

Green Wedge victory

By DAVID WYMAN

Preservation of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge seems assured, based on indications of the Kennett government's support for Green Wedges and strong public opinion within the area.

Public debate on a number of options for the future of the Green Wedge, to be released by the Doncaster council-sponsored Warrandyte-Park Orchards Advisory Committee, is also expected to result in a strong vote for Green Wedge preservation.

Late in August, the Minister for Planning, Mr Maclellan, released a report by a planning steering committee which said: "The time has come for a major re-think of the corridor growth concept for Melbourne and for its replacement with a new vision for a compact polycentric city, while preserving environmental assets in 'green wedges'."

The minister has held a series of meetings on the future of the Green Wedge with Warrandyte and Park Orchards community groups. MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, has organised these delegations to keep the minister fully informed. The minister is known to be supportive of Green Wedges.

According to Mr Honeywood, Minister Maclellan has now decided to wait for the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Advisory Committee to issue its Green Wedge options paper before any decision is announced on the matter.

"Some time will need to be set aside for community input," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*. "At the end of the day, the minister will make the final decision based on all the advice he has received from individuals and community organisations."

"As the Minister for Planning was also a cabinet minister at the time the Hamer government introduced the Green Wedge in 1978, he is very much aware of the importance of this issue to the total community," Mr Honeywood said.

Cr Val Polley is chairperson of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Advisory Committee. The committee has worked for two years to try and come up with a plan for the future of the Green Wedge, but cannot reach consensus on a recommendation.

"Discussions we have had with the minister indicate that the government is still supportive of Green Wedges. He acknowledges all the problems which happen in the Green Wedges," she said.

"Our committee has engaged in interesting debate with strongly held divergent views. It is not for the committee to make absolute decisions on behalf of everyone. The idea was for the committee to discuss the possibilities for the Green Wedge and put them to the community for wider public debate," Cr Polley said.

"We are going to produce a paper which will contain all the options for the future of the Green Wedge. These have been discussed by the committee, but when released we want wide public discussion."

Cr Polley said there was no doubt that there were now views about the Green Wedge in the community which the committee had not heard.

October is the target for release of the options paper and community comment.

Cr Polley said: "If the committee agrees with the draft options paper at the end of September, it should then go through the October cycle of Doncaster council and would then go to the public perhaps in the form of a public meeting in October."

"We are trying to have it displayed and debated before the

holiday period."

After public submissions and expressions of views, the committee would then hopefully come up with a preferred option. This would go to council and, if passed, would require an amendment to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme. This would require ministerial input and support.

Commenting on the work of the committee, Cr Polley said it could not reach consensus because its members held such opposing views. "We've held discussions on incentives for property owners and methods of rate relief, but some of the landholders want more than that."

Meanwhile Doug Seymour, who has been involved with the Warrandyte Environment League for many years, welcomed the minister's interest in the Green Wedge, but warned that people involved in planning were monitoring his latest initiatives with some anxiety.

It was possible that proposed reforms to planning zonings could over-ride local Green Wedge objectives.

"The August announcement by the minister heralded sweeping changes to the planning system to facilitate economic development," he said. "There will be around 10 residential zones, uniformly applicable across the state."

Mr Seymour is concerned that existing zones with conservation objectives may be standardised and thereby devalued. "Also, more uses will be allowed 'as of right' without the need for planning controls, and appeal rights will be tightened."

He said some of the changes made good sense in terms of having a more efficient system, but many might over-ride or ignore the Planning and Environment act's other key objectives for community involvement and protection of biological diversity.



Phil Honeywood



Val Polley



Warrandyte captain Kimberley O'Connor and what a long, hard season has been all about—the premiership cup. (Picture by Jan Tindale).

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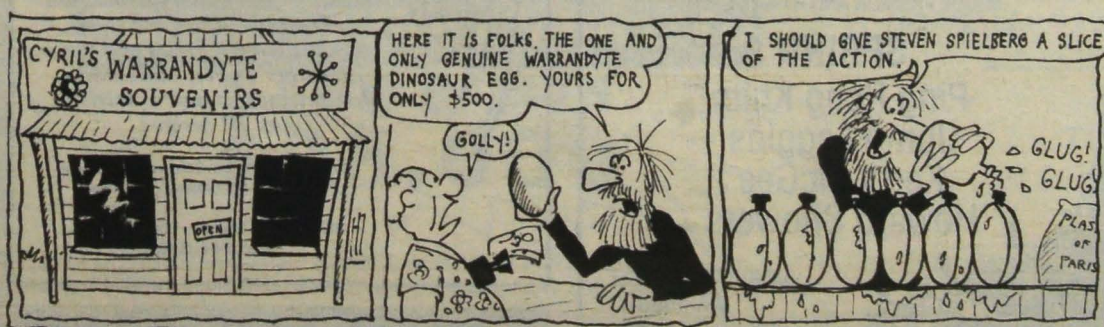
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A significant piece of Warrandyte's cultural heritage was lost on Sunday, August 29: Wally Cornhill's Hut went up in smoke! Only those of you old enough to have endured the draconian days of six o'clock closing will remember The Hut and the joyous times it oversaw. This rough-hewn bungalow in KG Road, not far from the bridge, on your right as you leave town, was a haven for the drinking men of Warrandyte, their last bastion of reason and civilised boozing in the long-running and infamous era of The Swill. They would meet at The Hut every Friday night after the dreaded curfew, open their bottles and have a damn good time doing what men have always done when they get together for a drink. Wally, a long-time Warrandyte identity before he and wife Margaret moved up to the Murray several years ago, was the perfect host and The Hut flourished, unharried by the liquor control stormtroopers and serving sanity's cause. It was by no means open slather; in fact, it was rather elitist. But it was a fine example of how a little social enterprise can make mockery of absurd legislation. The repeal of The Swill in the mid-1960s condemned the establishment to redundancy, but The Hut and the stories it could have told lived on. And what stories! Many a first-timer stepped out of The Hut in the darkness unaware of the void of several feet he was stepping into. They were fun times. Mark and Olive Davis eventually bought The Hut and lived in it until they moved into the place next door. They don't know what started the fire which destroyed the bungalow but particularly regret its passing because they had a lot of household stuff stored in it in preparation for shifting house.



The fellow shall be nameless because he's a mate and we don't want to endanger that, do we? A very handy and practical bloke, he dropped into the girlfriend's place and found her trying to assemble her brand-new food blender. With a few words about women being hopeless at anything like that, he assumed full control, had the thing together in a jiffy, switched it on—and cut the base out of the machine because he'd put the blades in upside-down!



By now you are probably familiar with the urban myth that has been flitting about this village. It's along the lines of a landowner finding a number of potted marijuana plants on his property and, unaware that the drug squad had the place staked out, delivering them to the local police station. Finding it unattended, he left the crop on the doorstep—and weren't the police surprised when they arrived for the next shift! Sorry, but it's not true, Sergeant Keith Walker assured the *Diary* when we called

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Sergeant Keith Walker

in to confirm the tale. Matter of fact, he hadn't even heard the myth. But our chat with Sergeant Walker was not in vain. He told us how much he'd enjoyed his first 12 months in Warrandyte and what great, friendly folk we all were (well, the law-abiding among us, anyway). It was an impression he formed on his first day here, when he was driving around town with his predecessor. "People actually waved to us," he said. "In Carlton, my previous posting, when people waved to the police they only used two fingers."



Another very senior citizen has taken the plunge. Last month we had Beryl Day jumping from an aeroplane at 91. Now we have Alma Gray, who's a mere 88, jumping in at the deep end. Alma (Jean Chapman's mum) had decided she should learn to swim before her 89th birthday, which is coming up soon. A few months ago she joined the Warrandyte Elderly Cits on their weekly trip to the pool. And on Monday, August 23, she made it. She swam solo for the first time. Her only assistance was someone to watch because she is almost blind. Well done, Alma. And we can assure you that an attempt on the English Channel is not in her immediate plans.



We told you a couple of months ago that Rod and Kerrie Le Gassick and their three kids were leaving Warrandyte to take over a caravan park at Port Fairy. We can now tell you that their first day in their chosen paradise was not all plain sailing. Anxious to create a favourable impression, Rod jumped out of bed in the darkness, opened up the shop, did all the other chores and waited anxiously to serve his very first customers. It was about then that he glanced at his watch and saw it was 1.30am! The Le Gassick's place is called the Catalina, it's on the highway, very close to the beach and sounds like a great place to spend some time.



Wednesday, August 25 was Warrandyte High School's Sports Day—and quite a day's work for Tristan Martin. Tristan collected NINE ribbons for three firsts, two seconds and four thirds in events ranging from the under-15 100 metres to the open 3000 metres. His wins were the 3000, the open 4x100 metres relay and the under-15 100 metres hurdles. Proud grandmother Jean Chapman points out that he covered an aggregate 6300 metres for the day—and at top speed, too. "And they say our kids today are not fit!" she said. Jean has five grandsons, all maintaining with distinction the fine Chapman sporting traditions.



We watched a Warrandyte reserves footy match last year with Vic Grybas, whose son Ashley's efforts on the field were being rewarded by an ongoing verbal blast from Dad. Vic was intimating that Ashley wouldn't get a kick in Bart Cummings' stable, and the criticism continued after the match when the boy showered and joined us. The selectors didn't quite agree with Vic's assessment—and Ashley was promoted to the seniors the following week. Which shows you what a great judge the Old Man is. We recalled the episode as we watched Ashley and his mates celebrate Warrandyte's 1993 premiership—a flag in which he had played no small part. Ashley Grybas is still not the prettiest or most co-ordinated of all footballers, but his angular build, long arms and spilling tactics have made him a scourge of full-forwards. Well done, mate—and we hope Dad is still begging forgiveness. The premiership partying will provide Smokey with lots of copy. We'll tell you all about it in the next issue.



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Watch for wildlife on roads

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Excessive speed and careless driving have been blamed for death and injury of native wildlife recently, as momentum gathers amongst the community for lower speed limits in the Warrandyte area.

Koalas, possums and wombats have been found dead in recent months, while three kangaroos were killed last month alone on Jumping Creek Road.

The speed limit there was 75km an hour, but was reduced to 70kmh as part of the state government's speed reforms. A plan currently underway, however, could see the road's maximum speed reduced to 40kmh.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park president Margaret Burke expressed her group's concern over traffic speed throughout the area, saying many street limits should be lowered.

"Sadly, people might be urged to slow down but they don't do anything unless the law requires them to actually change their habits," she said.

"I think the speeds should definitely be lowered. I'm particularly anxious about Jumping Creek Road and other areas where roads border or run through the state park."

Her concerns extend to Kangaroo Ground Road, earmarked a killer back in 1983 after five deaths had occurred there in five years.

A bumper sticker campaign, to be launched through the *Diary* next month, will promote both reduced speed and greater caution on local roads, and has the full backing of her group.

"I think you'll get a very positive response from quite a large section of the community. Most people will be pleased that it's happening. Hopefully, we can get people outside the community to be just as responsive."

Local veterinarian Dr Derek Fairley also supports the need for greater care. He explained that a lack of awareness, not just speed, had caused many recent wildlife deaths.

"We had a koala brought in from Pound Road that was hit at low speed. The car was probably only going around 30kmh. And two of the kangaroos hit on Jumping Creek Road could have been struck at no more than 40-45kmh. So it's not always the speed limit so much, as a need for more signage, in trying to get people to slow down and raise their awareness. The sticker campaign is going to help," he said.

The dangers on Yarra Street go further than just lack of awareness however, with an "accident waiting to happen", according to school crossing supervisor Steven Tahlanburis.

He watches speeding motorists come perilously close to causing accidents every day, when cars only stop at the crossing "when they have a big convoy ahead of them".

He said that "with their speed in the morning and the sun directly opposite them, they just keep going. They

can't see the cars stopping in front of them. You see them going and you wonder, how can they stop at that speed of around 70-75," he said.

Often motorists brake too late, stopping halfway across the crossing, past the designated white line.

"They see the flag but they don't stop behind the line, they come halfway across. I'm standing in the middle and people are braking and finishing up right behind me. They tell me they're sorry, but I say it's too late."

Similar problems plague Sue Anderson, crossing supervisor on Warrandyte Road at the Recreation Reserve.

She believes the 60kmh limit (exceeded by many motorists) along that road is too fast and should be reduced to 40kmh through to the bridge.

Several local roads have had speed limits changed in state government reforms, which will see new speeds enforced by October.

Only two local roads will experience speed increases, Warrandyte Road from Porter Street to Taroon Avenue will rise from 75 to 80kmh, while Andersons Creek Road from Blackburn Drive to Landscape Drive will move from 60 to 70.

All other changes will see reduced limits. Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, from Johansons Road to Tortice Drive will drop from 75 to 70, likewise Beauty Gully Road, Stintons Road, from Tindals Road to Knees Road and Harris Gully Road, from Tindals Road to Fossickers' Way will drop to 70kmh.

Research-Warrandyte Road, from San Angelo Road to Wyuna Road, will fall from 75kmh to 60, while Andersons Creek Road will drop to 70kmh from Landscape Drive to Warrandyte Road.

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Kinders protest cuts —they can cope: MP

By GEORGI STICKELS

Local kinders are still struggling to cope with proposed funding cuts, but State MP Wayne Phillips believes there are workable solutions if the cuts go ahead.

From next year, the government is expected to pay \$800 dollars per child per year, rising to \$875 per child for families on health care cards.

Karin Stanzel at Yarra View kinder told the *Diary* that kinders used to receive \$1050 plus \$50 per fortnight for operating costs. Maintenance and sick leave costs were also covered by the government. "That \$800 now has to cover everything," she said.

"We're going to find it'll be a user-pays system for a lot of things next year," Helen Stephanou, from the Taroon Avenue pre-school, said.

The kinder takes 50 children, which will provide them with government funding of \$40,000 next year.

"Our teacher's salary is \$35,000, plus \$15,000 for the assistant," Ms Stephanou said. "That leaves us with a \$10,000 shortfall just in wages, plus running costs and consumables."

To compensate, all the kinders say they will have to increase fees, presently around \$40 per term. "We're looking at something between \$120 and \$140 a term," Karin Stanzel said.

"We'll stay in line with all the other kinders so the pre-schools are not going to compete for numbers," she added.

But the increases will be steep. "We have got parents pulling their children out of three year

old kinder for the last term of this year so they can afford to send the child next year," Helen Stephanou said.

The kinders feel that increased fees, together with more fundraising, are the only workable solution. "The government's trying to get us to change our model, operate different hours," Helen Stephanou said. "But to try and implement changes this late, when parents have enrolled children expecting four two-and-a-half hour sessions per week, is asking a lot."

The kinders are sending out questionnaires to next year's parents, asking what fees they are able to, or would be prepared to pay. Concetta Gigliotti, at North Warrandyte kinder, said they will probably opt for a mix of fundraising and higher fees.

She told the *Diary* there is a lot of frustration in the community over the government's refusal to negotiate the cuts.

"There have been strikes all over the countryside, and we have been putting pressure on MP Wayne Phillips. He's been inundated with letters, and they just pretend the problem's not there," she said.

Local kinders participated in a Balloon Day protest last month, with parents marching on Parliament House on August 28. This was followed up by bulk postcards being made and sent to Melbourne radio stations.

Wayne Phillips told the *Diary* there are ways around the cuts, although the problem was complicated by the fact that there were not enough children in some areas. "Certainly some

kinders will have to close because they are struggling to get the numbers now," he said. "The reality is that we are blessed with too many kinders."

He said that he had never named any kinder which he thought might close, but said "when you have two or more kinders close together there may be some advantage to having them become one."

The three Warrandyte kinders say that they will fill their quotas for next year.

But Mr Phillips said the solution lay in boosting numbers above this year's levels. "Every additional child you bring in has an additional \$800 increase."

He said this could be achieved while adhering to four basic principles: keeping kinders as kinders (instead of surrogate day care centres), keeping quality of education, keeping fees affordable and maintaining the teacher's pay and conditions.

Mr Phillips said this could be achieved by running three sessions of 22 children, instead of two of 25, or increasing the numbers of children in each session to 30, as is the case in New South Wales. He said if teachers increased their class contact hours, they could reduce their non-contact hours, and maintain overall conditions. "It's not ideal, but it's an option."

"I think the cuts probably are pretty tough, but there are options so they don't need to be," he said. "The question is, what is fair and reasonable. We're struggling to make ends meet in the community because we're trying to reduce the state debt."



Local children support their kinder on Balloon Day, held last month. (Picture by Jan Tindale).

New manager at centre



Meredith Thornton

Meredith Thornton has been appointed the first manager of the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Meredith told the *Diary* her job includes taking bookings for the hall and meeting rooms, showing visitors around the centre, maintenance and "checking that the tenants are all happy with what's going on in the building".

"It's really encouraging people to use the centre more because it is a community centre," she said. "It is pretty well booked, but there is certainly space for people who are interested."

Previously this work was done by volunteers. "I really appreciate the work the volunteers, par-

ticularly the committee of management have done. It's an enormous task to get something like this running," Meredith says.

She remains answerable to the committee, and the council, who are funding her position.

Meredith has lived in Warrandyte, with her husband Trevor, for six years. The 30 year old says the part time position, 15 hours per week, suits her perfectly, as she has a baby, Hanna, "who comes to work with me".

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Craig's fine effort needs more backing

As a parent whose youngster uses the youth club operated by Warrandyte Youth Services, I must congratulate Craig Milburn and his assistants on the excellent job done to date.

His perseverance throughout the inevitable establishment hassles has resulted in a venue and program for our youth which their parents admire and for which we should all be grateful. His current projects include a holiday program, police liaison, cultural and sports functions as well as the obvious social facilities for up to 70 local kids.

In the future, Craig envisages greater parental and volunteer involvement, the creation of a substantial social drop-in centre with plans to address the employment and accommodation needs of older youth in Warrandyte.

I am concerned to hear that discussions are afoot to centralise youth services within the



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municipality. My experience is that expensive executive and administrative personnel do little for the delivery at the coal-face. Warrandyte Youth Services is a model for successfully providing grass roots service delivery.

If this sort of money is available, let's use it wisely. Let's provide Craig with adequate funds, more and better trained assistants and resources to match the ambition of his plans.

His achievements to date, without resources, have been considerable. With help he can continue to deliver much needed services directly to Warrandyte youth.

Robin Batty
Lawrence Court

End obscene 'landscaping'

Here we go again! Another act of obscenity perpetrated in landscape interest zoned property. Buyers of properties are aware of the zoning of that land and therefore the regulations that apply.

In this case—184 Tindals Road—more than an acre of pristine natural bushland has been desecrated with a bulldozer. Why? A few eucalypts and ironically, a young radiata pine, are left standing in a sea of imported topsoil: also contrary to zoning regulations.

Our council officers have the matter well in hand, but I write to reinforce the feeling

of dismay and anger so keenly felt by residents in this area. I wonder what prompts a buyer of landscape interest land to proceed to destroy its unique value? After all there are large, bare blocks available.

It has been urged for some time for written material, reinforcing the zoning regulations to newcomers and even the oldcomers, to help them understand and appreciate the nature of their surroundings and the need for permission to carry out certain works.

I am pleased to say a brochure has now

been compiled to do just that, and this kind of vandalism and flouting of the law can be prevented in the future.

With respect, I demand that council wholeheartedly support the council officers in enforcing the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme, which currently puts severe restrictions on tree clearing and removal of native vegetation in this zone and, in this case, we trust that restoration will ensue.

Pauline Brooke
Arundel Road
Park Orchards

Facts not quite straight

I have thought long and hard about whether to respond to the attack on my integrity by Syd Smale in last month's letters to the editor.

Politicians become used to criticism from all sectors of the community — it goes with the job. When this criticism is based partly on fact I have learned to take it on the chin. However, I cannot allow Rev Smale's factually incorrect letter to go unanswered.

As Syd is well aware, I have attended all meetings that he has convened of the community committee working to gain much needed independent living units for Warrandyte/Park Orchards senior citizens.

I have been present for the entire duration of these meetings and, as Louise Joy, Margory Lapworth, Bruce Williamson and other committee members will attest, I have made numerous contributions to discussions and offered my personal assistance in negotiations for land purchase, with government departments and fundraising.

The fact that Syd, as chairman, has not convened a meeting of this vitally important committee for over six months, has been

a disappointment. During this period we have waited patiently and uncritically despite numerous requests from the wider community as to the status of the project.

I initiated discussions with local church leaders over 12 months ago about the need to

start working towards new senior citizens' accommodation in Warrandyte/Park Orchards. My genuine belief was that this was a worthy endeavour, and one the whole community could get behind, if provided with leadership by a local church parish that had experience with such

aged care facilities. It is still my belief that the Uniting Church community has the goodwill and community spirit to take a leadership role on this vital project.

Phil Honeywood
State Member for Warrandyte

News is not all bad

The letter by Uniting Church minister Sydney Smale in the August edition of the *Diary* highlighted the issue of accommodation for older people in Warrandyte.

As a member of the City of Doncaster hostel steering committee, which is exploring options of sites in various parts of the municipality, I was interested to receive as a result of the *Diary* article, enquiries from two owners of properties at the corners of Tills Drive and Johansens Road (bordering the Ringwood-Warrandyte Road). I have passed the details to the architect who is assessing all sites in terms of neighborhood focus, accessibility to transport, topography and

percentage of elderly people in the area.

Local MP Phil Honeywood, from his experience in Mooroolbark, is interested to get a project off the ground in Warrandyte. Many people have been concerned with this issue, especially as we have seen long-standing residents forced to move out of the area. The success of the Stiggants housing units, thanks largely to the efforts of former Labor MP Lou Hill, has also prompted people to think in terms of suitable housing for people who need to move out of large houses on large properties.

The zoning restrictions and ban on dual occupancy to pre-

serve the character of the Green Wedge area do bring problems about permitted usage. In the ongoing discussions concerning the Warrandyte and Park Orchards areas, permitted uses are being reviewed.

The Uniting Church proposal for more active elderly people and council's proposal for frail elderly are designed to meet real needs of our community.

Whether the auspices are under church or state, Labor or Liberal, I am sure we all welcome a solution to this difficult and long-standing issue.

Louise Joy
Brackenbury Street

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Tributes left out

No doubt it was necessary to reduce my contribution on the life of Enid Bird last month, and I acknowledge the difficulty of such editing. However, it was disappointing to find unrepresented several of the people who had put a great deal of thought into their tributes to that exceptional woman.


It seems a little curious that "The Wooden Bridge", fascinating as it is, can command so

much for so long, when the story of a woman whose contribution to the life of the town is inestimable, is so truncated.

I would like to apologise to those contributors and to acknowledge that the lovely photograph used, which has been so much admired, was provided by Ted Domeyer.

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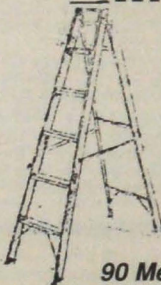
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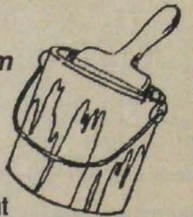


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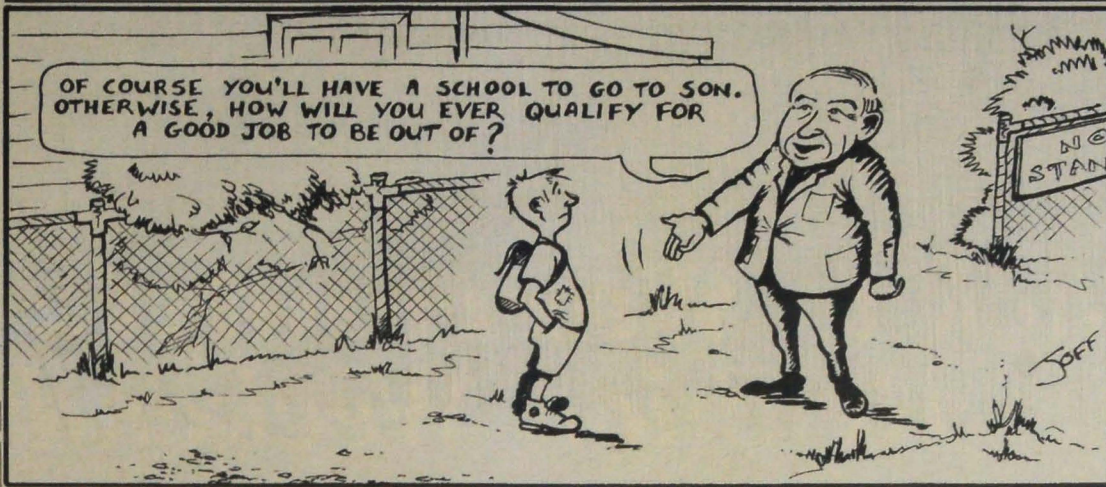
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WARRANTITTIES

By JOFF



High has a firm future

By GEORGI STICKELS

Warrandyte High School is not going to close, despite persistent rumors to the contrary.

The school's principal, Michael Blake, told the *Diary* he was keen to scotch the rumors as quickly as possible, in case parents began to enrol students elsewhere.

"At the moment we are on track to have 500 students next year. We certainly have no plans to close," he said.

A school council spokesman, Glenn Martin, said the rumors may have started after word went around that schools under 500 students would be a prime target for closure.

The Regional Manager for Quality Provision in Schools, Bob Neill, confirmed there were no plans in the Department of Education to close Warrandyte High.

He said that all schools in danger of being closed had been placed in taskforces, and that Warrandyte was not one of these, "so I wouldn't anticipate that the school is going to close."

"They obviously see that they have a long and prosperous future and plan to continue to show concern for students across a range of areas," he said.

Neither is the school a target for amalgamation. "If we were going to amalgamate," Glenn Martin said, "it would have been done already and we'd be in the process of amalgamating now."

Both the school's council and principal say there would be no real benefits for the school to amalgamate, although it is fairly small.

"We cover a pretty wide range of subjects now," Glenn Martin said. "We might get a second language or a third language out of it but that would be about all."

Michael Blake says the school is too far away from other secondary schools for amal-

gamation to work. "Warrandyte is in a fairly unique situation in that it is at least eight kilometres from our nearest similar school," he said.

Warrandyte High's future seems further assured in its role as an associate in the Schools of the Future program. The school is presently drawing up a charter, which lists goals, curriculum and the school's profile. Once completed the charter will be signed by school council and the Minister of Education, Mr Hayward.

The Schools of the Future programs aim to give more autonomy to schools, including self-selection of staff and responsibility for maintenance and other costs which are currently allocated by regional bodies. Schools of the Future will receive the money directly, and decide for themselves where it is spent.

"We already look after relief teachers' costs anyway," Mr Blake said.

"It's going to be a lot more work for the school and I guess that would be the major bone of contention for the program."

There will be virtually no curriculum changes at the High. "At Warrandyte High there won't be changes because most of the basic curriculum is already covered," Mr Blake said.

South Warrandyte Primary School and Anderson's Creek Primary are pilot schools in the Schools of the Future program. This means their charters must be ready by early December, so they can begin the program from early next year.

Warrandyte Primary, like the high school, is an associate school. But both schools plan to be ready to start early next year, way ahead of their July 1994 deadline.

"We reckon we have got the expertise and the intelligence to do it," Warrandyte Pri-

mary principal Ken Wing Jan said. Most of our local schools already meet the Schools of the Future criteria.

But being a School of the Future doesn't make our local schools immune from cutbacks. The education minister, Don Hayward, recently announced another \$145 million in spending cuts to education, most of which will be achieved through 2,400 redundancies.

Warrandyte High predicts this will mean they lose three or four staff. The primary schools expect their quotas will be cut by .4 of an equivalent full-time teacher.

"School communities and principals have been asked to respond to the cuts, but we don't know the extent of the budget cuts yet," South Warrandyte Primary's principal, Geoff Taylor, said.

He said if the cuts go ahead, one solution may be to use part of their budget to employ more part-time staff, so that programs can continue to run and even expand.

But the schools are still weathering the cuts well. "In spite of the cutbacks we have managed to maintain a full program," Mr Blake said. "At one stage we were the only school in the area still running a full sports program." He said this had been achieved thanks to his hard working staff, "and full credit to them."

Warrandyte Primary has recently expanded its Japanese program to include face-to-face classes throughout the school, in addition to the telematics program for years five and six. Greg Li takes each grade for one session a week.

"The problem has been finding a teacher after the ministry withdrew our Japanese teacher," principal Ken Wing Jan said. "The cost comes out of the money parents paid at the beginning of the year."

Cost cutting is easy as ABC

Unightly powerlines will be updated in parts of Warrandyte and Park Orchards in a bid to conserve native vegetation and cut pruning costs in the municipality, a public meeting heard late last month.

Representatives from the SEC, Friends of Warrandyte State Park and representatives from the City of Doncaster attended the meeting, held in the Community Centre on August 25.

Aerial Bundled Cabling (ABC) will offer a number of advantages over traditional power-lines. It has been available in Australia for only two years, but already plans to use it widely north of the river are well advanced.

"ABC can significantly reduce the visual impact of powerlines, as six or more wires can be bundled together into a single insu-

lated braid," Doncaster-Templestowe's conservation officer, Stephen Ray, told the *Diary*.

"One of the most exciting things about ABC is that the degree to which vegetation has to be kept back from powerlines is significantly less — only about 30 centimetres for large branches and no distance at all for twigs and leaves. The insulated qualities of ABC make it much safer, the dangers associated with vegetation and fire risk are much smaller."

Under existing legislation and a Code of Practice, conventional powerlines need to be at least a metre and a half from all vegetation to achieve the same level of safety.

"With the SEC clearing only once every three years, allowances for regrowth over this

period need to be made during the pruning," Mr Ray said. "The effects can be devastating."

Cutting has already begun in Park Orchards and will soon begin in Warrandyte. The SEC plans to cut very heavily this time around and where some trees have remained in the past, this year's strict guidelines may mean they are removed.

Tree pruning costs council up to \$30,000 annually, which will be significantly reduced if ABC technology is implemented. It will also help the council keep to its commitment of maintaining the quality of roadside vegetation.

A 1991 roadside study called for the preservation of many remnants of roadside vegetation throughout the municipality. A roadside management policy and program followed soon af-

ter, which Mr Ray said will ensure values are maintained as part of any development that might occur in the future.

The council is now developing road-by-road action plans. "The Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road is a perfect one to focus on initially as much of the vegetation is still intact," Mr Ray said.

"The vegetation changes markedly from ridge to valley and we want the public to be able to discover this."

A public education campaign, linking schools, community groups and council will continue the rehabilitation and protection of this particular roadside.

A report on the options of Aerial Bundled Cabling will be considered at the council's next physical services committee meeting.

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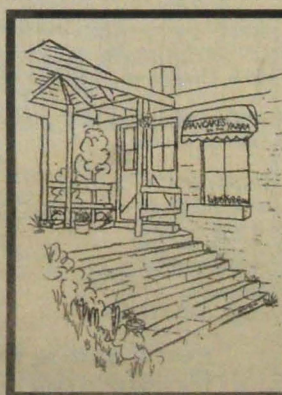
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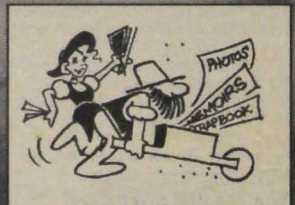
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Saturday



10am-4pm: REGISTRATION and PROGRAM DETAILS, Warrandyte Historical Society Museum (the Old Post Office), 111 Yarra Street. Superb opportunity to view the society's historical display, old photographs and artifacts.

10am-4pm: PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION entries will be on display in the Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb Streets. Look in on the Model Railway Club, see 'The Warrandyte Story' videotape and inspect the new complex.

10.30am-4pm: DISPLAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS and memorabilia at the Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes Street. Identify your old schoolmates. Spot the faces and give them names. Afternoon tea available.

12-2pm: BARBECUE LUNCH in the garden at the museum (Old Post Office). Barbecue provided, bring your own meat. Lunches available at local milk bars, coffee shops and bakeries.

1-4pm: POTTERY DEMONSTRATION and DISPLAY in the old fire station, Mitchell Avenue. Organised by the Warrandyte Arts Association Pottery Group. Working exhibitions with finished pieces for sale. Potters' famous freshly-brewed coffee and biscuits available.

2-2.30pm: OFFICIAL OPENING at the Old Post Office by Phil Honeywood MP. An opportunity to see the historical society's collection of photographs and artifacts.

2-4pm: FOLKART PAINTING demonstration and display, Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb Streets.

2-4pm: LOCAL FIRE STATIONS OPEN for inspection. Warrandyte—cnr Yarra Street and Harris Gully Road; South Warrandyte—Brumbys Road; North Warrandyte—Glynn's Road. Compare today's modern firefighting appliances with those of yesteryear.

3-4pm: AFTERNOON TEA on the rear verandah of the Old Post Office, overlooking river.

4pm: PARADE OF FIRE TRUCKS from Harris Gully Road to Five Ways, via Yarra Street.

8-12pm: OLD-TIME REUNION SUPPER DANCE, Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall, cnr Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue. Dance to the live music of Triple Play. Cabaret items, supper provided. No alcohol, please. Casual dress. Tickets \$10 each from Jones Pharmacy, opposite the community centre. Enquiries: 844 3122.

Sunday



8am: MORNING SERVICE at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Stiggants Street, Warrandyte.

8.30am: MASS at St Gerard's Catholic Church, Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte.

9am: SPECIAL REUNION SERVICE, St Stephen's Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

10am: MORNING COFFEE at Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

10am: GUIDED GOLDMINE TOUR. Meet at the end of Tunnel Street, off Webb Street. Community bus departs from carpark beside Gospel Chapel.

10am: GUIDED CEMETERY TOUR. Bus departs Gospel Chapel carpark.

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10.15am: MORNING SERVICE, Uniting Church, cnr Tarroona Avenue and West End Road, Warrandyte.

10.30am: MASS at St Ann's Catholic Church, Knees Road, Park Orchards.

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1.30-3pm: OLD-TIME CONCERT and afternoon tea at the Senior Citizens' Clubrooms, Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte.

2-4pm: FOLKART PAINTING demonstration and display, Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb Streets.

Free community buses will continue to run between venues throughout the weekend.

For further information: 844 3122, 844 3662. Organised by Warrandyte Historical Society.

STIRRING

THE POSSUM

A home among the gum trees



WE'VE had some good wins around here lately. We took out the footy grand final, the Green Wedge appears to be safe at last, and the government has confirmed that Warrandyte will never be ruined by a rash of housing units and flats. But the ongoing ban on dual occupancy will continue to make things harder for the older folk in our community. Not that they've ever complained. Doncaster council conducted a survey in Warrandyte when, in 1987, we first began campaigning to throw out dual occupancy. Locals voted 86% against closer density development. We know that many of our older folk were represented in that result.

Dual occupancy would have helped solve their housing problems. Unable to look after near-empty family homes, many of them could have built a second, smaller unit on their large blocks, sold off the rest and banked the nest-egg.

Despite this, the old folk fought as hard as anyone else against dual occupancy. As a direct result, many of them are forced to leave Warrandyte when their family home becomes too difficult to manage.

Towards the end of 1987, Stan Fishley, the then Uniting Church minister, came up with a proposal to build a 30 unit retirement village in Warrandyte. It was a great idea, but that was the last we heard of it.

The *Diary* began a renewed campaign for elderly accommodation in February 1992. Phil Honeywood MP and the Uniting Church responded strongly, and the search for suitable sites began anew. The *Diary* has tried to maintain interest and keep the issue alive since then.

In a letter in our last issue, Sydney Smale, the present Uniting Church minister, emphasised the danger of raising false hopes. "This happens too often with premature publicity," he said.

We're not sure if he meant it that way, but we have gone carefully through our files, and at no time have we published anything that could give cause for such fears. Apart from the 1987 piece referred to above. And that was based entirely on an interview with Mr Smale's predecessor.

The need for elderly accommodation in Warrandyte is urgent. It's a cause that deserves the support of the entire community, including our churches, politicians and councillors. The *Diary* will continue to promote this campaign positively, responsibly—and vigorously.

CLIFF GREEN



Never dunk a tassel or two in Hamilton Road

YOU know it's going to be one of those days when, as you're dreamily musing in the 'loo first thing in the morning, you suddenly discover that your dressing-gown cord is having a dip.

An optimist would say that only the ends are wet, but that little realist inside is urging, "Go back to bed, mate". (My conscience calls me "mate" when it feels I'm risking my emotional good health.)

On this particular day I decided to shun its advice. Hey, the sun was shining in Melbourne, even though it was the middle of winter, and I felt the most unusual sense of bonhomie.

I momentarily avoided Saturday's Age. I knew there would be reports of wars in more countries than I've ever visited. I also suspected that Leunig might be more insightful than ever, and



perhaps even a little sombre. Where does he find so many forlorn, long-nosed, stoop-shouldered little humans? No, I had to stay positive. I resolved to read it later in the day when I would have more resilience.

And thus it was, with a surge of purpose, that I set off for the nearby garden supply outlet. I was quickly on a roll. The bankcard didn't bounce and I felt confident that my ample order of 24 recycled railway sleepers, 18 bags of cement and four

cubic metres of sandy loam would gently boost Victoria's sagging economy.

It would also solve our landscaping problem and pose no serious threat to the planet. A mere \$10 for local delivery was added to the bill, with an assurance that all these items would be delivered that afternoon.

"Where do ya live, Sunshine?" asked the man in the blue stubbies with the matching singlet.

"Hamilton Road," I replied. "Jeez," he said. "Way down there. Mate of mine reckons he wouldn't live in a valley like that for all the tea in China. No way. You know, the CFA won't go in there if it's a really big fire."

"Why not?" I asked. "They're brave, but they're not bloody daft. Couldn't turn their trucks around on such a narrow road in all the smoke."

Feeling as vulnerable as Salman Rushdie on a visit to his mates in

downtown Tehran, I drove home, mentally listing all the bush clearing that still needed to be done on our block. It also occurred to me that the pool was a good idea after all.

Later that afternoon, a large tiptruck arrived, bearing the fruits of my credit.

"Where d'ya want it dropped, Sunshine?" I pointed. "Just at the side of the driveway."

And so it was that a flowing mixture of railway sleepers, bags of cement and sandy loam was deposited in a rather large, indiscriminate pile.

With tailgate still swinging, the truck lurched away up Hamilton Road in a cloud of diesel smoke. I half-expected to see him do a donut at the corner, but then I remembered that the road was too narrow.

Now, where was this week's Leunig?

KEN VIRTUE

STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

Until Neil and Margaret Abbott put me right, I always believed Alexander Road was named after Alexander Speers who, in 1870, bought the three adjoining blocks of land on the west side of the road, between the river and the Heidelberg road. He farmed it until his death in 1889. Margaret Abbott (nee Speers) is a descendant.

Robert Hunter and his son owned the land on the east side. Bought in 1870, it included the site now occupied by the high school, Longridge Farm and Nilja, the former home of Sir

George and Lady Reid. Robert Hunter senior died fighting a bushfire near Pound Road in 1898.

The road was formerly known as Speers Lane. However, when Alexander Frazer bought Longridge Farm, it was renamed Alexander Road. Nilja was originally part of Longridge Farm, however Frazer sold that portion to Angela Booth, one of the first female justices and the first woman councillor in Doncaster and Templestowe.

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VERA CAPENESS
Ever an active sportswoman

By BRUCE BENCE

VERA Walden, later Vera Capeness, was born on August 24, 1892 and died just a few days before her 101st birthday.

Vera's family came to live in Brysons Road in South Warrandyte in 1910. The road was then just a dirt track winding in and out between tree stumps.

Vera's sisters, Clarice and Sylvia, went to school at South Warrandyte. In those years there were only a few families living in the area, and the Waldens were part of everything that happened in South Warrandyte.

Vera and her father, a music teacher, played for dances and concerts at the South Warrandyte hall for what was called the Cheerio Club. Vera played the saxophone and her father the piano.

The family ran a guest house called Braden Brae, named after Mrs Walden's family. Their home consisted of two maisonettes, brought from Ballarat by a 32 horse team. The maisonettes were joined together and the family catered for up to 40 guests. At the same time, land was cleared and an orchard planted.



Vera (fourth from the left) in the 1920s. Her mother is on her right, her sister Clarice on her left, with husband George and son Allan seated in front.

Braden Brae was destroyed in the 1939 bushfires and Mrs Walden received serious burns. One of their frequent guests was Dame Nellie Melba.

Vera led an active life. She was a foundation member of the Mt Eliza bowls club and

played at Mornington until she was 96. She was most offended when people tried to help her on to the green!

Vera lived on her own until she moved into a nursing home at the age of 97. Even then she enjoyed playing Scrabble with

her daughter Doreen and niece Hazel. Despite her age, Vera regularly beat her opponents.

Her family's picture appears in Rallies By The River, the history of the Warrandyte Tennis Club, taken in the 1920s at the Braden Brae courts.

Improving on excellence

IT must be hard to improve a product that is already excellent, but Simpson and Day have done just that with their updated edition of Field Guide to the Birds of Australia, published by Viking O'Neil.

Most of us are bird-watchers at heart, from the casual observer to the passionate ornithologist. Birds are probably one of the most studied groups in the animal kingdom. They are found in almost any habitat throughout the world and their calls, particularly in the early morning, are one of the most dominant sounds of the Australian bush.

This present publication, which updates the previous field edition, has a number of important changes. Eleven of the color plates have been redone and there are 52 extra or replacement black and white drawings. In addition, there are updates to 93 of the distribution maps and the glossary has been increased by about 50 entries.

The Rare Bird Bulletin is a new section which gives you, the reader, a chance to add to the list or report new geographic areas for local birds.

The major section of the book is the field information, which contains a brief description of the bird, its size, habitat and voice (call), along with a small map showing the bird's distribution. On the opposite page are beautiful color illustrations of each bird. Both illustration and description are correspondingly numbered. Many of the color plates, particularly the 11 replacements, show the birds in their typical habitat.

REVIEW
By PAT COUPAR

I was fortunate, some years ago, to become acquainted with the artist, Nick Day. I found him a modest man with enormous talent and a genuine love, not only for the subject he paints, but for all nature. I visited his studio on a couple of occasions, and last year was so impressed by his meticulous artwork that I bought two original color plates from the new book.

Ken Simpson, the editor and one of the many writers, lives right here in Warrandyte. Ken has had an interest in birds from an early age and worked in a number of scientific fields. He is, I gather, a perfectionist in his work; a virtue that has undoubtedly resulted in this superb book.

There is local involvement too in the layout and design, for which Warrandyte's Zoe Murphy won an award when the field edition was first published.

Like its predecessor, the book is plastic-coated underneath the dustjacket; a great idea for any book designed to be taken outdoors. And where better to start than our own Warrandyte bushland? The diverse range of habitats that exist around Warrandyte give bird-watchers a great opportunity to see a variety of urban, woodland and

wetland species. Armed with a pair of binoculars and this book, you will be able to identify all the local species from the field information. Once the identification has been made, turn to the handbook section to discover more about the bird and its family. This section has been rewritten and expanded by 40 pages and is packed with information on bird behaviour, feeding and breeding. It also includes some useful hints for bird-watchers; for example, always try to keep the sun behind you when observing.

As a nature writer, good reference books are very important to me. Over the past few years I found the previous edition of this book not only an excellent reference book for the home, but a superb field guide for short and extended trips in the bush. This new edition will be equally valued.

I believe every home should have at least one bird book. I can thoroughly recommend Simpson and Day's Field Guide to the Birds of Australia for young and old; amateur and professional. It is the ultimate identification book, with every bird in Australia described and illustrated. It is great value at \$29.95, and its size—160mm x 225mm—makes it easy to pop in the day pack.

With the arrival of spring, migrating birds are returning and breeding has begun. What better time to get out into the bush for a spot of bird-watching? With Simpson and Day's book in hand, enjoyment and appreciation of Warrandyte's prolific birdlife will certainly be enhanced.

Pirates capture an audience as they tread the boards

REVIEW
By MARION WINTON

WE tend to underestimate the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. Having been wooed and won at an early age by this perfect union of words and music, the majority of us continue our infatuation for a lifetime. It often takes a new production for us to realise that for many it is the first introduction to satire and the realisation that adults might possibly have a sense of humor.

Of course, it takes an experienced director to meet the musical challenges and recognise the comic possibilities of a G&S opera and in Chris White's production of Pirates of Penzance, his ninth show for Warrandyte High School, the opera's potential was fully realised.

From the entry of the pirates on board the Tarantula, the audience became willing passengers, as they were chartered through a sea of puns, sub-plots, mistaken identities and ironies to a final denouement, where, true to the sentiments of the Victorian era, all the characters appear to have discharged their duties with honor.

The delightfully named Maid of All Work (Ruth), warmly played by Natasha Moore, set the scene for the swashbuckling, cutlass-wielding landing of the pirates, under Pirate King Greg Stewart.

Stewart's performances over the past decade have been synonymous with lifting the musical content to a professional level. We hope we can look forward to guest appearances, Greg.

The Pirate Apprentice, Frederic, was played energetically by James Egglestone. James has had leading roles in the last three high school productions. His musical training helped him adapt to the changing G&S rhythms, from the staccato chor numbers, often delivered at machine-gun pace, to the more lilting solos and duets.

It is curious to watch how quickly a performer with star quality engages the audience.



The presence of Sally Morrison (left) shines through.

Even a voice offstage, or the slightest gesture, can make the audience sit up and stop passing chocolates.

Such was the presence of Sally Morrison, backed by a pure soprano voice which reached the top notes with effortless skill. Here was a Mabel with the lot. Sally intends following a career in education, but your audience, rather selfishly, would love to see you continue in the theatre, Sally.

Mat Henderson's portrayal of Major General Stanley almost stole the show. Resisting the temptation to overplay this "very model of a modern Major General", Mat's natural feeling for

comedy was particularly evident in Sighing Softly to the River.

Under Ian Lowe's musical direction, the small orchestra proved they could cope with the show's demanding 28 musical numbers.

Some creative casting led to an all-girl police force under the able command of their Sergeant, James Whelan, who appeared to enjoy themselves so much onstage it was hard to believe a Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy One.

The pirates provided some rousing choruses, as pirates do, and handled their swords with the sort of devil-may-care flamboyancy which tends to alarm watching parents. But be assured folks, the swords are generally blunt, the performers sharp.

The large cast posed a challenge for choreographer Lyn White, who nonetheless kept tight control over the dance sequences and group movement. Stage manager Nick Arnott and his backstage crew ensured the show's smooth running.

The two main sets and the replicated pirate ship made the Cornish coastal atmosphere theatrically believable, a credit to the teams who worked on them. Don Harrison and his sound and lighting team also did an impressive job.

The signature of any Chris White musical is his total dedication to a quality production. This, coupled with the talent and enthusiasm of the cast, ensured Warrandyte High's 1993 production, Pirates of Penzance, was excellent entertainment.

Pirates doing those things that pirates do.

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Torrents of gold splash our hills

WARRANDYTE is a place of contrasting landscapes. From the dry, blue-grey clothed hillsides that rise steeply above the township, to the glistening, tortuous river that flows through its heart, Warrandyte State Park is an oasis of bushland in a sea of suburbia and farms.

Every year around late July or early August, flowering wattles flood the bush with color. Out of the 23 indigenous species of wattle listed for the greater Melbourne region, 18 can be found in the Warrandyte area. Surprisingly, that is the same number of wattle species recorded for the whole of Tasmania.

Wattles, along with eucalypts, dominate much of the vegetation of this continent, and like the eucalypts, wattles support a wealth of animal life. Their leaves, flowers, seeds, gum and even roots provide food for an array of insects, birds and furry mammals.

Wattle is the common name given to all the plants in the genus acacia. The word "wattle" came about because wattle and daubing was a method of making house walls by plastering mud onto interwoven branches. Since the early settlers had a preference for using acacias in their hut construction, wattle soon came to mean all acacias.

Long before European occupation, the Aborigines had already found many uses for the wattles. They ground the seeds to make damper, ate the gum and used the bark, soaked in hot water, as a remedy for indigestion. In addition, they used the wood of blackwood wattle to make spear-throwers and shields. Today, the wood of this species is popular for furniture making.

In general, wattle trees are short-lived, usually less than 20 years. Blackwood, which can live for over 100 years, is one of the more notable exceptions.

Warrandyte's wattles range from small, ground-hugging shrubs to moderately large trees. Their foliage is as variable as the trees themselves. All wattles, when young, have true leaves—the feathery look—but in most species, as the tree grows, these are replaced by phyllodes. Phyllodes are actually modified leaf-stalks and may, in some spe-

cies, resemble eucalypt leaves. But in others they are reduced to needle-like spikes.

The fluffy bundles of stamens that constitute the flowers do not produce nectar, but still the wattles attract nectar-feeding birds like honeyeaters and parrots. The secret is in the foliage, for it is the leaves or phyllodes themselves which excrete tiny globules of nectar from small glands along the leaf-stalk or at its base.

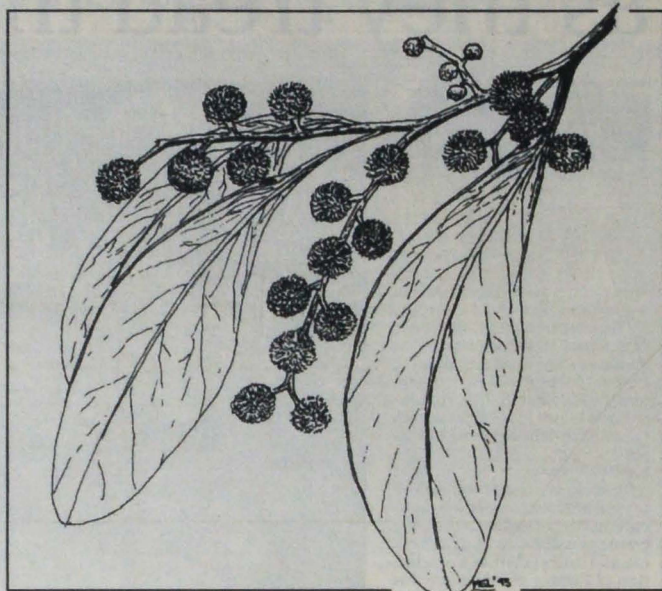
In our typically human way we take wattles for granted until, at the end of winter, their brilliant yellow flowers burst on the scene and force us to take notice.

There is, of course, much more to the well-known wattle than meets the eye. The trees play host to an abundance of creatures. Some, like the sugar gliders, relish the sweet gum that exudes from the trunks of certain species.

Countless insects feed on the leaves, including the shiny black caterpillars of the Imperial Blue butterfly. The life cycle of this particular butterfly is inexorably bound up with the wattles and a species of small black ant. The relationship between the wattle, the ant and the butterfly makes a fascinating story, but one that must wait for another time.



NATURE
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR



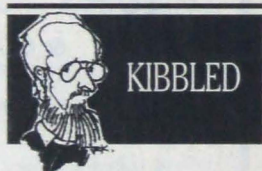
Reviving old love, in a fur coat by candlelight

IAPOLOGISE for any semantic, grammatical or spelling mistakes in this piece, but I'm writing by candlelight and Herself's old rabbit fur coat is very bulky and makes any movement difficult.

Every now and then the line of thought might get a bit disjointed. That's when I have to leave the writing desk to run out of the room for a heartfelt, primal scream.

Now those of you who know me personally will find it hard to believe that Herself thinks I'm single-minded and neurotic about money. I keep telling her that the '80s have gone and the days of profligacy and waste are over, but she just sobs, stuffs another backdated section of the Age under her parka and fades off into the gloom of the kitchen.

As I mentioned in the last edition, my relationship with ARK over the past few months has



been rocky. Evidently, she'd been feeling neglected and unloved and was worried that I was going to trade her in on a younger bimbo. As a result, she'd lost a lot of compression, was well under par and, naturally, was somewhat unresponsive to my touch.

In hindsight, I suppose I hadn't been 100 per cent blameless and, as one counsellor put it, how would I be if I had to continue performing whilst suffering from a cracked heart and head?

I had real trouble looking her in the rear vision mirror after that, but when I promised to get her fixed and assured her that I

wasn't really interested in that Capri with the big headlights, our relationship improved. It was, however, a very traumatic period in my life.

It got worse when I went to collect ARK from the hospital. When I saw the bill, all my old doubts and uncertainties flooded back. Was she really worth it? Wouldn't a bicycle be healthier? Had the accounts got mixed up in the office, and wasn't I paying for the stomach stapling and lipposuction job on that Porsche in the next bay?

I told myself not to overreact. ARK was worth every cent. Admittedly, it was either eating for a month or her, but what's survival compared with love.

The trip home was a second

honeymoon. Almost. The doctor had taken me aside and confided that ARK wouldn't fully recover until she'd had her carburettor replaced, but that could wait until things between us had settled down.

On the way home, I was going to suggest a car spa together, but then I remembered the bill and made do with a gentle press on the accelerator. She purred appreciatively and I knew things between us were on the mend.

Now I could have accepted the financial incident with ARK as one of those things that add variety and excitement to life, were it not for the SEC account that was smouldering in our letter box, malevolently awaiting my arrival.

I shuddered down Albert Road and turned into the driveway. I stopped, opened the box, took out the envelope and opened it.

I'm told the scream could be heard at Kangaroo Ground. Some Japanese tourists who were filming the panorama from the tower will no doubt wonder, each time they show the video, why the bucolic tranquillity they thought they were capturing is shattered by a strangled cry from the direction of Warrandyte.

After returning to earth, I did what every normal, well-adjusted husband and father would do. I called a family conference. Council of war would be a better description.

The battle lines were predictably drawn. Me against the forces of evil. I was the lone bastion of frugality. Arrayed against me was the Evil Empire, hell-bent on destroying the Latrobe Valley by consuming every last kilowatt of power produced by

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I received all the usual, pathetic responses.

"Do you want me to stumble around in the dark, fall down the stairs and then send you the bill for the broken legs?"

"All right, we won't have cooked meals. You can eat salads all winter!"

"It's cool. It's all right. I enjoy hypothermia."

"Fine. I won't shower, won't use the hairdryer and I'll stay an old maid and you'll have to support me for the rest of my life!"

I looked at the accounts for that day; one for ARK and one for the SEC. They were interchangeable. Then I looked at the cheque account.

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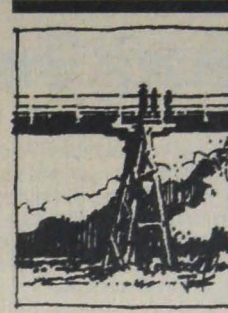
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Depths of despair



THE WOODEN BRIDGE

By Eve Evans

IT IS a phenomenon of the Australian bushland that great fires sweep through it from time to time, causing enormous losses of homes, property, forests and even lives. But it is also true that many native plants lie dormant for years, germinating only when fire has passed over them. So fire would seem to be part of a natural cycle for the replenishment of nature.

About four years after we moved closer to the village, we were involved in one such disaster. For some days fires had been burning in the hills way over to the north of the village. Suddenly, and without warning, a fierce hot wind turned the fires in our direction and they came roaring down towards us.

Almost simultaneously, another fire broke out on the south side of the river, virtually surrounding our town. Sparks blown by the hot breath of the wind crossed the river, caught the undergrowth and with great rapidity tore up the hill on which our house and others stood.

Anticipating just such a change in the wind direction, our two fire trucks were already manned and waiting. Calls went out to other areas not in such immediate danger, asking for more trucks and men. Volunteer fire fighters, courageous men who spend their leisure time and weekends training to fight fires, came rushing back from their work to help in the great fight to save as many homes as possible.

Meantime, a contingent of police, sent up from the city, drove around urging people to leave their homes. Hastily I put a few precious things in a suitcase, gathered up the old couple next door and headed down to the village and the river.

A friend who lived in the main street had been through a fire before and so had had the surrounds of her house well cleared of the dangerous, oil-filled eucalypts. She had a good stretch of lawn in front of her house and it was here that we all converged.

We ran back and forth across the road to the river, dousing all the blankets and sacks we could find to keep the old people and the children cool. City firms are truly magnificent in such emergencies, and it was not long before two trucks filled with soft drinks arrived. More evacuees kept arriving, and it was strange what they brought with them in their panic.

One had a dishcloth, one an old slipper and another had brought several odd shoes and a bottle of gin. One young mother forgot her baby and the police went back for it. On the whole, however, people were calmer than might have been expected, none of them knowing if there would still be a house to go back to.

Throughout the day I wondered from time to time how my boys were faring. I knew they were both brave lads. I felt slightly reassured when I thought about the electric pump I had installed on the river. Operated by a switch at the house, the water could be diverted through pipes around the house and garden by opening up stop cocks. So at last, I thought, the boys will have water.

As dusk approached and the wind slackened, the local policeman drove around to make a survey. He knew where everybody lived and could report back which houses were still standing. Those people were allowed to return to their homes.

By the mercy of God, my house was one of these. I could hardly believe it, as several houses very close by were reduced to heaps of hot ash and rubble.

I was horrified though when the boys told me what had happened. The electric wires to the pump were threaded through lead water pipes. The fire, roaring up from the gully, had been so fierce that the pipeline melted and the wires frizzled up. So, no water from the river.

The flames, Robert told me, seemed to go over so high and so fast that the house did not catch. They doused themselves in the little fish pond that Robert had made for me, then kept filling buckets from it and rushed round and round the house, throwing water over any debris the fire had caught.

As I looked at the boys, their hair and



eyebrows scorched, bodies blackened, I said a hasty prayer of thanks and blessed the little pool. Then I told them I must go back. Accommodation must be arranged for those who needed it. I would take what people I could.

People now were congregated in the village hall, many of my friends with grim faces and dull voices, numbed with shock. Six people had been appointed to take control. They were now busily engaged allotting groups of people to those who could accommodate them, then hastily finding them a change of clothing.

All day, trucks had been arriving from the city. Some carried blankets and mattresses from the Red Cross, others with masses of clothing that people had brought into the depots that had been hastily organised. Still more trucks held great piles of food.



The hall was rapidly filling up and we knew there would be days, even weeks, of sorting and dividing, but for now we took only what was needed immediately.

I loaded my car with food, blankets and clothing and managed to fit in three people. I could take six in all, and told the others I would be back as soon as possible.

Driving up the hill I began to wonder what on earth I would do for water. I had kept one tank, which I knew was now only half full. I could call on the

water truck to fill it up, but that could take a few days, others would be wanting water also.

As I turned up the drive of my home and looked ahead, I realised that another miracle had come my way. Not long after we moved to the new house, a tiny cottage just down the hill, on land adjoining mine, had become vacant and it was for sale. In it had lived a famous artist. Indeed, Warrandyte was known as an artists' paradise. This woman had lived alone and died in her 80s. Several of her pictures hang in the National Gallery. I have a few also which she gave me because I brought her simple shopping so that she would not have to walk up the hill in hot summer.

Because I had valued her friendship, and thought that if strangers bought the cottage she had loved so much they might desecrate it, I had decided to buy it myself. I was making good money from designing gardens and could afford to put a deposit on the cottage, then a tenant's rent would pay the balance.

Now there it was, untouched by the fire. It had always seemed strange to me that a fire, so fierce that one would expect it to swallow everything in its path, could take one house and leave the next, but that is what happened.

Even more miraculous was the fact the cottage had three 1,000 gallon tanks. Since my tenant was a lone man, he had no need of all that water. He was more than agreeable that I could use his tanks.

I told him we would shut one tank off for drinking and cooking, and that I would send my guests, one at a time, with a towel to his house.

"Ray, you give them a dish of water and let them freshen up. They can't have a bath, much as I know they all want one; that would use too much

water and we must conserve it. In the meantime I will prepare food and beds."

My guests were coming out of their first numbed shock and were weeping now for lost treasures, possessions of a lifetime. I settled them as best I could, wishing I had a heap of sedatives to give them, but I had only a few aspirin.

I went back to the town to see what more I could do. Men were still out on watch for the hot ashes that might still flare up. Women, tireless in their efforts, were making mountains of sandwiches. They said, "Evelyn, yours is not the best car in the village, so you take sandwiches, drinks and heaps of wet towels and find the men".

It was dark now, but as I drove along the bush tracks, the red glow of ashes was all around me. I could not step out



of the car, but I called a long cooee, which brought the men. I handed out the food and took the most stricken ones back with me.

In the hall we had screened off a small area where three men at a time could sleep briefly. We let them wash off the worst of the black soot and put them down on the mattresses.

Meantime, the local policeman had given Robert a gun and told him to go and look for animals. My son was very good with them, and had already started

breeding ponies himself. The policeman told him to destroy any animals that could not be saved and bring others to be put in the pound until they could be attended to.

In other parts of Victoria, big fires were also burning and there was considerable loss of life. In our village, two people died in the fires. One, an elderly woman, was not burnt to death, but had died from a heart attack brought on by shock. The other was a man who had jumped into his water tank, but the fire, which took his house, was so fierce he was boiled alive.

Some people, but not many, decided to leave the area and live in safer places. Others went to relatives and friends in suburbs until their homes were rebuilt. At least everybody was soon accommodated. Most were insured and could rebuild immediately. Inevitably though, there were some who had let insurance lapse or had never insured at all, believing that such a disaster could never happen to them.

Much money poured in from a generous public, no doubt feeling that they must help their less fortunate fellow beings. There were also government grants but, as is usual in this kind of situation, such money had to be administered and dealt out as fairly as possible, according to the value of homes destroyed. All this, of course, took time and people remained in the depths of despair while they waited.



The hall began to look like an enormous market. There were piles of clothing of all descriptions. The contents of some parcels were indeed incongruous, containing evening frocks and shoes, even imitation jewellery. Nobody's heart was gay enough to contemplate using these articles.

Fortunately, these kinds of parcels were very few, reflecting the poor state of the minds of people who had, without thinking, simply tipped out their wardrobes to get rid of what they no longer had use for.

For the most part everything was good quality and in excellent condition. Some city firms had sent up racks of clothing, and so began the enormous task of sorting sizes and pairing off socks.

It was not thought advisable to give people shoes that had been worn by others, which might damage their feet, so an appeal went out to shoe factories. The response was very great: how magnificent people are in times of stress.

Besides clothing there was much secondhand furniture, including refrigerators, pots, pans and cutlery. There were books and china, children's toys and even suitcases so that people could pack while they waited for a more permanent place.

That fire was quite some years ago now, and at that time we knew that most bushfires were caused by lightning strikes, a still-burning cigarette butt thrown carelessly from a car, or some person stupidly burning off rubbish or lighting a barbecue in a hot north wind.

Now however, we have a new menace hanging over us and casting a shadow over the whole of summer. Now there are people who are known as "fire bugs", who go about deliberately lighting fires. Their sick mentality urges them to seek excitement from such a conflagration. It seems to be beyond them to visualise the destruction and havoc they cause.

The government has decreed that anyone caught lighting a fire on a total fire ban day, which is always announced over the radio and on television, should be given a heavy fine or imprisonment or both. But when anyone is caught, there seems to be sympathy on the part of the magistrate for his sick mentality and he is let off with a very light fine or put on probation to be of good behaviour. So he is free to repeat his dastardly deed the next summer, while the rest of us walk with fear and anxious hearts.

To be concluded

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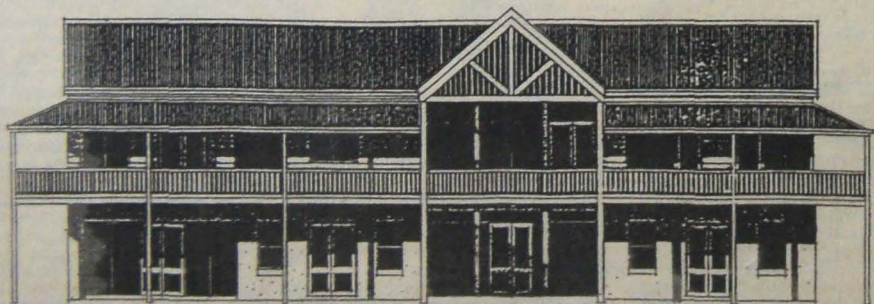
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Warrandyte celebrated Wattle Day, with the help of local Lions, at the community market early last month. State Park Friend Shirley Mandemaker, is shown here painting a wattle pattern on Daniel MacMahon of Bradleys Lane. The celebration was inspired by a phone call by local Catherine Watts to ABC Radio's Australia All Over program. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Tent art

Warrandyte Rotary Club is staging an auction of paintings at Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood, on Friday, October 1, commencing at 6.30pm. During the previous two weeks, commencing Monday, September 20, artists will be painting directly onto a large canvas tent. The individual paintings will then be cut out and auctioned. Bids can be lodged prior to the sale. Enquiries regarding membership of Rotary can be directed to John Provan, 722 1014.

Masquerade

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of North Warrandyte Fire Brigade, the fireworkers' sub committee is planning a masquerade ball. It will be held at the Eltham Community Centre on Friday, October 15. Tickets at \$27 each will include pre-dinner drinks and a three course meal. Music will be provided by a live band. Irene Allen, ticket secretary, can be contacted on 437 1434.

Camp

The Warrandyte Sole Parent Support Group is holding a camp at the Golden Valley Ranch, Baldry's Road, Flinders, from September 23 to 26. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$4 per child. Contact Jan Skinner at the Neighbourhood House, 844 1839, on Mondays between 1 and 3pm if you are interested. The group has a

lawnmower, brushcutter and chainsaw for hire. They also provide fee assistance for approved courses. Contact Jan on 844 1839 for further information.

Tax help

Help with taxation returns is available for people with a straight forward return who are unable to afford a tax agent. Phone the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau on 844 3082 for an appointment.

Trails

A rally will be held on Saturday, October 9, for horse riders who wish to express concern about possible loss of riding trails in the district. It will commence at the corner of Blackburn and

Andersons Creek Roads, Doncaster East and involves a 9km loop ride. Further information from M. Jefferyes, phone 876 3866.

Re-elected

At the recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society, existing office bearers were re-elected. They are Bruce Bence, president, Gina Jones, secretary and Alan Alder, treasurer. The society, which exists to advance the preservation and promotion of Warrandyte's history, welcomes new members at \$10 for a family, \$7 adult, \$5 pensioners and 50c for a student. Meetings are held monthly in the museum at the old post office. For information call Bruce Bence on 844 3122.

Travelling science show set to expand

By KYM SMITH

Warrandyte High School science teachers have visited local primary schools in recent weeks, bearing with them an array of test-tubes, chemicals and miscellaneous wares.

The program is voluntary and aims to spark greater interest in the fascinating world of science.

Students have been exposed to a variety of experiments and demonstrations, ranging from hydrogen "pop" tests and ammonia



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Enrolments

Yarra View Pre-School, situated at 184 Warrandyte-Research Road, North Warrandyte, is accepting enrolments for 1994 and beyond. There will be an open day at the kinder on Sunday, September 12, 1 to 3pm. Enquiries to Diane Marsh, 844 1038.

Plant sale

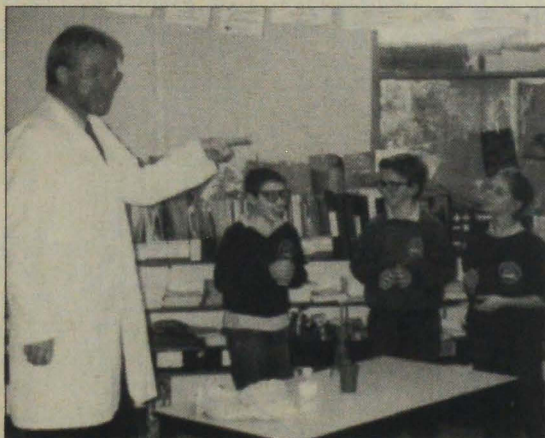
North Warrandyte Fire Brigade is holding a plant sale at the Warrandyte Community Centre carpark on the weekend of October 2 and 3. Proceeds will help to fund the purchase of a replacement fire tanker.

Fire

The after hours information number for the Warrandyte Fire Brigade has changed. It is now 844 2049. The day time information number is still 844 2069, and the FIRE CALLS ONLY number remains unchanged at 844 3798.

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Chemistry teacher Don Harrison with grade five students from Milgate Primary School.

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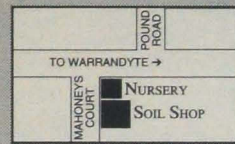
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Nicole Provis. She won the Goldtown in 1985 as a 15-year-old.

Unearthing a goldmine of tennis talent

By JUDY GREEN

This weekend sees the final rounds of Warrandyte's Goldtown Open tennis tournament being played at the Tarooma Avenue courts.

Matches are scheduled for Friday evening, September 10, continuing on the Saturday, with finals on Sunday, September 12.

This year's event marks the 10th anniversary of the tournament. A number of Australia's top young internationals have made their mark at the Goldtown.

Now sponsored by sports fashion manufacturers Biscote Britannia, the Warrandyte Goldtown Open is a five-star Victorian Tennis Association event with prizemoney totalling \$5000. Successful players will

gain valuable points for their rankings.

The initial tournament, in March 1984, attracted many top Victorians, including several ex-Wimbledon players. Over 200 entries were received, with a \$725 purse, plus many prizes and trophies.

The tournament included graded sections to cater for players of lower standards. The winners of this inaugural Goldtown Open were Brad Guan and Sue Saliba.

By 1985, prizemoney had risen to \$1,500, with the tournament

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Prizemoney had now risen to \$2000. Donvale player Ian Peter-Budge won the men's open and Bernadette-Randall the women's title.

The tournament was attracting many of the nation's up-and-coming younger players.

In 1989, four of Australia's top five under-16 boys competed. The following year, Warrandyte club coach Fabio Forlano was successful in the open doubles, teaming with ex-AIS player Paul Lord.

With prizemoney increased to \$5000, the Goldtown was upgraded to a five-star event in 1992. Most of Victoria's top players, augmented by many from interstate, are currently competing in this event.

The graded sections of the tournament have continued to be provided, and many Warrandyte club members, especially the more advanced juniors, have had success at these levels.

The open section brings the spectacle of high-grade competition play to the local community free of charge. It also assists the overall development of the sport in this state.

It has now a well-established and highly-regarded event on the Victorian tennis circuit. It precedes the ACT-Victorian Davis Cup Foundation satellite series. The final Masters Week of the satellite will be staged at Warrandyte in late November.

now attracting many more entries. A veterans' section was introduced and on this occasion, the tournament was the club's contribution to the Warrandyte Festival.

Brad Guan successfully defended his title, and the women's open event was won by Nicole Provis, then just 15 and now Australia's highest-ranked female player.

In 1986, Federation Cup player Anne Minter defeated Nicole in the women's final, and ex-Wimbledon player Peter Johnstone went down to Victorian State coach John McCurdy.

The tournament continued to grow and in 1987 a contingent of 11 players from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra came to Warrandyte to participate.

They dominated, with Richard Fromberg and Kristine Radford winning the open titles. Two other AIS players, Todd Woodbridge and Carl Turich, won the men's open doubles.

In 1988 the Goldtown was moved from March to September and became a three-star VTA points tournament, enabling successful players to build up their points tally.

Eight teams deliver the goods!

Of the 19 Warrandyte teams to achieve finals status as the winter tennis season drew to a close, eight brought home winners' pennants.

In the Saturday afternoon senior EMRLTA competition, two Warrandyte Section 19 sides fought out their grand final, with Gold defeating Blue, 35 games to 28. Winning team members included Charlie Freedman, Tim Oriander, Jenny Van Der Haar, Gwenda Ennis and Kathy Ewart. Two other teams—Mixed 4 and 21—were defeated in the finals.

Among junior grand final successes, Mixed 12—Justin Edwards, Craig Dick, David Farmer, Melanie Cousins and Vanessa Kearney—defeated Guy Turner Reserve, 43 games to 24. Boys 8—Scott Clarey, Jarrod

Casey, Luke Pelich, James Lee and Rocky Lobosco—defeated North Box Hill, 30 games to 25.

Eight junior teams reached the finals. Five went on to grand finals, where three teams—Mixed 12 and 21 and Boys 11—were defeated.

In Section 5, the club's only Wednesday midweek ladies' team—Shelagh Morton, Judy McHugh, Wendy Anderson, Sue Thomas and Judy Green—defeated Royal South Yarra by 12 games.

Two Warrandyte teams, A8 and B3, reached the finals in the Tuesday midweek ladies' competition, but were defeated in semi-finals.

In the Lilydale and District Night Tennis Association, Tuesday Men's competition,

three local teams reached the finals and all were successful. They were: Section 1, Ribticklers; Section 8, Racketeers and Section 14, Looking Up.

In the Wednesday Mixed competition, three teams gained finals status, but only one, Odd Pairs in Section 14, won their grand final.

None of the four Warrandyte teams in the Victorian Tennis Association pennant competition made the finals this year.

Greg Lawrence, Warrandyte club president, presented the 1993 Keith Wilson Clubperson of the Year Award to junior convenor Judy Green at a social night last month.

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Red-and-whites leave no doubt about it: they're the greatest

By LEE TINDALE

Football justice prevailed at Waverley on Sunday, September 5, when Warrandyte comprehensively won the EDFL third division premiership.

The Bloods beat Forest Hill by 70 points in a grand final much tougher at times than the final score—23.12 (150) to 11.14 (80)—indicated.

It was Warrandyte's first senior flag since 1983 and a huge triumph for first-year playing coach Darren Peters, his staff, a tireless committee and a squad of players totally dedicated to atoning for the 1992 grand final defeat.

Asked to describe his emotions as the final siren sounded, Peters said: "Great relief, and great pride."

The result was ultimate confirmation of the Bloods' season-long superiority. They lost only two of 20 games for the season and came home with 14 wins on the trot.

Forest Hill, on the other hand, had sneaked into the finals on percentage. The biggest worry for Warrandyte was that anything has a nasty habit of happening in grand finals.

Peters, one of the softer-spoken coaches, told his players before the game that he had 100 per cent confidence in each of them. "We've worked bloody hard for this all year," he said. "Don't let yourselves down now. Don't let your supporters down."

They didn't—but their first quarter, assisted by the breeze, was indifferent to say the very least.

It started promisingly enough, with full-forward Darren Murphy kicking three of his 10 goals for the match in the first 12 minutes. The first was from a free, the second after marking in the pocket and the third a clever snap.

It was a typical grand final opening—fast, furious and with plenty of nervous mistakes by both sides.

Book now for the big one

Bookings are heavy for WFC's Presentation Night at the Park Orchards Chalet on October 1 — so don't miss out! Tickets (\$34) are available through Norm Carrington (725 3536). It's BYO or bar service.

Make a point of the vote count at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 12, and be there again for the AFL grand final.

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Loose defence let Forest Hill in for their first goal at the 13-minute mark and it lifted the underdogs. Now winning more than their fair share of the ball, they goaled again at 22 minutes and again four minutes later to trail by just a point.

The quarter-time scoreline of 3.5 to 3.3 was not what Warrandyte fans had come along in droves to see.

Oh ye of little faith!

Peters told his troops their performance was the "softest quarter of grand final football I've ever seen" and demanded "work, work and more work". And work they did.

A remarkable transition produced five unanswered Warrandyte goals in nine minutes. Steve Carroll set the blitz in motion after five minutes by snapping truly, Lachlan McLean sent a great pass to Murphy for that player's fourth, McLean snapped a beauty and Murphy collected his fifth and sixth, receiving from John O'Brien then taking a screamer in front.

Tony Sturesteps extended Warrandyte's lead to 36 points—9.5 to 3.5—four minutes later, but Forest Hill temporarily stopped the rot with a goal of their own.

The Bloods continued to attack, but with little reward until McLean produced one of his well-known long bombs. The Hill reduced their deficit to 32 points with a goal near the interval, but it had been a great quarter for Warrandyte, 7.3 to 2.3 against the breeze.

Peters set his players a third-quarter target of 10 goals, and they looked like achieving it until they declared a public holiday and let The Hill in for just a sniff of an upset.

McLean goaled twice in the first six minutes, Murphy responded to a Forest Hill goal and McLean did it again to blow the lead out to 49 points before a skirmish in defence at the 10-minute mark gave Forest Hill a penalty free right in front.

They goaled again at 17 minutes and again a minute later and suddenly the lead was just 30 points.

Murphy had the chance to steady the ship, but kicked a point. His good mate David Purcell made up for it with a goal, Murphy himself followed suit and Purcell to Peters to Murphy saw the Bloods skip away to a 49-point advantage, extended to 55 points at the last change by Carroll.

Were the Bloods safe? Not ac-

ording to Peters, who scolded the players for "slacking off" during the quarter and demanded nothing short of total commitment in the last.

He got it. Purcell threaded a goal three minutes into the term, Trent Ferguson came off interchange and ran into an open goal five minutes later and replied to two productive Forest Hill forward sorties with his second, with 13 minutes left on the clock.

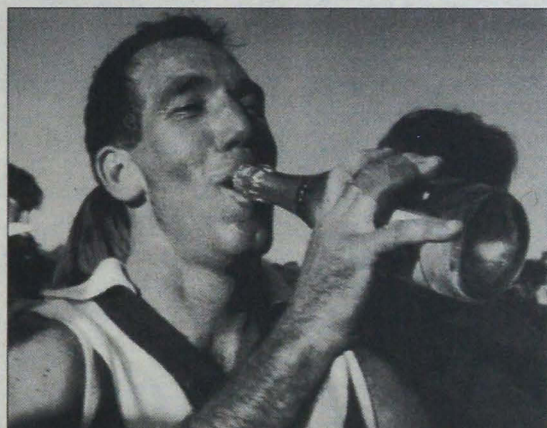
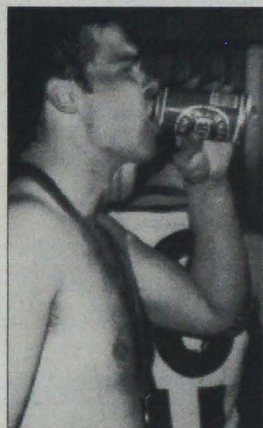
A relayed free to Murphy gave him his 10th goal and Warrandyte's 22nd at the 28-minute stage and while a brawl was in progress on the Bloods' half-forward flank, play went on for Carroll to give the Bloods their 23rd and a glorious premiership.

The Warrandyte party started immediately.

There wasn't a Blood who didn't contribute to the victory. The best of them were Murphy, Peters, Kimberley O'Connor, Joey Hassall, Carroll, Robin Golding, McLean and Matt Grybas.



Above: WFC president Lawrie Sloan and coach Darren Peters share the cup that cheers. Below: Thirsty work, this premiership business—as Lachlan McLean (left) and Robin Golding demonstrate after the final siren. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)



Brother—are they any good!

The Finocchiaro boys, Tim and Matthew, have made a family affair of Warrandyte Junior Football Club's best and fairest awards for 1993.

Tim really excelled—he collected the EDFL competition under-14 award as well as the club trophy and the Len Woods Perpetual Shield.

He polled 32 of a possible 48 competition votes and has been invited to join the Eastern Rangers under-14 development squad and play in the 1994 pre-season under-15 Yarra Valley squad.

Matthew won the club under-12 best and fairest and the Scott Bellingier Memorial Shield.

Warrandyte under-16 captain Ray Bellingier, who polled 17 votes in the EDFL award, has been invited to join the Eastern Rangers end-of-season squad in his age group. Ray won the club under-16s best and fairest and the Lions Club Perpetual Shield.

It was an encouraging season for Warrandyte, best served by their under-14s, who won 10 of their 16 matches to finish just one game out of the four.

The under-10s and under-12s stepped up a cog in the second half of the season and the under-16s showed a lot of character and fighting spirit in a very tough competition.

Trophy winners:

Under-16: Best and fairest: Ray Bellingier 1, Chris Cornell 2, Dean Nightingall 3. Most improved: Terry D'Oliviera. Coach's award: Stuart Hearn. Training award: James Logan.

Under-14: Best and fairest: Tim Finocchiaro 1, Justin Edwards 2, Adam Burbidge 3. Most improved: Jason O'Toole. Coach's award: Adam Youl. Training award: Jeremy Renfrey.

Under-12: Best and fairest: Matthew Finocchiaro 1, Aidan Davey 2, Nathan Lear, Luke Naughtin 3. Most improved: Andrew Griffiths. Coach's award: Ashley Pieper. Training award: Sean Doherty.

Under-10: Best and fairest: Lucas Barnes 1, George Aitken, Simon Guerin 2, Ben Weaven 3.

Most improved: Kyle MacDonald. Coach's awards: David Johnson, David Rees. Training award: Joel MacDonald. Gary (Madge) Allsop Award (best club person): Greg Alchin. Eddie Houghton Memorial Shield: Chris Cornell.

Lawrie's ecstatic

For Warrandyte Football Club president Lawrie Sloan, the premiership was the realisation of long-nurtured ambition. Mr Sloan is in his 10th year of an interrupted presidency and this is his first senior flag.

"I'm ecstatic," he said after the game. "I was president in 1980 when we won our first reserves premiership, and that was a very important event for the club."

"But to preside over a senior flag really is something very special."

"I'm delighted for the players. I saw the disappointment on their

faces after last year's loss to Donvale, and I didn't want to see it again."

"They told me at their first training session this year, in February, that they were going to win this premiership."

"I'm delighted for Darren Peters and his associate coach, Brett Munro. They've done a magnificent job."

"Fourteen wins on the trot, including the grand final—what more could you ask?"

"We deserved this premiership. The committee worked so hard and the players' commitment on and off the field has been fantastic."

And what of second division next season? How will the Bloods handle the much tougher competition?

"EDFL manager Bruce Holmes told me after today's game that we have a team capable of finishing fourth or fifth next season," Mr Sloan said. "That would be a very satisfactory reintroduction to second division."

Coach Darren Peters said his only real worry during the season had been the big loss to Templestowe in Round 6.

"There was a lot happening around the club at that stage," he said, "a lot of hype. We had to sit down and get our heads back on our shoulders."

"We had to get rid of that early-season complacency."

"The older players were so keen to win the flag for Warrandyte, and we got it all back together over the last 12 weeks."

Peters thanked associate coach Brett Munro for his grand support and praised the "great efforts of so many people around the club".

The Harley goes west

The winner of Warrandyte Football Club's Harley-Davidson raffle is Glen Hutchinson, of Williamstown. Second prize, a \$1000 travel voucher, went to Libby and Nat, of North Warrandyte.

The raffle, the club's major fund-raising effort of the season, was drawn at the clubrooms on grand final eve.

Suddenly, it's cricket

Summer is coming and Warrandyte Cricket Club approach the start next month of the 1993-94 season confident of better results in both senior and junior divisions.

The club have recruited vigorously for the new season and captain-coach John Sharman fully expects the Chandler Shield eleven to improve on last season's third placing.

Senior practice will continue indoors at the Maddox Sport Centre in Blackburn until September 27.

Junior practice started on September 5 and a session will be held at the recreation ground from 10.30am to noon on registration day, September 12.

The juniors will then practise from 4.30pm to 6pm each Wednesday.

A rush to the finals

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Three grand final series in the space of just 10 days are on offer as Warrandyte Basketball Club gear up for one of the most hectic months in their 20-year history.

The 24-week Friday night championship season winds up on September 11 with the grand finals, and the Redbacks hope to have as many as half their 14 teams represented.

The long and arduous season began nearly 11 months ago with practice and grading games.

Whatever the outcome there will be no rest for the many who will be required to hit the floor again very next day for the Saturday EDJBA deciders.

About 20 of the Redbacks' 50 teams are expected to do battle that day which for the first time immediately follows the Friday finals.

If that isn't enough for the juniors, the following weekend certainly should be, when the club send 14 teams to Albury for the big annual tournament there.

Nearly 100 players and more than 200 supporters will make the traditional trek north, where Warrandyte's record has been exceptional.

Meanwhile, the men's competition has tipped off its summer season with defending champions Makeshift snaring the services of former Darkhorses guard Bradley Valentine.

His new side are tied for first at 5-1 with expansion team TRHC, who have taken the competition by storm in their first season.

Reigning over-30 premiers the Plastics have moved ahead in their section at 5-1, but were lucky to escape against the Wobblers 34-32.

Star guard David Watts hit 16 points but said later the Plastics had "used our get-out-of-jail-free card on this one".

Warrandyte won for just the second time in 34 matches when they downed Andersons Creek 33-21.

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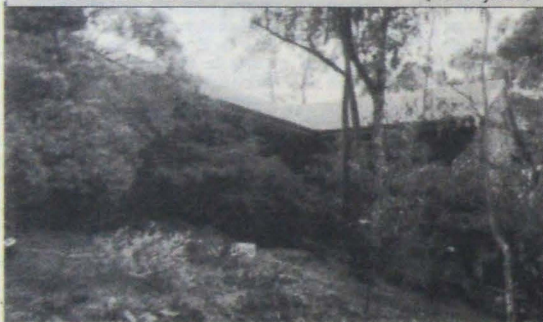
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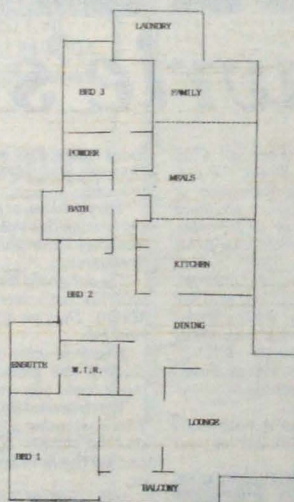
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Due to unprecedented sales in July and August we urgently require homes in all price ranges. If you are thinking of selling please call Andrew Wilson for a no obligation market appraisal. Phone 844 3085 BH, or 846 1888 AH.

WARRANDYTE \$250,000



Save thousands on stamp duty. This partially constructed architect designed home one of Warrandyte's finest locations comprises 4 bedrooms, spacious family room, separate dining and timber-lined room.

WARRANDYTE AUCTION



**SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER AT 2PM
PARADISE MADE PERFECT**

Privacy and seclusion are the main features in this stunning young home. Boasting 3BR's and study (master with ensuite & WIR's), formal lounge & dining room, hostess kitchen, informal meals area and family room, lge laundry, dble garage under roof line, inground pool and spa all set on 4 acres of leafy bushland.

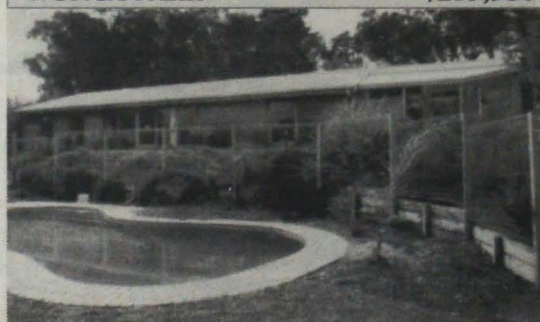
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**SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER AT 11AM
RIVER FRONTAGE & PRIVACY**

At the end of a winding country lane hidden among the gum trees and native flora, this home boasting 3BR (master with ensuite), dble garage, inground pool set on generous acre provides the most stunning views of the river and surrounding hills.

WONGA PARK \$279,950



ENTERTAINER'S DREAM OR PRIVATE HAVEN

Sensational 4BR contemporary on lovely acre allotment offers everything you could desire. Includes large lounge/dining with OFP, slate tiled family room, kitchen & meals area, dble carport, inground pool, separate heated spa, pergolas and BBQ area amidst beautiful gardens. Inspection a must!



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