

Our new centre wins top spot

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte's new community centre was honored at a leading design award presentation at Government House last month.

The centre won the major award in the 1992 Charles La Trobe Design for Living Award—Residential Environment Category.

The judges—leading architects, town planners and landscape designers—applauded the centre as "a culmination of community social responsiveness, playing a central part in the life of the residents of the Warrandyte community".

Cr Vernon Denford, chairman of the centre's management group, accepted the award from the Governor, The Hon Richard

McGarvie, at the ceremony on October 14.

The awards acknowledge those at the forefront of designing and developing more socially responsive and liveable environments in Victoria.

The chairman of the award committee, Professor Les Kilmartin, told the *Diary* that the award was inaugurated in 1990 in response "to growing concern regarding the impact of poorly planned residential environments on families and individuals".

Introducing the main award winner, Mr Terry Cocks, vice-chairman of the award, described the Warrandyte Community Centre as "a fine example of what can result from a group of enlightened and committed community representatives working together for the benefit of the whole community".



Delighted Warrandyte representatives, Cr Vernon Denford (left) and Beverley Hanson, pose with the Governor of Victoria, following the awards presentation. (Picture by Andrew Lucas)

"When the site had been put on the market in the late 70s," he said, "the community, fearing a large commercial development, united to press for a community centre.

"The residents were represented by the Warrandyte Advisory Committee who undertook local surveys of the need for community facilities.

"Public campaigns were held and community pressure was applied to the city councillors.

"While not initially successful, the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, with assistance from the Shire of Eltham, eventually purchased the site.

"A new building was not originally envisaged but it soon became obvious that one would be necessary. Architects Whitford and Peck were appointed and further community consultation took place.

"The final building form and materials were designed to complement and reinforce the character of Warrandyte.

"The building itself is designed around a central foyer which links the users and doubles as a performance space.

"The building is managed by the community and the excellent condition it is in and the level of activity which occurs within it reflect the importance of this facility to the local residents.

"It was particularly pleasing to see how an understanding of community needs and the resulting comprehensive brief given to a sensitive and skilful architect produced a building which responds so well to the social and physical needs of the community.

"Further, the involvement and support of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Shire of Eltham is to be commended."

The centre was entered for the award by Cr Denford, on behalf of the community. He undertook considerable research, preparing the formal entry booklet and accompanying photographs and

documents. The judging panel spent some time visiting and inspecting the centre, observing activities here and interviewing local residents.

A second major award, in the Promotion of Ideas Category, was won by the Jennings Group for the Cranbourne-Lyndhurst Town Planning Charrette.

A certificate of merit was awarded, in the same category as our centre won the main award, to the City of South Melbourne for their Nature Links project.

This project involved council and local community coming together and landscaping and planting "left-over areas in residential and other environments within the municipality.

"Not only are these areas now becoming very attractive but they are also used as an educational resource in displaying a variety of habitats. Where appropriate, the original natural environment has been recreated."

The award itself, a handsome bronze plaque featuring a cameo of Joseph La Trobe, is to be hung in the foyer of the centre.

As well as Cr Vernon Denford, the awards ceremony was attended by Alan King (Warrandyte Advisory Committee), Beverley Hanson (landscape designer for the centre) and Cliff Green from the *Diary*.

The awards were sponsored by Melbourne Water, the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and Family Action.



Phil Honeywood

We swing 'true blue'

By DAVID WYMAN

In the recent state elections, Phil Honeywood converted Warrandyte from an historically marginal state seat into a 'true blue' Liberal stronghold.

In 1988 he won by a narrow margin and a swing to the Liberals of only 1.3 per cent. His recent victory was achieved through a massive 15 per cent swing, the largest swing to the Liberals in any seat in the state.

Overall in the Warrandyte electorate, Mr Honeywood received 63.8 per cent of primary votes. With distribution of preferences on a two-party preferred basis, he had 66.5 per cent of the vote.

In both Warrandyte booths, people voted two-to-one Liberal to Labor. In Park Orchards, where Mr Honeywood lives, Labor received only 16.5 per cent of primary votes.

"I'd like to think I had something to do with that," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*. "But the main concerns of the electorate seem to have been the 10 years of macro economic mismanagement—and that it was time for a change.

"Warrandyte and Park Orchards people tend to vote on local issues compared to the pattern across the state. The Labor Party treated you with disdain, nominating a Richmond resident the day before nominations closed—and some two weeks into the campaign.

"There was no opportunity for people to hear or read any debate," Mr Honeywood said.

"You've given me a strong mandate and I thank you for it. I won't take it for granted."

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Catering course is still a goer

Plans for a hospitality training scheme for local unemployed people, organised by Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is still on course.

"Despite unavoidable setbacks and delays," neighbourhood house coordinator Margory Lapworth told the *Diary*, "we still have high hopes that the course will be underway before too long.

"Negotiations are proceed-

ing with Skillshare in Ringwood," Margory said. "Part-funding for the scheme will be available, if they agree to become involved.

"We are hoping that we can get the course operating by February next year."

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CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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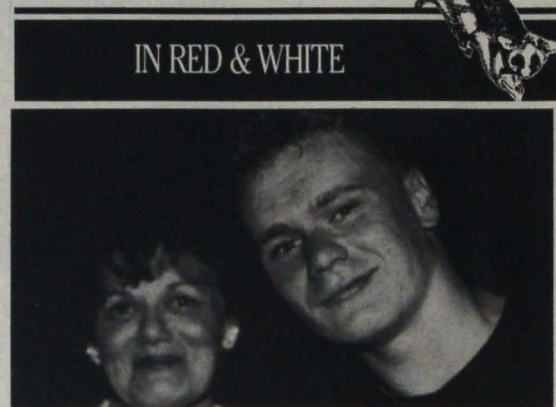
 Peter Curry, of Betton Crescent, is a modest young bloke who would rather not have his name and photo in the *Diary*. But his story is too good not to be shared. Peter, 24, is by no means a theatre buff, but the Phantom Of The Opera hype kind of got to him and he just had to see it. He had to wait a long time for tickets for himself and his friend Lisa Duggan and when the big night came they sat spell-bound in their \$65 seats. But when the chandelier hit the stage to signal interval, they thought it was The End. And they went home!

 When Peter's mum and dad, Barbara and David, asked him how he'd enjoyed the show, he said "very much, but it was a bit short and the ending was a bit strange". The *Diary* wrote to the Princess Theatre asking if there was any way Peter and Lisa could be accommodated to see the second half of The Phantom. No response so far, but we still think there's a ghost of a chance of the management entering into the spirit of thing.

 We're all budding authors here at the *Diary*, and occasionally one of us bursts into bloom. We've had a rich crop lately. Last month we celebrated the launching of Flying Colours, a beautiful book on moths and butterflies by our nature writer Pat Coupar and husband Mike. This month we're welcoming The Shenandoah Affair, a novel by Paul Williams, one of our cartoonists. Published by Hodder and Stoughton, it's an historical romance set against the true events surrounding the visit of a Confederate raider to Melbourne during the American Civil War. And not one of the characters is called Cyril!


 They really will steal anything, you know, and not even the plants, in the Warrandyte Community Centre garden are safe. Someone has been periodically pinching them for some time now and the latest casualty is a magnificent boronia bush. We think it was a pretty silly choice because you can smell boronia a long way off and that sweet, powerful scent might just lead someone who cares to the thief's door.


 We told you in June how a lovely young lady turned our cynical bus stop spy into a sentimental old fool by kissing her hubby twice and with meaning when he dropped her off in the 4WD, then tendering a \$50 note for a \$5 fare—and getting away with it. Don't worry, we have back copies if you missed it. The spy phoned again the other day with a new lump in his throat. "Saw 'em again!" he said. "Great-




Peter Curry and his mum, Barbara

est love story since Romeo and Whatshername. He dropped her at the bus stop, did a U-turn and waited across the road until she was actually on the bus. And they blew little kisses to each other. You gotta tell people about this couple. They're so much in love it's incredible! Isn't it great? Oh, and she's pregnant." Thank you, bus stop spy. We share your joy. And we suspect they'll have quite a large family.


 And let's not leave the wedded bliss scene without congratulating Keith and Hazel Shields, of Pound Road, who celebrated their golden wedding late last month. They met in 1939, when Hazel was a Mornington girl and Keith was in army camp there, and moved to Warrandyte in 1945. The Shields have five children, 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

 Ed Fisher reckons the dress code at the Grand Hotel's swish new bistro is a bit over the top. He was politely asked to go away one recent night—because he was wearing perfectly decent and fashionable runners (or sports shoes or whatever you like to call them). Ed, wife Jan, Robin and Julie Batty and two out-of-town guests had dropped in for coffee and a nightcap on their way home from a night out, but it was not to be. We suspect the rules have been relaxed because we noticed several pairs of such shoes there one night since and we know a lady who dined at the bistro in jeans and runners and saw out the entire evening.


 Warrandyte's Tahn Reid is a past master at cutting it fine. Not just because he's a chef, either. A short lifetime ago, baby Tahn was cutting it fine on the last flight out of Saigon. This September he did it again, just making the last flight out of New Orleans ahead of Hurricane Andrew. Tahn graduated as a chef just before leaving for America in the hope of getting

IN RED & WHITE

experience through short-term work. He fell in love with New Orleans, even slipping into the habit of calling it "Nolens" like the locals. Tahn had to choose between a job interview or the escape route as Andrew bore down on the city. He chose the flight, of course, weighed down by some excellent recipe books. It seems that he was meant to come home, as he stepped straight into work at the George Hotel in St Kilda. Tahn and his brother Duc are both in the hospitality industry and hope that, in future, Tahn's cutting it fine will all be done on the chopping block.

 A house in Webb Street has been flying a New Zealand flag at half-mast from their TV antenna these past few weeks. Smokey can't work out if they're Labor supporters in mourning, Liberal voters who can't get the darned thing any higher, or expat Kiwis lamenting the plight of the poor folks at home.

 *Diary* sub-editor Georgi Stickels, who moonlights as a checkout chick at Harry's supermarket, reports on the new young dad who fronted the counter earlier this month with a huge pile of disposable nappies—unused. "The wife's had an attack of the greens," he mumbled, "and now refuses to use these things." No sweat. Harry's took them back with a smile, refunding the full retail cost. But Georgi hopes the new young mum is using a fully biodegradable, non-phosphate detergent.

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Life under Liberals — in our town

By DAVID WYMAN

State MP Phil Honeywood has reaffirmed his commitment to Warrandyte's environment and foresees fairly rapid progress in the resolution of some major issues confronting residents.

In an exclusive interview with the *Diary*, Mr Honeywood said he would "fight tooth and nail" to ensure that nothing was done to change Warrandyte's unique environment.

He claimed extension of the Eastern Freeway would solve many of Warrandyte's traffic problems, and bus transport would improve when public services were privatised.

Mr Honeywood said he was hopeful that Warrandyte would have its own accommodation units for senior citizens in the foreseeable future.

The *Diary* asked Mr Honeywood a series of questions covering some of the most prominent issues at large in the town.

Diary: Our way of life here is tied to the Green Wedge concept, which a clear majority of people wish to see preserved. How secure is our Green Wedge?

Honeywood: Whilst I'm the member for Warrandyte, the situation will stay as it is now. My commitment to the Green Wedge and to retention of our environment is well known and well documented. I'll fight tooth and nail to ensure nothing will change in that regard.

I've had a number of discussions with the new Minister for Planning and he wants the current situation to prevail—in keeping with our concern that there be diversity of lifestyle throughout the northern metropolitan region.

If we are about giving people diversity of lifestyle choice, we should be preserving unique areas such as this.

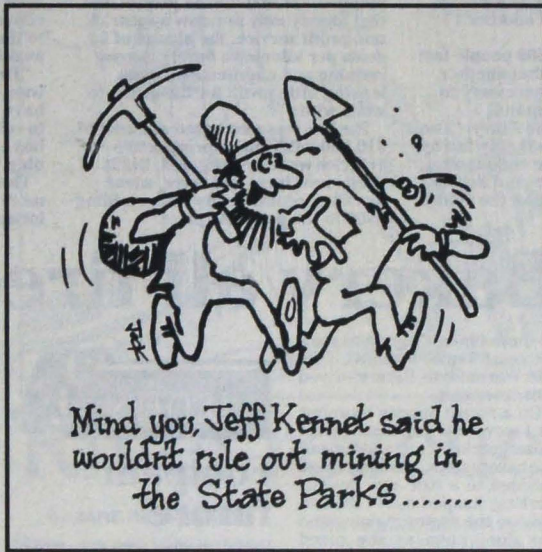
The Green Wedge, don't forget, was a concept introduced by a Liberal government under Hamer. The idea was to provide the lungs around Melbourne.

Diary: And the future for our community—which we think is pretty unique too?

Honeywood: Warrandyte's a special community. You cannot hope to be representing the people of Warrandyte district without taking a close interest in local community concerns. There's a good spirit here and I wouldn't want to do anything to change that. I live here (in Park Orchards) too, you know!

Diary: Will dual occupancy ever surface again?

Honeywood: No way! For bushfire and topographical reasons, most importantly for the character of the area, I will con-



Mind you, Jeff Kennet said he wouldn't rule out mining in the State Parks.....

tinue to support no dual occupancy in Residential C.

Diary: The increase in traffic—cars and trucks—is a worry for many people living here. What's going to happen in the future?

Honeywood: The only answer is a sensible solution to our main roads problem. Mr Kennet has reiterated the coalition's commitment to the Eastern Freeway, as a full freeway from Doncaster to Ringwood.

Currently, a lot of motorists use the back roads into Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and Milne Road to avoid traffic congestion on Maroondah Highway. You've got to give drivers the incentive to have a faster run on a freeway which will be well to the south of Warrandyte, to get them off our local roads.

On safety grounds, pollution grounds, waste of time, use of extra fossil fuel, a freeway with no traffic lights is the only way to ensure a sensible solution to Warrandyte's traffic problems.

The extension of the freeway is a federal government funded project. The only problem we've got is that the money for the freeway was allocated by the federal government for use by the state some four years ago as part of the Bicentennial Roads Project.

I believe over \$150 million was handed over. We have been unable to get any clear indication from the federal government as

to whether the money is there.

Diary: How do you see the future for public transport here, given there are many critics of the system?

Honeywood: I think there has to be a balance between public and private transport. There has been an imbalance in the past 10 years. There's been so much emphasis placed on public transport—particularly rail—which hasn't helped our area.

Under the coalition's public transport policy, we are committed to privatising the entire government bus fleet.

I firmly believe that this is going to be to Warrandyte's benefit. The town's bus services have been suffering from a trade union demarcation dispute. Because of this, we've been relying on buses from Fitzroy depot instead of from Doncaster depot.

On a number of buses, drivers refuse to set passengers down when they want to get off between Warrandyte and the city.

A number of students have contacted me, very upset. They have had to get up at the crack of dawn and travel to the city and then catch another bus or train back to their school.

Until such time as we free up the system we're not going to get a good service.

The previous Minister for Transport commissioned a survey of the system—public versus private—and it concluded that there was a 50 per cent effi-

ciency gain to be made if buses were privatised.

That's a commitment I'm looking forward to out here because it will mean a better service. And we're not going to use the gains made by a transfer from public to private in consolidated revenue. The government is committed to using the money in public transport, such as providing increased bus routes.

Diary: Our state park areas enrich our environment. The management plan doesn't appear to have got off the ground and it was rumored at one time that Warrandyte State Park would merge with Melbourne Water parks. What goes on?

Honeywood: We are committed to retaining the integrity of the ranger service in the state park. We don't believe that Melbourne Water is the appropriate body to be looking after state parks. State and national parks are part of our heritage and require professional management by trained rangers.

Under our environment policy, we are committed to reviewing the management plans of all state and national parks. Warrandyte State Park's management plan will be reviewed as part of this process.

There is obviously a limit to how much public usage we can allow in the park before we start to damage it. As part of the review, I would be concerned to ensure that we don't encourage hoards of people to come here by providing extra car parking in the park.

Diary: What's the status of the proposed local accommodation for Warrandyte's senior citizens?

Honeywood: Since the *Diary* raised this matter I have visited local church ministers and had discussions on accommodation for Warrandyte's elderly citizens. The Uniting Church has expressed the most interest.

The biggest problem has been to locate available, fairly level land. I am hopeful that we will be able to come up with a project that will be initially funded by the church, which would recoup its money by sale of the units.

Some accommodation would be available for those local residents who would not have the financial means to purchase. And I'm keen that we have enough land there for a future hostel or nursing home, to make it an integrated project.

Lil bows out

The Lions Club opportunity shop has had many farewells in recent months. Following Alice Watson's accident and the hospitalisation of Jack Huxtable, Lil Heatley has decided to call it a day, after five years serving behind the counter.

On Lil's last day, Lions president Dieter Retz said goodbye on behalf of the club and presented Lil with flowers and a certificate of appreciation.

"Lil has worked diligently for the good of the Warrandyte community for many years and has earned the respect and admiration of the regular customers to the shop," he said. "With the departure of Alice and Jack, Lil was our mainstay in the shop until a manager could be appointed."

The club has now appointed Mrs Fay Lennon retail manager



Lions president Dieter Retz farewells opp shop stalwart Lil Heatley

of the shop.

"I just love opp shops," Fay told the *Diary*. She brings to her job the years of experience she gained setting up and operating an opportunity shop for the Victorian Association for Deaf Children.

"The club and the opportunity shop are required to sup-

port a large and growing number of charitable activities in this depressed climate," Dieter Retz said.

Opportunity shop proceeds are available to organisations in Warrandyte on a shared basis, to assist them in fund raising. A contribution of stock and manpower entitles a group to

half the net proceeds. This arrangement can run for two weeks in any one year, so many organisations can benefit.

Applications from groups interested in this arrangement should be made in writing to the Manager, Lions Opportunity Shop, 168-78 Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113.

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Public Comments Invited Youth Policy

The draft of Council's Youth Policy will be on public display in Secondary Schools, Branch Libraries, Doncaster and Templestowe Youth Resource Centre, Warrandyte Youth Services and the Municipal Offices from 2nd November 1992 to 28th November 1992. Comments are invited from interested groups/individuals.

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Community bus seeks express run

By JANE RICHARDSON

The Warrandyte Community Transport Group, now in its second stage of development, has added a 45 seater bus to its fleet.

The bus was purchased to meet demand from local schools and other users of the service, thus making the group more efficient in picking up the extra work that commercial buses can't handle.

But the bus has been sitting at the back of the community centre, its future unknown, until adequate funding can be found to make it operational.

The community transport group runs Warrandyte's community bus, serving many in the town, including

the schools, shuttling students to and from school, sporting events and excursions. Local clubs, churches and the senior citizens also use the bus.

The service began in 1987, after a year or so of committee meetings and planning. In 1989 the group purchased their first small bus, currently in use, with finance from Lions, Apex and Rotary clubs. They also received council funding.

The original bus had been used for disabled people and could only

carry nine passengers, but committee head Colin Bentley and driver Rob Golding installed another 11 seats.

The bus carried 18,500 people last year, making it clear that another, larger, bus would be necessary to cope with growing demand.

Colin Bentley told the *Diary*: "The future of the second bus may fall by the wayside unless the community gets behind the project and assists with the funding to make the vehicle operational".

The former state government had pledged \$14,000 for the project, but that money may not now appear. A non-profit service, the charge of 60 cents per kilometre barely covers running and maintenance costs, leaving little profit for the group to work with.

The bus was purchased at a cost of \$10,700, after many prospective vehicles were investigated. But it needs new tyres and some minor work to become roadworthy, adding \$500 to the purchase price.

Colin Bentley said the group is running on a shoestring budget, with only \$400 for running costs.

Storage poses another problem. The community centre management committee will allow a garage to be built behind the centre. This is a convenient location as it's so central to the town, but finance is not available for this project either.

"The community has said they want the bus to function, but they have to support the project and help to raise money to get this additional bus on the road and keep it running," Colin said.

The transport group is also seeking more drivers, particularly retired locals with endorsed licenses.

Larger vehicle refit calls for funds

Bakery all fired up

In these times it's great to see a successful small business. Take the Warrandyte Bakery; if you can get near it.

On a recent Sunday morning, as I wove my way through the dozen parked cars and neared the bakery steps, a woman driver skidded to a halt and, double-parking, jumped out of the car, leaving the engine running and the door open as she raced ahead of me down the steps.

I was sure they made more than one of everything, but obviously she wasn't.

Once inside, with the freshly baked delights barely visible beyond the crowd, I could hear another woman being peevish about someone being served before her.

The staff were quick and efficient. The shelves were brimming. The business is obviously booming.

Perhaps the shoppers could relax a bit and enjoy the sweet smell of success as they wait.

Judy Macdonald
Somers Road

LETTERS

Footpath furore

I am disgusted with the state of the footpaths along Yarra Street. We elderly people and disabled people and the people with prams are the main people who rely on walking to get around.

I have asked Doncaster council for three years now to put a firm surface on the footpath instead of gravel, which gets washed away.

A poor horse slipped on the gravel at Everard Drive and tipped a boy off.

It's time the council spent money on fixing up our footpaths.

Beryl Steans
Warrandyte

Vacancies for Laborers

At the state elections on October 3 there were 625 people who voted for the Australian Labor Party at the Warrandyte polling booth.

We thank you for your support and would be very interested to hear from you, to gauge your reactions to the new state government.

Offers of help for the forthcoming federal elections also would be welcome: letterboxing, handing out how-to-vote cards on election day and scrutineering. Not to mention putting up posters of the candidate in your garden.

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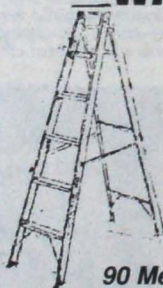
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REVIEW

By LOUISE JOY

The rafters of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall rang with music when the Warrandyte Community Band supported the Whitehorse Orchestra and Dance Band in a concert one Sunday afternoon last month.

A small group of youthful local musicians, conducted by Barry McKimm, took the stage after the interval. They raised the roof as they performed the Alley Cat and Banana Boat song, followed by more complicated Spanish works. Perhaps here is the embryo of a full Warrandyte Symphony Orchestra, if regular rehearsals before school at Warrandyte Primary continue to attract musicians in years to come.

What a wonderful start for youngsters, to hear a fine amateur orchestra conducted by Warrandyte's own Gerald Keuneman in the classical Also Sprach Zarathustra, by Richard Strauss, and the first movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto.

Toddlers nestled in their mothers' arms in an audience of more than 60.

After Barry McKimm's band, the Whitehorse Orchestra returned for a sparkling encore, and the dance band then let go with that great old number, "I can't get started with you". Bol Ansdic's smoky voice recalled those old-time dance halls.

Wit and variety in programming was the secret of this enjoyable afternoon, and before long we were all singing the Teddy Bears' Picnic.

This performance with a twist had all the elements of a good old-fashioned musical afternoon.



River rescues rising

By JANE RICHARDSON

River rescues are becoming more common in Warrandyte, with poorly equipped victims taking more risks than they are capable of handling.

The first, on October 3, involved a young canoeist, whose canoe rolled, wrapping itself around the boy's legs. He was pinned to a pylon under Warrandyte Bridge for 45 minutes before police arrived from Eltham. The delay occurred because the bridge is considered part of Eltham shire.

The standard procedure in an emergency like this is to contact the State Emergency Service in Doncaster, but this too could have resulted in a lengthy delay.

The boy was eventually freed by CFA and SEC workers and people from the Canoe Shed at the bridge shops.

The following Sunday two men, without essentials such as helmets and wetsuits and overestimating their own skill, were caught in an eddy, or whirlpool, in the swollen river.

They were tipped out of their canoe near the Pound Bend tunnel, and while one man made it to shore, the other was knocked on the head and washed through the tunnel before grabbing a tree at the other end.

Once again Canoe Shed people made the rescue, leaving the upturned and damaged canoe in the river.

The following day another man tried to recover the canoe for his own benefit. He slipped on the bank and had to be retrieved from a nearby tree.

Gavin Widdicombe, a Canoe Shed worker who was involved in the rescues, told the *Diary*

that the men were "fools" to have even been on the river in the first place.

"We need to stress that safety equipment is essential when canoeing on the river; a wetsuit to protect against the cold, a life jacket and a helmet at the very least."

As summer approaches and more people venture onto the river, it is essential that everyone knows how to safeguard themselves in the water.

Local police officer, Sergeant Keith Walker, advises residents that if an emergency arises, they should contact the relevant authorities; police or Doncaster SES, and the Canoe Shed, on 844 2502. The crew at the shop are fully trained in rescue and resuscitation procedures, and above all, are the closest to the river if an accident occurs.

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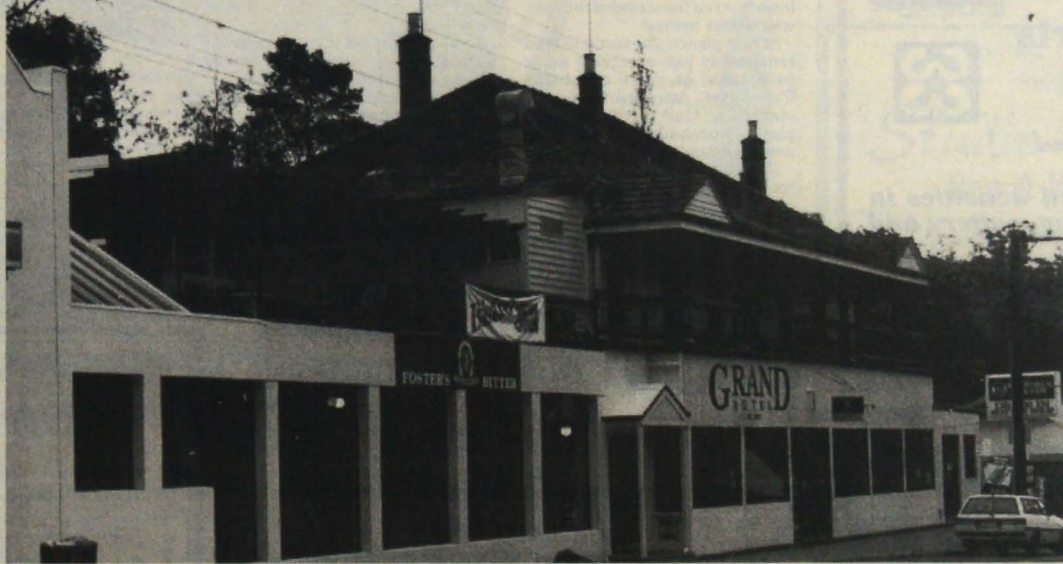
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DEAR *Diary* readers, Some people just don't want to be helped. Two months ago I outlined a technique for revolutionising the failing economy of our community. I showed how it was possible for money to spin around in Warrandyte like my head does after a night on Peter Maher's wine. The idea was simple. As everyone has information they want either suppressed or passed on, the skill lay in deciding who was the best person to be bribed to prevent or assist the offending or flattering facts being spilled to the rest of the populace.

Money was to be paid into bank accounts or handed over in cash. As can be seen from the address above, the system has international fiscal benefits.

Thanks, Cliff, I received the money to shut me up about the you-know-what in Byron Bay. Have you decided how much it is worth for me to write an article in the house magazine of the Australian Taxation Office about the financial difficulties of being a writer and, consequently, how little you earned last year? When you do, just slip it into a brown paper envelope and give it to Smokey Joe. And my reason for borrowing

Gail Macrae's high heel shoes has nothing to do with anyone but those of us at Richard Hely's party!

I'm sorry if this letter is a little fragmented. I lose my concentration as lots of Warrandytes keep calling in to thank me. Chris Farmakis just dropped by. He loves it here but he does have one complaint. His Porsche isn't really suited to the local twisting roads. He should try getting round them in my Roller, I told him as we watched the sunset and sipped gin slings on our private balcony.

Such are the problems some of us are facing in the post-Rogernomic Warrandyte economy.

Chris asked me to pass on how grateful he was to all the guys in the front bar at the Grand, and to all the team members of the footy, cricket and tennis clubs. The first bloke in to buy condoms had it easy. All Chris had to do from then on was let slip that the guy before had bought double the requested quantity—and size—and voila, Chris's sales skyrocketed. He even placed a Stud of the Week

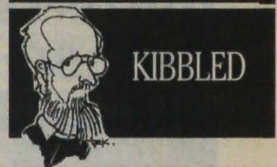
blackboard in his front window.

Sorry, another interruption. A phone call from home. The system worked so well with the local beauticians that there are none left to coiffe the curls of our ladies.

A walk down the strip at Kuta any day and there you'll find the personnel of Chantik, Way Ahead and Lorie's Leg Waxing. They've kept all their client files with them and whenever funds run short, they fax a letter to another terrified greying, balding, ageing, hairy or wrinkling victim.

Until recently, those of us 'born to fool' have thought the system reasonably liberal. Unfortunately, this may have to end. As with any enlightened plan, there are detractors and narks, who for one selfish reason or another, have to spoil things.

Word has reached me that there are some people who are not playing the game. This not only destroys my faith in the common sense of the folk back home, it also seriously affects my desire to shift upmarket to the Amadari resort; the one Elle, Mick, Elton and the



rich Americans use. I had expected, with the next mail delivery, to be saying goodbye to luxury and hello to complete hedonism.

This, so it seems, is not to be. Warrandytes are beginning to balk at paying for what was considered in past unenlightened pre-Me times as courtesy, consideration and professionalism.

Proof of this heinous state of affairs is that Graeme Ritchie, accountant and tax agent extraordinaire, is still driving a geriatric Prelude and a few-years-old Pajero. Surely a man with his store of sensitive information should have been able to make the system work!

C'est la vie, however. It was fun while it lasted. I was just saying to Skasey and Bondy, sometimes I feel depressed when I realise that the economic vision of people like us just hasn't been appreciated.

See my back in Harry's. Cheers!

ROGER (heavily disguised) KIBBLE

A dinosaur's descendant in a bushland grotto



NATURE
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

IT WAS like passing through a door and entering another world. Daylight turned to semi-darkness under the dense canopy of Burgan. A tangle of branches and foliage blocked the sky, allowing only a fine tracery of light to fall on the mossy ground below.

The silence and stillness of this secret place was disconcerting. There was no breeze to rustle the leaves. There were no birds, no insects, even the sound of the river was left far behind.

At first glance, the turtle looked remarkably like a carving made from stone or, more commonly these days, moulded from concrete. The kind of thing people place as ornaments around garden pools and rockeries.

The animal remained as motionless as a rock, its long, snake-like neck extended, wrinkle-bound eyes watching, unblinking. Only when I crouched down to touch it did the creature make any movement. But safety for this animal lay, not in rapid retreat, nor ag-

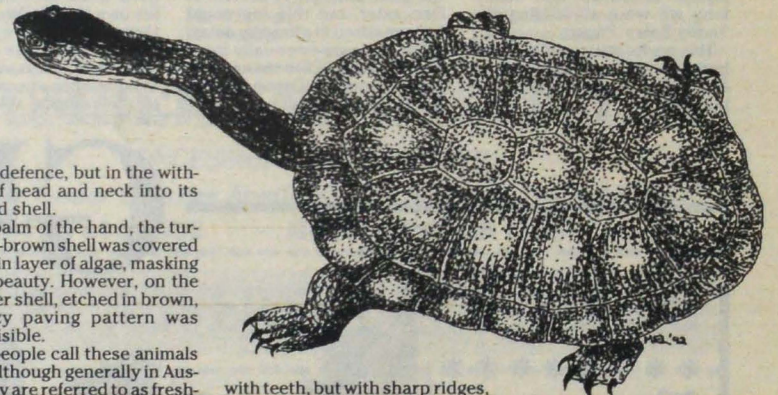
gressive defence, but in the withdrawal of head and neck into its armoured shell.

In the palm of the hand, the turtle's grey-brown shell was covered with a thin layer of algae, masking its true beauty. However, on the pale lower shell, etched in brown, the crazy paving pattern was clearly visible.

Some people call these animals turtles, although generally in Australia they are referred to as freshwater tortoises, to distinguish them from the marine turtles.

Long-necked tortoises are common inhabitants of most slow moving rivers and lakes of eastern Australia.

Although appearing genial and unhurried on land this reptile is an active and ruthless hunter in water. It catches fish and frogs with a sideways lunge of its long neck. Powerful jaws armed, not



with teeth, but with sharp ridges, tear the unfortunate prey to shreds. Long claws on the end of the webbed feet assist in the butchery.

Tortoises and turtles share a long natural history, of at least 200 million years. Like crocodiles, they are living reminders of their extinct relatives, the dinosaurs.

Immersed in the atmosphere of that dimly lit forest, the years slipped backwards. Not many ani-

mals have survived so long virtually unchanged, but perhaps change has not been necessary with such an effective means of protection against predators.

But how would they fare in the future, facing problems such as loss of habitat, and water pollution? To the turtle, stretching out its neck to peer around pensively, one can only say, "Good luck".

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Council plan for Colman

By TONY PEART

Tucked away beside the Croydon Road in South Warrandyte lies Colman Park, for which the City of Doncaster and Templestowe have recently drawn up a five year management plan.

Valuable wildflower areas have been identified in the park and the eucalypts and acacias provide an attractive, shady backdrop for the football and cricket oval, tennis courts and pony club located within its boundaries.

Colman Park was named after John Colman, along-serving councillor and three times president

of what was, in his day, the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe.

John Colman was one of a number of South Warrandyte residents who dug deep in May 1957 to lend money, totalling 1800 pounds, to the shire to enable it to purchase the land which today is Colman Park, for recreational purposes.

That dedication was continued in his service as a councillor.

On September 3, 1954, following John's retirement, council minutes had recorded "appreciation for your service as councillor for the Warrandyte Riding over a long period... and of the keen interest you have always shown in the affairs of the council."

"During 25 years of service as a councillor you have occupied the Shire President's chair on three occasions and have always filled that position with distinction both to yourself and to the shire."

However, the Colman family's link to the park was perpetuated by Cashen Fitzgerald, who married John Colman's daughter, Gwen.

He was secretary and treasurer of the Colman Park Committee of Management for 10 years, but his involvement goes back even further.

The current president of the committee, Bruce Templeton, said Cashen Fitzgerald had been a member of the committee for longer than his records show.

Sadly, Cashen did not live to see the recent completion of several improvements funded by council, after tirelessly campaigning for them over many years. He died in June aged 71.

A fanatical footballer, Cashen had played for Hawthorn, South Melbourne and Ringwood, and coached sides from Ringwood, Warrandyte and Norwood.

Perhaps the cricket pavilion the park now boasts could be named the Cashen Fitzgerald Pavilion?

CASHEN FITZGERALD

Park carer moves on

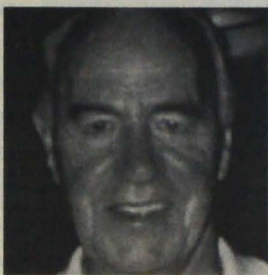
More than 200 members of Warrandyte and nearby communities gathered recently to farewell a great sportsman and devoted community worker.

Cashen Fitzgerald, a Hawthorn footballer in days of old, died in June. He was 71.

Colman Park, in South Warrandyte, was Cashen's domain. He was the secretary of the park's committee of management for many years.

Born in Albert Park in 1921, Cashen developed a passion for sport, particularly football. He made his mark with the Ringwood Football Club, before moving on to South Melbourne. He even managed to keep up his skills while serving with the Sixth Battalion in Perth and Darwin during World War II.

After the war, Cashen went to



Cashen Fitzgerald

Hawthorn and in 1947 won the club's best and fairest award in the reserves.

But he returned to his old team and eventually became Ringwood's coach in 1959. He retired at the age of 38, and was

made a life member. However, his passion for the game never died and in 1961 he was named the first captain-coach of the Norwood Football Club.

He eventually hung up his boots at the age of 44, but remained closely tied to the football scene, joining the Hawthorn Past Players Association, serving on their committee.

No-one could interrupt Cashen watching his beloved Hawks. His family say he remained devoted to the end.

When an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital he was asked if he had suffered any recent traumatic experiences. He replied that the only thing that came to mind was the Hawks losing on Saturday!

He is survived by his wife Gwen and six children.

SEC trees project pays off

The State Electricity Commission has been working with local groups to restore areas of land to native bush, reducing their fire risk at the same time.

Land on Glynn's Road, which backs onto the state park in North Warrandyte, has been replanted with native plants after the SEC decided severe cutting was necessary to clear trees away from power lines on the reserve.

Melbourne Water, the Department of Conservation and Environment, CFA and Doncaster and Eltham councils were also involved in the project.

The seedlings came from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery, and about 20 Friends attended the treeplanting. The SEC has donated \$1600 to the Friends for material for a winter greenhouse.



Working together: Park Friends co-ordinator Margaret Burke receives a cheque from the SEC's Alan Driver. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

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Family day

The Kangaroo Ground Rural Fire Brigade is holding a family day at the Pony Club Grounds, St Andrews Road, Kangaroo Ground, on Sunday, November 29 from 12noon to 5pm. There will be fire fighting demonstrations, a grand parade, competitions and races for the children and an "extinguish the bale of straw" contest between local brigades. Admission is free and hamburgers, sausages, drinks and ice creams will be on sale.

Bush dance

The Friends of the Warrandyte State Park are holding a bush dance on Friday, November 20 at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Music will be provided by the Hilderbrand Bush Band. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children or \$12 per family. Tickets will be on sale at the door and enquiries to Joy Hilderbrand on 844 2638.

Christmas cards

UNICEF Christmas cards are now available from the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau in the community centre, corner Yarra and Webb Streets.

Winners

The Anglican parish of Warrandyte announces the following winners of their recent raffle, which was drawn on October 17. First (1445): L.Wood; second (1560): L.Smith; third (0661): K.Bell; fourth (0820) J.Bolden; fifth (1036): G.Teffler.

Trivia

The Warrandyte kindergarten is organising a trivia night on Saturday, November 21 at 8pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. You can arrange a table of eight or come on your own. Cost is \$10 per person. Bookings and enquiries to Cindy Wilson, 844 4214.

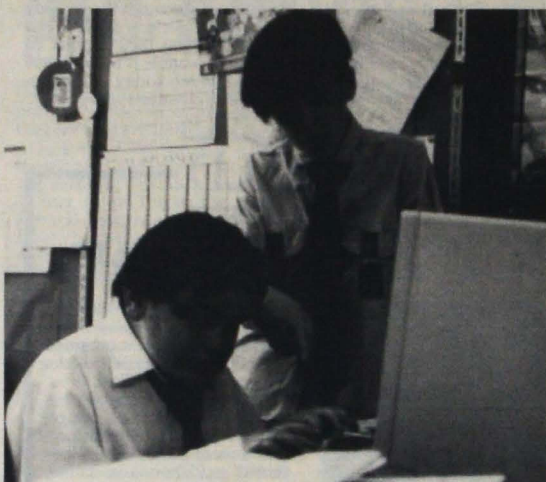
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Auxiliary

Several members of the Warrandyte branch of the Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary attended the hospital on October 6 for the endowment of a stainless steel blanket warmer, a project completed last year. It was endowed in the name of Mrs Elizabeth McDonald, who belonged to the South Warrandyte auxiliary prior to its disbanding, when she joined the Warrandyte branch. The September cake stall raised \$197, with the raffle being won by Jo Pearson. The group will be conducting a hamper raffle in December.

Colman Park

A resident representative is required for a position on the Colman Park committee of management. The position became vacant following the death, earlier this year, of Cashen Fitzgerald. Ratepayers of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe are eligible. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Templeton on 844 2787.

Garage sale

The Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold a monster garage sale on Saturday, November 28, commencing 9am at the church in Tarroona Avenue.

Pride of Lions

John Cox of Webb Street has been designated a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club International Foundation in recognition of his commitment to serving the world Lions community. In receiving the foundation's highest honor, John, a member of Warrandyte Lions, joins a network of many thousands of recipients across many countries.

Meals on wheels

The Warrandyte and District Welfare Service, which administers the local Meals on Wheels program, wishes to thank those residents who supported their fund-raising efforts on election day. A total in excess of \$700 was raised. The service is in desperate need of more volunteers, both on a permanent basis and as emergencies. The job requires about two hours, once a month. If you can help, please call Dorothy Rush on 844 3438 or Judith Woods on 844 3848.

Festival market

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Meeting

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Responsibility for election and referendum comment in this issue is accepted by Cliff Green, 23 Webb Street, Warrandyte.

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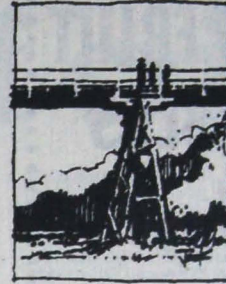
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Of spectacles and teeth



THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

I OFTEN heard talk in the village of a "market bus". It did not go to the little market where we went with Roly, but to a very big market on the outskirts of the city, and then only on Friday. Not surprisingly, Friday was a gala day for the women of the village.

The few buses we had locally were privately owned. One left the bridge in the early morning, taking the men to their work in the city or someplace on the way, returning with them in the evening. The driver of that one worked in the city during the day himself.

Another left the village at midday, returning at about four in the afternoon. But that was all, except for the Friday market bus.

The driver of the market bus knew all the women who went to market and would pick them up along the road, sometimes driving up a steep track to pick up a more senior shopper.



When it was suggested that I should come too, I did not need much persuasion. I love markets, no matter how big or small, or how far away they might be. So, one memorable Friday morning, we crossed the river. I left the boys at school and at ten in the morning I stepped onto the bus.

Warm greetings came from all sides as I took a seat. Then one of the women handed me a folded sugar sack, with two handles sewn onto the top.

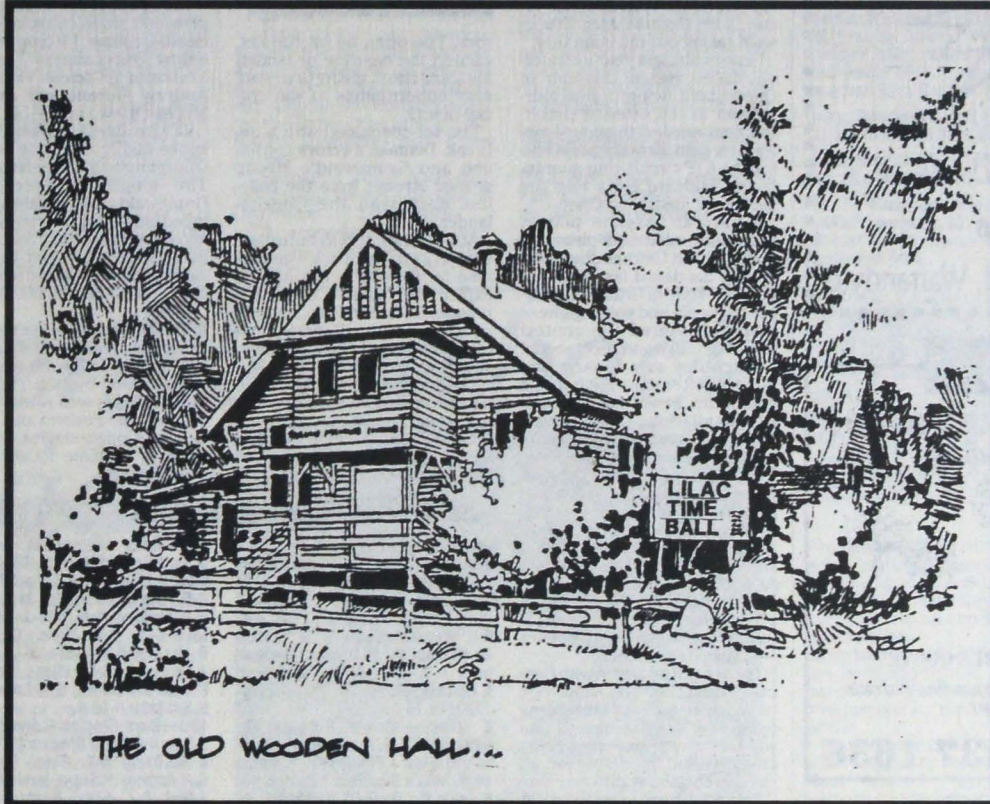
"For your shopping," she said. "I thought you might not have one." It was the same as the ones they all used; a 50 pound sugar sack. There were no plastic shopping bags in those days.

Everybody chatted happily as we drove along, about children's progress at school, somebody's birthday party held on the riverbank—as so many were when the weather was fine. But soon talk moved around excitedly to the forthcoming Lilac Time Ball.

Every Saturday night there was a dance in the old wooden hall, with its bouncing boards, to the tune of an old piano that was difficult to hear above the gay laughter and the men's clumping boots.

But the Lilac Time Ball was something special. It was held annually to raise funds for the Women's Hospital in Melbourne. It was always a springtime event, so that the hall could be decorated with great bunches of lilac, and hung with lilac and white colored paper streamers. Three musicians from a nearby suburb were persuaded to display their talents. Tickets were sold to all and sundry, whether they would attend the ball or not.

The women talked on the bus about what they would wear. Most were planning to buy cheap material at the mar-



ket and make their own long evening frocks.

The trip to the market took about an hour. The driver let us off at the entrance, and I was told he would come back for us in two hours. A friendly stallholder would mind our bags for us as they were filled.



I told the other women that I would first like to look around. It was an enormous market, in no way comparable to the small market Roly took us to, which had just one stall and numerous animal saleyards.

There was a great diversity of goods for sale. One could buy new or secondhand clothing, shoes and books. All kinds of multicolored remnants of fabric were pegged out on wires or heaped on tables, like so many

multicolored rainbows. A great wealth of fruit and vegetables was piled high in pyramids; shining, rosy-cheeked apples, sunny oranges, bunches of golden banana fingers and pineapples from Queensland. Snow-white cauliflowers made the red tomatoes beside them look even brighter. There were all kinds of vegetables, so fresh and crisp that some still carried drops of early morning dew.

I passed stalls where butchers plied their wares, loudly vying with each other to describe the quality of their meat. Other stalls held poultry, tied by the feet and carefully hung upside down, where the women felt them before choosing the bird they wanted. Chinamen sold jars of ginger, talking to each other in their own language.

Wandering along, thinking how very picturesque it was, I came upon a most extraordinary sight. Spread on a table were dozens of pairs of spectacles, and on another, piles of dentures.

Standing around the tables were old pensioners, some with nodding heads and shaking hands. They were busy trying on spectacles or fitting false teeth. Now and then one would take a small file from a pocket and use it to smooth down a sharp edge on the teeth.

At times, the stallholder would bring a can of cold water and sprinkle it on the teeth. "To kill the germs", he said. I have heard of many strange things in my life, but never that cold water could kill germs. I still don't believe it, but the old people seemed satisfied.

On my way back to the bus stop I passed children who were sucking toffee apples or licking ice creams from cones. I stopped at a butcher's and bought some juicy lamb chops for us and Watty and Patty, as well as a heap of meaty bones to make soup and stews and to feed the dog.



It was indeed a happy trip home. Everyone compared purchases and shared tales of bargains struck. Then, following those who could lead them, they broke into song. As we arrived home, heavy shopping bags proved no trouble, as the kindly bus driver dropped

each woman at her own door, and me at the raft. They collected a few extra pence for the driver for this service, but all of them were content not to have to lug heavy bags up the steep tracks.

Of course, not everybody's trips into the city on this bus were successful. I suppose that every community, great or small, has a know-all. Perhaps, in a small village like ours he tends to be more prominent. I must give credit to our Mr Cartwright, for the good work he did on our local footballers, massaging injured joints.

The trouble was he went much further, reading any medical texts he could get his hands on, and sadly misinterpreting them. He thought he could cure all kinds of symptoms and considered himself pretty well versed on medical jargon. Fortunately, not many took him seriously.



However, there lived in the village an old married couple. Frank was retired, and spent much of his time working in the garden. His wife, Agnes, was quite a well known artist. Over tea one afternoon, Agnes said to me

"Evelyn, Frank's false teeth have become loose and they rattle around in his head. Yours are quite good, can you tell us where you got them?"

"Yes of course," I replied. "A friend introduced me to a man in the city. Not a dentist, but one who makes dentures. It is much less costly than going to a dentist first. You have to be introduced to him, and be prepared to pay him in cash. I think he should not be doing this, but he is very good and can fit dentures much better when you are on the spot. I have a couple of his cards and will introduce Frank to him, via one of these."

When Frank took the bus to the city, Mr Cartwright was also on the bus. Always inquisitive, he asked Frank where he was going. Frank took out the card to show him. On it was the man's name, address and phone number. At the bottom were the words "prosthetic specialist", which simply means a dental mechanic.

"But Frank," Mr Cartwright said. "I don't know where Mrs C. got a card like that, but she has made a mistake. That man is a prostate gland specialist."

So Frank got off the bus and walked home, and I laughed very heartily when an embarrassed Agnes explained what had happened.

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Jorn masters the satellite

By DAVID KUTCHER

This year's Masters tournament at Warrandyte Tennis Club once again had an international result, with German Jorn Grunewald taking out the main title.

Grunewald, last year's runner-up, faced Heath Denman of Queensland. Being the final tournament in the satellite circuit, Denman needed to secure victory to gain enough points to top the ATP circuit, thus guaranteeing wildcard entry into the 1992 Ford Australian Open.

A natural baseline player, Grunewald also had plenty to play for. The German sought to avenge his defeat last year. The baseline style of Grunewald versus the serve and volley game of Denman ensured the contest would be tough and spectacular.

Match day saw a warm and blustery afternoon. Such trying conditions would make it difficult for attacking shotmaking; a decisive advantage to the more cautious Grunewald.

The opening set saw Denman come out firing. His serve was explosive and penetrating, putting Grunewald on the defensive. Denman seemed strong and sure, the European was agitated. At 5-3 Denman needed only to hold serve to win the set. Three aces, a crosscourt winner and it was first set to the Queenslander—six games to three.

The second set began with Denman struggling. The wind took its toll, with many of his returns flying over the baseline. Grunewald displayed excellent court coverage and frequently forced the Queenslander into error.

This set proved a turning point in the match as a pattern began emerging. Denman occasionally played breathtaking tennis, but his game was hampered by er-

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rors. Too often he hit the net, carried the baseline or landed his shots short, giving Grunewald easy opportunities to win crucial points.

The set concluded with a tiebreak. Denman's errors continued and Grunewald's strong ground strokes from the baseline destroyed the Queenslander.

At 6-6 in the tiebreak both players were visibly upset. The German let fly with a few foreign expletives, Denman threw his racket in frustration. The set concluded with a Denman double fault and Grunewald won, squaring the match.

The final set followed the same pattern. Grunewald rarely made a mistake, while the more attacking Denman could not find his range. At 5-3 with Grunewald leading, the match seemed over.

The German broke Denman three times in the final set to close out the match comfortably: 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

The result of the doubles final provided some consolation for Heath Denman. He teamed with fellow Queenslander Andrew Kratzman to defeat Victorians Andrew Florent and Andrew McLean in two sets—7-6, 7-5.

VTA president, Dr John Fraser, spoke highly of all the players who featured in the tournament. The singles winner, Jorn Grunewald, said he always enjoyed playing at Warrandyte. He agreed that the windy conditions had favored his solid baseline game and he promised to return next year to defend his title.

• The Warrandyte Tennis Club championships were completed last month, following weeks of delay caused by rain. The open men's singles was won by club coach Fabio Forlano and in the women's open singles, victory went to Melanie Rankin, last year's winner.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

Open—Men's Singles: F. Forlano d V. McHugh 6-1, 6-1. Women's Singles: M. Rankin d K. Edwards 6-2, 6-0. Men's Doubles: F. Forlano-M. Howell d G. Busby-B. Rogers 6-4, 6-2. Women's Doubles: M. Rankin-M. Kerhof d J. Phillips-L. Mackintosh 7-6, 6-3. Mixed Doubles: A. Hiscock M. Rankin d G. Busby-J. Stubbs 10-6. B Grade—Men's Singles: B. Saaksjarvi d G. Tester 10-4. Women's Singles: J. Phillips d R. Edwards 10-6. Men's Doubles: J. Bonthorne-R. Lowe d J. Ryan-R. Batchelor 10-9. Women's Doubles: R. & K. Edwards d M. & C. Lawrence 10-2. Mixed Doubles: B & D. Hawkins d K. & P. Adlam 10-7.

17U—Boys' Singles: M. Howell d B. Saaksjarvi 6-4, 6-1. Girl's Singles: C. Lawrence d E. Youl 7-5 2-6, 6-0. Boys' Doubles: M. Howell-B. Saaksjarvi d P. Reid-J. Mackintosh 6-1, 6-1. Girls' Doubles: P. Hiscock-E. McBain d E. Youl-J. Yarwood 10-5. Mixed Doubles: E. Youl-L. Bennett d C. Lawrence-B. Saaksjarvi 10-4. 13U—Boys' Singles: G. Hutchings d J. Gray 8-0. Girl's Singles: L. Thomas d S. Berry 8-3. Boys' Doubles: G. Hutchings-P. Saaks-jarvi d A. Youl-J. Dick 8-7. Girls' Doubles: L. & R. Thomas d Z. Milner-L. Wilmot 8-5. Mixed Doubles: Z. Milner-P. Saaksjarvi d Z. White-J. Casey 8-2.

Suddenly Mark's in a bit of a hurry

You couldn't really call Mark Centofanti a late developer in athletics. He simply didn't take it terribly seriously because he didn't think he was terribly good.

There is still nothing big-headed about him, but his attitude to running has changed after a string of successes and selection for the 200 metres at the premier schools event, the All-High Championships at Olympic Park late last month.

Mark, 14 and a Year 8 student at Warrandyte High School, ran fourth at Olympic Park and has set his sights squarely on winning the 200 there next year.

Running in the under-14s this season (he was 13 when it started), Mark was 100 and 200 metres champion at his school and in the Maroondah group competition. He won the 200 in the Eastern Zone competition and was second in the 100. His Eastern Zone performances earned him a start in the All-High titles.

Mark was surprised to get so far because he'd had no real training and his competition experience had been confined to school, once a year.

According to Warrandyte High PE teacher Michele Turner, he has a smooth, natural style.

Mark is now considering joining an athletics club making running a part of his future.

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At last, a game of cricket!

Warrandyte's rain-ravaged cricket season got under way a month late on November 7. And it started full of promise, with the first eleven bundling out last season's RDCA premiers Croydon North for just 158.

Freak September and October rains, which played havoc with Melbourne competitions by waterlogging grounds, had reduced most Warrandyte teams to just half a game in a season which was to have started on October 3.

The Dytes' preparation problems were compounded by council drainage work which had severely restricted training at the



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recreation reserve.

"We have lost a month of cricket, and obviously that has seriously hampered our preparation," Warrandyte Cricket Club president Mark Davis told the *Diary*.

"At this stage of a season we usually have a fair idea of our own strength and the strength of most other clubs in the competition. This time we really have no indication at all.

"The late start has cost the club considerable revenue because the usual after-match social activity has been called off

along with the games."

Davis said the big wet had not dampened enthusiasm. "I think that showed in the first eleven's performance in the field against Croydon North," he said. "The players are happy just to be able to get a game of cricket."

Fast bowler Gerald Walshe was Warrandyte's key weapon against the reigning Chandler Shield champions on the first day of a two-day game, finishing with 4/43. He was well supported by the Dytes' two new quicks, Harry Drysdale and Dean Harvey.

Leg-spinner David Watts provided useful variety and claimed two wickets in a brief spell.

The seconds also were well placed, compiling 8/252 against Croydon North. Steve Bell top-

scored with 67 and Steve Pascoe and Andy King contributed 52 and 44 respectively.

Paul Hughes became Warrandyte's first century-maker of the season, with 106 of the third eleven's 226 runs.

The women's eleven, premiers last season, are finding the going tough in the stronger VWCA pennant reserve competition. They have lost both games so far but are expected to improve as grounds thoroughly dry out.

CRICKET DETAILS

Firsts: Warrandyte 137 drew Ainslie Park 4/60. Warrandyte 0/5 v Croydon North 158 (Walshe 4/43).

Seconds: Warrandyte 3/36 drew Ainslie Park 151 (Croft 3/31).

Warrandyte 8/252 (Bell 67, King 44, Pascoe 52) v Croydon North.

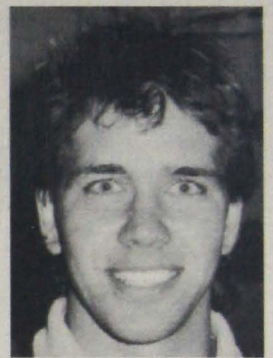
Thirds: Warrandyte 8/272 (Creber 75, Snaidero 63) drew Ainslie Park 4/39 (Harbolt 3/23). Warrandyte 226 (Hughes 106, Dorning 38) v Croydon North.

Fourths: Warrandyte 100 (Valentine 44) lost to Ainslie Park 6/104 (Ramsey 4/41). Warrandyte 3/280 (Gathercole 93 n.o., Rodgers 89, Valentine 62) v Croydon North.

Fifths: Warrandyte 153 (Valentine 82) lost to Ainslie Park 168.

Sixths: Warrandyte 6/140 d Ainslie Park 60 (Snaidero 4/30).

Women: Warrandyte 46 lost to Clifton Hill/Collingwood 2/98. Warrandyte 74 lost to Brunswick Park 110 (Tunbridge 4/16).



Gerald Walshe: four wickets against Croydon North.

Former Blood back as coach

Darren Peters, who left Warrandyte Football Club as a teenager for "bigger leagues", has returned as playing coach.

Peters, 24, has been appointed to replace David Purcell, who led the Bloods to fourth and second spots in EDFL third division in his two seasons at the helm.

He brings with him first-division experience and first-division ruckman Brett Munro as assistant coach.

Club officials expect at least three other first-division players to follow him to Warrandyte.

Peters was a very promising young player when he left the Bloods five years ago for Essendon's under-19s. He has since played for East Ringwood and Mitcham in EDFL first division and was a member of Mitcham's losing 1992 grand final side.



Laurie Sloan

Munro has played eight years with East Ringwood. Peters is expected to play at centre half-forward. It will be his first coaching experience, but he expects valuable leadership contributions from Munro and Purcell, who has stood down because of business and family commitments but will continue as a player.

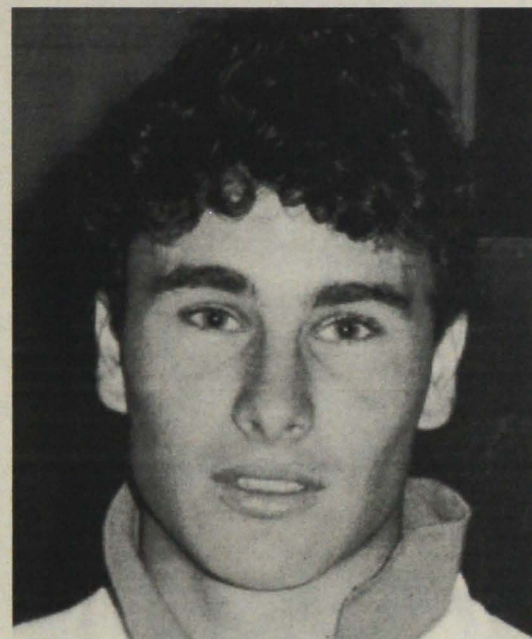
The coaching appointments—along with that of Wayne Cowell as reserves coach—were announced at WFC's annual general meeting last month.

President Laurie Sloan, who was re-elected unopposed, told the meeting that while the Bloods had enjoyed on-field success in 1992, it had been a different story off the field.

The club had started the season from scratch, with half a committee, and had run at a substantial loss, he said.

Outgoing treasurer Roger Drew told the *Diary* after the meeting the deficit was in the area of \$14,000. He blamed the club's late start—Warrandyte were unable to find a president or secretary until February—insufficient social activity (and poor attendances at the functions which were held), and the recession in general.

In his report to the meeting, Drew pointed out that bar takings had been well down on the previous year. He stressed the need for fund-raising social functions over the sum-



A younger Darren Peters, as Bloods fans remember him.

mer months

Sloan said the club had arranged a private \$10,000 interest-free loan from a member, which was to be repaid by the end of next season. He called for greater input from members in the running of the club.

"Without people putting in, the club cannot function," Sloan said. "We had a lack of numbers off the field this year." The players certainly

did their bit.

The meeting returned Geoff Feltham unopposed as vice-president and welcomed back secretary Norm Carrington after a year off. Drew did not seek another term as treasurer and is replaced by Greg Faulkner.

The committee is John Ryan, Tom Kerkhof, Drew, Dale McCartin, Rudi Harbolt, Andrew Rogers and Greg Alchin.

Makeshift in charge again

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

The Warrandyte Basketball Club men's midweek competition is building up to an exciting finish, with Makeshift favoured to win their third straight open section premiership.

The lead-up to the finals series has been highlighted by close matches, with Makeshift dropping just one for top spot on the ladder.

Team leader Chris McIntosh, widely tipped to win his second Most Valuable Player award, leads the competition scoring, averaging 19.2 points, but his rebounding and inside dominance remain the crucial factors.

With Ashley Grybas and Carter Zigmantas lending valuable support, Makeshift fully deserve favouritism.

The Hitmen, perennial finalists, started the season slowly but have gathered momentum and

hit back strongly, with Andrew Vincent and Nick Arnott doing everything right and John Moore averaging 17.3 points.

Former Australian Olympian Peter Byrne has led Peter Parkes into top spot in the over-30 section, but they are being hotly pressed by the Wobblers, who have put a combined 28-game losing streak behind them to move to 6-2 this season.

Graeme Pollock (15.5 average) and Mark Bench have dominated in a fashion reminiscent of the Gaze and Copeland show for the Melbourne Tigers.

They seem certain to guide the Wobblers through to the grand final at the expense of last year's play-off sides, the Plastics and Andersons Creek, who have had sub-par seasons are likely to struggle when the ultimate pressure is applied in December.

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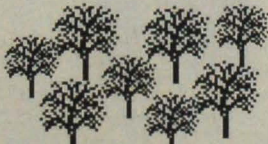
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Superbly constructed architect designed "Natural Home" offers impressive family accomm. needs only cosmetic renovations to once again be regarded as local showpiece. Spacious lounge (OFF), central dng, well-appt kitchen, family room, master BR (dressing room, ensuite), 2 other dble BRs, study, carport, dble garage/wshop, storeroom, cellar. Inspect with confidence and consider your options. Terms: 10%dep. Bal 60 days.

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"GARDEN HAVEN"

28 NOVEMBER at 12pm

Set on over 1/3 acre, this 3BR home features formal lounge with OFF, spacious family room, rumpus, study and double garage. All this, centrally located with stunning views of the surrounding ranges. Inspection highly recommended.

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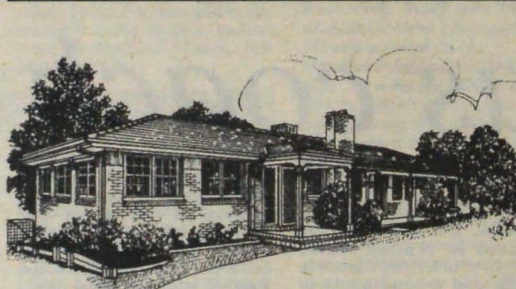


"TRUCKS & TRADE"

5 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

A delightful open plan contemporary home on over one acre of native gardens. Featuring a spacious lounge, large family room, dining, hostess kitchen and 3 good sized bedrooms plus an inground pool and for the handyman a double garage, workshop and home office. Ideal for the family looking for room to move and grow. Suit \$200,000+ buyer.

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"ONE AND A HALF ACRES OF PARADISE"

Now is the time to look at this stunning property set close to pre-school, minutes from shops and transport, featuring magnificent outlook, huge lounge/dining room, OFF in family room, ducted heating and cooling, 4 bedrooms, master with full ensuite and dressing room. A perfect property, a gentle lifestyle is waiting for you.

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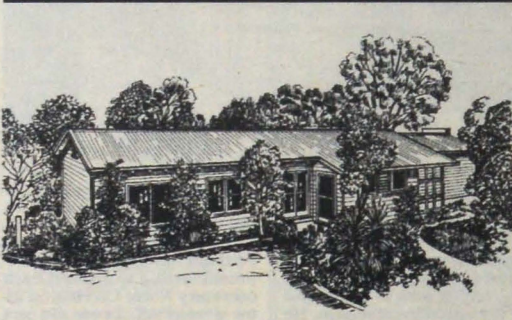


"LOCATION PLUS"

28 NOVEMBER at 1pm

This superbly presented brick veneer home sits proudly in a quality area only minutes from schools, shops and transport. Boasting 4 bedrooms, master with full ensuite. Solid timber kitchen pine panelling, open fireplace and 4-car garage, set on a huge allotment. A must to see.

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"WHAT A FEELING"

21 NOVEMBER at 2.30pm

The feeling of warmth and being welcome greets you as you enter this character 3BR WRC home set on 1/3 acre (approx). Featuring a leafy treed aspect from every window and boasting OFF in lounge with stone surround, pine lining and full ensuite to master. A must to inspect.

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"FOR THOSE WHO KNOW VALUE"

If you desire graceful living among beautiful surroundings, you must see this superlative home comprising lounge, dining, OFF, 3 bedrooms (all with ensuites) plus study, stunning patio opening from lounge, huge rumpus underneath, sparkling in-ground pool. All set on just under an acre. A must to see for the astute buyer.



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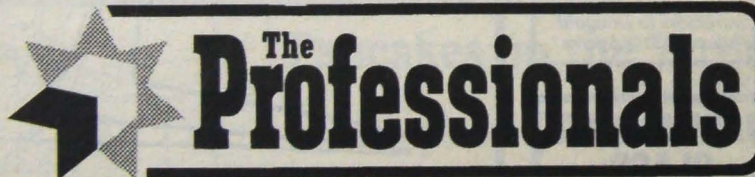
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