

Please don't wreck reserve

By GEORGI STICKELS

Find the balance, was the message residents gave Doncaster council at a public meeting on September 14, held to discuss future options for the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve at the West End.

Residents were keen to preserve the lower oval and said it is used for both formal and informal recreation, from football and cricket to jogging, walking pets and playing space for children. "I've seen them using it to practise golf," said one resident. "Kids've even used it for flying kites, it's so open."

Cr Val Polley, present at the meeting, agreed the lower oval has a special place on the reserve. "The main ground is seen as formal recreation, whereas the smaller ground is seen as green open space," she said.

Residents also suggested a wide range of possible changes, including relocating the ageing

Locals, council meet on district complex

kindergarten to improve sporting facilities, perhaps providing a bowling green.

But the suggestion which seemed most popular was the construction of an indoor, multipurpose stadium. Anetball club spokesperson, Linda Barrow, told the meeting "the netball club doesn't urgently require a stadium, but most indoor courts have multiple markings".

She suggested that a stadium would provide shelter, as well as an additional basketball court, with volleyball or badminton markings.

The idea gained strong support from the basketball club, who have only one court at Warrandyte High School for more than 50 teams.

"Because of limited access to

our court we have juniors who can only train for 45 minutes once a week on half a court," said basketball club president Paul Haskings.

He said most nearby stadiums are equally full. "We need a central base for our club, and we'd prefer to keep it local," he said.

The tennis club is also keen to expand. "We still use outside courts every Saturday morning because we don't have enough courts down there, especially for juniors," a tennis club spokesperson said.

Another area of concern was the now boggy, vacant Whitehouse site. "If you're going to tear down a building, don't just tear down the stumps and walk away," said junior football club president, Greg Alchin.

The public meeting was part of council's process for developing the management plan. Recreation planning officer, Kristen Allen, told the *Diary* "the involvement of the community and of the users all the way through is seen as a very important part of this process".

A meeting was held on September 9 with the reserve's current users. Representatives from the cricket, football, netball and tennis clubs identified improving safety, and upgrading the existing facilities, especially the netball courts, as areas most needing attention.

Residents also called for better lighting, more seating and shelter, and possibly barbecue facilities. Cr Polley agreed, and added that any increase in facil-

ties would need more car spaces.

But she was also keen to avoid overdeveloping the land, most of which is owned by the Department of Conservation and Environment.

"If you're going to add to it any more you're going to have to manage it very carefully. There's a fine line between development and overdevelopment," she said.

A treeplanting campaign on the reserve was also suggested. "Indigenous trees, tanbarks and peppermint gums are all ageing and in decline, weeds are contaminating the streamside reserve. The whole creekside area is abysmal," said one resident.

Cr Louise Joy, who chaired the meeting, said she believes the meeting was productive and represented many points of view.

"It was just a wonderful, lively discussion I think and all the valid issues were raised," she told the *Diary*.

There will be more opportunities for public input when the council releases its first draft. But Ms Allen is aware that even the final plan may need adjusting before the five year period expires.

"The management plan is not a finite plan, nor is it static. It has to be flexible because it covers such a range in time," she said.

Management plans for other reserves are already complete. The first draft of the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve plan is due for release early in October. Ms Allen hopes the final plan will be ratified by council before Christmas.

Public meeting on fire plans

The vexed question of whether to evacuate during a bushfire will be among topics to be discussed at a public meeting to be held next month. At this gathering, residents and authorities will develop strategies to deal with the approaching fire season.

North Warrandyte CFA has called the meeting, which will also bring locals up to date on the Coroner's findings on the February 1991 fire, handed down in April.

David Lynch, a Residents' Working Party member, helped prepare the community submission for the Coroner's inquiry. He told the *Diary*: "It's an opportunity for the community to have a say in planning and preparedness. It's rare indeed for a community to get that opportunity".

Mr Lynch said he hopes the meeting will lead to setting up a community education program. He believes residents need to think more about forward planning and need to know the procedures covering access, evacuation and care of school children.

He also said the whole community needs to make an ef-

fort in a fire, and people shouldn't totally depend on police and firefighters.

"The CFA can only be in so many places at once."

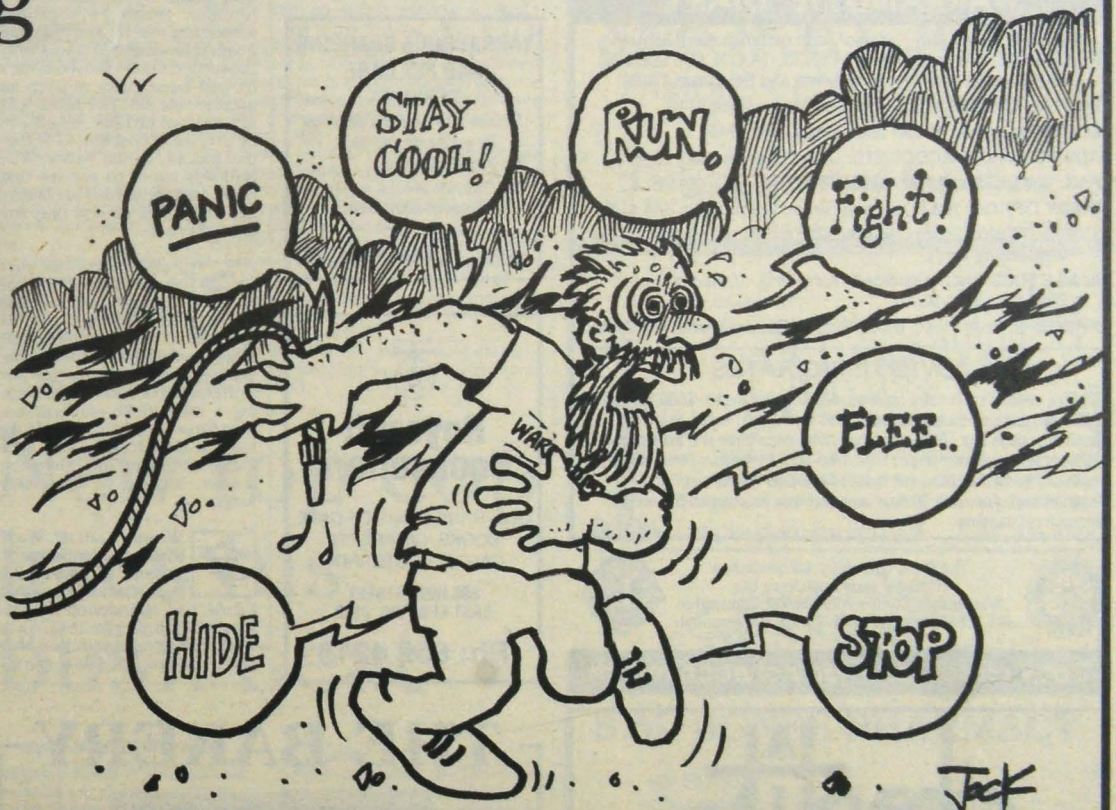
The North Warrandyte CFA captain, John Swindley, told the *Diary* he hopes the meeting will "find out what residents want to do next. It's up to them to take an active role".

Mr Lynch agrees that nothing will happen unless the community is enthusiastic. "Otherwise we will have to walk away from it and that would be a tragedy."

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 8.30pm in the North Warrandyte Community Hall. North Warrandyte residents received a flyer promoting the meeting at polling booths on October 3.

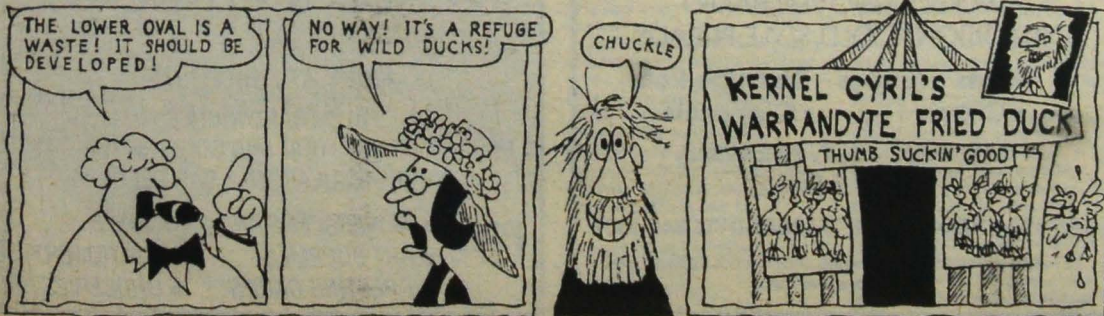
Captain Swindley said that although the fire occurred in North Warrandyte, groups elsewhere can benefit from the meeting's outcomes.

"While the meeting is primarily for North Warrandyte residents, representatives south of the river will be invited, including Warrandyte and South Warrandyte CFA, Doncaster councilors and emergency management groups," he said.



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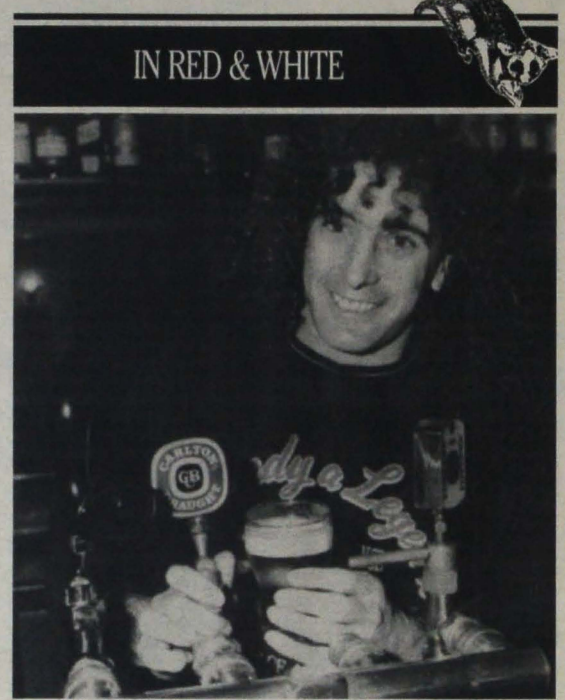
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John runs hot after his baptism of fire


 John Nicholson could have been forgiven, back in the early '60s, for deciding that fire-fighting was a little too hot for him to handle. Talk about a baptism of fire! Within 30 minutes of joining up with Warrandyte Fire Brigade, he attended his first call and a few days later was whisked off to Gippsland to a bushfire burning on a 100-mile front. He fought that one for a week. Far from being at all fazed by his frenetic debut, John decided to make fire-fighting his career. He became communications officer with the local brigade and is now deputy chief officer of the Country Fire Authority's Western Division, stationed at Ballarat. And he recently finished a stint as acting chief officer of the CFA itself.

 Seen emerging from Harry Heath's at 4.33 on the afternoon of September 9, just four days after the EDFL grand final, was John Platten, Hawthorn superstar. Wow! Was The Rat looking our ground over before accepting the Bloods' vacant captain-coaching job for next season? Had we pulled off the recruiting coup of the century? No. Platten lives in Doncaster and was doing a spot of out-of-immediate-area shopping with his young family. Damn.




John Platten


ported that it didn't do the Magpies a lot of good because on the day he announced his stunning decision there were bundled out of the finals. Not to worry, because Laurie is going to take a personal hand in proceedings at Victoria Park next season. He's in training! We would have regarded him as a most unlikely jogger, but there he was the other morning, huffing and puffing his way along Yarra Street. It's going take a lot of miles to run Laurie into playing shape, but as we said, when he makes a commitment...

 With friends like Terry Booth has, you don't really have to advertise for enemies. Terry, of Drysdale Road, turned 50 on October 1—and his mates sent him a "get well soon" card. They were, however, nice enough to present him with a metal three wood, and we're sure he'll treat it a lot better than Tom Kerkhof treats his.

 Former *Diary* editor Peter Lovett is a rabid Geelong supporter and he timed an outback campervan odyssey with wife Pat almost to the minute to be home for the grand final if the Cats made it. "We were in Eucla, near the WA-SA border, when the Eagles beat us in the semi-final and in Adelaide when we beat Footscray in the preliminary final," said Peter (formerly of Webb Street and now of Portarlington). "As things turned out we should have stayed in Adelaide and given the MCG a big miss!" The Lovetts took in the Top End and the far north and north-west during their trip,

much of it with former locals Wal and Margaret Cornhill. And retirement clearly has not done Peter any harm. He refers to his campervan as the "love bus" or the "geriatric sin bin".

 Vic Grybas, of Melbourne Hill, just can't get it right with the West Coast Eagles. A Collingwood supporter himself, Vic bet a heap of stubbies on the Weagles to beat Hawthorn in last year's grand final and lost so heavily Carlton and United had to put on an extra shift to meet the demand. This year he supported the Eagles again, but with the bitter (Victoria Bitter) memories of the previous debacle still haunting him, he steadfastly refused to put his money where his mouth was. Had he accepted the wagers offered him, he'd have been drinking on his mates until the start of next season.


 In the midst of international and domestic strife and brouhaha, recessions, catastrophic unemployment and soaring crime rates, don't you just love a bit of news that reflects credit on your fellow man? Our new police chief, Sergeant Keith Walker, has some. He reports an embarrassment of riches at the police station, thanks to the honesty of the citizenry. Among stuff which has been handed in is a two-man canoe and a man's racing bike. Lost yours lately?



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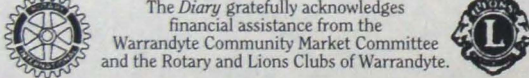
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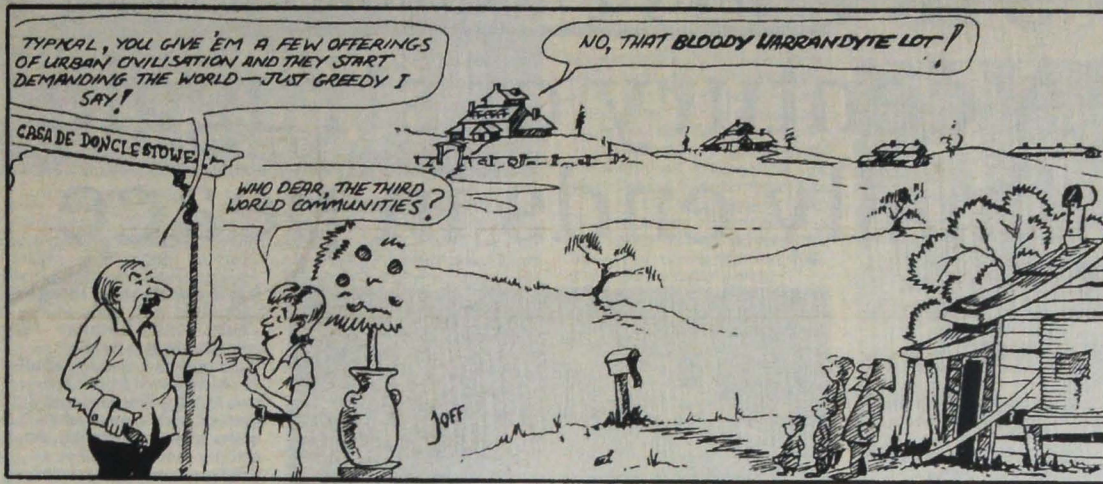
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By JOFF



'Warrandyte again? They shouldn't get it.'

Our councillors fight for fair share of take

By DAVID WYMAN

Perceptions that Warrandyte Ward—and Warrandyte township in particular—gets too much of Doncaster-Templestowe's cake persist among ward councillors, despite the fact that Warrandyte looks set to contribute more revenue than any other ward in the current budget period.

Warrandyte Ward councillors agree that they still have to battle hard to get a fair share of funds for the huge area of the ward. And the three councillors—Vernon Denford, Louise Joy and Val Polley—have established a good reputation for their hard work and high level of attendance at council meetings.

Cr Denford told the *Diary* that whenever Warrandyte was mentioned at council meeting there were often comments across the table: "Warrandyte again? No, they shouldn't get it".

"It's a parochial feeling against Warrandyte. People thinking their ward isn't getting anything. But in reality there is a fair spread of the cake across the whole city," he said.

Council watchers found the anti-Warrandyte feeling by other ward councillors was most pronounced during Cr Val Polley's recent term as mayor.

"There's a feeling that this end of the city gets too much and the opposite end gets little. It's a perception and not the truth," Cr Polley said.

"There was a feeling that because we had the community centre, we didn't need any-

thing else. But we (Warrandyte Ward) are the developing end of the city—this is where the pressure is at the moment. And it's the part of the municipality that hasn't had the money in the past.

"In the latest budget figures, Warrandyte Ward looks to have overtaken Templestowe Ward as the largest-revenue contributor. So all three of us have to keep an eye on our needs and address all the ward issues so that the money keeps coming.

"You only have to look at footpaths, roads and parking, and access in our own village—let alone in Park Orchards and other areas of the ward—to realise we really do face considerable planning issues over the next three years," Cr Polley said.

Cr Denford said some Doncaster-Templestowe councillors thought the community centre was far too expensive to be built in Warrandyte and should have been built elsewhere.

As an example of the Warrandyte Ward "problem" in council, Cr Denford cited the case of the Taroona Avenue kindergarten and infant welfare centre.

"Local councillors are working towards renovation or complete renewal of this facility and this has caused some controversy in council. Once again there are perceptions by other councillors in other wards that the building is all right. But they haven't even seen it!" he said.

"It's just simply because the name Warran-

dyte comes up and there is talk about the high cost of replacement. They say, 'Ah, Warrandyte's getting something again'.

"On most occasions when you look around the council table, there is only one ward with the three councillors in attendance—that's Warrandyte Ward."

Cr Polley said that at one recent important council meeting there were only five councillors present—three from Warrandyte and two others—and they were unable to meet the quorum of seven.

"We do take an active interest in what's going on in the ward and the city—and I'm not saying that the other councillors don't—but certainly in the early part of the meetings, when some of the important issues are coming on, some of the other wards have only one or maybe two councillors there," Cr Denford said.

He pointed out that he and the other two ward councillors worked as a team. In the community, at various functions and meetings, they spread their attendance so they were not all at the one event.

"We talk to each other and plan our activities and representations. We present as a team, although we don't always agree on issues. And we take an active interest in other parts of the city for the good of the municipality as a whole.

"Maybe some of the other ward councillors are not keeping in touch with each other," he said.



New top cop likes his bush beat

By JANE RICHARDSON

Sergeant Keith Walker joined the ranks at the Warrandyte police station last month. Sgt Walker replaces Sgt David Burge, who left in May to take up a new position in Morwell.

Sgt Walker has been with Victoria Police for 18 years, and has been a sergeant for the last six.

During his career as a police officer he has served for four-and-a-half years in Carlton and five years in Wodonga.

However he is not completely new to this area either, having lived in North Croydon for five years with his wife and their daughter. A second child is due in

Sergeant Keith Walker: finds us friendly and co-operative. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

November.

Sgt Walker told the *Diary* he has several friends living in Warrandyte which, combined with the atmosphere and community spirit, was what attracted him to the area.

He said that during his first month he has met many people and is thoroughly enjoying the work he does here. He is also running the sub-district, which he says is a tremendous challenge, but is loving every minute.

Sgt Walker also said he has found everyone here to be friendly and cooperative, a by-product of Warrandyte being a village close to the city fringe. He is keen that anyone wanting to meet him or become involved with the police in any way—such as looking for guest speakers—should not hesitate to contact him.

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A tribute to Agnes from one of her fans

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The radio training program was introduced by Agnes. The enthusiasm and competence of our young people earned them their own, regular, live-to-air program. They were also asked to cover a national event that ended with front page coverage on a national magazine.

Right now several country youth groups are negotiating to bus our young people out of



LETTER

Warrandyte to speak to other youth groups about the radio courses and show them how it's done.

One night in July saw a local teenager, Laeleigh Benson, give an impressive organ performance, introducing the Minister for Community Services. The Hon Kay Setches had been eager to come to Warrandyte and personally launch the WYS information card.

The young people of Warrandyte worked and developed Agnes's idea. Now any young person, with any sort of problem, has at least a variety of phone numbers providing a place to start in the chase for help, counselling or information.

The card is free and has already been distributed through the local high school. It can also be obtained from many shops in Warrandyte displaying the white, gold and blue sign.

WYS is one of a very select few youth groups that has earned funding from Community Services Victoria.

A lot of Agnes's hard work behind the scenes did not have such a high profile or such tangible and obvious results. I hope in her new position she will receive support and encouragement for the less exciting and more mundane side of her work. Good luck Agnes.

Angela Benson
Dingley Dell Road

EDITH STRUDWICK

A century of struggle finally ends in peace

By BRUCE BENICE

Edith Beatrice Strudwick, in her 103rd year, died peacefully at Strathdon Nursing Home on September 18. Her long and eventful life began on the Isle of Wight on November 25, 1889.

Edith came to Australia in 1912 and married an Australian soldier at the end of World War I. She and her husband lived on a soldier settler block in Mildura. At first they had only a tent to ward off the incredible heat and dust. Like many other soldier settlers at the time, despite their hard work the project failed and they were forced to walk off with nothing.

Left to bring up her family of four boys and a girl alone, Edith came to live in Warrandyte to be near her father, Herbert Curtis. The children were all schooled here as their mother struggled to bring them up through the hard years of the Depression.

The Second World War brought more pain for Edith, as three of her boys and her only daughter joined up. Les and Joe entered the army, Harry took to the air force and Elva served in the AAWMS (Australian Army Womens'



Edith Strudwick, towards the end of her eventful life

last five or six years living with Elva.

Edith's 100th birthday celebration was held in Warrandyte, a reunion of all her old friends from here and nearby. She heroically greeted and farewelled each of her guests personally, an activity that would have tired a person many years younger.

Always a great tea lover, tea being more important to her than food, Edith was sometimes referred to by her grand-daughter Andrea as "Nanna Cuppa Tea".

Her health was good for many years, mainly through a determination to avoid being "not well", a habit probably developed when she had no time to be ill as she had five children to raise. Later in life her eyesight failed, but she complained to no-one and was always grateful for the constant assistance she received.

She was admitted to Strathdon last February, where her children, Harry and Elva, visited her every day. During her mother's illness, Elva often brought Edith to Warrandyte for lunch and a walk along the river bank so she could enjoy the peace and beauty of her old home town.

Medical Service). Fortunately all four eventually came home.

Edith lived in Mitcham until

1983. Her children took turns caring for her as she grew older. She later moved to Vermont, where she spent her



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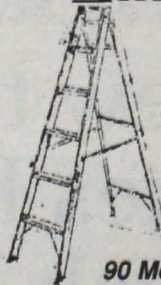
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Big improvers will need sponsors to compete next year

By KYM SMITH

Warrandyte's car mechanics of the future are looking for sponsorship to compete in next year's Australian Shell Mileage Marathon; as long as it doesn't interfere with their VCE studies.

Dyon Balding, Chris Van de Velde, Kon Tsourtouras and Terry Kerr built Warrandyte High School's entry in the marathon this year. They came eighth out of 46 entries in the under 14 division.

Entrants are required to build a car from scratch, meeting safety requirements and capable of averaging 25 kilometres per hour.

Each car must cover a set distance at this speed, and the winner is determined according to fuel efficiency.

The boys' entry this year achieved 956 miles per gallon, a huge improvement on last year's figure of 333 miles per gallon.

They hope to compete again next year and believe they can get into the top five. But they say they will need more funding as they are often up against private schools, where funding doesn't seem to be a problem.

Anyone who can help them out can contact Kym Smith on 844 2749.

This year's entry was partly paid for by Warrandyte High and sponsorships from local businesses helped pay for equipment. Shell awarded them \$300 for travelling expenses, but accommodation came out of their own pockets.

The Mileage Marathon is held at Amaroo Race Track, north-west of Sydney.

About 2000 hours went into designing and building the car. Work began back in March.

The boys say the best things about the project have been seeing hard work pay off, bringing an idea to life and learning about mechanics and design.

Trees are child's play

Warrandyte's children are learning early about rejuvenating the bush, thanks to a "tree dressing celebration" held at Currawong Bush Park last month.

On September 9, grade three children from Warrandyte Primary School transformed trees at the park in Reynolds Road into homes for colorful creations they had made themselves: large birds and nests, painted eggs and a giant spider's web.

The event, an environmental community arts project, was conducted by local pottery artist Jane Annois, for the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

"The day gave the children the opportunity to learn more about the value of trees in their natural environment," Ms Annois told the *Diary*. "They saw the trees as not just something to look at but what trees can do; provide homes for animals and offer protection."

Ms Annois said she believes the craft activities were just as positive for the children, encouraging them to use their imagination. "This was demonstrated through the creation of their unique art forms," she said.

The project was part of a statewide project called "Hidden Imagination" and was tied to the Spring Festival.



Warrandyte Primary School children give their imaginative creations a "home among the gum trees".

Teen DJs have rad radio show

Warrandyte High School has four radio disc-jockeys in the making. Once a month Rohan Anderson, Lee Seibert, Adrian Carle and Sam Beringer come together to host The Show With No Name on radio station 3CR.

Every third Monday, from 4.30 to 6pm, the boys say a quarter of a million listeners, mostly in their teens or early twenties, tune in to their show.

The program boasts several regular segments, including a gig guide, joke segment, and youth issues. Comedy skits, Top 40

music, games and competitions are also part of the show. They have also done phone interviews with bands like RatCat, Girlfriend and Frente.

The boys write material for the program themselves, some of which is even "borrowed" by professionals; they've heard it on other stations.

On the days they go to air, the four 17 year olds spend the day at the studio, producing and editing material. They also put in several three hour visits each month in preparation.

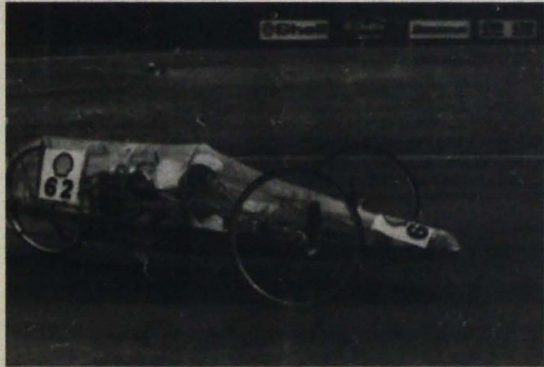
One of their biggest achievements to date was being asked by 3CR to cover the National Child Poverty conference. There they rubbed shoulders with radio professionals from such stations as the popular Triple M. They also met federal minister John Dawkins, and the boys say the whole conference "was a fantastic experience".

All the boys, currently in Year 11, are interested in following up careers in this industry. Rohan Anderson told the *Diary* that at this stage it's still a hobby,

but his father has a lot of radio equipment of his own, so Rohan would like to continue "in the same vein".

Likewise Adrian is interested in something media oriented, particularly in the entertainment industry; perhaps newspaper work or scriptwriting. Sam and Lee are more interested in television and film.

They admit that it can be tough juggling the show around VCE studies, but remain enthusiastic about this venture—and about their future.



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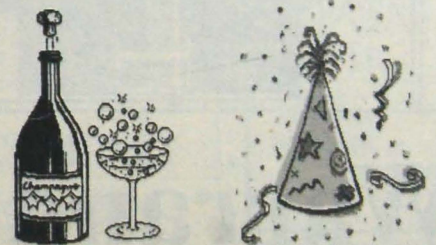
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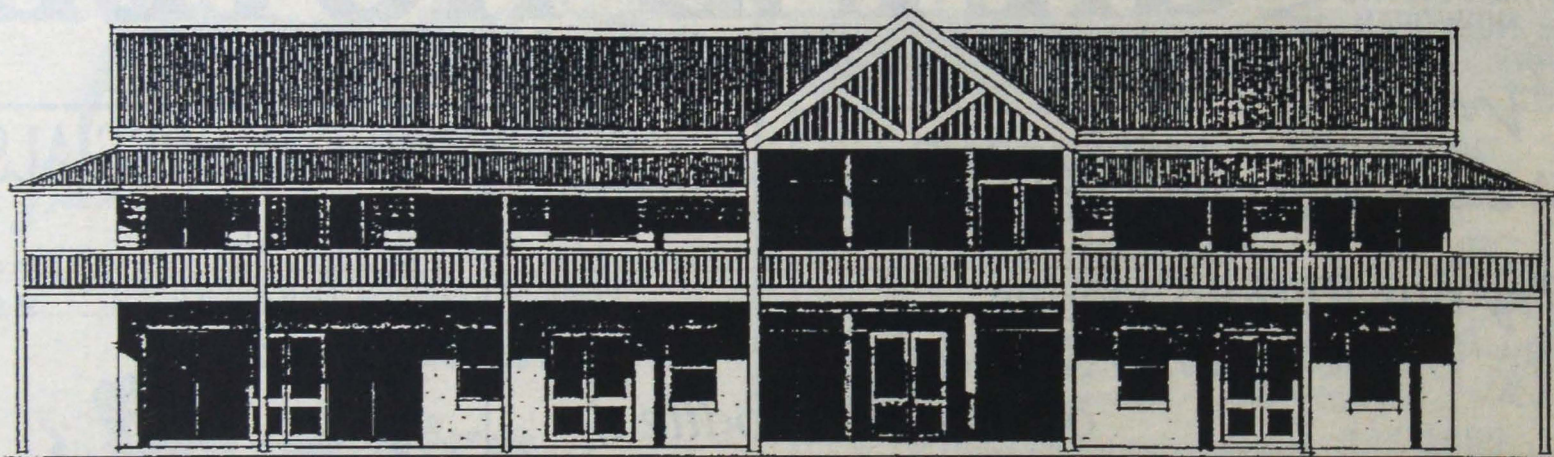
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Foyer guests yell for more

A concert in the foyer of the Warrandyte Community centre? Yes, and it wasn't the first such use of this great open space, which is usually silently dominated by Dale Marsh's giant mural.

A packed group of locals recently saw other local artists perform a varied program of unique entertainment in aid of the Neighbourhood House.

And what a mixture! Songs from My Fair Lady, Oliver, Les Miserables, Porgy and Bess and even a delightful post-production segment from the high school's cast of Anything Goes.

Anita Baragwanath was responsible for the organisation, but also sang beautifully. Her Edith Piaf renditions were particularly well done.

Other highlights included Alan Stone with his best friend "Reg"; Alan's song about his canine pal didn't leave a dry eye in the house.

Jock Macneish was brilliant as ever, this time with an innovative demonstration of "psycho-acoustics", which left everyone yelling for more.

Yvonne Morey provided a change of pace with a haunting monologue from the play, Conduct of Life.

The singers included Alan Cornell, Lyn Mees, Rachel Buckley, Doug Macrae and Jonathon Ashley. Individually, and as a group, they underlined how lucky Warrandyte is to have such a showcase of natural talent. They were ably supported by pianist Brian Walton and MC Alan King.

A particular treat was a bracket by Kevin O'Mara and Mark Leehy, which proved beyond doubt their ability to warm everyone to their engaging style of Australian music.

Once the word has spread about these special concerts, it will surely result in standing room only at future events.



Superkid, Nigel (Simon Keniry) surrounded by admirers after defeating the school bullies.

Three plays, no eskimos

There was a time when you had to be a dedicated theatre-goer (or committed relative) to attend a locally written production in the old Mechanics Institute hall.

It was hard for the drama group to invoke audience empathy when the local paying public looked like a busload of visiting eskimos. Banish the memory! Things are different now, thanks to the miracles of ducted heating, carpeted foyer and a new breed of drama group energy.

President Kylie Moppert put together "three plays of different themes inviting you to take another look at the way you view yourself, your beliefs and attitudes". The result was a fabulous season of theatre in Warrandyte.

The first one-act play was Sticky Business, written by Rainie Diale and Kylie Moppert, directed by Kylie and stage-managed by Gail Macrae.

It was another premiere event for our local playwrights and was warmly received by the audience. It was cheeky, it was fun, and it was very well cast. The proof of this was whether it felt realistic: it did.

Kylie and Rainie acted very well together as best friends caught in a double-standards trap about safe sex. The daughter, Kahren Price, was excellent alongside her young lover, Rob Melville. Grandmother (Jenny Harkin) and friend (John Shere) ultimately blew the family pressure valve by announcing that, "It's not the condom in your life that's important, but the life in your condom!"

Victor Levin's play, Death in Scarsdale was ably directed by Carol Keating. This is a sophisticated, well-written play, ordinarily too much of a challenge for an amateur group.

However, it was finely executed by this cast with Sam Marston standing out in the difficult lead role.

Sam showed good timing and good understanding of his character, and the result was a credit to his commitment.

Kerry Robinson, the wife, was particularly good in the main support role. Grandpa Gus McLaren, and psychiatrist Don Mcrae, fleshed out a part of Sam's life, although their characters didn't help him much in his quest for the meaning of life.

The staging coordinator, Joanne Olszewski played the girlfriend, who didn't help much either. Sam was on a one way trip...

Brian Laurence's lighting design was particularly effective in this play, as the action moved around the stage before Sam's eerie return to his coffin.

The third play, Oh!, was great fun. Written by Ted Neilson and directed by Yvonne Morey, it was brought to life by fine performances from Elizabeth Greenwood and newcomer Hans Dulke.

A bored married couple, washing up, verbalise their private, night-time fantasies.

And lo, and Oh!, the fantasies materialise as a mermaid Kerry Robinson (great fin Kerry) with sexy surgeon Justin Marsden.

Human beings can get pretty wierd, and this was a merry romp to round off another memorable night in the cosy Mechanics Institute Hall.

The drama group's next major show will be the 1993 Follies, to be directed by Gail Macrae and David Crockett. Rumor has it the theme will be "mardi gras", so keep your eyes—and minds—open.

REVIEWS

By KEN VIRTUE

Conal Gooch and Damien Johnston were suitably gross as the bullies, generally giving a fine example of how not to act!

They received their just desserts in the end when Prep Power, in this case, the power of three (Kristy Lewis, Clare Burbidge and Vicki Blackman) rose up and treated them to some of their own tactics.

A combination of real-life preps and grades five and six provided excellent chorus backup for the magic songs. Hilarly Fairley, Sophie Walker and Kristy Lewis confidently handled the number There's A Place For Dreamers.

The dance squad, choreographed by Denise Farran and Lyn Maes, bounced their numbers with enthusiasm. Elizabeth Tetley provided musical direction. As the new music teacher, Elizabeth also led the preceding items from grades one to four,

as well as the grade five and six guitar segments.

As usual, the evening was musically rounded off by the community band and the school bush band. Even Kevin O'Mara and Mark Leehy materialised to help the bush band. Mark reckoned he was just driving by, heard the music and decided to investigate.

There's been talk of the effort and time required to prepare and rehearse for such an all-encompassing concert. Clearly the commitment was enormous with most of the school staff involved along with many parents.

Karen Fisher's sets, Karen McKinnon's props and Jill Whitechurch's costumes were colorful and effective. Gail Parke and Ken Wing Jan co-produced, whilst Fiona Wells took on the producer's role with gusto.

There's no doubt that the children really enjoyed giving their performances and delighted their parents and families. Whatever show 1993 may bring, I'm sure the primary school concerts will continue to be sell-outs.



Oh! cast - clockwise from bottom: Joanne Olszewski, Kerry Robinson, Sam Marston, Hans Dulke, Elizabeth Greenwood, Don Macrae, Justin Marsden and Rob Melville.

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The opening of Warrandyte Scout hall in 1957

Local boy scouts have always been prepared

Scouting in Warrandyte began in 1940, when a cub pack began with six boys aged eight to 10. Their leader, Miss Beale, ran the pack for only a short time, and it was disbanded when she moved on to become district cub leader of Heidelberg district.

In November 1953 the 1st Warrandyte Scout Troop was started by Mr Ken Gedge, then the local chemist. He wanted his own two sons to have the advantage of scout training.

This troop had 21 foundation scouts and seven scouters who met on the river bank behind the old pharmacy at the bottom of Webb Street. An old trestle table and bench seats made up the office and a big bough from a gum tree carried the flag and held up the lantern.

Long pants were not allowed to be worn in those days, but army greatcoats were permitted in the winter months.

Atypical parade on a cold night ran quickly through formalities; the patrol leader would inspect the uniforms under parted coats and report to the troop leader that the troop was ready for inspection. "All to the alert" was called, whereon the boys

dropped their great coats and the troop leader did the fastest inspection on record. The flags were broken and "At ease" called before the boys could don their coats again.

When the elements were really against them, Mr Gedge would cadge the key to the supper room attached to the Mechanics Institute hall and the meeting was held in relative comfort.

Mr Gedge became a commissioner for training, in charge of Doncaster, Templestowe and Bulleen districts so Ian Ewing took over as scout master in 1954.

The scouts began meeting in a hut loaned by Ray Crabtree, on his property on Kangaroo Ground Road. The hut, about the same size and shape as a tram, became very crowded when all 36 scouts were assembled.

In 1955 the cub pack, led by their first Akela, Dorothy Johnstone, had no hall, and so met on the north river bank. They sat on a blanket with a lamp or two hanging in the trees. Their Akela read them stories, told them about the founder of scout-

ing, Baden-Powell, helped them with badgework and taught them to tie knots and pitch tents.

Later they moved their meetings to her home in Brackenbury Street where she set up wonderful "cub lairs".

The scouts attended the Pan Pacific Jamboree at Clifford Park scout camp in Wonga Park. It rained most of the time, turning the ground into a mud bowl. Food had to be brought in by the army, in four wheel drive trucks, which then had to be winched out of the mud.

A hall was desperately needed, so the Warrandyte Arts Association, which was now producing plays and dramas, offered to train the boys in stage production to raise funds. The production, Corn Flakes, ran to packed houses.

The proceeds from the concerts, and the raffle for a Holden car, paid for the materials for the scout hall. The parents did all the work, with Jim Horkings and Bert Edwards overseeing construction. Nine men dug the post holes and the volunteer labor worked on the hall every weekend until it was finished. Jim Horkings and his son Robin painted the hall themselves.

The hall was finally opened in 1957 by Air Marshall Sir Richard Williams, and has been the home of Warrandyte scouts since.

With the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956, much assistance was required. The Warrandyte scouts were given the task of looking after the unofficial clock at a very exciting hockey match between the two top teams.

A steward in charge of the boys left them with strict orders not to lose the keys for winding the clock. To avoid this they left two keys, attached by a piece of string, in the clock.

As the match progressed the boys lost interest in their job and concentrated on the game. As the match drew to a close the referee became worried; the clock had already stopped!

The worried steward inspected the clock and found that the string attached to the keys had tightened so much as the keys turned that the clock could no longer wind down.

Warrandyte's first Queen's Scout was William "Buster" Couche in 1957. All the scouts' written records were destroyed in 1963 when the home of the then secretary, Mrs Couche, was burnt down.



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As Ken Gedge saw it

KEN GEDGE, Warrandyte's first scoutmaster, shares some memories....

In 1955 I had two sons who I thought should be starting their scout training. Ringwood Scout Troop had waiting lists a mile long, so I phoned Ray Nichols, then the Chief Commissioner, for help.

Only to be told to start my own group at Warrandyte. A little daunted, as I was then busy running a pharmacy, I took on the task. I bought a storm lantern and a long rope. The river bank at the bottom of Webb Street sported a table with bench seats back then. We were in business.

A wonderful group of kids flocked in to join our troop. And we won competitions!

In the absence of a meeting hall, an army greatcoat was added to our local uniform. But in wet weather it was still Scout Hell.

The troop's programs and behaviour were decided at a Court of Honor, which comprised the patrol leaders and their elected Senior. Sometimes the scouts would be invited too.

Ian Ewing always waited for a rainy night to conduct any fire lighting test, where any boy who passed was praised as "really good". Only thing was, they all were!

Mrs D. Johnstone, who learned her cub lore in Mildura, earned her own Cub Wood badge. She turned the underneath of her Brackenbury Street cottage into a cub lair and, with the help of Mrs "Bub" Pearson, ran a very efficient pack, providing the scout troop with some very well trained recruits.

The most important part of scouting has always been the people. William "Buster" Couche was our first Queen's Scout. His mother, Helen, was the group secretary and is now in retirement at the village in Fitzsimmons Lane.

"Bub", more formally known as Mrs Neil Pearson, was a highly qualified cub leader.

Ian Ewing organised the special troop who assisted with the presentation of medals at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956.

The "Corn Flakes" show, held to raise money to build our hall, really was corny. It was mostly campfire stunts done on the stage of the Mechanics Institute Hall, including scenes from Shakespeare and even ballet. Ian Ewing led a sing-a-long in the show, along with slides projected by Ted Domeyer between acts.

Four Venturers win top scouting award

Four Warrandyte venturers have earned the highest honor in scouting. Bruce Horkings, Lee Gedge, Susan McVeigh and Christopher Scott were presented with their Queen's Scout awards at the Warrandyte Community Centre on September 17.

Each venturer had to undertake projects in community service, scoutcraft and earn skills-based badges.

Families and friends who attended the presentation were obviously proud as the four venturers received their awards.

Each made a short speech of acceptance before presenting their parents with a lapel badge, to show their respect for the support of Mum and Dad, enabling them to meet the demanding challenge and achieve the Queen's Scout Award.

The acting District Commissioner for Doncaster East District, David Mott, spoke of the service required to obtain the award. He encouraged younger members in the group to follow the example set by Bruce, Sue, Lee and Chris.

The awards were presented by Rainie Skinner. Rainie and her husband Roger Skinner have put in many years supporting and de-

veloping scouting in Warrandyte. This was recognised in a presentation to the couple by Terry Pieper, the new venturer leader at 1st Warrandyte.

Also recognised for strong support for the group was Robin Horkings, father of Bruce and a cub scout leader. He received a 10 year service award, presented by

Ray Shew, the Area Commissioner for Yarra Batman. Mr Shew related his experiences of the value employers place in potential employees receiving the Queen's Scout Award.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the new group leader, Chris Cowlie and the evening concluded with an informal supper.



Queen's Scouts Chris Scott, Susan McVeigh, Bruce Horkings and Lee Gedge.

IAN EWING

Skip's last venture

Ian James Ewing, also known as "Skip" to many of Warrandyte's older residents—especially former cubs and scouts—died in Devonport on September 18.

He was born in Hong Kong in 1911. His father was a ship's pilot in the South China Seas. However the family moved to Australia a year later and settled at Watson's Bay in Sydney.

His long involvement with scouting began in 1922, when he became a founding member of the 1st Vaucluse Scout Troop.

When World War II broke out, Ian joined the RAAF, training in a Tiger Moth aircraft before being sent to the Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada.

He served with the British 1/40 Squadron, known as the "Night Invaders" and later broke new ground in an air reconnaissance squadron. Night photography was just one of the areas his team experimented with at this time. He flew 40 missions in eight months, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work behind enemy lines.

His son Boyd later said of him: "Never one to boast, it was only in later years that he really talked much about the war, at least to us anyway".

Ian, his wife Thelma and their

three sons—Rod, Don and Boyd—moved to Warrandyte from Sydney in 1951 and they settled in Koornong Crescent.

Ian is probably best remembered in Warrandyte as our second scoutmaster. The troop was founded by Ken Gedge in 1953, and Ian took over in 1954 for more than 10 years.

His sons, who went through cubs and scouts, remember "the annual camp out at either Black Flat, Jumping Creek Reserve or out through Frenchman's property, via Koornong". In between, "Skip" often organised overnight camps or hiking trips locally.

Ian was also an active member, and former president, of the local RSL. He would lead the cubs and scouts in the annual Anzac Day march through Warrandyte, from the scout hall, attending the solemn service at the Mechanics Institute Hall with his sons.

In 1962 the family moved to Brackenbury Street where they lived until 1969. By this time the boys had grown up and married, and finally Ian and Thelma moved to Tasmania.

Thelma passed away in 1977, and Ian re-married a woman named Joan some years later. She survives her husband. The



Ian Ewing

boys remember her as a loving wife and companion for their dad.

Always a keen golfer, Ian played many rounds with Warrandyte friends and also interstate. Before he died he said, "The highlight of last year was when I became a great grandfather and also when I had the honor of being made a life member of the Devonport Golf Club". He eagerly encouraged veterans' golf and started a veterans' golf group at Woodrising in Tasmania.

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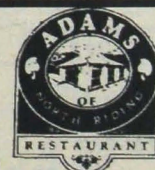
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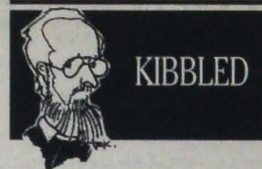
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A very taxing year for everyone



It must be October. I've just been to see Graeme Ritchie to have my financial affairs sniggered at. I find it an embarrassment to employ a tax agent to deal with my return. It's a bit like having exploratory surgery to see if you have dirty fingernails.

Be that as it may, Herself and I fronted Graeme's office in Blackburn to do the dastardly deed. We arrived in different cars as we had both come from work.

Immediately I felt intimidated. There was Graeme's smart office and parked outside was his Honda Accord. I knew his Pajero was lurking at home, just waiting for a chance to prance before his horse float. Here was evidence of adult male success. And there was I in ARK 037.

I kangaroo-hopped to a halt. My old Holden Sunbird felt comfortable enough parked beside Herself's newish Falcon, but only because they share a carport.

I whispered encouraging words to my car and crept into the building. Nikki Vitiritti smiled pleasantly from behind the reception desk and directed me to a seat. In years past I had driven Nikki and Gorgeous Creature to pony club. But now...

I smiled at Herself, who was avidly reading How To Spend Your Tax Refund, looked around for reading material, but shied clear of the Financial Review.

My mind raced. Had I brought the group certificates? Did I have evidence for my deductions? But it was too late to back out. Graeme ushered us into his office and my fate was sealed. I sat before my Maker.

Now don't get me wrong. Graeme's a great, caring, sensitive, personable bloke. But he is an accountant cum tax agent. Being interviewed about one's financial disasters is a bit like saying you are intimate with David Crockett, the dentist extraordinaire cum revue writer and co-director of next year's Follies.

Both of them know about your indiscretions. David knows how well you've been flossing and Graeme knows how well you've been grossing. I fail on both counts.

The damage done, I left. Nikki smiled encouragingly. I turned the ignition key and prayed that the beast would start. It did. I limped home, reflecting on how we put ourselves through the

same traumas year after year.

Consider this. Who in her right mind would leave home at the crack of dawn, travel across town with a car full of hyperactive children to spend a day with thousands of other brain-dead people buying junk she doesn't want whilst being jostled through barns full of condescending animals that wonder why they're considered dumb?

The Show, until recent years, has been an annual angst for our family. Herself felt nostalgic. It was a way for us to "do something together as a family".

Each year we arrived home exhausted; me complaining about the waste of money; the kids complaining about me and Herself complaining about the destruction of the family unit in post-industrialised western society. But like millions of others we did it annually until senility, common sense and the kids cried "Enough!".

For centuries we were on the three Christmases a day circuit. Early morning frenzy at home; over-eating and "who on earth gave me this present" lunch at one set of parents and the "stop crying, I know you're exhausted

but so am I and Gran will get sad if you don't look happy" evening meal that drifted into premature Alzheimers by about 9pm.

Then there's the "it's not the birthday present that matters but the fact that you remembered" syndrome.

Birthdays and other anniversaries take on a life of their own, usually about a month before they happen. The world, it seems, is divided into those who care passionately about celebrations and those who enjoy them but don't believe the economy of the known universe will collapse if one is forgotten.

And football. It is preferable for pairs of the same persuasion to get together. You'd think after 25 years the offending party would learn. I'm not going to waste time on the folly of following the same losing team year after year. Likewise political parties, et al.

Then there's the annual car registration fee. I can see Nikki's smile, Graeme's Accord, David's probe. Then I look at my bank balance. The old Sunbird can stand the embarrassment for one more year.

ROGER KIBELL

A cloud of butterflies against the sky



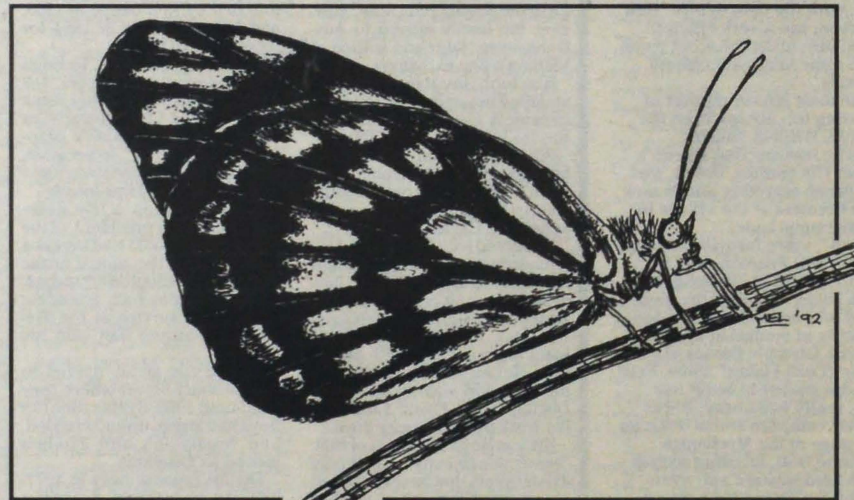
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

The small white cloud appeared above the horizon, like a puff of smoke carried on the most gentle of breezes. As it advanced, the cloud dissipated, miraculously, into dozens and dozens of pearly-white butterflies!

Closer they came, fluttering gracefully, circling each other in flight as if performing some ritual dance known only to themselves. Only then, on the outside of their closed wings were the bold splashes of black and yellow visible. These are the distinctive colors and patterns of the migratory Caper White butterflies, itinerant visitors, which were using Warrandyte merely as a staging post on their long journey across the country.

We are generally familiar with large-scale bird migrations and we marvel at the magnitude of distance flown, particularly by the smaller species. But in comparison, the achievements of these fragile featherweights is awesome.

From dawn to dusk they fly, pausing only briefly to sip at some flower, its rich nectar giving energy to the travellers. The wings that carry them are no more than papery thin membranes covered with a layer of tiny scales. The scales, when examined under a hand lens or magnifying glass, resemble rows of overlapping roof tiles. Under a powerful microscope they appear as minute shards of glass.



We have much to learn about butterfly migration. Why do some species, such as the Caper White, the Wanderer and the Painted Lady, have this strong urge to congregate at certain times of the year and to fly enormous distances, often across rugged and inhospitable areas of Australia?

We do know that such flights move in a purposeful direction, aided, but not governed, by the wind. One suggestion is that the migration is a strategy to avoid

overpopulation and to extend their range as far as possible.

However the price that the species pays is high, in terms of the sheer numbers of butterflies that must be produced for the journey. Inevitably some die along the way, falling prey to birds and other predators, or are simply blown off course. Yet it is amazing that so many not only survive, but also remain remarkably fresh in appearance.

With an instinct acquired over tens of thousands of years, Ca-

per Whites will take to the skies again soon. At any time over the next three months they may pass over Warrandyte, though their numbers fluctuate from year to year. Vast numbers of migrating butterflies always arouse interest, but a few stragglers are likely to go unnoticed.

The marathon journey undertaken by the butterflies is a test of tremendous endurance for which those ghostly butterflies, the Caper Whites, deserve the utmost admiration.

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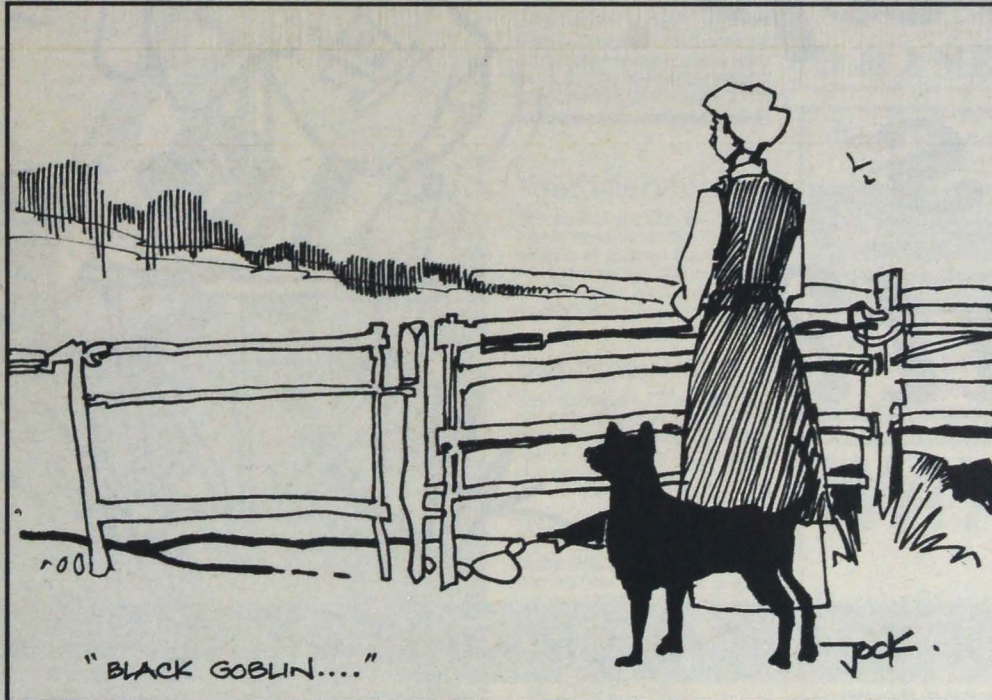
THE years slid by, season followed season, each with its own charm. But spring was the most enchanting of all. The almond tree was now tall enough to tap its pink fingers against my kitchen window. Sweet jasmine and red roses climbed up the tank stand, filling the evening air with their perfume. A wistaria grew along the north side of the house and in spring I could take its blue tendrils through the bedroom windows and pin them to the curtains, filling the house with their delicate fragrance.

Watty and Patty had once given me a sackful of bulbs, and now, after a couple of years, they were flowering profusely. Watty had said that I must stand with the sack beside me and throw the bulbs over my shoulder, planting them where they fell. It had been hard work, digging out stone to make room for them, but they were now a very rewarding drift of golden daffodils, cream jonquils and, here and there, groups of blue grape hyacinths.

In spring we would go walking through the bush, Watty coming with us to show the places where we could find nodding greenhood orchids, chocolate lillies that smelt of vanilla, wild violets, early nancies and donkey orchids, with their pointy, spotted ears. The hills were ablaze with golden wattle and the world seemed full of promise.

Summer, despite its sometimes intense heat and frequent water shortages, was nonetheless filled with pleasure, with dark ochre or brilliant blue skies. We could spend long days by the clean, crystal clear river, swimming or fishing. Sometimes we would cross on the raft and walk to the village to join friends on the grassy river bank below the wooden bridge.

Summer was also the time for harvesting the Herb Farm's acre of lavender. The cottage there was filled with the sweetly scented bundles of blue and grey, spread out to dry. They would



lengths of string and tie them across the verandah rails. This way they dried perfectly and could be stored for winter.

Surplus beans I put in earthenware crocks. The layers of beans had salt sprinkled between them. These proved very good for winter, coming up like fresh beans.

Walking to the old orchard after the first soft autumn rains, we would step off the gravel track, where gum leaves lay along the verges; a deep, colorful carpet that made a secret of our treading feet.

Australian gum trees (eucalypts) shed their old leaves, but never define the seasons as do European trees, which stand stark and bare in winter, renewing themselves with fresh new growth in spring. Most gum trees shed their bark instead, sometimes revealing satin smooth white trunks, or trunks mottled with earthy red, blue and yellow splotches. As the bark slips down it swirls around the foot of the tree in ribbons of russet, purple, grey and blue.

It was this eternal grey-green of the trees that so dismayed the early pioneers coming from the northern hemisphere. They cut down many thousands, some to build their shelters, but most to burn, to be rid of what they saw as a monotonous landscape.

I loved winter with its wild storms that lashed the trees, bending them almost double, the dark clouds that lay

over the shoulders of the mountains, almost obliterating them, and the sudden, calmer days with pale blue, rainwashed skies. On these days we would walk out in the early morning to see where fairy rings had graced the frosted grass.

Long winter evenings, spent beside blazing log fires, were full of interest and excitement. Then I could sew, using the left-over cloth that Dr Ben's wife gave me, to make useful, hard-wearing clothes for the boys and myself. Having little knowledge of dressmaking, it was always a thrill when a garment really fitted and did not look like a loosely hanging sack.

One experiment took me most of a night to master. The boys had reached the age where they needed a proper fly for their breeches, rather than the 'bob hole' used for very small boys. There were no easy zips then, so it was a matter of buttons and buttonholes. Try as I might, I could not get it right. First it was upside down, then inside out, then buttoning the wrong side. It was almost inconceivable, the number of wrong ways I found to put in a fly. At last, after many frustrating hours, I had a somewhat ragged and frayed fly correctly sewn in.

One winter evening, Roly came over, leading a small dog that was as black as the night itself, with two intelligent, tawny eyes. They both came in and Roly asked me to take the dog.

"Someone didn't want 'im, but I think 'e'd be good for the youngsters. E's a kelpie cross." Which meant nothing to me, but Roly obviously understood. "Good with kids, and 'e'll keep the rabbits down," he added quickly.

"What's his name?" I asked. "Don't 'ave one, far as I know."

"Well then, I think we'll call him Black Goblin. He is all black and came to us like a goblin in the night."

The boys were greatly excited the next morning. So the Black Goblin settled easily into the family and his name was shortened to Gobby. He proved to be no use at all in keeping the rabbits at bay, preferring to come in each evening, when the rabbits were most active, but he had no difficulty in catching one when he wanted it for himself.

He proved profitable in other ways though. In those days I would buy sixpence worth of fresh meat scraps and bones. The parcel would be large enough for me to make soup and stews, and with the addition of vegetables this was still enough to feed Gobby for the week. He was indeed gentle with the children and a faithful companion for some years.

One night, as I sat by the fire after sewing for a time and re-bandaging the boys, I considered the things I had learnt to do. I could make reasonable clothes, cut the boys' hair, grow vegetables, make butter and care for Sally and the goats. There must be more I can learn

to do, I thought. Yes, why not learn to mend the boys' boots?

In the morning I phoned a leather merchant whose number I found in the phone book. His business was in one of the inner suburbs. I asked if I could buy leather from him, and explained what I wanted to do with the boots. He agreed quite willingly.

Ellen often went into town, so I asked her if she would take us on her next trip. She dropped us at the leather merchant's shop and said she would pick us up in an hour or so, after she had finished the business she had to do.

Inside, the shop smelled richly of leather. Hides hung around the walls and more were piled on the floor. A little old man came over to us and we could see other shadowy figures at the back of the shop, busy with more hides.

I explained that I was the person who had phoned him to enquire about buying leather. He nodded, and his thick bush of snow-white hair fell forward over his eyes. He brushed it back.

"Have you mended boots before?" he asked.

"No, but I think I can learn." "Well, there is a bookshop around the corner. You can buy a book on the subject and you will need a few tools. If you let me come with you, I can show you what to buy, and where."

This friendly little man called to the men in the back that he would not be long, and, without bothering to take off his leather apron, walked out with us.



He chatted pleasantly as we walked, asking us where we lived and why I wanted to mend boots. I told him that if I could repair the boys' boots myself that it would save money. Although I could almost see the question on his lips, he politely refrained from asking if I hadn't a husband to pay for such things.

I bought the little book he recommended and then onto another shop, where I bought a few tools: a boot last, hammer, rasp, and a very sharp knife. I still have the little book and a couple of the tools.

Ellen was waiting when we returned, but the small man still took time to choose a suitable hide. That night I studied the book carefully. I was never very good with tools, so I often missed with the hammer, and blackened my thumbnail several times. I often cut myself with the knife, but gradually I became more expert. The leather was so strong that the soles and heels I repaired always outlasted the uppers of the boots.



give me armsful to take home, and I would spend long summer evenings husking the lavender for them. They taught me to make small baskets from the stalks; items I used in my bartering.

Autumn was another busy time. There were blackberries to gather for jam and preserves.

Down one of the side tracks there was an old deserted orchard. Here we found apples and quinces. I had no means then of bottling fruit, but by cutting them into rings I could slide them along

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Warrandyte Chapel Playgroup: 844 2528
Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-op: 844 1205
Warrandyte Maternal & Child Health Centre: 844 3297
Warrandyte Occasional Childcare: Three Year Old Playgroup: 844 1839
Warrandyte Pre-School: 844 3363
West End Occasional Childcare: 844 3150
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Better Hearing Group: 844 1839
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Information Centre: 345 5678

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North Warrandyte: 844 3683
South Warrandyte: 844 2174
Warrandyte: 844 3798
Wonga Park: 722 1288

Warrandyte Community Centre Management Group: 844 4503
Warrandyte Community Market: 844 1839
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Warrandyte Festival Committee: 894 2233
Warrandyte Food Bank: 844 2331
Warrandyte Job Exchange: 844 1839
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Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club: 844 2437
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Warrandyte Neighbourhood House: 844 1839
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Warrandyte Tae Kwondo Club: 844 1133
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YOUTH GROUPS

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Warrandyte Youth Services: 844 2985
Warrandyte Youth Society of Music & Drama: 844 2883

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Cottage garden opens to aid North fire truck fund

Local artists Mary Jupp and Digby Watson will open their "artists' garden" for public viewing on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, from 10am to 4.30pm. This award-winning garden, at 9 Marbert Court, North Warrandyte, features a collection of charming traditional plants and an orchard inhabited by roaming geese. It is decorated with ponds, bridges and numerous statues. The artists' studio will also be open for the weekend. This venture has been organised by the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade as a means of raising funds towards a new truck. Morning and afternoon tea will be available and entry costs \$2.50 and \$2 concession.

History

The Warrandyte Historical Society have a variety of items for sale in their museum at the old post office in Yarra Street. As well as a number of publications there is a selection of prints of old Warrandyte photos available at \$10 each. The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Strictly ballroom

Ballroom dancing is set to return to the Athenaeum Hall in Doncaster, with monthly dances being organised by the Doncaster and Templestowe Palliative Care Service. Music will be provided by well-known band "Metronome", from 8 to 11pm. Dance dates for the remainder of this year are Thursdays, October 8, November 12 and December 10. Admission is \$8 per person and profits will assist the service in their work helping terminally ill people and their families. Enquiries to Sheila Denford on 874 8173.

Spring festival

A spring festival with concert, fete and garage sale is being organised by the Anglican churches of St Stephens in Warrandyte and Emmanuel in Park Orchards. The parish fete will be held at St Stephens in Stiggants Street on Saturday, October 17, starting at 9am. There will be a variety of stalls as well as games and fun for the children. Andersons Creek Primary School choirs will provide entertainment. The concert will be on Friday, October 23 at 8pm at St Stephens. It will feature medieval, baroque and folk music presented by John Norton on lute, theorbo and guitar and Rachel Cogan on recorder. Tickets, including supper, are \$10, children \$5, and are available from Ann Ley on 844 3453. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 9am to 12noon. Further details on all activities from Jenny Valentine, 844 3174.

Design for living

Representatives of the Warrandyte community have been invited to Government House on October 14 to hear the announcement of winners of the Charles Latrobe Design for Living Awards. These awards are conducted by Swinburne University's design department. Cr Vern Denford made a submission outlining our community's activities over the past 11 years culminating in the establishment of the Warrandyte Community Centre. Cr Denford will attend the announcement, along with Bev Hanson, Cliff Green and Alan King.

Car boot sale

The Warrandyte Primary School Parents Association is holding a car boot sale on Saturday, November 7 from 9am to 2pm at the school in Forbes Street. You can sell your own pre-loved items for a fee of \$5 per car boot or \$10 per trailer. Morning tea will be available. Enquiries to Ruth Chandler on 844 1919.



A fragment of the beautiful cottage garden at 9 Marbert Court

Short stories

Entries for the Shire of Eltham short story competition close on Monday, November 30. A prize of \$1500 is being offered for best story, which can be in any style, up to 2500 words. The award is in memory of Australian writer Alan Marshall. Entry forms can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Shire of Eltham Short Story Prize, PO Box 21, Eltham 3095.

Seniors concert

Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club will hold their 30th birthday concert at their clubrooms in Taroon Avenue on Thursday, November 12 at 1pm. Afternoon tea will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Stay abreast

The next morning coffee arranged by the Warrandyte branch of the Nursing Mothers Association will be on Wednesday, October 28 at 10am at 508 Park Road, Park Orchards. A discussion evening on "The transition period from breast feeding to solids" will be held at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House in the community centre on Tuesday, November 10 at 8pm. All pregnant women and mothers of breast-fed babies are welcome. For information about the local group, or for counselling, ring Maree on 844 2897 or Judy on 844 3150. A 24-hour counselling service is available on 878 3304.

Childcare sale

The Warrandyte Community Childcare Co-op is holding its annual mammoth garage sale on Sunday, October 18 from 9am at the childcare centre, corner Masonic Avenue and Yarra Street. There'll be lots of books, clothes, crockery, furniture and so on sold to raise funds for the centre. Further information from Helen Moppert on 712 0602.

Scout jobs

Cubs, scouts and venturers will be visiting homes in the Warrandyte area from October 10 to 25 as part of Scout Job Week. No job is too small; every type of task can be completed. Money raised will go to improving the local scout group and 10 percent of funds will be donated to the Salvation Army refuge centres. If you have a large job and need a number of scouts, this can be arranged by ringing Chris Crowle on 844 4057 between 7 and 9pm.

Chase reserve

The fencing of The Chase Wildlife Reserve is almost complete and a number of kangaroos and wallabies have been seen returning to the area. A tree planting session was recently organised by The Chase committee.

Flying colors

Diary nature writer Pat Coupar and her husband Mike have recently completed a book on moths and butterflies. It will be launched at a function in the Warrandyte Community Centre on Friday, October 30 at 7.30pm. Information on all the common species has been included in the book. Pat and Mike have been rearing butterflies and moths for a number of years and many delightful photographs are featured. There are tips on how to attract butterflies to your garden using food plants and good garden design. The hard-covered book is available from Pat or Mike for \$17.95. Phone 844 1060.

Free tests

The Lions Club of Warrandyte has organised a range of professionally-conducted health checks, including hearing, eyesight, blood pressure and diabetes. They will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Sunday, October 25 between 11am and 4pm.



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Youth services

The annual general meeting of Warrandyte Youth Services will be held at 4pm on Sunday, November 8 at the Youth Centre, upstairs in the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Bus times

New supplies of The Met bus timetables are now available from the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau at the community centre.

Wanted

Cathy Willis of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park is making up an environmentally helpful propagation mix for use in the park nursery. She needs donations of granulated plastics—any grade or any size. Call 844 1841 if you can help.

Directory

On the page opposite you will see a guide to clubs and organisations in Warrandyte, compiled by the Citizens Advice Bureau. Listing is restricted to community groups and is free. Call the bureau at 844 3082 if your group is not included or if any of the information is incorrect.

Tell us

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Redbacks' record rampage

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club won 14 junior premierships in the winter season which ended last month. It was the most successful season in the club's history.

The Redbacks had 15 boys and four girls teams in the grand finals and the results were highlighted by several high-graded victories.

Leading coach Ron McLellan (the recipient of the club's 1992 service award) took both his teams into the grand finals and emerged with a perfect record.

The 17AR boys dominated Eltham 67-53, Ben Dawson earning the most determined player award, and the 15A2 girls also beat Eltham, 28-21. Rebecca Withers was MDP in that hotly-contested affair.

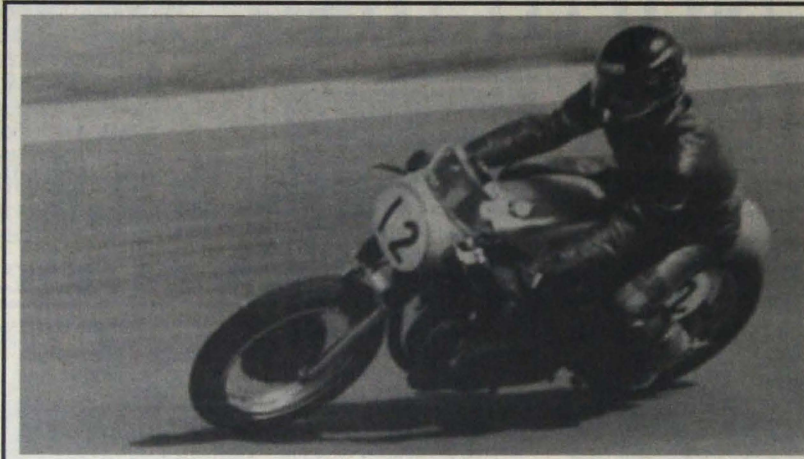
Gavin Whitmore also had two teams in the big day. His 11A2 boys cut it very fine, needing the finals seconds to clinch the title against Doncaster. Andrew Moore, who won the determination award, scored a basket inside the key with just three seconds to go to grab a 30-29 victory for Warrandyte.

Whitmore's 15BW boys were always in control against Eltham and won comfortably, 49-37.

Ben Dawson's 9AR side contributed to a bad night for Eltham by winning 32-23, Grant McAdam collecting the MDP award.

It was an exciting game for Christian Arseni's 11CMP boys, who pipped Koonung 38-34. Rory Pearson was adjudged MDP and Wesley Bellinger weighed in with 18 points, almost half Warrandyte's score.

The 13DAW team of Stan Slabon did it easily against Ivanhoe, cruising to a 42-24 victory, James Longworth top-scoring with nine points and taking the MDP award, and Peter Messerle's 13BS boys capped a marvellous season, in which they dropped only two games, with a 14-point win over Balwyn.



Greg Van Scoy—a passion for classic motorbikes and high speeds.

One man's world on wheels

By DAVID KUTCHER

Greg Van Scoy is a unknown local hero. He is a classic bike racer and a good one at that. Greg runs an automotive business in Warrandyte specialising in repairing Japanese cars. Funds from the business substantially contribute to his passion for racing classic motorcycles.

Greg has won the pre-1962 Phillip Island Classic three times. He was also the Aussie Classic Grand Prix Champion at Winton in 1988.

Recently Greg finished third in the Australian Phillip Island Classic. Not a bad effort for a guy who has no sponsor, builds his bikes from scratch, racing them at speeds of 220 kilometres an hour.

The prerequisite for classic racing is that all major components date back to pre-1962. Because of its vintage nature, the sport is time-consuming and costly. Greg is reluctant to say just how much he has spent on his bikes—mainly because he'd rather his wife didn't find out!

Greg will spend up to three days fine-tuning his bike for a race. He often drives to Sydney and Adelaide to compete.

If you'd like to see Greg and other classic bike riders in action, they'll be at the Calder Raceway on November 1. Come along and give one of Warrandyte's top sportsmen a cheer.

Joel McDonald won the MDP in Nicole Wilson's 9DA victory over Eltham, but the Wildcats took revenge in the 9B section when they downed Peter Wynne's boys. Rob Parke's 17D1 side crunched Koonung 41-21 and the 15DS side of Ken Earhart were never threatened in their 36-27 triumph over Doncaster.

Brian Dunne's 11CAW boys won their supplementary final against Bulleen, but Diane Stoyan's 13CAPs were beaten 35-41 by Ivanhoe,

The other boys teams were Peter McDonald's 11CMQs, who were edged out by just a point by Doncaster, and Paul Hasking's 15AR side, beaten by Heidelberg.

Ian Hodgson's 13C2 girls won a dramatic contest with Heidelberg, hanging on 26-24 with just two players on the court for the final seconds.

Peter Brian and Jim Pasinis jointly coached the 9B girls, who were defeated by Bulleen, but the 11C2 team of John Zigmantas defeated

Eltham 24-11 in their supplementary final.

Warrandyte were also successful in the annual Albury tournament. Six of the 13 Redbacks teams won through to the grand final, but only one—Gavin Whitmore's 12A boys—won all their five matches over the weekend.

Ron McLellan's 18Bs, Iain Hay's 12 and 14Bs, Damien Thwaites' 14A boys—along with Carter Zigmantas's 18 girls—were all runners-up.

Goldtown scores despite the rain

The ninth Goldtown Open tennis tournament was successfully concluded last month, despite Warrandyte's unusually wet spring. A record 335 players battled their way through the difficult conditions.

"The large number of entries this year was undoubtedly attracted by the higher prize money—now \$5000—and increased VTA points," a tournament organiser told the *Diary*. "We're planning to run the tournament over two full weekends next year, to cope with the demand."

The tournament was sponsored by clothing firm Biscote Britannia.

The men's open event was won by 18 year-old Leigh Holland, 1992 Victorian schoolboys champion. He defeated last year's runner-up, local international Ian Peter-Budge. Rain forced cancellation of the men's open doubles.

In the women's open singles, Shareen Bottrell, just returned from four months on the Euro-

pean circuit, defeated Wimbledon junior doubles champion Maija Avotins. Maija travelled down from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra to contest the event.

Shareen teamed with younger sister Tamlyn to take out the women's open doubles title.

Men's open winner Leigh Holland moves on from his success at Warrandyte to play the Ford Futures satellite series, commencing in Canberra on October 12 and culminating in the Sfida Masters, to be played at Warrandyte's Tarroona Avenue courts from November 2-8.

GOLDTOWN DETAILS

Open—Men's Singles: Leigh Holland d Ian Peter-Budge 6-2, 0-6, 6-3. Women's Singles: Shareen Bottrell d Maija Avotins 7-5, 6-2. Women's Doubles: Shareen Bottrell-Tamlyn Bottrell d Sally Cutler-Joanne Limmer 6-1, 6-4.

A-Grade—Men's Singles: Nalaka Dandoniya d Jason Seaborne 7-5, 1-6, 7-5. Women's Singles: Rachel White d Kym Laver 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

B-Grade—Men's Singles: Steven Hubbard d Bernhard Goeritz w/o. Men's Doubles: Steven Hubbard-Michael Smyth d Michael Marincic-Nick Apostolides 7-6, 6-4.

C-Grade—Men's Singles: David Nickel d David Begic 6-3, 6-0.



Goldtown winners Leigh Holland and Shareen Bottrell with sponsor Peter Piercey.

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Cricket season stalled

Melbourne's sodden September has put back the start of Warrandyte Cricket Club's season by at least two weeks.

The season was to have got under way on October 3, but grounds in the Ringwood District Cricket Association were unplayable after the September rains, which have affected many city and suburban competitions.

The start of the RDCA season has been officially deferred for a fortnight. Further rain in the meantime could further delay it.

Warrandyte's preparation for the new season has been severely hampered by the lack of a training venue.

"We've been unable to use our own ground because of council retraining work," WCC president Mark Davis told the *Diary*. "We had counted on using Stinton Reserve, but that has also been unavailable because of council work that started during the football season."

"It has meant that we have been practising indoors and on the hockey pitch at the Reynolds Road sports complex. The nets at the Warrandyte ground are only just usable and we might have to resort to the parking area for our Thursday training sessions."

Davis said the RDCA had not yet decided if or how the season's fixtures would be rearranged to compensate for the late start. Options included more one-day fixtures or Saturday-Sunday games.



SPORT

The pre-season setbacks have not dampened Warrandyte's enthusiasm. "Captain-coach John Sharman is rearing to go," Davis said, "and his enthusiasm is contagious. We have signed two new senior players and we expect a much-improved performance from the first eleven."

The new signings are left-arm opening bowler Harry Drysdale (from Oakleigh) and middle-order batsman Campbell Horlock (Waverley).

Warrandyte will field 11 teams—six men's sides, the women's eleven, under-16s, under-14s and two under-12s. New players are welcome for all divisions.

"The only good thing to come out of the late start is that it has given us the chance to further strengthen our playing numbers," Davis said. "Anyone who fancies a game of cricket is very welcome to try out with us."

The Dytes will again hold a Friday-evening Kanga cricket competition this season for primary school boys and girls. The event, well supported last season, will start in November.

A past players night will be held in the clubrooms on Friday, October 16, starting at 8 pm. The club urges as many former players as possible to be there to renew old friendships.

Busy boy Dale is top clubman

Dale McCartin, a member of one of Warrandyte's most illustrious sporting families, has won Warrandyte Football Club's best clubman award for 1992. The award was made in recognition of his services on and off the field.

A reserves and sometimes senior player, McCartin was seconded to the committee as players' representative this season by president Laurie Sloan.

"Dale was a unanimous choice for this award," Sloan told the *Diary*. "He has been an excellent committee member and a great worker. If a job—whether it be behind the bar or whatever—needed to be done, he was always there and happy to do it."

The Daryl Valentine Perpetual Trophy for the most

determined player in the seniors was won by defender James Weatherly, a player noted for his courage in the crunches.

Greg Creber was adjudged most improved senior player. The winners were announced at the club's presentation night last month at the Park Orchards Chalet.

Mark Papez was awarded the Jeff Darby Perpetual Trophy as most determined in the reserves.

As reported in the September *Diary*, ruckman Kimberley O'Connor won the senior best and fairest award for the second year in a row. He scored from rover Glen McCartin and wingman Brad Valentine.

Mark Harbolt won the reserves award from David Joy,

with Papez and Steve Warr tying for third.

Former Bloods star Gary (Madge) Allsop, who was crippled in an on-field accident in 1989, was a special guest at the junior club presentation day. Allsop presented the best clubpersons award named in his honour.

They were won by Rhonda Lawrence, for her services in the canteen, and under-16s team manager Alan Bellinger.

It was a good season for the junior club, the under-10s leading the way with 12 wins from 14 games. They have lost only nine of 42 matches in the past three seasons.

"We are very proud to see so many of our past juniors being so successful in the senior teams," said club president Greg Alchin. "The senior team this season was almost full of former Warrandyte junior players and they did the junior club proud by making the grand final."

The club has bought 50 helmets, compulsory headgear for the under-10s and also available to the under-12s, 14s and 16s. It has also bought new dressing gowns and track-suits for the interchange players and the trainers and runners now have new official uniforms.

In accordance with club policy, all junior coaching and assistant coaching positions for 1993 have been declared open. Applications are invited now and up to January 8 by phoning Alchin (437 12480 or secretary Phillip Meade (844 2733) or by writing to The Secretary, WJFC, PO Box 151, Warrandyte 3113.

The club is short of jumpers because some past players have not returned them. Their return can be arranged by phoning either of the above numbers.



Greg Creber

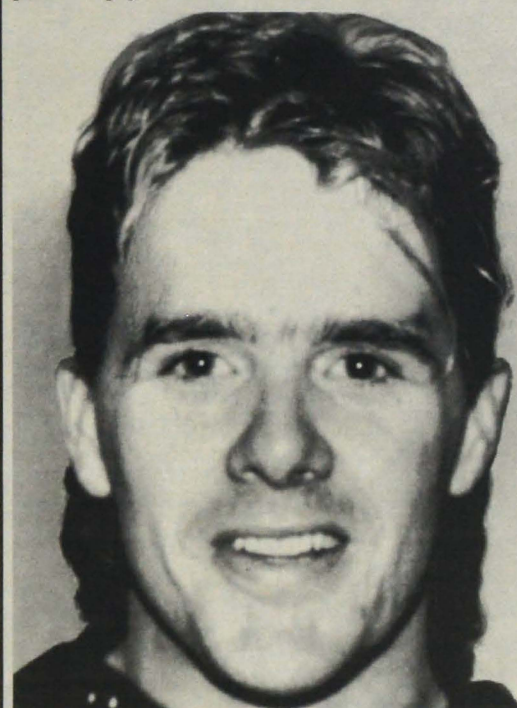
Junior trophy winners:
Under-10: Best and fairest: Nathan Lear 1, Luke Naughtin 2, Tim Gurner, Rocky Lobosco, Jeremy Selleck 3. Most improved: Campbell Holland. Coach's award: James Riddell. Training award: Andrew Provis.

Under-12: Best and fairest: Liam Mulcahy 1, Marcus Meade 2, Aidan Davey 3. Most improved: Brett Camfield. Coach's award: Frank Lobosco. Training award: Cameron Aitken.

Under-14: Best and fairest: Nick Brisbane, Dean Nightingall 1; Justin Edwards 2, Tim Hamilton 3. Most improved: Adam Burbidge. Coach's award: Marcus Imbery. Training award: Adam Youl. Len Woods Perpetual Shield: Nick Brisbane, Dean Nightingall.

Under-16: Best and fairest: Ray Bellinger 1, Billy Hose 2, Stuart Cronin 3. Most improved: Heath McAdam. Coach's award: Craig Dove. Training award: Fernando Guy. Lions Club Perpetual Shield: Ray Bellinger.

All players were presented with team photographs and the under-10 and under-12 players received individual trophies.



James Weatherly, the Bloods' most determined.

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AGM to launch campaign

Warrandyte Football Club will hold its annual general meeting at the clubrooms on Monday, October 26, starting at 8 pm. The meeting will elect office-bearers and president Laurie Sloan, who has already announced that he will be seeking another term, will outline plans for the Bloods' 1993 premier-ship campaign.

"I urge all members to be at this meeting," Mr Sloan said. "It is vital to next season's plans that we elect a full committee. We will also be looking for a social committee, and area in which we fell down this season."

The club's senior and reserves coaching positions have been advertised and appointments are expected before the AGM.

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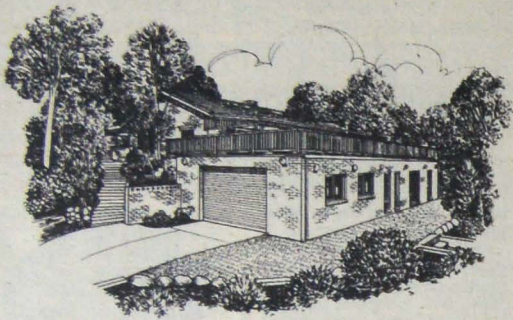


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