest Hill and Kilsyth.

They begin the second half of the home-and-away season in third place on the ladder, with six wins and three losses. But it will be weeks before they are back to anything like full strength.

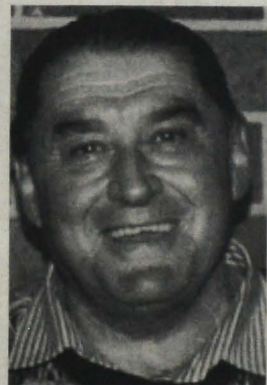
"We have 20 very good blokes, but when we have injuries we just can't replace them," captain-coach David Purcell told the *Diary* after the Kilsyth game.

"In two weeks we have gone from being a glamour side to also-rans. If we get our best 20 back on the field we will win the flag. If we don't we might be lucky to make the finals."

Purcell said injuries were not solely to blame for Warrandyte's sudden decline. He cited loss of enthusiasm as another cause.

"Things have been on the up for Warrandyte since the fourth round of last year when we beat Kilsyth after a very bad start to the season," he said. "We started this season on a high note and we were improving each week."

"But even before the Templestowe game and the injuries, the feeling among the players dropped. The earlier enthusiasm wasn't there. It was as if they just assumed they would win."



Laurie Sloan

SPORT

Purcell was one of the casualties of the Templestowe match. He broke a hand and will be out for more than the originally-anticipated three weeks because it has had to be reset.

The Bloods also lost full-forward/centre-half forward John O'Brien with a broken nose and several other key players.

"We won the game at Templestowe, but at a high price," said WFC president Laurie Sloan.

"Our reserves are on the bottom of the ladder and we do not have the talent to cover a string of injuries in the firsts. We will be struggling for players for the next three or four weeks."

Warrandyte had nine of their best 20 missing from the Kilsyth game, including key forward Stuart McLean and the constructive Dale Vitiritti, who had both played the previous week.

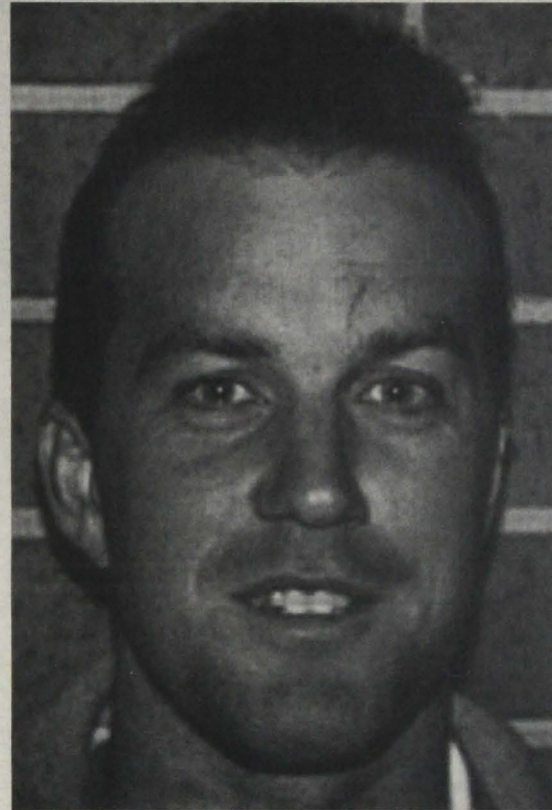
The makeshift side started promisingly in the traditional Kilsyth mud and kicked the first three goals. But it took them three more quarters to kick their fourth—and that from a very dubious free kick right in front.

Warrandyte led 3.5 to 1.2 at the first change and were still four points in front at half-time. Kilsyth hit the front halfway through the third quarter—a quarter marred by ugly scenes in the Bloods backline—and went into the last stanza with an eight-point advantage.

The Bloods had kicked just four behinds since quarter-time.

Kilsyth dominated the final term, adding 5.3 to Warrandyte's 1.2 to win by 33 points, 10.6 (66) to 4.9 (33).

One pleasing feature for the Bloods was the form of 17-year-old Mark Harbolt, who was re-



David Purcell: "If we get our best 20 back on the field we will win the flag."

cruited from Doncaster this season and played the first five games in the under-18s.

Warrandyte's best were

Harbolt, Kimberley O'Connor, Glen Welsh, Trent Ferguson, James Weatherly and Glen McCartin (until injured).

Champagne football

The Warrandyte Football Club Past Players' Association will hold a chicken and champagne lunch in the clubrooms before the game against Donvale on Saturday, July 11.

Diners will be entertained by a

guest speaker and the cost per head is \$20.

Previous lunches have been very successful and this one, which starts at noon, appeals as the ideal preamble to what promises to be a great game of football.

Dytes honour the girls

Warrandyte Cricket Club honoured three women with life memberships at its annual general meeting last month.

The awards were received by Jenny Chapman, who had captained the women's eleven for eight years and was a member of the 1991-92 premiership side, premiership captain Jenni McLaws and Ann Pascoe, who has been a tireless worker for the club.

The meeting re-elected Mark

Davis unopposed for his third term as club president. Also re-elected for a third term was senior captain-coach John Sharman.

Other office-bearers include: Maria McGhee and Ian Cameron (vice-presidents); Steve Pascoe (treasurer); David Jungwirth (secretary); Andrew King (social secretary); Joe Scicluna (ground and facilities manager); John McCartin (match committee chairman); Chris Snaidero (pub-

licity officer); Frank Russell (junior administrator); and Brett Kline (registration secretary).

Brian Chapman was re-appointed women's coach and Jenni McLaws was elected women's representative on the management committee.

Steve and Ann Pascoe were appointed Warrandyte's delegates to the Ringwood District Cricket Association. Ann and Lib McGhee were also elected to the general committee.

B'ball juniors chase finals record

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club are gearing for a junior finals assault which could yield record success.

When this edition of the *Diary* went to press, seven of the 11 Redbacks teams were in the four and heading for the finals.

Pick of the teams are the under-12AR boys coached by Gavin Whitmore, who had not dropped a game in 15 rounds. It had stretched their winning sequence in championship matches into the 30s.

Iain Hay's 12B boys are putting it together at the right time of the season and should have a big say come finals time.

In the 14B section, Damian Thwaites' boys are dominating, having lost just one match. Damien Brady's broken arm has made life tougher for his teammates, but they have stood up well and are a great chance to bring home the championship.

Paul Haskings' 16Bs also are very strong, with Kurt May, Richard Kyne and Ry Haskings dominant on the boards, hauling in the rebounds and leading the team up the ladder.

The 18B boys of Ron McLellan were sitting second for much of the early going but inexplicably dropped four of five matches and dropped to fourth. They had led comfortably in all those games and surrendered a 29-15 advantage over Bayside to lose 31-33.

The match, at Frankston, ended in controversy when the referees did not hear the siren and allowed a match-winning basket after time.

Laurie Bradford's 18EQ boys are in fourth spot thanks to a big percentage acquired by some landslide victories.

This season's only girls' side, the 16Bs of Chris McIntosh, are certainties for the finals. Christie Lawrence, Amanda McLellan, Melissa King, Amber Bottomley, Emma Morton and Jo Bradford have swept all before them.

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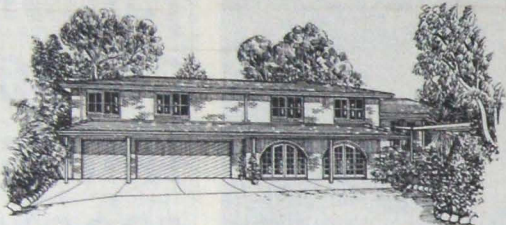
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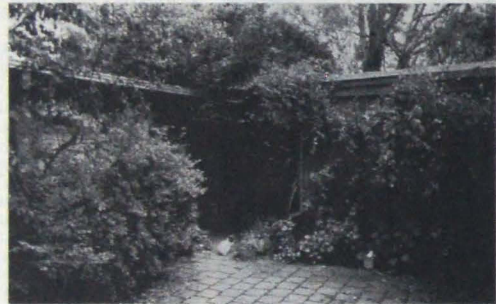


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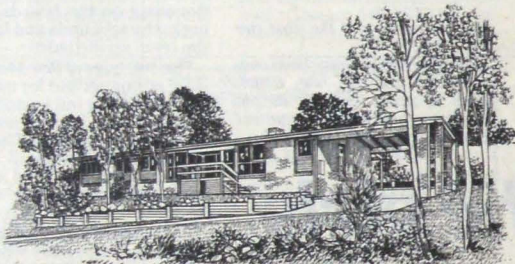
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On approximately 1/3 acre this Western Red Cedar home features 4BR accommodation, courtyard, FES in main bedroom. Open fireplace in lounge, double carport, large cedar sauna. Great location.



AUCTION Saturday 27 June at 2.00 pm \$180,000 +

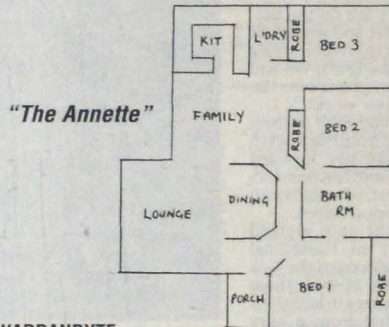
"PEACE AND TRANQUILITY"

Snuggled on a 1/2 acre allotment, this contemporary BV home would ideally suit a large family. Comprising 4BR, study, sunken lounge, sep dining and kitchen/family room. The home also features raked ceilings, open fireplace, ducted heating, two bathrooms, double carport with external access, and lovely rear patio; an ideal entertaining area.



ELTHAM "A TOUCH OF CLASS" \$245,000

Luxury 4BR contemporary brick home on fully landscaped block in exclusive Eltham location. Quality fittings & finish throughout. Features huge OFF, soaring ceilings, ducted heating and cooling, security system.



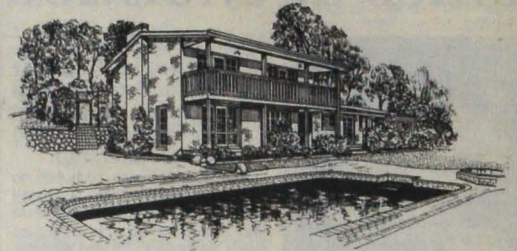
WARRANDYTE "HOUSE & LAND PACKAGE" \$134,950

Great views, walking distance to town, 10.5 squares; it's definitely a great starter. ENQUIRE NOW, "OTHERWISE YOU WILL MISS OUT".



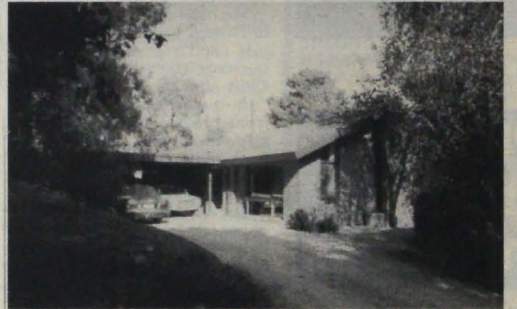
"THE ELITE" P.O.A.

This large mudbrick in one of Warrandyte North's best locations would suit the extended family looking for room to grow. The home features an abundance of bedrooms, spacious family room with OFF, solid timber kitchen, formal lounge and a large rumpus room plus a large verandah ideally suited for those lazy Sunday breakfasts. All this plus a 10sq workshop (flat), double carport, swimming pool and landscaped gardens on a glorious 1 acre allotment. Inspection highly recommended.



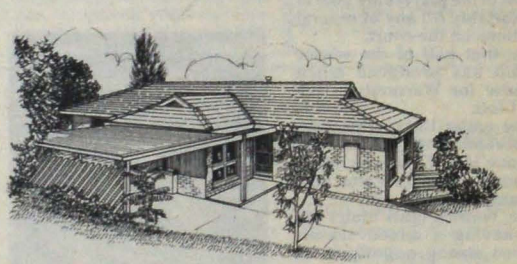
WARRANDYTE "YOUR OWN TRANQUIL RESORT!" \$395,000

Discover the joys of this 4BR and study brick home on 1 & 3/4 picturesque acres. Heated in-ground pool and spa and mod grass tennis court complement the great entertaining areas within.



WONGA PARK "THE GOOD LIFE" \$299,000

Ranch style 4BR and study BV home on 1 & 1/2 (approx) gently sloping acres. Enjoy the expansive outdoor entertaining areas in privacy. Features pony paddock and stable, IG pool, paved BBQ area and sprawling lawns (room for tennis court). Features FES in master bedroom, kitchen/family overlooking pool and gardens, formal dining/lounge and huge rumpus.



AUCTION Saturday 27 June at 12.00 Noon

"AFFORDABLE FAMILY LIVING"

This fine family home is within easy walking distance of all facilities. Featuring a sparkling new kitchen, four bedrooms, central bathroom, large family room and spacious lounge room. All on a fully fenced allotment, this property is for genuine sale and prior offers are invited.



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