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Local mining threat

Diary wins fire award

The *Diary* is the proud recipient of a certificate of commendation in the 1993 Fire Awareness Week Awards. The award was presented by the Deputy Premier, Pat McNamara, to Cliff Green, *Diary* co-editor at a ceremony in the Melbourne Town Hall last month.

The certificate was awarded in the media category, in recognition of the newspaper's "outstanding contribution to fire prevention and protection" throughout its 23 years of publication. The main award in the media category went to ABC Regional Radio, Gippsland.

Present at the ceremony was Bruce Bence, a former senior officer in the CFA and *Diary* correspondent on fire awareness.

They came back...



Ted Taylor (left), Olga Taylor (formerly Clark) and Neil Black share a few fond memories at the historical society's Back to Warrandyte Reunion weekend, held last month. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte could again become subject to intensive gold prospecting and mining under new legislation passed in the Victorian Parliament late last month.

The Mineral Resources Development (Amendment) Bill clearly aims to promote mining, particularly gold mining, in Victoria. A key provision is that no form of mineral exploration will require a planning permit.

Mining will no longer be prohibited under any planning scheme approved by the Planning and Environment Act, throwing open urban zoned land, conservation and environment zones and public open space for mineral exploration and mining.

And the bill overrides any provision to the contrary in any planning scheme.

The new mining laws give greater power to the Minister for Energy and Minerals, Jim Plowman, who will make the decisions on whether the exploration and mining will be allowed on private and public land.

Land near former gold mining sites could be subjected to renewed gold prospecting. This includes Warrandyte, where Victoria's first gold mining took place in the 1850s.

Research officer with the Victorian National Parks Association, Jenny Barnett, said she thought large blocks of private land and unreserved public land adjacent to former gold mining areas would be most affected by the new legislation.

"Small blocks of land would not be so affected because there is a protected area within 100 metres radius from the house and certain other defined improvements," she told the *Diary*. "But the minister can waive that—it's not an absolute rule."

Conservation groups had initially feared that national and state parks would be thrown open to exploration, but Jenny Barnett said these were protected.

"Parks like Warrandyte are protected under the Mineral Resources Development Act and the National Parks Act, and parliament would have to pass an amendment to have that changed," she said.

It appears the minister framed the new legislation after consultation with just his departmental staff and mining interests.

"There has been no apparent community consultation on the impact of this bill, which will affect a large range of people, especially in rural areas," Jenny Barnett said.



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"It will remove all exploration from the planning process, (and will allow) the digging of large pits for bulk sampling, digging trenches of any width, large-scale drilling and bulldozing of tracks—anything in the name of exploration.

"There will be no effective public input for all exploration and possibly some mining, and no role for local councils except for smaller mining projects."

A spokeswoman from the minister's office, when told of local concerns about exploration and mining in the Green Wedge, Warrandyte and land adjacent to the state park, told the *Diary*, "I don't think you've got anything to worry about".

The Warrandyte Environment League, however, warns residents that the bill removes all town planning constraints on mining.

"All a prospector now needs is permission of the Minister for Energy and Minerals to set up a drilling rig on your property," WEL's Doug Seymour said.

"The minister may require an impact statement as part of his decision process and any rehabilitation or compensation issues can be referred to an independent valuation tribunal.

"Nuisance claims staked on urban or rural-land would be very unlikely to be approved, but rural land owners and shires and also crown land areas are much more vulnerable," he said.

"Residents need to realise that the more advanced stages of exploration, such as bulk sampling and access road construction can have a severe detrimental impact on the environment.

"Planning requirements previously often made exploration practically impossible in many areas of Victoria, but their total removal is now likely to bring in a new era of risk to landowners' rights and other land use values," Mr Seymour said.

One person interviewed on a recent ABC-TV 7.30 Report, which reviewed the new legislation, said "One of the big problems is the small operators, called grubbers. They often go bust, leaving their mess and debts behind them. Someone has to clean it up."

Islands for main street, but 'no' to 40kmh limit

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Yarra Street will have at least one, and possibly two, traffic islands installed to improve pedestrian safety. However, VicRoads have thwarted local hopes for a reduction in the street's maximum speed limit to 40 kilometres per hour.

Disappointed Doncaster and Templestowe councillor Vern Denford told the *Diary* that VicRoads rulings denied any chance of having the speed lowered, and added that a study into the street's traffic speed failed to acknowledge the vast increase during off-peak times.

"During peak hours and tourist times traffic is virtually at a standstill, but when the roads are relatively quiet, like at night-time and even during the middle of the day, people just belt through," he said.

The study also said that if the maximum limit on Yarra Street was lowered then other

shopping areas in Doncaster-Templestowe would also have to be reviewed, a point the councillor disagrees with.

"All areas should be judged on their merits," he said, adding that this had not been the case in this instance.

The proposal was to have a 40kmh limit from Whipstick Gully to Pancakes on the Yarra restaurant, but with that rejected, a new island, or even another roundabout, will probably be constructed where Whipstick Gully Road meets Yarra Street.

A further refuge island on the Ringwood side of the bridge is also likely, to improve pedestrian safety, while new road signs governing the turning of vehicles into Yarra Street will also be introduced, outlawing several "inappropriate turns".

"Cars will be able to make a left-hand turn and go to the roundabout, do a u-turn there and then come back, rather than cut across

a busy street, especially where there are blind corners," Cr Denford said.

His view remains unchanged, believing the street is still a danger to pedestrians, but "not just through the present speeds in peak periods, but from drivers who just have no regard for others and go through at break-neck speeds outside peak times".

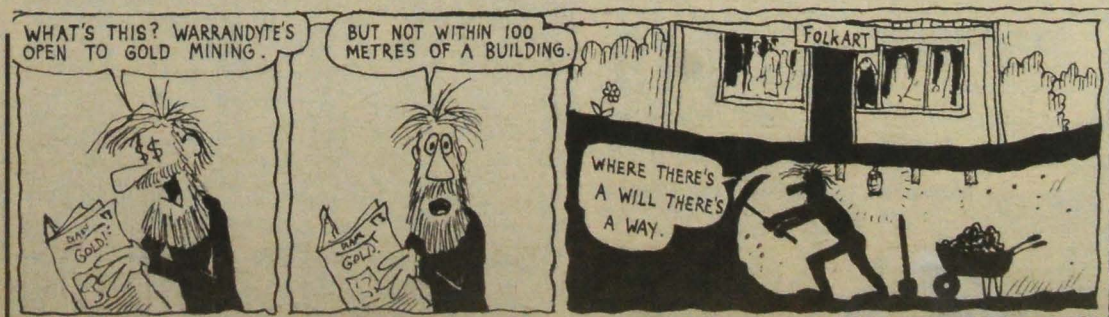
This problem could be further examined in December, when Doncaster council may re-consider the financing of a radar speed gun for Warrandyte police.

Meanwhile there has been no further discussion on the need to reduce the 80kmh limit on Warrandyte Road leading into town, despite five accidents on one bend alone in the past month.

Speed and wet conditions have frequently caught out motorists there this year, on the winding turns leading to the recreation reserve intersection.

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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Neil and Pauline Dusting are the odd couple out in Osborne Road, North Warrandyte. They live among a nest of practising greenies, all active members of Friends of Warrandyte State Park, who despise anything suggestive of a weed and dedicate themselves to the propagation and preservation of all things native. The Dustings, however, tend to specialise in growing crops of blackberries, ivy and onionweed, which are all high on their neighbours' hitlist. Not that there's any ill-feeling. They all get along very well. It's just that the greenies would be delighted if Neil would take their thinly-veiled hints and get rid of the stuff. Convinced that he is immune to such hints, they are now about to make him an offer he'll find hard to refuse: If he takes out a one-year family membership of FoWSP (which will cost him the princely sum of \$10), the Friends will personally weed his property for him! You won't get a deal like that from the professional exterminators, Neil!

IN RED & WHITE



This is how they fought bushfires in North Warrandyte in 1927. Thank goodness things have improved a bit since then! The North brigade has published its history in a fine little booklet, available from the museum at the old post office, or by phoning 844 1089.




And a very considerable "thank you" to the FoWSPs, who took time out from their regular activities to hand-stuff your "Slow Down For Warrandyte" car stickers into last month's *Diary*. Particular thanks to Dianne Silveri, a professional hand-stuffer whose expertise was invaluable. And let us assure you that "hand-stuffing" is the trade word for this operation. So no letters, please, suggesting we wash our mouths out with soapy water and otherwise clean up our act.

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You really can pick up some treasures at a garage sale. Ask the dealer who arrived early at the Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-op sale last month. He latched on to a pair of plates and could scarcely conceal his glee. They turned out to be nothing less than Royal Doulton—the Rolls-Royce of crockery—worth about \$200 apiece! A certain mothercraft nurse who obviously knows very little about such things, had put them on the \$3 to \$4 table. The plates had belonged to Sally Matheou, who organised the sale. And her sense of loss was compounded later when she learned they had been a family heirloom dating back to an ancient aunt.

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league has not refunded \$539 it cost the players to get into the ground to perform—and EDFL affiliation fees will rise next season from \$1250 to \$2000. Bloods president Lawrie Sloan, who spent several years on the EDFL executive before resuming the chair here, is hopping mad. "It's ridiculous. The league is crucifying the clubs," he told Smokey. "It just has to knuckle down and do more to help the clubs or a lot of them will go down the gurgler." You don't often see an angry Lawrie Sloan, but he was good and cross when he spoke to us. He'll be taking that anger along to (and out on) the league.



The life membership Warrandyte Football Club awarded her last month had special significance for Dawn Bellinger, of Hogan Avenue. "My late dad, Wally Blower, would have been very pleased and proud of me," said Dawn in a letter to the *Diary* thanking the club. "He was the club's boot-studder when we first came to live in Warrandyte, in February 1944." Dawn has carried on the long family association with the Bloods by working in their canteen for the past 12 years.




If you wondered about the festoons of balloons at Harry Heaths, it was the supermarket celebrating the company's win in the Australian Retailer of the Year Award. HH now goes on to represent Australia in the international award in the US next year. But don't mention the word balloon to the dozen or so casuals employed at the local outlet. They were told one Saturday that

they wouldn't be going home until the last of what seemed like several hundred of them had been blown up (balloons, we mean, not casuals).



"A Friend" who submitted it said nobody would ever guess who did, and it sure beats us. But thanks anyway for telling us that Jack McLean, Doncaster-Templestowe council's longest-serving employee, retired on October 1, on his 65th birthday. Jack was a council man for 35 years and two months and Warrandyte folk will remember him as the bloke who used to empty the shop bins and those along the river. The anonymous writer wishes Jack and Daphne the very best in his retirement and in their new home at Boronia. And we heartily endorse that.



We think Vic Grybas should stop hogging the limelight and give someone else the chance of a mention on this page. Vic's latest mental aberration was to transpose the two rudders on his new yacht for its maiden race at the Winneke dam. Instead of steering the craft, they acted like an anchor and sent him around in circles. Vic finished a distant last.

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Low-fuel car takes sixth spot for school kids

By KYM SMITH

Four Warrandyte High School students have finished sixth in the Shell Mileage Marathon, up two spots from their eighth place last year.

Chris Van de Velde, Dyon Balding, Terry Kerr and Kon Tsoutouras, with two previous mileage marathons under their belts, averaged 1162 miles per gallon in their completely redesigned vehicle, which they had planned and built themselves.

The boys had put in some 2500 hours in construction, as well as two days driving practice and five days at the competition at Amaroo Park in Sydney.

The competition was held from August 25 to 30. Entrants must build a car

from scratch which, after reaching certain safety standards, must travel a course at an average 25 kilometres an hour. Places are awarded according to fuel efficiency.

After a plea for funds in last year's *October Diary*, the team was sponsored this year by Drive Skill International and Subaru Australia. Their package included tips for driver Kon Tsoutouras and the use of Calder Park raceway for road testing.

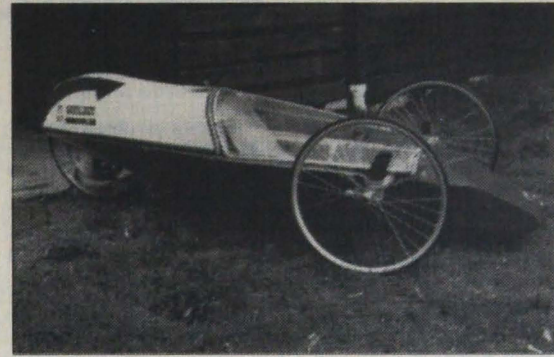
The boys told the *Diary* that the sponsorship meant they could afford to fine tune the car's performance, but they also relied on their own tools and knowledge. They built their own fuel injection system in this year's entry, an improvement on last year's

model.

This year's team won't compete again next year, as they will all be studying Year 12, but Nick Bradford, who managed the team in 1991, said he would undertake the role again. Student volunteers are still needed.

Meanwhile, Chris Van de Velde, 16, has his finger in another scientific pie. He will attend the CRA National Science Summer School at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Chris was one of 2000 applicants who applied for the 260 places across Australia. As well as studying a detailed science course, Chris will also meet with working scientists to discuss career opportunities.



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A long wait, but road revamp on for summer

By GEORGI STICKELS

Eltham council has announced plans to reconstruct and re-seal Research Road between Bradleys Lane and Banning Road, described by the RACV magazine, almost 20 years ago, as "the worst piece of road in Victoria".

The Eltham shire engineer, Rob Hawser, told the *Diary* the council was planning to construct "a new road pavement and reconstruct the existing road pavement which is in very poor condition".

Further details, including whether the road will have kerb and channel guttering, and a footpath, will be decided at a public meeting of residents living along the affected part of Research Road. The date for this has not been set.

"I think there should be a footpath going in, but the cost of that would need to be half-met by the residents," Mr Hawser said. The style of footpath: crushed rock, concrete or asphalt, would affect this cost, and will be discussed at the public meeting.

The roadworks, costing some \$340,000, are being largely funded by VicRoads, although the council is contributing to the cost of the reconstruction work. Mr Hawser said any cost



Soft edges and potholes make Research Road dangerous. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

to residents would be minimal.

The council has been carrying out roadworks on Research Road since the mid-1970s. Mr Hawser said "certainly that section we're doing now is being upgraded as the last major reconstruction and it's probably the worst stretch on that road".

The council also plans to seal the gravel shoulders along Research Road as an ongoing project, which will eventually cut down long term maintenance needs. Mr Hawser said potholes were created along the sealed edges because cars were often forced onto the unsealed shoulders. "It would take a number of years, but we certainly plan to do some of that work over the summer."

Research Road has been infamous for its treacherous condition for nearly two decades.

"It's a project that's been number one on our priority list for a long time, so it's quite pleasing to be able to get it done at last," Eltham shire councillor Robert Marshall said.

A Research Road resident and longstanding campaigner, Sandy Burgoyne, told the *Diary* she was delighted with the announcement of the latest upgrade.

"That's sensational. It certainly is better than it was 20 years ago, but some of the early bits are now falling apart."

She said she hoped sealing the shoulders would prevent the road getting any worse. "From the North Warrandyte Community Centre to Stoney Creek, the edges are undermined by people driving in the dirt."

"I'm just amazed that people could in all conscience let it get that bad. It was bad 20 years ago and it's just gone downhill since."

Cr Marshall said the roadworks had always been put off in the past because the funds were not available from state and federal governments, particularly recently. "We've thought for a few years now that it had to be done," he said, "but there have been significant cutbacks to funding for roadworks and local govern-

ments from the state."

But the fight to have Research Road made safe goes back to 1976 when Sandy Burgoyne organised a petition, asking Eltham council "to give the highest priority to the expenditure of council funds on the reconstruction of sections of the Warrandyte-Research Road".

The three worst sections at that time were the final approach at the Kangaroo Ground Road end, and stretches from Mount Pleasant Road to Eltham and from Bradley's Lane to Stoney Creek Road.

"At that time that length of road boasted a narrow ribbon of bitumen down the middle. Two cars could not pass on the sealed surface and one, or both, had to put the near-side wheels into the dirt," Sandy Burgoyne said.

As a direct result of that petition, which gathered more than 350 signatures, and a public meeting which Cr Marshall called independently, the council carried out roadworks on the Research end of the road and near Stoney Creek Road. Following the public meeting, Eltham council approached state and federal MPs and the then Transport Minister, Joe Rafferty, inviting them to inspect the road.

It seems funding had been all that was holding council back. "We asked the CRB for \$80,750—we got \$750," Cr Marshall said at the time. Kerb and channel guttering and an asphalt footpath were put in from Bradleys Lane down to the bridge several years later.

"It's been an ongoing fight since then to get a little bit more and a little bit more done," Cr Marshall said.

At this stage, roadworks are planned to start in February. "We have to finalise plans and contract tenders, so that would be the soonest time we could get anyone to start the work," Mr Hawser said.



Alison Cassidy (pictured) was one of 350 people who signed this petition.

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WEL to keep going We 'don't give a damn' about horse riders

In last month's *Diary* Cliff Green wrote about the contribution of the Warrandyte Environment League to the community and encouraged the organisation to recognise the partnership it has with other sections and residents within the Warrandyte community.

The backdrop of course is the trough the group has been experiencing as dedicated committee members grow a little weary.

I have since chaired the 21st AGM of the WEL and we are happy to report that the

league believes it should stay in business.

Fifteen members attended the dinner meeting and joined in the discussion.

It was found that the present informal network way of working is functioning well with the work still being done.

The league will hold meetings when it needs to and will invite the general community to participate on critical issues.

A review of projects points to a need to avoid getting bogged down on specific

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cases and becoming more involved in the broader issues.

Ongoing involvement in the work of the group is welcome: contact Doug Seymour, Alison Fisher or Jo Stroot.

Doug Seymour
Research Road

Thanks due

The Back to Warrandyte Committee and the Historical Society would like to thank all those individuals and organisations who contributed to the weekend.

While we were disappointed with the numbers attending, everyone who came enjoyed themselves, which is an important aspect. The oldest person attending was Mrs Craker, aged 95, who was still enjoying watching Brian Laurence's masterpiece, the Warrandyte Story, on video at 4pm Sunday night.

Sam (Tony) Prince, we believe, takes out the prize for the longest distance travelled. Sam came from Perth just to be here.

Bruce Bence
Brackenbury Street



'Back to' weekend a wonderful effort

I am writing to thank and congratulate Bruce Bence and all the other committee members of the Warrandyte Historical Society who were involved in organising the Warrandyte reunion weekend on October 9 and 10.

I know just how much time and effort goes into something like that and everyone did a wonderful job.

It was rather surprising really, that there was not a larger attendance for such a special occasion and I guess for the organisers, a little disappointing too.

Unfortunately, I was only able to attend on the Saturday, but it really was great to meet up with old friends and have a chat, some I had not seen since the school centenary back in 1975, so there was a lot of catching up to do.

I can honestly say that I had a wonderful day, and would not have missed it for any-

thing.

Once again, my thanks to everyone involved for making such a very special day possible.

Andrey Pollard
Heathmont

Opp shop aids many

I was interested in the letter published in last month's *Diary* entitled "Let's leave DJs in Bourke Street".

I felt I should come to the defence of the Opp. Shop as I have been involved for almost 11 years as a member of the local auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital, which over the last 63 years have been raising money to purchase much-needed

equipment for the hospital, which amounts to many thousands of dollars.

Although not strictly a local charity, the hospital is open to all women throughout Victoria and beyond.

Until last year the Opp. Shop was staffed by volunteers, then last August we were informed of the appointment of a manager.

I was a little apprehensive as we were the first group in after the appointment.

Still staffed by volunteers, good stock has increased, allocations have trebled and I am certain that deserving causes would never be turned away as it's against Lions Club policy.

Dulcie Crouch
Warrandyte-Heidelberg Road

Who said teens are a pain?

Warrandyte Youth Services says it is pleased with the success of its latest program, which has been running since October 11 in the youth clubrooms at the community centre.

But Growing Pains, as the program is called, is not for young people. It's for their parents. "We had parents coming in to us asking how do I deal with this? How can I cope?" The coordinator at WYS, Craig Milburn, said.

Every Monday 15 parents have been attending the classes to workshop ways of dealing with their teenage kids. Craig Milburn told the *Diary* he was particularly pleased with the number of fathers attending, around one third of the total.

The 12 week course covers issues including negotiating bounds, when and how to put the foot down, communicating with teens, and the various roles of parents. "You know; friend, chef, taxi," Milburn said.

The course also has a unit on alcohol, drugs and sex "and how to talk about that and deal with it".

Families pay \$15 each for one or both parents to attend the classes, but Craig Milburn said this was only a nominal fee. The rest of the cost is picked up by the Commonwealth Family Skills Training Program.

WYS hopes to run another course early next year, and Craig Milburn said that as places were limited to 15 at a time, there was already a waiting list. Interested parents can contact Craig at the community centre or phone him on 844 2985.

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Smokey loves you, too

By GEORGI STICKELS

We have analysed replies to our *Diary* readership survey, which we ran in the September issue, with interesting results.

The *Diary* was particularly concerned to know what parts of the paper people read, and why they like it. We're still having trouble trying to squash the ego of Smokey Joe: 52.6 per cent of replies rated his column in their top three sections (we think these people have all been sampling a bit too much of Smokey's tawny port).

The news pages were also popular, with 50 per cent of respondents placing this section in their three most preferred, as well as 21 per cent who voted for the front page. We like to know when we're doing a good job, and one reader summed up what we're trying to do to a tee: "The *Diary* keeps me from being a mug ratepayer".

Our cartoonists are also pleased, after pulling in popularity votes from 36.8 per

cent of readers.

It was surprising to find only 10.5 per cent of replies voted the sports pages in their top three most preferred sections. Or is it just that Warrandytians are too busy competing to read about their own games?

Overwhelmingly, having a local paper 'in touch with the local community' was the most important to readers: 69.4 per cent of you said this was one of the three things you looked for in any local paper.

Other popular qualities were 'covers the most important issues' (50 per cent) and 'best allows readers to express opinions' (38.9 per cent). And 25 per cent said the *Diary* had the best cartoons.

The paper was a little disappointed with the number of replies received: just 38 from 3,500 copies printed. But we took heart from the fact that the average household received 2.3 copies each, accounting for at least 87 copies overall. One family said they took home six or

more copies of the *Diary* every month! This is perhaps partly explained by the fact that 50 per cent of all households send copies to friends, relatives and ex-residents.

Most responses came from the paper's dedicated readers: 89.5 per cent of them read the *Diary* every month and 65.8 per cent had been receiving the paper since its first issue way back in December 1970, or since they had been living in Warrandyte.

Interestingly, 10 per cent of the responses came from people living outside Warrandyte, including one from East Malvern. This person had never lived in Warrandyte, but had been receiving the paper every month for five years! The others came from nearby suburbs, including Park Orchards and Wonga Park.

Finally, 28 out of 36 people who answered the relevant question said the *Diary* was their most preferred paper. Aw shucks guys, thanks.

Kit helps end garden threat to local plants

Introduced plant species may be threatening our wildlife as they spread from local gardens into native bushland.

These environmental weeds, including trees, shrubs, climbers, grasses and herbs, travel on the wind and attached to migrating creatures such as birds, and can prevent the natural regeneration of native plants in the bush.

The key offenders in and around Warrandyte are the English ivy, cape broom, blue periwinkle, bluebell creeper and sweet pittosporum.

Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte and chairman of Melbourne Water's parks and waterways advisory council, said many people do not realise their garden plants pose this threat.

"These plants may look attractive in gardens, but they are destroying bushland area," Mr Honeywood said. "Koala habitat and rare plants, such as the

Caladenia rosella orchids, found in the Middle Yarra region, are threatened by increasing weed invasion."

The problem could be solved if residents planted species native to their area in their gardens. For established gardens, a kit is available to assist residents in identifying weeds and problem plants. The kit covers the Middle Yarra region, which stretches from Eltham to Heidelberg, and includes Warrandyte.

The kit contains an identification poster and a weed checklist. The color photos in the kit mean weeds can be identified and eliminated from local gardens.

It is freely available from the Shire of Eltham and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe council offices, offices of Melbourne Parks and Waterways and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



Parkcare officer Fay Valcanis with pamphlets from the kit.

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'Joseph' to strut school stage for Christmas

STUDENTS and teachers at Anderson's Creek Primary School are once more gearing up for their end-of-year production.

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The Preps are presenting a special nativity play, A Bush Christmas, while Years 1 and 2 are performing Santa and the Snowmobile, in which Santa attempts to improve his productivity and do away with his reindeer.

The senior school is presenting the Broadway version of the rock opera Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

"It's great that all the kids can work together and experience some of the magic of the theatre, school arts co-ordinator Rick Gordon told the *Diary*. "I'm sure it's something they'll remember

for a very long time. "We've been making props and costumes during regular art sessions, mums have been helping and the choir has been rehearsing since last term. It's been a tremendous cooperative effort."

The production will be staged in the Warrandyte High School theatre on November 25 and 26 and December 1 and 2. Tickets are available from the Andersons Creek school. Adult tickets cost \$5, the concession price is \$2.50.



STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

Husseys Lane was named for William and Mary Hussey who took up land beside Andersons Creek in 1893. The block was in Mary's name, unusual for those days, and she was to spend the following 63 years there.

William Hussey was a Cobb & Co coach driver who moved to South Warrandyte when the railway was extended to Warburton and Healesville.

He operated horse and bullock teams from the South Warrandyte property. Their son Bill conducted the Ringwood-Warrandyte coach from there for many years.

Mary raised her own family of

eight children on the property, then fostered six more.

William was inside dying when the 1939 bushfires bore down upon the house. Mary, aged 75, pulled down the blinds so he couldn't see what was happening, then went out to help fight the fire. The house was saved. William died on March 3, 1939 and the coffin had to be carried out across a tree that had fallen over Andersons Creek, as the bridge had been destroyed.

Mary continued to live on the property until just before her death in 1957, aged 92 years.

BRUCE BENICE

(Right) Rory Pearson will play the lead role of Joseph.

(Top) From left: Nicholas Reghezani, Anthea James and Fiona Croston are elves getting ready for Christmas.



DAVID ROBERTSON

A more than civil engineer

DAVID Trezise Robertson died at Ringwood Private Hospital on October 3. He was 67.

David was born in December 1925, the son of Nellie Evelyn Trezise and Thomas (Jock) Robertson. His maternal grandfather was Frank Trezise, a former publican at the Grand Hotel, who married Isabelle Mitchell. Mitchell Avenue was named after her mother, David's great grandmother, and Trezise Street was named after Frank.

Like his mother before him, David attended Warrandyte Primary School. He went on to the experimental Koorunn College, off Osborne Road, and later attended Camberwell Grammar school.

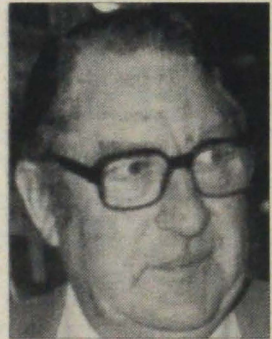
He served in the RAAF from 1944 to 1946, and graduated from Melbourne University in 1951, with a degree in civil engineering.

His first job was as a design

engineer for the company Johns and Waygood, where he worked on the plans for the new Warrandyte bridge.

David married Pat in 1954, and the couple built their home in Warrandyte, where they raised their four children: David, John, Kathryn and Jenni. Many houses around Warrandyte were built by David and his friends at monthly working bees, where they collaborated on major projects. Many locals are certain to remember driving past his home on the corner of Whipstick Gully and Yarra Street and seeing yet another caravan, catamaran boat or extension under construction.

David was involved in many other aspects of life in Warrandyte, including playing football for the local team in the 1940s, singing in the Warrandyte Arts Association choir through the 1950s, and serving as secretary on the Warrandyte Civic Association from 1963 to 1968,



a group which raised money for public projects around the town. David was also a founding member of the Warrandyte Beefsteak and Burgundy club. Warrandyte also benefited from David's professional talents. The first extensions to the Grand Hotel, in the late 1950s, were his design and he was the government repre-

sentative on the Warrandyte Water Trust.

He held a number of engineering and building surveying positions over his working lifetime, including 16 years, from 1969 to 1985 as Director of Building with the Melbourne City Council, where he was responsible for building approvals, inspections and planning permits. His peers considered him one of Victoria's top building surveyors, and he was consulted on many prestigious projects, including the World Trade Centre and the Southgate complex along the Yarra.

David was a keen golfer and on retirement played twice a week with friends from Warrandyte at the Healesville Country Club. While less active around Warrandyte in later life, David's contribution to the township, particularly during the 1950s and 1960s is appreciated and he will be sadly missed by the long-standing friends he made through his involvement.

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THEY WALKED WHERE WE WALK



The branch is broken



...aura of peace generated by Birrarung...

By GLEN JAMESON

JAGA JAGA, Wonga and Warran-brach broke off from the Warrandyte group who were headed for what was now called Andersons Creek. Wonga led the party to the confluence of the Mullum Mullum Creek and Birrarung to settle a dispute with the new settler there.

Major Newman's hard eyes glared out across the deep creek and rich valley of the Mullum Mullum. Baked brittle and intemperate in the tropical heat of colonial India, the major had opted for the military solution in the disputed settlement. He had built his cottage on a traditional camping ground of the Wurrundjeri and had used his gun to assert his presence.

The major was of a people who had lost their dreaming, lost their connection to the earth. To lose

your place in the order of things makes people susceptible to committing theft and murder in the pursuit of power.

Newman did not celebrate the Australian bushlands. He did not see them as a creation from the very first day. The Australian bush was a place to accumulate wealth and return to England.

Major Newman was the first permanent European settler in what was to become the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. It was a bad start, and the district never fully recovered from the shock that the land felt from this invasion.

Jaga Jaga knocked on the cottage door and Mrs Newman opened it. Newman, having caught sight of the approaching men, courageously hid himself up the kitchen chimney, his wife coolly lighting a fire beneath to conceal him.

The small featherfoot party,

smelling the burning clothes and whiskers of an increasingly singed Newman, dawdled through the rooms. Finally, unable to contain their mirth any longer, they left the cottage, to fill the broken forest nearby with their laughter.

The indignity Newman had suffered was enough punishment for the moment. The recent military show of strength at Bolin Bolin made the Wurrundjeri wary of their options. They continued on their way to Warrandyte.

Although isolated acts of violence between the two cultures did occur in the Yarra Valley—and this was the reason behind the Wurrundjeri visit to the Newmans—the aura of peace generated by Birrarung generally prevailed over the relationships. There was certainly not the degree and extent of murder, mayhem and 'black hunts' that occurred on the western

volcanic plains and elsewhere.

However, the displacement of the Wurrundjeri occurred just the same and was just as ruthless. There was probably more genetic difference between the various eucalypts that crowded the banks of Birrarung, than between the Wurrundjeri and the new settlers.

The swamp gums, manna gums, yellowbox, messmate and peppermint were each a different species, but these two cultures of homo sapiens sometimes regarded each other as creatures from different universes.

The newest culture on the globe, propelled by marauding economies, had come face to face with the oldest collective memory and culture on earth. There were bound to be sparks not even the river could quell.

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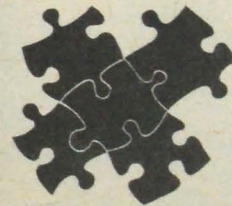
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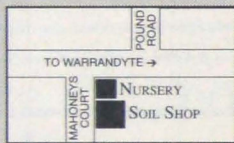
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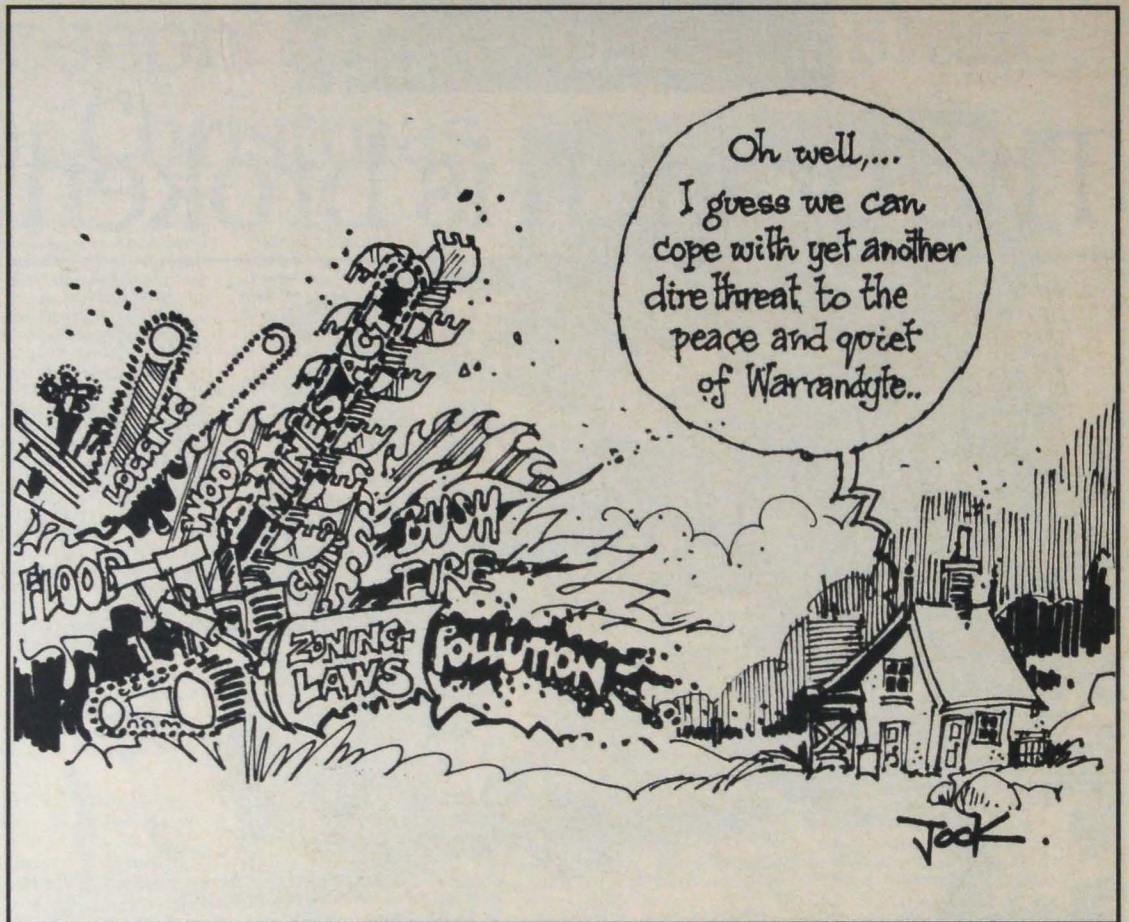
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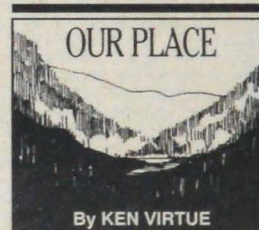


Heads down, tails up, a dozen ducks a-dabbling

YOU can call me daffy, but I'll never be able to understand why wild ducks would want to waddle their little webbed feet in a person-made puddle of chlorinated water.

Obviously My Beloved and I have been altogether too successful with our nature landscaping around our humble pool. Ducks of all colors and sizes have literally been dropping in since we made it look something like the bush dam, which is only 20 metres away.

Up until recently, we have found these impromptu visits quite charming. The more acrobatic ducks would execute 90 degree turns in tight formation and land three abreast with their webs skimming across the surface of the water. It was thrilling Top Gun stuff. I dubbed them



By KEN VIRTUE

Maverick, Goose and Ice Duck. All of this was fine. I was even becoming resigned to cleaning up after them. After all, this was Warrandyte, ducks are a part of the natural environment, and I felt they had a right to open water—even if the pH level was 7.5 and their feathers were starting to bleach.

Then one afternoon, Donald and Daisy dropped in with a brood of 10 newly-hatched duck-

lings. They had marched into our camouflaged Clark line astern, and the little ones had just plopped in after their parents: "Look Mum, no wings!"

It was a pathetic sight. There they were, trusting several thousand years of wildfowl instinct, with no understanding of the danger.

I arrived home that fateful day to find My Beloved in quite a state. "There are a dozen ducks trapped in the pool—and the ducklings can't climb out over the edge!" she cried.

"Why don't you just lift them out?" I asked, male-like.

"We've tried that, but the mother and father ducks go berserk and won't even let you get close."

"Let me have a go," said Tarzan. Well folks, I can tell you it would have made a great David Attenborough documentary.

The adult ducks cunningly split

their defence tactics against these mere humans trying to get at their brood. They flew in from either side of us, wings fully extended, screeching right at our eyeballs. If they give Disney Awards For Duck Bravery, then this Donald and Daisy would have won, wings down.

Finally we devised our own defence, using partially opened umbrellas to ward them off, whilst scooping the ducklings out with the pool net. Tarzan and Jane, 10; ducks nil. Game, set and match.

Off they sped, in a flurry of feathers and furious quacking. But it must have been traumatic for them, as they haven't returned. Hell, a dip in the tanks at Coope Island would probably seem safer!

So, if you see a formation of a dozen blond-tipped ducks flying by, throw them a salute. But keep your brollies well hidden.

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A single mum's offspring spits oil!

ONE highly predicatable aspect of human behaviour is the way we regard the rest of the animal kingdom. For example, large furry animals are cute; brightly-colored birds and butterflies are beautiful; flies and mosquitoes are a nuisance; spiders and snakes inspire fear, a reaction that is not surprising as some species are venomous. Other aversions are less rational. Like the horror and revulsion expressed towards a group of sawfly larvae clustered around a eucalypt branch. When they flick up their tails in defence and regurgitate a sticky yellow fluid, even ardent nature enthusiasts have been heard to utter "Yuk!" Yet these caterpillar-like creatures, commonly known as spitfires, are harmless. The yellow fluid is merely concentrated eucalyptus oil that has been extracted from the leaves they eat and has been stored, undigested, in a special sac. When expelled through the mouth, the strong-smelling goo acts as a deterrent



NATURE
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

to its enemies. It certainly has this effect on most people.

It can only be fear of the unknown that produces such antagonistic feelings towards these insect larvae. For how many people, if asked, would know what a spitfire turns into, or what a sawfly really is?

As so often happens in nature, common names are misleading. Sawflies are not flies, but a type of wasp.

Admittedly, they do not conform to the stereotype conception of wasp, for they lack stripes and a sting, and they do not have the constricted waist that characterises other wasps.

The female eucalyptus sawfly is unusual in that she can produce fertile eggs without the need to mate. Egg-laying is an intricate business. The female

makes a series of slits in the surface of a eucalypt leaf, using the serrated edge of her ovipositor, situated at the end of her abdomen. She then deposits one egg into each incision. Over the following days, the leaf responds to the injury by forming a skin-like blister over the cuts.

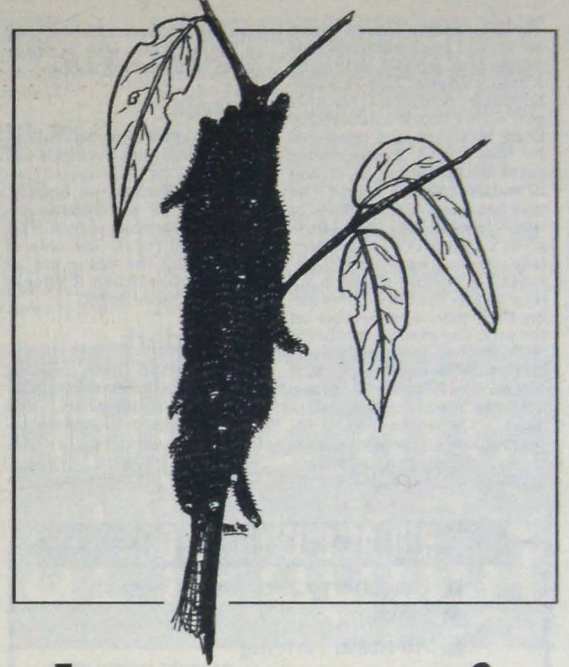
After hatching, the tiny sawfly larvae must break through this leaf tissue before they can commence feeding. Remarkably, only a few individuals—about one in 13—are capable of doing this. Once the leaf surface has been penetrated, all the other larvae make their escape by following the leaders through the exit holes.

Safety in number is the sawfly's strategy for survival in the long larval stage. During the day they remain inactive, clumped together around a branch. But at dusk, once again following their leader, the larvae move out onto the leaves to feed, keeping in contact with each other by tapping with their tails on the leaves and branches.

After many months, the larvae are ready to pupate. Proceeding en masse down the trunk of the tree, they link up with other groups before burrowing underground. Each larva constructs a pupal chamber of soil, silk and regurgitated eucalyptus oil. Together the chambers form a giant honeycomb structure beneath the ground.

Pupation generally lasts about a year. The adults that emerge are almost all female and they are full of eggs. Unlike the larvae, adults are solitary, and during their short lives feed almost entirely on nectar, a propensity that inadvertently makes them important pollinators of our native plants.

Sawflies are not cute and furry with appealing eyes, nor do they have bright colors and pretty patterns. In fact their appearance is that of an overgrown fly. It would, I guess, be too much to expect people to like them for what they are. But perhaps by understanding a little of their biology, these much-reviled insects can be given a fair go.



This crafty, teddy bear takeover of our town

CHRIS Pharmacist enthusiastically went into his Zorba the Greek dance routine when I passed the simple comment, "We really need another one of those!" pointing at the newly-opened gift shop across Yarra Street.

I'd watched the vacant butcher's shop and wondered what was going to do battle with the vagaries of Warrandyte's retail trade. Obviously, given Chris's reaction, I was not the only one. "Everybody has come in here and said the same thing. I mean, the same thing! It's unbelievable," he gasped as he danced rhythmically around the display stands.

I waited until he turned off the Nana Mouskouri record and returned behind the counter to the dance-free precinct in front of his computer. I must admit, I found that much more comforting.

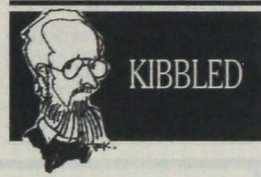
I left Chris chortling to himself and walked across to look at this

new addition to Yarra Street's retail zone. For a brief moment I felt myself being drawn through the door, but I resisted in time.

Hurriedly I walked back to ARK. On arrival, I noticed several sheets of paper tucked under my windscreen wipers. Thinking they were advertising rubbish, I tossed them casually onto the passenger seat. It wasn't until I got home that the headline on one of the pages caught my attention: "The more they resist, the craftier we must become". This printed beneath the letterhead of SWOCS.

Now I'd heard of the Warrandyte Environment League (WEL), Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau (WCAB), Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC) and Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association (WMIAA). But SWOC?

I scoured old copies of the *Diary* and the back of the cricket club business directory, but nothing. Then, as I read through what appeared to be the mani-



fest of SWOCS, it became increasingly obvious that I had been leaked privileged information about the Secret Warrandyte Organisation of Crafty Shoppers—SWOCS.

Other suburbs have been taken over by McDonalds or Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants and we have prided ourselves in resisting these. Little did we realise that whilst WAC was busy stopping cypress trees being axed, or WEL was fighting the good fight against feral plants, an even more insidious disease was taking a stranglehold on our town. Day by day, SWOCS has been transforming Warrandyte

into its own desired likeness.

Appalled by the implications, I took their manifesto and ran inside to investigate in the secrecy of my, as yet, untainted house. Or was it?

The first page listed their objectives and I was horrified to read that SWOCS's first aim was "to work towards the Wonderful Day when all shoppes in Warrandyte will be for craftes or giftes". Already I could see how close to success that objective was.

The second object was "to ensure that all Warrandyte homes are decorated with bunches of dried flowers excessively perfumed with toilet deodorant spray". Safe there, I sighed.

"All houses will sport at least one decorator-item teddy bear

or porcelain head Victorian doll." Panic! Herself has a cane washing basket awash with bears of various origins, some home-made but others bought from craft shoppes!

I skimmed past the next few objectives until my eye was caught by the words "wind chimes". "Enough!" I cried into the abyss I saw opening before me. Here was I, thinking I was immune to outside forces, that I determined my own lifestyle, and here before me was evidence—written with a calligraphy pen in brown ink on recycled, home-made, unbleached paper—that I was just a pewter pawn in the craftsperson-made chess set of life.

My mind went back to Yarra Street. When we first shifted to

Warrandyte in the 1970s, you could buy meat, groceries and vegetables in the village. Now, thanks to SWOCS, the war of the worlds has begun with the takeover by the craft shoppes.

In his novel, H.G. Wells has the invaders from Mars defeated by the common viruses to which we are immune. I'm afraid we won't be so lucky.

The second page of the manifesto, headed Top Secret, listed suppliers for badly-stencilled fruit box goodies, remaindered pottery mugs, gumnut jewellery, handwoven natural wool pyramids and genuine plastic mystic crystals. Terrifying, isn't it!

But perhaps this fearless journalistic expose by the *Diary* will be sufficient to stop the rot. We'll know we've won when Folkart becomes a butcher's shop and we'll know we've lost when Chris's pharmacy becomes Ye Olde Prescription Crafte Shoppe.

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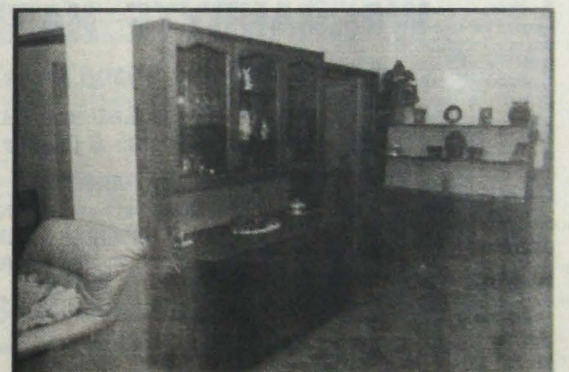
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Women solve a jigsaw of life

The Warrandyte Drama Group are up and away with their next production, Jigsaws, written by Jennifer Rogers. This is a contemporary Australian character play set in Perth. It is directed by Doug McManus and produced by Rae Danks. Performance dates are November 25, 26 and 27 and December 2, 3 and 4. The play has a cast of five women of three generations ranging from 25 to 70 years. The characters take us on a journey of self-discovery, in search for their sexuality and independence, revealing their innermost secrets on the way. The group describes it as "a fine mixture of pathos, humor and drama". Tickets at \$12 each (\$10 concession) are available from 844 3888. Gala nights on November 25 and December 3 are \$15. Seating is theatre style and block bookings are available. The venue is the War-

randyte Mechanics Institute hall in Yarra Street, with performances commencing at 8pm.

Carols

The combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards will be presenting their annual Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 19 at Stiggants Reserve commencing at 8pm. BYO candle and rug. In the case of wet weather the venue will be the Riverside Health & Fitness Centre in Yarra Street.

Calendars

The community of the Anglican Churches of St Stephens, Warrandyte and Emmanuel, Park Orchards have produced a decorative wall calendar for 1994 depicting 13 original paintings. It has been produced on envi-

ronmentally friendly harvest paper made from sugar cane. An ideal Christmas gift, the calendars sell for \$10 each and are available from Flo Gason on 844 3473.

Thanks

The Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-operative would like to thank the local traders and residents who supported their annual garage sale in October. The day was a huge success with good weather, terrific crowds and many good bargains.

Gifts

Also suitable for Christmas gifts are the tea towels and mugs available from the Warrandyte Historical Society museum. Both depict scenes of old Warrandyte. The museum, in the old post office in Yarra Street, is open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays.

Quilts

An opportunity exists for talented quilters and needle-workers to exhibit their creations at St Stephens Expo '94, to be held in conjunction with next year's Warrandyte Festival on March 19 and 20. For further details contact Ann Ley on 844 3543.

Winners

The Anglican Churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards announce the winners of their raffle drawn on October 16. First prize to E. Blackie, Warrandyte, second to E. Lavery, Warrandyte, third to R. Thomas, Park Or-



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chards, fourth to D. Newman, Ringwood and fifth to L. Smith of Templestowe.

Sale

Warrandyte Uniting Church is holding a car boot and trailer sale on Saturday, November 20. Ring 844 3720 for bookings.

Health

The Lions Club of Warrandyte report another successful health survey day last month with a good turnout of residents. Many participants commented on the usefulness of the survey. The next survey will be on February 26 when children between 4 and 7 will be tested for amblyopia.

Employment

Warrandyte Youth Services is seeking the assistance of a young unemployed person, 18 years of age for less than eight hours per week. No training or experience is necessary. Work involves gar-

dening, maintenance and cleaning. Apply to the Co-ordinator, Warrandyte Youth Services, P.O. Box 233, Warrandyte or phone 844 2985 during working hours.

Youth

The annual general meeting and open day of Warrandyte Youth Services will take place on Sunday, November 28, at the Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra Street. Open day will commence at 1.30pm with the meeting at 3pm. Afternoon tea will be available.

Polyhouse

The new polyhouse (that's a glasshouse made of polythene!) at the Friends of Warrandyte State park nursery was declared open on October 21 and production of local plant stock began. The SEC provided \$1600 towards construction costs and the building crew were all members of the Friends. The group hopes to produce in excess of 20,000 plants next year. The SEC is anxious to provide locally grown replacement plants where vegetation must be removed beneath power lines. For further information contact Richard Jansenn on 735 6222.

Currawong

The wildlife enclosure at Currawong Bush Park, Reynolds Road, East Doncaster is now open to the public on Sundays with guided tours available. Coming events include a Mystery Night Watcher Walk at 8.30pm on Saturday, November 13. Cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for

children and \$4 per family. On Sunday, November 14 there will be a guided tour and picnic. Charges for this are adults \$3, children \$2 and families \$6. Bookings are essential for both days and can be made by ringing the ranger on 841 9810.

Parkcare

Parkcare have arranged a series of spring workshops designed for local people wanting to learn more about our bushland areas. For bookings on a first-come first-served basis, phone Parkcare on 844 2659 between 9am and 4.30pm. All workshops are free for members of State Park Friends and Parkcare groups and will cost \$5 for others. The workshop on November 20, from 2 to 5pm, is entitled An Introduction to Regenerating Your Home Garden or Bushland Area. The leader is experienced horticulturist and botanist, Randall Robinson. On Sunday, November 21, also from 2 to 5pm there is a practical workshop on growing native plants from seeds and cuttings and on Saturday, November 27 you can join Pat and Mike Coupar, getting to know butterflies and other insects of the area.

Film

Warrandyte Community Centre have organised a film night on Friday, November 19, at the centre. A Few Good Men, starring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore will begin at 8pm. Cost is \$5 per head and tickets can be obtained from Meredith Thornton at the centre on 844 4503 or can be purchased at the door from 7pm.

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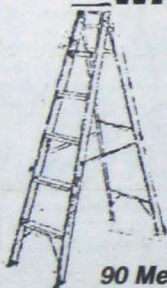
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Purcell to lead us into the big league

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club approach their promotion to EDFL second division next season with a familiar "new" coach and in a much-improved financial position.

David Purcell, who coached the Bloods into the third-division finals in 1991-92 has been reappointed to lead the club's 1994 campaign in the much tougher competition.

He is already recruiting for the new season. Purcell resigned at the end of the 1992 campaign because at that stage he did not have the time to devote to the job. He played this year's premiership season under Darren Peters, who has quit for business reasons but will continue as a player.

Purcell was the only applicant for the 1994

position, but would have been favourite in just about any field.

Lex Minro has been appointed assistant coach and coach of the reserves. A former EDFL first-division player, he is the brother of Brett, Peters' associate coach this season.

The annual general meeting last month was told that Warrandyte traded at a profit, in the year to October 18, of \$10,787. The result slashed the deficit from \$18,303 to \$7824, which would boil down to \$2000-\$2500 when ongoing financial matters were taken into account.

Treasurer Greg Faulkner said the club hoped to be trading fully in profit within 12 months.

The improved financial performance this time was largely attributable to sponsorship

(up by \$10,000) and the Harley-Davidson raffle, which ran throughout the season.

On the other hand, player payments were up \$5000—a "penalty" for winning too many games in a performance-based payment situation.

"They could have dropped a couple more games to help us out," Faulkner said (with a grin).

The meeting unanimously re-elected president Lawrie Sloan for his 11th term and his third since resigning from the EDFL executive to rescue the Bloods from a "rudderless" situation last year.

Former treasurer Roger Drew is the new vice-president and Faulkner remains treasurer. There were no nominations for secretary, a

position vacated by Norm Carrington, who has been appointed football manager. As such he will take much of the workload from the secretary, particularly in the areas of recruiting, clearances and player-committee liaison.

Negotiations to find a secretary are continuing.

The committee, with two positions to be filled if necessary, is Dale McCartin, Brian Nielsen, Tom Kerkhof, John Ryan, Rod Valentine and Robert Ireland.

One of Warrandyte's priorities will be to resurrect an under-18 team, which folded this season for want of numbers.

It will be compulsory by 1995 for first and second-division EDFL clubs to field under-18 sides.

Dashing Dytes run 'em ragged

Big 2 are at it again

By CLINTON GRYBAS

While much of Warrandyte sleeps or relaxes in front of the TV set of a Wednesday evening, at the local basketball stadium the pace is quite the opposite. There, 10 men's teams flex their respective muscle in a high-standard competition.

For six years the battles have raged on a regular basis, and for the better part of those the open section has been dominated by two teams—traditional rivals Makeshift and the Hitmen.

They have won five of the past seven championships. The 12 grand finals so far have featured one, the other or both.

The rivalry has continued this season, Makeshift aiming for their sixth successive final and the Hitmen out to break a premiership drought stretching back to 1990.

As the name suggests, Makeshift started as a mixed bag of players thrown together at the

last minute to fill a vacant position.

Since then there have been several changes and this season sees a continuation of a football club influence with Ashley and Matthew Grybas and Bradley Valentine from the Bloods all suiting up each week.

Their input has been solid, enough for a 12-1 record and top spot, one game clear of rookie side TRHC, who took opponents by storm in the early going but may be found out in the finals.

The old foes, the Hitmen, will provide the real challenge.

Despite a 6-7 record they will make the play-offs, and it's there that the real season begins and the pressure takes hold.

A finals atmosphere enveloped the week 13 contest between the two rivals recently, the Hitmen leading 52-50 with three minutes left before Makeshift, sparked by competition leading scorer Chris McIntosh, ran over them 18-3 when it really mattered.

It was the psychological edge that may just give them another trophy, although the Hitmen were under-strength with the absence of Nick Arnott.

When he returns for the December finals, it could tip the scales in the Hitmen's favour.

● Maree Vincent, of Brackenbury Street, was in Perth last month playing for Bulleen, who represented Victoria in the Australian junior championship. Her under-14 side played eight games for a 7-1 record over five strenuous days against the pick of the talent from around the country.

SPORT



Warrandyte Cricket Club have started the new season with some brilliant individual performances—particularly with the bat—and a hat-trick of wins apiece for the first and second.

Although they struggled a little in their latest game, against Parkwood, the Chandler Shield eleven have made just the sort of start to the season that captain-coach John Sharman had in mind.

They comfortably beat Norwood in the opener, then belted almost 400 runs in a great afternoon's entertainment at home to demolish Montrose, opens Andrew Hood and Ben Brisbane almost overhauling the target of 187 on their own.

Brisbane made 72, Hood 136 and Sharman a whirlwind 87.

The Dytes made heavy weather in slow conditions of overhauling Parkwood's modest 152, but were 7/172 at the close, Sharman and Hood again topscoring with 39 and 34 respectively.

The seconds have been in sparkling form, amassing 867 in their three games for the loss of just 21 wickets.

Newly-promoted juniors have been their stars, Steve Bell and Mike Canty collecting 138 not out and 102 not out respectively against Norwood and Nick Brisbane, Ben's 14-year-old brother, helping himself to 105 not out against Parkwood.

"It's good to have this sort of start to the season," WCC president Steve Pascoe told the *Diary*. "When you get into the habit of winning, you tend to get home in the tight finishes."

"The difference between our

performances last season and so far this season is the year our young players now have under their belts.

"We look a lot to the under-16s to provide senior players and it's our policy to give the kids a go in the seniors.

Of the form so far of former Test fast bowler Rodney Hogg, who has made a comeback with the Chandler Shield side, Pascoe said: "He is not yet knocking teams over, but he has had trouble adapting to this sort of cricket and to the surfaces we play on."

"Just having Rodney in the team is good for the team. The other players want to prove to him that they can play cricket."

● Warrandyte's women cricketers are having this season off to regroup and rebuild after a best-forgotten 1992-93.

It is the first time the Dytes have not been represented since a women's eleven was formed in 1975.

Warrandyte were promoted to the strong VWCA pennant reserve competition last season after winning the A-grade premiership in 1991-92. Depleted by the loss of key experienced players who were replaced by young novices, they had a miserable time of it.

Their activities this season will be confined to practice and coaching sessions to prepare for re-entry into A-grade in 1994-95.

"There is no suggestion that the women's eleven will disband," coach Brian Chapman

told the *Diary*. "We are simply taking the season off from competition to develop the young talent which was out of its depth last season."

"We were in a no-win situation. We were not prepared to send inexperienced kids out to face experienced pace attacks. It was not only illogical, it would have been physically dangerous.

"Instead, we will give those kids experience and coaching to prepare them for competition next season."

The women will practise on the No 2 oval at the recreation reserve and newcomers are more than welcome.

The sessions have been timed to take advantage of daylight saving and will be held at 6pm on November 11 and 25, December 9, January 13 and 27 and February 10 and 24.

For further information: Nadine Richings (345 4180), Angela Tunbridge (844 3001).

Cricket details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 201 (Hood 84) d Norwood 5/113 (Walshe 4/41), Warrandyte 5/421 (Hood 136, Sharman 87, B. Brisbane 72) d Montrose 187 (Drysdale 4/29, Sharman 3/61), Warrandyte 7/172 (Sharman 39, Hood 34, Drysdale 20 n.o.) d Parkdale 152 (Drysdale 5/40).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 3/270 (Bell 138 n.o., Canty 102 n.o.) d Norwood 153 (Snaldro 3/34, Pascoe 3/21), Warrandyte 9/214 (Pascoe 66, Dorning 40 n.o.) d Montrose 72 (Snaldro 3/21, Howarth 3/24, Watts 3/13) and 9/157 (Rodgers 3/22), Warrandyte 4/260 (N. Brisbane 105 n.o., Pascoe 76 n.o., Kline 56) and 5/123 (C. Day 55 n.o.) d Parkwood 122 (C. Snaldro 4/24, Pascoe 3/0).

THIRDS: Warrandyte 98 (Jones 41) lost to Norwood 6/122 (S. Warr 3/25), Warrandyte 7/249 (Neagle 51, Goddard 83, Hyland 62 n.o.) d Montrose 149 (Warr 3/47, Hyland 4/15), Warrandyte 152 (Neagle 61, Goddard 45) lost to Parkwood 9/179 (Croft 5/59) and 2/27.

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 100 and 1/18 d Norwood 63 (D'Angelo 6/8, Vittitti 3/19), Warrandyte 67 lost to Montrose 132 (Vittitti 3/18) and 3/81, Warrandyte 121 (Utt 24, Tsiontasi 22) lost to Parkwood 9/248 (Close 2/42) and 3/78 (Booth 2/14).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 97 (Lawrence 29) lost to Ainslie Park 7/312 (Fernando 3/41), Warrandyte 55 and 5/63 lost to Parkwood 9/276.

Top tennis coming to town

International standard tennis is coming to Warrandyte on November 24, with the commencement of the Sfidia Masters leg of the Davis Cup Foundation Men's Satellite Circuit. The finals of the Masters, on Sunday, November 28, will allow local fans to enjoy top-class tennis, free of charge.

Meanwhile, the club championships concluded last weekend, with top honors going to club coach Fabio Forlano, and young champion Melanie Rankin, who took out the men's and women's singles titles.

Tennis details

OPEN—Men's Singles: F.Forlano d V.McHugh 6-2, 6-0. **Women's Singles:** M.Rankin d J.Phillips 6-2, 6-4. **Men's Doubles:** M.Howell-V.McHugh d

L.Bennett-F.Forlano 6-4, 6-2. **Women's Doubles:** J.Phillips-L.Macintosh d M.Rankin-M.Kerkhof 6-4, 6-2. **Mixed Doubles:** A.Hiscock-M.Rankin d G.Busby-J.Stubbs 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

B GRADE—Men's Singles: R.Lowe d B.Saaksjarvi 6-1, 6-1. **Ladies Singles (round robin)** J.Van der Haar. **Men's Doubles:** B.Hawkins-J.Ryan d G.Busby-B.Rogers (walkover). **Women's Doubles:** E.Youl-P.Adam d A.Ruegg-M.Ruegg 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. **Mixed Doubles:** R.Lowe-B.McBaine d P.Briggs-J.Bonhorne 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

17U—Boys' Singles: B.Saaksjarvi d G.Hutchings 2-6, 7-5, 7-5. **Girls' Singles:** C.Lawrence d L.Thomas 6-4, 7-6. **Boys' Doubles:** L.Bennett-B.Saaksjarvi d A.Utt-A.Tippett 6-0, 6-1. **Girls' Doubles:** L.Thomas-R.Thomas d M.Simpson-J.McAdam 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. **Mixed Doubles:** A.Tippett-L.Thomas d J.Gray-R.Thomas 6-1, 6-4.

13U—Boys' Singles: D.Hutchings d J. Nightingale 10-1. **Girls' Singles:** J.Bennett d Z.White 10-3. **Boys' Doubles:** C.Dick-J.Nightingale d S.Clarey-M.Meade 10-4. **Girls' Doubles:** J.Bennett-Z.Milner d Z.White-J.Dick 10-2. **Mixed Doubles:** J. Nightingale-Z.White d S.Clarey-Z.Milner 10-4. Oriander trophy for the most improved junior: Zoe White.

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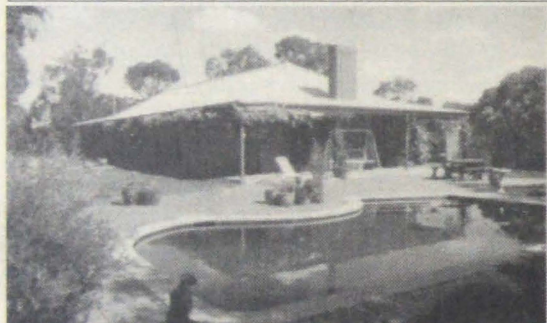
The process can be spread out over a few hours or days and ends with either party finally rejecting or accepting the other's last offer. Until an offer is accepted, the Professionals will continue to market the home.

Throughout the negotiating process, your Sales Consultant will work with you every step of the way with helpful advice, an objective point of view and assistance as the offer and counter-offer are presented.

If I can help with any of your Real Estate requirements whether buying, selling or renting a property, please call me personally on 844 3085.

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KANGAROO GROUND AUCTION



**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER AT 11AM ON SITE
"HITCHELL" - 20 ACRES (8ha)**

A superb secluded and rustic setting - panoramic views - premier location. Attractive brick residence of quality and charm within garden setting and swimming pool - tennis court surrounds. Beautifully secluded - part pasture - two dams - delightful 4 bedroom family home - immaculate presentation.

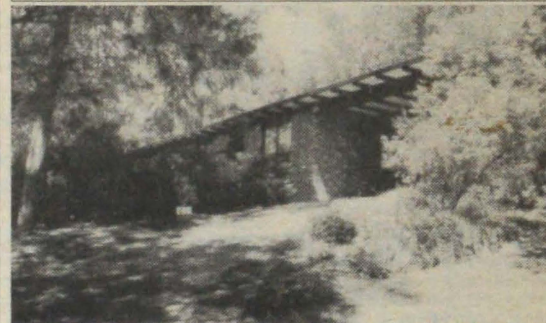
WARRANDYTE \$240,000



RIVER FRONTAGE PARADISE

Amid the trees and birds this immaculate contemporary home, full of rustic charm in idyllic setting offers 4 bedrooms, study, large living area, ensuite plus two further bathrooms, blackwood kitchen and a fabulous entertaining deck overlooking the river. By private appointment only.

WARRANDYTE AUCTION



**SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER AT 11AM
"PEACE AND SERENITY"**

Situated in a peaceful street only minutes from shops, schools and transport this modern contemporary home comprises 4 BRs (master with full ensuite), spacious entry, lounge and dining room with exposed beams, informal family area, functional kitchen and delightful fernery to complement the inground pool. Extra features include ducted heating, alarm system and double carport. Look now as it won't last.

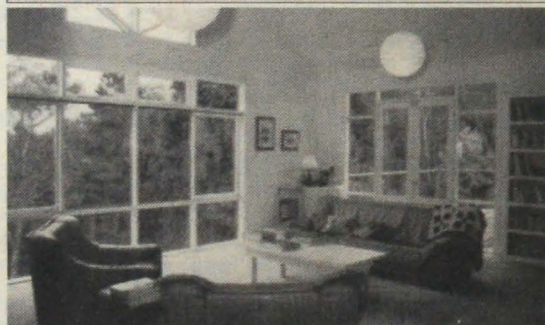
WARRANDYTE AUCTION



**SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT 2PM
"ATTENTION THE LARGE FAMILY"**

Looking for a home that can accommodate the largest of families? Look no further. Located in a leafy court this 1/2 acre home comprises 5 lge BRs & study, open plan lounge with treetop outlook, brand new kitchen, huge rumpus and a fabulous workshop for dad. Walk to Goldfields Shopping Centre, Andersons Creek Primary School and transport. This one won't wait so neither should you, call today!

WARRANDYTE NORTH AUCTION



SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER AT 12.30PM "ARARUA"

Classic country home offers charming, elegant lifestyle. Set amongst mature gums on 2 acres, this spacious home welcomes you with bright sunfilled rooms. Extensive use of timber incl. polished hwd timber floors, high vaulted ceilings and Tas. Oak kitchen. Wake to sound of bellbirds in lge master BR with ensuite and WIR. French doors open from sep. fml dng and lvg areas onto lge rear deck. Lge family room leads to 3 other BRs. Reminiscent of bygone era yet modern as the minute, this home, compl. with old style herbaceous garden, is worthy of your inspectn.

WARRANDYTE NORTH \$170,000



"EXHILIRATING FRESHNESS"

Feel the earthy fragrance and achieve your dream of a change of lifestyle with this charming ranch style 4BR home. Featuring light, bright lounge/dining room, well equipped kitchen, generous family room and huge decking. Truly a delightful property. Inspect today!



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