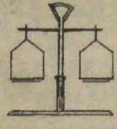


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# Subdivision 'not on'

## No Green Wedge carve-up

By CLIFF GREEN

Large-scale residential development is still not an option in the Park Orchards-Warrandyte Green Wedge zone, despite renewed agitation by some local landowners.



Cr Val Polley

Doncaster councillor Val Polley told the *Diary* that proposals being considered in the discussion paper outlining council's review of the non-urban zones do not include any options for extensive subdivision.

"The purpose of the review is to conserve, maintain and enhance the Green Wedge," Cr Polley said. "Subdivision is not seen as an acceptable way of achieving this."

The paper has been drawn up by the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Environmental Study Advisory Committee. It lists five options, varying from "no change" to "all use and development subject to a permit".

Two options do allow for limited development.

One proposes that a second house may be built on a property, under certain conditions, on lots of at least four hectares. No re-subdivisions would be allowed.

A second option "confers these dual occupancy development rights to only those landowners who bought into the area prior to 1978 and who have not since subdivided their land".

"This option, I believe, is a reasonable compromise," Cr Polley said. "It will provide some as-

sistance to people who owned land prior to major changes to zoning in 1978, while supporting the principles of the Green Wedge."

Vigorous debate followed the release, in 1988, of an earlier study into the future of the Green Wedge. The Park Orchards Landowners Association campaigned strongly for the right to subdivide their land into smaller lot sizes. This was challenged by local conservation and resident groups, who argued for the retention of "green breathing space" along the the Yarra Valley.

This culminated in a series of hard-fought municipal campaigns in the Warrandyte Ward, resulting in the election and re-election of pro-Green Wedge councillors and the continuing defeat of landowners' president, Mr Daryl Cox.

"The present discussion paper is the product of a long and sometimes painful process," Cr Polley said. "We finally came down to the five options, and we're looking for community input on these. It is most important that everyone participates."

The discussion paper has been posted to "affected ratepayers" in the area. Other residents can obtain copies from the council offices in Doncaster, or view them at a local library.

Submissions are due by December 17 and should be sent to council.

Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte, is disappointed that the Green Wedge review will not be complete by Christmas.

"However, I acknowledge and understand that council want maximum input," he said.

"As the public consultation period does not conclude until December 17, council officers will require time to consider all submissions. On this basis, Mr Rob Maclellan, Minister for Planning, will not be able to make final decisions until at least February, 1994."

Whatever the outcome of council's review, Phil Honeywood told the *Diary* he is confident it will not lead to any significant changes to the Green Wedge.

"Future generations will never forgive us if we do not preserve this special area," he said.

"While local public debate is often healthy, we must realise that preservation of the Warrandyte Green Wedge is an issue of local, regional and state-wide significance."



At the top of the tree: Kinder kids all over town are getting ready for Christmas. Photographer Jan Tindale caught these youngsters at Tarcona Avenue Pre-School decorating their tree. Their building is soon to be demolished, to be replaced by a new kinder in 1994. Story: Page 5.

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## Our green hills could still burn

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Residents are urged to keep vegetation short this summer, as fire captains warn against complacency after a wet winter.

Warrandyte captain Bob Bird believes there could be a major disaster if people fail to undertake necessary precautions around their homes.

"If fire does come into the area, it doesn't matter whether it's wet or dry. Cut the long grass, trim trees and shrubs close to the

house. If we get a dry summer with hot winds, there could be trouble," he said.

He concedes that while brigades try to make the community aware of fire prevention work, many simply choose to ignore the information.

"A lot of people take it as junk mail and don't bother reading it, even though it's marked important fire information. There's probably a false sense of security because they live in a metropolitan area."

North Warrandyte captain Michael Keating sees the same problem.

"They don't take enough interest. They have enough access to information of what to do and where to call. People are still calling 000 for a fire. That takes 10 minutes to get the right brigade on the road. If they dial direct, the first truck is on the road in three minutes. That seven minutes can be the difference between saving and losing a house."

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# Top driving, Terry. Damn shame about the parking

Traditionally, we like our December column to be full of Christmas spirit, ho-ho-hos, good tidings and levity. Alas, this time we're obliged to introduce a sombre note because the story is much too good to go untold. But we think it's nice of us to make it our first item, because with any luck you'll have forgotten your sadness by the time you read the last. Terry Atkinson, of Melbourne Hill, turned 50 recently and got just what he deserved—a new set of quality golf clubs, plus buggy. Their first real outing was at Kew Golf Club and on one of the river holes, Terry hit a screamer off the tee. Right down the middle. His mate sliced his into the bush, dangerously close to the drink and Terry, considerate bloke that he is, parked his gear on the edge of the fairway and went looking. Unfortunately, golf buggies don't have brakes and while Terry was combing the scrub for his mate's ball, his birthday present took off, rolled down the hill and into the river. At time of writing, the professional divers were still looking for buggy, bag, clubs, wallet, credit cards et cetera.

Shame upon us. Allowing Gus McLaren's 70th birthday to go unrecorded by his local newspaper is like ignoring the discovery of gold in Warrandyte. But we managed to, and Smokey takes full responsibility because Gus—master potter, artist and all-round helluva good bloke—is one of his favourite people. When we bumped into him last month and asked how he was going he said not too bad for a 70-year-old. Seventy? "Yeah," he drawled. "Had quite a party. Actually, I'm still recovering from it." It must have been quite a party because it had happened a fortnight earlier. Bet they didn't make hangovers like that when Gus was a mere 60.

Is there a housing shortage in Warrandyte? Certainly, among our fine feathered population it would appear so. Newsletter of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park tells us all about it: "The building of nest boxes is something which Debby's workers (Debby Parker, that is) have become very clever at. She tells us her dad is one of the world's best. He has developed a few designs of his own, and the proof of course, is in the occupation. His new style pardelote box had a family (of pardelotes) move in within a short space of time. But ah, his rosella box! Would you believe that on Day 1, Debby noted the arrival of a crimson rosella to inspect. He went off to get the feminine opinion. No sooner had he flown out of sight (with Debby just managing to photograph his final checking of the door size) when along came an eastern rosella competitor. Very high occupancy rates for Parker Homes."



Definitely owner-builders: Not prepared to risk it in the scramble for ready-built residences, the parents of these young willy wagtails at Warrandyte State Park have done their own thing. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Our New Year's resolution has come early this time: We're not going to mention the name Vic Grybas in our next issue. No, we're giving the poor chap a rest after what he claims has been gross overexposure in 1993. It's not that we pick on Vic. It's just that he does the most reportable things. His younger son, Clinton, is a much-valued member of the *Diary's* voluntary editorial line-up and when we mentioned the other day that we were going to show his Dad a bit of mercy, he said: "Gee, you should mention that he's going to be Father Christmas at the Sugarloaf Dam sailing club wind-up. He's arriving by boat, and with his sailing record I expect the people are going to get some very soggy presents." So don't blame Smokey, Vic. Blame your boy.

What are we going to do for regulators on our alternators now that Mick O'Kane has left town? Mick saved your columnist's Gippsland holiday from disaster last year by weaving his auto-electrical magic and getting Smokey and the little lady on the road when all seemed lost, and when we asked how much we owed him for what we'd have happily paid a hundred bucks or so he said not a thing. He won us and we'll miss him and his fiancée, Lynne Higgins, now that they've moved from Yarra Street to Albany Creek, Brisbane. They're going to give the northern lifestyle a couple of years' try.

We told you last time how Neil and Pauline Dusting have green thumbs where growing weeds are concerned and how their greenie neighbours in Osborne Road were doing their best to teach them the difference between onionweed and acacia. It should be pointed out that we were having a go at Neil,

not his lovely wife. I mean, he reckons he's the boss. Anyhow, we're thrilled to pieces to report that huge changes are taking place at the Dustings. Neil has cut his grass so short you could comfortably play billiards on it and his lush crop of onionweed has been sprayed (although expert opinion is he got his seasons a little out of whack). The conservationists' next trick will be to teach him the difference between a chrysanthemum and a gum tree. Don't be surprised if Neil turns so green he cops a gong for services to the environment.

There's nothing sexist about our Lions Club Opportunity Shop. The ladies who do such a grand job there desperately need helpers—and blokes are very welcome. The only proviso is they must be able to tell a joke! If you'd like to donate your services, manageress Glenyse Riches would love to hear from you on 844 4394 (BH) or 844 2841 (AH). Or drop in between 10.30-4.30 Monday-Friday or 11.5 Saturday-Sunday and have a chat to Glenyse, Anne, Dorothy, Reta, Sue, Pam, Moira or Lori. You may have read recent criticism of Op Shop prices (see Page 4). Well, Glenyse tells us they have come way down—and Smokey can vouch for that. We saw a very attractive local lass pick up a ballgown (plus shoes) for a Christmas party for \$17. Unaccustomed as we are to buying ballgowns, we reckon it was a steal.



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As always, a lot of people—most of them volunteers—have contributed to bringing out Australia's best community newspaper this year, and we'd like to thank them all.

On our intrepid news reporting team were David Wyman, Georgi Stickels, Clinton Grybas, Kym Smith and George Saunders. Great features were written by Bruce Bence, Eve Evans, Ken Virtue, Judy Macdonald, Alison Cassidy and Marion Winton. Sports pages were compiled by Lee Tindale,

Clinton Grybas and David Kutcher.

Valued occasional contributors included Louise Joy, Yvonne Reid, Nicholas Parsons, Nick Arnott, Margaret White, Neil Pearson, Shirley Rotherham, Daniel Laurence, Bob Millington and Hilma Stewart.

Our columnists—Smokey Joe, Pat Coupar, Roger Kibell and Judy Green—do an especially splendid job; as do our artists—Jock Macneish, Paul Williams, Joff Manders, Melanie Coupar and Wayne Rankin.

Jan Tindale, David Garner, Georgie Waterman and Ted and Shirley Rotherham took the photos that brought images of local life to our

pages and Alan Leishman processed them.

The paper was edited and designed by Cliff Green and Lee Tindale, with the inspired assistance of sub-editor Georgi Stickels. Chief of staff Jan Tindale directed the team and held it all together.

Rachel Schroeder set the type, processed the pictures, composed the pages and designed the advertisements. Computer whiz Gavin Dimmock provided invaluable support. John and Kerrie Boyle and staff ferried material around the suburbs.

Ken Allardice and his team at Allardice Graphic Arts took Rachel's

computer output and translated it into beautifully sharp negative film. Following the sale by York Press of their web offset press, we were forced to find new printers, finally settling in with the ever-helpful and skilled craftspeople at Streamline Press.

Di Oriander continued to charm our advertisers, sell space and manage our accounts, Colin Davis looked after our corporate affairs and Bruce Bence travelled the roads distributing the newspaper. Special thanks go to our many distribution points around the area.

Almost last but certainly not least, we remember the people who make it

all financially possible—our esteemed advertisers. Please show your appreciation by favoring them with your continued custom and patronage, folks.

And finally, heartfelt thanks to you, our ever loyal and enthusiastic readers, with a special mention for those who actually put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and contributed to our letters page.

We're taking next month off, so don't look for your *Diary* in January. But in the meantime, here's wishing everyone a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a brighter 1994. See you all in February!

## Survey of seniors' housing needs

By DAVID WYMAN

A survey of Warrandyte residents to check housing requirements for its senior citizens is underway this month as a first major step in the provision of adequate special accommodation for retired people in the town.

This follows many years in which residents, unable to cope with maintenance of their properties, have had to leave the town to seek "retirement accommodation" in more built-up areas.

The survey-questionnaire has been very professionally prepared by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project Committee, a group established under the auspices of the Warrandyte Uniting Church, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and the Warrandyte Advisory Committee. As well as these groups, representatives from Doncaster-Templestowe

council and the State Government are on the committee.

A letterbox drop of the questionnaire began on December 1. It follows a discussion paper produced by the committee which was circulated to interested groups, government and council.

It is understood that council officers claim that Warrandyte's need for special accommodation for its senior citizens is not very high. Nevertheless, anecdotal evidence over the years has indicated a need for such local accommodation, albeit small in number of housing units required.

The committee secretary, Margory Lapworth, told the *Diary* that "quite a lot" of local residents had approached committee members saying they would sell their homes if they could get special retirement accommodation in Warrandyte.

"Now they have to leave the area in which they have spent many years—and which they have enjoyed. Some have had to leave under duress," she said. "Many want to come back here."

Margory Lapworth said that finding suitable land for a senior citizens' village would not be a great problem. "There are small areas of land in Warrandyte which would suit a cluster of say, five to 10 units, like those opposite Stiggants Reserve," she said. "But we can't look at a retirement project without hostel accommodation, too, to care for those who need 24-hour attention."

It is anticipated that the retirement housing project, in whatever form, would be self-funding, with provision of finance from local sources which would recoup their funds through the sale of the units. One quarter of the accommodation would be

for such low income earners as pensioners.

The questionnaire asks residents if they consider there is a need for special purpose retirement housing for Warrandyte. It seeks views on the type and size of accommodation, preferred locations and cost of units.

It is a most important and professional document which should give the committee facts and views on the requirements of the Warrandyte community. But it is only a start.

A project plan will be created using the survey information, possible sites will be identified, and a financial and feasibility study will be undertaken.

The survey must be completed and handed back to the Neighbourhood House at the community centre, or posted to PO box 21 by December 15. Residents can phone 844 1839 if they have any queries.

## Help protect the Green Wedge!

Get your submission against subdivisions in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards non-urban zones to Doncaster-Templestowe council offices by December 17.

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Festival Committee member Rick Gordon told the *Diary* he believes this theme will suggest fairy tales and children's stories for some, while for others, things historical would come to mind.

"It doesn't really matter which way you take it, we know that the festival will celebrate all that is good about Warrandyte," he said.

The parade has been scheduled for 11am on Saturday, March 19, with prizes for the categories of Most Historical, Most Elaborate, Most Warrandyte-ish, Most Imaginative, Cutest Fairy Tale and Most Environmentally Friendly.

The festival will also feature some 100 art and craft market stalls.

"The aim of the festival is to provide a range of festive activities which reflect the values of the Warrandyte community," Rick Gordon said.

"Festival events must be in harmony with the environment and the community conducive to the relaxed village atmosphere, and utilise their unique setting."

He also said the committee was keen to encourage local traders to sponsor festival activities and participate in the parade, "but should avoid blatant advertising and gross commercialism".

The committee is always looking for new ideas. Locals can contact the president, John Boyle, on 894 2382 (BH) or 844 3120 (AH). Traders and buskers should also contact these numbers.

Stall holders should phone Marilyn Imbery on 844 2021 for an application form. Stalls will be allocated by mid-February.

## A walk on the scenic side

Volunteers from the Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau toured local beauty spots and places of historic interest one day last month, familiarising themselves with the district's features so they can advise visitors and residents on where to go.

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# Lions refute the 'DJs' tag

I refer to a letter from Ms Gina Jones, captioned Let's Leave DJs in Bourke Street, in the October issue of the *Diary*. I wish to make the following comments on behalf of the Lions Club of Warrandyte.

As you are aware, the Lions Club has operated the Opportunity Shop in Warrandyte for many years. Thanks to a very dedicated band of volunteers, Opp Shop provides funds which enable Lions to make moderate contributions to the local community and worthy causes within the community at large.

Following the move to the premises now occupied by the Opp Shop in the Warrandyte Community Centre and Alice Watson's unfortunate retirement, it was apparent that a change of policy was necessary in regard to the day-to-day operation of the shop.

This change in policy has been an unqualified success and the club is now in the position of being able to provide much greater assistance to individuals, charities and other worthy causes, than ever before.

It is agreed that as a result of our change in policy, some prices are higher than they were previously, but the effect has been to bring our prices up to levels comparable with other opp shops and shops of similar types.

We have an obligation to those generous people who make donations to the shop, to ensure their donated goods fetch reasonable prices, rather than provide a cheap source of goods for those who can often well afford to pay a fair price.

Nor do we want to sell our goods to people who buy them for resale at second hand markets and shops, denying our community the fair proceeds of the sale of these goods.

Furthermore, we have no reservations whatsoever about selling our goods at fair and reasonable prices to the tourists who make up the great majority of the customers of the Opp Shop.

If it was not for the efforts of our very committed team of volunteers who assist our manager in running the shop, it would not be possible to keep our doors open. Notices are displayed in the shop window seeking volunteers and we are continually trying to find persons willing to help, particularly at weekends.

The Warrandyte community should be extremely proud of the very substantial contribution made to the various charities, organisations and projects supported by money raised from the sales at the Opp Shop. It is only by the continued support of the community through donations of goods and volunteer labour that we will be able to carry on providing funds to these worthy causes.

In cases of personal hardship and need, the Lions Club welfare officer, Denis Robertshaw (BH 874 1660, AH 437 1155) is able to authorise the provision of as-

## LETTERS



stance where the circumstances require it. This facility is well-known to the local community organisations and the club welcomes the opportunity to assist in welfare matters in any way possible.

While Ms Jones may not be alone in her criticisms, the club is in no doubt that the Opportunity Shop is being run in the best interests of the Lions Club and as such our policy will remain unchanged.

Terence Moodie  
Acting Secretary  
Lions Club of Warrandyte

## Mystery helper

Thank you Doncaster and Templestowe Council for your very efficient and speedy efforts in cleaning up Yarra Street outside the Warrandyte Community Centre after the flash floods on November 19.

Thanks also to Catherine (surname unknown) of Webb Street, who saw the debris in the community centre after the flooding and came into the centre offering to assist with the clean-up.

It's great to see that such community spirit is still alive and well in Warrandyte.

Meredith Thornton  
Manager  
Warrandyte Community Centre

## Giant effort

The final group of kindergarten children will soon leave the old pre-school building in Tarroona Avenue.

By the time the *Diary* goes to print, contracts will have been signed between a builder and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe to demolish it and build a new structure in its place. During the construction period, the kinder will function from the community centre.

The kinder must raise \$20,000 as its contribution to the new building and we are now more than half-way to meeting this goal, having raised in excess of \$11,000.

This tremendous effort has been due to a number of organisations in Warrandyte as well as the very hard work and generosity of a large number of individuals.

We gratefully acknowledge the donations of the Lions, Rotary and Elderly Citizens' clubs of Warrandyte and the Warrandyte Market Committee, as well as from many individuals.

The Apex Club has supported us by allowing us to help with their paper drive, sharing the profits. Terry Pelat and his group

of Venturers helped us with this.

The Lions Club has allowed us the use of their hot chip cookers and the Warrandyte Environment League with their tea and coffee-making facilities at our regular Warrandyte market stall—this has proved to be very profitable.

We have also worked at the Lions Op Shop in return for some of their takings and in a joint venture with Anderson's Creek school, we held a very successful games night. These events would not have been the financial success they were without many, many volunteers and we thank them all.

The members of our Warrandyte Pre-School Building Steering Committee—Phillip Nutbean, Dieter Retz, Margory Lapworth, Terry Oakley and Glenn and Lynne Lowther—deserve special mention for their ongoing support and interest, as do all the traders and businesses of Warrandyte who have contributed in some way.

A final thank you to the editorial staff of the *Warrandyte Diary* who have been a continuing support.

On behalf of the Warrandyte Pre-School's 1993 Committee of Management, thank you all again and we look forward to your continued support in 1994.

Pam Hoiberg, Maree Burns  
and Judy Finger  
Tarroona Avenue Pre-School

## Oblique swipe

I wish to reply to Malcolm Jeffery's letter in the November *Diary*.

Malcolm, you will gain no support for your cause by attacking the *Diary* and the Warrandyte community and by taking an oblique swipe at the historical society's choice of photos to promote the Warrandyte reunion.

I am not sure if I am classed as a blow-in or not, having married a local. For the past 40 years I have been introduced by the locals (anyone born in Warrandyte or having gone to school here) as Wilma Hussey's husband, a title I have worn with pride.

In my experience, if there is a more caring and kindly community than Warrandyte I have yet to find it. And I have real cause to know. The people who gave Wilma and I care, concern, compassion and help are both old and new residents.

It is people working together who go to make the Warrandyte community the wonderful community it is, and will be, when we who mourn the Warrandyte of the past are gone.

Of course the Warrandyte community cares about the safety of kids riding horses, and many people in the community support horseriding activities.

Bruce Bence  
Brackenbury Street

# Mick leaves—again—to run the penguin patrol

Ian "Mick" Roche, head ranger at Warrandyte State Park, has packed his gear and headed for Phillip Island, to further his career.

In his new position, as chief ranger at a station in Cowes, he will be responsible for covering a large area of Victoria.

Roche said he had considered taking a position in Queensland. Friends at the state park told the *Diary* they were glad he had decided to remain in Victoria, while

lamenting the loss of his services in Warrandyte.

Ian's career has twice brought him to Warrandyte. He and wife Gail lived at Pound Bend from 1978 to 1984. He left Warrandyte to spend a year at the park in Cann River before moving on to do a three year stint at Morwell.

In 1988 he was back in Warrandyte, this time to keep an eye on the more remote area of Stane Brae.

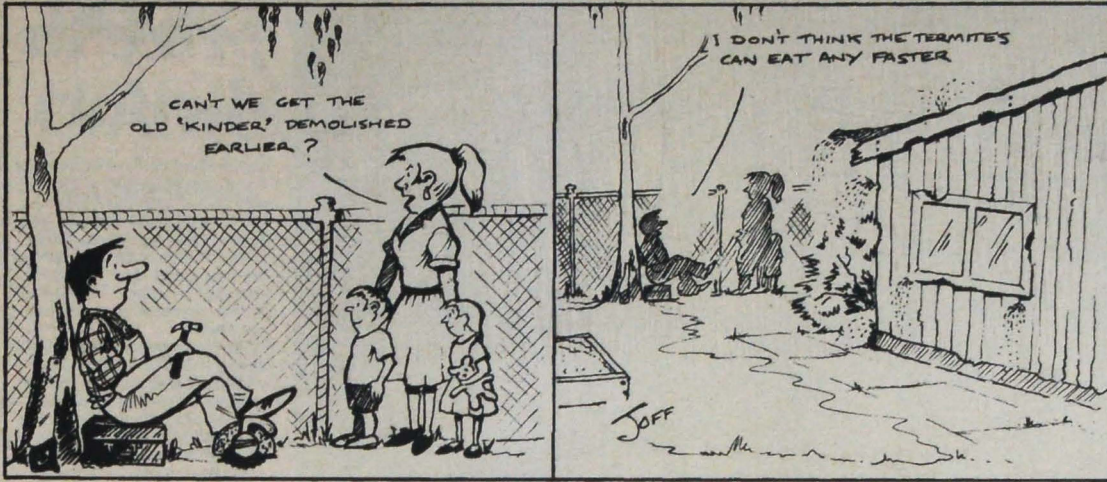
Community involvement has always been a priority with

Roche, and he formed the Friends of the Warrandyte State Park Group soon after his return to the area in 1988. He has also initiated resident education programs and joint projects, such as the ParkCare scheme, to bring about change in the park.

The Friends group, and the entire Warrandyte community, wish Ian, wife Gail and children Carly and Danny, all the very best. They hope to see them return to Warrandyte once again.

**WARRANDITTIES**

By JOFF



# All set for kinder move

By GEORGI STICKELS

Plans are well under way for the Taroona Avenue kindergarten to shift base to the community centre while a new building is constructed early in 1994.

Maree Burns told the *Diary* the kinder will move to the multi-purpose area at the centre after classes for the year finish on December 18. For the first two terms of next year they will operate a packaway kinder, similar to that at Yarra View in North Warrandyte, until they can move into their new building.

"It's certainly going to be a busy six months, but we hope to be well and truly in our new building by third term," Maree Burns said.

This will allow other groups, such as tae kwon do and yoga,

who regularly use the function rooms, to continue through next year. The building will still be available for hire for parties and meetings as well.

"We think it's a great thing for our centre, because we'll have the little people coming through all the time," the centre's manager, Meredith Thornton, said.

She said she was not particularly concerned with criticisms that fencing, required by the Office of Preschool, would be unsightly.

"It will go across the lawn, basically in a triangle, and the Office of Preschool has said that that has to be in place for the kinder to operate.

"It will need to be secure, but it will only be temporary, and at the end of their stay it will be

rehabilitated to its original condition, and that has been agreed to by both parties," Meredith said.

Maree Burns was also keen to put to rest any qualms that the standard of teaching at the kinder would suffer.

"We've worked very closely with parents and the Office of Preschool and we feel we've addressed everything to make it a safe and happy place," she said.

She said the packaway requirement would cause few changes. "We won't be able to have permanent displays up but our teachers are very creative, using things like hammocks and display boards."

The children will have to use the centre's upper level toilets, but the kinder has enlisted par-

ents' help to solve problems like this.

The Maternal and Child Health Centre, to be included in the new kinder building, will also operate five days a week from the community centre next year.

The old kinder building is unlikely to be demolished before Christmas, but construction work is set to begin during January or February. "We're very happy with the plans," Maree Burns said.

The plans can be viewed at the kinder any time and will also be on display at the kinder's final Christmas get-together and drinks on December 10. All those who have been involved with the kinder are invited, at a cost of \$5. Maree Burns will answer enquiries on 844 2897.

## First Yr 12s return

By KYM SMITH

It's 10 years since the first Year 12s graduated from Warrandyte High, and the school hosted a special reunion to catch up with the Class of '83.

Just 20 students sat their HSC (as it was called back then) in the fledgling school's portable classrooms, but there were plenty of old memories going around as students caught up on who's doing what.

Everyone smiled as they recalled chemistry teacher Don Harrison dropping a piece of highly reactive sodium into water—and the explosion which followed.

Lisa Price, now a medical representative, has outgrown the practice of punching boys in the nether regions. She could never understand being sent to the principal for her actions, as she felt their sexist behaviour more than warranted it.

Craig Townsend was involved in establishing the first student representative council, and was



Ten years on—members of the Class of '83

partly responsible for one of the first police presences at the school.

He recalls an evening graphics class when Miss McInnes went down the street to buy the troops' dinner. In her absence the class went through the school files, and finding the teachers had nothing much to hold against them, took over the PA, announcing they had a hostage.

A well-meaning neighbour, aware that some prisoners had escaped from Pentridge that day, phoned the police. Anne McInnes returned with fish and chips to find the police helicopter circling overhead and the local police crawling through the bush with guns drawn!

She got her revenge when a solicitor friend issued Craig with a summons. He survived the prank and is now completing a master of arts.

A groan and a smile accompanied recollections of the daily run students were forced to do at recess, as well as school camps and Ms Bloom's Asian history day in year 10, when the girls all dressed in saris provided by classmate Michelle Samlal.

But it wasn't just the funny side of school life that students remembered.

Melissa Jackson, who now has an associate diploma in health sciences, said she enjoyed the novelty of being the senior class all the way through high school.

"Our class had the wonderful experience of being the top of the school, right through. There were no bullies—we were the bullies!"

Tim Hart is a landscape architect these days, but said he loved the gravel carpark, portable classrooms and bushland of his high school years.

"This setting, regardless of facilities, was an excellent environment for learning. Small classes and the young, enthusiastic staff made it a fun place to learn."

Others agreed. "We proved it was possible to have fun and perform well academically. We encouraged each other to share knowledge without fear of being ridiculed," Lisa Price said.

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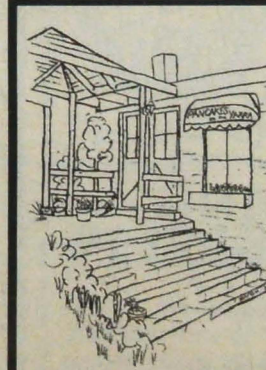
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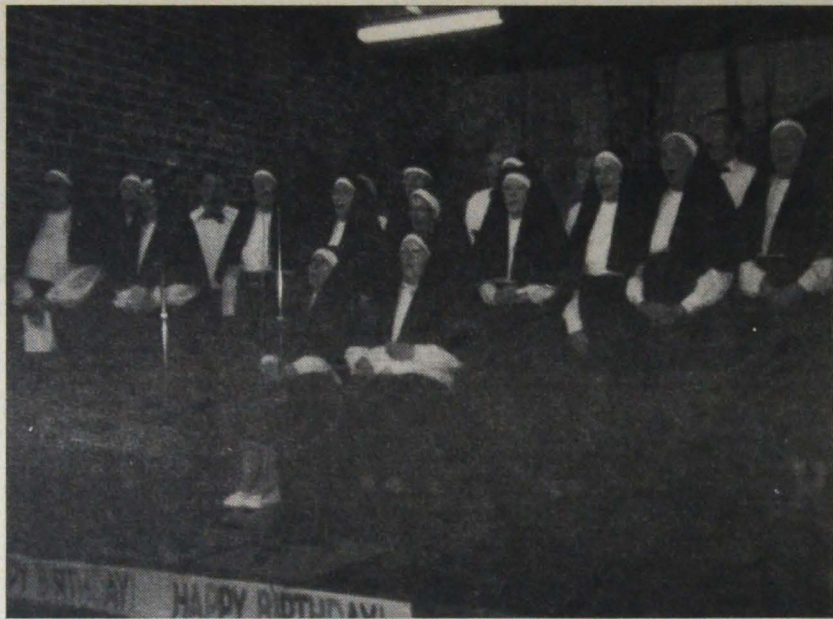
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# Birthday nunsense!



Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Centre entertained more than 100 guests at the club's 31st birthday celebrations on November 11.

Nora Norberg and Fred Fryer, both in their 90s, delighted the audience with their singing. Most of the troupe members are in their 70s and 80s.

Prizes for the competition were donated by the Goldfields chemist, Harry Heath's Festival Supermarket, Goldfields newsagents, Warrandyte Cellars and members of the Senior Citizens.

Above: Performing is becoming a matter of habit for this troupe.  
Left: Nonagenarian Fred Fryer takes time out after his big performance.  
Right: Colin Bentley charms a "lady friend" with witty words.  
(Pictures by Jan Tindale)

# Design prize to die for

The Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust has launched a \$500 design award as part of major extension and improvement works at the Warrandyte cemetery.

The trust is offering the prize for the design of an emblem or logo that it can use on all future signage, brochures and printed material.

The closing date for entries is March 1, 1994.

A trust member, Robert White, told the *Diary* the cemetery had been an important part of community life in Warrandyte since the gold rush days of the 1850s.

"We have already divided the cemetery into sections, which have been given the names of long-serving trust members, many of whom have long family ties to Warrandyte.

"We believe the time has come for Warrandyte to have its own symbol for use on future signs, brochures and letterheads."

The trust considered tendering the task to a design consultancy, but believes there are many talented people in Warrandyte who would like to play a part in designing a symbol for such a significant community asset.

"We are hoping that graphic design students will enter and the trust is looking forward to sifting through the entries to see how people in Warrandyte perceive the cemetery," Robert White said.

Entries can be forwarded to the Secretary, Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust, P.O. Box 144, Warrandyte 3113.

Entrants are reminded that a condition of entry is that the copyright for the winning design will remain the property of the Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust.



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# Road revamp Councillor wants more

By GEORGI STICKELS

In another win for local drivers, Doncaster council will carry out major works on the Ringwood-Warrandyte Road this financial year, although councillors will still push for upgrades in other areas.

The news comes hot on the heels of last month's announcement that Research Road was set for a summer facelift, reported in the November *Diary*.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe received \$141,000 from VicRoads to fully reconstruct the road to Ringwood between Johansons Road and Harding Road (beside Alfred's Homestead restaurant).

The money will also pay for resealing from Jumping Creek Road right through to the bridge and past the new traffic lights from Kendall Road to just north of Vincent Road.

"Reconstruction involves basically digging up the road pavement where it's sunk and out of shape," VicRoads spokesman Kevin Fox explained. "Resurfacing is just surface works. Basically it means putting a new as-

phalt layer on the road."

Local councillor Val Polley applauded the funding allocation. "Patching doesn't work well or for a long time but it's a case of making a small amount of money go a long way. VicRoads have their money problems over time, and Doncaster-Templestowe has done quite well. It's just that we have a lot of roads," she said.

Cr Polley also said she would like to see the road in front of the West End hardware store fixed as well. "That's been a personal vendetta of mine to have that road done. It is disgraceful," she said. A committee for West End has been examining the issue since the council's townscape study was completed in 1991, but Cr Polley said progress has been hampered by state government funding cuts.

"The government has changed the rules so that onus of cost falls more heavily on adjacent owners, and we've been jumping up and down and saying that's not fair."

Doncaster council's manager of engineering, Colin Bates, said a lot of the problems at West

End stemmed from the fact that many of these roads were private roads, like Colin Avenue and Leber Street that were remade a couple of years ago.

"The part of road in question has been a bone of contention for quite some time," Colin Bates said. "The problem has been that the traders were not anxious to make contributions in the past."

He acknowledged that the road was in very poor condition. "There have been some problems there and we have been aware of them for some time. We would have liked to have the whole road remade a long time ago along with many other roads in the municipality, but the funds just aren't available," he said.

"It's going to come back to money and unless the council decides they're going to fully fund it, it will be up to the traders, as has been the case at other shopping centres."

Cr Polley was also concerned that Warrandyte's roads could become over-developed. "It's one of the dilemmas we face living in the area. Not a lot has happened to that many roads,"



Patches last only until the next rain on roads with heavy traffic.

she said. "How much do you change them before you alter them too much, because the minute you change it the traffic starts going too fast."

"I'd like to see the balance fall a little more in favor of the cyclists and pedestrians. I think we are too much in favour of using our cars, getting out and about and travelling too fast," she said.

Cr Polley said she is looking forward to a roundabout or traffic island as a "gateway to the township" near Whipstick Gully. "Perhaps that will help slow the traffic down."

On the other side of the river,

Research Road residents attended a public meeting late last month, to examine plans for the roadworks, reported in last month's *Diary*, and discuss options for a footpath beside the new road.

Representatives from the 10 households affected by the works voted unanimously for a crushed rock path, one metre wide. They had raised concerns about the cost and suburban look of an asphalt or concrete path.

Eltham councillor Bill Penrose, who chaired the meeting, said he was pleased with the residents' decision.

"I'm very pleased about the

footpath, because in my opinion the Warrandyte rural aspects would be destroyed with a concrete path. It's bad enough having to have kerb and channel, which is unavoidable given the traffic on that road," he said.

"But I wouldn't like to see Warrandyte turned into another suburbia."

The roadworks will alter the camber and the surface of Research Road between Bradley's Lane and Banning Road. The Bradley's Lane intersection will be modified to form a proper T-junction and that bend will be altered to make it slightly less sharp.



Andrew Rotherham and Kate Smith

# Canberra to Melbourne on foot is no leisurely stroll

By CLINTON GRYBAS

While bushwalking may be viewed by the uninitiated as a somewhat leisurely pursuit, for those who have experienced it it's often a struggle and always a challenge.

For 29 year-old Tills Drive resident Andrew Rotherham that has never been clearer than in the past few weeks, as he winds down a seven week trek from Canberra to Melbourne with friend Kate Smith.

Having embarked last month on a journey through some of the most rugged and beautiful settings the country has to offer, the pair expect to end their walk under the clocks of Flinders Street Station on December 22.

While taking just one night to go one way—by bus to Canberra—on the way home they have slogged their way along disused tracks and old fire trails, confronting nature's harshest elements.

Included in the 'holiday' was climbing the highest mountain in the country—Mount Kosciuszko, and a lengthy stretch on the Alpine Walking Track from the

Victorian border.

But it's not just an extreme excuse for a holiday, these walkers have a purpose.

"One of our aims is to raise the awareness of the minimum impact of bushwalking and camping, while another is to help fix the areas we'll be walking through, by carrying a little shovel and removing things like fire scars and doing a bit of clean-up work," Andrew said.

After gaining sponsorship for food and other items, the two prepared well, placing supply drops along their path home.

"We've been out and put in eight food drops, with supplies like dry biscuits, rice and pasta—things that won't perish—in barrels along the way, at points where roads cross the track."

But why walk hundreds of kilometres for a holiday?

"I've been involved in bushwalking for a while and this is one thing I've always thought I would want to do. Both Kate and I have been working for Outward Bound Australia over the past two years and being currently between jobs, it was

a good opportunity to do this," he said.

As expected, Andrew Rotherham said parents Ted and Shirley were a little sceptical of the trip.

"They were a little worried about us being so isolated and out of the way but they know we've done a bit of bushwalking and are fairly confident about what we can do."

Fears of bad weather, snow-covered Mount Bimberi which they crossed in the ACT, or a "medical incident" while they are a long way from civilisation, were the only concerns, but neither materialised in the first few weeks, reporting back that they were having a "fantastic trip".

If all goes to plan, they will come home over Mount Baw Baw to Warburton, then via a walking track to Lilydale before the last leg into Melbourne along the banks of the Yarra River.

And after this mighty trek, what comes next?

"Well that's one of the things with it—while we're walking out there we'll have plenty of time to think about what's coming up."

## STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

Aton Street should probably be spelt "Ayton", as it was a family by that name who came to live there towards the end of the last century.

They planted an orchard, growing apples and pears on a property they called Dingley Dell Farm. The farmhouse is still standing in Dingley Dell Road.

Joseph Ayton arrived in Warrandyte from New Zealand, where he had fought in the Maori Wars. He quickly integrated into

the Warrandyte community, singing at a local concert not long after his arrival. Various members of the Ayton family regularly entertained at district concerts.

Joseph Ayton died in 1927, aged 84 years. Nina Ayton had predeceased him in 1900, aged 41. They are both buried in an unmarked grave in Andersons Creek Cemetery.

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**D** OUG McManus and the WAA drama group have brought yet another Australian production to Warrandyte, with considerable success.

Jennifer Rogers' *Jigsaws*, features an all female cast, giving our surfeit of talented local ladies a chance to tread the boards in all their glory.

Set in contemporary Perth, *Jigsaws* explores the relationships between three generations of Australian women, piecing together their lives with a combination of wit and pathos.

The play opens well, sustaining convincing dialogue between its characters, although unfortunately, the second half loses some of the pieces and rambles rather aimlessly, lacking some sort of dramatic moment to end on.

This problem may not entirely be caused by the script. The second half of Doug McManus's production certainly lacked the sparkle and polish of the first half and came across as rather under-rehearsed.

Jock Macneish's staging was intriguing,

**THEATRE**  
 By ALISON CASSIDY

using only about half of the usual acting area and auditorium space. Whether this was a deliberate attempt by the designer to create a feeling of intimacy, or a way of catering to the small audiences expected, I don't know.

Certainly the set worked effectively, and McManus's direction was well thought out, without being intrusive.

The sound and lighting, however, left a lot to be desired. They were certainly better conceived than they were executed. A pity.

Several imaginative theatrical ideas failed because of a heavy hand on the dimmers, or a lack of attention by the inhabitants of the lighting box.

For example, in the very last scene, the unfortunate actors were left standing in a blaze of light with the proverbial egg on

their faces as they waited what seemed an age for the final blackout.

Overall the acting standard was high, but honors on the night must go to Elizabeth Greenwood, who handled the role of the determined Aunt Pat with charm, excellent timing and professional skill—a commendable performance.

Paddy Childs Green played Emma, the grandmother, with conviction and sensitivity, particularly in her soliloquy, in which she tries to commit suicide.

Kylie Moppert, as the rather plain granddaughter Monica, showed a good level of energy and comedy timing, while Carol Keating was suitably overbearing as the infuriating mother, Sylvia.

As Alex the headstrong free spirit, Karina Beaumont seemed a little out of her depth. While she made a good fist of some scenes, she lacked the sophistication to do full justice to this extremely demanding role.

In all, *Jigsaws* was well worth attending, and the drama group should certainly be encouraged to tackle new Australian plays of this calibre in the future.

# A very amazing dedication

**REVIEW**  
 By BRUCE BENICE

**A** VERY Amazing Life, the biography of Dr Edna I. Gault, a former resident of Warrandyte and mother of Cr Louise Joy, was launched recently.

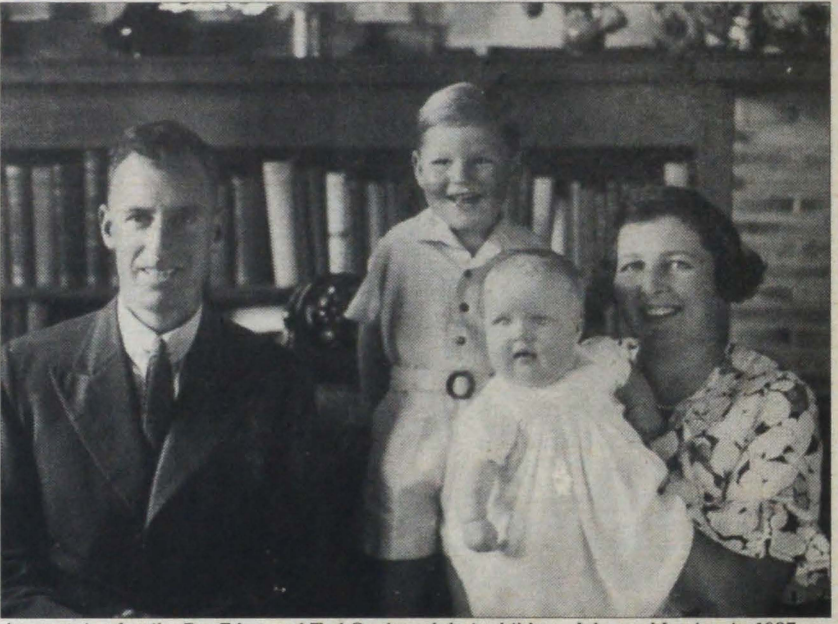
Although Dr Edna and her husband, Professor Ted Gault, were our neighbours from 1962 to 1973, we never knew that these gentle, courteous people were internationally known for their achievements.

Author Bette McLaughlin tells the story of a couple who gave their lives to the service of the underprivileged. They were two people of strong Christian beliefs who turned their backs on affluence and physical comfort to provide medical services to the people of India.

Ted Gault went to India after his sister, Dr Adelaide Gault, had been forced to return from her work there through illness. The book relates the Gaults' initial difficulties in a strange land with different languages and rigid prejudices against men treating women patients. Women covered themselves from head to foot so that men could not see them.

Working together, Ted and Edna overcame such cultural barriers to Ted treating his patients.

The book often uses the words of Dr Edna, her diaries and her family to tell of a truly remarkable couple whose lives complemented each other and the real dangers they faced as India strug-



An amazing family: Drs Edna and Ted Gault and their children, John and Louise, in 1937.

gled for freedom.

Characteristically, the Gaults continued their service to their hospital and patients throughout the tumult. By the time they left India, they had trained enough people to a sufficient standard that the hospital was able to function using local staff.

The Gault children, Louise and John, had an unusual upbringing and schooling until they returned to Australia when their parents' work was finished.

The book also tells how Dr Edna became interested in the

plight of the Australian Aborigines when becoming aware of inequities between the lifestyle of the Aborigines and the white settlers.

Determined to do something, she spent four years researching their problems and possible solutions, at a time in life when most people are seeking retirement and while Ted's health was causing deep concern. Her study and service continued past Ted's death in 1982.

Bette McLaughlin has done more than tell the story of Ted and Edna. She has managed to

capture some of the spirit which bound this amazing couple together and drove them through their lives.

Royalties from the sale of the book will be donated to Indian people with eye problems through the Friends of Velloree (Vic) Committee. Copies are available for \$20, including packaging and postage from Louise Joy, 47 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte 3113. For phone enquiries call 844 3600. Copies are also available directly from the CAB at the community centre.

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THEY WALKED WHERE WE WALK



# Fearful echoes

By GLEN JAMESON

**T**HE soft glow of the kerosene lamp did not penetrate the darkness of the night as Anderson cautiously opened the door of his bark hut. They were out there. He could feel them. Even the horses and cattle were restless with the power of their presence.

Anderson was the first European to take up permanent residence on the creek that now bears his name. His bark hut was on the edge of the rich creek flats that are now sporting ovals.

The military had done a splendid job, burning down the old Wurrundjeri campsite on the little rise above the flats, preparing the land for new settlement.

But now, as Anderson stood in his doorway, the full weight of an unknown and alien countryside bore down upon him. Twinges of guilt mixed with confusion came to cloud his mind. Peering into the mist-filled night, he could only make out the shapes of his own fears. The gun in his hands was little comfort.

The continual presence of the Aborigines was a constant source of confusion. Although he had legal title to the land under British law, the Wurrundjeri seemed oblivious to this. They came and went as they chose, walking across the land as though in a dream; a dream he felt strangely drawn to.

The government's position was ambivalent. Their fine words did not match their dirty deeds.

Anderson's thoughts strayed to the loud chorus of frogs from the swamp along the creek flats. As he mused, a twig snapped and he let the gun explode in an unimaginable cacophony that shattered leaves and scared the moon-spots from the quills. Anderson slammed the door shut as the frightened screech of cockatoos echoed through both the forest and his fear-filled mind.

Next morning, yellow shafts of sun slanted down between the tall manna gums. Anderson made his way through the golden mist, down to the creek flats. The Wurrundjeri were there, harvesting potatoes. Anderson was speechless with anger. Black faces turned to watch the wildly gesticulating figure running towards them. The loud report from Jaga Jaga's gun brought back his tongue.

"Those are my potatoes, this is my land, and you'd better leave them both alone!" Anderson shouted.

"You have destroyed our



...The loud report from Jaga Jaga's gun...

murnong patch," replied Mabo. "The patch has fed us for a long, long time. We now have no other source of yam." He indicated the potatoes. "We would prefer murnong, but these will do."

"I don't care who or what fed you in the past," Anderson angrily retorted. "I own this land under Colonial law. The British Empire now rules this land and civilisation has finally come. You can't even build a house or a fence! I own those potatoes and the land under your feet. Get off and get—now!"

Mabo grinned at the nervously exhausted Anderson. "We have had this conversation before. Perhaps you cannot remember. It was a long time ago. All those

who wanted to farm the land and keep animals were made to leave. These practices are against the spirit of the law. Against the laws of this land."

These words seemed to confuse and bewilder Anderson, but Mabo thought it worth continuing.

"You speak of your laws and traditions, your civilisation, yet remain blind to ours. You forget the larger laws that come from the earth. You forget that everything belongs to the same story, the same songline. All creatures and all plants and all the land."

"We feel sorry that you forget your past and know so little about this land. We have kept true to the creation of the Earth.

We enslave neither animals nor plants. You imprison the soul of the land. You tie yourself to this land with pieces of paper. We are tied to this land by its music, its spirit, by the blood, dust and dreams of our ancestors."

"But do not forget they are also your ancestors. Do not put all your faith in your precious metals. You cannot deny our presence, our beliefs forever. Eventually, we must all meet at the same place. You must look for the Dreaming, and for your own salvation, find it."

Anderson decided to look for the police.

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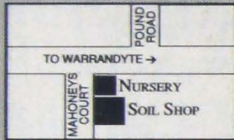
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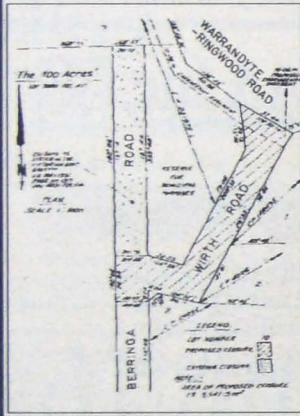
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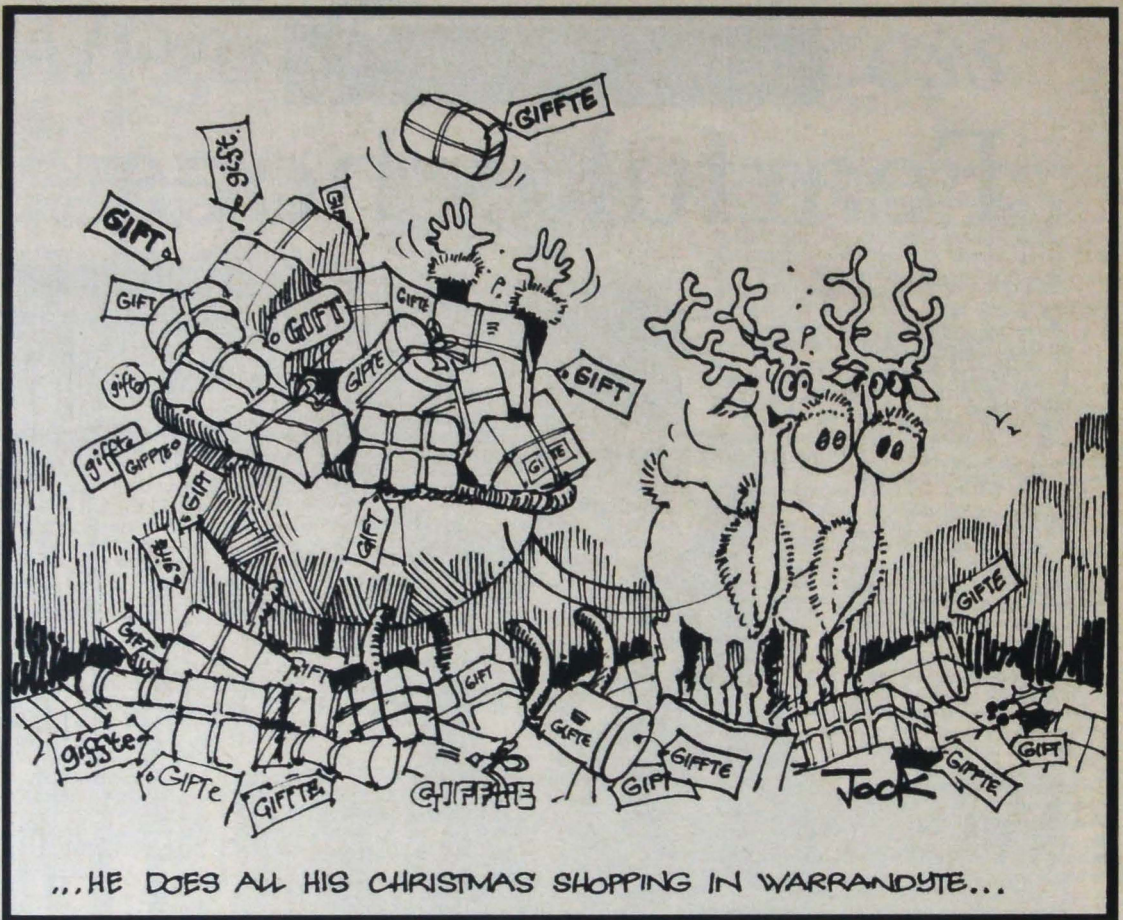
Notice pursuant to Section 528(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Act 1958 is hereby given that the Council of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe resolved at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 October 1993, that it is of the opinion that the land being portions of Berrina Road and Wirth Road, Park Orchards where they adjoin the reserve for municipal purposes as depicted on LP 221975L and shown hatched on Council Plan No A4/992 is no longer required for public use and should be discontinued and retained for municipal purposes.

I advise that it is the intention of Council not less than one month from the date of this notice to pass the following resolution:

"That the Council pursuant to Section 528(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Act 1958 resolves to close the portions of Berrina Road and Wirth Road, Park Orchards where they adjoin the reserve for municipal purposes as depicted on LP 221975L and shown hatched on Council Plan AF/992 set out hereunder and further that the land contained therein be retained for municipal purposes."



Further Notice is hereby given that any person who has made a submission to Council and requests that they be heard shall be entitled to appear before a Committee appointed by Council on a date to be notified.



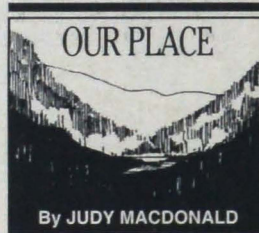
# There is still a festive welcome in the valley

**T**HE Warrandyte festive season begins around the time the white flowers of the native mint and the sweet bursaria appear like a mantle of snow in the bush.

About the same time, a mantle of ham appears in the supermarkets. From mid-November and throughout the 12 days of Christmas, locals exuding goodwill and kindness spill down from the hills and cross-cross the river valley to gather with friends and wish them well. Goodwill and kindness is not all they are exuding on the way home.

We arrived in Warrandyte a week before Christmas in 1971. That year, for some reason, celebrations included people doing handstands in our lounge-room at four in the morning.

With children and a more ma-



By JUDY MACDONALD

ture outlook, Christmas in Warrandyte fell into a pattern of the neighbours helping each other erect strange shapes on Christmas Eve—never easy on a rocky site at the best of times, but much less so just feet away from fitfully sleeping children.

Or on less balmy nights, when the heavens opened, it was all hands on deck digging new drains, also in the dark.

What other suburb of Mel-

bourne heralds the arrival of Christmas Day guests with approaching skirls of dust? How many households elsewhere in the city lose some of the family from the festive board when the fire alarm calls down the valley?

One year we went to the river after Christmas dinner, taking the kids, the dog and the grandparents. One child's cut foot, two hours in casualty and one large sodden dog on grandmother's well-dressed knee later, we resumed our celebrations.

Local carols by candlelight was always a highlight of the season. Parents sat on rugs with kids swarming all over them. It seemed no time at all till we sat on canvas chairs and teenagers swarmed all over each other.

Each year we sheepishly ask the neighbours if we can take the top out of a roadside pine to stop it obscuring our view. We offer it to them as a Christmas

tree, which is very nice of us, as it's on their side of the road.

Present-opening time has moved from 4am, through breakfast time, to "I'm going to wake them, it's 11 o'clock", to waiting until they drive up as visitors.

Instead of headstands in the lounge, the men of the house now have an annual cannonade of champagne corks to see who can land one on the road.

Christmas party hats seem tighter. Glasses are now needed to read the cracker jokes. We thank God once again for the Apex paper drives to remove the mound of wrapping paper which we no longer stockpile for posterity.

We've tried dining out at cosy restaurants, on picnic rugs, at seaside hotels, but nothing beats Christmas Day at Warrandyte when the air shimmers across the valley as we move back under the eaves for shade.

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# A journey on the cold flow of time

**T**HE warmth of the day lingered in the still evening air. I was sitting on a rock ledge along with the river, pleasantly mesmerised by the fast-flowing, turbid-brown water. The Yarra, like all rivers, is an enigma. Always on the move and as unpredictable in its mood as a truculent child.

What life lies beneath its murky depths? I have heard that river blackfish can still be found, but their numbers are dwindling. Redfin and european carp have taken over, along with such other overseas introductions as trout and roach.

The disastrous demise of our native fish can, in part, be attributed to the deliberate introduction of these non-native fish for the so-called sport of fishing. The feeding habit of carp, in particular, causes immense destruction of aquatic habitat. The carp filter food from mud which they disturb from the bottom of the river. In the process, vegetation is uprooted and the water becomes extremely muddy.

Native fish are not the only animals to suffer. Platypus, swamp rats, frogs and some invertebrates have also declined in numbers as a result of this habitat demotion and reduction in water quality.

**NATURE**  
By **PAT COUPAR**  
Drawn by **MELANIE COUPAR**

The Yarra River, like the vast majority of rivers in Victoria, has been much-meddled with by man. Construction of the Upper Yarra, Maroondah and several other other dams, albeit astonishing engineering achievements, have stemmed the river's flow by half. Along the way, silted, fertiliser-riddled run-off from farms has fouled the water.

The dams have had a profound effect on environments downstream. River levels fluctuate frequently as water is released from the dams. Temporary flooding occurs as a result, destroying old habitats and creating new ones. The water carries with it the seeds of environmental weeds, opportunistic plants that proliferate in these newly-created habitats.

The only time I came close to knowing the river was on a canoe trip through the Warrandyte Gorge. Instead of being an outsider, I felt, for once, in harmony with the river. From a canoe, the whole scene changes. An entirely different perspective emerges.

The immense erosive power of the river becomes evident as it twists and turns through the steeply-sided gorge, tumbling over jagged rocks in a cascade of fine white bubbles.

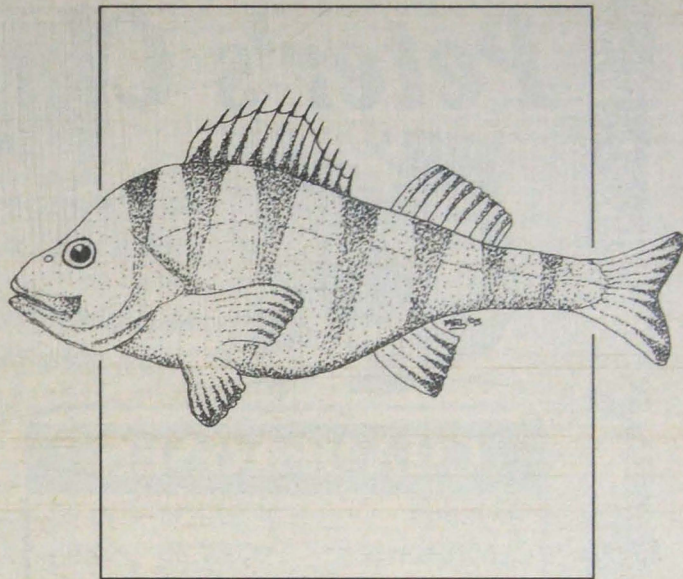
The rapids are not particularly large these days. Nevertheless, travelling down them is an exhilarating experience, and it is easy to appreciate the excitement that comes from challenging much wilder white water rapids.

Only a few decades ago, the Yarra River ran free and clear. Closing my eyes I tried to visualise the scene, but it was beyond imagination.

Still the river, like the journey of life itself, goes on. I dangled my feet in the cold flow of time and watched concentric rings of ripples form about my ankles. I lamented the passing of the years and grieved for a river that once ran unspoiled, unpolluted and unrestrained.

Yet all is not lost, for the river does have its custodians. Water quality is monitored regularly, and despite its appearance, the river at the present time is quite safe for swimming.

The health of the river hangs precariously in the balance. We who live in Warrandyte, and others who come to the river for recreation, have a special responsibility. The future of the river is literally in our hands.



# 'Wo' is us: losing our gentle genes at Christmas

**I**FELT my eyes glazing and my mind wandered to thoughts of higher mathematics and why there isn't a name for that soft bit on the inside of the elbow, when Herself started asking questions about the suitability of chicken wings for "my family's" Christmas get-together.

"Or do you think legs soaked in soy sauce?"

"Pardon?"

"I said, do you think we should serve strychnine or arsenic or should we just offer ground glass sandwiches?"

"Whatever..."

"Typical! You just don't care, do you? They're your family and I have to do all the thinking and organising. It wouldn't kill you to take an interest in your family once in a while. Why should I have to make all the decisions? It's your Christmas party, remember."

"I just don't know why I bother."

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For all you care, Christmas and family occasions could all disappear. Then you'd be really happy, wouldn't you? Because then you wouldn't have to put yourself out or take an interest in someone other than yourself!"

I should never have answered "wouldn't bother me really," because I then unleashed a diatribe about "typical Roger behaviour" and "if it wasn't for women doing all this, the social fabric of society would collapse".

I felt suitably contrite, knowing that I was personally responsible for the decline and inevitable fall of the social order as we

know it.

"I don't know why I get angry. You've always been the same. I just hoped that as you got older you might have matured. The only consolation I take is that you're obviously no worse than the majority of the male population. Most of the women I talk to have the same complaint."

Bingo! Normality. Here was I, until now, thinking I was a deviate, an odd bod; that all the other men loved organising meals and presents and cementing annual family bonding; that I was the only cuckoo in the male nest.

But no, Herself had freed me from my guilt with her last comment. I was merely one of a line of defective goods, fouled sometime, probably in the jurassic period. I now saw it all clearly

before me.

Before the genetic mutation, men had been different. They had looked forward to organising pteradactyl casserole nights and family reunions. They could think of two things at once—on good days—and cared about things like napery and writing thank you letters. Men were wonderful in all ways.

In fact, there was only one species—"wonderful men"—and that term was shortened to "women". In those halcyon days, BA or Before Apathy, we were all perfect mirror images of each other.

After the fall, however, when men became interested in only one thing—and that wasn't the family list of birthdays, anniversaries and clothes sizes—there

was a schism. The world became divided into women; still the same old wonderful creatures who cared, shared and could organise a cave reunion at the same time as the mass extermination of the mammoth, and men, now with their wo cut off.

God in her infinite wisdom obviously did a bit of gene shearing, chopping off all the genes connected with organising "family occasions".

Just as some men are color blind and some can't tell the difference between pesto and pasta, nowadays the majority of us men are creatures deserving pity and care, rather than vilification. We are genetically deprived.

We would love to get involved in discussions about the minutiae of get-togethers, but some all-powerful, omniscient being decided in a moment of lucidity that she wanted us to be different; lesser, admittedly, but de-

cidedly different.

The whole thing is now clear to me. Before this I felt at fault, that if I only concentrated I could stop my eyes clouding over and that I could talk enthusiastically about all those things I should be enthusiastic about.

But I can't. Nay, I shouldn't! I, along with the rest of my kind, cannot reverse what nature has intended.

Now before my car is fire-bombed by an outraged, gene-intact feminist, let me let slip a little secret. I love my wife and she loves Christmas and me. In fact, we love each other, differences and all. Without those differences, we'd be like two sensitive, new-age whatsits—SNAGS—and the most useful thing to be done with them is to incinerate them at the annual Christmas barbecue.

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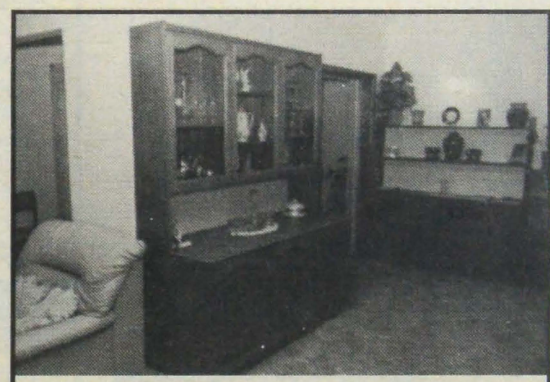
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# Folder to show newcomers the ropes

Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau's information folder was launched by the mayor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, Cr Irene Goonan, at a function in the community centre on November 26. The folder cover, designed by Wayne Rankin, contains information sheets concerning various businesses and groups in the area. It is intended to provide local information for residents, particularly newcomers to Warrandyte and is available at the Citizens Advice Bureau in the community centre and from the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Shire of Eltham.

## Jewellery

Bridget Liddell invites you to her solo exhibition at the Blackwood Street Gallery, Meat Market Craft Centre, 42 Courtney Street, North Melbourne from Wednesday, December 15 to Friday, December 24. Bridget, inaugural winner of the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, has created a collection of handcrafted jewellery complemented by a series of prints and etchings. The works have been inspired by her year on Australia's west coast. Opening night is December 15 from 6 to 8pm.

## Heritage

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe has established a Heritage Restoration Fund which will provide grants of not more than \$5,000 for conservation work on buildings of historical and cultural value to the city. The fund will assist both private owners and community groups to undertake work which will benefit the locality. Enquiries should be telephoned to Sonia Rappell, Environmental Planning Unit, 840 9434.



Newly-weds Isabel and Michael Selio on the steps at Stiggants Reserve.

## Marriage

The marriage of Isabel Guy of Webb Street to Michael Selio was celebrated at St Gerard's, Warrandyte, on November 20. It was followed by a reception at the Warrandyte Community Centre with a traditional Samoan "Iovo" feast. Michael is Fijian-Samoan

while Isabel comes from Chile. Isabel and Michael have two daughters, Emily and Milovale (Millie).

## Books

The Warrandyte Book Exchange operates in the community centre on Wednesday, Friday and



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Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, fax it to 844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113, by the last Friday in the month.

Sunday from 2 to 4.30pm and on Thursday from 10am to 1pm. The exchange urgently needs donations of more books, especially in the areas of art, gardening, cookery, birds and animals and biographies and autobiographies.

## Opportunities

Mrs Glenyse Riches has been recently appointed retail manager of the Warrandyte Lions Opportunity Shop. Glenys would

be delighted to hear from any volunteers interested in contributing a few hours a week at the shop. She can be contacted at the opp shop or on 844 4392.

## Christmas

Father Christmas will again be working with the South Warrandyte Fire Brigade on Sunday, November 19 between 9am and 1pm. Small gifts for the kids will be given out as he is shown the area which is covered by the brigade.

## Swimming

The Lions Club of Warrandyte is again holding its Learn to Swim campaign this coming summer. The program, designed for children from school beginners to age 10, is now in its 15th year. Instructor Karen Willey holds the Austswim certificate and is also an examiner for the Royal Lifesaving Society. She is a nationally accredited, level 1 coach. Two courses of lessons, commencing on Tuesday, December 28 and Monday, January 11, consist of nine half-hour

classes held in the afternoon in the solar-heated pool at Warrandyte Primary School in Forbes Street. Cost is \$20 per child with family discounts available. Enrolment forms can be obtained from local pre-schools, primary schools, the opportunity shop or from swim co-ordinator Denis Robertshaw 1155 (AH).

## Engaged

Amanda Herd from Warrandyte and Darren Hutchinson from Bulla recently celebrated their engagement at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Amanda grew up in Warrandyte, attending Andersons Creek Primary School and the Warrandyte High School. She has been a member of the Uniting Church and the Warrandyte Basketball Club.

## Follies

Auditions will soon be held for the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group's 1994 Follies. It is to be a musical written by Alan Cornell, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara. Information from Gail Macrae on 844 3475.

## Christmas church services

Annual carols by candlelight service to be held in Stiggants Reserve on December 19, 8pm presented by the combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards. *BYO candle and rug. Wet weather venue—Riverside Health & Fitness Centre, Yarra Street.*

ANGLICAN: Christmas Eve—11.15pm carols and 11.30pm Eucharist, Emmanuel, Park Orchards; 11.30 pm St. Stephens, Warrandyte. Christmas Day—



8am and 9.30am St Stephens, Warrandyte; 9.30am Emmanuel, Park Orchards.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Christmas

Eve—8pm Vigil Mass, St Annes, Park Orchards; Midnight Mass, St Gerards, Warrandyte. Christmas Day—10am St Annes, Park Orchards.

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Christmas Day—10am Family Service. Boxing Day—10am Communion.

UNITING CHURCH: Christmas Eve—7.30pm Carols; 11.30pm Communion. Christmas Day—9am Service. Boxing Day—10.15 Service.

## ANDERSONS CREEK CEMETERY TRUST

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Andersons Creek Cemetery at Warrandyte is one of the oldest cemeteries in Victoria and at present is undergoing a major works program to handle an increasing number of burials.

To help the cemetery further establish its role in the community, the Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust has launched a competition to design a logo/emblem that can be used on cemetery directional signs, letterheads and information booklets.

The Trust is seeking a design that clearly shows the cemetery's historic link with the Warrandyte area.

The competition, which offers a \$500 prize, is open to all members of the community. Entries will close on March 1, 1994.

A condition of entry is that the copyright for the successful design will remain the property of the Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust.

Please fill in the form below and forward with your entry.

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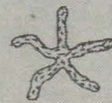
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Entries close on March 1, 1994. Please forward your design to the Secretary, Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust, P.O. Box 144 Warrandyte, 3113.



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## Town in harmony

### MUSIC

By THEO BUSKES and LOUISE JOY

Musical talent is thriving in Warrandyte, if recent concerts around town are any indication.

St Stephens Anglican Church played host to the Choral Institute of Melbourne's Chime Choir in November. The choir presented a range of classical and contemporary choral pieces, at a standard not expected outside Melbourne's Concert Hall.

Highlights included Mozart's Il Mio Tesoro, La Mancha's The Impossible Dream and excerpts from The Phantom Of The Opera and Miss Saigon.

Church acoustics took nothing away from the young performers, many of whom also perform in national choirs.

Another afternoon of music charmed the ears of a Warrandyte audience in the Mechanics Institute Hall in October.

The concert brought together a wide range musical styles and performers.

Pianist Phoebe Briggs accompanied clarinet and violin performances and the amusing Sister Act singers. She shared the honors with Linda Mitchell, who gave her talents as both an accompanist and soloist.

The Macrae brothers were, as usual, magnificent, Don singing from Verdi and Doug doing Schubert. Their comic efforts, when joined by their Barber Shop colleagues, were no less impressive.

The Poverty Park Players provided good old-fashioned chamber music.

But just in case the audience began to feel too bombarded with highbrow, along came Jock Macneish to present his worst bad taste story, with his characteristic accompanying sketches. Ken Virtue also led a lively patter throughout as comper.

# Young Andrew upsets the Masters



The champ. Victorian Andrew Ilie reflects on his Masters win.

By CLIFF GREEN

An upset result in the finals of the Sfida Masters at Warrandyte Tennis Club late last month saw Victorian youngster Andrew Ilie, 17, outclass New Zealander James Greenhalgh in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

The Masters is the last leg in the ACT-Victorian Men's Satellite Circuit, with tournaments across four weeks, at Canberra, Dingley, Kooyong and Warrandyte.

Another Victorian 17-year old, hard-hitting Mark Philippoussis, took out the finals at Dingley and Kooyong. He was closely shadowed throughout by Swedish-born Johan Anderson, of Sydney.

Well known in Warrandyte from his days with the Australian Institute of Sport, Anderson, once ranked 80 in the world, was using the satellite circuit to launch his comeback into international tennis.

Commentators expected Philippoussis and Anderson to be battling out the final at Warrandyte, but it was not to be. Both were defeated in semi-finals, leaving the field open for

Ilie and Greenhalgh.

However, despite his loss at the Masters, Philippoussis was the overall winner of the circuit, amassing the highest number of ATP points and securing for himself a wild card berth at the Ford Australian Open in January.

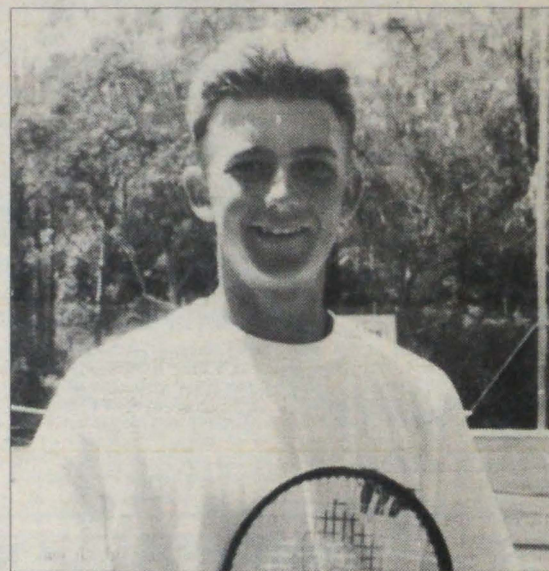
Masters victor Andrew Ilie plays pennant for Dingley Tennis Club, is a scholarship holder at the Australian Institute of Sport and was recently ranked number one in Australia in his age group.

The Sfida Masters doubles title went to Andrew Florent and Paul Kilderry, defeating Johan

Anderson and Stephen Gleeson, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The satellite circuit, leading as it does to the Australian Open, gives young up-and-coming professionals invaluable top-level match play, financial rewards and an opportunity to amass points towards a world ranking.

Warrandyte has staged a total of nine satellite legs, the last six being the prestigious Masters tournament, providing local tennis enthusiasts with an unparalleled opportunity to watch a week of international standard tennis—free of charge—on their own courts.



Masters runner-up James Greenhalgh, of New Zealand.

## Has anybody seen a secretary?

Warrandyte Football Club are still looking for a secretary. There were no nominations for the job at the Bloods' annual general meeting in October and negotiations since have failed to produce a candidate.

The job has been simplified and the workload considerably reduced since last season by the appointment of former secretary Norm Carrington as football manager. As such, he will be responsible for a lot of traditional secretarial areas, including clearances and recruiting.

Anyone interested in the secretary's job should contact vice-president Roger Drew on 844 3565.

The Bloods still have two positions vacant on the committee and would welcome volunteers. They are also seeking people to help out on a non-committee basis. Again, the vice-president would like to hear from you.

A priority for Warrandyte in the off-season will be to resurrect an under-18s side. The under-18s disbanded midway through last season for lack of numbers.

Any young player keen to try out is urged to contact the club.

Training for the seniors and under-18s will start in January.

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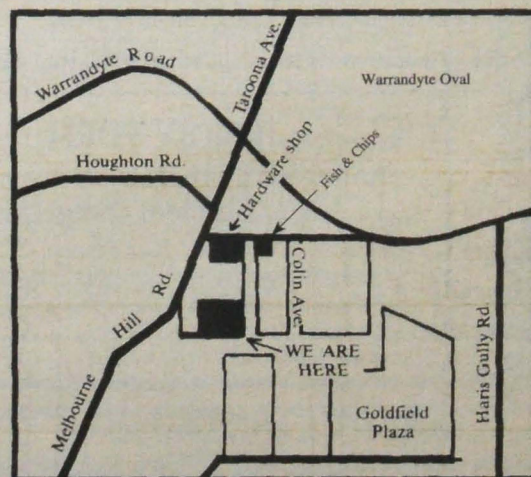
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# The Redbacks are rejoicing!

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club have been buoyed by the release of Doncaster and Templestowe council's Indoor Sport and Recreation Plan, which recommends a second court for the club at Warrandyte High School.

Constrained by a crippling lack of space in recent years, club officials are delighted with the plan, immediately swinging into action to form a joint committee with the school on the issue.

Club president Graeme Riley told the *Diary* a new court was essential for the club's future.

"We really need at least another court to cater for the needs of the current basketball community, let alone potential players of the future who are clearly there," he said.

While no official announcement has been made by council in response to the plan, the report placed a new stadium and club social facilities in an "immediate to medium" priority time-frame, which

## Second court plan big boost to club's future

gives the club significant hopes for the future.

"Everything has been pretty positive so far. We've got a strong case which we've put to council and on the basis of the facts in front of us we must have a very strong chance of being successful," Mr Riley said.

Consultants Hepper, Marriot and Associates, who prepared the plan, wrote that "while the demand for basketball currently appears to be unending, the completion of Leeds Street (Doncaster) will mean that the strongest demand for more provision will shift to the outer reaches of the municipality and as such Warrandyte High School should be given consideration for development ahead of

additions to Bulleen-Templestowe Basketball Centre".

With more than 420 junior players and nearly 100 men on their register, the club point to the fact that nearly 13 per cent of all homes in Warrandyte have some dealing with it.

With such numbers, Mr Riley feels that the club's future could hinge on a new stadium being built.

"I think if we can be successful with this there are a lot of big issues which will confront us, like affiliation with the Victorian Basketball Association and going from a junior club to a more senior club.

"It will provide a lot of challenges for the club and the people running it so we're taking it one step at a time. The

stadium is obviously the No 1 priority for Warrandyte and the kids of Warrandyte and surrounding areas," Mr Riley said.

The Redbacks had initially hoped for a new stadium at Warrandyte Recreation Reserve, but that was vetoed by the consultants.

"It is the consultant's view that the club's proposal for a two-court development at Warrandyte Reserve is unlikely to be achievable (from a costing, site or support viewpoint) and that as a consequence, adding a second court to that which already exists at the high school—together with multi-purpose club and social facilities—is a more practical and viable option to pursue," the plan said.

Park Orchards Basketball Club also submitted a proposal for a new stadium, giving its favoured options as the Park Orchards Community Centre and the Dorney Reserve netball and hall sites.

The hall site was the preferred option, and the plan noted that "this will be assessed in the light of other needs in the formulation of this report's final recommendations to council".

## Champs all set to do it again

An 84-56 semi-final thrashing of TRHC has made Makeshift favourites to again win Warrandyte Basketball Club's men's competition.

The grand final will not be played until December 15, but most have already conceded that the reigning premiers will do it again.

The semi-final was a mismatch from the start. Makeshift jumped to a 15-point lead just five minutes in and from there it was evident that the competition newcomers would struggle to make a game of it.

League leading scorer Chris McIntosh again led the way for Makeshift, his 23 points coming from typically strong drives to the basket.

Brendan Bachelor picked an appropriate time to score a season-high 20, while the 15 points of Ashley Grybas all came from three-point shots.

A 38-16 lead at the interval was increased by just six in the second half as Wayne Baker found the range for TRHC, scoring 20 points.

It mattered little, however, and TRHC's loss has put them into a danger preliminary final game against the Hitmen.

In the over-30 section of the competition a similar scenario unfolded.

Defending champions the Plastics, who had a 15-1 record in the regular season, blitzed main rivals Andersons Creek 46-20 in the semi-final.

David Watts was the star, scoring as many points himself as the entire Creek team.

With Paul Sleeth and Steve Doyle controlling the rebounding contests, there appears little doubt about the outcome of the season.

The Creek play the Wobblers, who have been led well this season by Mark Bench, in the preliminary final.

If Bench fires in that game then it could be the Wobblers who play the Plastics in the grand final on December 15.

Either way, the Plastics should join Makeshift as premiers.

# Warrandyte give 'em the old one-two

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Thrilling wins to Warrandyte Cricket Club's first and second elevens have kept their unbeaten records intact and catapulted them to the top of their ladders after five rounds of competition.

The firsts had to battle hard in overcoming Lilydale's small yet difficult total of 149 in the latest game, while the seconds hung on by just seven runs in a dramatic finish.

The Chandler Shield eleven have been in great touch this season, highlighted by a 211-run thrashing of Vermont in round four.

Opener Andrew Hood continued his fine start to the season to post his second ton. He made 123, ably assisted by Harry Drysdale's 45, in the Dytes' total of 262.

It was far more than Vermont could handle. They were routed for just 51, with fast bowler Gerald Walshe snaring 6/23. Walshe took his fine form into the next game, against Lilydale, but his 4/49 was overshadowed by former Test quick Rodney Hogg, whose 4/28 was his best return for Warrandyte.

Lilydale made just 149, but at the close of the first day's play the tables had turned with the Dytes in trouble at 3/15.

It was left to captain-coach John Sharman to stem the tide



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the following week, and he did so, scoring 70 in the 160 total.

WCC president Steve Pascoe was delighted with the win.

"It was a great win—a real gritty performance" he said. "It was particularly pleasing to see the players who haven't been getting runs pull through.

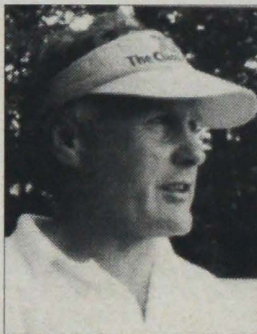
"David Mooney, for example, went in as nightwatchman and batted 55 overs for 13 runs. He held one end up and we made runs from the other end.

"It was done against a very good bowling attack—probably the best in the competition."

The seconds also survived a close call. Their first four games had been won by a minimum 80 runs, but the perfect record looked history when Lilydale required just 15 off 10 overs with four wickets left.

Pascoe had earlier led Warrandyte with the bat with 53 out of 185, and while he grabbed 3/28 with the ball it was Chris Snaidero who stole the show—and the match.

His 7/39 off 27 overs gave the Dytes a seven-run win, but Pascoe readily concedes that



Rodney Hogg: 4/28 against Lilydale.

they were lucky.

"We stole the match—got out of jail for sure. We didn't really play that well but applied the pressure late and bowled them out seven short," he said.

The lower grades have not experienced such success, however.

The thirds are 1-4 and have struggled to keep opponents to reasonable totals.

Despite Steve Warr's gallant 8/90, Vermont amassed 352 against Warrandyte's 231, while Lilydale hit up 7/341 in response to the Dytes' 252.



Andrew Hood: two centuries so far.

The fourths have remained competitive at 2-3, highlighted by Jim Tsiontas' maiden ton in a 68-run win against Lilydale.

Their situation would have been considerably healthier had they downed Vermont the previous week, falling just 28 runs short at 8/180.

While the women's eleven take the season year off to rebuild, three of the players have remained in competition for the club, with Jenni McLaws, Angela Tunbridge and Jenny Chapman lining up for the fifts.

Their influence, and a maiden

century by Zac Smead, helped the fifts to their first win this season, by 74 runs against Norwood.

● The club are hoping for a big turn-out to the raffle draw and barbecue at the clubrooms on Sunday, December 19.

### Cricket details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 262 (Hood 123, Drysdale 45) d Vermont 51 (Walshe 6/23) and 5/113. Warrandyte 160 (Sharman 70) d Lilydale 149 (Hogg 4/28, Walshe 4/49).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 209 (Day 66) d Vermont 129 (Watts 4/52) and 8/82 (Snaidero 5/24). Warrandyte 185 (Pascoe 53) d Lilydale 178 (Snaidero 7/39, Pascoe 3/28).

THIRDS: Warrandyte 231 (Weeks 51, G. Brisbane 72) lost to Vermont 352 (Warr 8/90). Warrandyte 252 (Creber 65, B. Baker 48) lost to Lilydale 7/341 (Elliott 3/45).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 8/180 (A. King 77) lost to Vermont 5/208 (King 3/56). Warrandyte 223 (Tsiolinas 113) d Lilydale 155 (Webb 5/57).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 96 lost to Wantirna South 157 (Leguier 4/16, Gidley 4/12). Warrandyte 265 (Smead 106, Tunbridge 44) d Norwood 191 (J. Fernande 4/41, Gidley 3/31).

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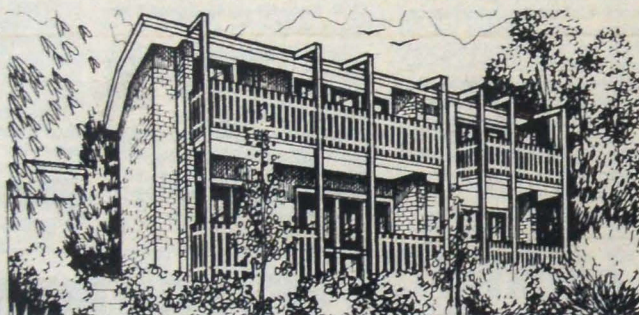


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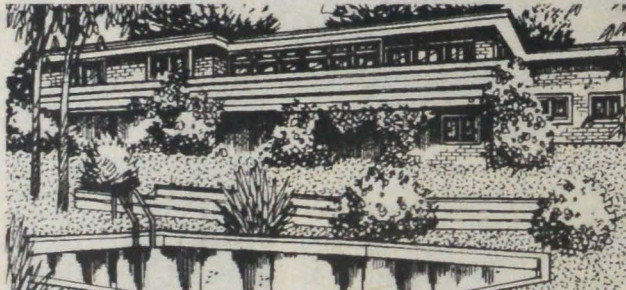
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**WARRANDYTE**

**AUCTION**



**SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER AT 11AM**  
**OPEN FOR INSPECTION SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS 1-1.30PM**  
**"RIVER FRONTAGE PARADISE"**

Generous family home situated on a beautifully treed acre in one of Warrandyte's most sought after locations with easy access to the Yarra. Offers 5 bedrooms plus study, large living and entertaining areas, 2 bathrooms and dble carport. The ultimate environment in which to raise a family, yet only 30mins from the CBD.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

- WARRANDYTE  
3br BV, next to State Park.....\$129,950
- CENTRAL WARRANDYTE  
Family home, 4br on 1/2 acre.....\$179,950
- CENTRAL WARRANDYTE  
4br+ study, rumpus, spa, quality.....\$220,000
- WONGA PARK  
4br + study on flat 1/2 acre, pool.....\$235,000
- WARRANDYTE  
Pound Rd, Architect designed, awesome views..\$260,000
- WONGA PARK  
Majestic home on 2/3 acre, touch of class.....\$279,950
- CENTRAL WARRANDYTE  
River frontage, quality family home.....\$289,000
- WONGA PARK  
5br family home, acre+, tennis court, no compromise!

**Remember that we have a wide range of vacant building blocks available. Call Rod Pringle on 899 6353 for a land list.**



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**TOO MANY SALES!!!**

Due to unprecedented sales figures in the past months, we now find ourselves with few listings for a growing number of cash buyers who would dearly love to settle in the Warrandyte district. If you have been considering selling, now is the time to cash in. Call Andrew Wilson now for an obligation free market appraisal.

**Seasons Greetings**

The management and staff of Peter McDougalls would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

REMEMBER FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS WE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD.



183-187 YARRA STREET, WARRANDYTE

**The Professionals**



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