

# A grand facelift for our old hotel

## Power station vetoed

By JANE RICHARDSON

Doncaster Templestowe council's proposal to run powerlines in Yarra Street underground received a major setback last month as plans to move the SEC substation in Warrandyte were vetoed, at least temporarily.

Jane Marriott, from the council's strategic planning office, told the *Diary* the plan had arisen as one of the recommendations of the Warrandyte Townscape report. The report, released earlier this year, recommended running the overhead powerlines in Yarra Street underground.

Ms Marriott said that to achieve this the existing power substation, in Webb Street near the fruit shop, would have to be relocated.

Last month the council suggested that the structure be built in a garden bed next to the Op Shop at the community centre.

However, at a meeting with Ms Marriott, the centre's executive members announced that they were "not in favor of the substation at this time".

They felt there were more appropriate locations.

But Ms Marriott argued that the range of alternative locations for the structure were limited. She said the nature of the substation, a form of booster vital to power supply, must be close to the main power load in the town, in Warrandyte's case the Yarra Street shops. It must also be located above the flood level, which she said "is really quite high in Warrandyte, almost up to Yarra Street itself".

Ms Marriott said the council's preferred location was on Crown land, in the carpark area beside the chemist. But the Department of Conservation and Environment had refused a planning application for this site because the area has been set aside as public open space.

Another alternative is the vacant block beside the State Bank. This land is owned by the bank, and council would need to buy the whole block to build on it. Ms Marriott said this would be very costly.

Ms Marriott said the council's only remaining option was to reapply to the Department of Conservation and Environment and "convince them the chemist is the best".

"If this fails, I don't know what will happen to the plan," she said. She believed council probably would have to abandon the proposal and leave Yarra Street's powerlines above ground. Ms Marriott said this would be extremely unfortunate, because "getting rid of the powerlines would have been a great boost for Warrandyte".

## Bistro to seat 160

he took over the lease of the hotel in May, 1990.

"We wanted some time to judge the feeling of the town before we started," he said.

Topping the list of improvements will be a bistro to seat 160 people.

"I had always intended to build a bistro into the place," Mr Smith said. "It seemed to me it was something missing in the town."

The bistro, featuring full-length windows and a dance floor, will

be built in the space now occupied by the Sportsman's Bar and Kerry Bar.

The fireplace and the original bar from the Kerry Bar will be retained.

Upstairs will be a conference room.

The hotel staircase will be completely enclosed below a glass roof which will provide natural lighting.

"We are taking the hotel right back to its turn-of-the-century look, at the same time combining the old with the new," Mr Smith said.

The public bar and PubTab facility will stay where they are and will be separate from the bistro complex.

The kitchen and toilets will be completely replaced and the hotel repainted inside and out.

"The paint colours we have chosen will tone in very nicely, we feel, with Warrandyte," said Mr Smith.

"I don't know the full history of the Grand Hotel," he said, "but I believe these will be the biggest renovations it has seen for something like 30 years."

"When the renovations are fully operational, we would expect to employ 15 to 20 local people here."

Warrandyte's major landmark, the Grand Hotel, is getting a \$250,000 facelift. The grand old lady of Yarra Street, built in 1895, will be renovated back to the turn-of-the-century style.

Work is already well under way on the project, which will see big changes inside and out. It is expected to be finished by mid-September.

Licensee Michael Smith told the *Diary* he had been planning large-scale improvements since



Out with the old as the hotel renovations go on.



Licensee Michael Smith outside the Grand Hotel.

## The night the van dropped in

What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object? In this case, a gaping hole in the immovable object—the Webb Street wall of the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Smokey Joe was on hand one night last month minutes after this van "gatecrashed" a meeting at the centre. Funny thing about it all was that there was no driver!

Curious? Smokey has the "inside" information and the "outside" photograph on Page 2.



## Local elections

Council elections will be held next month and both the Warrandyte councillors whose terms expire this year are standing for re-election.

Val Polley has nominated for a second term as a Warrandyte Ward councillor. She was elected to the council in 1989 and was last year elected Mayor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

Cr Polley has represented Warrandyte over many issues during her first term and taken an interest in wider municipal issues as well.

Mary Grant has been a North Riding councillor with Eltham Shire for 12 years. In her fifth term, Cr Grant hopes to build on her past achievements, balancing the issues of environment and providing services to ratepayers.

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Val Polley



Mary Grant

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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# That's a funny place to park a van, Bernie

The Warrandyte Cellars van dropped into the community centre one night last month in the most unexpected way. And Bernie Maher is still a little embarrassed about it all. Bernie, who runs the Cellars with son Peter, set off a spectacular chain of events when he tried to physically "rock" the van away from a pothole on the track from the parking area behind his shop so the driving wheel would make contact with the ground. He managed that okay—but lost his footing, fell flat on his back and watched helplessly as the van took off pilotless downhill. It ran across Webb Street, over the kerb and through the community centre wall. And if you think poor Bernie was shocked, imagine the reaction of the people who just happened to be holding a meeting in that particular room at that particular time. "All these heads appeared from the hole in the wall," Bernie said. There were no injuries and the centre was repaired within a matter of days. Bernie assures us that his van-rocking days are now over.

## IN RED & WHITE



A smashing night at the community centre.



If jovial Jack Barr had known then what he thinks he knows now, he'd have taken up professional punting the day he left school. Jack's a member of a seven-man betting syndicate (which includes mine host Michael Smith) at the local pub and when we bumped into him the other Friday evening, they'd just had a tidy collect on his tip in the last at Warrambool. But that was chickenfeed compared with the \$4300 trifecta Jack had plucked for the punting club a couple of weeks earlier. There has to be something in that stuff about the luck of the Irish!

The news is good on Alice Watson (one of Smokey's favourite ladies), who broke a leg in a fall at home last month. When we went to press this time, she was expected home from hospital in a day or two. She'll be using a walking frame for a while, but if we know Alice, she'll be back on deck at her beloved Op Shop pronto.

We bumped into Norm Carrington, former Warrandyte Football Club secretary and all-round jovial nice bloke, at the game at Knox on July 4 and when we asked him how he was going he said less than 100 per cent. Norm has a stomach operation

coming up, but first has to lose 20 kilos. We think his diet has got off to a pretty average start because first time we saw him that day he was eating a hot-dog and next time a pie. Not to worry, said Norm, that was his lunch, and exercise would do the weight-loss trick.

We'd not been to the Knox ground before, and next time we'll be wearing thermal undies. It's difficult to tell the boy brass monkeys from the girl ones on a July afternoon over that way!

It is all happening for Jim and Lorraine Harris, of Pound Bend Road. A golden wedding in May, then up, up and away overseas on July 3. The Harrisises will take in Europe and the UK during their two-month trip. Jim confided before they left that yes, he was much looking forward to seeing the sights, but most of all he was itching for the round of golf he'd already teed up at Royal and Ancient St Andrews. We have mentioned before that Jim is an incurable golfer.

From Trafalgar, in the Gippsland, comes news of the arrival on June 14 of Thomas David, first child of recently-transferred Warrandyte police chief Sergeant David Burge and wife Virginia. Thomas weighed in at Moe at 5lb 14oz. A little prem but both well, as they might say in the less formal birth notices.



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# Grant, Polley run again

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Councillors on both sides of the river have nominated to continue their commitment to Warrandyte in the upcoming council elections. Warrandyte Ward councillor Val Polley has found her first term, including 12 months as mayor, challenging and satisfying.

Cr Polley told the *Diary* that in her three years on council she has seen some major changes. These include reduction in rates, resolution of the long-running garbage dispute and long-term strategic planning work in heritage, open space, roadside, residential and commercial centres.

She has chaired several committees including the Heritage, Conservation, Transport, Warrandyte/Park Orchards study, Warrandyte Townscape and Pest Advisory committees. She has been a member of many others.

Cr Polley has pushed for greater community involvement in council issues. One example is "Designs and Directions", a 20 year plan for the municipality, which she said she is quite excited about.

Cr Polley said she hopes to be involved with other issues facing council over the next three years. The Warrandyte/Park Orchards Study, the Pines Activity Centre and implementation of the Warrandyte Townscape Study are just some of the projects begun recently.

"There are still many things to be achieved," Cr Polley said. "Given the difficult economic times even more effort needs to be made to ensure full value for rate dollars spent." Youth unemployment and housing for the elderly are two other areas she hopes to improve, by working with the other Warrandyte Ward councillors.

Seasoned North Riding councillor Mary Grant has seen many issues over the past 12 years. She told the *Diary* that one of the most important was community life.

"I strongly believe that Warrandyte should be treated as one community, not letting the river divide it," Cr Grant said.

Preserving Warrandyte's environment is important to Cr Grant. She has been involved in the purchase of Professor's Hill, and the Chase wildlife reserves, and Slab

Hut. She said she was committed to maintaining the Green Wedge.

Cr Grant believes conservation does not mean services should suffer.

In the past Cr Grant has supported the construction of the Community Centre and the Warrandyte High School Gym.

She said she was very concerned about the condition of roads, and would continue to support the construction and maintenance of roads, considering safety and environmental standards as well as residents' wishes.

Cr Grant has called for improved facilities for senior citizens and local youth. These include more senior citizens' cottages and sporting facilities. "These areas have always been of paramount importance to me," she said.

Yet Cr Grant is aware that all this will cost money, which many residents can ill afford. She said she aimed to keep rate increases minimal.

"Quality, community and service will be my aims," she said.

## Friends get funds for new nature book

By GEORGIE WATERMAN

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park has received a big funding boost for its nature book, "Discover Warrandyte".

Open Space 2000, a Melbourne conservation body, has supplied the Friends with enough money to complete all pre-publication work.

The manager of Open Space 2000, Mr Geoff Vincent, presented the cheque. He told the *Diary*: "This publication is the sort of project we are keen to support because it will help increase public awareness of, and concern for, our natural assets — our rivers, our beaches, our parks, our flora and fauna."

He said Open Space 2000 aimed to create a network of parks, bushland, waterways and beaches throughout Melbourne. The group also hoped to tackle broader environmental issues, such as littering.

"In order to achieve this vision, community involvement and education is essential," Mr Vincent said. "Publications such as this can indirectly have an impact on our litter problems, too, as people learn how to care about the Yarra and its associated bushland areas." Accepting the cheque on behalf of the group, FOWSP coordinator Margaret Burke said: "This means we can pay for our colour separations...and we will all make sure that every precious dollar of this Open Space grant is spent wisely."

Until now, all the work has been done by local volunteers — naturalists, writers, historians, photographers, designers. "The whole project has been

fuelled by loving devotion and free labor," Mrs Burke told the *Diary*. She said the next, and possibly final, task was to get the book printed, which would cost a further \$5000. The Friends hoped to have it ready before Christmas.

"We are seeking a major sponsor and will give a most generous acknowledgement to anyone or any group who can assist us here," Mrs Burke said.

Mr Vincent said Friends of Warrandyte State Park was an extremely well-regarded Friends group. He praised their large, varied and very active membership. Margaret Burke is one of 10

people in Melbourne invited to join an environmental advisory council, to advise the Minister on open space issues.

"In many ways this group has become a role model for less-established Friends elsewhere in Melbourne," Mr Vincent said.

The book is one of the Friends' many current projects. Others include an indigenous seed bank and nursery, including some rare and endangered species. The plants are provided for schools, councils and other Friends

groups.

"Our most recent innovative project is 'Froglands', a delightful new wetland designed to provide habitat for out vulnerable frogs," Mrs Burke said. Weeding and rubbish clean-ups are other regular activities.

Mr Vincent said he was impressed by the Friends' work, "not only by the diversity of projects that the group is involved in but also by its dedication, skills and demonstrated effectiveness".



Friends' members working at Froglands.

## Call to Lions to do more

The Lions Club must take up new challenges within the community, retiring president Peter Egan said at the club's official dinner at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Mr Egan explained the worldwide nature of Lions and the concern clubs should have for both their immediate community and the world community in need of help.

He praised the result of the club's charity golf day, which raised \$1300 for a Lions International project called SightFirst.

The program aims to conquer preventable and reversible blindness, which accounts for 80 per cent of the world's 40 million blind people. Work on the project has already begun in Brazil and India. Others are underway in Latin America.

Locally, Lions has provided funds for the emergency food program in Warrandyte. The program helps large numbers of those in need because of the economic climate.

One of Mr Egan's last duties was to present a cheque to the

Warrandyte Model Railway Club. At a short, formal presentation he said the funds would be used to encourage members to finish construction of the Bacchus Marsh shunting grounds.

In his closing address he presented recognition awards to Lions members Peter Renn and Geoffrey Wood.

The incoming president, Dieter Retz, said he was looking for club members to use teamwork to achieve common objectives.

"We must carry out or work better than we have ever done before. If we take on a job we must do it properly, not by half measures and certainly not only by the few regular members," he said.

Mr Retz said that, with teamwork, projects such as the gold day, open gymkhana, learn-to-swim program, opportunity shop and other activities would be more successful.

Mr Retz is the 21st president of the Lions Club of Warrandyte and takes over as the 75th year of Lions International draws to a close.

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## PAT MCAULEY Skilled carer

By BRUCE BENCE

On June 24 the people of Warrandyte joined Pat McAuley's family and friends to pay her a final tribute. Many of those present had travelled long distances to be there. Despite the recent extension to St Stephen's church, there was standing room only by the time the large crowd had packed into the church for the service.

Pat (nee Burrige) had been a mothercraft nurse who trained at Berry Street orphanage in East Melbourne and then worked at the Mercy hospital. She married local Ralph McAuley in 1948 and came to Warrandyte to live in the house Ralph was building. When they moved in it was still missing a few ceilings and the floors were unfinished. Ralph, a master stonemason, used to get his sister Lil Whitehead to hold up the plaster sheets while he fixed them in place.

Pat and Ralph had three children, Susan, William and James. She was later a devoted and loving grandmother to her five grandchildren, Nicole, Damian, Luke, Mathew and Eva.

Throughout her life Pat never lost her devotion to, and skills with, children learnt as a mothercraft nurse. Her children's friends were always welcome and after school there was always something to eat and a drink. Pat also looked after children from broken homes and was involved with the baby health care centre in its early days.

Neither did she neglect her own accomplishments. Pat was a keen and skilled knitter. She had just finished a beautiful cardigan for herself before she



Pat McAuley

died. She enjoyed going to the Senior Citizens Club and took part in the aerobics class there.

Helping others was something Pat and Ralph shared. They had been delivering Meals on Wheels for over 20 years.

Pat died suddenly, in her sleep. Apart from a dose of the 'flu she had not been in poor health.

Her son William is now a well-known photographer and composer. After the funeral service some of the music he had written for his mother was played.

Lil Whitehead said she and Pat had been close neighbours and relatives for over 40 years and had never had a cross word.

Pat had also enjoyed a close relationship with Dot McAuley, the wife of Ralph's brother Jack, and a near neighbour throughout her life in Warrandyte. Perhaps her solid friendships and selfless contributions to others came from a faith in people, reflected in the lines from her favorite poetry:

"Men are not good,  
Nor are they evil;  
They live as they can,  
One day at a time".

## Rotarians wanted

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte is seeking new members to keep up its range of varied activities.

Local student Martin Bendler has been selected as a Rotary exchange student to Japan. Martin, currently studying Year 11 at Melbourne High School, will be the club's fourth outgoing student since the exchange program began. Rotary has also hosted four students from overseas.

Last month 60 children from Chernobyl visited Victoria, part of a contingent of 280 to arrive in Australia. Six children, aged 11 to 14, were hosted by the Wonga Park scouts and provided with clothes from Fossy's Croydon by Rotary.

The club has also recently presented the *Diary* with \$1500 to purchase new equipment. The paper is now produced almost entirely at the office in the community centre.

The Rotary clubs of Bulleen, Doncaster, East Doncaster, and Warrandyte now hold a market every Sunday at The Pines shopping centre and are interested in both stallholders and patrons.

The Warrandyte branch held its annual changeover night last month at Heidelberg Golf Club. The president for 1992-93, Phillip Nutbean, extended a warm welcome to new and prospective members in his opening speech. Mr Nutbean replaces last year's president, Rob Edwards.

Charter member Adrian Waller was also honored on the night with a Paul Harris Fellow award for his services to the club and the community over the last eight years. He has been involved in the charter at the Warrandyte Proboscis club, Currawong Park and international services.

The club meets every Tuesday at 6.30 for 7pm dinner at Alfred's Homestead restaurant.

Publicity officer Pat Di Gregorio told the *Diary* both local and outside speakers addressed the club each week on subjects of varying interest, on community, national and international level. Visitors can attend these nights (phone 874 3455 or 722 2025).

## Beryl's big day

Local Beryl Day celebrated her 90th birthday last month, at a surprise party organised by friends from out of town.

Family members and 24 ladies from the First War Widows Legacy Club of Melbourne enjoyed dinner and a get together at Warrandyte's Grand Hotel on June 9. Beryl has lived in Warrandyte with her family for many years and has been a member of the club since its beginning.

The legacy club presented her with a large floral arrangement and a hanging basket. Some ladies had travelled from as far as Castlemaine for the occasion but distance was of no object to any of them.

Eschewing taxis, the ladies met up in Melbourne before catching a train out to Eltham and a bus to Warrandyte just so they could see more of the country.

Beryl was delighted and completely surprised by the event. Both she and her family extend their thanks to the legacy ladies' marvellous gesture.



Beryl Day

## GEORGE LEEK

### Man of many talents

George Leek, former owner of the Golden Gate store and long-time resident of Warrandyte, died at home last month at the age of 72.

George Henry Leek was born in Melbourne in 1920 and schooled in West Brunswick. After leaving school he trapped rabbits with his father and took on odd jobs.

He enlisted in the army in 1940, and trained in Scotland. He served in Greece and Palestine, working as an armorer. In 1941 he was recommended for promotion to corporal but never received the rank. However, by the time he was discharged in 1942 he had been awarded the Africa Star, Defence Medal, Australian Service Medal and the Return from Active Service Medal.



George Leek

After returning to Australia he worked on the wharf and for the RCA. He married Voila in 1943 in Williamstown. The couple moved to a dairy farm near

Bunyip, but the farmhouse was destroyed by fire a few years later. With help from friends George rebuilt the house, but gave it up in 1959 and moved to Warrandyte with his wife and five children.

For over 10 years they ran the Golden Gate store and during this time George started a fruit and vegetable run. He also delivered briquettes and firewood. After the business was sold the family moved to Taroona Avenue, and George drove trucks for CUB.

Truck driving took him to Queensland for several years, but the family returned and George drove for Doncaster Electricity Supply until his retirement at 65.

He lived out his last years quietly at Lake Boga.

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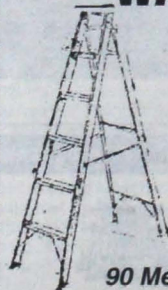
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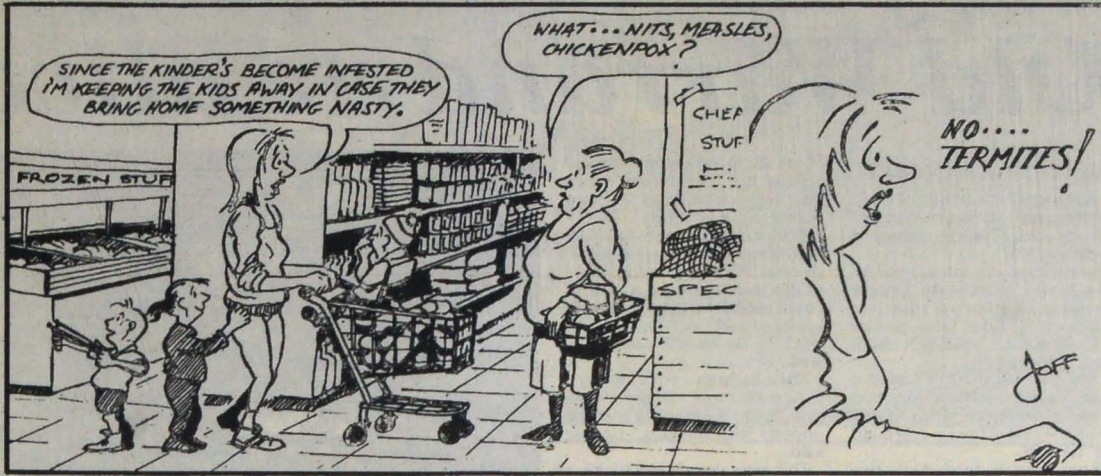
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By JOFF



# Polley calls for kinder report

Doncaster Templestowe councillor Val Polley has called for a report on the state of the Warrandyte pre-school. She believes a new building may be needed soon.

At a meeting with the kindergarten committee last month, Cr Polley referred to a report earlier this year which covered all public buildings in Warrandyte. The report found that the pre-school building, on Taroona Avenue, was "in indifferent

shape".

Cr Polley has requested a second report from the council's Department of Child Services. It will, she hopes, address any safety or fire hazards the building may face. The kinder also has a termite problem, with two rotten uprights recently replaced.

Cr Polley believes the kinder will need to be rebuilt. "There have not been many changes since my children were there

20 years ago. I think it's not so much a problem of if, but when, it gets replaced, and the process by which that gets achieved," she told the Diary.

The other issue Cr Polley would like to see addressed concerns the financial cost to the community. She said that the council would be keen for the public to pay at least 50 per cent of the cost of a new building.

However Cr Polley said this

was wrong as the building would be replacing an old one, and would not be a "new building" under council's definition.

Sandra Wall, president of the kindergarten committee, said the report should only focus on general maintenance. She said she would wait for the report to be released before considering the new kinder option.

The Department of Child Services will present its report later this month.

# Margery's new challenge

By JANE RICHARDSON

Many people at Warrandyte's Community Centre are dedicated to ensuring the continuation of the centre's courses, services and other opportunities. But few put in as much time as Margery Lapworth.

English born Margery is the new coordinator of the Neighbourhood House, as well as treasurer of the Citizens Advice Bureau and secretary of the Community Centre.

Margery took up the position in March, vacant since Lin Chandler left Warrandyte at the end of last year. She told the Diary she accepted the role of coordinator at Neighbourhood House after a back operation prevented her continuing her full-time work as financial training manager for a five-star hotel in Melbourne.

Margery guesses she puts in 40 to 50 hours each week at Neighbourhood House. She says her work is more a vocation than a career.

With the next set of courses offered by the community centre starting on July 27, she will be even busier, teaching some of the classes on top of counselling for the Family Support Group, job exchange and other programs.

Miraculously, Margery has even found time to complete an exam on tax help, and is now qualified to help low-income earners, pen-

sioners and sole parents sort out their tax returns. This service will be offered through the CAB.

Margery has had a long history of managing so many things on one plate. She said she "fell into" her former career in management consultancy in England at the age of 15, where she specialised in the health industry.

In 1968 she immigrated to Australia, settling in Eltham with her husband.

In 1984 the Lapworths and their son returned to Britain where Margery took on the challenge of running a hotel in Derbyshire. She said she thoroughly enjoyed this venture, but the cold weather and heavy snow drove the family back to Australia just two years later.

On their return they settled in Warrandyte. Margery became involved with the local community through the Citizens Advice Bureau in 1986.

Her involvement has grown since then but she said that despite the long hours and heavy responsibility she loves her work and the involvement it requires gives her great satisfaction.

She says she still finds time in a rare moment or two to knit, sew, tap dance or even catch a game of "English football" on the television. But that would be a rare moment indeed.



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# Lazy Acres-keeping Old Warrandyte alive

By **GEORGIE WATERMAN**

Goldmining township still operates out in Warrandyte's backblocks. The only thing it lacks is gold.

Lazy Acres is a miniature replica of old Warrandyte. George Haslam, the town's planner, architect, builder and proud owner, started building it about eight years ago.

"Around about 1984 I built a wooden mine and then found that I had nowhere to put it ... so I built the rest of the town around it," he said.

Lazy Acres is divided into two parts: an old mining town on the lower terrace and a more modern rural landscape on the upper level.

Equipped with mine shafts and tunnels, the town boasts a post office, which is a replica of the original in Warrandyte. A shop has been modelled on Ed's General Store, which in George's childhood was "somewhere near where the State Bank is in the main street today". A blacksmith shed, complete with horses, is also based on the one he knew as a child.

The attention to detail on many of the buildings is superb, a tribute to Mr Haslam's craftsmanship. The shingle roof on one cottage is made up of 1900 pieces, each cut out individually.

The bluestone church is complete down to the stained glass window.

"It was a painstaking effort to cut all those little bits of bluestone to the right shape and size," Mr Haslam told the *Diary*.

"Cementing the water races and cutting the tunnels and mines into the rock here has taken up quite a bit of time too."

But for the man known as "Uncle George" to family and friends, there is still much to do. "Some of the buildings need a coat of paint, one of the cottages needs a garage and I still have lots of work to do on the railway as well."

The rural area is encircled by a G-gage rail loop, a major attraction at Lazy Acres. "It's really popular with the kids," George said.

This area already has a lake, a waterfall, paddocks, farm animals and a fire brigade, but George says he has "quite a lot to do here. I want to build a new city as well as install a second rail loop, so that the steam and diesel engines can run simultaneously".

He readily admits that Lazy Acres, which started as a hobby, has now taken over his life. "I'll never stop building here. In fact I'll probably never finish it," he said.

Mr Haslam's sense of humor and skill has extended to his front garden, where he has placed several relaxed and reclining life size figures. "I suppose it sets the theme to Lazy Acres," he told the *Diary*.

"Often when I work out here people drive past and slow down to have a good look." When he has time he enjoys showing them around, especially children.

"Their faces light up as soon as they get out of the car. A couple of local schools have arranged



ABOVE: The mine shaft which was the start of a full time hobby for George Haslam. ABOVE RIGHT: Part of the township at Lazy Acres. BELOW: Uncle George shows two children his town.

excursions to Lazy Acres and that's a lot of fun. I don't mind admitting that I'm a bit of a big kid myself," he said.

The township, in South Warrandyte, has suffered a few setbacks, being vandalised twice. George has since invested in a watchdog and a cyclone fence.

He has lived in Warrandyte all his life, one of eight children born and raised here. The track to his home was named after his father, Robert Haslam. According to George, "Dad used to go gold panning here from time to time in the creek ... perhaps that's where my interest started."



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# Counting by fives at camp

By BOB MILLINGTON

Going on a five day school camp involves a lot of counting. The counting went awry right at the start of Warrandyte Primary School's grade five excursion to East Gippsland.

The kids trooped on to the two buses waiting in Forbes Street. The teachers counted. One was missing. Lists were consulted. Ah yes. A quick phone call. Ten minutes later a redfaced mother delivered a redfaced son. Slept in, she said.

On the road there was more counting. Voting, grownups would call it. Most long-range buses these days are equipped with video, designed to send adults to sleep while reducing, by 110 decibels, the noise of children. After, that is, they have a show of hands on which to watch.

On our bus the votes were evenly distributed between "Home Alone" and "Grease". This is probably why we watched "Milo and Otis".

More counting took place at Yarragon, where a pit stop was made, and then at Lakes Entrance, where lunch was taken and toes were dug into the Ninety Mile Beach.

Against the odds, all the boys and girls who started off were counted off the buses, seven hours later, at Karanook Camp at Gelantipy, some 40 kilometres up the road that winds to the north of Buchan.

There they were counted off into their cabins. Later they were counted off into work groups.

But the arithmetic ended about there. On that first autumn evening the boys and girls trooped over the paddocks and into the woods and were shooshed into silence to listen to the sounds of the night.

This was not entirely successful; Warrandyte Primary's fifth graders cannot keep quiet for more than 17 seconds at a time. But on the way back their torch found out possums and a tawny frogmouth.

The teachers - Karen McKinnon, Fiona Wells, Denise Farron and Diane Phillips - had organised a wide range of activities. These included a visit to a nearby Dorset sheep stud, just at lambing time, where the children learned that farmers do not call manure "dung" or give pet names to their livestock, no matter how cute and cuddly.

They hiked cross-country and climbed to the top of Dingo Hill. There, divided into six teams, they built "emergency" shelters out of tree branches, rocks and bark. More than one fell in and had to be reconstructed.

Orienteering revealed some problems in handling a compass but that was mainly among the teachers and the two fathers whose wives had volunteered them as helpers, Coraham Ballinger and Bob Millington. The children, sensibly, looked at the map and then decided whether to go left or right.

Oh, and only four boys fell into the dam during the canoeing course. This was 50 per cent down on the estimate beforehand.

All campers had the chance to abseil down a 30-metre cliff. One who stood out here was a girl who, the day before, had been too nervous to stand on the edge of a ravine. This time she waited until the others had completed the course then gritted her teeth, buckled up and stepped off. Well done Amanda Cuttriss.

Night life was not neglected. The children put on a series of



Grade fives tackle the obstacle course at Gelantipy

sketches and took part, rather unwillingly, in a dance. Four years from now they will be embarrassed to be reminded that boys preferred to dance with boys and girls with girls. They were counted back on

to the buses and five hours later counted off again. Next year another lot of grade fives will make the same trip, enjoy it thoroughly and learn a lot about themselves. You can count on that.

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Due to resignation of one of the community representatives, nominations for a community representative are sought from persons who for the term of the appointment shall be residents of Warrandyte within the area defined by postcode 3113 or members or employees of an organisation operating in Warrandyte.

For further information and to obtain nomination forms please contact Tilak Abeyrama on 840 9426.

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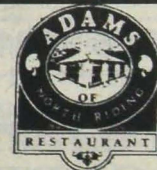
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# Paying the price of high fashion

Herself casually suggested that she would drop me off at the clothes shop whilst she went to the chiropractor to have her back, and resolve, straightened.

There is an inevitability about a casual suggestion like that. It wasn't a question, it wasn't a command, but the sort of pronouncement made by the judge after he has donned his black mantilla to inform the condemned not if, but how, he is to die.

Clothes had been on my mind, but not for the same reasons as Herself.

Belonging to an amateur drama group means there is no such creature as a wardrobe mistress. There is no wonderful person who makes or collects the clobber appropriate for the style and era of the play. Frequently the actors are expected to provide their own gear, borrowed, bought or brought from home; and herein lies the trouble.

The plays available for amateur groups to perform that are affordable and appropriate are inevitably several decades old or, at best, are set in the not-too-distant past. Consequently the clothes required are, by defini-

tion, sniggerable.

It would seem perfectly sensible to expect the cast to comb op shops or ask doddering middle-aged parents or relatives for their museum pieces. The one flaw in this system, however, occurs round about two-thirds of the way through rehearsal schedules when the cast start to bring along appropriate gear for their roles. This is the time that friendships are cemented or irretrievably lost. Imagine, if you will, this scene.

You have collected the clothes you think will be suitable for your nerdish role. Into the Harry's plastic bag they go and off with you to rehearsal. Having parked the car and collected your time capsule bag of goodies you enter the hall.

"Fabulous Roger! They're just perfect—so awful. Where did you get them? How could people be able to wear daggy clothes like these?"

All this would be very flattering were it not for the fact that your costume is still in the Harry's bag waiting for perusal by the director.

"What do you mean? I haven't put them on yet. You didn't



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think..."

Recognition brings with it embarrassment all round. There's no way out. The commentator pushes both feet back down her throat and you stand there, condemned as a latter day Brian Henderson or Nana Mouskouri.

There is, fortunately, an upside to the fashion treadmill. If you wait long enough the wheel turns and jeers become pleas.

Boy Wonder has never been all that interested in fashion but Gorgeous Creature has been known to be pickily selective about what she wears.

"I'll never be seen dead in those!" she sneered as I struggled into my skivvy. That was six months ago, an eternity in teenage fashion intolerance. Now, both my skivvies and my 1970s hand tooled wide leather belts with two-tonne brass buck-

les are objects of envy. Which all leads me to wonder that if fashions eventually return, why was I being urged to stop off at Pat's Mensland in Eltham for a refit?

I wandered around the shop looking at price tags. Nowadays I find my preference for the fashion garment in inverse proportion to its price tag.

Herself returned and the buying frenzy began. Time stood still. I tried on a Harris Tweed jacket—my first jacket at 15 was a Harris Tweed number. I tried on and bought trousers with pleats and cuffs, specially designed to catch fluff and dropped small coins.

Whilst I was doing the hard work in the changing room the coven outside were laughing and I could hear snatches of conversation about "...putting on weight," and "...his son's no different".

I paid by Bankcard. After the obligatory phone call I retrieved my card. "Thank you Roger," she said. "Smokey Joe will be interested to hear you've been putting on weight." By comparison costume rehearsals paled into insignificance.

ROGER KIBELL

# Beauty amid the dark and wet

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

It is late afternoon in a deep shady gully. Even on the brightest summer's day sunlight barely penetrates the thick leafy canopy overhead.

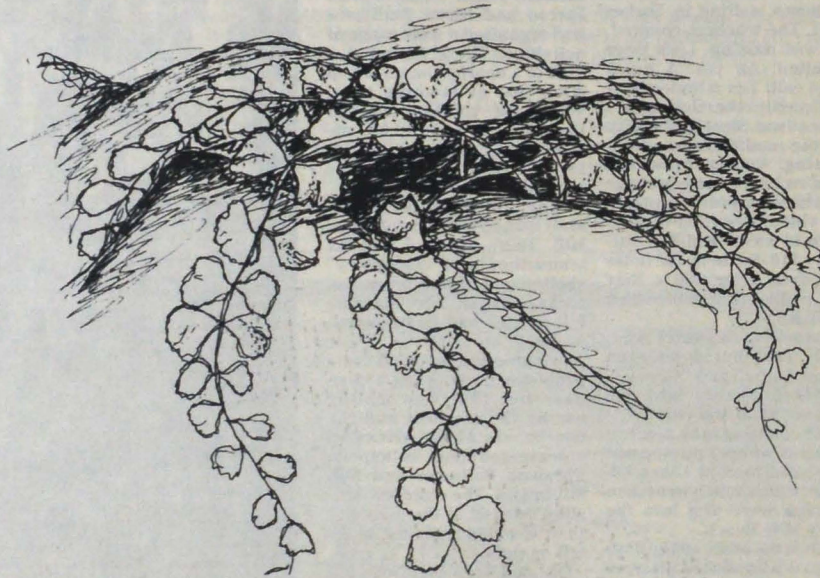
The gully is a green fairyland of moss-padded rocks, shaggy lichen-covered logs and banks decorated with dripping, pendulous ferns. It is a place of abundant, luxurious growth. A sweet, earthy aroma rises from the forest floor and fills the nostrils. In the soft, winter half-light of drifting mist and fine rain it is an eerie, mystical world.

This is not a fern gully in the Dandenong or Otway ranges. These pockets of paradise can be found in Warrandyte. They are a legacy from a time when the climate was warmer and wetter.

Today, most of Warrandyte's hills are covered in dry, open forest and the area is known for its colourful wildflowers rather than its flowerless ferns. However, small creeks and gullies hidden in deep folds of the hills provide habitat for these moisture-loving plants. As many as 15 different species have been recorded in the Warrandyte area. Three of the most recent additions were discovered only this year.

The ferns vary tremendously in size and abundance; from an isolated occurrence of Rough Tree Fern in a sheltered gully to hillsides carpeted by the lacy fronds of common Maidenhair fern. The ubiquitous Austral Bracken fern is quick to colonise open disturbed areas, especially after fire. In contrast, the smaller Rasp fern is usually only seen in deep shade, clinging to creek banks.

One of the most unusual spe-



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cies is the Pacific Azolla, a free-floating fern that lives in the surface of billabongs and dams. It varies in colour from an incredible deep pink to bright green. Another species that often goes unnoticed is the dainty Necklace fern which struggles to find a footing in the crevices of rocks.

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In their natural habitat the intermingling arching fronds of ferns are spellbinding. Ferns are reminders of a primeval past and provide a bond with nature in a most profound way. On days when it seems as if winter is never going to end, it is time to don a pair of gumboots and head for the hills; to seek out those sheltered gullies that are a refuge for Warrandyte's most ancient plants.

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He would help me build a yard and sty for them, and take us with him on the next market day to buy them. All this because I had mended his boots and given him some war time clothing coupons to buy new pants. His greatest pleasure was attending the village dances on Saturday nights.

The weekly dances were held in the village hall. An ancient piano, sadly out of tune, accompanied the dancers. Roly never danced, but loved standing with a group of his cobbers watching others merrily tread the boards.

Once I asked Watty if she would sit with the children, telling her I wanted to see what made Roly's eyes light up at the mention of the village dances. Now very familiar with the raft, I could even cross the river in the dark with a torch, except, of course, when it was in full flood.

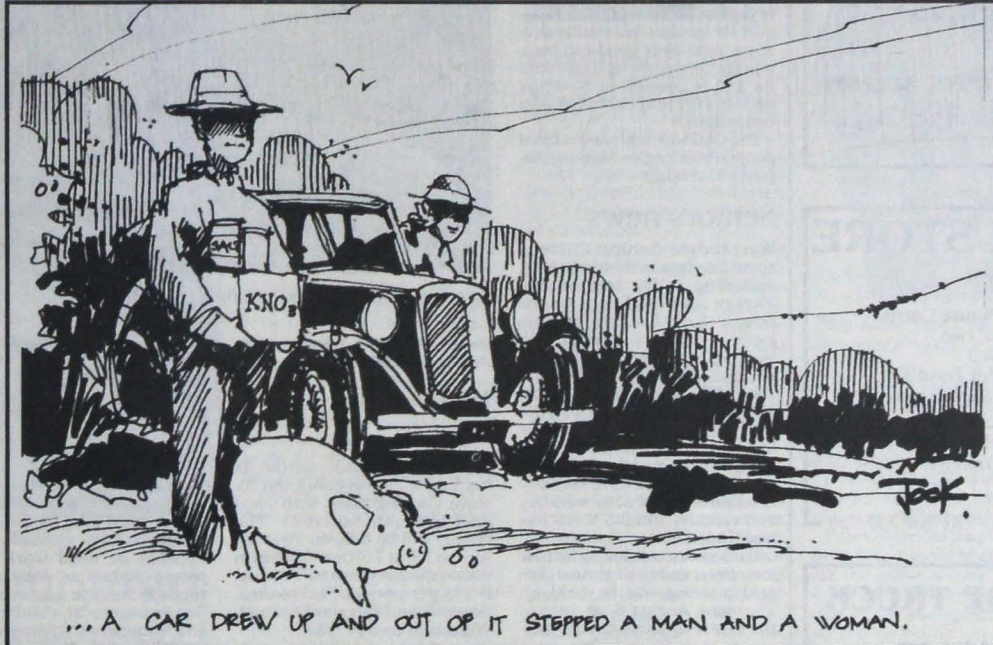
That night I crossed the river and walked to the hall. There stood Roly among a group of friends. Like him, they all had red shining faces, very well scrubbed. Their gnarled hands were stained with tannin and tree sap, never to come clean.

Roly helped me build a fine enclosure, and three little pigs were duly installed.

Now it happened that Dr Ben sometimes asked me to take a patient in whom he was interested and wanted to befriend. For the most part these were girls, daughters of his respected, respectable patients, who had gone off the trail and found themselves pregnant. To be an unmarried mother in those days was a definite social stigma, but my place, out of sight, was a quiet haven for them. Ben supplemented what little money they could pay, and this made things easier for me. He also arranged to have the babies adopted. We took Ellen, herself a doctor, into our confidence and asked if she would help the girls to the hospital when their time came. Always generous, she was more than willing.

Towards the end of the "year of the pigs", Ben asked me to take a boy. He was 14 years old and a bad asthmatic. Ben hoped the fresh country air would be good for him and also rest his hard working widowed mother. Ben said I should give him some light work to do. I was glad to have his help feeding and cleaning up after my growing numbers of livestock.

One day, nearing Christmas, we suffered a scorching heat wave. I went down to look at the pigs, thinking as I went that although they were by no means fully grown, they were fine and fat and should sell well. As I reached the



... A CAR DREW UP AND OUT OF IT STEPPED A MAN AND A WOMAN.

pen, to my horror, I saw the pigs staggering about, one lying down. Must be sunstroke, I thought. This heat would make anyone stagger. I noticed their water trough was empty, and as I fetched fresh water, I wondered what the hell to do.

I looked up the pink pages of the phone book and found what was called a "piggery". A very friendly man listened to my problem.

"Yes, it could be sunstroke," he said. "Put them in the shade and throw wet sacks over them."

"One won't stand up," I told him. "Do you have someone to help you, because I think you had best slaughter that one."

I thought of the boy, Jack. Yes I could manage, I told the pig man, but had not the least idea how to go about it.

"Well I'll help you step by step. First hit him on the head with the back of an axe to stun him. Then, with a sharp carving knife, slit his throat to let him bleed."

Horrible, I thought, sweat already breaking out on my forehead and dripping into my eyes. I phoned Watty and explained the situation.

"You what?" she said, astonished. "It will be all right," I told her. "Jack will help me, but could you please take the children?"

"Of course, I'll come right over."

I took the children along the road to meet her, then hurried back to end the gruesome task. I called and called for Jack, but found no sign of him anywhere.

Well, I can't worry about him now, I told myself. I must get on with the job.

I carried out the first instructions, and while the pig lay bleeding I went back to the phone. Next I was told to put him over a clothesline or fence, fix him securely and phone again. I must now slit him down the middle from head to tail and take out the innards, putting aside what I thought I could use. I turned to go to the phone again, and saw Jack coming towards me carrying two buckets of pig food.

"Where were you?" I asked angrily. "Asleep," he said.

"The pigs should have been fed and watered hours ago." A horrible suspicion crossed my mind. "When did you last feed them?"

"On Monday," he replied, "I think."

"But Jack this is Thursday. That's what's the matter with them, there simply starving."

Jack caught sight of the slaughtered pig. He turned white, then green, and began to sway about. I saw he would have been no use at all. I took the buckets from him and told him to go outside and keep out of my sight before I did him some harm.

My next instruction was to take an axe and cut the pig in two down the length of its spine.

"Do you have a copper?" my friendly pig man asked. Yes I had a copper, I washed in it, boiling the clothes in it, then rinsing them in troughs.

"Then you must fill it with water, bring it to near boiling point and put the pig in, one side at a time. Find something to scrape its hairs off, a piece of tin will do.

Ordinarily I would never have dreamed

of lighting the copper on a scorching hot north wind day, but this was an emergency. I would just have to be extra careful.

I took a large sheet of tin and put it on the wooden floor in front of the copper in case any sparks fell out. What with the hot day and working over a hot copper, sweat simply poured off me and my legs felt weak but, knowing I must finish the job, I wet my face and hair under the cold tap and persevered.

Another phone call. He told me how to joint the pig. "After that," he said, "I can't help you any further. If you ask a bacon factory, they will cure it for you."

I doused the copper fire by throwing cold water into it, took a cold shower, and considered what next to do over a cup of tea.

I phoned a bacon factory, some 30 miles away, told them what I had done and asked how to make bacon.

"But madam," the answer came, "you are asking for a trade secret."

"Can I speak to your manager please?"

His answer was the same. "However, if you bring the pig to us we will cure it for you for two pence a pound." Desperately I explained I had no car and there was no train in our village.

"Then you better eat fresh pork."

"But there are only my two small boys and me. We can't eat all that pork, and I have no refrigerator or ice chest to keep it in."

He relented and told me to get some coarse salt and saltpetre, make a brine with it until a potato would float and put in the meat pieces. Our bath was the

## THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

only thing I could think of that would be large enough.

I phoned Watty, told her how far I had got with the pig and asked her to bring the boys back. She and Patty both came to see what I had done with the pig, they were so curious. I thanked them both profusely and promised them some bacon.

I have never done so much phoning before or since, but now I rang the local butcher, asking him to bring the salt and saltpetre down to the riverbank after he closed his shop. I would cross on the raft and get it. When I told him what I had done he was almost speechless with astonishment.

"I can't believe it possible," he said. "Why did you not ask me to do it?"

"Even if I had thought of that, I could not take you from your shop, and the pig might have died in the meantime."

But before the butcher could come, a car drew up and out of it stepped a man and a woman. The man told me he was the manager of the bacon factory. He had gone home to get his wife, and had brought the salt and saltpetre with him also.

Later when I came to know him and his wife better, he told me he had been worried. He could not believe the story. A woman, on her own with no transport and the care of two small boys, had just killed a pig as though that were the most natural thing in the world for a woman to do. He just had to see for himself. He must have thought I was around the bend and probably not fit to have the care of children.

Anyway, the most awful day of my life ended. The couple from the bacon factory and the man from the piggery became my good friends. They even spent the weekend with us now and again. The other two pigs recovered and thrived, but I was very pleased to send them to market with Roly. That was the last time I tried keeping pigs.

I had many compliments from friends in Warrandyte to whom I gave some bacon, but Dr Ellen reprimanded me, making me promise I would not do things like that on my own again. I also had to satisfy the curiosity of the post mistress about the numerous phone calls.

"Gawd A'mighty Mrs C, I could've got help for you if I knew what you were about," she exclaimed.

"I know that, Maisie, but in my panic I did not stop to think, except to get on with the job if it must be done. Besides, I might have had to do over two more pigs."

"That's no excuse Mrs C. You know there are some hefty men in this village that won't be pleased when they hear what you done on your own."

"You don't have to tell anyone, Maisie."

"Course I do," she replied. "This sort of thing doesn't happen every day. Nice juicy bit of news it is. And next time you make so many phone calls in one day I don't promise I won't listen in and see what it is all about."

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# AIDS speaker at CAB

Joan Golding, the guest speaker at the Warrandyte CAB's annual general meeting, is a long-time Warrandyte resident. She moved here in 1944.

Joan (pictured right) has been involved in a wide range of community activities.

Following the death of her younger son, Martin, from an AIDS-related illness, Joan has devoted a great deal of time to organising counselling and support for families in a similar situation. Joan also speaks to community groups throughout Victoria and is pleased to have the opportunity to speak to her own community.

The CAB will hold their annual general meeting on Monday August 10, at 8pm.



Joan Golding, dedicated to supporting families of AIDS victims.



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the parents and meets at the Uniting Church Hall in Tarroona Avenue. Sessions are run on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We also offer limited child care for participating families. Contact Sandra on 844 1523 or Judy on 844 3150 for more details.

## Bible group

Home Bible discussion classes are now held weekly at Briar Hill. They run each Thursday evening at 8pm. For details contact Kent Burgess on 844 3197.

## Plants wanted

The Warrandyte Community Centre needs large potplants for its courtyard. Donated plants can be left at the centre during the day or with the caretakers.

## Tell us

The Diary is your newspaper and we love to print news of your group's activities. Jot down all the details, including date, time venue and contact number and drop it in our box on the old cypress tree (opp. the State Bank), push it under our door at the community centre or fax it to 844 4168 - and we'll do the rest! Just remember we close copy on the last Friday of each month for the issue appearing on the second Friday of the month following.

## Seniors news

Warrandyte Senior Citizens spent five days in Mildura in May, including a day trip on the Murray River and trips to the pokies. Forty-five members enjoyed a mystery tour of Melbourne, the concert group has performed at Lilydale Senior Citizens club and Bob Halverson, MP, presented the club with the Australian flag. Future outings include trips to Arthur's Seat and to see Phantom of the Opera. Mr and Mrs Sam Fox have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, and Bill Ward has just turned 80.

The seniors are looking for new members, and their annual general meeting will be held on Thursday August 6, at 1pm at the centre in Tarroona Avenue.

## Gardening

The Kevin Heinze Garden Centre is looking for elderly people in the Doncaster/Templestowe area interested in taking up gardening every second Thursday afternoon.

Transport can be arranged for those whose mobility is restricted. Please phone the coordinator, Margaret Armstrong, for details, 848 3695.

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## Microwave course

Warrandyte Kindergarten is holding a one-evening microwave cooking class with local chef Deborah Saunders. The course will be held on Tuesday August 25, at 7.30 and 9.30pm in the community centre. The cost is \$15 per person. For information and bookings ring Elizabeth Wildsmith on 844 3782.

## Nursing Mums

The Warrandyte Group of the Nursing Mothers' Association's next morning coffee is on Wednesday July 29, from 10am at 22 Fossickers Way. Mothers of babies and toddlers, and pregnant women are welcome. On August 11 the group will hold a discussion night on Working and

Breastfeeding, at the community centre at 8pm. For further information about the group - or for counselling - call Maree on 844 2897 or Judy on 844 3150.

## Hire a Trier

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Labour Exchange is looking for local jobs for local people. If you have an employment vacancy or need work done, please contact us. Jobs offered recently include gardening, office management, childminding and housework. Among our triers this month, Judith is a clerical worker competent with computers, and Peter would like to work with music, gardening, driving or odd jobs. He speaks fluent French. Ring Jean Chapman, 844 3326.

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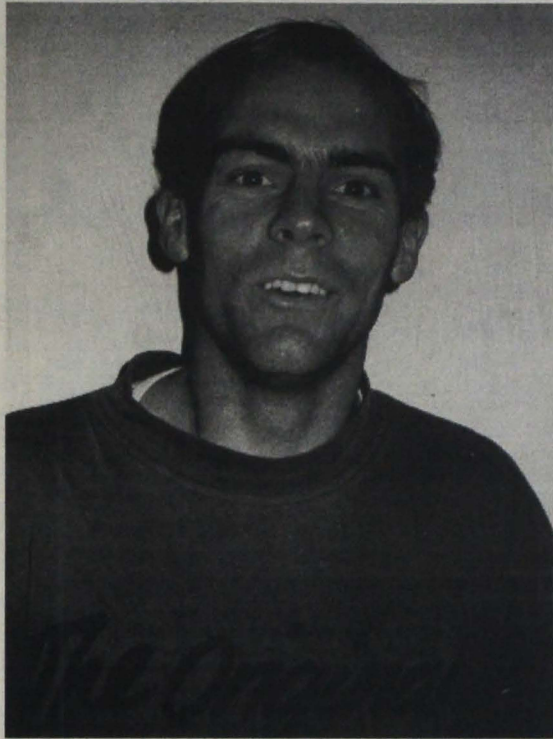
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# Bloods recapture the old winning feeling



Terry Blytheman - Warrandyte's best against Knox.

Warrandyte Football Club are back in the business of winning. A hat-trick of victories after three consecutive losses has restored the Bloods' status as genuine contenders for the EDFL third division flag.

Warrandyte's 1992 campaign had been seriously threatened by a series of key injuries, largely a result of a fierce encounter with Templestowe on May 23.

They dropped their next three games (to Forest Hill, Kilsyth and Fair Park) but have won their last three (against Upper Ferntree Gully, The Basin and Knox) for a 9-4 win/loss record.

The Bloods still have not yet regained the early-season form which saw them open with six wins from seven matches, but are approaching full strength again for the run home to the finals, which start on August 15.

The big test comes on Saturday, July 11, when Warrandyte are at home to unbeaten Donvale.

"It's nice to be winning again, but we'll just have to wait and see how we go against Donvale," coach David Purcell told the Diary after the game at Knox on July 4.

"When we met them in the fifth round we were undefeated and went into the game pretty confident. But we didn't play particularly well.

"In our last three games we've plugged away and managed to win, so we'll just have to wait and see."

WFC president Laurie Sloan was happy to get the four points in the mud at Knox. "With the Donvale game coming up, it was important for us to keep winning," he said. "It wasn't pretty football and we're just happy to have won the game."

Warrandyte won by 44 points after surrendering the lead early in the second quarter on a playing surface which only the seagulls enjoyed.

Neither side bothered the goal umpires at all for the first 10 minutes and although Warrandyte had most of the ball, the Knox defence was resolute.

John O'Brien brought up the first goal of the game 25 minutes into the first term to give the Bloods a nine-point lead at the change.

Knox put themselves on to the

## SPORT

scoreboard for the first time with a behind five minutes into the second quarter and goaled a minute later and again nine minutes after that to grab a four-point lead and raise doubts about Warrandyte's ability to handle a team they had beaten by 121 points in the fourth round of the season.

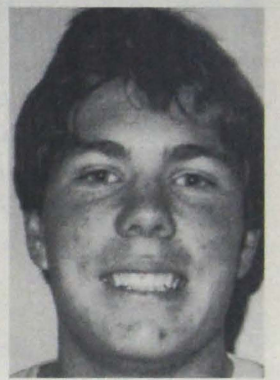
The home side were looking dangerous when they were able to break the ball out of the centre skirmishes, but Lachlan McLean regained the lead for Warrandyte with a goal at the 22-minute mark. A goal to Dale McCartin close to the siren sent the Bloods into the interval in precisely the same position they had been in at quarter-time: nine points up.

The third quarter was all Warrandyte. O'Brien marked and goaled from a sharp angle after three minutes and put the Bloods 23 points in front seven minutes later when a great passage of play out of defence put the ball on his chest right in front.

Knox goaled against the flow



Tony Stureseps (left) and Dale Vitiritti - big contributors to the win over Knox.



of play but O'Brien replied from a relayed free and when another series of passes ended with the mercurial Terry Blytheman, the Bloods had run to a 20-point lead.

Goals to Purcell and Lachlan McLean stretched that to 36 points at the last change.

Purcell warned his players not to "fall for the old trick of thinking the game is over" and two Knox goals in the opening minutes of the final quarter underscored his words.

Purcell himself stopped the rot when he steered through a goal from a free and when Blair Moxom repeated the dose a few minutes later, the Bloods had outworn their welcome.

Final score was Warrandyte 12.14 (86), Knox 6.6 (42). Warrandyte's best were Blytheman (whose third quarter was sensational), Kimberley O'Connor, Purcell, James Weatherly, Dale Vitiritti, Tony Stureseps and Brad Valentine.

## Lady Dytes honoured

The outstanding achievements of Warrandyte's women cricketers have been officially recognised by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

Jenni McLaws and Brian Chapman, captain and coach of the team who won the VWCA A-Grade East premiership in March, were presented with an achievement certificate at a

council dinner in April.

And last month the entire team were feted at a ward councillors' reception at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

The lady Dytes lost only two matches on their way to the premiership, the first since 1975-76 when Warrandyte brought home the pennant at their first attempt.

## Ethan's in the running

Warrandyte Primary School student Ethan Martin has qualified for the Victorian cross-country running championships at Bundoora this month.

Ethan, who runs in the under-10 division, over two kilometres, earned his place in the field by

finishing sixth in the Victorian Primary Schools Association event at Wattle Park on June 23.

The first eight qualified and the first eight in the State titles on July 27 go on to Sydney for the national championships.

## A family says thanks

The family of the late Sheila Quarendon (who passed away on June 18) wish to extend their gratitude to all those who expressed sympathy to them on their recent sad loss.

We wish to express our special thanks to the Warrandyte Fire Fighters Ladies Committee for

their invaluable help on the day of the memorial service, and also to pastor Peter Keep whose assistance and sympathy during this time was exceptional.

The Quarendon Family  
Warrandyte

## Basketball kids win one & lose some at Nunawading

By CLINTON GRYBAS  
The Nunawading junior tournament produced mixed results for Warrandyte Basketball Club. Three of the 11 teams entered made it into the grand finals, but only one produced the goods when it mattered most.

The Redbacks' winners were Peter Messerle's under-14 boys who dominated in all but one of their matches in a hectic weekend of basketball. Their one "mediocre" performance was a 26-all draw with Vermont, but that was enough to put them into the grand final against Bulleen.

With Ben Gardiner performing strongly in all facets of the game, Warrandyte moved ahead early. The Boomers came back, but Terrence Baranello's dominance of the rebounds

ensured a Redback victory, 37-26.

Leading Warrandyte coach Ron McLellan guided two teams, the under-18 boys and under-16 girls, into the grand finals.

The boys were superb in all but one of their lead-up matches, highlighted by thrilling wins over Diamond Valley (36-35) and Nunawading (32-25). Their semi-final was a rematch with Nunawading and things looked grim when they trailed by 10 points in the second half. But they dug deep to produce some brilliant basketball for a 34-29 win.

It was not to be, however, in the grand final, against Diamond Valley. Warrandyte could not reproduce their first-up form and went down by nine points.

The girls were well led by

Amanda McLellan in a tournament which provided some spectacular highs but an untimely low in the grand final.

Their form in the preliminary matches was outstanding, illustrated by a dramatic finish to the game against Nunawading. With just seconds on the clock, Melissa King made a long-range basket and Rebecca Withers a steal and two pressure free throws for a 26-25 win.

Even closer was the match against Kilsyth, with Suzie Edwards making a free throw after the siren for a 19-all draw.

Louise Buckingham starred for Warrandyte in the grand final, in which three of her team mates were fouled out with 10 minutes to play.

The Redbacks led by three points at that stage, but managed only six more on their way to a 27-44 defeat.

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