

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL PROGRAM



# Festival funds fear

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte Festival Committee is having difficulty finding sufficient finance to run the 1994 village festival.

"Doncaster council is giving us money with one hand and taking it away with the other," committee chairman John Boyle told the *Diary*. "And the contribution from Eltham shire is so small as to be laughable."

Funding grants from Doncaster and Templestowe to the festival have increased slowly over the years and now total \$8,500. The Shire of Eltham is providing \$1,500 this year, with an extra \$1,000 towards a special youth project.

"However, as well as their very welcome financial input," John Boyle said, "Doncaster council has been most generous with the provision of such services as grass cutting at festival venues,

erection of street banners, printing, rubbish collection and so on, free of charge.

"But now, under their new 'user-pays' principle, Doncaster council is sending us accounts to cover the cost of these services. For example, we are to be charged \$2,500 for the erection of street banners. The total costs being levied by council against the committee could well exceed the value of their grant. We're in a no-win situation.

"They call it 'user-pays', but the 'users' are the ratepayers, and they've already paid, through their rates. As for ratepayers north of the river, they must feel hardly done by, with Eltham contributing such a tiny percentage of their rates to the festival.

"Warrandyte festival has proved its durability, popularity and viability. This is the 18th festival, and we're here to stay. Clearly, this fine record is overwhelmingly the result of the enormous voluntary effort made by the people of

Warrandyte," John said.

There have never been any paid festival organisers—and that's how the committee wants it to stay. Over the years, local people have contributed many hundreds of thousand of dollars through labor, equipment and professional services freely provided.

John Boyle quoted the example of last year's light and sound show. "Professional fees alone for that production would have amounted to \$70,000. The entire show was mounted for \$4,500."

So far as Doncaster council is concerned, the Warrandyte event is the sole survivor on their honor roll of festivals. Wurundjeri went to the wall years ago, and the Doncaster and Templestowe Festival, to which the Warrandyte Festival was attached, has been replaced by council's low profile "calendar of events".

Warrandyte Ward councillors are supporting the festival committee in their

efforts to convince Doncaster council they should continue providing services free of charge.

"Clearly, council should be using its resources in freely providing much-needed support for such worthwhile community projects as the highly-successful Warrandyte Festival," Cr Val Polley said.

"We really don't get a lot out here in Warrandyte, compared to the other end of the city. The sight of our staff erecting banners along Yarra Street has always been a great public relations boost for Doncaster-Templestowe."

Whilst very concerned about this change in policy from Doncaster council, John Boyle's strongest disappointment is reserved for the disparity between their efforts and the contribution from Eltham.

Many observers believe Eltham Festival, largely run by paid council staff, has slipped from being a fine commu-

nity-based event into a commercial-style carnival, reflecting few of the values and history of its host town.

"The Warrandyte festival committee is faced with the near impossible task of attracting funds from other sources," John Boyle said. Commercial sponsorship is one obvious alternative. Businesses around town have contributed generously over the years, and continue to do so, expecting very little—if any—advertising in return.

"Most local businesses are finding it difficult through these hard times," John said. "We would have to go way beyond them to raise the volume of funds needed—even if they were available."

"Coca Cola and McDonalds—is this the way they'd like us to go? We believe this would bring to the festival a level of commercial exposure no-one wants."

"It's our party and we should be paying for it. And we have been—through council rates."



School's in, and Jenna says goodbye to her mum, Janette Leek, on her first day at Warrandyte Primary. None of our schools have fallen victim to government closures, but teacher cutbacks are placing strains on surviving staff. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

## We're still running our own youth club

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte has won a major battle with Doncaster council to keep control of our local youth centre—but only just.

Facing the prospect of the centre's control being lost to a council committee of management, co-ordinator Craig Milburn joined Crs Louise Joy and John Bridge to propose an alternate plan for Warrandyte to continue running its own successful programs, while still linking with Doncaster and Templestowe Youth Services.

With the plan agreed upon it seemed certain to be passed in council, but it just scraped through on the casting vote of Mayor Irene Goonan.

Her support for the alternative recommendation swung the 6-6 deadlock Warrandyte's way. A noticeably relieved Craig Milburn was surprised by the closeness of the vote.

"It was amazing. I think what it highlighted is that there is a lack of understanding about the whole issue, about how to re-structure youth services and particularly the value of local community involvement," he told the *Diary*.

"If the original recommendation had been accepted it would have been very bad for our service, very negative for it. We would have lost any real control and sense of ownership."

He described allegations that the two services were duplicating each other's programs as "ridiculous", adding that Warrandyte works well with the 808 Centre in Doncaster.

"We work together pretty well. We've got to look at both local and city-wide needs and what is the best structure for doing that. From our point of view locally owned and managed organisations should form the basis of that because you draw on your own people. The community identifies with their local service. They own it, they join in and they get actively involved so it actually keeps costs down."

News of the threat to the centre spread quickly among young people in Warrandyte in late December, so much so that more than 40 of them packed the council gallery to hear Craig Milburn address the citizens services committee.

"It was fantastic," Craig said. "I was rapt to see the parents too. It showed their support. We only had 24 hours notice, but to see 40 people turn up showed how strongly the community supports the service."

Cr Joy told councillors that "some things are not an 808 but a Warrandyte issue", and as such the centre's control should rest with the local body.

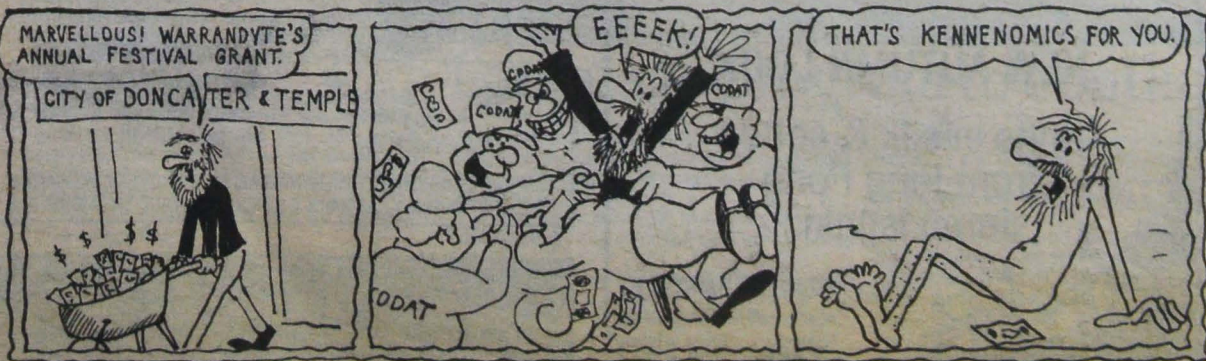
Craig cited council's own "Design and Directions" plan, which says that "each suburb within the municipality will maintain a sense of identity within the city as a whole".

A report back to council by Craig Milburn, the Corporate Manager of Citizens Services and the co-ordinator of Doncaster and Templestowe Youth Services will spell out the future direction for the centre, which has grown quickly since its re-opening in March last year.

"It's going ahead in leaps and bounds. It's taken off far quicker than I ever thought it would and it's going to be a far better and broader service than what we've ever had here before," Craig Milburn said.

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# And yes, their kids will very likely play cricket

The Chapmans are not merely a Warrandyte cricketing family, they're a Warrandyte cricketing dynasty. And we're delighted to announce that the impeccable bloodlines are about to be further enriched. Brian Chapman, coach of our women's team, is engaged to his captain, Jenni McLaws. They'll marry in November. It's a love story almost too good to be true. They met when Jenni came to Warrandyte in 1975 to play for the brand-new women's eleven—which just happened to be coached by Brian's late dad Allan, the patriarch of this extraordinary sporting family. Allan Chapman saw great potential in young Jenni and took a special interest in her career. His judgement was spot-on. She is an exceptional cricketer, an all-rounder who played a major role in Warrandyte's two premierships—in that first season and in 1991-92. The romance between Jenni and Brian, who has coached the girls for 10 years, didn't really develop until May last year. By that stage, Jenni had succeeded her great mate Jenny Chapman—who just happens to be Brian's sister—as women's captain. The engagees are already weary of well-wishers saying their kids are obviously going to be great cricketers. But with a pedigree like that, what else can you say?

Jenni and Brian have become the first engaged couple (anywhere, as far as anyone knows) to bat together in competition cricket. Because the women's team withdrew from their comp this season to rebuild, the two are playing for Warrandyte's fifth eleven and were partners in a match a couple of weeks ago. The folk at Wisden's are going to be mad as hell that we beat them to this one.

This is the story of Geoff Feltham and Neil Dusting and a Port Phillip Bay fishing trip that went hilariously wrong (although hilarious was not a word being freely tossed around during the misadventure). It nearly started about 3.30 one afternoon last month at Mornington, but it was far too rough to put Geoff's half-cabin cruiser in there, so they settled for slightly calmer waters at Sorrento. "The waves were breaking over the transom when I backed the boat in off the ramp," says Neil (self-appointed hero of the episode). "I'm not suggesting I could read signs of panic in Geoff's eyes, but I thought it best I took control. I suppose that technically it was mutiny, but he didn't argue." The object of the exercise was snapper, but by the time the anchor had dragged for the fifth time they'd lowered their standards and settled for the humble in-shore flathead. Nothing doing there, so out to sea again—or they would have had they been



**IN RED & WHITE**

You might never have regarded carpet bowls as a gripping spectator sport—but Fred Knibbs and Phylis Foster had a totally captive audience for the final of the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club championship last month. Fred survived extreme pressure to take the title. The finalists are pictured with club president Isabelle Bradford.

able to start the motor. Not a kick. "We tried to paddle ashore," Neil says. "I was managing six knots with my paddle and Geoff one knot with his. But there was an eight-knot tide against us, so we were going backwards." You've heard of ships that pass in the night. Well, the Sorrento ferry passed them and nobody saw two pairs of hands waving frantically in the dark. "I told Geoff we should have waved the torch, but I think he wanted to conserve his batteries in case we were out there for several months" says Neil. With mateship now threatening to turn to tatters, Geoff reached for the mobile phone. He tried to phone his old mate Mick O'Kane in BRISBANE for mechanical advice, but Mick wasn't home. Okay. Surrender. Neil phoned his wife, the lovely Pauline, who called Sorrento police, who were putting together a rescue operation, when Geoff and Neil were picked up and towed to shore by a passing boat. They got home at 1.30 next morning. And guess what? The outboard roared into life at fifth click of the key in Geoff's backyard. And the catch? Half the bag of pilchards they'd taken out for bait.

It is not socially acceptable to rob worthy causes, and no points at all for the two young blokes who were stuffing tops and jumpers under their T-shirts from a display outside the local Opportunity Shop on the afternoon of Saturday, February 5. On the other hand, full marks to the lady (we think she's an Op Shop assistant) who sprang them, frightened hell out of them and forced them to hurriedly replace the stuff before they fled up Mitchell Avenue. One of the little darlings is readily identifiable. We suggest he lies low for a while.

A lot of people in this town still haven't got it right about the old enemy: fire. They still believe their local CFA brigade deals only with bushfires.

Wrong, it deals with any type of fire, and a house blaze here late last month underlined the necessity to call your local brigade for the quickest response. A call to the central MFB number wastes precious minutes as details are recorded and onpassed to the CFA communications centre, which then notifies the relevant local brigade by phoning the local fire call number—the number which should have been called direct in the first place. And if you don't know them by now (which you should) the local numbers are: Warrandyte 844 3798, North Warrandyte 844 3683, South Warrandyte 844 2174.

We had never believed Neil Pearson to be short on ingenuity and it really shone through the other day when the gas oven went on the blink just as wife Bub was about to brown the top of the cauliflower cheese. Now any cauliflower cheese connoisseur knows you simply do not eat it unless the top is browned. It's like tackling steak, egg and chips without the HP sauce. Unthinkable. Neil took stock of the situation and within minutes had rigged up an emergency oven—a two-bar electric radiator, up-turned and sitting on a couple of house bricks, beaming down on the aforementioned cauliflower cheese. Result: Browned to perfection and a culinary delight.

We have a question: Why was a local sporting identity sitting in an armchair at the bus stop opposite the footy ground at 2.30am on Sunday, February 6? Didn't he know the next bus was seven or eight hours away?



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# Survey shows strong support for elderlies' housing project

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte now seems certain to get retirement housing for its senior citizens following many years of serious need and several unsuccessful attempts to solve the problem.

A pre-Christmas survey by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project Committee of all households in the 3113 postcode area has produced a very positive response with 15 saying they would be prepared to buy and occupy a retirement unit in Warrandyte now.

The community sent out 2130 survey kits detailing the background of the perceived need for retirement housing in Warrandyte, and the objectives of the survey-questionnaire, and seeking information on accommodation requirements.

An 18 per cent response was received—118 replies—which is much better than the average received for commercial direct-mail surveys.

Committee secretary, Margory Lapworth, said the

survey had produced excellent results. "It's a very encouraging response from our community and we are now actively looking for land," she told the *Diary*.

"We unfortunately missed out on some land at the eastern end of town but now we have other land under consideration. The aim is to have enough land in a convenient position for both housing units and a hostel for 24-hour nursing care," she said.

Rev Syd Smale of the Uniting Church, a committee member who has led some of the recent activity in Warrandyte retirement accommodation, said: "The survey says 'go', but how to go is still the question.

"It is interesting that the survey respondents were equally divided as to whether the units should be built together as a retirement village or whether a number of smaller clusters spread across Warrandyte would be more to their liking," he said.

Margory Lapworth said only

'Only one of the 118 ... was negative'

one of the 118 respondents had been negative.

"All said that the accommodation should consist of self-care units and a majority of people favoured two to three bedroom units," she said.

"Some wanted attachments such as a sunroom, and space and cover for boats and cars.

"Fifty-nine out of the 118 respondents indicated they would be prepared to buy a unit at 'some stage'. But 15



Margory Lapworth: better than average response.

households said they would be prepared to buy a unit and occupy it now.

"Ninety-one out of 118 said we should look at hostel-type accommodation at the same time as self-care accommodation. And 60 indicated they want more information as it becomes available."

A lot of interest was shown in the prospect of purchasing a unit and then letting it to tenants before it was used by



Phil Honeywood: actively pursued matter.

the owners. But the committee will have a look at this in greater detail and establish clear guidelines for such activity.

Of the respondents, about one third were each in the three age groups, 30 to 45 years, 45 to 60, and over 60. Out of the 118, 45 had lived in the area from one to 10 years, 33 from 10 to 26 years and 39 over 20 years.

The Warrandyte Community

Retirement Housing Project Committee is a relatively new group, consisting of the Rev Smale, Bruce Williamson and Bruce Gangell representing the Uniting Church; Alan King of Warrandyte Advisory Committee; Margory Lapworth of Neighbourhood House; Cr Louise Joy, Doncaster-Templestowe council; and Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte.

This survey of community needs and the seeking of commitments, is the first time any individual or group has attempted to obtain comprehensive facts on retirement accommodation in Warrandyte after many years of perceived need.

Efforts have been made by many in the past to get a retirement housing project started in Warrandyte. The Rev Stan Fishley, then Uniting Church minister, tried in 1987 and, since he has become a member of parliament, Phil Honeywood has actively pursued the matter, no doubt culminating in the latest moves.



Doncaster council's works depot is undergoing a \$5.44 million redevelopment, with work to be completed in April 1995. Mayor Irene Goonan launched the project at a tree planting last month (left), marking the first stage. Having been promised to the Blackburn Road depot's 200 workers, who have been waiting more than 10 years, the move finally came after renewed concerns about their health and safety and the general deterioration of the depot. Funded by council rates and profits from its electricity supply business, the change will also involve the relocation of the quarry access road to Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road opposite Andersons Creek Road.

## Top student's surprise

Warrandyte High School's top VCE student Kiera Poustie surprised even herself when her long-awaited marks came out, posting a total of 158.5 out of a possible 168.

Taking six tough subjects—chemistry, physics, change and approximation extensions, reasoning and data (both maths subjects), physical education and english—she scored straight A or A+ grades in all but one of them, including a remarkable straight A+ grade for PE.

Kiera (pictured right with principal Michael Blake) need not have been all that surprised, however. At a school function to mark year's end before the exams even started, she was pronounced student of the year, winning the major award for scholastic excellence.

That win increased the pressure on her during the exams, but she came through with colors flying.

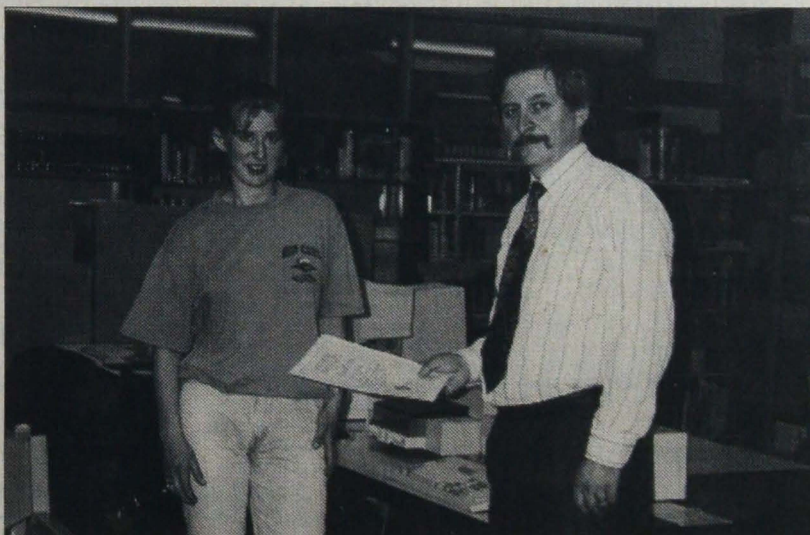
With such a high score, Kiera had first pick of the board for a university place. She has chosen a combined degree course at Melbourne University.

"I'm doing engineering and commerce. It's a combined course and after the five years I will get both my engineering and commerce degrees," she said.

While conceding that the workload during the year was quite significant, she noted the need to strike a balance with her other interests. She continued weekly basketball while working her shifts on the checkout at a supermarket.

This was despite some real moments of intense pressure.

"There was a lot of work at some stages—too much came at the one time. At one stage I had five CATS due in the space of two weeks, which became a bit much. You can get it done but it's so much work. They need to spread it out more."



## Language program to continue

Warrandyte Primary School's successful Japanese language program will continue this year, following the granting of a teacher to continue the syllabus.

Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, was delighted by the continuation of the program.

"After the extensive work by the school in the development and implementation of this innovative program, it would have been most unfortunate if it had been allowed to lapse through lack of funding," he said.

The Directorate of School Education's decision last year to halt funding led to parents and friends raising the finance for its survival, allowing the employment of a part-time teacher.

"The school should be commended for this initiative," Phil Honeywood said.

Since the program's introduction in 1991, most grades have received one 45 minute session per week with the provision of sessions to other local schools via the telematics system.

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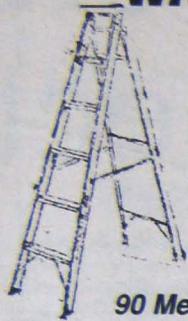
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# Young artist's unique touch

I certainly felt proud to be a member of this wonderful community called Warrandyte, when I visited the Meat Market Craft Centre recently to find our young and upcoming artists displaying their wares.

Matthew Magilton has displayed his pottery craft in this magnificent old building for some time and to visit Bridget Liddell's superb exhibition in the Blackwood Gallery was an experience in itself.

The title of her first solo exhibition of handmade jewellery and prints is 'Sifting Through Sand', inspired by her year in Broome and the West Australian coast, which was made possible by winning the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award.

Three ton of sand was spread throughout the gallery and show cases, with three realistic sandstone rocks strategically placed for the beach atmosphere. Her collection of West Australian shells, sponges and the usual paraphernalia found at low tide was scattered about. I actually noticed a small boy in his sandals, shorts and sun hat showing his father the shells that he had collected.

Bridget's unique, finely crafted pieces of jewellery of oceanic theme, made from natural pearls, coral, red seeds, silver, yellow and pink gold found themselves sitting on shells or rocks or on the sand in the showcases, which were lovingly made by her dad.

Her lovely prints and interestingly, some of her jewellery had been framed in driftwood and again with the oceanic theme kept consistent.

I had not experienced an exhibition like this before and Bridget is to be congratulated for her display, which has been 12 months in the making. Never have I had to wipe my feet when leaving a gallery.

Those who missed this exhibition have certainly missed the unique work of one of our Warrandyte young artists.

Denise Bedford  
Bradleys Lane

## Mail stolen

During the week before Christmas, mail was taken from letter boxes in The Boulevard area by unidentified persons. The mail delivery man had to visit each residence to inform householders of this occurrence. I am particularly distressed, as one of the missing letters was from my 94-year-old mother, who is rarely able to write nowadays. To my certain knowledge, at least three other letters addressed to me did not arrive. One card, badly watermarked, was returned to me by the mail man and as I did not receive cards from some other friends from whom I usually hear, I can only assume that others went missing too. Although we searched the area on the Thursday before Christmas, we found nothing and wet conditions made it difficult.

I would like it made known through your (our!) paper what happened. I would point out that tampering with Australia Post mail is a criminal offence and not a prank as possibly the perpetrators thought at the time. It

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really saddens me that such behaviour occurs.

Beth Gallagher  
The Boulevard

## Food thanks

I would like to take this opportunity, through the *Diary*, of saying a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Warrandyte community at large for their very generous donations to the Warrandyte Food Bank over the weeks before Christmas.

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House received over 20 Christmas hampers from the Lions Club of Warrandyte and toys were donated by the Wesley Mission to deliver to families in crisis within this area. The Food Bank, alias Helen and John Cox, left the cupboard completely bare providing additional food parcels for families whose needs only came to light nearer to Christmas.

It would be very remiss of me not to thank my wonderful helpers who assisted me in the packing and delivery of the hampers, such as the volunteers from Lions, as well as Bruce Bence and Basil Holland, Sue Rowe, Carole Coulter, Thelma Theo—and all the other volunteers at the Neighbourhood House.

As co-ordinator and on behalf of the committee of management, I thank all who assisted most sincerely.

The delivery of emergency aid and food parcels is not limited only to the holiday periods and already the effects of the economical situation are being felt. In 1993, some \$9000 was distributed to the residents of Warrandyte and East Doncaster in food and bills by the Neighbourhood House. This does not include some food parcels supplied by the Food Bank at the request of Doncare. It does appear that the 'crisis' situation is not abating. We are receiving calls daily for food and assistance with the payment of bills.

Unfortunately, the Food Bank has run out of food, which means that we are having to use the small amount of money given to us by the State to purchase food. It is a vicious circle as the amount of finance received over the year is diminishing very fast and we will be struggling in 1994.

If you can assist, there is a food box located at Harry Heath's Supermarket and all donations would be gratefully received.

Further information can be obtained by ringing me on 844 1839.

Thank you all very much.

Margory J. Lapworth  
Co-ordinator  
Warrandyte Neighbourhood House.

## Speed trap

I write to express my concern in regard to the worsening traffic situation in Warrandyte in general and the dangerous situa-

tion in Yarra Street in particular.

As a resident in Yarra Street I am faced with the situation on a daily basis and while it may not be the answer to the total problem, I feel that an enforced reduction in allowable speed in the area from the West End to the Stonehouse along Yarra Street is essential.

In this regard I fully support suggestions that there be a 40kph limit placed in this area.

To support my views in this matter, there was an accident on the intersection of Yarra Street and Anderson Street today (7-1-94) and had a lower speed limit been in force this accident would have been minimised, if not totally avoided.

Further to this I can quote several near misses I have experienced while attempting to turn into my own driveway.

I therefore urge that the City of Doncaster and Templestowe implement the necessary action to ensure that more serious—possibly fatal—accidents are not allowed to occur in the future.

R.J. Fletcher  
Yarra Street

## Parent control

I would very much like to hear your readers' opinions about parents—that is how do parents still maintain some semblance of control over the leisure time of a teenager?

Currently my own household is polarized on the issue of 'freedom' during the forthcoming Warrandyte Festival. As a parent, I believe I am not being unreasonable to expect that a 15 or 16 year-old should be home at midnight. Both my son and daughter tell me that 'every parent allows their children to stay out all night' during this special weekend.

Galvanized into action because of the daily confrontations, I telephoned five parents (three of whom I had never met). Our conversations opened up issues much wider than just the festival.

I discovered:

We all agreed that as parents we had done little to check each other out. Yet when our children were at primary school, we knew where they were and who they were with.

All of us at different times have felt intimidated by our offspring for having such notions as their accountability, etc.

None of us are able to cope with the occasional friend whose parents appear to be permissive, or rather not very concerned about the whereabouts of their offspring.

Most disturbing, is that most of us tend to see our children as easily led, therefore not responsible, and if in trouble, it wouldn't and couldn't be their fault. I do not need a psychologist to interpret the above responses. I believe this attitude to be just as alarming as the neglectful parent. If we expect our children to be accountable for their actions, then as parents we must be too. I would be very interested to read other parents' views.

A Parent  
(Name & addressed supplied.)

# NSW bush fires warn locals

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte residents have been urged to undertake fire prevention around their homes in the wake of the devastating fires in New South Wales.

CFA regional officer Michael Whelan said that many homes in the area are not prepared for a bushfire, following a large build-up of tree branches, dry grass and litter.

Without the removal of this fuel and an adequate action plan, many homes are in grave danger in a major fire.

"They should not expect the CFA to be sitting on their doorstep to protect their home in the event of a major bushfire. If they give even a little thought to the magnitude of the fires of Ash Wednesday or the NSW fires they will realise that the firefighting resources will be stretched to the limit," he said.

He added that residents should take the offer of help from the CFA to prepare for fires through Community Fireguard, a program which teaches residents about bushfires and how to max-

imise their protection.

Doncaster and Templestowe council's acting chief executive officer, Kevin Elder, has also called on residents to remove fire hazard material.

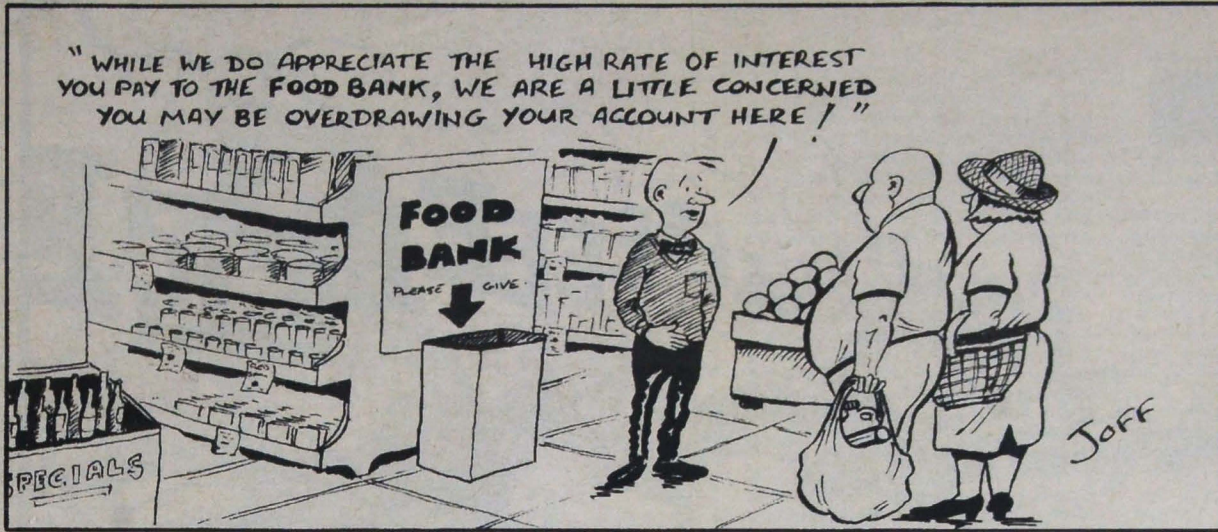
"While council does not wish to scare residents, we do urge people to look at the growth which has been allowed to accumulate on private properties by virtue of the wet conditions."

He also said that council will implement preventative measures to prepare for bushfires in light of weather conditions.



**WARRANTITTIES**

By **JOFF**



# Food bank left empty

By **GEORGI STICKELS**

Local families in need benefitted from generous contributions to the Warrandyte Food Bank over Christmas, but there is an ongoing need, Neighbourhood House coordinator, Margory Lapworth, says.

The foodbank received more than 450 food items over the Christmas period which were distributed to 39 people in 11 families. John Cox, whose wife Helen started the food bank three years ago, said the rise was almost entirely due to a promotion run by Harry Heaths, where a 10% discount applied to certain lines of food if they were donated to the food bank.

"Compared to the previous Christmas we had more," he said. "The manager at Harry Heaths, Andrew Walters, came and asked us if they did this would we distribute it. The idea came from the staff."

John Cox said the store approached their suppliers and arranged to purchase certain lines, including potato chips, cooking needs and some Christmas lines, at discounted

prices.

He says the response from residents "was colossal; fantastic".

But donations are still needed. "We are usually capable of meeting the need," he said, adding that the foodbank at Harry Heaths was by far the major source of donations.

Margory Lapworth distributes most of the food through the Neighbourhood House. "We have virtually no food left and so really there's a need for more food," she said.

The Neighbourhood House gave out \$200 in food vouchers in two days earlier in the New Year. Last year alone, they gave \$9,000 dollars in assistance to 70 Warrandyte residents, as well as the food parcels. A state government grant made up \$6,000 of that, with the remainder coming from the Warrandyte Market Committee.

Margory Lapworth said the need for help was growing, particularly among professionals who had lost their jobs and had to support their families. "This time last year

we were getting a lot of youngsters, but now it's families and single parents," she said. "They're also the middle aged ones, 40 and 50 year olds who've been put out of jobs. We're getting people now registering with us who need help. Not just food, but material things, like rent assistance and bills paid."

Both said the response from the community to help others was fantastic. "When we took the food bank box away for refurbishing, because it hadn't been refurbished in two years, someone actually put a box there because they noticed there wasn't a box for donations," John Cox said. "When you get that sort of support it's fantastic."

The food bank supplies meat, vegetables and dairy products, bought with funds from the Market Committee and local service clubs. John Cox said there is an ongoing need for tinned foods, particularly fruit and soup as well as pre-packaged meals like pasta and sauce.

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# Group to hit local crime

Mounting concern over the local crime rate has led to the formation of the Warrandyte and Park Orchards Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC).

Comprising members from groups within the community, the committee, chaired by Sergeant Keith Walker of Warrandyte police (pictured right), aims to "enhance safety and security through community partnerships with police".

Concerns include public safety and high fear of crime amongst vulnerable groups, the cost of crime, and limits to the criminal justice system's effectiveness in controlling crime, as well as the inability of one agency to tackle the problem alone and the need for co-operation and participation from the community in reporting and solving crime.

PCCC says it will "identify and address local problems at a local level", and hopes to receive

funding from Victoria Police to appoint a local project worker for 12 months.

The group will also work to lift community awareness of drug and alcohol issues, while pushing local licensed businesses and sports clubs to adopt a "code of practice" and undergo "responsible servers" courses.

Other plans include the staging of alcohol-free entertainment events and research into drug use by young people in the community.

Cr Louise Joy joins 10 others on the committee, representing Warrandyte's Youth Services, Neighbourhood House, Senior Citizens, Community Church, local traders, South Warrandyte Primary School, SES and Park Orchard's Neighbourhood Watch and Lions Club.

The outcome of the group's application for funding is expected to be announced later this month.



# Our festival set to ignite

By **RICK GORDON**

The old town will really come alive next month, when the whole community comes together to celebrate the 18th Warrandyte Village Festival, from Thursday, March 17, through to Sunday, March 20. 'Once Upon A Time In Warrandyte' is the theme, and there will be many opportunities during the weekend to remember our past.

There will be entertainers and buskers galore on Saturday when Yarra Street closes in preparation for the parade, which this year will feature the highly acclaimed Victoria Police Pipe Band. Young children are encouraged to get into the Once

Upon a Time theme, dress up in fancy dress, join a special float in the parade, then meet on the main stage for prizes and more parading.



**ONCE UPON A TIME IN WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL**

Teenagers will be raging all weekend, starting with a dance at the cricket club on Friday night. The rock stage area will be packed with things to do, including sumo wrestling (in giant suits), a cafe with entertainment, free health checks, and even massages! Saturday night at the Community Centre will feature a film and pizza night, finishing at midnight.

The giant water slide will be extended by the scouts into a mini "challenge valley" with rope bridges, crawling net, and an Army assault course.

Lee's Animal Farm will bring a rural atmosphere to the riverbank, and of course, there's the duck race. And speaking of

racing, the Undie 500 will be a huge event, with primary, secondary, tertiary and open sections, all in various stages of undress, night attire, or outlandish gear.

The pet parade will be run earlier, at 9am Sunday, to make way for a combined church service at 10.30, and the international flavor of the lunchtime variety entertainment will be extended to both Saturday and Sunday at 12noon.

The weekend finishes with the traditional variety concert, with our very own jazz band completing the night, and of course the fireworks will cap off a great weekend. See you there!

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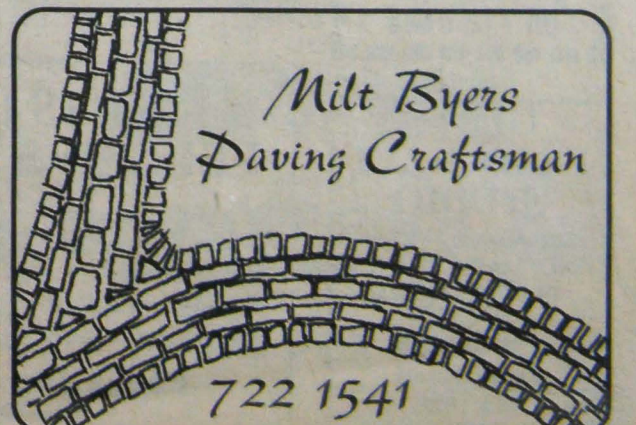


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# Living's not all easy in a home that's a house

**D**O you live for your house or in it?" asked our inquisitive neighbour.

"Good question," I replied as we surveyed the area of the house which was the target of 'weekend work'.

This is the very same neighbour who, with his lovely partner, has hand-built their mud-brick house so that it could withstand even the strongest huffing and puffing. Here was a couple who understood about 'after-work work' as well as 'weekend work'. They knew about contractor quotations which were really wild guesses, about deadlines which were really dead lies and about carpet merchants who reluctantly offered '90% Off Closing Down Sales' on a weekly basis.

Ah yes, the pure joy of owning one's own piece of Australia. It's the people you get to deal with who make it all worthwhile. I mean, if they were perfect little



retailing angels clasped in the bosom of total customer service (and regularly given awards by the Prices Surveillance Authority) then there would be absolutely no point in 'doing it yourself'.

Happily, most of our local traders are very helpful in this department and make the appropriate allowances for cynical 'unco' weekend warriors like myself.

Such was the case recently when I rolled up to purchase a couple of railway sleepers (re-

cycled slabs of pig iron disguised as timber).

"Where do you want them?" asked the kindly trader looking at the family Commodore sedan.

"Hang on and I'll put the rear seat down and open the boot," I replied.

Unfazed, he helped me load them without so much as a mark on any of the vinyl or plastic.

"Anything else I can get you?" he inquired. (Garden shop translation of "would you like any drinks or fries with your order?")

When I admitted that I was also thinking of getting some treated pine lattice it only took him a short while to convince me that I needed eight sheets of 900x1200mm (or as he put it, nine 'undred 'be' one point two).

"Where do you want these?" asked the kindly trader again.

"Hang on," I said, "I'll get the blanket out of the boot and we can lash them to the roof."

"How far do you have to take them?" he asked trying to keep a straight face at the absence of

any roof rack.

"Only to North Warrandyte," I replied.

You would have thought that a mighty revelation had been laid upon his doubting countenance. He smiled broadly and with compassion as he calmly helped me untangle the pieces of rope from the boot.

"Mind how you go up the hill," he advised, as I gingerly drove off, looking a little like Jed from the Beverly Hillbillies.

The people at GMH would be amazed if they knew what you could carry in your Commodore, providing you were only going "just up the hill".

Back home the whole family attacked the 'weekend work' and we got it all done. And it didn't look half bad.

We agreed that we lived in our house, despite the fact that we spend a lot of time working on it (and not for it).

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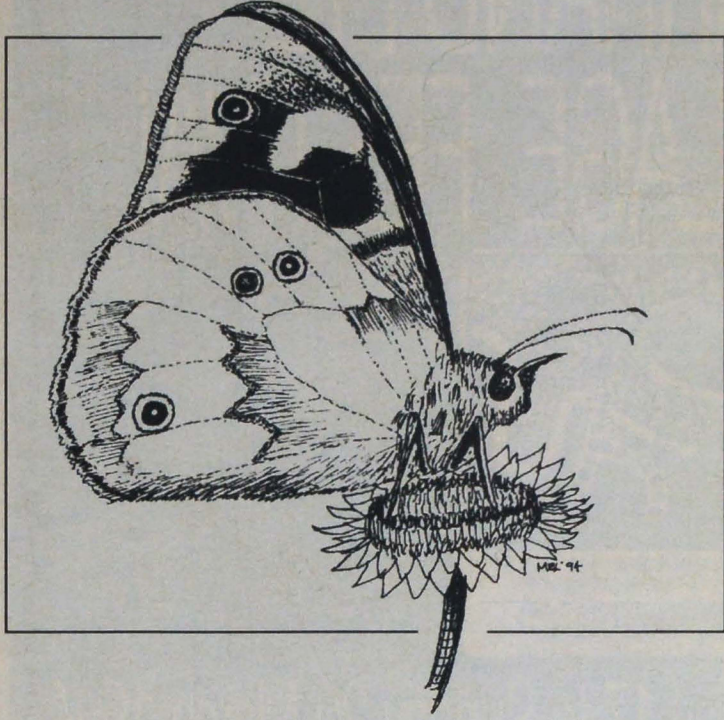
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# Butterfly beauties color the gloom



**I**NSECTS cannot be counted amongst the early risers of the animal kingdom. The chirping songs of crickets and cicadas are rarely heard at dawn. It's not that the insects are particularly lazy, but being cold-blooded they need the warmth of the sun to raise their body temperature before they can fly or even sing.

As a consequence, insects are most visible on hot sunny days and most audible on sultry summer nights. When the temperature drops they are silent; when it rains they disappear. But where do they go?

During the post-Christmas burst of unseasonably cold wet weather, I took the opportunity to find out. Having been confined indoors by two days of incessant rain with only the heater providing any summer warmth, I decided to brave the elements. Complete with waterproof jacket and gumboots, I set out in search of those little creatures that crave the sun's life-giving warmth.

Finding them was remarkably easy. Uncanny. There, hanging from the trees were dragonflies, damselflies, all sorts of flies—even butterflies, clinging motionless to the undersides of leaves. Tentatively, I touched the wing of a russet-brown butterfly which was sheltering from the spatter of raindrops under a broad eucalypt leaf. It did not

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

move. Likewise, there was no response when I prodded a dragonfly normally the fleetest of fliers. Life it seemed was on hold while the insects waited out the bad weather.

It is a common misconception that the life span of insects is extremely short. However, many species live for several months and, in some cases, years. Of all the thousands of different insects in the world, butterflies are without doubt the favorites. These ethereal creatures, feather-light and fragile with brightly colored wings appeal to our sense of beauty. Added to that they are completely harmless.

One of the most familiar species in Warrandyte is the Common Brown. On warm days in gardens and bushland, these orange and brown butterflies flutter from the trees like falling leaves. When resting on the forest floor, the butterflies look so much like the leaves themselves that only when disturbed is their presence revealed.

How has the Common Brown managed to survive the devastating urban violation of its native bushland habitat

when other species have failed? The caterpillar provides the answer. Its foodplant is grass and the fact that these caterpillars have adapted to feed on introduced grasses in addition to native grasses has led to the success of this species.

The Common Browns have yet another strategy for survival. The butterflies emerge from their chrysalis in October or early November. Mating takes place following an elaborate aerial courtship, but the female does not lay eggs immediately. Instead she plays a waiting game.

Spring becomes summer and still the females wait. By the end of February most of the males are dead. As autumn advances the days begin to shorten and eventually soaking rains arrive to rejuvenate the parched bushland.

Native and introduced grasses flourish and it is now, after months of patiently waiting, that the female finally lays her eggs, attaching them individually with a sticky secretion to blades of grass. A few weeks later the tiny caterpillars emerge to find a ready source of fresh food.

Having survived for five, maybe six months, the females die soon after egg-laying, but the future of the next generation is secure. The Common Brown's formula for success—adaptability and a perfect sense of timing.

# Survival time in another Warrandyte

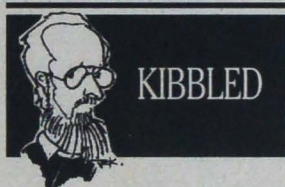
**T**HE battle lines were drawn. We had advance warning of its approach and started our preparations. Sometimes it's not so much the enemy itself as the thinking about it and worrying that exhausts you.

We started our campaign early, actually the night before.

We laid out our plan of counter-attack. Herself had decided on a very early start in order to get all the tedious chores out of the way so we could devote all our time and attention to the Big One.

By six o'clock she was up and active.

I arose and started on the perimeter of the house, checking that all vulnerable access points were closed. I drew the curtains, shut the windows and doors, started the oscillating fan and checked that the air conditioner



in the TV room was working properly.

There is one high window we've never got round to covering, so it was out with a single bedsheet, which I attached with two brads to the top of the frame.

By eight o'clock the enemy was playing it cool. The wind was still a zephyr and the day gave the appearance of benevolence. I put out the washing in the superstitious hope that, like washing the car, this causes rain. I don't know the meteorological logic behind this, but it always seems to work. Except on this

## heatwave

day.

By noon the clothes were as dry as potato crisps and there was not a thunderstorm cloud in sight.

Mid-morning saw Herself at the keyboard, racing against time to get her work done before the computer exploded.

As casually as Herself does anything, she let it slip that she'd rung an air conditioning firm and begun negotiations about a new defence weapon for her office. I nodded knowingly and foresaw the future.

At 10 o'clock I peeped through the curtains and realised that the attack had begun. The wind had picked up and was blowing from the north, the direction all

Warrandytians hate.

I could see leaves curling and plants desiccating before my eyes. Showers of twigs hit the roof and banks of tinder-dry debris blew towards the house.

I had emptied half of the Winneke dam over the past days in an attempt to keep the place green, but it was a losing battle.

I closed the curtains and looked around. My gaze was stopped by a painting we had brought back from Bali.

The clear greens, reds and yellows reminded me of a climate that can dare to be hot without the vulgar need to adopt a scorched earth policy as punishment for an invasion 200 years ago.

Barely a month before we had been enjoying a different heat in a mountain rainforest.

Outside our room grew monstera, avocados, frangipani and philodendras.

We walked through green rice paddies and watched squadrons of ducks on manoeuvres in the mud. We rafted down warm mountain rivers through cathedrals of towering trees, ferns and lianas.

Admittedly we had to change our sweat-soaked clothes several times a day and the storm clouds often rolled in by mid-afternoon; but not in such a vindictive way as do ours.

Back in Warrandyte I longed for that heat that presaged nothing more than sunburn; unlike ours that anticipates a bushfire.

My reverie was broken by a dead branch falling onto the roof. One day, I keep telling myself, it

will be somewhat bigger than a large twig.

By noon, the attack was on in earnest. The cats flattened themselves on the cool deck slats, trying desperately to be furless. Sensibly, they adopt a state of suspended animation, whereas we humans fuss, exacerbating an already difficult situation.

The wind picked up, my nostrils flared, ready for the first whiff of fire.

I looked to the north, hoping not to see any ominous smoke clouds. I looked at the calendar. February. My month of paranoia. We stayed cocooned in the TV room, the air conditioner imitating more temperate times.

Mid-afternoon, the air stilled. I heard a clap and hoped it was thunder and not another branch on the roof.

ROGER KIBELL

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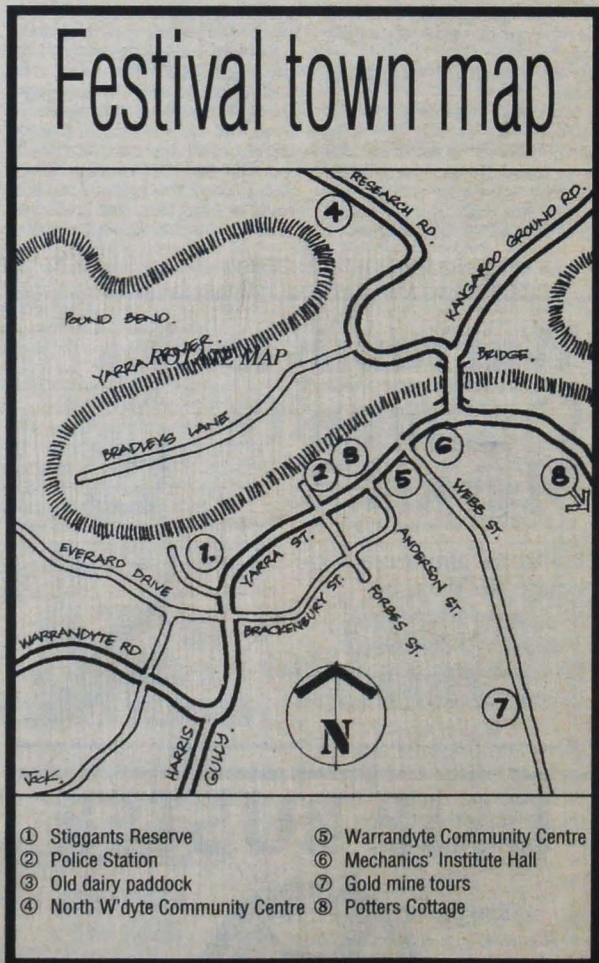
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## Once upon a time in Warrandyte...



The banners will soon be flying along Yarra Street, proclaiming festival time is here again. 'Once Upon A Time In Warrandyte' is the theme this year, inspiring schools, community groups and locals preparing floats and fancy dress for the parade. The old goldmining and early settlement days in Warrandyte, or fairytale themes of castles, dragons, nursery rhymes: all are abrim with ideas for fun and frolic. As always, the Grand Parade will wander its way along Yarra Street from 11am on Saturday morning. Local identities will 'commentate' the parade at the village shops and Stiggants roadside, and, for the first time, buskers will be entertaining spectators awaiting the passing spectacle. Following the parade, everyone in fancy dress is invited to strut their stuff on the main stage at Stiggants and perhaps win a prize. Staged entertainment at Stiggants Reserve has been further extended this year with the popular Saturday lunchtime international music and dancing program on the riverbank stage also running on Sunday. Many more community dance groups and local schools are performing in the Saturday afternoon 'On Stage At Stiggants' spot. Young people will be having a ball at the Friday evening dance at the cricket clubrooms, there will be a Youth Extravaganza at Stiggants throughout the weekend and a Saturday film and pizza night at the Warrandyte Youth Services clubrooms in the commu-

nity centre. On Saturday morning, a Fun Walk through the State Park and a Festival Bike Race are happening, as well as the usual Apex Fun Run. Sunday sees the traditional CFA contests and Tug 'O War, followed by the famous Duck Race and the infamous Warrandyte Undie 500! Warrandyte Community Centre will be busy throughout the weekend, hosting an art exhibition and workshop, model railway display, Historical Society photo competition and 'Warrandyte Story' video and the Saturday evening youth event. A Sunday afternoon concert on the main stage is followed by the big event of the festival, the Grand Finale Concert in the evening. This year's closing act is our marvellous Warrandyte Community Jazz Band. The big wind-up winds down at 9pm with the fireworks display—CFA and weather permitting. Apart from the annual re-cycling of all our favourite events, rubbish re-cycling looks set to be a big deal at this year's festival. Doncaster council is stressing the theme in their display tent, and clearly marked recycling bins will be placed strategically around Stiggants Reserve for your glass bottles, aluminium cans and re-cyclable plastic bottles. Further program information is obtainable from the Citizens' Advice Bureau at the community centre, from the caravan adjacent to Stiggants main stage during festival weekend, or by phoning 844 1858.



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## THURSDAY 17 MARCH

**8pm: CONCERT & REFRESHMENTS** at St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries & bookings: Ann Ley, 844 3543.

**8pm: OPEN SEASON.** Warrandyte Drama Group musical. Written by Alan Cornell, Mark Leehy, Kevin O'Mara & Dave Billings. Mechanics Institute Hall, Yarra Street. BYO food & drink. \$12 per head. Also March 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26. Bookings: David Buck, 844 2204.

**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel. Party on to live music. Pokies available.

## FRIDAY 18 MARCH

**10am-11.30am: KIDS' FESTIVAL PARADE** at Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. Sponsored by Doncaster Templestowe News. Kids & parents from Warrandyte, Andersons Creek, Warrandyte South primary schools & local kinders invited. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2757.

**11am: POSTER COMPETITION** prize presentation at Kids' Festival Parade. Posters judged, then all displayed at Harry Heath's supermarket.

**7pm: CEBS & GFS FESTIVAL FUN NIGHT.** Sideshows, food & fun for kids. St Stephens, Stiggants Street. Enquiries: Barry Valentine, 844 3174.



**7-11pm: FESTIVAL ART SHOW** Gala Opening. Featuring some of Warrandyte's famous artists. In giant marquee behind fitness centre. Sponsored by Rotary.

**8-11pm: FESTIVAL COCKTAIL PARTY.** Kick off the weekend at the Community Centre. Entry by \$5 ticket only. 'After 5' dress. Bookings: Jackie Verginis, 844 2694, by March 12.

## OPEN SEASON

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**8pm-12midnight: SMOKE FREE YOUTH DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT.** Sponsored by Quit. Run by Warrandyte Youth Services. Admission \$2. Warrandyte Cricket Clubrooms.

**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel. Party on to live music. Pokies available.

## ALL WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 19 MARCH: 9am-5pm**  
**SUNDAY 20 MARCH: 9am-5pm**  
(unless otherwise stated)

**EXPO '94** presents quilts & quilting, new & old. Refreshments in the church. St Stephens, Stiggants Street.

**STATIC DISPLAYS** by State Emergency Service; St John Ambulance; Newfoundland Club (dogs, water rescues); Eltham Stationary Engine Preservation Society (working engines); CFA (including 'dunk the teacher' & 'high flier'); Friends of Warrandyte State Park (wildflower finger painting, water creatures display); Diamond Valley Hospital (health checks); Shire of Eltham (free balloons, trees & literature); City of Doncaster & Templestowe (artists' workshop, floral arrangements, microwave cooking); Conservation & Natural Resources (travel local timeline to see environmental changes). Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**PAINTING EXHIBITION:** Works by students of Edward Car. Painting & life drawing sessions, 2-4pm. Free admission. Community Centre.



**WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** display. Memorabilia, photos. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Museum at Old Post Office, Yarra Street open, with unveiling of original Warrandyte street lamp. 2pm, Saturday. Photo competition at Community Centre with 'Warrandyte Story' video, 1pm both days.

**TRAIN** for littlies along riverbank. Small charge. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA.** Food, drink, music & relaxation. Information, health checks, massage, live bands, sumo wrestling! Run by Warrandyte Youth Services. Stiggants Riverbank West.

**BUSKERS & ENTERTAINERS** at various times & locations, including Rattle Ya Dags, Circus of Chaos & Imagician—random light projection onto buildings & events.



**FOOD FIESTA.** Chinese, Malaysian, Indian, French & English. Baked potatoes, finger foods, satays, crepes, sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, spit roasts, homemade ice cream. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**MODEL RAILWAY DISPLAY** by Warrandyte Model Railway Club, including large model of Bacchus Marsh area. Small entry fee. Community Centre.

**DEVONSHIRE TEAS.** Warrandyte Community Church. In tent below fitness centre, Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**BASKETBALL SHOOT-OUT.** Warrandyte Basketball Club. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY CHURCH** display, including community playgroup, regular services, youth group.

**OPEN AIR MARKETS.** Craft, produce, pottery, plants, clothes, jewellery, leadlighting & much more. Stiggants Reserve.

**HAYCART RIDES** along riverbank. Small charge. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**FESTIVAL ART SHOW.** In giant marquee behind fitness centre. Sponsored by Rotary.

**CANOE HIRE** on the Yarra River. \$5. Riverbank at Forbes Street.

**KIDS' ADVENTURE COURSE** starts Saturday, 12noon. Giant waterslide, crawling net, rope bridge. Warrandyte Scouts & Army Cadets. Changing tent. Bring togs & towel. Small charge for all-day pass. Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: John Diggle, 844 3516.



**FARMYARD DISPLAY.** Feed & cuddle favourites from Lee's Animal Farm. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve, behind fitness centre.

**PORTA-PUTT.** Obstacle golf course for all ages. \$2. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**POTTERS COTTAGE.** Exhibition by local potter Inge Gormanns. Jumping Creek Road. Don't forget to visit all our other local galleries and craft shops.

**FREE FESTIVAL BUS** from Stiggants Reserve, around town & to various tours. Co-ordinated by Rotary.

## SATURDAY 19 MARCH

**8.15am: FESTIVAL BIKE RACE** from Stiggants Reserve along 9km road & dirt course. Prizes from Warrandyte Cycles & Marris Meats. Entry \$5 on the day, or in advance via Andrew at Warrandyte Cycles, 844 4647.

**8.30am: APEX FUN RUN.** Warrandyte Apex Club. From Stiggants Reserve. 9km course. Prizes given. Entries on the day, be there by 8.15am. \$5 adults, \$2 kids. Enquiries: Glen Lowther, 844 2075.

**8.30am: FESTIVAL FUN WALK** through Warrandyte State Park. Meet at Stiggants Reserve. 5km course. Prizes and certificates. Entries on the day, be there by 8.15am. \$5 adults, \$1 kids. Sponsored by Riverside Health & Fitness Centre. Enquiries: Lee Hauser, 844 1802.

**9am-5pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.** See above.

**9am-5pm: TREE ABSEILING.** Safe for trees & kids. Run by tree surgeons from Warrandyte Community Church. Riverbank below Community Church.

**10.30am: MARSHALLING** of parade floats. Pedestrians—riverbank opposite post office; vehicles, horses & floats—Tills Drive.

**10.50am: JUDGING** of parade floats. Categories: most historical, most elaborate, most imaginative, cutest fairy tale, most Warrandytish, most environmentally friendly.



**10.50-11.20am: BUSKERS & ENTERTAINMENT** at the village shops, Yarra Street and Stiggants roadside, awaiting the passing parade.

**11am: FESTIVAL PARADE.** From Warrandyte Bridge to Stiggants Reserve, marching to the beat of our own Community Band, Victoria Police Pipe Band & others. Entertainers, floats, bikes, horses, clowns, carriages, vintage cars & more. Commentaries at village shops and Stiggants Reserve. Theme: 'Once Upon A Time In Warrandyte'. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242.

**11am-5pm: DIDGERIDOO** playing and teaching by local expert Chris Adnam. Gundulmirri Gallery, near bridge shops.

**12noon-4pm: LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT.** Including Warrandyte Community Band, Diamond Creek Municipal Band, Cypriot Dance Group, Victorian Baton Twirlers Association, Gruppo Folkloristico Lucano, Mark Leahy & Kevin O'Mara, Mitcham Scottish Country Dance Group, Riverside Health & Fitness Centre. Stiggants Riverbank Stage.

**12noon-12.15pm: VICTORIA POLICE PIPE BAND** on Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**12.15-12.45pm: GRAND FANCY DRESS SHOW.** Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. Parade entries on theme 'Once Upon A Time In Warrandyte'. Prizes. Compered by Rick Gordon & Kevin O'Mara.



**12.45-1pm: VICTORIA POLICE PIPE BAND** on Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**1-3pm: THE FAIRY TREE.** Story-telling & wishes for 4 to 9 year-olds. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Freely provided by The Fairy Tree, Eltham, 439 8700.

**1-4pm: 'WARRANDYTE STORY'** video screened by Historical Society at the Community Centre.

**1.10-4.40pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS.** Warrandyte, Andersons Creek, Warrandyte South primary schools, Warrandyte High School, Eltham College, Glenden School of Dance, Warrandyte School of Dance, May Downs School of Dancing, Village School of Yoga & Dance, Donvale Christian School.

**2-4pm: ACTIVE PAINTING** with Edward Car. Community Centre.

**2pm: UNVEILING** of original Warrandyte street lamp. Historical Society Museum, Old Post Office, Yarra Street.

**4-5pm: CAR RESCUE.** Police, CFA, ambulance, SES rescue victim from crashed & burning vehicle in combined training exercise. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**8pm-12midnight: YOUTH FILM & PIZZA NIGHT.** Pig-out on pizza, watch latest release movies. Warrandyte Youth Services, Community Centre.

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**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel. Party on to live music. Pokies available.

## SUNDAY 20 MARCH

**8.30am: BILLY CART DERBY** & display of drag racers. Forbes Street, outside police station. Be there 8.30 sharp. Entries 50c on the day. Sponsored by Warrandyte Electrics, G&L Automotive, Golffields Cellars & Deli, Yarra Hiring & Bird Engineering. For rules & details of categories contact Jim Burbidge, 844 3889.

**9am: FESTIVAL SERVICE** at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

**9am-2pm: KIDS' MARKET.** Magnificent middle of stalls offering goods homemade by local kids. Stiggants Reserve.

**9-10am: DOG SHOW & PET PARADE.** Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish, birds, etc., welcome if under owner's control. Prizes. Run by Warrandyte High School. In front of Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**10am-4pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.** See above.

**10am-12noon: INTER-BRIGADE COMPETITION.** Local fire brigades compete for the 'Yarra Bent Branch'. Demonstration of firefighting & athletic skills. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.



**10.30-11.45am: OPEN AIR SERVICE.** Combined churches. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. Bring rug or chair.

**11am: FREE INTRODUCTORY ADULT YOGA CLASS.** Bhava School of Yoga, 5a West End Road. Enquiries: Lyn Colenso, 844 1128.

**12noon-2pm: LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT.** Including Angelo & Adora Marchesse, Morris Dancers, Acropolis Dance Theatre, Vox Bandicoot. Stiggants Riverbank Stage.

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**1-4pm: 'WARRANDYTE STORY'** video screened by Historical Society at the Community Centre.

**2-3pm: TUG O' WAR.** Fire brigades & Apex, Lions compete. Open to all. Entry on the day. (New category for girls!) Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**2-5pm: JAZZ ON THE TERRACE.** Featuring well-known artists. Pokies available. Grand Hotel.

**2-3.30pm: GOLD MINE TOUR.** Join John Hanson for an hour-and-a-half leisurely walk and visit an 1850s gold mine. Bring torch & wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street or catch free bus from Stiggants Reserve.

**2-4pm: ACTIVE PAINTING** session with Edward Car. Community Centre.

**2.30-3pm: DUCK RACE.** Buy your duck ticket in advance. 1000 ducks to be released into river at Forbes Street, finishing at Stiggants. Prizes for winners & placegetters. Enquiries: Claire Bloom, 844 2749 (BH).

**2.40-5.30pm: SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT.** Continuous entertainment. Doncaster & Templestowe Municipal Band, Stubble & Sleek, Adzohu & Kiss My Blarney. Compered by Martin Walker. Bring rugs & folding chairs. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.



**3-3.30pm: WARRANDYTE UNDIE 500.** Classic novelty race in which contestants run a 500 metre course wearing ONLY undies (theirs or someone else's). Form a 6-member team, preferably mixed. Prizes for best (un)dressed & other categories. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Enquiries: Colin Andrews, 844 2402.

**4pm: BEV HANSON'S GARDEN & NURSERY** open. 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte, or catch free bus from Stiggants Reserve.

**4-5pm: CAR RESCUE.** Police, CFA, ambulance, SES rescue victim from crashed & burning vehicle in a second combined training exercise. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**5.30-9pm: FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT.** Traditional weekend wind-up with Strange Days, Catique, Concordia & concluding with our very own Community Jazz Band. Compered by Martin Walker. Bring rugs, folding chairs, friends & family. Enjoy a picnic or BBQ tea or buy dinner from the Fiesta Food stalls. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**9pm: GRAND FIREWORKS FINALE.** Look skywards & see our weekend finishing in a blaze of fiery color. Sponsored by Harry Heath's Supermarket. (Subject to CFA approval.)





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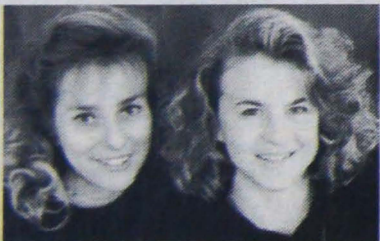
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# LANCE VIZARD

## No spectator along the trails of life

**L**ATE last year Lance Vizard, highly-respected former Warrandyte resident and continuing widely-loved member of our community died, aged 64 years. Best known locally as the founding president of the Lions Club of Warrandyte, Lance will be remembered by many for his steadfast loyalty, his wonderful sense of humor and for his humanity.

His son Andrew delivered the eulogy at his funeral, and the following memories of his life are drawn from that address.

Godfrey Lancelot Pitt Vizard died twice. Forty years ago, when a young patrol officer in New Guinea, Lance was swept from a small boat, during a storm at sea, into crocodile-infested waters. He was believed lost, a telegram was drafted to his parents in Australia, his gear was packed, a small service was held and a wake was in full swing.

Suddenly the hut door swung open and in strode a bedraggled Lance, just in time to drink a toast to his own memory. As always, he valued life too much to give it up without a fight.

In 1951, Lance jointly led one of the last great explorations into an unexplored

part of central New Guinea. The expedition discovered tribes that had never seen white people. They ran out of food, Lance sustained an arrow wound to his leg, and he emerged from the jungle after three very hard months, suffering from yellow fever.

During his time in New Guinea, Lance began to write and soon his stories were being published in the internationally acclaimed US journal, 'Saturday Evening Post'.

Lance Vizard wasn't a spectator in life. Every day was important to him and he made the most of every opportunity that arose. But invariably, he took the hard decisions, based not on monetary gain or status, but on one test alone: "Will this better those whom I love?"

He resigned a highly-paid position as the general manager and director of a large corporation so that he could spend more time with his family. He moved the family from the city to Warrandyte so that they could grow up in a bush environment with gum trees, horses, fishing, swimming in the river and have more time for each other. He sold his lucrative retail stores so he could travel overseas and spend more

time with his beloved wife June.

His community involvements were many and generous. He was a justice of the peace, president of the Warrandyte primary school committee, member of the Moomba committee and internationally recognised by Lions for his humanitarian works.

He was a voracious reader, a gifted writer, a fine and often requested public speaker; yet he was equally at home designing a blueberry irrigation scheme—or digging a trench as he discussed Elizabethan poetry.

Lance Vizard will be long remembered by his friends as a man who enjoyed a glass of wine and a barbecue, who laughed with others but never at them. He will be remembered as a man of dignity; the same dignity with which he faced cancer and death. For him, death held no fear. His only regret was leaving behind those he loved.

Lance's many Warrandyte friends express their deep sympathy to June, Fiona, Jenny, Stephen and Andrew. It was our privilege to have known him and to have enjoyed him working and living in our community.

## Local musical upstages follies

**W**ARRANDYTE'S 1994 festival will see a change from the main theatrical offerings of past years. Our much loved Follies is taking a well-earned rest, to be replaced by an original, locally devised musical.

The script for Open Season has been written by Alan Cornell and the play is being directed by Lynne Bartlett. David Billings, Kevin O'Mara, Mark Leahy and Alan Cornell have co-written the musical score and are acting as musical directors.

According to a Warrandyte Drama Group spokesperson, the production promises to be colorful, hilarious and "musically brilliant", enabling local singers, actors, dancers and the much celebrated "tappers" to showcase their talents.

Set in the fictitious town of Granville, a young director arrives with a burning desire to stage his own version of Westside Story.

Crossing his path, however, are committees, community groups, hidden agenda,



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rivalries, true love and much more. Audiences will guess it all happens in a place not unlike Warrandyte.

The drama group has a long tradition of entertaining Warrandyte folk with their follies revue at festival time, but has decided to try something new this year.

They feel sure that their many friends and patrons will welcome the change.

The season runs through the festival, between March 16-19 and 23-26, at the drama group's usual venue, the Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street.

Bookings can be made through 844 2204 and group bookings are available, as always. It's "bring your own everything" for a great cabaret night.



## OPEN SEASON



## STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

Brackenbury Street was named after Walter Charles Brackenbury, gold warden at Andersons Creek.

The 1856 map shows his residence in Yarra Street, approximately where number 75 now stands. It took a couple of issues of the Government Gazette before his name was spelt correctly, a problem still prevalent today. He was appointed chairman of the local court on November 14, 1856.

Brackenbury's career in the

public service was similar to the progress of "his" street; full of interruptions. Each time Brackenbury Street comes to a gully it ceases, so there are five different sections. Charles Brackenbury was regularly dismissed from government positions, and just as regularly appointed to new ones.

He finally left Australia for New Zealand after being accused of being late sending in official returns.

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THEY WALKED WHERE WE WALK



# Lost in the mists

By GLEN JAMESON

**E**VEN before the echoes of the gunshot faded away along the length of Warrandyte Gorge, the chill fear of repercussions filled the souls of the Wurundjeri. Anderson was storming off. They knew he would return with trouble. Their closest refuge from trouble was Warrandyte station and their friend James Dawson.

Dawson could see from a distance the weary load the Wurundjeri were carrying. Perhaps it was his celtic roots that gave Dawson his empathy with the Aboriginals. The more he learned of this ancient culture, the more it resonated within him. He knew that the two conflicting cultures had much to offer each other, but there was precious little middle ground. Perhaps things might change, he thought.

Camp was set up on Brushy Creek at the entrance to Warrandyte Gorge, close by Dawson's house. All were alarmed by the situation and the prospect of what might happen when the militia arrived. It was decided to send a few men and older youths across the river towards Kangaroo Ground as a decoy. There was some ceremonial visiting to be done there anyway.

Dawson's partner Patrick would travel with the rest of the Wurundjeri and give what protection he could until they reached the high mountain camps. Nobody believed that Baw Baw could provide protection forever, as it did the river, Birrarung.

But there seemed nowhere else to go. As the Wurundjeri left each camping ground, it

was systematically destroyed by the spread of agriculture and the new settlers.

The night was crisp and clear above the camp, and to the north Altair, the star of Bunjil the wedge-tailed eagle, rose in the early evening sky. Bunjil was returning from the northern hemisphere, bringing back the sun, its return to the great southern land celebrated by the flowering along the river of the silver wattle. The people joined the celebration with dance and song.

Dawson thought about the short-term aspirations of his fellow settlers and the long-time visions of the Aboriginals. It was Murundindi who put it so well.

"We are nurturers of the earth," he said, "you chop and burn. Your hunger exceeds your wisdom and greed exceeds your patience. If we do not pass on the laws and lessons of the land, what will guide the new settlers? A war of destruction upon the land itself places in danger all the creatures that depend upon the land, including the new settlers."

From nearby in the forest came the haunting, repetitive call of a mopoke owl.

Next morning, as the mists curled and flowed along the ancient river valley, the Wurundjeri departed Warrandyte station. A few short years before they would have stayed longer, harvesting from the rich river wetlands and billabongs and from the creek that flowed from Mooroolbark.

As the possum skin-clad figures disappeared through the silver wattles and river mist, Dawson pondered the fate of his society, a society that would eventually have to come to terms with the consequences of its

destructive energies. The breaking of the Dreamtime vision had set a vibration in motion, the momentum of which would engulf all.

It would be a long time before the new settlers would be able to hear that vibration, although they would witness land degradation, erosion, salinity, tree decline and the disappearance of indigenous plants and animals. It would be a long time before they would comprehend the vibration, a long time before they realised why the bushlands seemed haunted and sad.

Within seven generations the new settlers would have almost spent the ecological wealth accrued by the good land practices of the Wurundjeri across seven thousand generations. Ecological sickness would be rampant in the cherished, sacred lands of the Wurundjeri; the earth no longer honored, the song forgotten.

All our stories map the land. Some foretold the inevitable tragedy of Burke and Wills, others resonate with the hope of Buckley. Our daily travels are mapped in our dreams, our dreams map the future.

Across the land lie bands of rhythm, lines of life. Energy points rest along these invisible meridians. Life and energy, healing and sickness, darkness and light pulse along, travelling the Dreamtime routes. They carry the source of all creation and join all living things in the wild, indigenous celebration of life.

Look for them, for therein lies our original face.

Concluded



...The possum skin-clad figures...

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# BATTLING THE RED MARAUDER

Bushfire ravaged parts of New South Wales over the Christmas period. BRUCE BENCE talked to some of the Victorian firefighters who took up the fight.

THE recent New South Wales bushfires was the first occasion firefighters from all over Australia have been committed to a major firefight.

Many of those Victorians who took part—including several from Warrandyte—were given just an hour to assemble for duty, meeting at Wallan where the task force left for NSW, gathering other crews and units as they went.

In all 85 fire units and about 1,000 firefighters made the journey, along with communications and service vehicles.

Each vehicle had two drivers, who drove all night after leaving Wallan at 7pm on Wednesday, January 5 to concentrate at the CFA assembly area at Liverpool fire station between 6am and 7:30am.

The entire force then moved off to bushfire headquarters at Rose Hill, where it was split into two groups for deployment into action.

The Region 14 strike team, which consisted of units from Diamond Creek, Diggers Rest, Mount Macedon, Melton and Romsey, was sent to a fire burning near Singleton.

For Mount Macedon and Anglesea crews, the scenes were all too familiar. They were two of the worst-hit communities during the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983.

The CFA's other team, Region 13, was deployed to Bulga, where they commenced operations within 30 minutes of arrival. Consisting of crews from Lilydale, Hurstbridge, Coldstream, Sassafras and Woori Yallock, these units were all state-of-the-art, 3,000 litre 4x4 diesels, which pleased their crews. They were full of praise for how well the equipment performed.

There was no more vapourising, as used to be the case with the earlier petrol engined fire units—very hairy when you got in a hot spot and a fire unit died on you.

One Warrandyte brigade member to go to these fires was Lieutenant David Casey. An old Glenburn boy from way back, David went with the Glenburn brigade when a last minute cancellation left them a crewman short.

He flew to Bulga to spend four and a half days in a night-time relief crew, where the weather wasn't so extreme but extra pitfalls were encountered in the dark, as crews worked feverishly to contain the fires for the com-

ing day.

Remembering the number of times Warrandyte has been in need of help, David willingly went to help his fellow firefighters interstate.

So too did South Warrandyte's Lindsay Dixon.

A driving instructor with the Lower Yarra Group, Lindsay went up on the Sunday as a relief crew driver for the Hurstbridge brigade. He went to Gloster first, and then Richmond where he worked nights conducting backburns until Friday the 15th, when he flew home in an RAAF Hercules.

Another local to join the interstate army was former Warrandyte brigade volunteer Joff Manders. Now an inspector in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade's permanent ranks, Joff went as commander of task force Kilo, consisting of 19 MFB support and command vehicles to Winmalee, where they were redeployed as part of strike force Alpha.

Involved in operations for four to five days after liaising on logistics at CFA headquarters for three days beforehand, Joff said later that he had never known such support from the public as was forthcoming from the people of NSW.

He also spoke of crews who had to turn the hoses on themselves when caught by sudden gusts of wind. At one stage he was involved in an incredible 50 kilometre backburn.

While the night-time backburns were an integral part of the firefighting, it was in the heat of day that the hardest battles were fought.

The Region 14 team felt the full force of the fire, enduring a temperature of 40 degrees while facing winds up to 70kph at Medowie in the Port Stephens shire.

Twenty tankers were thrown into action supporting the local brigade and saving homes, despite being exhausted after the long drive from Wallan and having already done a day's work—leaving them on the go for some 45 hours straight.

While the relief crew worked flat out on Thursday night to prevent further outbreaks, the conditions the following day were not appealing—a tempera-

ture of 38 degrees, strong winds and relative humidity down to 10%; "so dry you can't even spit!" The crew changeover at 9am brought fresh men in to secure as much as possible before the weather worsened.

By noon, their worst fears had materialised. Temperatures and winds were rising with 150 houses and a caravan park under threat.

With dogged determination the estate was saved, as was an elderly citizens' home that had seen residents evacuated. One old chap was sternly told to leave after he kept wandering out in shorts and thongs to look at the fire. A length of charred hose was later found nearby—burnt testimony to how one crew had stayed to the last minute.

The issue of dress became quite important as it is with all fires. Diamond Valley deputy group officer, Adrian Hem, who also travelled to NSW, commented that in a fire situation people shouldn't dress as if they are going to the beach. Long trousers, long-sleeved shirts, stout footwear and wool—if possible—should all be worn.

While uncomfortable, it sure beats the hell out of dying due to exposure to heat and flames.

For the Port Stephens brigade the arrival of the CFA crews and equipment must have seemed like a miracle.

Fighting an unrelenting fire for days, the Port Stephens team integrated personnel with the CFA units, who had nothing but praise for the NSW bushfire brigade crews.

On the Saturday, this strike force was redeployed near Gosford. With 3,500 properties under threat, the crews were met with helicopters waterbombing in inaccessible country near Kariong. With the town evacuated the only way to save homes was an extensive backburn towards the fire front. Six hours later the backburn met the wildfire. Not one building was lost.

By Monday the team was redeployed again, the danger to Gosford having been averted by their efforts with the local brigades and National Park and Wildlife Officers.

The Region 13 team was led by commanders Jim McKee, cap-

tain of Wonga Park, Frank Wheelan, captain of Lilydale and Ken Reed, captain of Mount Evelyn.

Working around the clock with relief crews changing every 12 hours, the strike force was welcomed by locals who had been fighting a losing battle. Indeed one town in the path of the fire, had been given up as lost by the locals. Jim McKee said they would have a go at saving it, and in the end only one derelict house had been lost and a shed damaged.

Jim was conscious that the crews had to do a good job for Victoria and the CFA—and there's no doubt they did just that.

The CFA leaders were veterans of many a hard-fought battle, including Ash Wednesday 1983, which they rated more severe than the NSW fires, due to the stronger winds. Amongst the veterans, however, were the new chums—those fighting their first major fires.

This mixture is important for the growth of the CFA as these members will become the leaders of the fire service some years down the track.

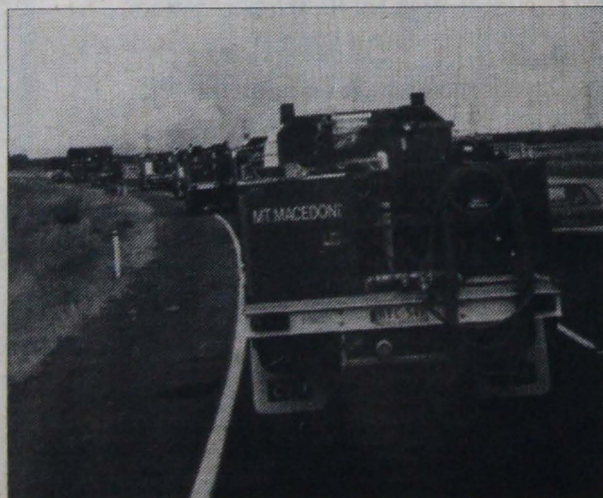
The crews certainly came home with vivid memories. According to Chief Officer Harry Rothsay, NSW locals lined the streets to cheer the firefighters as they moved up to the firefronts or returned to be redeployed.

They flew home out of Williamtown air base to Mascot airport, but due to a hitch, the scheduled plane was unavailable. The smaller aircraft that was used could not climb above the smoke. So after battling fires in a smoke-laden atmosphere for several days, they flew their first leg home in the same sort of atmosphere.

Upon arrival at Mascot they were announced as CFA volunteers, drawing a rousing response from all. Qantas also showed support by supplying everything free of charge on their flight home.

Adrian Hem has come up with the best analogy yet for our fire seasons. He compares them to Russian roulette where each summer is a cartridge in the magazine of a gun. No-one knows which season is live and which ones are blank. One year the firing pin may fall on the live cartridge and the summer explodes in fire.

In Warrandyte, during the decade that made up the 1960s, four out of the 10 cartridges were live ones.



Mount Macedon brigade, heroes of Ash Wednesday 1983, enters the fray at Medowie in the Port Stephens shire.



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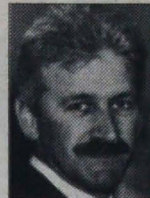
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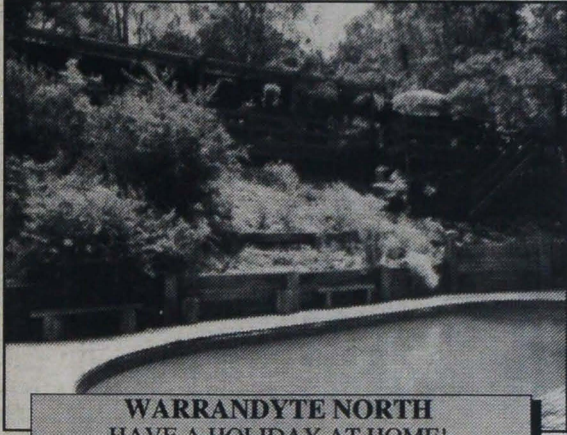


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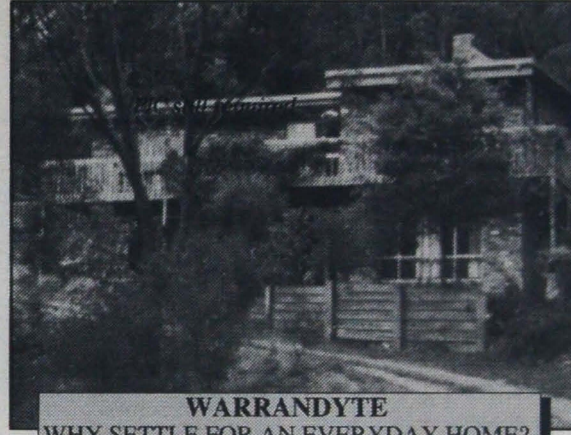
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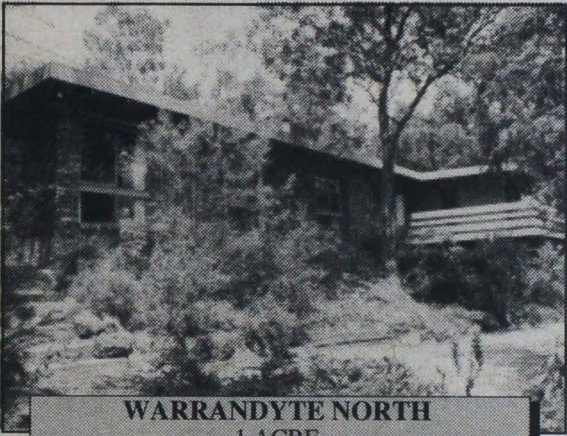
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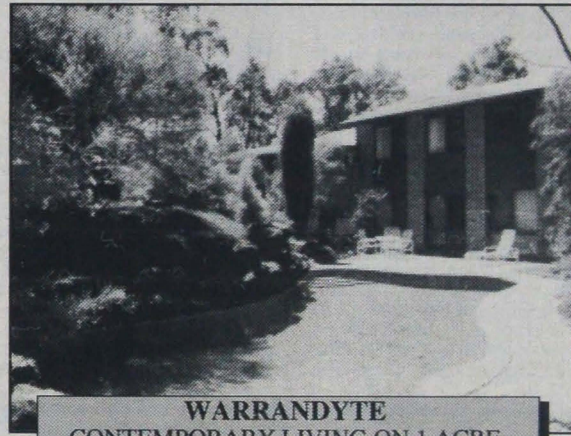
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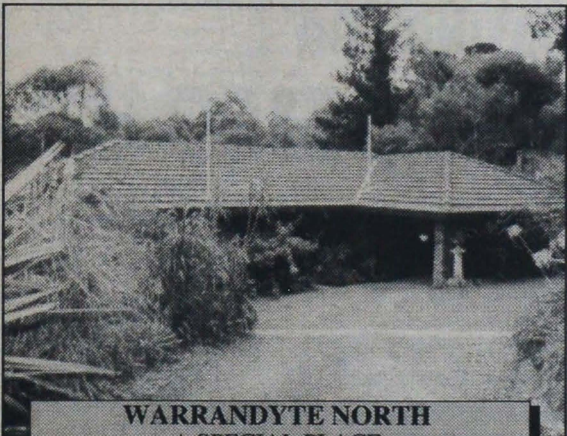
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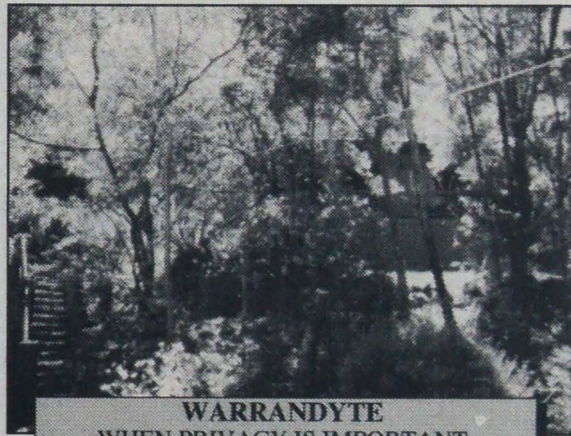
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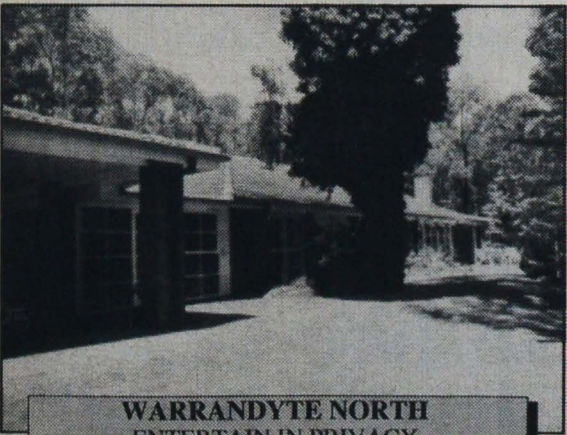
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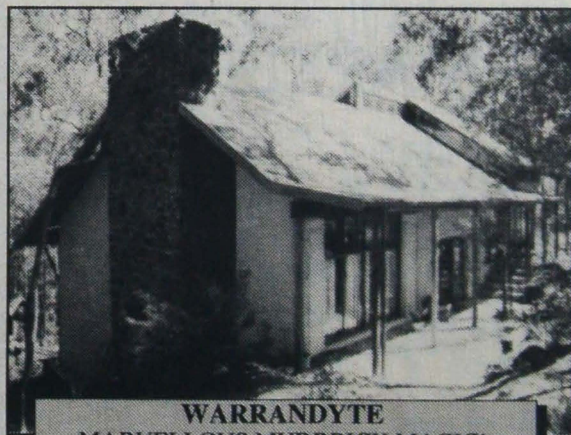
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# Pioneer family's golden day

The family and friends of long-time South Warrandyte identities Gwen and Jack Crocker gathered recently to celebrate the golden anniversary of their marriage in Ringwood in December 1943. For most of their married life Gwen and Jack have lived on land in Husseys Lane which they bought from Gwen's mother Jane Knee (formerly Hussey). Gwen's father, Bill Knee, was the first captain of South Warrandyte Fire Brigade when it was formed in 1949. Among the guests at the celebrations were Jack and Gwen's children, Glenys, John and Dianne and their bridesmaids Eva Bull (formerly Strudwick) and Hazel Moseley (formerly Hussey).



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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.

## Band

As the 1994 Warrandyte Festival approaches our community band is seeking new members. If you can hold a tune on an instrument you are welcome, young, old or otherwise. Further information from David or Jane Stickels on 844 2514.

## Childcare

For the first time in its 11 year history, Warrandyte Community Childcare Co-op finds it has vacancies in its full-time and part-time day care programs for young children, from newborn to six years. The centre also provides a full pre-school program, run by an experienced pre-school teacher. Call the centre on 844 1205 for further information.

## Radio

Warrandyte residents may find much to entertain and interest them by tuning in to community radio, ECB-FM 98.1. This station, which operates 24 hours a day from studios at the Wyreena Community Arts Centre, Hull Road, Croydon, also offers free



South Warrandyte residents, Jack and Gwen Crocker, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

community service announcements. They can be contacted on 723 7305.

## Classes

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House has scheduled a number of regular classes to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre this term, including yoga, calligraphy and folk art. They have also arranged various workshops to be held over the next few months. These include relaxation, stress management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, paper tole, calligraphy, folk art

clock and decoupage. Special classes being held during Women's Health Week in late February cover relaxation, stress management, yoga, creative dance and women's health issues. Enquiries to 844 1839.

## Arts

Warrandyte Mechanics Hall was once again transformed for the Warrandyte Arts Association's annual exhibition, held last December. The association conducts groups in pottery, painting, drama, music and craft. Membership enquiries can be

directed to the membership secretary, WMI & AA, P.O. Box 150, Warrandyte, 3113, or by phone through 844 3206.

## Resignation

Colin Bentley, founder of the Warrandyte Transport Group and driver for the last seven years, has been forced, due to ill-health, to resign from his position as president. The group would like to thank Colin for his many hours of hard work and wish him well in the future. The Transport Group has now been auspiced by the Neighbourhood

House and bookings can be made through that office on 844 1839.

## Classes again

The Doncaster and Templestowe arts centres conduct a wide variety of classes and workshops at their centres in Montgomery Street, Doncaster East and Foote Street, Templestowe. Details and enrolment information from 840 9381 (Doncaster) or 840 9382 (Templestowe) between 9am and 3pm.

## Hearing

The Victorian branch of Better Hearing Australia, a not-for-profit self help organisation, conducts classes in lipreading and aural rehabilitation in many suburbs and country areas. The association's Eltham group meets on Fridays from 1.30 to 2.30 at the Eltham Community Centre, 911 Main Road, Eltham.

## Templestowe

The inaugural Templestowe Festival will take place on the weekend of March 5 and 6. Activities include the official opening of the History of Templestowe Pavilion at Finns Reserve and a fun bikeathon to celebrate the opening of the new bicycle path which extends for 6kms through the district. Other activities include helicopter, horse-drawn vehicle and double decker bus rides and a community barbecue.

## Grandchildren

Congratulations to first-time grandmother, Joy Hildebrand, whose daughters both presented her with two grandchildren, Hayley Jayne and Benjamin, within a few weeks of each other.

## Honors

Congratulations to well-known Warrandyte resident Joan Golding who has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her service to people with the HIV/AIDS virus and their families. Joan, a volunteer for the Victorian Aids Council's Support Program, has established local support groups for AIDS families in various localities. She has worked as a telephone counsellor and has addressed a wide variety of community groups to help victims of the disease and their carers.

## Generations

The secretary of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Gay Harris, recently attended a family get-together in Sydney along with her great-grandmother, 93-year old great-great-grandmother and the newest member of the family, granddaughter Lana Harris. Lana, a seventh generation Australian, was born last September.

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# Wobbledytes put finals on the line

## Champs back on track

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club's 1994 campaign started on January 31 with the first training run of the season.

The Bloods have been actively recruiting for their promotion to EDFL second division almost since the 1993 premiership celebrations ended.

They have set their sights on a number of well-credentialed players and are heartened by the likely return to the fold of former promising juniors who want to resume their careers at senior level.

Among them is David Joy, who retired very prematurely two years ago at 17. Joy is 6ft 9in and an outstanding ruck prospect.

Coach David Purcell has made it clear that he intends to concentrate on developing local young players to ensure the club's future in second and (perhaps) first divisions.

With that in mind, Purcell invited under-16 and under-18 players to train pre-season with the seniors and reserves to "get the feel" of senior football.

Training is on Monday and Friday at the recreation reserve and on Wednesday at Westerfold Park or at Purcell's home in Donvale for weights work.

Warrandyte have ended their search for a secretary by appointing treasurer Greg Faulkner secretary-treasurer.

They are particularly looking for helpers at a non-committee level in any capacity around the club.

"We'd love to hear from anyone prepared to help out in any area," football manager Norm Carrington told the *Diary*. "It could be managing a junior team or cutting the grass. Anything."

Anyone who'd like to lend a hand should phone Norm on 725 3536.

The Bloods will take part in a night competition at Upper Ferntree Gully next month and play at least two full-scale practice matches in the lead-up to the new season.

Their 1994 fixture list will be published in the next issue of the *Diary*.

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Consecutive defeats have left Warrandyte Cricket Club's first and second elevens depending on victory in their last two games to make the finals.

Looking a million dollars before Christmas, the Chandler Shield eleven have struggled recently, with injuries and player unavailability compounding some top-order batting woes.

This was evident in the loss to Wonga Park, who had little trouble passing Warrandyte's 234.

Pace bowler Rodney Hogg led the batting with 79, to complement his recent good form with the ball. Hogg took 3/34 in a win against Croydon North last month, but the game against Mooroolbark started the downward slide.

Batting first, the Dytes' 127 looked uncompetitive until a fiery Hogg spell had the visitors 6/78 and unlikely to end Warrandyte's unbeaten run. However, a 60-run seventh-wicket stand saw the Barkers through.

A 59-run loss the following week to Wonga Park put the Dytes' hold on a finals berth at serious risk.

"It really comes down to the last two games," WCC president Steve Pascoe told the *Diary*. "Losing matches is always a concern, but our main concern right now is not being able to get our best side together because of injuries and unavailability."

"But that's no excuse—we've got to play with what we've got."

## SPORT

We have two hard games before the finals and if we win them we can get in."

Indeed, Warrandyte's remaining two games will be a true test of their worthiness as finals contenders. They play Ainslie Park (second) and Wantirna South (fourth).

Pascoe said the batsmen had to take the lead. "The top order has been the problem. They just haven't been getting the starts they did early in the season."

With paceman Gerald Walshe missing matches because of injury, the bowling burden has increasingly fallen on former Test hero Hogg.

"Rodney is bowling very well," Pascoe said. "When Gerald's not playing it's up to the others to lift and give him support. But what's happening is the opposition batsmen are just playing Rod out and getting runs from the other end."

The seconds need at least one win in their two games to make the finals, after blowing what seemed certain victory against Wonga Park.

Cruising at 3/120, in search of 200, Warrandyte lost 7/27 to tumble out of top spot.

Steve Warr continues to bowl well, but the seconds need batting support for Chris Dorning in the absence of Pascoe himself, who went to the ones after his unbeaten 118 against Mooroolbark.

Of the lower grades, only the fourths have a realistic chance of making the finals, thanks to two consecutive big wins.

● The club expect a big turnout for their fictional/fancy dress disco night on Saturday, March 5.

## Details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 167 (Sturtepps 52, Day 46) d Croydon North 152 (Hogg 3/34). Warrandyte 127 (Mooney 45) lost to Mooroolbark 187 (Hogg 4/37, Sharman 3/36). Warrandyte 234 (Hogg 79) lost to Wonga Park 293 (Watts 4/69, Sharman 3/93).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 7/130 d Croydon North 120 (Watts 4/48, Snaidero 3/26). Warrandyte 9/305 (Pascoe 118 n.o., C. Dorning 86) lost to Mooroolbark 8/326 (Warr 3/35, Snaidero 3/90). Warrandyte 147 (C. Dorning 45) lost to Wonga Park 200 (Warr 4/40).

THIRDS: Warrandyte 277 (B. Baker 78, G. Brisbane 71) d Mooroolbark 197 (Croft 4/58). Warrandyte 196 (Neagle 72) lost to Wonga Park 234 (S. Baker 7/62).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 6/351 (D. Vittritti 63, Peters 54, D'Angelo 46) d Mooroolbark 153 (Stockley 5/57, O'Loughlin 3/26). Warrandyte 3/313 (Peters 149 n.o., Lawrence 102 n.o.) d Wonga Park 8/189 (Peters 3/27, Webb 3/56).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 163 (Fernando 42) lost to Croydon United 233 (Leguier 4/69, Fernando 3/26). Warrandyte 226 (Chapman 51) d Mooroolbark 89 (Gidley 7/39) and 105 (Gidley 4/29).

UNDER-16s: Warrandyte 4/194 (N. Brisbane 75 n.o., Logan 55) d Croydon 157 (Anderson 3/7). Warrandyte 164 (Deleo 95) lost to Croydon Hockeyers (Rybalko 2/22). Warrandyte 8/157 (Logan 35, Rybalko 27) lost to South Ringwood 5/171. Warrandyte 3/191 (Brisbane 76 n.o., M. Chapman 31 n.o.) d Montrose 137 (Beattie 4/9).



Rachel McQuillan and Fabio Forlano.

## Fabio steers Rachel to Classic triumph

By JUDY GREEN

Warrandyte Tennis Club coach Fabio Forlano took a break from local activities during the summer holidays to coach Australian professional Rachel McQuillan.

He worked with her at the Colonial Kooyong Classic in December where she defeated Nicole Provis in the final, having beaten world number 24 Sabine Hack along the way. Under Fabio's guidance, Rachel reached the third round in the Australian Open.

Fabio is currently considering an offer to be her touring coach when she travels overseas later this year.

WTC member Vincent McHugh, 17, competed in an international field when he took part in the Australian Open junior lead-in championships in January.

He reached the second round in the singles and was later accepted into the main draw of the Australian Open junior boys doubles at Flinders Park. He and partner Tane Rakete lost in the first round.

The Warrandyte club are gearing up for a busy 1994. Current club champions Fabio and Melanie Rankin will defend their titles next month and a wide variety of tennis and social activities will continue through the year.

# Rookies KO unbeatables

By CLINTON GRYPAS

First-year side TRHC have won the Warrandyte Basketball Club men's competition with a stunning 60-56 victory over defending champions Makeshift.

After an 84-56 semi-final thrashing by the same side, the newcomers were given little to no hope of pulling off an upset in the main game.

From the outset, however, it was clear that the semi was but a distant memory as the rookies took it up to their big-name opponents.

Wayne Baker led the way with 23 points, including five three-pointers, for the game and TRHC raced to a 32-22 half time lead.

Scoring sensation Tony Davis, the competition's best shooter with a 36.2-point average, showed only glimpses of form with seven (he was scoreless in the second half) and Makeshift's run was led by Chris McIntosh (game high 26).

Tension was high in the stadium at the start of the second half and one sensed that if TRHC could maintain their poise, the championship was theirs.

Makeshift had other ideas. Ashley Grybas dropped in two long shots and when McIntosh made a triple, Makeshift led for the first time.

Brendan Bachelor scored on the next play to make it 45-42, and a fourth title in five seasons looked certain.

But then it was the TRHC's turn to step up. Baker hit a three and Stewart Henderson (13) scored twice for some breathing space, but still the game would come down to the final minute.

Bradley Valentine drove in a one-point lead for Makeshift, but some over-exuberant defence regularly sent TRHC to the foul line.

And that's where the game was won. Peter Appleby made three of four, Alastair Henderson and brother Stewart each two of two, and that was enough—just.

McIntosh still had a chance for a Makeshift win with 15 seconds left, but his baseline shot rolled painfully out.

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," said TRHC captain Stewart Henderson after the game. "We really had a good look at ourselves after the semi-final and everyone just lifted that extra notch."

In the over-30 section, the Plastics won their third title in four seasons, outlasting arch enemies Andersons Creek 47-40.

Steve Doyle was brilliant with 22 points and 18 rebounds, but the Plastics, 36-25 at one stage, were a tenuous 42-40, when Stan Slabon hit a three with 40 seconds left.

But the Plastics prevailed. David Watts scored 11 for the winners and Ain Utt led the Creek with 13.

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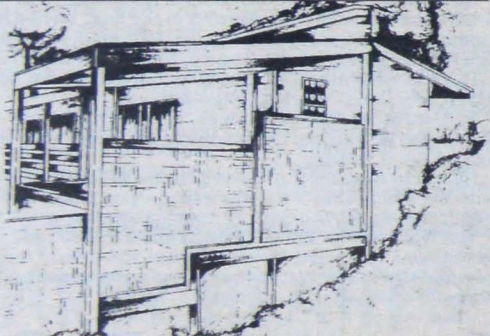
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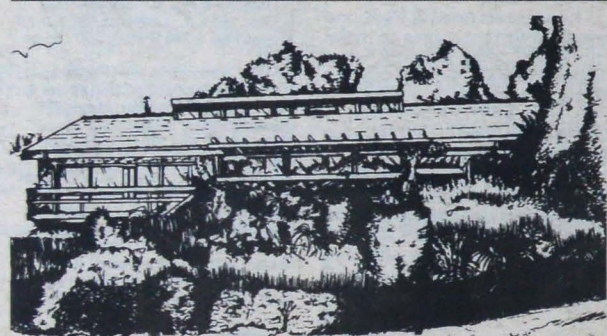


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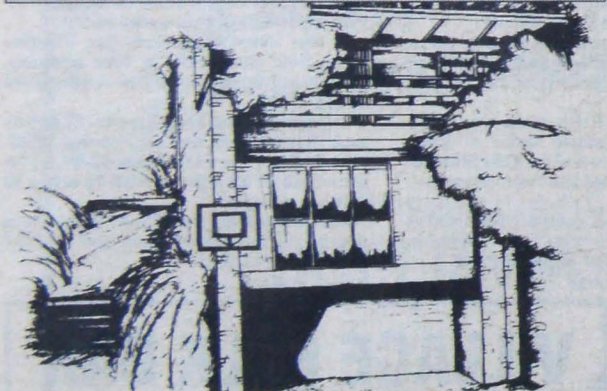
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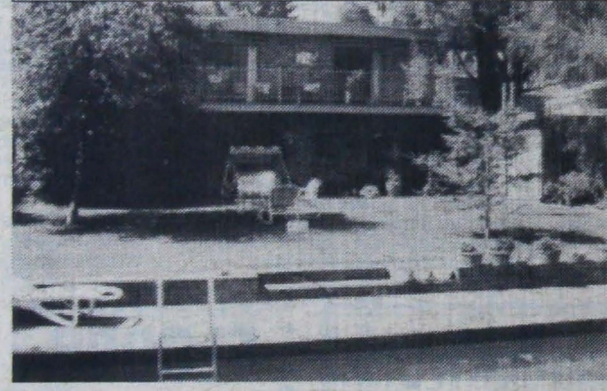
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