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Gold heritage

By GEORGIE SAUNDERS

An important part of Warrandyte's historical and natural heritage is to be preserved and enhanced as part of an exciting new

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The State Government has announced a \$200,000 grant for the Fourth Hill Reserve in Warrandyte State Park.

The area, which includes Whipstick Gully and the Gold Memorial, will be developed to create new recreational opportunities and revive old ones, while retaining the environmental integrity and diversity of the site.

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Plans include a heritage trail, improved access to historic gold mines, a restored creek system and the extensive revegetation of cleared and eroded areas.

"I'm delighted," local MP Phil Honeywood told the Diary, "to implement the recommendations made in the park management plan and to ensure proper and appropriate management of this wonderful state park.

"Fourth Hill Reserve is unique, not only because of its historical and natural character, but also because it abutts so many residential properties."

Ian Roche, ranger-in-charge of the park, said: "We now have a chance to do justice to this part of the park, which was not only Victoria's first proclaimed goldfield, but is also well-known for its communities of orchids and other wildflowers.

"The project has a strong community base. The friends of the park group and other local people have contributed to the botanical survey, and Bruce Bence, president of the historical research.

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Whipstick Gully residents, who
will be the first affected, and our
Parkcare officer, Fay Valcanis,
will be making contact with local school children to invite their
involvement. involvement.

"The project is also right on line with Doncaster council's heritage study," lan told the *Di*-

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"Changes will include the creation of a small creek system, based on the original stream, existing before the area was mined. It will meander through small ponds, providing habitat for indigenous aquatic plants

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State Park stalwarts (from left) Fay Valcanis, Pat Coupar and lan Roche at the entrance to the Victory Mine. (Picture by Georgie Saunders)

and animals, as well gold-pan-ning sites for hopeful visitors. "It will be designed to absorb runoff, and should reduce drain-

runoff, and should reduce drainage problems for residents downstream. The creek banks will be planted with indigenous vegetation, including eucalypts, wattles and understorey species. "A new walking track, starting at the main road, will follow the creek. In addition, we're planning a small carpark, picnic area and an information shelter describing the features of the area. These facilities will blend in with the landscape, and we are keen to use local stone and timber as base materials."

Visitors will follow an interpretive trail, from the gully to the main heritage and natural

sites on Fourth Hill and across to the Gold Memorial. It is hoped that this loop trail will ultimately link up with a heritage path through the town.

"We've spoken to some of the local shopkeepers," lan Roche said. "They're thrilled that their patrons can now have an opportunity to picnic in peaceful surrounds."

The entrance to the old Vice

rounds."

The entrance to the old Victory mine will be cleared of rubble, although the mine itself will not be reopened because it was used as a place to dump nightsoil earlier this century. It is also feared that the mine is probably unsafe. However, the Fourth Hill Mine (also known as Gerraghty's) will be made safe. It has been suggested that the

fire-spotting tower on Fourth Hill could be rebuilt as a lookout. Ian Roche stressed that the need to maintain the natural diversity of the bush will be maintained. "Besides weed eradication, we'll be doing a lot of restoration and revegetation to ensure the conservation of the park." Phil Honeywood stressed that the development "must take into account not only tourists and the Warrandyte community, but also abutting landowners. A balance must be struck between access and ecological integrity." The Gold Memorial carpark will eventually be regraded and better drainage installed to reduce runoff and silting in Andersons Creek.

New kinder will need big funds effort

By DAVID WYMAN

Despite some Doncaster council opposition to the project, a new pre-school children's centre seems likely to be built in the first half of 1994 on the site of the existing kindergarten in Taroona Avenue. Taroona Avenue

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Tenders for architectural plans for the centre are presently being called by council. It is expected that the building will cost about \$150,000 and the operators of the kinder, the Warrandyte and District Pre-School Association will have to Association, will have to find half.

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A meeting of councillors,
community groups and
leaders and service clubs on
March 17 is expected to
draw up a strategy for
raising funds from the
Warrandyte community.

"We are negotiating with
council over the amount we
have to raise," the preschool association's
building coordinator, Marie
Burns, said. "We are
conducting research into
how much we are capable of
raising and over what
period of time. Then we will
go to council with a figure
which will be our capacity
for fund raising.

"We hope council's
contribution to the building
will be in the 1993-94
budget. There is still some
council opposition to it but
we hope it will be built in
the first half of 1994," she
told the Diary.

Cr Louise Joy said the new
building was expected to be
a purpose-built children's
centre incorporating
maternal and child health,
the pre-school facilities and
a meeting room.

The latest moves follow meetings of residents and officials involved in use of the recreation reserve. An earlier proposal was to build a new kinder on the White House site and construct two tennis courts. White House site and construct two tennis courts on the pre-school land. Taroona Avenue residents objected to this proposal because of noise, light and traffic. Pre-school parents objected because of parking problems.

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Cr Joy said the existing building was erected about 35 years ago and was in poor condition. "It is not worth further expenditure in maintenance," she said. "The feeling from the preschool association was that the \$75,000 contribution was too much for it to raise. So because so many local people have benefited from the kinder over the years, it was thought that most local organisations would want to help. The March 17 meeting will seek a wider involvement of the community in fund raising for the new building. "The kinder will have to

fund raising for the new building.

"The kinder will have to be temporarily relocated while building is under way and discussions are taking place to see if the community centre's multi-purpose room can be used for a few months."

Marie Burns said that the kindergarten was used all day, five days a week, by three groups, totalling 70 children.

See: Council moving on reserve – page 3

By PAUL WILLIAMS





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Unhappy landing for our Miss Stickels



This is the first Diary for many months without a Georgi Stickels byline. Georgi, now 19, began writing for us when she was still at high school. Now she's in the final year of a journalism course at RMIT. Among her many interests is the fearsome sport of skydiving. Some weeks ago she stepped out of an aircraft into an extraordinary wind gust, lost control, was blown off course and landed heavily, shattering a vertebrae. A great deal of pain and a delicate five-hour operation, which included a bone graft and the installation of two metal plates and four screws, followed. But she's home now, walking again, and will soon be back in the Diary office asking the hard questions, tapping the keyboard, wielding the typegauge and charming us all with her high spirits and zest for life. Georgi says she can't wait to get the parachute on again. We're imploring her to reconsider—if only for the Diary's sake. Knowing the determination of the young lady, we're sure we're wasting our time.



Smokey personally mourned the death last month of Sir George Reid, whose obituary is on Page 6 of this issue. We got to know each other a bit as fellow-travellers on Warrandyte buses and the expression "one of nature's gentlemen" is an inadequate description of him. One man deeply saddened by Sir George's passing is Laurie "Budda" Holmes, a not-so-near neighbour who knew him well. Laurie was doing a bit of gardening for Sir George one Sunday many years ago, a day the Reids were hosting a garden party at their Alexander Road home. Finding himself in need of a hoe, Laurie, who was wearing his daggiest gear (including trousers held up with a tie), wandered up to the house—and into a gathering which was straight out of Who's Who. And in the finest to the house—and into a gathering which was straight out of Who's Who. And in the finest finery, too. Laurie stopped, looked and was about to retreat when Sir George spotted him and ushered him into centre of the assembled guests. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "this is Sir Laurence." Budda Holmes might have looked out of place, but no way was he going to be allowed to feel so. Not if his old mate Sir George Reid could help it. That's the kind of man he was.



The ALP barbecue by the Yarra a few Sundays back saw a number of vintage campaigners reappear from long-time seclusion. Memories of wine bottlings and old comradeships were revived. Bea Hamilton, of Pound Road, tells us "the possum is stirring and some of us have heard the bunyip roaring. So much so that the Warrandyte branch of the ALP is being reformed in readiness for exciting days ahead". Anyone interested can call Judith Pleasance on 844 2108.



Telecom is fair dinkum about never resting 'until our good is better and our better best"—as the well-known TV ad tells us—we suggestit puts spelling high on the homework agenda. We'd never seen Warandyte spelt with two Es until we used the public phone at Five Ways.



That New Zealand flag Smokey noticed a few months ago, flying from a TV antenna in Webb Street, is still there. Still at half-mast. Which probably has something to do with the cricket results.



Being a God-fearing fellow and an old mate to boot, we know Bob Millington won't mind us pointing to the Bible and saying, "Physician, heal thyself." In his Age column of March 5, Millo (who has got right back to nature by moving to the Bend of Isles), poked a bit of fun at an apology in the English-language China Post, which had somehow managed to print the date Tuesday, November 3, 1992 on its masthead of Monday, February 22, 1993. We mirthfully recall that during Bob's editorship of the Diary, the May 1987 issue came out without a date at all! And while we're in the mood to quote quotable Biblical quotes, what's the one about letting he who is without sin cast the first stone?



Because the Monday holiday intervened, and because we were without the editorial talents of Georgi Stickels for this issue, the Out Of The Box column had to be closed off a day or two earlier than usual to meet our production schedule. Which meant that the regular notice our production schedule. Which meant that the regular notice from the Warrandyte Group of the Nursing Mothers' Association missed out. Couldn't have that, though. These ladies have been punctual contributors to the Diary for many years and we like them a lot. You could even call us bosom buddies. So welcome to Page 2, WG of the NMA, who will be holding a morning coffee get-together at 10am on Wednesday, March 24, at 22 Fossickers Way. And at the same address on Monday, April 5 (starting 8pm), a guest speaker will lead a discussion on breastfeeding and sexuality. All mums of babies and toddlers, as well as pregnant persons, are



Mention your intrepid golfers and we'll upstage you with the names Jim Harris and John Haddock. The storm was in full fury when Jim and John left in the early-morning murk one Saturday last month for Healesville, but not to worry, they told each other, because it'll be over by the time we get there. It wasn't, but not to worry because it can't rain like this forever. Our doughty duo, who always play golf at Healesville on Saturday, sat in the car and continued to tell each other lies as they watched the 18th green flood to somewhere between ankle and knee level. Because—and only because—Jim is not a strong swimmer, they then went home.



This is the first trip abroad for lovable ladabout-town Ben Sumpter, and we're sure he'll learn from his mistakes. Ben, who is accompanied on his four or five-month British/European odyssey by Matt Luttick, negotiated the flight from Australia to Hawaii okay and was well and truly airborne on the next leg before he realised his ticket was still in Honolulu. Never mind, despatches from London tell us the intrepid travellers are there and having a ball.



The mystery of Lee Tindale's long-lost bankcard has been solved. The errant piece of plastic was found the other night sitting between the keys of his dusty, decrepit type-writer, a museum piece he hadn't used since he bowed months ago to intense pressure from his Diary colleagues and entered the 20th Century by trying out the new-fangled computer gear in the community centre office.





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Council moving

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Following months of heated discussion, the future of Warrandyte's Recreation Reserve moved one step closer to being determined last month, with the unveiling of the council's major recommendations for the site. Immediate improvements and long term aims and objectives are covered in the recommendations, which have been developed in consultation with local clubs, organisations and residents since last September.

As reported in last month's Diary, the Warrandyte Reserve draft management plan covers many facets of the reserve, including construction of a new pre-school and maternal and child health centre.

Originally proposed for the former Whitehouse site, the latest plan will have it rebuilt at its existing location, with the Warrandyte Tennis Club to occupy two new courts constructed where the Whitehouse once

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Several local residents had opposed the new tennis courts in a meeting in late January, cit-ing increased crowds, traffic, noise and light pollution of their quiet neighbourhood. These rea-sons contibuted to the vetoing ons contributed to the vetoing

on reserve

dium, which, according to Cr Val Polley, would have seen the area become over-developed.
Residents' pleas for an inquiry into traffic levels in Taroona Avenue did not fall upon deaf ears, with the recommendation that a traffic report be included in the management plan.
Under the new plan, an advisory committee will be established to oversee the operation of the reserve, comprising representatives of clubs and organisations who use the reserve, plus local residents.
Council's Recreation Planning Officer, Kristen Allen, detailed the further plans, which include the "development of a conservationzone along Andersons Creek, involving the regeneration of the remnant vegetation and exclusion of vehicles." There is also provision for "the planting of trees and shrubs around buildings, fences and along the Warrandyte Road boundary of the reserve."

Following rejection of a pro-

posal for a new stadium, the future of the netball courts was assured. They will undergo a \$5,000 re-surfacing program, after the final management plan is submitted to full council in April. Car parking facilities at the reserve also come under scrutiny, Kristen Allen told the Diary that "a parking plan is to be designed for the car park adjacent to the

"a parking plan is to be designed for the car park adjacent to the tennis clubhouse, including the defining of the boundary of the car park and moving it away from Andersons Creek."

Car parking security will be upgraded, as will the security of the pavilion at the reserve, which has been broken into four times in the last 12 to 18 months. Ms Allen welcomes any comments on the management plan, which "is on display in the foyer of the Warrandyte Community Centre until Friday 26 March." Anyone interested can contact her on 840 9269.

Despite the rejection of a multi-purpose stadium at Warrandyte Reserve, the issue is under close

consideration, with a series of public meetings being con-ducted throughout the munici-

ducted throughout the munic-pality.

The Warrandyte leg of the seven meetings was held on March 10, with local residents and organisations invited to have "an input into future devel-opment initiatives in the city", according to the council's Co-ordinator of Open Space and Recreation Planning, Leonie Wyld.

Recreation Planning, Leonie Wyld. She said that "the overall pur-pose of the Planning Study is to provide council with a clear di-rection for future development

rection for future development of indoor sporting and recreation facilities, programs and services over the coming decade."

Ms Wyld urged "both sporting and recreation clubs and the wider community to take the opportunity to express their views on future development needs and priorities."

She can be contacted on 840 9258 for views or questions on the issue.

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North playpark surprise

By GEORGIE SAUNDERS

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North Warrandyte residents
were astonished and delighted recently to find
Eltham council staff building
a playground at the corner of
Weerona Way and Cooks
Crescent.
"This is a first for us living
north of the river," a local
said. "We usually have to
drive our kids to Eltham or
Warrandyte to play."

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Glen Terry, council parks landscape officer told the Diary that the request came from a group of local residents, "who put together an impressive petition and convincing proposal" in 1990. "Since then we've had a number of on-site meetings and a community working bee, to clean up rubbish which had been dumped here."

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Glen commented that this is the first playground North Warrandyte "has ever scored, and we feel it's a great thing to be able to do.
"We haven't finished the job yet. We'll be adding a spring toy for toddlers, some seats and maybe a picnic table. An asphalt circuit track for kids on bikes will also be constructed."

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Local residents will be invited to join council staff for a community planting day on the one-acre site this coming spring.

The Carter, Caudry and Lynch families were the stalwarts behind the proposal



Young North Warrandytians celebrate their new new playground. (Picture by Georgie Saunders)

"Apart from the community centre, this is North Warran-dyte's only community asset and meeting place," Ann

Lynch told the *Diary*. "It's wonderful that the proposal has come to fruition. Thank you, Eltham council."

Coffee shop re-opens

By CLINTON GRYBAS

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In a significant and much needed step forward for Warrandyte's young people, the youth coffee shop was scheduled to re-commence operation on March 9, once again providing youth with a local meeting place.

Since the controversial closure of the youth centre last year, Warrandyte's young people have been left effectively 'homeless'. However, under the guidance of convenor Margory Lapworth, youth worker Craig Milburn has been appointed the new coordinator of the centre, in an effort to redevelop it to the level achieved when he was part time co-ordinator in 1987.

In those days, weekly attendances regularly topped the 100 mark. This is the target Mrs Lapworth hopes will again become commonplace. "That's the first objective with the new committee of management. The coffee shop is already there, all we have to do is put people in it," she said.

Funded by a committee of management grant supplied by Doncaster council, the centre's future has been placed in the hands of the young people who will frequent it. With electronic games, table tennis, billiards, cheap eats, television, video and guitars to play, it is fully equipped to attract a wide variety of interest groups from within the community.

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Mrs Lapworth told the Diary that the centre's prime function at this stage is to firstly attract the youth and get them interested, with specific programs to be developed sometime later. "It will be what they want to do, not what we want them to do, or what we think we should want them to do", she said. Several successful programs have been run in the past, including the widely acclaimed radio production course, although unsupported programs such as the jobseeker and drug education programs led to the centre's closure.

Co-ordinator Craig Milburn is well aware of the task ahead, having served as a youth worker in three states of Australia, including a period of working on the construction of housing for Aboriginal students in Darwin. Now living in Warrandyte, Mr Milburn will head out onto the streets to invite young people to visit the centre, in a recruiting campaign which Mrs Lapworth concedes "will be a lot of hard work." He will be seeking volunteers to assist at the centre, which is located on the upper level of the Warrandyte Community Centre. Anyone interested in offering their time will be most welcome. Open seven days a week from 2pm, the centre will not close until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, filling a void in local entertainment for the youth of Warrandyte. This is in stark contrast to the centre's former hours—10-6 on weekdays—when many of the potential users of the centre were still at school.

Squash move appals

I have been privy to what has taken place regarding the sudden closure of the Warrandyte Squash and Racquetball Centre and am appalled by the manner in which it took place.

I understand that the centre is owned by the Warrandyte Gospel Chapel and that the owners had been running the centre as a business as well as utilising it for church meetings and suchlike. I also understand that the centre has been running at a loss for some time now and that the church could not sustain these losses.

On January 29 I learned of the on January 23 Hearned of the church's decision to close the centre and, I have come to believe, their intention to lease the premises to an elder of the church, who intends to convert the premises to a form of gym complex.

Upon learning that there would Upon learning that there would no longer be a facility for competition squash and racquetball, I pleaded with the pastor of the church, Mr Peter Keep, for the church to reconsider its position. Later that day I communicated, on behalf of a group of Warrandyte persons, an interest in keeping the centre open

for squash competition. A letter was passed to the pastor confirming this interest. I had no response, despite Mr Kemp's promise to do his best.

There is a total of 26 squash and racquetball teams playing out of the Warrandyte club and competition was due to commence on February 12. The sudden closure means that all the teams will have to relocate elsewhere, or disband altogether. This is a tragedy for the Warrandyte community.

I am in business for myself and I know better than most what tough times are all about, and that hard, unemotional decisions have to be made from time to time. I'm not a religious person either, but given the image that religious organisations wish to be perceived, I would have thought the Warrandyte Gospel church could have handled the situation far better.

I'd like to ask the church some questions:

1. Given that the centre was supposedly running at a loss for some time, why didn't you address the problems earlier, and why did you leave it until the end of January to close the cen-

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tre (squash teams were nominated at the end of the year and January is a quiet business month)?

2. Why didn't you convey the centre's plight to the people of Warrandyte, or, more to the point, to the squash and racquetball players and see if you could get some level of local support?

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3. Did you discuss the problems with your devoted staff members? Did your staff suggest some changes or try and give the message to the church that all was not well? If so, what then did you do about it?

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4. Why do you intend leasing the premises back to some party without giving anyone else who could be interested the same opportunity?

5. Did you consider the position of the people of Warrandyte, your staff (who have toiled long and hard for little reward) and the squash and racquet players?

I would like to hear from you and sincerely hope the church will reconsider its position.

Bob Gooch Dingley Dell Road



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Scraggy Aggie Warrandyte (Name and address supplied.

Lift off

I am writing to say how disgusted I am at the theft of the canopy over the sand pit at the Warrandyte Community Childcare Centre. This was used to protect the babies from the sun.

protect the babies from the sun. The person responsible had to climb over the fence to take this rather large object. I do hope they are benefitting from it, as we now have to purchase another canopy so our little ones can enjoy their time in the sand pit.

N. Watts Webb Street





Latest CABs on the rank

CON THE FANK

Last month saw the induction of a number of newly-qualified volunteers at Warrandyte's Citizens Advice Bureau. They are pictured above with Margory Lapworth, an official of the State CAB body (from left) Marlene Selway, Sue Parrett and Maria Magee. Mavis McLaughlan and Kathy O'Connor also qualified.

All candidates successfully concluded the training course run by Box Hill TAFE and were presented with certificates at the conclusion of a training seminar conducted by Diary cartoonist Jock Macneish. His theme was 'Team Action'. As pictured at left, Jock inspired and surprised the participants with his witty words of wisdom. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

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Paradiddle 'firsts'

Folk-rock band Paradiddle has been Warrandyte Festival's top act, almost since the event began. But 1993 looked like being the year we missed out, as the group has officially broken up. But the pull of the old town, which proudly claims itself the band's birthplace, was too

Now we're heading for the first great Paradiddle Reunion!

"Some theories on the genesis of the band place its origins in Mark Leehy's studio in North Warrandyte," Kevin O'Mara told the *Diary*.

O'Mara told the *Diary*.

"Some place it closer to Rob Fairbairn's flat in Armadale, others insist it all began in the cafeteria at Toorak College, or more probably, whatever pub is closest to that campus. But whatever it was, it all started 15 years ago."

ago."
Since that time, Paradiddle did what all long-running bands do. They toured the countryside, made records, appeared on radio and TV, did the "odd, obscure film appearance", played almost every Warrandyte Festival since 1978, had lineup

since 1978, had lineup changes and went their separate ways.
Kevin O'Mara, the one surviving original member, took the band to Japan for the Victorian Tourist Commission, and Rob Fairbairn and Greg Rough took their own band, The Rock Wallabies, to Ireland.

Ireland.

Mark went off to do bush cabaret, Helmut Lopaczuk got lost in a TAFE computer network and Athalie Brooks took up classical bass playing. Meanwhile, Judy Turner is up near Benalla, "running meaningful community music programs".

Somewhere along the way.

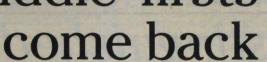
Somewhere along the way, Mark and Kev found time to

Puppet

recycle

A new musical puppet show, 'Boomerang Bent', is to be presented by the Spot-On Theatre Company at the Warrandyte Festival. Set in present-day Australia, it follows the adventures of two children, Toni and Mike, as they encounter some

show







Flashback: Original Paradiddles—Mark Leehy, Greg Rough, Rob Fairbairn and Kevin O'Mara—lined up outside Warran-dyte's original school building.

develop a company dedicated to children's music and drama, and Rob found time to put together his own solo album, as well as albums with Greg and the Wallabies. He wrote 'G'day, G'day' for Slim Dusty and 'Australia Calling' for John Williamson, and recently worked on the new

for John Williamson, and recently worked on the new Warrandyte Primary School musical 'Kids at Sea' with Mark, Kev and Lynne Bartlett. "But, so far as the *Diary* is concerned, it all began in Warrandyte," Mark said emphatically. "And this year sees the first reunion of the

original band as they take their revenge on their birthplace."

birthplace."
Athalie, Greg, Judy, Kevin,
Mark and Rob—together with
Alex Black—will take the
stage once more at Stiggants
Reserve on Sunday evening,
March 21, and lead the
will appear on a lourney from audience on a journey from past times of bush ballads and shanties to the present days

of original songs.

This is a time to catch up with old friends, share the places they've been and celebrate the future of Aussie music. Be there!



A walk through history

Heritage architect Richard Peterson is conducting a walk through Warrandyte during festival time. Locals and visitors will be able to learn what Mr Peterson regards as special about the character of the town. Council is currently considering a document titled Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines, prepared by Richard Peterson, heritage and conservation architect.

Strategic Planning Officer Jane

vation architect.

Strategic Planning Officer Jane Marriott told the Diary that the guidelines are "not controls".

"They are intended to create a greater understanding and appreciation of the local heritage and to preserve the character that makes Warrandyte a special place to residents and visitors," she said.

They are "to guide applicants preparing for planning permits, to assist planners assessing planning applications and to encourage property owners to consider heritage issues when planning works."

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The heritage walk will leave the festival information caravan, near the Stiggants Main Stage, at 10.30am on Sunday, March 21.

Jane Marriott will be pleased to answer any queries concern-ing the guidelines. She can be phoned on 840 9460.

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SIR GEORGE REID distinguished life

By BRUCE BENCE

With the death of Sir George
Reid on February 18, the Warrandyte community lost a good
friend. Along with his wife
Dorothy, Lady Reid, Sir George
was astrong supporter of many
local organisations.
George Oswald Reid was
born at Hawthorn in 1903. He
had a brilliant scholastic
record at school and university, and initially pursued a law
career. He was appointed a
queen's counsel in 1971.
Heserved with the RAAF during World War II, rising to the
rank of wing commander.
He first stood—unsuccessfully—for parliament in 1934
in the State seat of what was
then Nunawading. He won the
seat of Box Hill in 1947, thus
beginning a long and distinguished political career. He
was known in parliament as
"Gentleman George". Delivering the eulogy at his funeral,
former premier Lindsay
Thompson described Sir
George as one of the finest men
to enter parliament.

George as one of the finest men to enter parliament.
George Reid held a number of senior positions in the Victorian government over many years, including Chief Secretary and the ministries of labour and industry, electrical undertakings, fuel and power and immigration. He was Attorney General when heretired from parliament in 1973.
Lindsay Thompson told the story of coming to Warrandyte



Just married: Sir George and Lady Reid in 1973

Just married: Sir George and to support George Reid's election campaign. The hall was beautifully decorated, but there was no audience. They were about to pack up when one single solitary local staggered in, announcing that he had come to hear a political speech. George and Lindsay both obliged.

Dorothy Ruttledge became secretary of the local branch of the Liberal Party, and from then on political meetings in the town were well attended. George Reid was knighted in

ady Reid in 1973

1972, "for services to the people of Victoria".
Following the death of his first wife Beatrix McCay, whom he had married in 1930, Sir George Reid married Dorothy Ruttledge in 1973. He moved to Warrandyte, to 'Nilja', Dorothy's family home in Alexander Road. They both moved to East Doncaster in 1988.
Sir George and Lady Reid's life together was an embodiment of the ecumenical spirit. Sir George attended mass at the Catholic Church after driv-

ing Dorothy to St Stephens Anglican Church, then calling for her when the services were

for her when the services were over.

He is survived by Lady Reid, his daughter Dr Sopie Quinlivan of The Gap, Queensland, and his grandchildren Luke, Mary, Francis and Daisy Quinlavin.

Sir George Reid was tendered a state funeral. He was buried at Andersons Creek cemetery, Warrandyte, following a service at St Francis Xavier Church, Box Hill.



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New threat to eagles

By DAVID WYMAN

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Bird experts and local residents fear a proposed development on an adjoining property could endanger the habitat of North Warrandyte's wedge-tailed eagle family.

The birds were the subject of protests in 1990 against development of the Chase area off Floods Road, culminating in the acquisition by Eltham council of 30 acres of land to protect the eagles' nesting tree and immediate habitat.

Believed to be the last wedge-tails in the Melbourne urban area, they are frequently seen flying above North Warrandyte, Warrandyte and Research. Three demonstrations to save the eagles' habitat were held in 1990 to induce the council and state government to take over the whole area. Eltham council negotiated acquistion of a 30-acre reserve containing the eagles' nest tree with the developer and this will soon become council property.

Now, a six-hectare block south of the Chase is being offered for sale and an

application for a planning permit for housing is before council. The area is known locally as Bedstead Hill or lot 4D. The allotment comprises natural bushland and includes a prominent eucalyptus tree which is routinely used by the wedge-tails as their prey tree, roost tree or lookout tree.

Experts say the siting of a house about 120 metres from the tree would disturb the eagles' feeding and roosting routines.

Local resident Marcel Cameron and his father David began the 1990 campaign to save the eagles' habitat. Now they, and other locals, are deeply concerned that any development in the area south of the Chase reserve will drive the eagles away. "The sensitivity of wedge-tailed eagles to disturbance is well documented," Marcel Cameron said. "The tree in question is the site of a number of distinct and essential eagle functions during and between the periods of incubation and rearing of young. It's a stag eucalypt that overlooks the whole valley.

"People who know the area are vitally concerned that the proposed house should not go ahead.
"Until recently, we all assumed that this allotment, south of the eagles' reserve, would remain undeveloped indefinitely. The steepness of the terrain made vehicular access impractical

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"But the subdivision of an adjacent allotment, which was agreed to by the shire and the developer, as part of a deal to create the Chase reserve, has provided access to the six hectares containing the prey tree."

Marcel and David Cameron, members of the Chase Reserve Interim Committee, have urged the council to acquire the six hectares and incorporate it in the Chase reserve.

Alternatively, they have suggested to council that it acquire five hectares of the land containing the prey tree, and allow residential development on the remaining one hectare, but with the house out of sight of the prey tree.

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It's festival time again and this year's theme is "War-randyte—Beyond Imagination". Puzzled by Jock's festival logo design? A clue: if you're spaced out enough, you should be able to work it out. Once again, the festival is a full weekend packed with fun and entertainment for the whole family. Venues are spread across Warrandyte, including Stiggants Reserve, St Stephens church, the river and riverbank and the community centre. A free bus will be running from Stiggants around the town and to various tours. Haycart rides will operate along the riverbank from Stiggants to Anderson Street for \$1 a round trip. This year's major attraction is a free sound and light show entitled Our Place In Space. Written by Cliff Green, directed by Brian Laurence and designed by Jock Macneish, this "Warrandyte fantasy beyond imagination" featuring a cast of hundreds, will be staged on the Saturday evening on the riverbank paddock between the old dairy and Anderson Street. After the show, a free bus will take teenagers to the disco at the cricket club.

As usual, the festival parade begins at 11am on Saturday. Music will be provided by our community band, among a number of others. Features include entertainers, floats, bikes, horses, clowns, carriages, vintage cars and more. A lunchtime program of international dancing on the riverbank stage at Stiggants follows.

Friends of the State Park are launching their longawaited book Discover Warrandyte during the festival. The scouts have included a crawling net and a rope bridge as part of their popular waterslide at Stiggants. The Rage Without Alcohol concert will be a highlight of Saturday afternoon with many young bands on the Rage Stage. A new lilo race will be run on the river. Sunday afternoon sees the return of the famous duck race (buy your ticket in advance) and the notorious Undie 500 will run for the second year. The grand festival finale concert winds up proceedings on Sunday night, followed immediately by the fireworks display (subject, as always, to CFA approval). Further information can be obtained from the Citizens' Advice Bureau in the community centre, and from the caravan near the main stage during the festival weekend. And the logo design? It's a shaded contour map of Warrandyte as seen from outer space.

Festival town map



- Police Station
- Old dairy paddock

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Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 March 1993

THURSDAY 18 MARCH

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8pm: CONCERT & REFRESHMENTS at St

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11am: POSTER COMPETITION prize presentation at Kids' Festival Parade. Posters judged, then all displayed at Harry Heath's Supermarket. Enquiries: Nijole Pengelley, 844

6.30pm: OPENING OF EXPO '93 and prize giving, followed by CEBS CARNIVAL FUN NIGHT. Hot food and refreshments. St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries: Ann Ley, 844 3543.



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8.30am: APEX FUN RUN. Run by Warrandyte Apex Club from Stiggants Reserve. 9km course Prizes. Entries on the day, be there by 8.15am.

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

9am-5pm: LIFE, BE IN IT van. Puppets, face inting, zany lights. Free entry. Stiggants

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9am-5pm: TREE ABSEILING. Run by tree surgeons from Community Church. Safe for kids and trees. Riverbank below Community Church. Enquiries: Adrian Clancy, 844 1161.

10.30am: MARSHALLING of parade floats. Pedestrians, Yarra Street, east of bridge; vehicles, Warrandyte-Ringwood Road; horses & floats, Tills Drive. Enquiries: Rick Gordon: 844 2242.

10.50am: JUDGING of Festival Parade floats. Categories: most colorful, most elaborate, most imaginative, best float, best-dressed animal, best



11am: FESTIVAL PARADE. From Warrandyte Bridge to Stiggants Reserve. Theme: 'Warran-dyte—Beyond Imagination!' Marching bands including community band, Gong House. Entertainers, floats, bikes, horses, clowns, carriages, vintage cars and more. Commentaries at village shops and Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242

12noon: WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY **BAND** on Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. 12.30pm: GONG HOUSE. Instruments made during preceding weeks in a creative community activity. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

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2.30-4pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS. Andersons Creek, Warrandyte, Warrandyte South Primary Schools; Glenden School of Dancing; Warrandyte School of Dance, Eltham College Junior Choir. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. 3.30-3.45pm: STEP REEBOK DEMON-

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10am-4pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.

10am-4pm: BASKETBALL SHOOT-OUT. Organised by Warrandyte Basketball Club. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

10.30am-12.30pm: INTER-BRIGADE **COMPETITION.** See our three local fire brigades compete for the 'Yarra Bent Branch' Demonstration of firefighting and athletic skills. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.



10.30-11.30am: OUTDOOR FAMILY SERVICE. Warrandyte Community Church, at

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VE been waiting all year for the procession and fireworks at Harry's, but so far—nothing. Ever since they announced their Festival I've been on tenterhooks each time I stagger to a stop in my old Sunbird in Harry's carnark

my old Sunbird in Harry's carpark.

Now I'm not a hard man to please, and goodness knows, I've been excited by windchimes outside Rose Cottage and by a hint of the exotic at Folkart, but I am becoming a bit stroppy waiting for the Festival event at the West End!

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waiting for the Pestival event at the West End!

Before you know it, the Warrandyte Festival will have rolled around and all the crepe paper will have been used up on the tricycles and there'll be nothing left for Harry's parade.

It's a pity really as the venue has a lot going for it.

The procession could assemble on the football oval—ground conditions permitting—and Walter Magilton could drive his MG over the pedestrian crossing. The fire trucks could stay where they are—in their staing. The fire trucks could stay where they are—in their station—and just sound their sirens. The Saturday morning tennis players could form a guard of honor for the shoppers who always get caught up in the excitement of a parade.

I can see it all. The parking area transformed into a fun park compared into a fun park co

transformed into a fun park, com-plete with inflatable castle, lucky

dips and a water slide down the ramp leading into the supermar-

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The gold mine courtyard will echo to the chatter and laughter of festival-goers browsing through the stalls, whilst the smell of barbecued sausages will tempt patrons away to the competing takeaway shops, east of the complex.

And the sound and light show? No!I'm getting carried away. Best leave it to Harry to work out. He's been announcing his festival for long enough, he must have some really good ideas up his sleeve—and all without so much as a whiff of a committee!

This could be the start of something big. Each Warrandyte business could host their own festival, in turn.

We could have the Grand Festival, the Farmakis Festival, the Mahervellous Wine Festival, the East End Extravaganza, the Way Ahead Wipeout, the Bakery

Mahervellous Wine Festival, the East End Extravaganza, the Way Ahead Wipeout, the Bakery Bunfight, the John Smart Spectacular and the Canoe Shed Water Carnival.

I'm prepared to offer myself for the organising committee. I like to think of myself as something of an expert. I've been around Warrandyte long enough

to have seen a lot of festivals and now I think I know how they're done. It's a matter of networking. Who you know, not what you know.

Let me run this past you.

Iknow Martin Walker, so we've got the compere. I belong to the drama group, so we've got a float loaded with adults and children wearing costumes hurriedly

loaded with adults and children wearing costumes hurriedly lifted from wardrobe.
Georgeous Creature, my daughter, was a Wyena Pony Club member, so we're right for horses. My son, Boy Wonder, belongs to the SES, so we'll have big trucks with flashing lights and men and women in colorful uniforms.

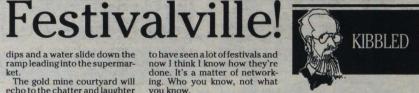
uniforms.

I've got a gumboot, some sheets of plastic and a hose, a portable barbie, some torches and a transistor radio for the son et lumiere. I just happen to have some friends who are learning to tardance so we've got the have some friends who are learning to tapdance, so we've got the entertainment and Cliff Green's in the palm of my hand so we'll get great publicity.

To say I am to festivals what Cameron Mackintosh is to the musical is stretching it a bit. But I have travelled and I have seen other festivals.

We own a weekender on Phillip

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Island and they have a Fiesta. That's overseas experience. Now, there's a festival for you! The Japanese tourists have to be dragged away from the excitement to force themselves to watch the boring old penguins. Just off Phillip Island is the Churchill Island fete. It has a lot in common with the Warrandyte Festival: local, low-key, a bit time-warpish, with lots of people walking around looking for the action. We arrived one year to find the fete consisted of an apiarist who showed us bees in a hive, a lady dressed in an 1850s apron selling scones and a group of kite fliers, flying their kites from the carpark because it was the emptiest place on the island. Which brings me back to Harry's Festival. Be warned, Harry. A community can only stand so much high-pitched fever. If you leave it too long we'll all pick up our enthusiasm and go to Churchill Island and all you'll be left with will be a carpark full of kite fliers.

ROGER KIBELL

Pine not for those trees of distant lands

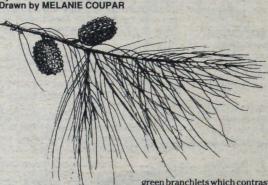
HE pine is a dark fore-boding tree with branches like cathedral spires straining towards the sky. Beneath this towering green biomass, however, the ground is barren. Resinous pine needles do not decompose easily. Instead they form a springy brown carpet that obliterates any growth below. People view pine trees in different ways. To some, pines are no more than wood-producing trees, plantations of which represent large amounts of money. Others see the pine and its woody cones as a symbol of Christmas. Farmers use pine and cypress trees to provide shade and shelter. When planted in rows they form a windbreak in open paddocks and around buildings. In Warrandyte, pine trees are foreigners that have taken up residence amongst the eucalypts in our native bushland, shedding soft needles that smother the ground flora. Pine trees do not form hollows. And although cockatoos are attracted to the seeds and wood-boring grubs, the trees do not provide suitable habitat for birds and other native fauna.

Pine, cypress, fir and spruce native fauna.

native fauna. Pine, cypress, fir and spruce belong to an ancient group of plants known collectively as conifers. Over 75 per cent of timber used in the building industry today comes from these



By PAT COUPAR Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR



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trees. In their natural state, confers are found mainly in the forests of the northern hemisphere. In Australia, eucalypts dominate most of our forests. There are a number of pine species native to Australia, but none occur in Warrandyte. However, we do have trees of similar appearance that are sometimes mistaken for pines.

The Cherry Ballart is a small, cypress-like tree, easily distinguished by its bright, yellowish-

green branchlets which contrast dramatically with the round, grey-blue leaves of Red Box eucalypts amongst which it grows. One of the secrets of the tree's success lies hidden below ground. This attractive, harm-less-looking tree is in fact a root parasite, stealing essential nutrients from the roots of nearby trees.

trees.
The tiny, pale green flowers of Cherry Ballart are inconspicuous. But these are followed, in summer, by red globular fruits which are edible and give the

tree its common name. The fruit is unusual in that the hard green stone sits on top of the swollen fleshy stalk—the edible bit. The scientific name Exocarpos literally means "outside nut".

Perhaps bearing even more resemblance to pine trees are the she-oaks, which not only have dark, needle-like foliage, but bear their seeds in woody cones. Only one species grows in Warrandyte, the Black Sheoak. This is much less common than the Cherry Ballart. It is found in scattered occurrences close to the river.

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During the late summer and autumn, sprays of tiny rust-brown male flowers crowd the ends of the drooping branchlets, while on separate trees, fluffy red tufts of female flowers form along the woody branches. These are followed by spiky cylindrical cones which contain the seeds.

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She-oaks are easily grown from seed and are readily available from nurseries. They make a splendid replacement for pines. Pine trees should not be part of the Warrandyte environment. Their natural home is thousands of kilometres away, high on the steep-sided mountains of Monterey.

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OUwould not think that termites in your house could possibly bring good luck, but this is how it happened. One morning! walked into the kitchen and my foot went through a floorboard. Ipicked up the pieces and found to my horror that it was crawling with white ants.

I had never experienced termites before, but had heard much about the damage they could do. Working always under cover of darkness, they leave a thin screen of wood on the surface to protect them from the light as they eat away at the solid timbers, until in the end a whole house could collapse.

I walked to the window where already the sun was staining the glass with the first golden glow of the day. It was summer, and the sun was up as early as I.

The mountains were still half lost in a lilac mist, and leaves alid mottled shadows on the grass. Magpies were beginning to hush their carolling; belibirds filled the air with tinkling notes. The river, now at a low ebb, could barely be heard, but I could almost hear the pounding of my frightened heart.

I went out and stood there, gazing at the house. Never had it looked so lovely with its elegant, long low lines, its many windows and mellow red-tiled roof. I must do something, or we could lose the house altogether. But I knew not what.

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I went inside to the wakening children. Three children now, because some two years before Ihad adopted a baby girl. A very happy little family. As I dressed and feed them, my mind revolved around this latest trouble and what to do about it. Finally I took the phone book and found a pest extermination company. Yes, they would send an expert.

He arrived the following day, crawled under the house and found several well-established termite nests. He said they could be destroyed, all the house timbers treated, and the firm would give me a life-time guarantee. But for me, the cost was staggering: 120 pounds.

I explained my financial position and asked if I could pay it off in instalments. He agreed to put the matter to his firm. So the job was done and my mind was more or less at ease. Then I had to find

the matter to his firm. So the job was done and my mind was more or less at ease. Then I had to find the money. I still owed a considerable sum after a year or so and the firm, not unnaturally, was growing impatient. They even threatened to take me to court. Some three years previously my husband had bought the house outright. Shortly afterwards he was taken ill with tuberculosis and went to a sanitorium. Believing he was going to die, he made the house over to me, to save paying government probate. But when he recovered he demanded that I sign it back to him.



I held out for as long as possible, but when he said he would discontinue paying me any further money, I gave in. Now he was on an extended business trip overseas. I knew it was no use appealing to him for money. He would rather see the house fall apart than help me.

Before he went away he had left me a few post-dated cheques. I went to his bank in the city with these, to see if something could be done. I asked to see the manager, and this is where my luck changed.

As long as I live I will never forget that kindly and understanding man. He sent for my husband's file. "Of course," he said, "I cannot disclose a client's business, but you should not be in this position. I will give you the money myself and you can pay me back sometime. Also, I find in this file the titles to a house, entirely unemcumbered. It is in your name, so you may take it."

"But," I said, "I signed it back to my husband."

"Yes, but the signature was not witnessed, so it is not legal. It is a large area of land, some 32 acres. Keep what you want around the house and sell the rest as soon as you can. It should relieve you of all your money troubles. I'll deal with your husband when he returns."

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I don't remember any step of the journey home. Not the walk to the station, not the train ride,

not even the drive in my old ramshackle car. I think I must have grown wings and flown. I didn't even stop to pick up my little daughter from a neighbour. Arriving home, I simply stood there for a long, long while, looking towards the distant mountains that were now growing indistinct in the gathering dusk, half afraid of losing my tight grip on that precious title deed that now represented all my good fortune.

At last I picked up little Mary, fed her and put her to bed. Then I phoned Ben to tell him what had happened. At first he was surprised and disappointed that I had not asked him for the money, but was more than pleased about my good fortune. Then I phoned Ellen. When she overcame her surprise, I asked if she knew of a surveyor familiar with the district and the council by-laws. She knew just the man, retired but willing to earn some extra money. I wanted to subdivide the land as quickly as possible, before my husband came home, in case in some way he might thwart me.

Alfred, the old surveyor, became a good friend. He found it difficult to scramble up and down the steep, rocky hills, so Ellen and I held tapes and instruments for him.

Just about that time, the Government declared certain areas around Melbourne to be within what was called a 'Green Belt'.

This meant that land could not be cut into small suburban blocks. Mine was included in

blocks. Mine was included in that.

No matter, it could be divided into three good-sized blocks, leaving enough room around the house for me to care for. I had no difficulty selling the land, in fact it was Ellen who sold the first block of ten acres.

The buyer was a bachelor friend of hers. He held a very responsible position in the city, and was pleased to get away from the hustle and bustle. He was delighted with the wide views across the mountains and the sound of the river far below. He had a good car and said he would not mind the bad roads. His intention was to have a small house built, and for the time being come only at weekends. He was nearing retirement and then would come to live permanently. then would come to live perma-

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He erected a tent and watched the building of his house. He found a local builder, who, together with his brother, undertook the job. Ross, as we came to know him, was content that they could only work for him during the weekends. He agreed to pick them up, as their old truck was not equal to the bad roads.

Ross was truly a man of nature. He spent hours wandering through the bush. He loved, as idid, to watch a storm breaking over the mountains, or to sit for

over the mountains, or to sit for hours on the riverbank fishing,



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By Eve Evans

or to see the full moon sailing across the sky. Whenever Ellen came for dinner, we would ask him too. In the habit of eating out in cafes, he thoroughly enjoyed home-cooked meals.

It was he who sold the next block to a couple who were friends of his. It would be some time before they would build, as their children were still at school in the suburbs.

Now with money to spare, I opened my first bank account. I bought a reasonably decent car, paid off the kindly bank manager and invested in a new stove. The sides of the old one had burnt out, making it difficult to control the heat. So things were looking up all round, and I was very grateful for this change of fortune.

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It did not take long to sell the remaining allotments. Many people were anxious to own a piece of quiet bushland. This was just as well, because within six months, I doubt if I would have been able to sell the land at all. We had in the village a branch of the Country Women's Association. There were not many members as there were not many people in the village. They met once a month in the old hall, and from time to time demonstrators came up from the city to instruct the members in various handcrafts.

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Meetings always ended with a fine afternoon tea. Women vied with each other as to who could make the best cakes or the most delicious scones. Sometimes they played games, listened to a speech one or other of them prepared, or simply chatted together over afternoon tea.

But on one particular occasion, the president stood up and said she had a proposal to make. Since the villagers had little entertainment—apart from the Saturday night dances—the Country Women should try to produce short plays. She knew of several branches that were already doing this successfully. If we would choose a play and assign the various parts to be studied, CWA head office would send a producer to help over the first one or two plays; until we found a producer in our midst. It was all great fun! What with curtains that failed to open at the right time, awkward stage postures causing laughter in the wrong places and lighting so poor that players sometimes looked like strangers from another world. Being no kind of

poor that players sometimes looked like strangers from an-other world. Being no kind of

actress myself, I was given the task of caring for the props. There had recently come to Warrandyte a young couple. They built a small cottage near Elaine. The wife, Naomi, was keenly interested in our small drama group. Indeed she was a great help, as she had had some amateur theatrical experience. One night, Naomi offered to drive me home after a rehearsal. The boys, now well in their teens, were on holiday from school, so I could safely leave them and their younger sister, Mary. About a mile and a half from home was a stretch of road we called the Dipper Hill. Two steep sides led down to a deep, wide gully. To negotiate this, one drove slowly down one side, then put the car into low gear and took a run to climb and reach the top on the other side.

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Just as we reached the ridge at the top, an extraordinary thing happened. There in front of us was a strange shape. It moved slowly above the road, then, in about halfa minute, disappeared into the trees. We sat petrified for a few moments, then described to each other what we had seen. Both us had seen the same. A shape like an enormous kite, doubled over at the corners and of a bright apricot color. It was a dark, starless night, with nothing that could have caused a reflection. In no way did it bear any resemblance to a human form.

Naomi drove me home, then drove home herself. I wakened the boys to tell them. They laughed and laughed. So I phoned Naomi and said, "Listen, Naomi, don't speak of this to anyone or we will be the laughing stock of the village," and I told her how the boys had reacted.

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But it was too late. She had already told her husband Allan, a journalist on a Melbourne newspaper. Late though it was, he phoned his editor, elaborating on his wife's story, and calling the thing a ghost. His paper appeared with the story the following day. The next day, several other papers picked it up. Then it began. A succession of people coming to us: reporters, sensation seekers, curious people; even scientists who came to examine the area for vapor or gas leaks. They found nothing. But this episode certainly put little old Warrandyte on the map.

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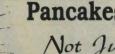
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Back to Warrandyte

The Warrandyte Historical Society will be organising a Warrandyte reunion on the weekend of October 9 and 10 this year. The society has established an organising committee and would be pleased to hear from other organisations who would like to take part. Preliminary arrangements have been made for the Warrandyte Primary School and the historical society museum to be open for the weekend. A Saturday night dance is also planned. Any group wishing to be involved should contact Bruce Bence on 8443122 or write to the Warrandyte Historical Society secretary, Gina Jones, P.O. Box 67, Warrandyte, 3113.

Follies
The Warrandyte Festival Follies are back, promising to bring you laughter, entertainment and a walk down memory lane. The show will include comedy, singing, dancing and a repeat performance of the 'Tappers' of last year's follies fame. Gail McCrae and David Crockett are co-directing and producing the show with a cast of around 30. Eight performances are planned, with a special early performance on Saturday, March 20 at 5.30pm, prior to the sound and light show to be presented in the Old Dairy Paddock at 8pm. Other performances will be at 8pm on March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The venue is the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute hall and tickets will be \$12 a head. For bookings ring 844 1032.

Seminar

The Warrandyte Historical Soci-The Warrandyte Historical Society's recent seminar at the community centre was a great success with some 50 people attending. The society would like to thank the speakers, Vern Denford, Don Charlwood and Shirley Weincke; also Margory Lapworth and Don Humphries for setting up the venue. Shirley Rotherham provided a superb afternoon tea.



Warrandyte's seniors are the best indoor bowls players around, and they've got the pennant to prove it! Winners of the 1992 Eastern Suburbs Senior Citizens' Indoor Bowls Association flag are (from left) Phyllis Foster, Helen Ward, Val Knibbs, Jack Garoni, Fred Knibbs, Bill Ward (captain) and Arthur Donald. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Railway

Railway
The Warrandyte Model Railway
Club is another in a long line of
hidden treasures scattered
around the township. The
clubroom, tucked behind the
foyer in the community centre,
houses a number of interesting
models and layouts. Currently
the club is modelling the area in
and around Bacchus Marsh station in 1954. The Bacchus Marsh
line has many interesting features, including grades of 1 in 48
and massive earthworks which
were required to get the line
from the Geelong depression.
onto the high plain. The year
1954 was selected because it was
in the period of the steam-todiesel transition. If you are interested, the club is open on Friday
nights from 7.30. It will also be
open during the festival. The club
runs occasional trips to the various live steam railways around
Victoria.

The third Doncaster and Templestowe Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is to be held at the Veneto club in Bulleen on April 3. The guest speaker is the Rev Jean Penman. Cost is \$14 and closing date is March 24. Further information may be obtained from Frank Smit on 842 2995 (AH).

The state government has appointed Warrandyte Neighbourhood House a Material Aid Provider for Warrandyte. People experiencing financial problems can call on Margory Lapworth, co-ordinator, on 844 2023.

Typewriter

Volunteers are always busy at the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau keeping the information

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card system up to date. Nell Charlwood, the information su-premo, is wondering if anyone in the community could donate an electric typewriter, as previ-ous state government funding has now ceased.

Exhibition

You are invited to the opening of an exhibition at Potters Cottage entitled Clay and Nature to be held at 2.30 pm on Saturday, March 13. Pottery by Yvonne Strik, Judi McCrum, Alida Parkinson and Margaret Holloway will be on display. The opening will be conducted by Barry Hayes. The exhibition will remain open from 10am to 5pm daily, between March 13 and 28.

Workshop

The Warrandyte group of the Penguin Club is running a workshop on public speaking at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, April 14 at 8pm. The workshop will be conducted by Marjorie Treidel and the subject is 'Voice'. Bookings and enquiries to 844 2052 or 842 2880.

Tell us

The Diary loves to print news of your group's activities. Jot down all the details, including date, time, venue and contact number and drop it in our box on the old cypress tree opposite the Com-monwealth bank, push it under our door at the community centre or fax to 844 4168.

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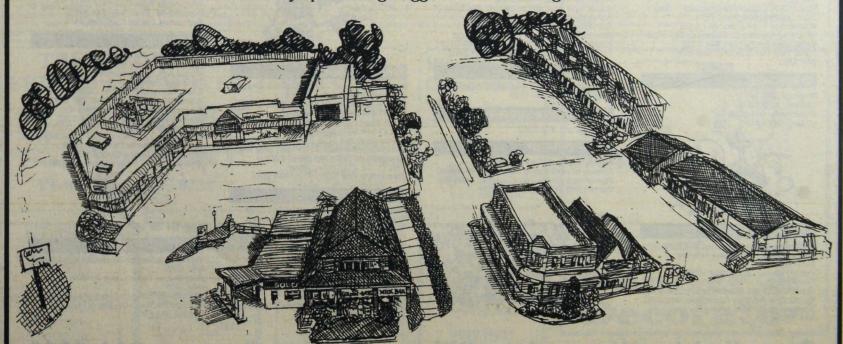
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Bandwagon ready to roll

Dytes fall into cricket finals

By DAVID KUTCHER

Warrandyte Cricket Club have
"fallen" into the finals of the
RDCA Chandler Shield competition—but captain-coach John
Sharman has no doubts they
can win it.

The Dytes put their place in
the finals at grave risk by losing
their last two games, against
teams they fully expected to
beat comfortably.

Club statisticians worked feverishly for an hour after
stumps were drawn in the last
qualifying game, against bottom side Wonga Park, before
they could assure players that
the first eleven had made it.
They had, in fact, finished third
in a desperately-tight competition.

Sharman told a packed

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Sharman told a packed clubroom he believed Warran-dyte had never been in better shape to regain the Chandler Shield.

Shield.
"I believe that with Campbell Horlock and Harry Drysdale back in the team, this premier-ship can be won," Sharman said. Horlock, a hard-hitting middle-order batsman, and all-rounder Drysdale were missing from the team beaten by Wonga Park. They have been valuable contributors all season.

son.
Warrandyte failed by 38 runs
against Wonga Park, after sending the visitors in to bat. Set 226
to win, they could manage only

to win, they could manage only 187.
Chris Snaidero, who replaced Drysdale in the side, grabbed his opportunity by taking 5/59 with well-controlled seamers. Andrew Hood, the Dytes' most consistent batsman, top-scored again with 45.
WCC president Mark Davis emphasised guts and pride when he addressed the players after the match. "Now is not the time to hang your heads," he said. "Guts and determination, pride and the belief in one's ability are the key ingredients needed to take out the premiership."
Warrandyte meet Ainslie Park in their semi-final, at Ainslie Park on March 13-14.
The fourth eleven, the Dytes' only other senior finals contenders, appear to have missed



out. When this edition of the Diary went to press, it seemed that percentages would count against them.

At junior level, however, the club will be represented by the under-14s, who finished second on the ladder.

The women's team premiers

on the ladder.

The women's team, premiers last season, finished without a win in the tough pennant reserve competition. Hopes for 1993-94 rest largely with upcoming juniors including swing bowler Kath McGhee and medium-pacer Amanda Utt.

DETAILS:

Firsts: Warrandyte 9/146 (Sharman 57, Drysdale 40 n.o.) d East Ringwood 145 (Watis 759, Washe 26,99). Warrandyte 9/160 (Hood 73, Brisbane 17) lost to Norwood 165 (Drysdale 5/27, Walshe 2/48). Warrandyte 187 (Hood 45, Sharman 33, A. Snaidero 31 n.o.) lost to Wonga Park 225 (C. Snaidero 5/59, Walshe 2/47).

Seconds: Warrandyte 7/271 (Vitiriti 74, Creber 70) d East Ringwood 243 (Harvey

47).
Seconds: Warrandyte 7/271 (Vitiritti 74, Creber 70) d East Ringwood 243 (Harvey 4/67). Warrandyte 195 (Day 34, Pascoe 24, Harvey 24) lost to Norwood 3/248. Warrandyte 268 (Harvey 57, Sturesteps 49, Warr 35) lost to Wonga Park 8/357 (Baker 3/97).
Thirds: Warrandyte 130 (N. Brisbane 45, Harbolt 38 n.o.) lost to Norwood 3/190. Warrandyte 186 (Jungwirth 45 n.o.) d Wonga Park 146 (O'Connor 4/34).

Indicate 2/00). Warrandyte 39 v Sneddon 5/91 (game washed out). JUNIORS Under-16: Warrandyte 8/72 (Bell 29) lost to East Ringwood 6/95 (Bell 3/30). Warrandyte 207 (Luttick 45, Utt 49 n.o.) d Mooroolbark 164 (Cornell 3/9, Deleo 2/22). Warrandyte 86 (Luttick 23, Gathercole 24) lost to Klisyth 5/92. Warrandyte 5/142 (Bell 51, Deleo 22, Luttick 23) d Croydon 63 (Bell 4/39, Deleo 2/20). Under-14: Warrandyte 1/100 (Brisbane 49, Edwards 31) d Croydon United 49 (Russell 45, Chapman 3/5). Warrandyte 5/121 (Brisbane 41, Edwards 28) d East Ringwood 82 (Chapman 3/21, Brisbane 2/10). Warrandyte 2/118 (Brisbane 41, Edwards 2/18). Warrandyte 2/168 (Brisbane 44, Edwards 2/18). Warrandyte 2/168 (Brisbane 44, Edwards 43, Chapman 3/25, Russell 3/6) d Croydon Hockeyers 108 (P. Williamson 3/25, Russell 2/15). Under-12 (3): Warrandyte 59 lost to South Croydon 113 (Gee 2/9). Warrandyte 75 and 33 (Gurner 20, Selleck 13) lost to Ringwood 228. Warrandyte 58 (Gurner 23, Holland 16) lost to Heathmont 112. Under-12 (5): Warrandyte 87 (Dummett 12, Waever 11) lost to Montrose 121 (Johnson 2/6, Taylor 2/6). Warrandyte 70 (Weaver 12, Barnes 10) lost to Knox Gardens (Gamble 3/7, Casey 2/5). Warrandyte 97 (19/10-14, Marchi 12, Foley 11, Green 10) d Heathmont 71 (Dummett 3/7, Marchi 3/8).

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club begin their 1993 premiership campaign on April 3 after one of the most encouraging pre-seasons for many years.

The Bloods start the season away against Kilsyth, whom they thrashed in last year's first semifinal on the way to the EDFL third division grand final.

Strengthened by an influx of well-credentialled recruits and the return of several senior players, Warrandyte will not hear of anything less than the flag, their first in 10 years. And they appear to have the depth to do it. New coach Darren Peters could not be happier with the buildup. "Things are looking very good," he told the Diary. "We couldn't be more pleased at this stage. "There are a lot of guys here

couldn't be more pleased at this stage.
"There are a lot of guys here who want to see the club go one better than last year."
Peters is one of many acquisitions. The others include:
• Ruckman and key position player Brett Munro, who has accompanied Peters from first division as assistant coach.
• Ruckman Andrew Schafer, a former Warrandyte junior who has made a name for himself with North Ringwood and in the strong amateurs competition.
• Andrew Park, a talented rover/centreman from Hoppers Crossing.

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Barry Long, a centreline player from Mitcham.

Matthew Grybas, who stood out of football after a clearance dispute with Norwood and be-comes a Warrandyte player af-ter round nine.

Back in the Bloods fold are former captain and dual best and

former captain and dual best and fairest winner Robin Golding, tough defender Joey Hassall (who has spent a year in Syd-ney), Brian Scicluna and Andrew Snaidero.

Snaidero.

The only significant losses from last year's senior team are

The Bloods' 1993 draw

April 3: v Kilsyth (A)
April 17: v Fair Park (H)
April 24: v Forest Hill (A)
May 1: v Ferntree Gully (H)
May 8: v Surrey Hills (A)
May 15: v Templestowe (H)
May 22: v Coldstream (A)
May 29: v The Basin (H)
June 5: v Knox (A)

June 12: v Kilsyth (H)
June 19: v Fair Park (A)
June 26: v Forest Hill (H)
July 3 v Ferntree Gully (A)
July 10: v Surrey Hills (H)
July 17: v Templestowe (A)
July 24: v Coldstream (H)
July 31: v The Basin (A)
August 7: v Knox (H)

Also on the wanted list are under-18 players, an assistant coach for the under-18s and trainers and managers for all

A paid position (preferably for an unemployed club member) is available behind the bar at the clubrooms. Hours are 4.30 to 7.30 pm on Thursdays and 11.30 am-6.30 pm home game Saturdays and 4.30-7.30 pm away Saturdays.

Warrandyte will celebrate the 10 th anniversary of their last senior premiership with a reunion at the home game on July 24. Fittingly, the game is against Coldstream, whom the Bloods beat by two points in the 1983 grand final.

The past players club will be

key forward Stuart McLean, who has left the district, and defender Matt Luttick, who is overseas. WFC secretary Norm Carrington has invited Warrandyte folk to "jump on the Bloods bandwagon".

"Get behind the club," he said. "If you want to be there to see it really go somewhere, this is the year it will happen."

Mr Carrington described the feeling around the club as "excellent", with as many as 60 players at training each week. Players will again be paid this season on a win-only (\$60) basis. Three full-scale practice matches will be played in the lead-up to the season's opener. They will be against East Doncaster on March 14 at lead-up to the season's opener. They will be against East Doncaster on March 14 at Bulleen Park, and against country side Ellenbank on March 21 and Mornington league club Karingal on March 28 at Bulleen Oval (No 3).

Oval (No 3).

Warrandyte face the new season with a \$10,000 deficit and there will be heavy emphasis on social activity and other fundraising events.

Sponsors are needed urgently and anyone prepared to get behind the club financially is invited to contact Mr Carrington on 725 3536. The club will hold a sponsors luncheon at the first sponsors luncheon at the first home game, on April 17.

grand final.

The past players club will be active this season, with three luncheons already planned. The group also is buying a trophy cabinet for the clubrooms and cabinet for the clubrooms and anyone who would like their local football memorabilia displayed in it is asked to contact Colin Bawden on 722 1771.
WFC will host a hole-in-one competition on the riverfront behind the Palette on the Saturday and Sunday of the Warrandyte Festival. In the event of two or more competitors playing the

or more competitors playing the perfect shot, the valuable cash prize will be decided by a near-est-the-pin playoff.

Warrandyte Junior Football Club returned to the training track on March 3 with the best turnout—and the most impressive array coaches—of recent years.

The coaching panel for the new season includes former Melbourne VFL player and Warrandyte senior coach Denis Clark, who has taken charge of the under-14s, and Lou Amos, a former local senior player and reserves captain, who has been appointed to the under-16s.

Amos was assistant coach of the under-16s in 1991. The other coaches are Gavin Cato (under-10s), Narcus Zikaras (under-12s), Neil Riddell (under-12s assistant), Ben Brisbane (under-14s assistant) and Eric Houghton (under-16s assistant).

14s assistant) and Eric Houghton (under-16s assistant). The club is looking to a suc-cessful season and fully en-dorses EDFL policy of no re-corded scores and no premier-

The best of hands

football without extra pressures

Helmets are compulsory for Warrandyte's under-10s and are available for any player at the

club.
Training is on Wednesdays, from 4.30 to 6pm on the lower oval for under-10s and under-12s and on the main oval from 5 to 6.60pm for under-14s and un-

Fee for the 16-game season is \$30. For further information, con-tact Greg Alchin (437 1248) or Phil Meade (844 2733).

Parkes poised again

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's 1993 midweek competition is under way, with the Peter Parkes again expected to dominate the over-30 section.

Last season's premiers have started their campaign with some convincing wins. Their logical challengers for the premiership are Andersons Creek, who have recruited wisely by acquiring powerful centre Bob Hillman.

Hillman racked up 18 points, including a couple of long-range three-pointers in his debut game against the Wobblers. It was a big win for Andersons Creek and one which may have helped to condemn their opponents to a poor season.

The Wobblers are still smarting from the defection of their star player, Graeme Pollock, to Makeshift. The loss is hurting badly, but Makeshift are delighted by their recruiting coup and will be all the stronger for it.

player award last season. He played his last game for the Wobblers in their recent 24-27 loss to the

Plastics.

The open section tipped off on March 10, with Makeshift favoured to defeat the Darkhorses, one of three new teams in the competition this season.

The only other side returning are the Hitmen, whose organiser, Ron McLellan, is hoping for a return to past glories which saw them win three grand finals on the trot in late-1980s.

The junior section of the club is gearing up for a finals fling which culminates in the grand finals on Saturday, March 27, at venues across the eastern suburbs.

Big things are expected of the Redbacks, who hope to capitalise on all the hard work that has been put in since the season started back in October.

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