

# 'Wedge' subdivisions shock locals

## Diamonds are forever!



Photographer David Garner caught a tender moment between Warrandyte's diamond jubilee couple, Marnie and Jim Horkings. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary late last month.

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By DAVID WYMAN

Two attempts to subdivide properties—already of minimum lot size or less—have been made recently in Green Wedge land in Park Orchards.

Both moves were supported and recommended by Doncaster council officers. The two properties appear to be ineligible for subdivision under council's own planning scheme.

In one case, involving subdivision of 0.8 hectare (two acres) on an eight hectare (20 acre) property, council in fact issued a permit and the land was advertised for sale. Council then admitted it had granted the permit in error and is now seeking to cancel it via the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

In the other attempt, a landowner sought council's seal of approval to amalgamate his two separate lots of land into about 2.4 hectares (six acres) and also applied for a subdivision of 0.44 hectare (about one acre). Council has deferred this move but it is still on council notices.

The two separate subdivision moves by landowners in Landscape Interest A zoning in Rainbow Valley Road have greatly disturbed many neighbouring residents and Green Wedge advocates. The minimum lot size in Green Wedge land is eight hectares or 20 acres.

Green Wedge land is currently under review by both council staff and by the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Advisory Committee, with proposals for changes in zonings and developmental controls.

Expressions of the need for flexibility in future development of Green Wedge land by some committee members and advisers worry local environmentalists. They reason that "some development" will be the thin edge of the wedge.

The first local residents knew of the first subdivision was in a newspaper advertisement list-

ing two acres of land for sale. The proposed subdivision concerned residents in Rainbow Valley Road and Brympton Avenue because it was something they had not known about when they produced the original Park Orchards zoning study.

Council advised residents that the landowner had subsequently been granted a permit under a local government act to make a subdivision of 0.8 hectare on his eight hectare property.

Mrs Johanne Oosthuizen said the subdivision concerned local residents because "how can a permit be issued in Landscape Interest zoning which is currently under review".

"The obscure council regulation that was used allowed one subdivision if, in 1971, your land was greater than eight hectares (20 acres) and included a house. In fact the property involved had already been subdivided and is just 20 acres."

The *Diary* has been informed that Greg Whitehouse, council's manager of statutory planning, has admitted that "an error was made" and that "council is in the process of correcting the situation". Council has made an application to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to have the permit cancelled.

It is understood that the same landowner was refused an application to council to rezone his land for subdivision in July 1991.

In the land transfer case in Rainbow Valley Road, the owner sought council approval to amalgamate two separate lots of land and create a subdivision of about .44 hectare (about one acre).

The owner had purchased an unwanted road reservation from Doncaster council in the 1970s, but as a lot it was unsuited for housing because of its shape.

Council's notice paper of March 30 concludes that "council should seal the plan of transfer and plan of consolidation". But the matter has been deferred.

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# Pub pokies proliferate

By CLINTON GRYBAS

The Grand Hotel is ready for the introduction of poker machines, with the first coins set to drop on Wednesday, May 19. Five will be in use from that day in the public bar, with a further 22 arriving within a couple of months in a new room alongside the bistro.

According to manager and part-owner Steven Beaumont, the Tattersalls coin-operated machines should fit in well with the hotel, with the target users being both hotel regulars and new patrons.

The introduction will cap what has been a very eventful period for the hotel, having undergone an extensive facelift both inside and out.

When installed, the 22 machines will be housed in a new area built where a corner of the bistro now is, and will include a new bar for the patrons.

This further increases the need for staff, which has grown to around 40 part-timers in peak times.

Mr Beaumont said that while the May 19 launch will be kept fairly low key, "there will be some signs and banners but no huge publicity campaign". There could be a larger effort when the 22 are introduced.

Based on past experience, he feels that the machines should be successful, but concedes that every community is different.

Not everyone is happy with their introduction, however. Rev Sydney Smale of the Uniting Church believes that they may be inappropriate for the Warrandyte community.

"Most people have a limited disposable income, and from experience in other areas like Rosebud, when that disposable income goes into poker machines then it doesn't go elsewhere," he said.

The possible change to the nature of the Grand Hotel concerns him, in that the current focus is "not so much on the bar but on the restaurant, and if you put poker machines in there I think it changes the nature of the hotel and what it has always been, in terms of the small

bar and large restaurant for people and families to gather."

Hotel manager Steven Beaumont told the *Diary* that other changes to the hotel's structure would proceed. The public bar will be enlarged in extensions currently underway. Several walls are to be knocked down to connect the room with the verandah, making one large open area.

These extensions follow the upgrade of the upstairs section of the hotel, which now regularly caters for functions and weekly entertainment. "It's amazing the number of functions we do up there," Mr Beaumont said.

By PAUL WILLIAMS

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# Just a wee little dog with our hero in tow




Old folk heroes never die, they just get publicity-shy. But they can't hide out forever. One of our favourite people, a bloke who just couldn't keep himself out of Page 2 and became a *Diary* legend several years ago, has been flushed out of self-imposed obscurity by Kevin Close, who sees a lot of peculiar things in the course of his daily jogs. We'll let Kevin tell the story: "I was jogging in Taroona Avenue, near the Elderly Citizens Club, one morning late last month when I spotted this guy running towards me. I thought it was a bit unusual because although you see a lot of other joggers, you rarely see anyone actually sprinting. As we approached each other I noticed he had a very small dog—about the size of a chihuahua—on a lead. And what really fascinated me was that the bloke wasn't taking this tiny terrier for a run, the tiny terrier was taking the bloke for a drag!" Welcome back, John (Porky) Smith. Your public has missed you.



The past players of the local footy club have bought, donated and installed a vast and ornate cabinet to be used as a clubroom museum. Now they are looking for memorabilia with which to fill it. If you have something of local historical football interest you'd like to see displayed, Colin Bawden (722 1771) or Brian Tomlinson (876 2178) would love to hear from you. The only condition is that any jockstrap donated must have some sort of story to tell and a guarantee that it has been laundered since last use.



They're calling the 10th hole at Healesville Country Club "Pearson Alley". Neil Pearson, of KG Road, is making something of a habit of holing it in one. Neil aced the 10th three years ago and repeated the performance last month with what he describes as an identical shot—bouncing just short of the green and running into the hole. Not so blessed with good fortune was Neil's good mate Jim Harris, who missed a hole in one by a few centimetres on the fifth at Croydon last month during Warrandyte Lions Club's annual golf day. We can't understand how Jim's ball stayed out because we have played a lot of golf with him and can testify to his consistently incredible luck. We once saw him ace the 11th at Healesville with a shot that hit the pin at a thousand miles an hour and burrowed into the hole like a startled rabbit. We're very surprised that Jim hasn't yet won Tattsлото or struck oil at Pound Bend.




We know the *Diary* is priceless and popular, but we can't understand why anyone


## IN RED & WHITE




would pinch the entire stocks of the March issue from two milk bars—Rob and Lynne's in Yarra Street and George's at the post office. There was no need to deprive other people of their copies because a phone call to circulation manager Bruce Bence on 844 3122 would have got the phantom filcher as many extra copies (within reason) as he or she desired. We still can't figure out which sensational story prompted such a huge personal demand. Maybe someone had heard we were taking up where Truth has left off and were running a Page 3 girl. Sadly, not true.



There is quite a story to the trophy sitting on the shelf above the bar at our RSL Club. It goes back a few years to a pool tournament between the club and Warrandyte Fire Brigade. The brigade provided the trophy—a highly-polished brass firehose nozzle (a branch, to the uninitiated)—duly won it, but lost it when the station was burgled. The trophy turned up eventually when drug cops raided a house in this part of the world and found that someone with an illegal habit had turned it into a bong by running a piece of copper tubing into its side. The RSL Club met the fire brigade on the pool table again recently and reversed the previous result. So the bong was theirs, but there was much discussion and soul-searching as to whether such a symbol of decadence had any place on such undecadent premises. The ayes had it, and there it sits—never to be smoked again, we assure you.




The Anzac Day spirit was as strong as ever in Warrandyte, but we thought the two young fellows seen acting furtively behind the monument in the RSL grounds next day had taken it a little far. Fully (and that might have been the operative word if they'd not been disturbed) 11 or 12, they might have been admiring the flowers or reading the monument inscriptions. No, they were sharing a can of VB. They scarpered when an RSL member opened a clubhouse window and asked if they'd prefer to drink out of glass.




Peter Maher of Warrandyte Cellars had a problem. He'd just finished setting up his new deluxe, walk-in, wine storage and selection room: lights, shelving, the lot. But it needed a name. So Peter announced a competition, with the most acceptable prize of \$100 worth of the Cellars's best giggle gargle for the winner. The *Diary* being such a splendid

advertising medium, the entries poured in—Peter's Parlour, Hooch Hollow, The Red and White Room, Corkus Delecto to list but a few. But the big prize went to Mrs N. Pengelley, for The Wine Mine. Happy (hic) digging, folks.



You wouldn't believe the people who dabble in the dread marijuana. One of this town's most respected citizens, a veritable pillar of our society, suspected the people who own the block next to his place in North Warrandyte were up to something and, in the course of a little sleuthing, discovered several pots of pot. Fascinated, he took one home and transplanted it in his garden—just to see how high it would grow. It grew very high, high enough to have fetched a pretty penny in smokable form on the street, and high enough for his unsuspecting wife to ask what manner of plant was this. Told, she hit the roof, tore it from the ground and burnt it. In the interests of domestic harmony, the pillar of society has decided to stick to tomato growing in future. And don't worry, mate, your identity is safe with Smokey Joe.



The blood, sweat, tears, frustration and what-have-you that were very much a part of Discover Warrandyte, an ambitious publication undertaken by the local friends of the state park, all seem worthwhile now that it is out and selling. But it very nearly didn't make it. The book, a beautifully-illustrated history of this place and guide to its natural wonders, was launched at the official cocktail party on the eve of the Warrandyte Festival. The 500 launch copies were expected a couple of weeks before the big night but, in fact, arrived hot off the press an hour before Mike Coupar, one of the brains behind the venture, was to make his thank-you speech. If you've not seen Discover Warrandyte, you should. It is very worthy of a place on every bookshelf in this town and should be required reading in our schools. It is selling at various local shops, but if you have trouble acquiring a copy give Pat or Mike Coupar a call on 844 1650.



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By JOFF



# Residents and EPA seek river rubbish solution

By GEORGI STICKELS

Chocolate brown discoloration and foaming in the Yarra, noticed by a number of locals early last month, were caused by sediment pollution, and probably did not damage the riverside ecology, according to Melbourne Water and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, it has been reported that fish in the river were "stressed" by the level of pollution.

The sediment was recorded at Warrandyte and several other places along the Yarra as far upstream as Yarra Glen, but disappeared within days.

A spokesperson for Melbourne Water told the *Diary* the sediment came from the O'Shannassy Reservoir in the Upper Yarra.

He said the reservoir had been gradually drained over several weeks for maintenance, but "when it was virtually down to bed level, there was an inch of rain in the catchment. Vegetable matter, leaves and silt

on the bottom of the river bed washed down. It was gone virtually before it could be stopped".



The Yarra river, "known for its sediment."

The spokesperson said Melbourne Water workers on the site "took steps to close down the reservoir as soon as they saw it starting to overflow".

A large amount of water was

flushed down afterwards to dilute the rubbish.

"It's unfortunate; it certainly wasn't deliberate," the spokes-

person said. "Harm to the streamside would be most unlikely."

However the EPA is seeking assurances that it won't happen again. Ann Isaacs from the EPA told the *Diary*, "we're still

waiting for Melbourne Water to get back to us".

She said fish at a trout farm on the river were "stressed" by the sediment, although she agreed that "any effects on aquatic life would be subtle and only determined by a biological survey," if the incident remained a once-off.

The EPA has no plans for such a biological survey. Ms Isaacs said the Yarra was a very environmentally sensitive area. "Sediment has been a problem with the Yarra; it has been known for its high levels of sediment and its color," she said.

The EPA has published a technical guide for preventing and controlling sediment pollution, particularly from construction works. Measures include installing sediment traps, drainage and waste control.

Ms Isaacs said the guidelines are not legally binding but that the EPA liaises closely with local councils to try and ensure they are followed.

## Disabled need tools, drivers

A new service for intellectually disabled adults has been set up at Warrandyte Neighbourhood House in the community centre with funding from Health and Community Services (Victoria). Currently assisting 12 people, eight more are scheduled to join the service in July this year.

The adults enrolled so far have all come from nearby special schools and are undertaking further training in independent living and vocational skills. The program's director, Tony Whitmarsh, expects that some of them may be able to move into TAFE courses next year, and then into related employment.

The program's base at Neighbourhood House is only temporary, and after the unavoidable move it will need to purchase items currently used courtesy of Neighbourhood House.

The organisers are looking for "any old but solid gardening equipment which which they can donate or sell at a reasonable price", including forks, spades, a whippersnipper or lawn-mower. They also need volunteers to drive participants to and from the service.

Interested people can contact Tony Whitmarsh or Marjorie Lapworth at Neighbourhood House, or Alan Tyley (about gardening tools) between 9am and 4.15pm on 844 1839.



Members of the 7th Field Regiment at the RSL memorial. (Picture by David Garner)

## 'Lest they forget...'

Sunday April 25 dawned bright and clear for the Anzac Day march and service as a small but enthusiastic band of ex-service men and women, guides and scouts made their way to the RSL hall, their pace set by the music of Andrew Ogilvy's bagpipes. As always, Warrandyte did not forget.

The commanding officer and members of the 7th Field Regi-

ment made up the cenotaph guard.

Rev Garry Gason conducted the service at the Anzac Memorial. During the service a poem by Banjo Patterson was recited by Tom Bone and the haunting notes of the Last Post and Reveille rang out from Chris Coates' trumpet.

Local identity and former councillor Ken McKenzie was con-

spicuous by his presence, coming from northern NSW.

Refreshments and reminiscences followed the service. The RSL extends its thanks to all who participated and assisted, including the RSL's groundsman Doug Wright, and local florist Pot Pourri, who provided a floral tribute for the memorial.

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I would also like to congratulate Julie Warren, Sam Ginsberg and Robert Kendi on a hard fought, but clean campaign, and the Divisional Returning Officer for Casey, Mr Gary Ladiges, and his staff for the professional and efficient manner in which they conducted the election.

## LETTERS

I look forward to the opportunity of serving the people of Casey for a further three year term, and will continue to do my utmost to provide this electorate with the best possible representation in the Commonwealth parliament.

Bob Halverson  
Member for Casey

# Wedge not 'rural residential'

Our thanks to David Wyman and the *Diary* for so clearly setting out the issues on the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

One of the problems with the Green Wedge is that it does not fall neatly into a town planning category. It is neither urban nor rural land and there is a risk in identifying the area by its logical type—rural-residential—as this type is regulated by a ministerial directive for two to five acre developments on the edge of rural towns.

Advocates for subdivision are arguing that this directive should apply to the Green Wedge and it is in our interest to be aware of this strategy and keep pointing out that the directive, by its own definitions, is not

applicable.

Ministerial directive No. 6, "Guidelines for Rural Residential Development", provides rural municipalities with a planning framework to consider and administer development of hobby farming type subdivisions on the margins of rural townships.

Under the heading "Changing demands on rural land", the social pressures which led to the directive are listed as follows: demand for subdivision for rural residential living; weekend blocks and hobby farming; increased large lot speculation; purchase and sale of existing small lots by land agents.

The 75-odd remaining allotments in the

Park Orchards-Warrandyte Green Wedge which are larger than four hectares (10 acres) are important to the landscape character of the Green Wedge.

Council and others are trying to address landholders' concerns, but our campaign must continue to confront some of the above pressures. Our objectives are entirely different to those of the directive; we believe the "lungs of Melbourne" value, originally attached to the Green Wedge corridors, has increased validity.

And the area is NOT rural residential!

Doug Seymour  
Research Road

# Easter service a success



Pictures by DON VILES

The Warrandyte Combined Churches held their annual Stations of the Cross service at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday morning.

Glorious weather ensured ideal conditions for this outdoor gathering to remember Christ's suffering on the Cross and the victory over death which, according to Christian beliefs, God had foretold.

Participants were able to "stand where he stood", according to the Bible, and relive a key event in the Christian calendar as they walked, sang and prayed through the historic events of Calvary.

The procession, led by bearers of the cross and members of the Warrandyte clergy, culminated in the erection of the cross, with hundreds of flowers of remembrance placed at its base.

Left: The cross is carried through Stiggants Reserve.

Right: Christ's followers "stand where he stood."



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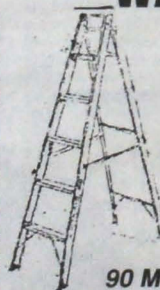
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# Schools survive cuts

By GEORGI STICKELS

Warrandyte's schools are weathering recession and budget cuts with minimal disruption, thanks to dedicated, positive staff and generally growing enrolments.

However, a promised new school at South Warrandyte will be delayed, and some programs at other local schools have been curtailed, including school camps, special needs integration and the widely-acclaimed Japanese language courses.

State MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, told the *Diary* he had received no complaints about changes in schools following funding cuts in October last year and April this year.

"It shouldn't affect the quality of education," he said. "Victorian classrooms have, for the past 10 years or so, had the lowest pupil to teacher ratio." He said teachers could overcome many problems by spending more hours in the classroom.

No schools in Warrandyte were marked for closure, and Mr Honeywood said he was "trying to ensure that in the Warrandyte area the cuts will have as little effect as possible".

He believes this will be possible because Warrandyte is a growth area, particularly South Warrandyte.

"It's minor in comparison to Carrum Downs and other growth corridors, but there are many children and enrolments are increasing".

However, the schools are feeling the pinch in some areas.

Warrandyte South Primary School, which is expanding by up to 30 stu-

dents per year, will soon outgrow its current site on Hall Road. A new, larger site was earmarked for the school on Wonga Road in Warranwood, but the project has gone on hold.

The school's principal, Geoff Taylor, told the *Diary*, "We spent all last year designing the new school, it got up to the tender stage, but with budget restrictions that has not gone ahead". The school could not possibly move now before 1995.

Phil Honeywood said that the new site was promised by the Labor government, which then made no plans to fund it.

With 320 students and "around 20 staff", Anderson's Creek Primary School's principal Des McKenzie believes "Uncle Jeff (Kennett) looks after us". However the school can now only offer camps for students in grades four and six, instead of every year from grade three.

"The recession's starting to bite a bit so we thought we would give parents a bit of breathing space," Mr McKenzie said.

Warrandyte Primary School's principal, Ken Wing Jan, told the *Diary* his school now has more students with special needs requiring integration than last year, but fewer integration staff.

Despite having 410 students, the largest local primary school, Warrandyte still has only 22 full time teachers, one less than last year.

The school has also had to scale down its Japanese program after a special needs teacher, who taught Japanese, was not re-allocated this year.

"We just don't have the teachers to

continue running the program. We tried to set aside money to assist the classroom teachers teaching Japanese, but we haven't found anyone to do that yet," Mr Wing Jan said.

But it's not all bad news for local kids. Warrandyte South Primary has just received permission for one of their 22 staff to train as a Japanese teacher.

With 254 students, principal Geoff Taylor said "I suppose we would be the smallest of the Warrandyte schools, but we are catching up rapidly". Mr Taylor said 70 per cent of new enrolments are coming from the new Warranwood estate.

All the schools are still involved in teaching Japanese through telematics (a telephone link using computers to transmit material) and, as reported in last month's *Diary*, Warrandyte primary recently began a shared science program with the high school.

Principal Michael Blake hopes this will eventually expand to take in other local primary schools.

"We will know what work they've done, what basic skills they have, to make sure the kids are given every opportunity," he said.

The high school has also expanded its engineering arts program, offering metalwork and plastics units to students.

"School council has poured a lot of money into the materials technology unit and the engineering type area, although there isn't any funding available from government," Mr Blake said.

All the schools' principals remain positive about maintaining, or even expanding, programs in the future. "The projection is for increased enrolment,"



Children in costume at the Warrandyte Primary School mini-festival. Will such extra-curricular activities become a thing of the past?

said Mr Wing Jan. This will mean more staff, which are allocated on a formula of one teacher for every 20 students.

They were also full of praise for their hardworking staff. "It's certainly frustrating, but I think everybody here is maintaining a positive attitude and I think they're doing a fantastic job," Mr Wing Jan said. "We get excellent support and always have had from council and the parents' association."

"Some schools have had to cancel excursions and so forth, but our staff have been terrific," Mr Blake said. "A very dedicated group of people pre-

pared to put in the extra effort, so it hasn't been as severe for us as it has for many other areas."

The State's Liberal government was elected on a reform ticket last October, and changes came quickly after Premier Kennett took control. Funds worth \$102 million, and 3000 jobs were cut from the education budget, followed by another round of cuts in the mini-budget brought down on April 4—\$180 million less for schools and another 4000 redundancies.

To date, 55 schools around the state have been closed.



## Local fitness centre re-opens after upgrade

Pictures by DAVID GARNER

The refurbished Riverside Fitness Centre opened earlier this month, and its owners say it now offers something for everyone.

The centre held an Open Day on Saturday, May 1. With help from Warrandyte Fire Brigade, icypoles and "Life. Be in it." activities were on hand for kids, with a BBQ and demonstrations of classes and various facilities for older visitors. Riverside's new owner, David Dawkins, told the *Diary* the day was a great success.

The centre features a fully equipped gymnasium, an aerobics room, body titan circuit machines, squash and racquetball "for those who like a casual hit", Mr Dawkins said. A new attraction is beach volleyball.

Massage and solarium are also offered and a fully supervised children's playroom provides

childcare while partons use the fitness facilities.

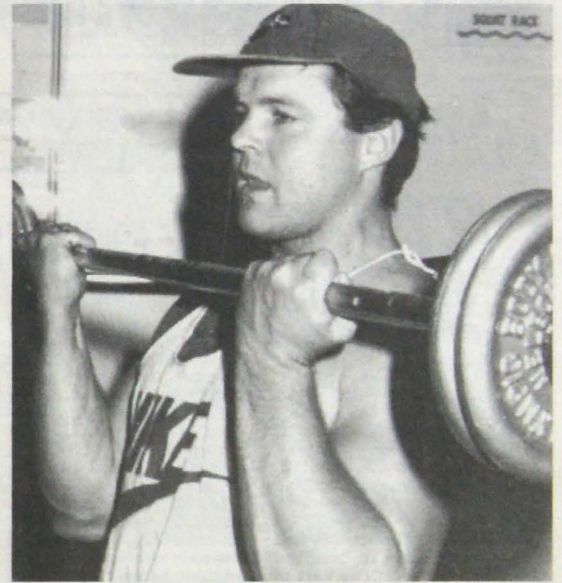
Ripples On The Yarra is the name of the revamped coffee shop where the centre's patrons can enjoy a cuppa and snack after a workout.

The centre was closed on short notice in February this year for refurbishment after the owner, the Community Church, said it was losing money.

Although squash players were disappointed by the sudden closure, the new management believes the centre now provides a top health and recreation facility.

Left: Tim Winter (left) and Craig Amott demonstrate beach volleyball at Riverside's open day.

Right: The gymnasium has long been a popular feature at the former squash centre.



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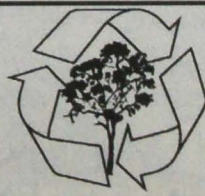


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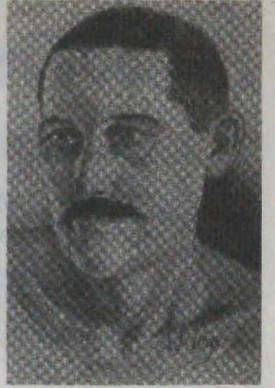
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## GEORGE BEAVIS

# Determination and courage



By BRUCE BENICE

**G**EORGE "Beattie" Beavis has died after battling cancer for several years. A memorial service was held for him earlier this month, attended by his family, friends and members of the Doncaster RSL and Doncaster and Templestowe Historical Society. Special friends from the 'Beavis Bunch' delivered a eulogy. George was given the nickname Beattie by Mrs Jack Colman when he was a baby, and it stuck. Many people who had known him all his life only ever knew

him as Beattie. Beattie had joined the militia (CMF) in 1941. After repeated attempts to transfer to the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) for overseas service, he deserted the CMF and joined the AIF in the same day. He was posted to 4th Reserve Motor Transport Section and went to Johore Bahru in Malaysia. Beattie's unit was taken prisoner by the Japanese on February 15, 1942. For the next three and a half years, Beattie and his mates were subjected to brutal and sadistic hardship and suffering. The Australians, who made up

"A" Force, spent five weeks in Changjail, the most infamous of the Japanese prisons, although many POWs regarded it as civilised compared to other camps. From there, Beattie was sent to Burma, one of the 3000 strong contingent that would construct the "Railway of Death" from Burma to Thailand. In transit, the men were crowded into the hold of an old ship, the Tohoshasi Maru, which Beattie said was like an inferno as it plodded through the tropics. When they reached Victoria Point in Burma, the men arranged a concert. While staying at the point, the men were given

pick handles to guard the camp against tigers, which fortunately never materialised. Beattie spent the next 25 months in jungle camps, working on the railway until it was finished. His last camp was at Tamkan on the Kwai River. The men worked on the railway in appalling conditions. Quotas of work had to be filled each day, regardless of the men's health. They worked long hours, ill and half-starved. Beattie's weight dropped to six stone 13 pounds (44 kilograms). The camp's doctors had to decide who was to go to work; often it was a case of sending the least ill of many sick men. On one occasion Beattie reported in sick, but was sent anyway. He was carried back to camp later with dengue fever and a temperature of 104 degrees. Colonel Albert Coates, a surgeon and Gallipoli veteran, was carried in on a stretcher while Beattie was in hospital. Two days later the colonel took control and cleaned up the camp, an effort Beattie described as "marvellous". Coates carried out 120 amputations in 90 days, most of them

due to tropical ulcers, which would have healed given proper medication. Beattie developed one such tropical ulcer on his left leg. It left a scar four inches across. The only treatment available in camp was to scrape it out with a spoon; for pain relief, the patient was given a stick to clamp between his teeth. He was then held by the arms while the doctor removed the rotting flesh. Beattie also treated his ulcers by letting the fish in the stream near the camp eat away the decaying flesh. After working on the railway, Beattie was included in a detail to go to Japan on the ship Rakayu Maru. Fortunately another detachment was sent instead, in a last-minute change. The convoy was attacked by American submarines and half its complement of prisoners died. Beattie was eventually sent to Japan on Christmas Eve, 1944. Each man was given a space four feet (1.2 metres) wide by two feet (0.6 metres), and only four feet high for the duration of the 31 day trip. They were only allowed out for their daily meal of rice. The prisoners were taken to Nagasaki to mine coal. While wheeling dirt out of the tunnel, Beattie saw the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on the city in August 1945. He watched the flash and the mush-

room cloud from the heat as it climbed into the sky. The prisoners had been told that they would be gassed, a reprisal for the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, and that if Nagasaki was invaded, they would be buried alive in the mine. On August 16, 1945 the men were told by their camp commandant that an order had been given "to stop the fight". After his discharge in January 1946, Beattie returned to the family orchard and entered into partnership with Mr R. E. Petty, which lasted until the property was sold in 1965. He married Jean Petty in October 1948. His four acres (1.6 hectares) of lemon trees were supplemented by a Black Poll stud. He later turned to ponies and agisted several horses on his property. He restored many old pieces of orchard equipment for the Doncaster and Templestowe Historical Society, before cancer made him ill. He faced this difficulty with the same determination and courage that had brought him through life, and lived considerably longer than the doctor's original estimate.



Left: In Nagasaki after the war ended. Beattie is third from the right, back row. Top: A young Beattie, drawn by a fellow POW. Below right: Restoring a plough for the Doncaster and Templestowe Historical Society at his home.

## RUBY ARNAUD

# Many years of service

By SHIRLEY ROTHERHAM

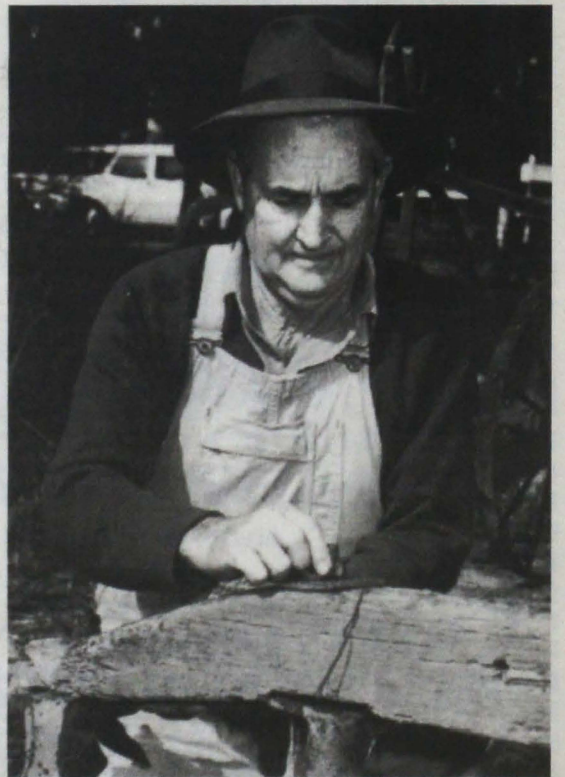
**R**UBY Arnaud, a Warrandyte resident for more than 20 years, has died, survived by her husband Paul, five children and eight grandchildren. Ruby and her family arrived in Warrandyte in 1967 and lived here until the family had grown up, when she and Paul moved to the Harcourt area. In that time she was very active in many areas of the community. In 1970 she was one of the original committee that established the meals on wheels service in Warrandyte. She served two years as the committee's vice president, and was a voluntary driver for 17 years, as well as assisting

with the roster and assessing the needs of new Meals on Wheels applicants. On her resignation in 1988 she was presented with an acknowledgement of her 18 years of dedicated service. During this time she also became interested in Warrandyte's history and joined the historical society. As she never did things by halves she was soon elected secretary. Among many other things, she organised the Lilac Time balls, held by the society, for which Paul's band provided the music. When it proved hard to get people along she cheerfully chased them up and these enjoyable nights proved to be among the historical society's great successes. Her children attended War-



Ruby Arnaud

randytc Primary School and she was a member of the mothers' club and a delegate to the Victorian Federation of State Schools Mothers' Clubs quarterly conferences for three years. She was a committee member for the first school canteen. She also took an active interest in her children's activities, including Brownies and Girl Guides. She was a devoted wife and mother and had a great love of gardening. She spent many happy hours walking in the bushland in the area. In these days, when so many people seem to think only of themselves, she stands out as an example of great unselfishness, gaining enjoyment from helping others.



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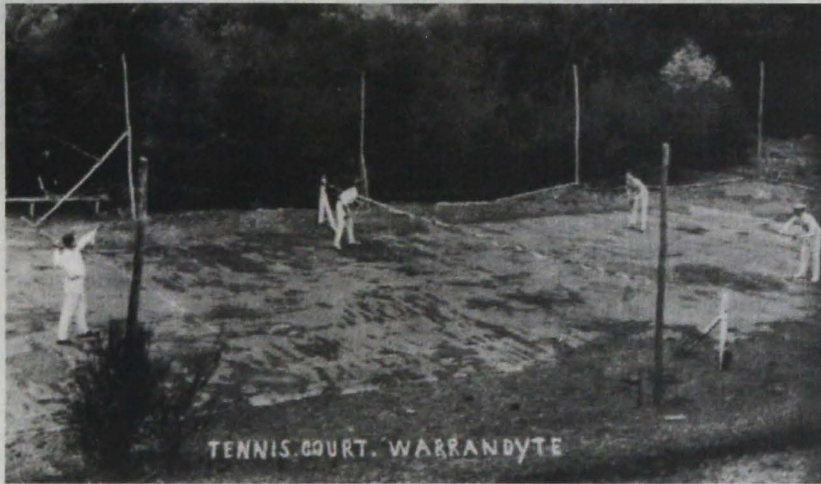
By LEE TINDALE

**A** TRIP through *Rallies By The River*, a history of Warrandyte Tennis Club, is very much a trip through the history of Warrandyte itself.

Fire and flood, good times and bad. And the names. Names like Hemsworth, Sloan, Hussey. Just names way back then but household names today to anyone who claims to have qualified as a "local".

*Rallies By The River*, written by club stalwarts Judy Green and Keith Wilson (its longest-serving president), will be launched this month in conjunction with the opening of club-house extensions. Fittingly, the occasion marks the beginning of a new era of expansion for a club which started so humbly in 1907 and now has a membership approaching 800.

As the book points out, tennis was in the news in 1907. "This was the year the first non-English player won a men's singles final at Wimbledon. In London, Australian left-hander Norman Brooks triumphed in singles and in doubles ... In Warrandyte, a group of enthusiastic volunteers was setting out to build our first tennis court among the trees on the banks of the Yarra. Nearby was the picturesque wooden



Warrandyte's tennis court in 1910.

bridge that had spanned the river since 1875."

The single asphalt court was opened in 1908 and it is recorded that "to celebrate the occasion a large number of members assembled and some very enjoyable games were played".

Warrandyte played among themselves and against near neighbours in those early years, and they were all jolly good sports.

The Evelyn Observer noted at the time: "A match between Diamond Creek and Warrandyte was played on Sunday last, the result being a victory for War-

randyte by seven games ... At four o'clock, afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies, and proved very acceptable. Mr Norton (Diamond Creek), in a neat speech, thanked the Warrandyte Club for the cordial way they had been received, and referred to the friendly relations always existing between the two clubs. Mr Wyatt (Warrandyte), in response, remarked that the Warrandyte Club was always pleased to meet Diamond Creek, and hoped in the near future to again have the pleasure of playing them. After three hearty cheers had been given, the visi-

tors departed for home, defeated but happy."

The bridge court was to be Warrandyte Tennis Club's home for 53 years—and what trauma it witnessed. In November 1934 it was devastated by floods. On January 13, 1939, it melted in the Black Friday bushfires.

Departures to fight in two world wars reduced club membership ranks to very little and, despite the long-overdue addition of a second court in 1961, lack of space and facilities—a problem compounded by the recurring threat of road-widening gobbling up the site altogether—drove members elsewhere for their tennis and the club to the brink of extinction.

President Wilson told a meeting in March 1972 that the club was seriously considering folding. The members rallied (by the river, of course).

*Rallies By The River* recounts the club's remarkable success story since the long battle to find a new home was won and four new courts in Tarooma Avenue were opened in 1975.

The book apologises for "somewhat sketchy" accounts of the club's early years, pointing out that many records were lost in bushfires.

But no apologies are necessary.

This is a very well done and well illustrated history of a history-rich sporting institution in one of the most history-rich pockets of Australia.

● *Rallies By The River*, priced \$10, is obtainable by phoning 844 2219 or 844 2096.



Tennis in the 1930s: Braden Brae guest house.

## Jim and Marnie's diamond day

By BRUCE BENCE

**W**HEN Jim Horkings met Marnie Center he had a motorbike and sidecar. Jim found he couldn't afford both a girlfriend and a motorbike, so the bike had to go.

Jim and Marnie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the Mechanics Institute Hall last month. More than 90 family members and friends witnessed the couple exchanging rings to mark the occasion.

Jim, now 86, and Marnie, 81, received a congratulatory telegram from the Queen, as well as letters from the Governor-General, Prime Minister Paul Keating, the Governor of Victoria, local State and Federal politicians and a host of their friends.

The Horkings were married on April 29, 1933 by the Rev Irvine Davidson at the Hawthorn Presbyterian Church.

Following their marriage, Jim and Marnie worked on a mixed farm at Girgarre for ten shillings a week and keep. After a year Jim managed a dairy farm at Stanhope for a pound a week, but returned to Melbourne when the farm was sold 12 months later.

Work was almost impossible to find in Melbourne during Depression years and Jim rode his pushbike to jobs as far away as Maribyrnong, where he worked at a munitions factory.

In 1942 Jim joined the AIF. After the war, in 1953, the Horkings and their four children moved to Warrandyte. Jim had spent two and a half years building their home in Mitchell Avenue on weekends. The whole family would come to Warrandyte to work on the house after Jim knocked off work on Friday night.

Jim joined the Warrandyte Fire Brigade while working on the house. He was recently made a life member of the brigade for more than 40 years of service.

He is probably best known to many people as the man who pounds the footpath outside the licensed grocer's in Yarra Street, selling Anzac Day and Legacy badges and Remembrance Day poppies. He joined the RSL here after transferring from Glenferrie.

Marnie has delivered Meals on Wheels since it started until illness only recently forced her to retire. She was also secretary of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary for a number of years.

Jim and Marnie set a family

tradition of service carried on today by their children and in-laws. Their daughter Leonie moved back to Warrandyte when she married Peter Horne. Leonie has been the Mechanics Hall booking secretary, and Peter the hall's curator, for more than six years. Peter is

also a long-standing member of the fire brigade.

Leonie's brother Robin has also been a fire brigade volunteer. As a youth he joined the scouts, and today Robin is assistant cub leader, while his son Bruce is training to become an assistant Venturer leader.



The icing on their cake: Jim and Marnie Horkings at their anniversary celebration.

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# Fun on stage since '44

By DANIEL LAURENCE

**T**HEY may not all be seasoned professionals, but their talent is great. The Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group has boasted several world premieres, state awards and a host of experienced actors, directors and writers in its almost 50 year history.

Their emphasis is on entertainment on a mutual basis and it shows. The group aims to cover production and maintenance costs and all its members are volunteers. Dentists, librarians, students, advertising executives and firepeople are but a small example of the diverse range of members the group enjoys. Each brings with them unique skills and talents to share and develop.

The drama group has its roots in 1944, when the Country Women's Association used the Mechanics Hall for variety entertainment. However it wasn't until 1956 that members of the community were inspired by a Council of Adult Education lecturer to set up an arts association. With Ron Golding as president and Enid Bird as secretary, the Drama Group was begun in Warrandyte, an outlet for the artistic talent Warrandyte is famous for.

As an introduction, the group organised two huge open air Christmas festivals, similar to the recent sound and light show, which drew together and consolidated a strong and sustained community support.

Over the years the group has changed, evolving with the community. Several of the earlier performances won prizes at drama

festivals: The Ring of General Marcus in 1958, Two and a Half Sisters (1959), Hello Out There (1960), A Trap is a Small Place (1962), The Room (1963) and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1973).

It was around this time that the Festival Follies was developed, an amateur theatre season closely tied in with the Warrandyte Festival. It has been a popular feature ever since.

Other highlights of the group's performances are remembered fondly by its players.

One member, who played many roles over the years, was famous for always remembering his cues. Provided, that was, that someone was available to drag him down from the pub.

During one of Doug MacManus's focussed performances, he suddenly found it hard to concentrate, thanks to the presence of an intruding possum. All hope for his lines was lost when the furry aesthete proceeded to propel his liquid opinion down onto the stage.

Few will forget the performance of Dimboola a few years ago, especially David Mitchell. He was to play the role of a Hell's Angel biker who gatecrashes a wedding and annoys the guests. He did so with such conviction and authenticity that an offended lady in the audience promptly emptied her soup over him.

Some more experienced members may recall one particular lady of great humor and sharp, acid wit. One had to become accustomed to her seemingly endless criticisms. The only time she was ever stuck for a word followed her delivery of a ten

minute tirade to the lighting box over a mistimed cue, only to discover that the operator in question had gone home half an hour before.

The group averages between two and four productions a year, a staggering estimate of up to 200 productions to date, not including the achievements of the old CWA group.

In theatre, especially local theatre, there are real connections between the cast and audience, not least because they are probably all family. Audience members will often walk in, have a chat with the cast, perhaps grab something to eat, then sit back and share the mood, laughter and emotions all around them.

The past is a legacy of hard work, ambition and good fun, the future an open book with several skeletal plans already

underway. It is a community group, always eager for new members—performers, writers, technicians and supporters.

"We want young people, because if they don't want to carry it on, it will stop," said Ted Domeyer, the group's first set and light designer. "It's up to them. Thing is, do you want a drama group or don't you?"

The annual general meeting of the group was held in the Mechanics Institute Hall late last month. In keeping with the drama theme it featured a half hour warm-up workshop to welcome new members before settling down to the more serious business of electing office bearers.

Their next production will be Noises Off later this year, rehearsals for which are already underway.



Above: early actors (Left) Joan Blair, Joan Golding, Doug MacManus, Vicki Broome. Top: a tradition of entertainment.

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IT'S been talked about for some time by various groups and now somebody has finally wrapped some pages around the earthy delights of Warrandyte. Discover Warrandyte, produced by the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, takes us on a journey through the richly textured layers of life that live within and around us.

The book draws on the considerable talents and depth of knowledge of many locals and naturalists who visit and know the area well. The driving force behind the book has been Pat Coupar and her husband Mike, who only last year released their excellent publication, Flying Colours, on butterflies and moths.

Able supported by Joan and Ken MacMahon, the team has produced a book which will serve as a great introduction for those wishing to further their discoveries of Warrandyte.

There are sections that cover Aboriginal history, pioneers, and artistic traditions, with local historian Bruce Bence sharing his considerable store of local lore. Gretna Weste introduces and describes the plant life, which is illustrated by George Stolfo. David Van Bockel and Ian Roche give park ranger perspectives. Ian Burke writes



## REVIEWS

By GLEN JAMESON

about conservation and Margaret Burke contributes a section on the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

The seams of teeming life are described in a chapter on natural history; covering geology, soils, habitat, predators and ecological relationships.

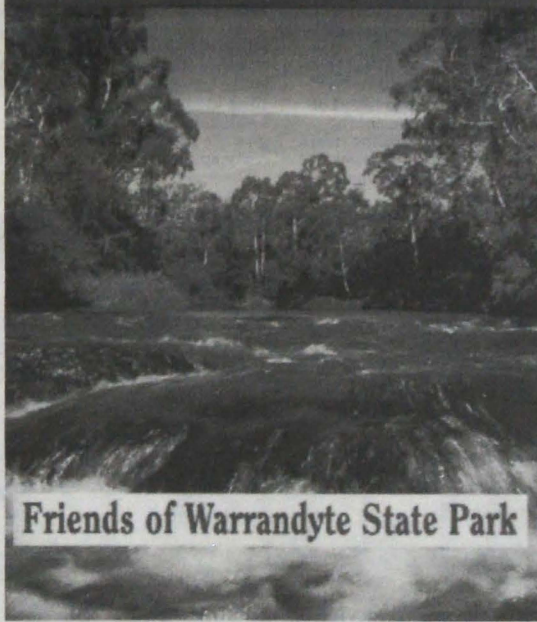
We journey through the seasons as each member of the bushland community contributes to the ever changing face of the natural world. Melanie Coupar draws from the forms of feathers and things to illustrate these creatures and plants.

Finally, once we have absorbed all the names and features of the plants and creatures, there is an extensive series of maps and descriptions of places to visit. Further reading is suggested and local conservation groups are listed.

It is a precious gift to be able to live amongst, or visit, areas of great natural beauty; to sense the strength of life's natural diversity is surely one of our deeper pleasures.

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gym aerobically, just walk these life giving hills. Counter the stress and pressures of city living by following a caterpillar's track through a grass tussock. Break the confines of four walls by losing yourself in the forest.

Discover Warrandyte is a vital addition to any family's library. It is a valuable source of information and a helpful guide to the bushlands of Warrandyte. Photographs illustrate the text and the front cover photograph of the Yarra by Mike Coupar, (which would make a great poster) suggests an all-embracing theme of Warrandyte and the river that runs through all of us.

● Priced at \$14.95, Discover Warrandyte is available from the Warrandyte Newsagency, Stonehouse Craft, Rose Cottage, Australian Aspect, Potters Cottage, Folkart, Mr Ginger's Coffee Shop, The Lace Place, the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Historical Museum in the old post office. John Spencer real estate and Peter McDougalls Professionals real estate also have copies.

Above: Discover Warrandyte has been two years in the making, and is well worth the effort. This swamp wallaby (left) and sulphur-crested cockatoo (below) are just two of the book's many color illustrations.



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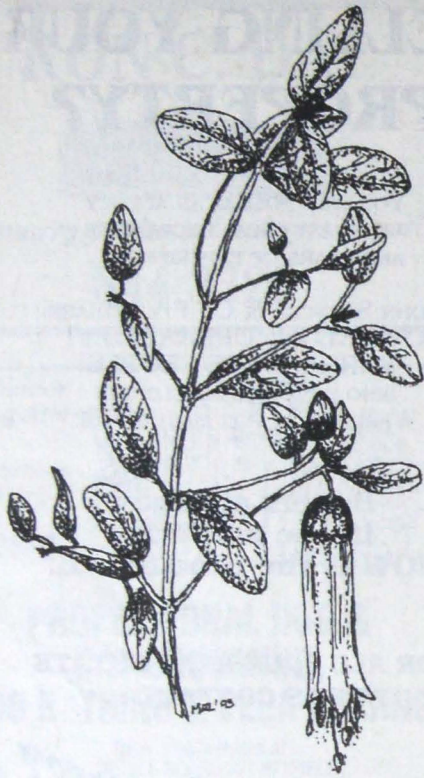
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# Discovering a lost local wilderness



**T**HE narrow walking track that connects Jumping Creek Reserve and Black Flat is an absolute gem. Cut into the rocky sandstone flanks of the hillside, it follows the contours of the land, offering tantalising views of the gleaming river below.

At times one is reminded of more remote regions of the state, where fast-flowing rivers have carved craggy gorges through rugged Gippsland mountains.

In one section the walking track is particularly steep and the slope above the track almost devoid of vegetation. The only trees that have managed to find footing in these powdery, anaemic soils are a few straggling stringybarks.

Elsewhere, perhaps due to a slight change in aspect or soil, the hillside is covered with

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

dense thickets of pomaderris. To conserve water, the dark green leaves of these small trees are covered with soft, reddish-brown hairs which give the trees an unusual, rusty appearance.

The real treasures of the track are the Rock Correas. Their somewhat shiny, bright green leaves provide a refreshing contrast to the surrounding vegetation. Pale lime-green tubular flowers hang from these rounded, compact bushes. And from the fluted tips of the flowers dangle long yellow stamens like clappers of a bell.

During autumn and early winter the ground beneath the

correas is littered with freshly-picked flowers. A deliberate act of vandalism you might think. But in this case the culprit is a bird—a honeyeater, to be more precise.

Correa flowers are rich in nectar. Some birds, such as Eastern Spinebills, are able to extract this energy-rich nutriment directly from the tube.

Others have bills too short to penetrate the long tubular flower. Instead they take a short cut, either making a hole in the side of the flower, or biting off the whole flower to reach the nectar.

Like correas, grevilleas are another valuable source of nectar for birds. There is only one species of grevillea native to Warrandyte and up until last year, only one plant, of questionable origin, was known to exist in the State Park. Located in the vicinity of the Jumping Creek walking track, it clung perilously to a

rocky escarpment. Some time last year this lone grevillea lost its tenuous hold on life. But fortunately, by then, a number of plants that had been grown from cuttings were thriving in the State Park nursery. Subsequently, the progeny of what was probably Warrandyte's last pure strain of native grevillea, have been planted back in the park.

This area of Warrandyte, with its rocky terrain and impenetrable pomaderris is truly special. Without doubt, there are still discoveries to be made here. Venture a short distance from the track and you can experience a real feeling of remoteness; a sense of harmony with the surrounding bush.

There can be few places left in the world, so close to the sprawling suburbs of a major city, where it is possible to become an explorer again. Fortunately for us, Warrandyte is one of them.

# Touring in the provinces of the past

**I**FIRST drove up the Hume Highway 30 years ago. In 1963 I belonged to the then reformed Monash Players, a group of university students who performed in lecture theatres, in the great outdoors and anywhere else we could find a captive audience.

Following a series of Shakesperian plays and a number of revues (not unlike the Follies), we hit the big-time with a production of the contemporary British drama, *A Taste Of Honey*, which we took on tour during the summer holidays. We were booked to play Nagambie, Yarrowonga, Warrnambool and Pentridge prison.

I owned a blue Mini, hence I was indispensable, not because of my acting ability but because we needed to transport the lighting equipment and a dimmer board. Hence my chance to drive up the Hume Highway, which in those days went through the thriving metropolises of Nagambie.

The hall was not unlike the Mechanics' Institute and the eight or so people who turned up loved us. From memory, they were the committee members of the Nagambie Amateur Theatrical Group.

From Nagambie we went to Yarrowonga, to a theatre the size of the MCG. To gain any sense of scale, and to accommodate our set, we had to play with the curtains three quarters closed. I think we topped 30 people that night. The applause was very Zen; like the sound of 1000 people clapping with one hand.

After our dazzling performance, we decided to visit some friends in Sydney. Just for the day, of course. So off we set—at midnight. I didn't see much of the Hume once we got back on it, but I certainly knew I had travelled it. We slept all afternoon, to awake at 7pm. We just had time to go to Kings Cross to see Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs. Then we piled back into the Mini to set off for Yarrowonga to collect our gear.

Whilst we were in Sydney, another of our company, in another Mini, drove over a very solid, half-open manhole cover situated conveniently in the middle of the driving lane. This took off the car's sump and dulled some of the gloss associated with being theatrical on tour.

Country centres are blessed with enormous theatres. Warrnambool's turned out to



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be a little less grand than Yarrowonga's, but was still terrifying. I vaguely remember something going wrong

*'the sound of 1000 people clapping with one hand...'*

with the electricals. But, like old troupers, we gave a brilliant performance to the baker's dozen that turned up, thinking they were coming to a lecture on bee-keeping. Kindly, they stayed for the second act.

We were appreciated at Pentridge! We performed in A Division (I think) where the lifers tolerated the play but wolf-whistled the leading lady, who appeared in

underwear and a very sexy 1950s chenille dressing-gown. Eat ya heart out, Madonna! Meanwhile, I was sharing the bio box (lighting) with a man who had murdered his wife because, as he said, "she

taken all those 30 years ago. It's certainly not the same with a car that doesn't boil every 100 kilometres, without a back seat and boot crammed with lights and electrical leads, and with the knowledge that you'll be sleeping in a motel room and not on the floor of a deserted farmhouse.

The trip was successful in another way, however. It reminded us both of our early married life in Shepparton and of our love of the countryside of Victoria.

Only a fortnight prior to this trip we had driven down the Great Ocean Road to Skene's Creek where we dined at Chris's Restaurant and stayed in an adjoining unit. On the Sunday we travelled on to Port Campbell through about four changes of fascinating scenery. We returned through Colac and Geelong, remarking that if we had any overseas visitors, that was a trip we would certainly take them on.

Which brings me right back to Warrandyte. On our journeys through Victoria, we passed through Tidy Towns, Gold Mining Country and numerous hamlets, cities and townships all proudly proclaiming their claims to fame. The best was Fruit Salad City. Guess where?

Your task, over the next month, is to think up something appropriate for Warrandyte, something that encapsulates the ambience of our beloved township. I'll start you off. Any advances on: Healthy Habitat, Prunus Province, Angst Area or—my favorite—Nirvana.

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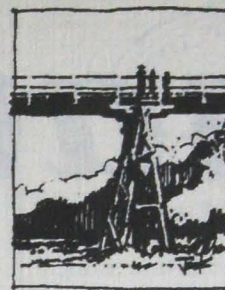
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# A storm and a grey smell



## THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

**P**RACTICALLY every school holiday we spent camping at Koonya. You would think that my garden and livestock would present problems, but that was not so.

A long time before, I had helped a girl and cared for her through two pregnancies. When the man she so dearly loved was free, his wife having died, they married. Their two boys were now grown up and away, and their parents shared a house with another couple in one of the crowded noisy suburbs close to the city in gloomy, dreary surroundings. They were now retired and always more than pleased to take over my house in Warrandyte and care for the garden and animals while we were away.

It was nearing the end of one holiday that a near disaster struck. In the middle of the night, and very suddenly, there came a violent storm. Even the shelter of the ti-tree did not protect the tent. It blew over and was badly ripped on tree stumps. I had a friend, Madge, and her three children with me and the best we could do was to drag the tent over us and hold it down until morning when the storm subsided. There was no chance of sleep. We just sat there listening to the wild fury of the storm and the ocean.

We packed up at daybreak. Our food supply was covered in black sand, so I despatched the children to the little store for breakfast. The store had been damaged. Galvanised iron had blown off the roof and windows were shattered. However, the owner and his wife had managed to rescue some of the food by covering it with sheets and blankets.

After eating we made our way to the beach to survey the damage. It was great indeed. The contour of the dunes was completely altered. The wild sea had come far in and created large gaps in the hills of sand. Much of the ti-tree, the silver cushion bush, and even the strong banksias had been torn out by the fury of the wind and now lay in pathetic heaps. Piles of seaweed and kelp, interlaced with flotsam and jetsam, sponges and dead fish made an ugly border along the shore.

As we returned to camp Madge's husband Jack arrived. He told us the storm had cut a swathe of damage from the Dandenong Ranges nearly down to the city. Roofs had been ripped off houses and giant trees uprooted. In fact, he said it seemed more like a hurricane.

His anxiety for us led him to take a day off work and come down. He checked my car to see if sand had damaged it, but, bless it, it started straight away. He took his family home, together with my small daughter, Mary. When they left, I said, "Well boys, we have packed and eaten. I think the storm must have washed up much wood onto Driftwood Beach, let's walk there and see."

Indeed, there was so much driftwood we stood goggle-eyed.

"We don't have the car to take it back," I said, "but we could drag the best of it up the beach and cover it with sand to get next time."

It was on our way with the first load that the smell hit our nostrils. We dropped the wood, just wanting to run away. Suddenly I stopped in my tracks.

"Robert," I said, "I have heard that in some places, on the beach after a storm, a thing called ambergris is washed up on the shore."

"Well, Mum, what is that?" I replied, "I only know that it is a grey spongy matter with a horrible stink and is used somehow in making perfume. Don't ask me how. But I think we should have a closer look. It could be worth a fortune."

"Come on," Robert shouted to Evan, who was hanging back. "You're in this too."

Very surely and swiftly our noses led us to the source of the smell. Robert



THE WILD FURY OF THE STORM AND THE OCEAN.

said, "Mum, I thought that the stink of our buck goat in season was the worst in the world. But this is even worse."

"Well, boys, we leave it alone, or take a chance. What do you really think?"

"We take it Mum."

We put the grey matter on a long flat plank and carried it back to camp.

"Robert," I said, "I'll take a very small piece off to have it analysed. You bury the rest."

I wrapped the small piece first in bracken leaves, then newspaper and put it in the sugar bag. We tied it on the running board of the car, but we could still smell it all the way home.

The next day, I left Robert at his boarding school, then took the small bit of grey spongy matter to the editor of a nature magazine, who was my very good friend. As I unwrapped the parcel, everybody slowly moved out of his office. But he said "Mmm, hmm, it could be! Leave it with me to have analysed and come back in two days."

Almost floating on air, I drove home. Then I began thinking. "If he thinks it might be a good find, I'd better rescue the rest of it." But how? Only Robert knew where he had put it, and it was not allowed to phone the boys in boarding school.

In the end I took my courage in both hands and phoned the headmaster. I told him the story and promised him that, if it proved true, I would give the school a handsome donation, but I needed to talk to Robert, because he knew where the rest was.

Robert came to the phone. "Hello Mum, is anything wrong?"

"No Robert, but tell me where you buried the rest of that grey smelly thing. It could be important."

"But Mum..." I could hear the headmaster nudging him. "Go on Robert, tell your mother."

That must have been one of the most embarrassing moments of his life, but bravely he answered.

"Mum, you know the spot where we decided to build a toilet with some of the driftwood and we cleared a space for it, well, if you step about ten yards to the south, and then about six yards to the west, you will see a heap of ti-tree branches. Under that I dug a hole and that's where I buried it."

"Thank you Robert, I'll drive down now and get it. I hope it is worth all the effort, but Mr Morrison thinks it might be."

It took a whole day to drive down because the old car developed a leaky radiator and I had to keep finding water. Not an easy task in those days on the peninsula, which was sparsely populated.

I took more sacks and newspapers to wrap up the stuff, but even so, the smell nearly made me sick. Next day, leaving the bulk of the smell behind, and leaving Mary with a neighbour, I went to the city office of my friend. My heart sank when I saw the despondent face he wore.

"Evelyn," he said. "The analysts say that this is the offal of a shark. It should

have been the offal of a whale." So another dream was shattered.

Some weeks after that violent storm, and with all three children at school, I took Elaine, and we went down to Koonya to see what recovery there had been. Leo's tent had been ripped to pieces, so it looked unlikely that we would have a holiday there for some time.

We walked over to the beach and saw that the sand had actually begun to slip over the dunes, closing the great gaps. The seaweed had been washed away, but not many trees or plants had yet recovered. The rock caves and shelters remained as invincible as they had for centuries, although they must have been lashed by the fury of the frustrated ocean.

A we came back to the car, I saw a couple I knew standing beside it. Mr and Mrs Jackson had migrated to Australia shortly after the war with their two children. Now they had come to settle on the Mornington Peninsula.

He was a builder and was now employed with a building firm some way along the Nepean Highway. His wife worked in the nearby town of Sorrento. Hard-working and honest they were, and very happy in their adopted country. I liked them very much.

He opened the conversation without preamble. "We have come to make a bargain with you."

"Oh!" I said. "I'm good at bargaining, but what kind of proposition do you have?"

He was a little man, thinner than he should have been from the privations of war. I guessed he might be somewhere in his thirties, but his hair was already greying. He moved nervously from one foot to the other and said "I am a carpenter and builder. I can build a good shelter for you."

"Yes, but how much will it cost?"

"Not much," he replied. "I work with a large firm of builders. Like all such firms they have timber they can't use because it has too many knots in it, also roofing showing small patches of rust, but I can treat that. There are big piles of useless bricks just waiting to be thrown away. I can pick up enough to build a fireplace and chimney and I can use much of the driftwood you have gathered."

"Marvellous, but what is the bargain?"

"Well, my wife can have a full-time job in Sorrento, but she can't take it because she must be home when the children are on school holidays. We know you come down here for the holidays, and if you would care for our children with yours, I will undertake to build a large room, say thirty feet by fifteen, without labor cost. But I must be honest with you. I will have to buy hardwood uprights for the frame, flooring boards, bolts and nails. It should not cost more than sixty pounds."

He must have worked very hard in his weekends, because by the time we came again, in two months, it was completed. The cost, of course, did not include windows, but he left openings for them and I hung hessian bags over. So we had a grand shelter with an open fire to warm us and cook on.

The money did not prove a great problem, because by now, with all the children at school, I could take more commissions for garden making. In fact, it would not be very long before I could have windows put in.

In time, we added two more rooms and a proper shower. Up to then, we had contrived a shower. We built a small shelter outside with some of the very useful driftwood. On a crossbeam we hung a five pound jam tin with holes punched in the bottom. The idea was to take a bucket of warm water, pour enough into the tin to get wet all over, then soap oneself and put the remainder of the water into the shower tin to get the soap off.

Nobody was really dirty, we swam too much for that, but it was good to get the sticky salt off. Also we acquired a small secondhand water tank, and although the catchment from the small area of our roof was not great, it was enough for our needs.

I know that many people have holiday homes less primitive than ours, but I doubt if they could have any more, or even as much pleasure as we had.

We could leave the cottage for long periods of time with no thought for its safety. But we grew anxious when that affliction of modern society, vandalism, began to rear its ugly head. Holiday houses along the peninsula were broken into, and there was much damage and destruction. Mostly youths were responsible; youths who, on their motorbikes, could move swiftly from place to place, avoiding detection.

While our cottage was well sheltered by ti-tree, we knew it would not be long before it was discovered. It was not feasible to put tenants in because then we would not have the use of it for holidays.

Together we mulled over the problem and decided that the only sensible thing to do was to sell it before it came to harm, when we might lose everything.

Very, very reluctantly, this is what we did. A retired couple, both keen fishers, bought it. I saw them from time to time, whenever we went down to the peninsula. They loved the little cottage and cared for it well.

To be continued.

# What group was that?



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# Painter donates for art show raffle

Warrandyte High School will hold its annual art show from Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6 at the school. The weekend will feature a champagne opening on the Friday night and a raffle for a painting by Warrandyte artist David K. Taylor. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the art show and the winner will be drawn on the Sunday. David Taylor was born in Melbourne in 1941 and has collections of his work on display in Australia and overseas.



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Warrandyte High school teacher Kym Smith and principal Michael Blake holding a painting donated by David K. Taylor for the school's art show raffle.

## Kids afloat

This year, Warrandyte Primary School is sailing to exotic places in its musical production, *Kids at Sea*. This is the school's eighth original work, written by Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara. Ron Fairburn assisted with song writing. The concert, involving grades five and six, will be held at Ringwood's Karralika theatre on June 8, 9 and 10. The program will also include items from students in grades prep to four. Rehearsals are already underway, and tickets will go on sale at the school from May 17.

## Blind bowls

Ron and Dawn Jones of Brysons Road in South Warrandyte headed for New South Wales recently, where Ron represented Victoria in the Australian Blind Bowls Association national championships in Paramatta. The competition ran from April 27 to May 5. Ron competed in the men's singles and men's pairs in the B1 category for totally blind bowlers. We'll let you know how Ron went in our next issue.

## Youth news

Warrandyte Youth Services new coordinator Craig Milburn says the newly reopened centre is going well, with daily attendance averaging 35. He said parents often drop in to see how their children are spending their time and usually praise the centre. Mr Milburn would like to thank those who have made donations and supported the centre. They include Peter and Jeff Thom from Templestowe Television, Warrandyte Lions, Warrandyte Football Club, the community market, Harry Heaths supermarket, John and Kerry Boyle and Brella Pty Ltd.

## Super forum

The Warrandyte Branch of the ALP has convened a public discussion on the implications for public servants and teachers facing retirement, retrenchment, redundancy and voluntary resignation. Speakers will include Mary Owen, of the Women's Electoral Lobby and former MP, David McKenzie. The forum will be held on Wednesday, May 26

at 8.15pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Admission is free.

## Thanks

Warrandyte CAB has asked us to thank Beverly Jenkins and Meredith Bubner for their generous donations of two typewriters which resulted from a notice in the *March Diary*. These typewriters will enable the volunteers to continue the updating of information which is freely available to the public.

## Probus Club

Forty people attended the Warrandyte Probus Club's annual meeting in March. Grant Angus is president for 1993-4, Malcolm Rowland is secretary and Laurie Nichols treasurer. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month from 10am to midday in the function room at the Grand Hotel, and include discussions and a guest speaker. Membership enquiries should be made to Grant Angus on 844 2230 or Malcolm Rowland, 876 1041.

## Hearing loss

Better Hearing community groups teach lipreading and offer information, support and assistance for people with hearing loss. The sessions also enable members to meet with others experiencing the same difficulties. The Warrandyte group meets on Thursdays during school terms, from 1.30 to 2.30pm at the community centre. Anyone interested in joining can phone the Better Hearing Advisory Centre on 510 1577 for more information, or attend the Thursday sessions.

## ParkCare

Warrandyte State Park rangers will hold several workshops for local people wanting to know more about local bushland areas. Herbicide safety and use for volunteer bush regenerators will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 10am to 5pm. Pat and Mike Coupar will lead a workshop on frog identification by sight and sound on Wednesday, May 19, at 7.15pm. Bookings are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Phone 844 2659.

## Nursing mums

The Warrandyte branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association is holding a morning coffee for new mothers and pregnant women on Wednesday, May 26 at 10am. The group's next discussion meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 8pm and will focus on helping babies sleep through the night. Please phone Judy on 844 3150 or Maree, 844 2897 for venues and other information.

## Pre-school

The Warrandyte and District Pre-school in Taroona Avenue will be selling hot chips at the Warrandyte Market on June 5 to raise money to help finance their new building.

## Going solo

The Warrandyte Sole Parents Support Group invites all sole parents to a clothing swap shop on Sunday, May 16 and Monday, May 24 at 1pm. Jobs, education and training (JET) advisor will be answering questions at the Neighbourhood House from 1.30pm. New members always welcome. Phone Jan on 844 2769.

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Council on 30 March 1993 adopted a Draft Policy on Extended Retail Trading Hours (Weekday).

Copies of the Draft Policy are available free of charge, from the Strategic Planning Department, telephone 840 9434 or 840 9285.

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# Tennis club spreads its wings

Clubhouse extensions costing \$40,000 will be opened this month in what promises to be a very big year for Warrandyte Tennis Club.

Financed by a grant and a loan from Doncaster and Templestowe city council and by club funds, the improvements have given WTC much-needed lounge space to cater for its burgeoning membership. The club now has more than

750 members.

On a per-court basis it is one of Melbourne's biggest tennis clubs.

Warrandyte operates on just five courts, but hopes to have two new courts under way by the end of this year as part of the recreation reserve development plan

Four of the existing courts are lit and approval has been given to light the fifth.

"Things are really moving for us," club president Greg Lawrence told the *Diary*. "We're delighted with what is happening and we much appreciate what the council has done for us."

"Membership has had to be closed from time to time because we simply couldn't cope."

"But with our new clubhouse space and the anticipated extra courts, the books are open and

membership inquiries are most welcome."

The extensions will be opened on May 16 at a cocktail party preceding the annual general meeting. At the same function, a history of the club—*Rallies By The River*—will be launched.

The book has been written by club stalwarts Judy Green and Keith Wilson and is reviewed on Page 7 of this issue.

# It's life (again) for Ann

By DAVID KUTCHER

Ann Pascoe's devoted service to cricket in Warrandyte has been officially recognised by the Ringwood District Cricket Association.

The RDCA has made her a full life member. She is the first woman to receive that award in the 73-year history of the Chandler Shield competition.

She and husband Steve are already life members of Warrandyte Cricket Club.

WCC president Mark Davis described the award as a "fitting tribute to a fantastically hard worker".

"Ann and Steve have done an enormous amount for this club," he said. "During my three years as president Ann has been everything from committee member to RDCA delegate to scorer for the first eleven."

"Steve, of course, is a past president and secretary and is the current treasurer."

Ann was one of four WCC people to receive RDCA awards at the association's 1992-93 presentation nights:

The other winners were:  
• Harry Drysdale, who took the senior bowling honours with an average of 11.8. Drysdale, who



Ann Pascoe

was in his first season with Warrandyte, had already won the club champion and first eleven bowling awards.

• Nick Brisbane, captain of the under-14 (3) team, who topped his division's batting with an average of 130. Brisbane was dismissed only twice in nine innings and was named club junior champion.

• Tim Chapman, under-14s bowling trophy, taking 14 wickets at an average of 5.3.

Captain-coach John Sharman



Nick Brisbane (left) and Tim Chapman with their RDCA trophies.

again topped the Warrandyte batting averages. David Mooney won the fielding award and David Watts the captain's trophy.

Captain Jenni McLaws, who led by example throughout the season, won the women's batting trophy, with Angela Tunbridge taking bowling honours:

Other club awards:  
Seconds: D. Vitritti (batting), S. Warr (bowling), S. Pascoe (captain's award).

Thirds: G. Creber (batting), K. O'Connor (bowling), M. Elliott (fielding), A. Deleo (captain's award).

Fourths: R. Valentine (batting), D. Stockley (bowling), S. Goddard (fielding), M. Jones (captain's award).

Fifths: S. D'Angelo (batting), C. Fernando (bowling) B. Neilson (fielding), L. O'Loughlin (captain's award).

Women: N. Richings (fielding), C. McGhee (captain's award).

Under-16s: S. Bell (batting and bowling), J. Logan (fielding), A. Utt (manager's award).

Under-14s: N. Brisbane (batting), T. Chapman (bowling), J. Edwards (fielding), J. Russell (manager's award).

All under-12 players received medals for participation. The manager's award was won by Tim Gurner.

The club will hold its annual general meeting at the clubrooms on May 31, starting 7.30pm.

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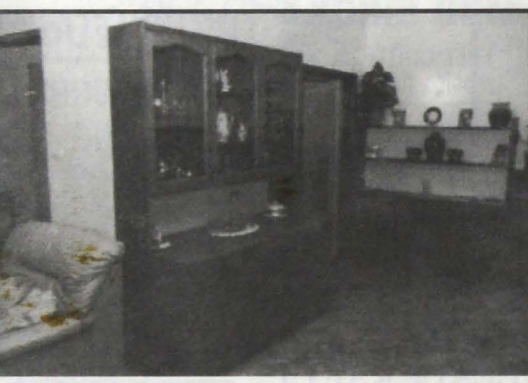
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# Slaughter of sorry old Surrey Hills!

## Glamour team struggle to repel boarders

By LEE TINDALE

A huge win over battling Surrey Hills on May 8 kicked Warrandyte clear to the top of the EDFL third division premiership ladder.

On the rebound after an unexpected loss to Ferntree Gully at home the previous week, the Bloods opened the floodgates on their unfortunate hosts.

Responding to a challenge from the coach's box to kick at least eight goals in the final quarter, Warrandyte rattled on 13 to win by 143 points, 31.16 (202) to 9.5 (59).

It rained red-and-white goals so heavily in that term that the scoreboard attendant—whether in confusion or anticipation—credited the Bloods with a bonus one.

The scoreline gave Warrandyte a healthy percentage advantage of 17.2 over The Basin, who also have won four of their five matches so far.

"That was a very pleasing last quarter," said coach Darren Peters. "The first three quarters were a little flat, the last was very good."

"We were not mentally prepared for the game against Ferntree Gully. We were a little complacent and we have to play it week by week and look at the opposition very carefully every week."

Warrandyte Football Club president Laurie Sloan said the Bloods had expected to beat Surrey Hills comfortably. "What we needed was a big percentage booster to get us back on top of the ladder after the loss to Ferntree Gully," he said, "and we certainly got that."

### SPORT

If there was a worry at all about Warrandyte's performance it was their inability again to get a flying start.

It took them 11 minutes to get on to the major side of the scoreboard, after Surrey Hills had goaled at the five-minute mark.

Full-forward Darren Murphy kicked Warrandyte's first and third and took his personal tally for the quarter to three after a chain of crisp and clever passes from the centre.

The writing was already on Surrey Hills' wall when they trailed 6.5 to 3.1 at the first change, but Bloods assistant coach Brett Monroe, who did not play because of illness but addressed the players at the breaks, demanded more talking, more encouragement from his troops.

Murphy collected his fourth goal, from a free, within a minute of the start of the second term to set the pattern for a productive Warrandyte term.

Moving the ball well, the Bloods kicked 8.2 to 2.1 to run away to a 59-point lead at the interval.

The quarter was notable for a sensational mark by "Basil" Long shortly before the siren. Fittingly, he converted.

Still not satisfied, Munro told his players to show their true quality by breaking right away in the third quarter—but this was to be Warrandyte's poorest term.

They managed only 4.4 and perhaps Surrey Hills deserved more than the 2.2 they added.

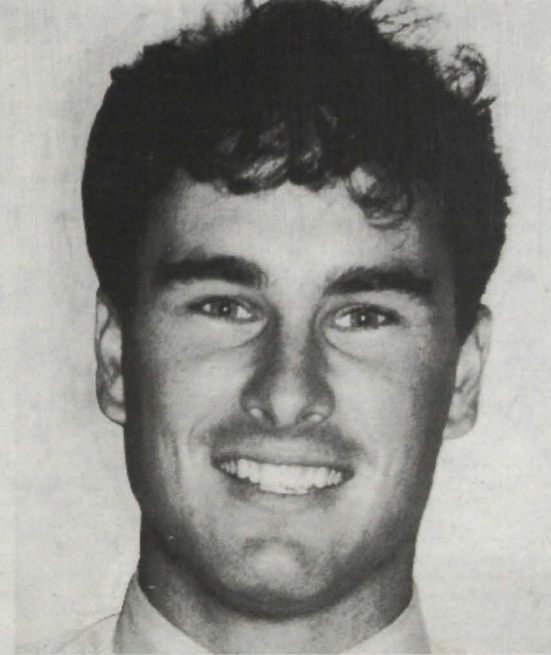
The home side actually outran the visitors and in the three-quarter time huddle, Munro asked his players to "push harder" and invited them to kick at least eight goals in the final stanza.

It is worth recording the sequence of the last-quarter goalkick: John O'Brien (first minute); David Purcell (three minutes); Peters (five minutes); O'Brien (eight and 10 minutes); Trent Ferguson (11); Matthew Elliot (13); Kimberley O'Connor (14); Steve Carroll (16); Long (19); Ferguson (21); O'Connor (26); O'Brien (30).

It was great stuff—13.5 to 2.1 in a quarter of football—if you were a Warrandyte supporter. The one sour note was what appeared to be a serious knee injury to Elliott, who had been perhaps the Bloods' best player, late in the game.

Apart from Elliott, the stars were Dale Vitiritti, David Purcell, Peters, O'Brien, Mark Harbolt, Tony Sturesteps, O'Connor and Glen McCartin. You could go on and on.

The seconds had their fifth big win in as many matches. The final score was 26.27 (183) to 3.2 (20), setting the seniors quite an act to follow.



Darren Peters: First three quarters were a little flat.

## Hello again to our old mates Templestowe

Warrandyte Football Club play one of their rare Sunday games on May 16—and few matches this season will be more meaningful.

The Bloods are at home to arch enemies Templestowe. The clubs have met four times since Tempy crossed from the Diamond Valley league in 1991 and two of those encounters have been quite memorable.

In the first, the opening round of '91, a Warrandyte team depleted by last-minute defections were donkey-kicked by 20 goals.

It was David Purcell's first game as captain-coach of the Bloods. Purcell had previously played for Templestowe, and there was no love lost.

The only other meeting at the Templestowe ground since—in May last year—was a particularly torrid affair. Warrandyte won the game but paid dearly in terms of injuries. They fielded makeshift teams in the next three matches and lost them all.

The score in the four meetings so far is 2-2 and such is the rivalry that the clubs are considering a Yarra Cup, to be decided on the outcome of Warrandyte-Templestowe matches each season.

"We had hoped to have the format of the cup, and the trophy itself, organised by the May 16 game, and that may still happen," WFC president Laurie Sloan told the Diary.

"These games are virtually a local derby and attract so much interest. Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully used to run their own competition within the competition and it was a big success."

But Sunday's game is crucial for more tangible reasons than inter-suburban rivalry. These teams are genuine premiership contenders—Warrandyte nominal favourites and on top of the ladder, Templestowe in fifth spot but only a game and percentage points adrift.

"This will be a big test for us," Mr Sloan said. "Templestowe are a very good team and the game will tell us just how good we are."

The match will be preceded by a services club beef-and-burgundy luncheon in the clubrooms (cost \$20 a head).

Guest speakers will be EDFL president Bob Tregear, who will talk about the league's future, and former North Melbourne champion Laurie Dwyer.

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's midweek men's competition is building up to an exciting climax, with pre-season favourites Makeshift being given a real run for their money.

Makeshift are encountering stiffer competition than they expected in their campaign for a third title in four seasons.

After cruising through the opening games, they have fallen on much harder times, forced to a draw by the unheralded Darkhorses and needing a late basket to snatch a two-point win over the Hitmen.

Makeshift are still undefeated, but other teams now give themselves a chance to knock off the glamour team, who were considered lucky to down the Hitmen 47-45.

After leading well all night, the Hitmen squandered a seven-point advantage with five minutes to play and watched in horror as Chris McIntosh grabbed a steal and lay in with just 10 seconds on the clock.

It was fitting that McIntosh should be the hero of the win because he is the prime offensive force behind Makeshift's title run, scorching the net for a 28.8 points game average.

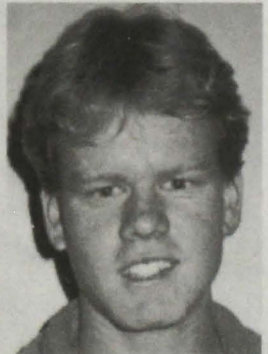
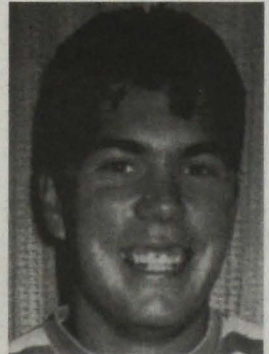
McIntosh is a hot favourite to win the competition's most valuable player award for the second year in a row.

The rest of the competition has evened up dramatically, with the signing of Mark Egglestone suddenly making the Darkhorses finals threats.

Egglestone has come up with the big plays when they mattered—two free throws with three seconds left for the tie with Makeshift and a clutch basket with less than 20 seconds to go for a two-point win over Eltham.

In the over-30 section, there seems no serious threat to Andersons Creek, who had won nine in a row when this edition went to press.

With Bob Hillman and Stan Slabon leading from the front, they look invincible.



Dale Vitiritti (left) and Mark Harbolt. Among the best.

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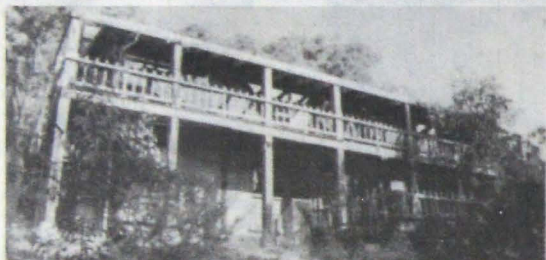
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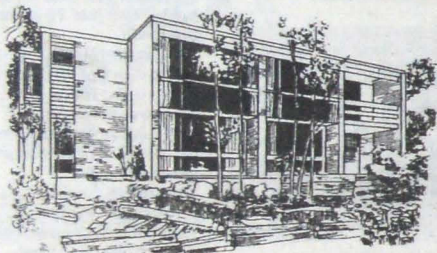
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