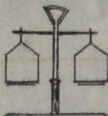


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# Anglican church faces cash crisis



By GEORGI STICKELS

St Stephens Anglican Church sent out a call for help late last month as ongoing financial worries came to a head.

The parish has been unable to meet weekly running costs for several months, and is under threat of dipping into the red.

"Financially, the weekly income of the church has receded to the point where in the next month or two there is insufficient income to continue even the everyday running of the church," vestryman Theo Buskes told the *Diary*.

St Stephens' vicar, Garry Gason, said the parish was receiving only about three quarters of the money it needed to pay its running costs. Most of the church's money comes from the weekly collection.

But a spokesperson for the Archbishop of Melbourne, Rev Keith Rayner, told the *Diary* they would be reluctant to force the closure of any church in the Melbourne Diocese.

"It would be most unlikely that any parish would be left without a centre of worship," the director of Anglican media, Ms Angela Grutzner, said.

Ironically, the church was extended a few years ago, because it was regularly overcrowded. A portion of church land was sold to pay for the extension, leaving the church debt-free.

Rev Gason said the problem was not really falling numbers, but that people were giving less because of the recession.

"The congregation tends to look as though it's fallen away. It hasn't really but we've lost a few people who were very active; involved every week."

"People who have come into the congregation often have



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young families, and so they have many commitments."

Theo Buskes said that St Stephens' problems were typical of small churches everywhere.

"People are basically just flat out, times are tough and people just don't have the energy on a Sunday morning or during the week to go along to the church. But people won't realise what's going on unless we draw attention to the issue," he said.

In previous years, money raised at the annual church fete, the Warrandyte festival and other fundraisers, has been donated to missions. Now that money has to be used to pay the vicar's stipend, dues to the diocese and to cover maintenance and the purchase of bread and wine.

"The fete each year makes a big contribution, but you can only hold so many fundraisers per year," Rev Gason said.

But over recent months, even fundraising money has not been enough.

"We can't bite into any capital, because we no longer have it," Theo Buskes said.

Angela Grutzner said the church can apply for a Home Mission grant from the diocese if fundraising fails to cover the shortfall.

"It's true of many churches that they are having financial difficulties. Everybody's feeling financial pressure and some parishes are experiencing more difficulties than others, but we're very reluctant to close churches," Ms Grutzner said.

"Eventually we may be looking towards bigger centres of worship with more clerical staff to cater for larger areas and more worshippers," she said.

"In the long term I guess there would have to be a rationalisation of those churches based on a village approach," Ms Grutzner added that no such plans were yet underway.

But St Stephens is proud of its village atmosphere.

"When you walk through the gates the first thing is a feeling of peace. For a young family like ours, it's a very important part of our weekly lifestyle," Theo Buskes said.

"It's as much a part of the town's culture, its lifestyle, as any other part of Warrandyte," he added. "It's loss would be not too different to closing the Mechanics Hall and selling that off."

"Throughout its history some of Warrandyte's most central family names have been involved with the Anglican church: the Kruses, Stiggants, Bouchers and Ruttledges," Theo Buskes said.

*Diary* photographer David Garner snapped James Boyle (10) planting a tree during Osborne Road's highly successful 'wildlife corridor' field day, held recently.

• More pictures: Page 4.

## Power going underground

Power lines in Yarra Street are being placed underground, following recommendations in Doncaster council's townscape study, released last year.

Construction began in the last week of May, and is expected to take up to two months. The lines will be run underground between the Mechanics Hall and Whipstick Gully. Traders along Yarra Street have

been notified of the project, in case of some inconvenience during construction.

The project will improve the appearance of Yarra Street in more ways than one.

"Hopefully we'll be able to get rid of the power lines and plant some trees in the main street," Jane Marriott, the council's strategic planning officer, told the *Diary*. "We'll be able to do a bit of landscaping,

with community consultation."

Ms Marriott said it had taken council some time to organise the project with the SEC, although funds have been available for some time. Council has no plans at present to further extend the underground cable system, although a joint SEC and council group constantly monitors conditions of power lines around Warrandyte.

### CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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# Topshelf's throne in loo of a bed

To protect his true identity from all but his existing (albeit wide) circle of acquaintances, we shall refer to him here only by his given nickname, Topshelf. And what an appropriate nickname it is! Topshelf was right in his element at the local footy club's recent cocktail night and were we given to puns we would say that he really got into the spirits of things. Or the spirits really got into Topshelf. There is always a danger of being locked into the premises for the night if you take a nap on the dunny, as our hero did sometime in the vicinity of midnight, but it didn't worry him at all because he slept right through it. And when he was woken and released at 5am by Bloods secretary Norm Carrington and wife Sue, who had come to tackle a very formidable cleaning job, Topshelf blinked wanly and demanded to know what they were doing in his bedroom. A best-on-ground performance, to be sure.



Grand Hotel manager Gavin McCallum (left) welcomes Jack Barr to the pokies.

Pat Coupur coyly begged us not to tell the following story, but we quite corruptly bribed her with the promise of a plug for Discover Warrandyte, the new book she and husband Mike masterminded. Pat and Mike are dead-set conservationists and rightly proud of it. They like to get away from it all at weekends and commute with nature, and one such trip took them into the wilds of Murrindindi State Park, near Kinglake. When we say near Kinglake we mean remotely near because this really is God's own country. Anyhow, the Coupurs negotiated tortuous tracks, arrived, built a campfire—and discovered they had no matches. That meant a 30-minute drive back to civilisation and the nearest shop, which was fresh out of matches anyway. Armed with a couple the shop lady managed to scrounge from her kitchen, Pat and Mike retraced their wheel tracks to camp. And it dawned on them only as they got out of their new four-wheel-drive that there was a cigarette lighter on the dashboard.

We're happy to keep our end of the bargain because we believe no household in this village should be without a copy of Discover Warrandyte, which was put together by Pat, Mike and a band of equally-dedicated colleagues from the friends of our state park and funded largely by Open Space 2000: Bay to Ranges. It's everything you really should know about your very special environment, a quality colour production priced at \$14.95 and available from various outlets around

town. If you wanted to be nasty you could buy a copy for friends in the inner suburbs, just to show them what they're missing.

At last count we have Friends of the Warrandyte State Park, Friends of the Koorong, Friends of Fourth Hill, Friends of the Timber Reserve, Friends of Bradley's Lane Bush, Friends of Pigeon Bank Creek, Friends of Tindals Wildflower Reserve and (Smokey's favourite) Friends of the Goat Track. Surely this makes Warrandyte one of the friendliest places in the world.

There is huge excitement at the post office milk bar, thanks to the arrival of Nacrine, daughter of proprietors George and Claudia Daher. Nacrine weighed in at a very healthy 9lb 1oz on June 5—and do you think George was excited? He was so excited he misspelt his surname—twice—when he phoned the *Diary* with the details.

Jack Barr, everyone's favourite Irishman, (pictured above) is very fond of a pot and a punt and badly wanted to carve himself a little niche in local history by being the first to risk a bit of the hard-earned on the new Grand Hotel pokies. Jack lined up before opening time on the Big Day (May 19)—but somehow two other punters beat him to it. We suspect an inside job. Never mind, Jack, we backed you each-way.

Here's to Kerrie Fraser of Oakland Drive who won Box Hill College of TAFE's most prestigious award—Outstanding Student of the Year. That puts her first in a field of 22,000! She is in the final year of a dance teaching course. Well done, Kerrie.

It was very naughty of us to overlook in the last issue the Warrandyte Cricket Club life memberships awarded to Jenny Chapman and Jenni McLaws, and we hereby right the wrong, Jenny, who also won the "best clubperson" award, is merely carrying on a family tradition. Her late father Allan was a life member, as is brother John.

We told you in April that Ron and Dawn Jones, of South Warrandyte, were off to Sydney for the Australian Blind Bowls Association's national championships. Ron represented Victoria and although he didn't come home with a bag of gold medals, he is the very proud owner of the carnival's incentive trophy. Nice bowling, Ron.

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# Search on for seniors' sites

By DAVID WYMAN

Moves to establish special accommodation in Warrandyte for the town's elderly citizens continue, but are being frustrated by a lack of availability of suitable land.

Two possible sites have been identified but there is no certainty that the owners will sell or wish to take part in an elderly citizens' housing development.

Lack of suitable accommodation has meant that elderly residents, some of them born in Warrandyte, are being forced to leave the town when they can no longer manage their properties, taking up residence in another suburb, usually not of their choice.

A committee, formed under the umbrella of Warrandyte Uniting Church last year, has been searching the town for suitable sites and has conducted feasibility studies for an elderly citizens' complex.

State MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, has been active on the committee, having had direct experience with finding elderly accommodation in Mooroolbark.

"The search and negotiation for the

purchase of suitable flat land near facilities has been a protracted process," he told the *Diary*. "But we are hopeful of an outcome which will benefit the community."

"We are looking at construction of six to eight independent housing units with the hope that the price of the units will be inexpensive and allow at least one of the units to be available on a means tested basis."

"Our number one priority is to ensure that the land purchased will have enough area for the future construction of a hostel which would provide around-the-clock care. Sale of the units and fundraising should ensure finance for the hostel."

Phil Honeywood said the most successful accommodation schemes for the elderly were organised by churches.

"They have experience in these matters and have access to charitable trusts. They know how to raise funds," he said.

Of the two possible sites in Warrandyte, one is in a central area and has room for units and the hostel. But it is owned by a person living overseas. The other site is the land adjacent to the Mechanics Institute hall in Yarra Street.

A planning application to Doncaster council to have shops built on this site was refused by council in December 1990, but the Administra-

tive Appeals Tribunal overruled the council in December 1991. The owner can now go ahead and build the shops.

Warrandyte councillors Louise Joy and Val Polley see the site as being suitable for elderly citizens' accommodation and have lobbied the developer to that end.

But others say the site is too small and are worried that siting the housing on two or more sites may lead to planning precedent problems.

Resident Bruce Bence, who has been involved in relocating elderly citizens to accommodation in other suburbs, said that a multiple development may encourage further unit development in the town.

"We've got dual occupancy banned and we don't want high density housing in this town, except for our elderly people," he said.

Cr Joy said that zoning would prohibit the resale of elderly citizens' units to non-elderly people.

"We would create a special zone with special provisions," she said.

Phil Honeywood thinks that the Yarra Street land is too small for a development for the elderly and that there would not be enough room for a hostel.

"Separation of the two functions, unit housing and the hostel, poses problems of access to meals and care," he said.

## Pushing for live bands

By NICK ARNOTT

Warrandyte Youth Services and the PUSH organisation are joining forces to produce a night of live music for local young people in September.

Organisers say it will not only provide entertainment, it will give young bands an opportunity to play to a live audience.

Representatives from Warrandyte Youth Services and the Doncaster branch of PUSH and Doncaster Arts, Recreation and Entertainment are planning the event. Young people are encouraged to participate in all facets of the event preparation.

The committee is looking for young bands who want a chance to play live. Interested groups can contact WYS on 844 2985 for more details.

PUSH is a government initiative, supported by the Office of Youth Affairs, set up to help young people take responsibility for their own entertainment.

A club structure operates throughout Victoria with the 17 local PUSH clubs meeting regularly with coordinators and community workers to decide on and implement all-age gigs in their local areas.

All gigs are alcohol free, quality events, focusing on the interests of members and local teenagers.

Other events coming up at WYS include a community pool competition, with teams from a range of local organisations playing off against each other. It will run over the weekends of June 18 and 19, and June 25 and 26. Entry details can be obtained from the centre.

WYS is also offering a school holiday program in conjunction with the Doncaster and Templestowe Youth Resource Centre. Activities will run five days a week from July 5 to July 16. Details are still being finalised.

Youth Services has recently extended its hours for the drop-in centre, open six days a week. The new hours are Monday to Thursday, 3.30 to 7pm, Friday 3.30 to 10pm and Saturday 2pm until 10. The centre can assist with advice, information and counselling on various issues.

## New kinder building planned for next year

Construction of Warrandyte's new kinder may begin before Christmas, and plans for the new centre are already underway.

The current building is about 35 years old, but an engineer's report last year found it to be structurally unsound.

Architects Clarke, Hopkins and Clarke from Doncaster are drawing up plans for the new kinder and child health centre which will be built on the existing site.

Debate over where the new centre would be built peaked during council's preparation of a management plan for Warrandyte Reserve last December and January. The kinder's committee of management were concerned about a kinder being built so close to the licensed football clubrooms, but all agreed that a new centre was needed.

The kinder committee has negotiated temporary use of

the multipurpose room at the Warrandyte Community Centre during construction of the new building. They are, however, seeking help from anyone who can provide temporary, safe fencing.

The building will be funded largely by Doncaster council. Council has requested a \$75,000 contribution from the kinder, which the pre-school committee says is too much.

"It is unrealistic to expect a population such as ours to raise such a large amount of money, but it is clear that we must offer a reasonable contribution to the redevelopment," Judy Finger, the kinder's fundraising coordinator, told the *Diary*.

A pre-school building appeal steering committee will oversee a large fundraising drive. It comprises representatives from the community centre, Lions

club, Apex, Rotary and the kinder.

Several fundraisers are already underway. The pre-school parents are selling hot chips at Warrandyte market each month, with the use of the Lions club chip cooker. They are also involved with the Apex monthly paper drive and will receive proceeds from a Rotary raffle. An antique fair is planned for later this year.

The building appeal will be launched at a masquerade ball at the community centre on Saturday, June 26. For further information contact the kinder president, Pam Hoiberg on 844 3386 or fundraising co-ordinator Judy Finger, 844 3150.

Kinder children will use the community centre's playground and other facilities while building is underway. (Picture by Jan Tindale)



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# Peter writes home

I am writing from Kampala, Uganda's capital city. I'm actually stuck here over the Easter holidays until the banks open on Tuesday, then I plan to visit the gorillas inside the border of Uire. I figure that seeing I'm in East Africa how could one be so close to these amazing creatures, presumably our forefathers, and pass up the once in a lifetime opportunity to see them in their natural habitat.

As we all well know, however much I fear to say it, they may well not be around in the years to come, due to man's ever imposing actions to them and their environment.

I have spoken with several people who have made the effort to see them and it had clearly been one of the major events of their travels. But I'm sure the camera clicking tourists that will no doubt be in my group will dampen any connection with the creatures and the natural sounds that will surround us will of course be once again polluted by man.

But I shall take it in my stride and block out any hindrances that may annoy me.

I rang my mother from Nairobi after the award night and she told me the good news.

Oh! how refreshing it felt when I realised I was able to continue with my travels and it has given me the chance I have been longing for, for quite some time.

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symbols used for healing.

It is just amazing to see a painting with sharp color and contrasts, sharp straight lines as if done by a brush and all done with loose sands. Without paint, without brush, but with our pure hand and 100% natural resources.

But the greatest attraction for me is the fact that it is destroyed by the weather and is a victim of nature, so longevity is no issue, therefore I'm ignoring an audience.

This basically defies what all European-derived 'art' is all about. The painting is used in conjunction with song and dance to heal a patient from negative energies and the like. So the art is not separated from life but an integral part of it.

It's not for the gallery but for use in their lives. They don't separate 'art and life; life and art'.

The technique is what I want to learn and we will see where it goes from there. But first things first. What I really want to do is thank the committee and the assessors for giving me this chance.

I deeply appreciate this fine gift from Warrandyte and I shall use it in the best way to enhance my vision for the present and future.

Also congratulations to Katherine Adcock, who without a doubt is a fine talent.

Anyway, I hope and I'm sure Warrandyte is cruising along smoothly and the trees are swaying in pride with the steady current of the river which separates north from south.

I long inside for the time I bathe in her waters and eat the world's best bread from her local oven. But I will wait a few months yet.

I plan to go to the south-west (USA) by August. Of course I will go the cheapest and most scenic route which happens to be through India and Thailand, to L.A. I look forward to meeting up with you all on my return.

I must also add that meeting the assessors was a great benefit in itself and I hope to pursue some kind of contact with them.

Peter Daverington  
Youth Arts Award Winner

## Thrilled

We are writing to congratulate you on the fantastic review of Rallies by the River in the May 1993 Warrandyte Diary. We thought it was very educational to read about the history of the Warrandyte Tennis Club through world wars, floods and bush fires. We were also thrilled to read about how Warrandyte was established from the early 1900s because we deserve to know the history of where we live. More books and articles should be written about Warrandyte and its history.

Erin McKimm and  
Jarrod O'Connor  
Warrandyte High School

Signed letters are preferred. If pen-names are used, actual names and addresses must be included, even if not for publication. Letters should deal with local topics.

## Wildlife planting



Osborne Road has been dubbed the 'Street for Wildlife', following the planting of vegetation to form a wildlife corridor. With the SEC and Friends of Warrandyte State Park, who had suitable plants to spare after Arbor Week, families planted indigenous shrubs to show how revegetation under power lines could be achieved.

Co-ordinator Margaret Burke was delighted. "We felt that involving residents of Osborne Road was very important, as it forms a wildlife corridor between four areas of the park. It has a large wildlife population of its own but this has gradually degraded, especially due to SEC practices such as clearing up under power lines."

Residents of Osborne Road at work, planting their 'wildlife corridor'.  
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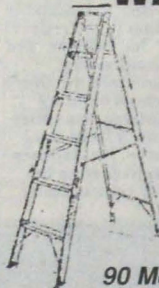
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JOFF

# Census says locals have big homes, too many cars

By GEORGI STICKELS

Hands up if you have lived in Warrandyte longer than five years? Keep your hand up if you were born in Australia, are aged 30-32, married (or living with a partner) work more than 40 hours a week in a management or professional job, and drive your car to work. Congratulations, you are Mr, Mrs or Ms Average Warrandyte, according to the findings of the 1991 Census, which have just been released.

Our population is expanding. In the last census, in 1986, there were 6850 Warrandytians. This number has swelled to 7083, with 3523 males and 3560 females. And 5734 of us, a whopping 81.2 per cent, were born in Australia, although no aboriginals or Torres Strait Islanders admitted to living here.

The recession must be taking its emotional toll, because more of us have taken to religion since 1986. Back then, 42.9 per cent of us said we were of no religion, but by 1991 only 25.6 per cent of us had failed to see the light. But don't tell the preachers about the 196 people living with a de facto partner.

A lot more of us prefer to march down the aisle. Of Warrandyte residents aged over 15, 57.6 per cent were married, and only 3.7 percent, or 196 of us had been

divorced.

Luckily, only 5.1 per cent of us are unemployed, compared with the national average of 11.1 per cent. We're an ambitious bunch; 40.9 of Warrandyte's "employed persons" are employed in professional or managerial positions, with 37.1 per cent of households pulling in more than \$50,000 per annum. That's a big jump up from the 20.8 per cent of households considered wealthy in 1986.

The *Diary* wants to know how they all do it, when 51.3 per cent of residents said they were "not qualified" for their job, and only 15.1 per cent had tertiary qualifications. Nobody admitted to never having been to school though.

At the other end of the scale 13.6 per cent of our households are earning less than \$20,000.

We all work hard for our money though, with 40.9 per cent of us putting in more than 40 hours a week at work.

The greenies will not be impressed. Only 33 people, one per cent of Warrandyte's workforce, were involved in "agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting". And a massive 75.4 per cent of us drive our cars to work, with only 194 people going in as passengers. In all, Warrandyte has at least 4,200 motor cars spewing forth pollution, with 28.3 per

cent of households owning three or more cars!

Six wealthy people caught taxis to work, nine people (all male) rode motorcycles, and 47 environmentally or fitness conscious people walked or rode bicycles to work.

The median (most common) age for women was 32 and 30 for men. Only 34.3 per cent of Warrandyte residents are aged under 18, compared to the national average of 41 per cent. One couldn't really say we were in the family way; the average number of children per family is 1.9.

Our senior citizens numbered fewer than average too: seven per cent compared with a national average of 12 per cent. All nine of our residents aged over 90 were women.

The census counted 2074 Warrandyte dwellings. Of these, 39.4 per cent were occupier owned, 45.9 per cent were being purchased (well we have to spend our 50 grand on something) and only 8.7 per cent of households are renting. Rent is an average \$138-167 per week, and housing repayments are mostly between \$630 and \$700 per month.

86.4 per cent of homes have three or more bedrooms, although around half of them (51.5 per cent) have only one, two or three people living in them.

# Park permits for riders

Horse riders in the Yarra Brae section of Warrandyte State Park now have to obtain a permit to continue riding in the area.

The agreement system began on May 5. Riders had until the end of the month to obtain their permits.

The agreements aim to reduce conflict between park users by issuing riders with a code of ethics for riding in the state park. They will eventually be extended to all the park's horse riding areas.

Warrandyte State Park's head ranger, Ian Roche, told the *Diary* the agreements would preserve riders' rights to use the park while ensuring that they were educated about the park's conservation values and the impact of horse riding in the bush.

"By obtaining a horse riding agreement and making this system work, riders will be ensuring that horse riding will continue as a well managed form of recreation in Warrandyte State Park," he said.

The system was designed by local resident and rider, Leah Vlek. Ms Vlek told the *Diary* the system "has been developed through close consultation with the community, rangers and ParkCare officers", in response to community concerns.

Riders can obtain an agreement by appointment at the state park office, on 844 2659. Riders will be required to complete a simple multiple choice questionnaire and pay a \$10 fee to obtain the agreement, which must be renewed annually.



Riders now need permits to follow park bridle trails. (Picture by Leah Vlek)

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## EFFIE ADAMS

# She was everyone's second mum

By MARGARET WHITE

**E**FFIE ADAMS, a life-long Warrandyte resident, died on May 6. She was 93.

Effie was born in the family home in Osborne Road on March 1, 1900, spending almost her whole life in sight of the Yarra River. Only in the last six months of her life did she leave her beloved orchard, where she and her husband Frank had worked and lived, to take up residence in a Doncaster nursing home.

Ethel Catherine Adams (she preferred Effie or Grandma) was the second of five children born to Frank and Amelia Lowe.

Her father was a gold inspector and a photograph of him inspecting his gold pan is displayed in Mr Ginger's coffee shop in Yarra Street. He also taught dancing and music with his sister in Melbourne. Their father had been dancing teacher to the royal family.

As a girl, Effie and her family lived in the now demolished Whitehouse, tenants on a miner's lease from 1910. They bought the freehold in 1930. After her father returned from the Second World War, he added a dining room, dance hall and small shop, and Effie helped her family provide hot water and food to the many people who used the reserve for picnics.

She married Frank Adams in January 1920. She had met Frank, from a well known orcharding family in Templestowe, at a dance when she was 17.

Frank shared a 48 acre property with his brother George on Warrandyte Road. The newlyweds lived in a small room on the property for four months

until their home, known as The Ranch, was completed.

Life was not always kind. Effie and Frank lost their son Harold to diphtheria in 1929. He was only 18 months old. A daughter, Edna, died in 1946 from peritonitis, aged 15. Frank died more than 20 years ago, ending his family's direct association with orcharding. Their son Les passed away last year.

Effie remained at The Ranch after her husband's death, and while the fruit trees were no longer tended, the garden around the house became her pride and joy. She passed on her hobby to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who have all helped Grandma digging and weeding. In return she freely gave advice on when and how to grow flowers.

She also had a great love for

handcrafts. Tatting, crocheting, dressmaking, knitting, embroidery and doll making were just a few of her specialties.

Cooking was another joy, and her hot cross buns were always in demand at Easter. Her afternoon teas were a treat also, featuring powder puffs, ginger fluff sponge, fruit cake, vanilla slices, toffees and drop scones.

All the great grandchildren were brought up on Grandma's soup and stewed apple and rhubarb. The purchase of a freezer widened even further her selection of jams, bottled fruits and other preserved food.

Effie was fastidious in her keeping of records, maintaining copious details on prices paid for fruit, market prices, rainfall, calving and milk records and countless others.

She was also well known for

her accuracy with a shotgun when birds plagued the fruit trees, and she was one of the best snake killers in the district!

She was happiest in the orchard. Even in recent years she could be seen tending the lemon trees. In earlier times she had organised the pickers, helping with picking and packing the fruit herself if needed.

Affectionately known as 'the matriarch', she was the one the family turned to for advice and information. She always had a listening ear for problems, and was everyone's second mum.

She is survived by her daughter Millie, daughter-in-law Olive, grandchildren Peter, Maxine, Margaret, Robyn, Kathryn and Russell and great grandchildren Phoebe, Adam, Matthew, Tim, Zoe, Chris, Alexandra and Christopher.



Effie (on the fence) and her parents outside the Whitehouse, c.1910. Inset: Effie, aged 82.

## ALLEN MAIN

# A true gentleman remembered

**W**ARRANDYTE resident Allen Bennie Main died recently, aged 80. Doctors say he had been on borrowed time for several years. Friends remember him as a gentleman, well-liked and respected by all who knew him.

The youngest of six, Allen was born in Brighton, Victoria, in September 1912. As a young man his hobbies included athletics, ballroom dancing and tennis. He was also a member of several different life saving clubs around Brighton, and no-one loved a game of cards more than he.

He married Lily Williams at Brighton Beach in 1933. They

had two daughters, Pamela (now Rawlings) who lives in Brisbane, and Faye.

His work, with the gasometer building firm Thompsons, took him all over Australia. Often he would take his wife and daughters with him.

In 1946 he injured his spine while in Fremantle, which required many operations to repair.

He later worked for Johns and Waygood, supervising the construction of the King Street bridge. Family members recall how he noticed the cracks in the high tensile steel, but was ignored by the "powers that be". The bridge later collapsed.

He moved to track maintenance for the tramways board

until his retirement at the age of 65.

Allen and Lily moved to Bradleys Lane in 1962, real estate agent Peter MacDougall's first customer. Allen joined the Doncaster council golf club and the RSL social club, and enjoyed many rounds of golf, with a round of liquid refreshment at the end, of course.

The couple moved to Trezise Street in 1979 and joined the senior citizens, where Allen took up snooker. He was treasurer for several years.

One of their four granddaughters was killed in a car accident in 1985. They also had one grandson and six great grand daughters. Lily died in 1986.



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# Tennis club launches book, opens extension

**W**ARRANDYTE Tennis Club welcomed back a number of past committee members and descendants of pioneer players when they officially opened new extensions to the Taroona Avenue clubrooms last month. A highlight of the evening was the launching of a book, *Rallies By The River*, written by former long-time president Keith Wilson and current committee member

Judy Green. It chronicles the club's history over the past 85 years. The most recent extension, financed by a grant and a loan from Doncaster council and club funds, has increased clubroom space by at least a third, providing a comfortable, raised lounge area overlooking Andersons Creek. The opening ceremony was performed by Cr Louise Joy. "A lot of effort has gone into all this," WTC president



Greg Lawrence told the Diary. "It looks fantastic."

For many years, the club was headquartered on the old bridge courts, now operated by the Lions Club. In 1975 the shift was made to the present courts on the recreation reserve at Taroona Avenue. The first stage of the current clubhouse was completed in 1979. It was extended in 1985.

The recent additions, plus the promise of two more courts on the old Whitehouse site, listed by

council for next year, will allow the club to cater for its steadily growing membership.

The book *Rallies By The River* was launched by former councillor and ex-mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe, John Scott. Mr Scott was a WTC committee member during the 1960s.

Special guests included Alan Carter, club secretary from 1945 to 1947 and Barbara Silas, secretary during 1954-55. Also present was Mrs Larkin, a daughter of Charlie Sanford, a noted club pioneer.

The club was founded in 1907 and Mr Sanford was a committee member as early as 1909. He was a leading player for many years and was still playing tennis into his 70s. Mrs Larkin presented the club with a cup she and her father won, playing doubles at the club's Easter tournament in 1940.

• *Rallies By The River*, priced \$10, is available at the museum at the old post office, or by ringing 844 2219 or 844 2096.

Top: Judy Green (left) and Helen King at the tennis club cocktail party. Centre: John Scott launches *Rallies By The River*. Left: Keith Wilson (right) marking the occasion with the presentation of a clubhouse clock to president Greg Lawrence. (Pictures by David Garner)



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# With friends like these, who needs road maps?

**T**HE Hume Highway does not, and has never gone through Nagambie. But did anyone but Herself mention it? She accepts my tinkering with reality, but I didn't expect that from the rest of you.

Perhaps it's the power of print at work. Everyone knows that Nagambie is on the Newell Highway on the way to Shepparton, but because you saw otherwise enshrined in print, you were prepared to accept fibs. If this is the case, the sky's the limit!

The other day, Herself made an appointment to speak with me. "It's about time we had some friends to dinner. We're becoming recluses. People will think we're not interested in them any more. Go and ring some of our friends and see if they're able to come this Saturday. Tell them it's casual and we'll start eating around 7.30."

Galvanised into activity and quivering with excitement, I telephoned, praying for the engaged signal or news of immi-



nent overseas trips and outbreaks of Denghie fever.

"Hello. It's Roger. How are you?"

"Roger who?"

I began to wonder whether Herself had been right.

"Roger; your brother."

"Oh. Are you still alive? I thought you must have passed away months ago. What do you want?"

"We were wondering whether you and your chequesigner were free to come to dinner next Sat?"

"Uhhh... (pause for muffled arguing behind hand held over mouthpiece). We'd love to—but—I'm just starting to feel sick

and I'm sure a night out (thinks balloon above head: 'with you') would not be healthful. Perhaps next time. Love to—uhmm—gosh is that the time? Bye!"

Was I being overly sensitive or was I getting the actual brush-off? I tried again.

"Hi. Is that you, Richard? It's Roger Kibell here." (To be sure there'd be no mistake.)

"Roger Kibell? (pause) I'm sorry but we're temporarily unavailable. If you'd like to leave your message after the tone, we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Beep, beep, beep."

"Is that 844 1993? Sheila? Guess who!"

Click. Dial tone.

Determined to prove Herself wrong, eventually I contacted

three couples who weren't away from Melbourne for the weekend, who could find babysitters, dog-sitters, the rotor button for the distributor, their car keys, their Melways and who didn't have to be home by 9.30pm to take a personal call from the Vatican.

Having secured a promise to fax me their acceptances, I sauntered out to Herself.

"What have you been up to for the last two and a half hours?" she asked encouragingly.

"Just proving you wrong," I quipped. "We have ourselves a dinner party for Saturday. You see, we do have friends. We haven't been forgotten. You should stop listening to talk-back about how easy it is for couples to enjoy one another's company

and lose touch with the rest of their friends."

Saturday evening arrived.

"You did say seven for seven-thirty, didn't you?"

"Of course! What do you take me for? A complete moron?"

"No dear, but you are a man."

I wondered about that as I rushed to answer the Polynesian war drum we had placed by the front door.

"Sorry we're late, but we forgot where you live. We've been driving up and down KG road for hours."

"No trouble. You're here now and, by the way, you're the first to get here. Marg and Pete will be along any minute now."

"Did you say Margaret and Peter? Of Templestowe?"

"Yes."

"I'm sorry, but we can't possibly stay. Surely you must have known—everyone else does. We had a falling out months ago. Only the lawyers are talking. The night would be a disaster if we

had to sit in the same football stadium, let alone at the same dining table. 'Bye. Do think of us next time, won't you?"

Was it my imagination, or was there a gang of angry bullock drivers arguing in our driveway?

When Margaret and Peter arrived immediately after, Margaret's face was flushed and Peter was blowing steam from his ears.

Alan and Vicky rang to apologise. The house flooded just as they were leaving. A blocked septic tank. You'd think Camberwell would be connected by now, wouldn't you? The babysitter rang at 10, from the hospital. So of course Marg and Pete had to rush off.

"Why are you crying?" I soothed.

"It's all your fault," she gulped. "None of this would have happened if Nagambie had been on the bloody Hume Highway!"

ROGER KIBELL

## An island invaded

**W**ITH every step my feet sank deeper into the quagmire. A vile stench rose from the muddy ooze to rival the pungent smell of onion weed that hung in the cold wintry air.

In gloomy, green-filtered light I stood for a while beneath the spreading tentacle-like boughs of a giant willow now bereft of leaves. I was surrounded by a wilderness of weeds.

A hotch-potch of plants from around the world: blackberry, hawthorn and ivy from England; blue periwinkle and the obnoxious onion weed from the Mediterranean; honeysuckle, a fast-growing habitual climber from Japan; and wandering jew from South America. This aggressive ground cover, knee-high in places, is spread by its succulent leaves and stems that snap off and readily take root.

The prize for the worst weed must surely go to smilax, commonly known as bridal creeper. Although it belongs to the tropical regions of the world, this

plant runs rampant in these cooler climes. Like an emerald green blanket it drapes much of the surrounding vegetation by wrappings its wiry tendrils tightly around stems and branches.

This incongruous jungle is known to locals as 'The Island'. It is an odious place; dank and perpetually dim. But it wasn't always like this. The willow-choked backwater where I was standing was once the main course of the river.

The Island was artificially created in 1860 when two miners employed 88 men to cut a canal to divert the river at Thompson's Bend and so expose the riverbed for gold extraction.

The area has been totally neglected over the decades and today there is an overall air of depression hanging over the place. Even the omnipresent bellbirds seem to have a soulful ring to their tinkling call.

The Island is a treacherous place in which to walk. The dense blend of wandering jew and smilax hide deep holes left

by the miners. Vicious blackberry tendrils armed with needle-sharp thorns bar the way, latching on to flesh and clothing with seemingly evil intent.

Despite all this, there are still treasures to be found here. Rising high above the weed-infested swamp are giant manna gums and yellow box at least 100 years old; probably one of the oldest and largest stands of these majestic trees in Warrandyte.

There are silver wattles, prickly currant-bush, pomaderris and huge clumps of bright green sedges. As well, there is the oddly named gypswort, a tall herbaceous plant with aromatic leaves and clusters of white flowers that is becoming increasingly rare in the Melbourne region.

Astoundingly, with every visit, I see something new. Today it was a family of red-browed firetails flitting among the bushes, in company with tiny scrub wrens. For many weeks now, little froglets with loud voices have been calling



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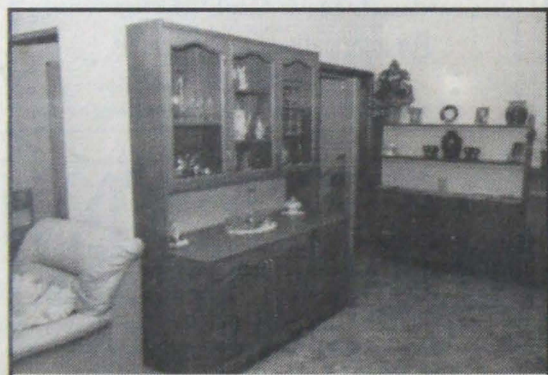
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from the swamp.

Most precious of all, a pair of powerful owls visited the Island over summer. I saw them one day, perched in a large willow, staring down with bold yellow eyes, calm and unconcerned by my presence. By any standards, these enormous birds are rare. That they chose to roost in an introduced tree so close to the hustle and bustle of the town is remarkable.

Warrandyte's Island is no paradise. The army of weeds is rapidly engulfing the remaining native vegetation and will almost certainly win the battle if we let them. It would take a herculean effort to halt the invasion, but I believe it can be done.

There is so much worth saving in this forgotten corner of Warrandyte. The Island could, in time, be a place of which we are proud; a place worthy of these magnificent powerful owls that I hope will continue to honor us with their presence.



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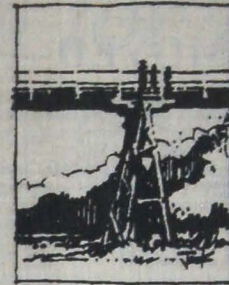
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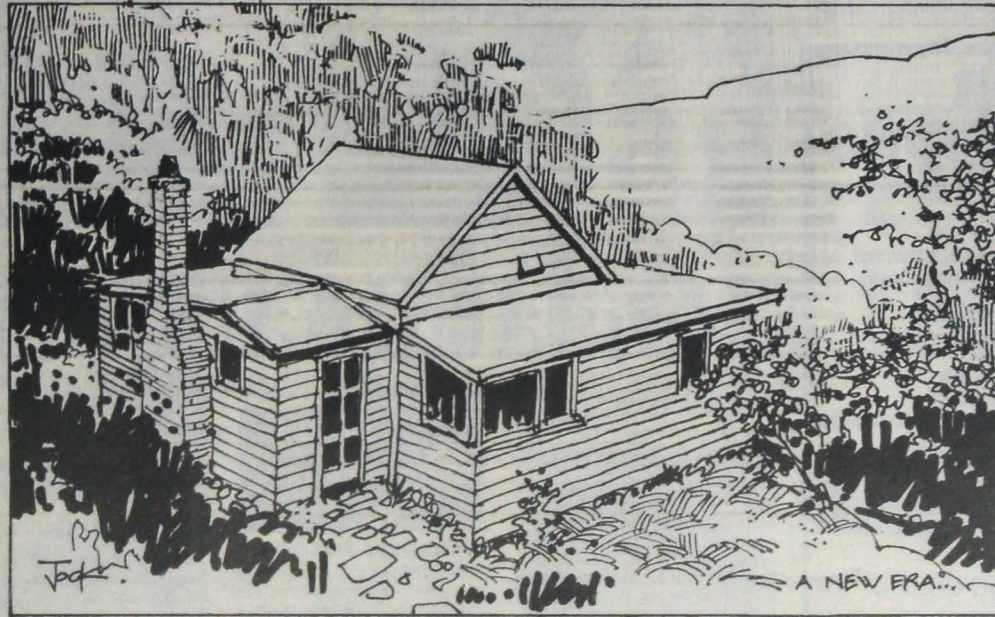


# A new era



## THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans



**F**OR some time now a thought had been nagging at the back of my mind, and it was this. It would not be a long time before the boys came back from school for good, and then there really would be problems.

Robert, I knew, wanted to go on to university to do an agricultural science course, and Evan, not academically inclined, talked of a technical school.

How would I get them to transport? Even a good car would not last long driven up and down over the extremely bad roads. Crossing on the raft would not be feasible since they would come and go at different times and probably find the raft on the opposite side of the river.

Then there was the question of some kind of social life for all three of us. It became more and more evident to me that I must move, to find a house within easy walking distance of the village. I knew it would break my heart to leave this home we all loved so much, but I had to be practical.

I broached the subject with Ben and his wife, also Ellen. To my surprise, they all readily agreed, saying that I really had no alternative. I had half hoped that they might offer some solution, but Ben said that he had already been troubled for some time as to what would happen when the children moved on to make their own lives.

"Growing older," Ben said, "you could be stranded on that almost inaccessible hill, alone, coping with bad roads, lack of mains power and your unpredictable lighting plant. No Evelyn, better that you move now and establish another home."

Term holidays were approaching and, still far from happy, I decided we would go to my brother and his wife and see what they thought. They had a farm in Gippsland and it was always a pleasure for all of us to go there.

Their children and mine would wander over the lovely undulating hills, gathering buckets of mushrooms or blackberries in season. They lived a calm, unhurried life, and during any times of stress I knew I could go there, and come away refreshed in mind and spirit.

Now, in this moment of great decision, I felt that, in their gentle fashion, they would help me overcome the opposition I was sure I would meet from the children. When I told Matthew and his wife Alice, they agreed it was the best decision I could make.

Next evening, we all sat on the verandah in the soft glow of the dying day and, choosing my words carefully, I told the children what I had decided, adding that I sincerely believed it was for the best and explaining that I had gone over all the possibilities, even to the extent of talking to our new neighbour on the river property below us,

and offering to share the cost of a swing bridge over the river. But he had been adamant in his refusal, saying it would encourage trespassers to his property.

When I had finished, I was met with stunned silence. Robert spoke first. Like any young person, he thought he had an easy solution.

"We won't want to get married and leave you alone. Mum, that is our home, we can't just move away. We love it so much."

"I wouldn't be happy anywhere else," said Evan.

"Evan," I said, "I have pointed out to you that contentment and happiness must come from within yourself, and it is not entirely dependent on external things like a house or having lots of money. But now listen, we'll talk it over again when you have had time to think about it. We will look for the kind of house we all like, still in Warrandyte, but closer to the village and preferably with a river frontage. We might even buy land and build..."

I felt my lip trembling and Matthew, noticing the distress I was desperately trying to hold back, provided a welcome diversion.

"Tomorrow," he said, "there is the Lang Lang rodeo. Let's pack a picnic and spend the day there."

The Lang Lang rodeo was famous throughout Australia. Horsemen came from as far north as Queensland to display their skills. Wild horses and bullocks had been brought in and penned up. A wide area was fenced off for the protection of the onlookers.

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For me there was not so much pleasure. I hated to see the frightened animals strapped up to make them buck more wildly.

We had our picnic sitting on the grass, and then went to see the wood-chopping contests. Strong men, muscles rippling under sun-tanned skin, swung their axes in steady rhythm, never missing a cut where they meant it to be. It must have taken months of practice and timing.

We visited some of the many side-shows, saw the mountains of home-grown fruit and vegetables put on display, bought balloons and monkeys on elastic for the children. Then, very tired, feet dragging, we clambered into the old farm truck to go home. The children slept peacefully all the way, each with a pillow and rug Alice had provided.

After a few days we returned home, and I was immensely saddened to see the children wandering disconsolately around the house. I told myself that, if we were going to move, we had better do it right now and get the heartache over as soon as possible.

I went into the village to see Harry. He was not only the owner of the tiny general store, but also the village estate agent. As well, he ran the local branch of the State Savings Bank and was, as his father had been, the official gold buyer. There was still gold to be found

in the creeks. A few men, although perhaps frugally, did manage to rear their families by panning for gold in the creeks.

I told Harry of my plan to move closer to the village and the reason, asking him to look out for a suitable house. He shook his head doubtfully, explaining that it was seldom in the village that a house came up for sale.

"There is plenty of land," he said, "and it is in land that I do my business." "There is no hurry," I told him. "And if no suitable house comes up, we might buy a block of land and build."

It was not until about three months later that Harry told me there was a house for sale that he thought might suit us. The mother and two daughters came up from the suburbs only for weekends. Now the house was in need of some repairs and rather than spend the money they were willing to sell it.

He had a key and took me to inspect. The house was solid enough, repairs needed were minor, like the guttering around the roof, which here and there showed signs of rust. While it was by no means as spacious as our own, there was room enough for all of us.

Harry pointed out that there was a good river frontage and the village only a short walking distance away. Moreover, real electricity was laid on!

For a few years now I had been struggling with a 12 volt lighting plant. It had a number of car batteries and the generator was operated by an old kerosene engine, which had to be cranked with a handle to start. So recalcitrant an engine was this, that, more often than not, I returned to oil lamps and candles rather than struggle with it.

Now, even after many years, I have never lost the thrill of turning on a switch to flood the rooms with light.

The house was filled with furniture, the most important being all the electrical equipment, the kind my lightning plant would not run. I believed the children would be pleased, but whether or not, I decided to buy it and gave Harry a cheque there and then for the deposit.

He believed there would be no difficulty selling my house, and indeed, the first people to inspect it fell in love with it, especially the lovely garden, luxurious now that I could pump water from the river.

The owners of our new house asked if they could spend a last weekend there, and would I be willing to take possession on the following Tuesday. I agreed.

But when I went down on the following Tuesday, I found, to my utter dismay, that they had used the weekend to strip the house bare.

I had enough furniture myself, but it was the electrical equipment I regretted. It would cost a lot of money and I felt cheated.

Almost in tears, I went to Harry and told him.

He was, of course, very concerned, "I know," he said, "that they are three very hard business women, but I did not think they would do a dreadful thing like this."

Very irate, he phoned them, asking for the deposit back. They refused, saying that as neither Harry nor I had taken an inventory, I had no legal leg to stand on. I had to accept defeat.

I wrote and told the boys and within three weeks had moved in, believing it better that the boys would have to accept an accomplished fact.

Friends helped me to put down carpet and arrange furniture, because I wanted it to look like home before the boys came home for the term holidays.

There was no garden, only a couple of wattle trees, but the new owners of our old home said I could take cuttings, some plants and bulbs.

A kind offer, but I had to postpone it. When I went to dig a place to put them I found, to my horror, that I could not put a spade in the ground anywhere. There was even more stone than in the garden I had left. I began to wonder if, after all, I had been a fool.

"But no," I told myself. "I will make a garden. I will not be defeated."

We missed very much the distant view of the mountains, for while this house stood on a hill, it was enclosed with much higher hills, that cut out the view. I told Robert that there was plenty of land around the old place where he could put up a tent, go fishing and trap rabbits. So, gradually, we all became reconciled, and a new era began.

To be continued.

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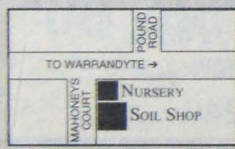
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From left: June Buck, David Buck and Rick Simpson in rehearsal for A Burning Sensation.

# Sensational burn

A Burning Sensation is the title of this year's North Warrandyte Fire Brigade revue. The night promises great entertainment with a delightfully funny selection of comedy sketches and melodrama. The show has been written and directed by local resident, Neill Kamminga, choreographed by Roz Gaffney and has a cast of brigade members and other locals. Proceeds will help the purchase of a new fire truck. Performances take place on June 23, 24, 25, 26 & 30, July 1, 2, & 3 at 8 pm sharp at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute hall in Yarra Street. Cost is \$15 per head for a cabaret-style evening. BYO food and drink. For bookings contact 844 2204.

### Yarra View

The Yarra View Pre-school, situated in the North Warrandyte Community Centre, Research Road, has vacancies for 1994. The pre-school runs both four-year old and three year-old groups and caters for families who live in all parts of Warrandyte and surrounding areas. For details ring the pre-school on 844 1038 during kinder hours.

### Essay

In conjunction with the Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation the Lions Club of Warrandyte is conducting an essay competition for students aged from 11 to 14 (as at 30 September 1993). The subject for the essay, with a maximum of 450 words, is Drugs—Not for Me. Entries may be typed or hand-written. One entry will be selected to forward for national judging. Prizes will be in the form of book vouchers with the national winner receiving \$125 plus \$250 for his or her school. The Lions Club of War-



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Warrandyte will be providing book vouchers to the value of \$200 for local winners. Entries should reach the Secretary, Lions Club of Warrandyte, PO Box 18, Warrandyte, 3113 by September 20. Further information may be obtained from Ian Abell on 879 4367.

### Lifer

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association recently recognised the work of long-time member Leonie Horne when they presented her with life membership. Leonie has served for some time as both membership secretary and hall booking secretary. She has also been association representative on the Warrandyte Advisory Council, the Community Centre Steering Committee, and the Festival Committee.

### Masquerade

On Saturday, June 26 there will be a masquerade ball at the Warrandyte Community Centre in aid of the Warrandyte Pre-school building fund. "A Touch of Class" will provide the entertainment with their selection of 60s and 70s hits. Supper will be

provided but drinks are BYO. Tickets, \$35 double and \$20 single, are available from Corinne King on 844 2675, Jane Post on 844 1729 or the Neighbourhood House at the community centre.

### Bosom pals

The next morning coffee organised by the Warrandyte group of the Nursing Mothers' Association is on Wednesday, June 23 at 10am at 127 Research-Warrandyte Road. This is a good opportunity for pregnant women and mothers of babies and toddlers to meet and discuss common concerns and interests. For information about the group and breastfeeding support, contact Judy on 844 3150.

### Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Warrandyte Auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital was held in the Senior Citizens Centre on April 10. The president of auxiliaries and the auxiliary organiser were present and received a cheque for \$2000 from the local group. Office bearers for the coming year are Mrs D. Crouch, president, Mrs A. O'Leary, secretary and Mrs R. Wooster, treasurer.

### Support

Council elections are looming and friends of Cr Vern Denford are organising a fund raising function to support his campaign fund. It will be at the Mechanics Institute hall, Yarra Street, Warrandyte at 8pm on Saturday, July 10. Telephone Jacky Law on 844 3852 for tickets, at \$10 a head. A rollicking night of good Warrandyte talent is promised. Bring your own food and drink—and all your friends.

## SPORT

# Redback shock: chief quits!

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club has been shocked by the resignation of president Paul Haskings. Eight months into his second year at the helm, his resignation came as a complete surprise to those associated with the club and contributed to a particularly bleak month.

An extraordinary committee meeting has elected former vice-president Iain Hay to stand in as president until the annual general meeting in September.

Graeme Riley is the new vice-president, but it is unclear whether he and Hay, or either, will continue in their new roles past September.

A series of unpleasant incidents and tribunal hearings has tarnished the club's name recently and Haskings' resignation is a result of internal conflict.

As the Redbacks' figurehead, he had borne the brunt of most complaints recently and after lengthy discussions with the vice-president he decided to put his family first and resign.

The club was saddened by his announcement and wrote to all members officially expressing its regret. The letter said in part: "He will be sadly missed by those who appreciate the unpaid time and effort required to be the leader of a club which is responsible for running 50 Saturday teams, 15 Friday night teams and the 450 or so kids and young adults who are proud to wear the Redbacks singlet."

On the court, Makeshift and the Hitmen are expected to fight out a thrilling grand final of the midweek men's competition. Both teams have had their share of close matches this season, and the finale promises to be no exception. In the over-30 section, Andersons Creek should have little trouble winning their first title in three seasons. Having swept through the regular season 13-0, their season will be decided on June 30 at Warrandyte High School.

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# Footbrawl: Basin player out for 10 years

A reserves player from The Basin has been suspended for 10 years in the aftermath of a bloody last quarter of football at Warrandyte on May 29. The player, whom the Eastern Districts Football League executive has refused to name, was found guilty at a league "investigation hearing" of kicking Warrandyte runner Frank Levey. Levey suffered severe facial injuries when violence erupted on and near the boundary in front of the pavilion. He attended the May 4 hearing a few

hours after leaving hospital. A statement released on Monday, March 7, by EDFL league manager Bruce Holmes said in part: "As a result of the hearing, a player from The Basin Football Club was found guilty of kicking and has been suspended for 10 years. "We understand the matter has been brought to the attention of the police, and (it is) therefore inappropriate to mention the player's name. "Further, it is a substantial sentence

and (it) would serve no purpose in mentioning the player's name." The suspended player had been injured earlier in the game and was on the other side of the boundary when things turned ugly. He appeared at the hearing on crutches, denied the charge and said that because of his leg injury he could not have kicked anyone. Amazingly, there were no reports from the umpire of the match. The report on which the league acted on

May 4 was submitted by a league delegate—a former secretary of The Basin—who was at the game in her EDFL capacity. No action was taken against a Basin player who was conspicuous on the field on May 29. He attended the hearing as an official. Warrandyte player Craig Bramich was suspended for four matches for striking in an incident which immediately preceded the brawl. His brother Grant, a spectator, was reprimanded

for jumping the fence—"To protect him," he told the *Diary*. "With what was happening on the field, I genuinely feared for Craig's safety," Grant Bramich said. "At the hearing I was reprimanded without being given the opportunity to say anything. I think that stinks." Warrandyte Football Club were represented at the hearing by president Lawrie Sloan, secretary Norm Carrington and committeeman Roger Drew.

# 'Bloods for flag' plan is right on target!

## Rodney goes whole Hogg

By DAVID KUTCHER

Former Australian Test fast bowler Rodney Hogg will play for Warrandyte Cricket Club next season.

Hogg, 42, who has lived in Warrandyte for the past seven years and operates Goldfields Fruit And Vegetables at West End, admits that retirement from cricket has given him "itchy feet".

"At this stage, yes, I'll be playing here next season," he said.

"Am I fit? No, but I've started running again and I'll be joining in full training with the club when it starts in early August."

A fit Rodney Hogg would be a considerable asset to Warrandyte's Chandler Shield eleven, which finished third last season.

Once one of the most feared pace bowlers in the world, he took 123 wickets in eight years of Test cricket. In his first Test season, he took 41 England wickets at an average of 12.65, which is still a record for an Ashes series.

He retired in 1991 after District coaching stints at Waverley and Northcote. At Warrandyte, Hogg will play under captain-coach John Sharman, whom he coached at Waverley.

The question had to be asked: had retirement mellowed him—did he still hate batsmen? "I love batsmen," he said (with a considerable



Rodney Hogg

twinkle in his eye).

Hogg said his decision to play next season had been prompted by the success of his business. "It is doing okay," he said, "so I have a bit more time on my hands. I just hope I don't let the side down."

The administration of WCC has become very much a family affair. Steve Pascoe was elected president at the annual general meeting on May 31—and wife Ann is the new secretary.

Jenni McLaws, who captained the women's eleven last season, is treasurer and captain-coach Sharman has been reappointed for his fourth term.

The club will officially start training for the new season on August 2 at the Maddox Sports Centre in Blackburn.

By LEE TINDALE  
Warrandyte have turned the corner of the 1993 football season with a 7-2 win-loss record and undeniable claims to premiership contention.

The Bloods are second on percentages to The Basin on the EDFL third division ladder, and according to coach Darren Peters the season is going according to plan.

"I had figured on being 7-2 at the halfway mark of the home-and-away season," Peters told the *Diary* after Warrandyte's defeat of Knox on June 5.

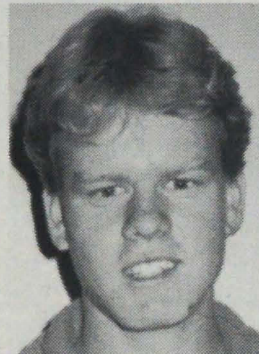
The Knox game did not bring out the best in the Bloods and although they were never in danger, they fell considerably short of Peters' expectations of a 30-goal performance against mediocre opposition.

"There wasn't much atmosphere out there and perhaps that's why we didn't play particularly well," he said.

More in line with the coach's aspirations was the previous week's stirring performance at home against The Basin, when Warrandyte, inspired by Peters and last year's coach David Purcell, came from a seemingly impossible position in the last few minutes to win by four points.

"That was very good," he said, "and obviously the return game at The Basin is going to be a beauty."

WCC president Lawrie Sloan sees the Bloods and The Basin as the logical grand finalists. "The Basin are the best side we've played this season and I think we'll be playing them off



Mark Harbolt: Bloods' best against Knox.

for the premiership," he said. "I rated Kilsyth, whom we play next (June 12), a strong chance, but they suffered three serious injuries in their game on May 29 and that may have dented their chances."

Mr Sloan described the Knox encounter as "one of those games you're glad to get out of with the four points."

"We find it hard to play well at Knox," he said.

The Bloods showed quite an affinity to the Knox ground in the first quarter by kicking 8.4 to 1.2, but their standard deteriorated thereafter and the home side matched them virtually goal for goal.

Young Mark Harbolt picked up possessions almost at will in that first term and Darren Murphy thoroughly enjoyed himself up forward, kicking three of his seven goals for the game.

Peters told his players their first quarter had been "a little



too predictable" and asked them to "try a few things". He asked them for a 10-goal second term, but Knox had a few ambitions of their own and kicked the first two goals of the quarter.

The quarter produced seven goals apiece, with Warrandyte unable to break the shackles and Knox showing plenty of endeavour.

The Bloods looked likely to open the floodgates when they kicked the first two goals of the third quarter to run to a 57-point lead, but again Knox responded and at one stage whittled their deficit down to 31 points. But a goal to Murphy late in the term put the issue beyond reasonable doubt.

The final stanza was a formality, Knox clinging to a respectable scoreline without threatening a miracle.

If there was a shadow of a doubt, Lachlan McLean dispelled it with a mark in the goal square with 15 minutes to go.

An indication of the standard of the game is that it took the Bloods 13 minutes to produce their next goal, the last of the day.

Final score was 23.11 (149) to 16.12 (108). Warrandyte's best were Harbolt, Steve Carroll, Dale Vitiritti, Murphy, John O'Brien and Peters.

Warrandyte past players will host a beef-and-burgundy luncheon at the clubrooms before the match against Kilsyth on Saturday, June 12. It is \$20 a head and bookings can be made with Colin Bawden (722 1771) or Brian Tomlinson (876 2178).

A reverse dress karaoke night will be run after the game.

On July 24, the past players will hold a 1983 premiership reunion dinner dance, a great trip back into the heady days of our last senior premiership.

Again, it's \$20 a head. Bookings are essential and can be made on the above numbers.

## Skipper's a smash hit

Warrandyte Tennis Club's senior pennant captain Geoff Ryan is leading by example. Ryan has been outstanding so far this season and has not dropped a set in his three singles matches.

Despite his contribution, it has been a disappointing start to the competition for Warrandyte, who have won only two of five matches.

Results: Warrandyte v Kings Park: C. Ruegg lost 6-1, 6-2; M. Howell forfeited; G. Ryan won 7-5,

6-3; D. Green lost 6-4, 6-4.

Warrandyte v Dendy Park: G. Scritchley lost 5-7, 6-3; C. Ruegg lost 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; G. Ryan won 6-4, 6-3; D. Green lost 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.

Warrandyte v Albion: M. Howell-G. Ryan won 7-6, 6-0 and 6-3, 6-2; D. Green-C. Ruegg lost 6-4, 6-4 and 6-4, 6-3.

Warrandyte v Caulfield: G. Scritchley lost 7-5, 7-5; C. Ruegg won 6-1, 6-1; G. Ryan won 6-1, 6-4; M. Howell won 7-5, 6-3.

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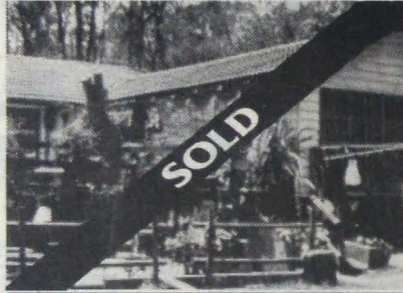
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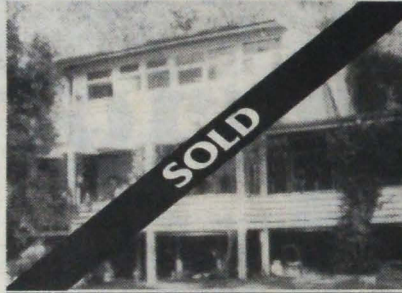
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