

Fast forward for our festival!

Despite funding problems, as reported in last month's *Diary*, preparations for the 1994 Warrandyte Village Festival are now in top gear.

Doncaster council has agreed to cover at least some of the costs they were previously charging to the festival, and have indicated they will consider covering any deficit. (See story page 4.)

Following the final, absolute, no-

return-performances decision by our favorite group Paradiddle, the Warrandyte Community Jazz Band has taken over the featured final act spot at the Sunday open-air concert.

We're running a full page of festival news this issue. Turn to page 6.

The Riverside Health & Fitness Centre in Yarra Street is staging a brand-new attraction. They have

invited local sporting groups and clubs to arrange displays in the centre and provide hands-on activities in the grounds. If you've been wondering what sports are catered for here in Warrandyte, go along, take a look and give it a spin.

We're printing the full festival program again this issue, but with all the latest amendments and updates. It's on page 7.

New West End plan

But do we really need another poppet head?

By CLIFF GREEN

Doncaster council has released its long-awaited option proposals for the improvement of Warrandyte's shopping precinct at the West End.

Council planning officer Ben de Waard told the *Diary* that "the plans are really a collection of ideas and any final plan will come out of public input and projected ideas and will draw on the draft concept plan".

The draft plans are the culmination of six months effort by the Warrandyte West End Working Party. The party comprises community and trader representatives and a strategic planner, an urban designer and a design engineer from council.

"The working party has also met with all interested traders and shop owners to ensure that individuals most affected by any proposal were aware of the direction and content of the study to date," Ben de Waard said.

The concept aims to improve the existing planning shambles brought about by piecemeal development of the area. It attempts to deal with the appearance of the precinct, pedestrian movement and traffic flow and access to Andersons Creek Primary School.

One attractive feature is the provision of a "village green" on the small area of land between the shopping centre and the main road, adjacent to the bus stop. Sketches accompanying the plan, however, suggest the placing of a fake poppet head as a feature on the proposed green. The poppet head theme is re-

peated in suggested arch-like structures over new and existing walkways.

Local architect Jock Macneish describes the poppet head as "being in the grand tradition of the big pineapple, the big banana and the big mallee bull. It seems designed more to catch attention than serve the public or improve the appearance of the area. I would have thought one fake poppet head per centre was enough."

The ideas have been put into three comprehensive option plans, all of which feature more shops, more carparking and extra road access to the school.

"The only school access option that would really work," Jock Macneish said, "allows for the construction of a completely new road, coming off the main road and around the side of the carpark behind the shopping centre."

"The only problem is that this road would cut a wide swathe through bushland in the gully between the shopping centre and the fire station."

"The other options still require access to the school through the shopping centre carpark. This illustrates the appalling lack of planning which allowed the precinct to develop the way it has."

All the proposals show walkways which link the various parts of the precinct. "These are among the best aspects of the ideas presented," Jock Macneish said, "because they can provide visual cohesion and ease of movement for people using the centre."

Other suggestions, like "improving visual access by thin-

ning out understorey" (translation: cutting down planting so the signs can be read) are unlikely to meet with the approval of the Warrandyte community.

"The planners are starting behind the eight ball here," Jock Macneish said. "It is very difficult to get the right balance between cars and people, even starting from scratch. But no matter what they do here, it's never going to be as good as it should be."

"I'd like to appeal to the working party and the planners to shift their emphasis from cars and the built environment to the natural environment and to reflect the natural beauty of Warrandyte rather than the industrial icon of a poppet head."

The attractive bushland and landscaping of the recreation reserve opposite could be echoed in the proposed "village green", flowing through the centre and along the walkways.

The Warrandyte West End Improvement Study plans will be on display at Doncaster-Templestowe municipal offices, Warrandyte Community Centre and Goldfields Plaza for a month, from March 14 until April 11.

"During this time, any interested person will have the opportunity to comment on any of the proposed ideas," Ben de Waard said, "or even to suggest new ideas or solutions to perceived problems at the centre."

"It must be stressed that all the option plans are no more than a collection of largely interchangeable ideas. There is no 'preferred option'."

Ben de Waard can be contacted on 840 9469.



"This is definitely the place for a village green, Ock!"

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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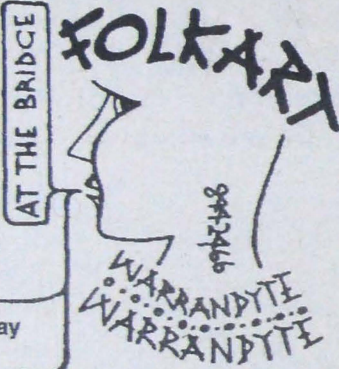
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The further fishing fiascos of our Geoff



The non-existent law of averages says Geoff Feltham's fishing exploits are overdue for a change of luck. We told you last time how his failed outboard-manned Geoff and never-again guest Neil Dusting on a storm-tossed Port Phillip Bay. The sequel is that back in the safety of his backyard, the skipper diagnosed the source of the trouble as the starter motor and in the days following took it to three professionals, who each did a bit to it and charged him accordingly. It amounted to a hundred-and-something dollars—and still the damned thing wouldn't fire. His immediate impulse was to attack the outboard with an axe, but he couldn't decide whether to use the sharp or the blunt edge. Then he thought he'd run one more desperate check, which turned up a dirty battery lead which took fully four seconds to clean with a knife and restore the motor to life. But hang about, we're not finished yet.



A now-jubilant Geoff set off next day to put the boat in at the mouth of the Werribee River and pursue snapper, whiting, flathead and anything else with suicidal tendencies. And on the Geelong road the wheel of his trailer fell off. Not completely off, but very nearly. Geoff made running repairs and limped back home. We figure his next fishing trip should be incident-free, but that'd take all the fun out of fishing, wouldn't it, mate?



We're reserving full judgement on the privatisation of the Met bus service, but at this stage we're still of the opinion that anything had to be an improvement. Certainly, the new drivers are a more affable lot and we much admired the attitude of the bloke at the wheel the other night who picked up a young bloke hitch-hiking near the quarry and gave him a free ride to the recreation reserve. Thank you, driver. Ten out of 10 for PR.



A most challenging challenge was set up on Christmas Eve over too many beers at the Grand Hotel. Experience and cunning (Kevin Close and Dennis Clarke) versus youth and impetuosity (local premiership footballers Kimberley O'Connor and Dale Vitoritti). A triathlon. Actually, it was to have started in the Fun Run at last year's Warrandyte festival, but the young chaps didn't turn up. So now it is on again—this year's Fun Run, a tennis match and a third leg yet to be decided. "We'll win the running, no doubt about that," Closey assures us. "And the kids will probably win the tennis." And what about the decider? "Well, that could end up where it all started—the survival of the fittest and thirstiest at the local pub!"

IN RED & WHITE



Dennis Clarke



One of the busiest blokes in Warrandyte this winter will be Dennis Clarke, who's going to have a helluva job finding time to mow the lawn at weekends. Dennis will be coaching Warrandyte Football Club's under-18s on Saturdays and the under-14s on Sundays. And what better man for the jobs? Dennis was an outstanding league player for Melbourne and is a former senior coach here. The Bloods badly wanted him to take charge of the under-18s, who folded last year for lack of numbers, but he wasn't prepared to leave the under-14s he had coached last season. So he'll wear both hats. Any kid who'd like to try out with the resurrected under-18s is urged to contact Dennis on 844 1188 or club president Lawrie Sloan on 616 8155 (W).



You'll read on Page 15 that the footy club are struggling for off-field personnel and that one of the many "sits, vac" is for someone to put the white lines on the field each Friday afternoon for the weekend's matches. We reckon this'd be a bonser job—lovely semi-rural setting, fresh air, and the opportunity to really make your mark on this town. It's not a matter of getting down on hands and knees with a tin of paint and a brush. No, it's a white powder put down by a nifty little machine. If you're prepared to steer it, Lawrie Sloan would love to hear from you. His work number's in the preceding paragraph.



Rumours have had it from time to time that the misadventures and foibles of Diary staff are exempt from exposure in this column because they are in-house. Not so, and let us demonstrate our "nobody is sacred" philosophy by acutely embarrassing our chief-of-staff, Jan Tindale, whose brown hair suddenly turned quite red. She now knows the difference between hair spray for birds and underarm deodorant for blokes.



The people who dedicate themselves to the ongoing wellbeing of the Diary have long believed the paper's future depends very much on the ongoing contributions of talented young folk. Which makes you wonder why they persevere with a gnarled, cantankerous relic like your columnist. Anyhow, they've been exceptionally lucky with the quality of homegrown young talent to come their way, and the cycle rolls on. This month we say bye to Georgi Stickels, who has done a magnificent job over the past three and a half years, first as a reporter, then as sub-editor. And we say hi to Clinton Grybas, who has replaced her at the sub's desk. Georgi has gone to work for Business Review Weekly, and we reckon she's going to be a sensation. She'll still be an occasional contributor here. Clinton, who is studying PR and journalism at RMIT, has been writing sport for the Diary and editing the Warrandyte Basketball Club magazine for quite a while now. Like Georgi, his future in the media is assured. And we hope all this inspires any other local young people who genuinely want to make a career of journalism to give the Diary a call.



Georgi says goodbye to her Diary colleagues.



And it's welcome aboard to Julie Murray, who has joined our team of writers. Julie's links with Warrandyte go way, way back. You may know her better by her maiden name, Julie Hutchinson. A member of the pioneering Pound Bend Hutchinson family, she was born here and draws on a rich background of local involvement. We're sure you'll enjoy her work.



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A middle Yarra municipality: is it 'the impossible dream'?

By CLIFF GREEN

The State Government's municipal amalgamation juggernaut is moving inexorably closer. The City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Shire of Eltham are shortlisted for review in the near future.

How will poor old schizoid Warrandyte fare in the reshuffles? Will the river still split us in two, one half in whatever happens to Doncaster, and the other in a rejigged Eltham? Or will we finish up united at last, living entirely within the borders of one or other of the two proposed new supershores?

The search for One Warrandyte has persisted for as long as this newspaper has existed. It undoubtedly plagued local busybodies for years before that. We ran straw polls, wore tee-shirts, signed petitions, displayed car stickers, crowded public meetings, drew cartoons and trumpeted editorially. All to no avail.

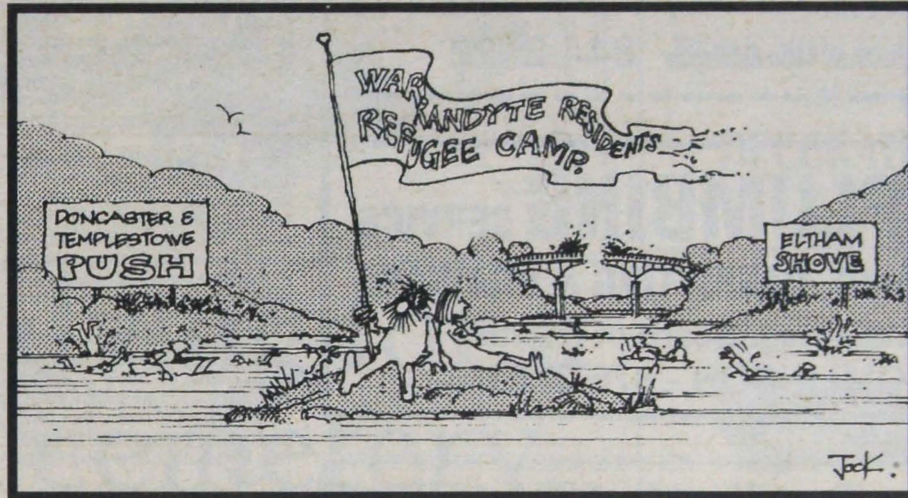
But if we were now given a genuine choice, how would we jump—north or south of the river? Probably one-third of us would choose Eltham and the



rest Doncaster, which is roughly our population breakdown. Good old status quo.

Of course we dreamed of independence. A bright, environmentally sensitive, new-age Shire of Warrandyte... But get real! We'd be battling to afford a part-time rate collector cum dog catcher and one secondhand grader. However, the idea that the Yarra River should be the focus of our region, rather than its boundaries, has a certain charm.

We're floating the idea of a middle Yarra municipality, stretching from, say, Mullum Mullum Creek to Yarra Glen, including Park Orchards, Warrandyte, Research, Kangaroo Ground, Watsons Creek, Watle Glen, Hurstbridge, Pantom Hill, Cottlesbridge, St Andrews, Kinglake, Steels Creek, Yarra



Glen, Yering and Wonga Park.

It would include Warrandyte State Park, Winneke Reservoir and Kinglake National Park, with the Yarra as its spine. The concept of a river valley as a municipality makes sense geographically, and we could cer-

tainly live as neighbours with our friends in those communities. And we defy any developer to force a bridgehead into that little lot!

But don't hold your breath. There could be problems. It would undoubtedly fall far

short of the government's requirement for a minimum population of 100,000.

Then there's the question of money. There's not much in the way of high rated urban development in our suggested utopia. Which is why we find it so

attractive. But who knows? Future generations might get sick of potholes and demand a bit of rate relief through "sensitive development". And we have grown fond of our footy grounds, kindergartens and community centres. Could we afford them in sylvan city?

At the moment there are only two bridges—at Warrandyte and Yarra Glen. Which would make communication and administration a bit tricky. So pressure could come on for more crossing places, which, in turn, could become developmental itchy spots.

Warrandyte hasn't done too badly in recent years, placed as we are on the tail-end of two very different municipalities. We've grown pretty good at playing one council off against the other. Perhaps we should go quietly, settling for the status of "jewel in the crown" of two wealthy supershores.

But it would be nice to live together, municipally speaking, and not have to keep looking over our shoulders to see what new planning treat town hall has in store for us.



Labor leader woos locals

State Opposition Leader John Brumby (left - where else?) met with local members of the ALP recently at a dinner to celebrate the revival of the Warrandyte branch. About 70 members and friends attended the celebration dinner at Pancakes On The Yarra. Mr Brumby outlined new policy for the ALP in Victoria and engaged in discussions on local issues.

Housing project set to go—after delays

By DAVID WYMAN

Construction of four houses for public use on the historic quarry disaster cottages site in Webb Street now seems likely to get under way around the middle of this year, after a long delay.

The Department of Housing and Development, which leases the site from the Warrandyte Quarry Disaster Trust, has recently confirmed that funds will be available for construction in the 1994-95 financial year.

A trustee, Mr Peter Harkin, told the *Diary* that he had been advised by the department that it was on track with the project in 1994-95. "We had been advised by letter last July that this was the case and that the project would be scheduled for commitment in May 1994," he said.

"They have told us that the consultant architect had been briefed to proceed with documentation of the project and would join discussions on landscape proposals," Mr Harkin said.

The department has also told the trustees that a meeting would be arranged with neighbouring residents to review landscape design of the site. A number of queries and

concerns about the project design were presented to the trustees early last year and these were tabled at a meeting of department officials and the trustees in May.

The *Diary* reported in February last year that construction of the houses was expected to begin in June-July 1993, but nothing has happened on the site, apart from the connection of sewerage and stormwater drainage services. The trustees were told that the project had been re-scheduled because of budget constraints imposed on the department.

A frustrated Mr Harkin, on behalf of the trustees, had earlier pointed out, in a letter to the department, that negotiations regarding a project partnership agreement with the department had commenced in 1988, with agreement finally being signed in 1991, with an expectation of project completion by 1993.

He sought advice from the department on "how long does it take to design, document and construct four houses?"

Under the agreement, the Department of Planning and Development has leased the Webb Street land from the trustees for 55

years at a rental of \$1 a year. After 55 years, the houses will be owned and controlled by the trust, or the lease may be extended.

The quarry disaster cottages site, bounded by Webb and Brackenbury Streets and Sloans Road, was used to construct two cottages in 1936 for the families of two men killed in a quarry accident in Husseys Lane in 1934. One cottage remains, being used for emergency housing by the local community welfare group, Assisi House.

Under the agreement with the department, the Warrandyte community has 50 per cent tenancy rights, but all prospective tenants will have to meet the department's eligibility criteria in terms of need, assets and income.

"The trustees choose not to be represented on the committee because we feel others in the community know more about local accommodation needs," Peter Harkin said. "So we are now seeking expressions of interest from local organisations for committee representation."

Those interested should write, giving full details of the organisation, to Peter Harkin, 97 Bradleys Lane, Warrandyte 3113.

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Our new ranger: already at home

By JULIE MURRAY

Warrandyte festival's 'Once Upon a Time' theme has stirred the enthusiasm of our new head ranger Matt le Duc. Not only to introduce himself to the people of Warrandyte, but to get them to "make a pledge" to participate in preserving and conserving for our children and their future.

Matt le Duc, 42, is no stranger to Warrandyte, having swum in the Yarra in his teens. He returned in December 1993 as head ranger, controlling 700 hectares of our state park. He has returned to the bluey-grey eucalypts and the bellbirds that he remembers and loves.

"I have always found Warrandyte to be a special place and the people to have a unique identity. I am looking forward to being part of that community and to help perpetuate that identity, hopefully in the long term," he said.

Matt comes to Warrandyte with a variety of experience—at Organ Pipes, Horsham, Wilson's Promontory and Cape Conran national parks.

Experience which has shown him that public participation in state parks is invaluable, and Warrandyte has such a good reputation in that area.

"In fact we have become dependent on the amount of work and participation of groups such as Friends of the State Park," he said. "They are such an impor-



Matt le Duc, Warrandyte State Park's new head ranger. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

tant aspect of our work because they translate so well our special needs of flora, fauna and park care to the community."

It is also community feel and input that has influenced Matt's philosophy of working together in fire prevention. He is currently liaising with local fire brigade captains to answer public questions on fuel reduction during the fire season.

"We'll look at particular areas to be controlled, but conservation is our business," he said. He

believes that if the public take responsibility for their own areas, slow-burns will be kept to a minimum.

Matt le Duc is a very approachable ranger. He has Warrandyte in his heart. He views his position as a calling rather than a job—a commitment to a way of life. There seems to be a will and a dedication about Matt that can only be positive for Warrandyte and our state park.

Welcome to Warrandyte, Matt le Duc.

Wedge plan decision soon

Doncaster council's Special Physical Services Committee will formulate its position on the long-running Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge debate at a meeting next month. The committee will be considering public submissions received on its discussion paper on the non-urban zones in the area.

The meeting, on Wednesday, March 16 at 6pm at the municipal offices, will make recommendations on future planning provisions within the area. The report will then be presented to the council meeting on March 29.

The purpose of the review is to consider the

replacement of the three existing non-urban zones east of Mullum Mullum Creek with a newly formulated non-urban zone. This new zone is aimed to be more responsive to protecting and enhancing the biological and landscape values of the area.

Enquiries regarding the non-urban zone should be directed to Gabrielle O'Halloran of the Environmental Planning Unit on 840 9467.

Minister for Planning, Rob Maclellan, is expected to announce the State Government's final decision on the future of the Green Wedge next month.

Traffic bridgehead?

The recent announcement by the State Government of a construction schedule of 15 years to complete the outer ring road, and to find a route from Greensborough to Ringwood within the next two years (to connect with the Scoresby route to Dandenong and beyond to Portsea and the Eastern Freeway extension) must be of concern to the residents of Warrandyte.

Being the only river crossing between Fitzsimons Lane and Yarra Glen, Warrandyte must be high on the list of sites for such a road, which would bring a flood of traffic to Warrandyte.

The prime purpose of this ringroad, as with other freeways and arterial roads, is to provide a route for freight trucks around Melbourne, connecting the highways and industrial areas north of Melbourne to those in the south and east.

The impact of this traffic on Warrandyte would completely destroy the amenity and lifestyle we currently enjoy.

Neal Tessier
Second Street

Roads threat

The 10-15 kilometre long "greenbelt" corridor running along the Mullum Mullum Creek is the most significant bushland pathway left in suburban Melbourne.

It connects vegetation flanked by suburbia in the Mitcham-Ringwood area to the very extensive state and national forests through Warrandyte (near the junction of the Mullum Mullum Creek to the Yarra River)



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and Kinglake regions.

Much of the vegetation of the corridor within the municipalities of Ringwood, Doncaster and Templestowe and Nunawading is the most intact, exclusive and least disturbed forest of its type remaining in suburban Melbourne.

Of this exceptionally high quality forest, virtually all will be desecrated if the proposed Eastern Arterial (freeway) extension and Ringwood Bypass road goes ahead.

Between 140-150 bird species have been recorded in the area in recent years, over 50 of which were found breeding in the area. Fifteen mammal species have been recorded including koalas, eastern grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies, sugar gliders, short-beaked echidnas and wombats. Six frog and eleven reptile species have also been recorded.

If the connecting corridor is desecrated by the roads, birds and mammal movement would be choked to an extraordinary extent. A massive portion of all the mentioned species of animals will never be seen in this area again. Areas such as the Currawong Bush Park would become seriously affected.

Visual, noise and air quality pollution within the Mullum Mullum Creek valley from the roads would vastly downgrade the area. If action is not taken to prevent this road project, Mel-

bourne may never again see such wildlife.

To promote such action, and discuss alternative solutions to transport problems, the Koonung-Mullum Forestway Association is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, March 16, at 8pm, at the Nunawading Arts and Entertainment Centre, rear of council offices, Whitehorse Road.

The speakers will be Dr Joe Camilleri, co-ordinator of the Rainbow Alliance, Rob Gell, geographer, media presenter and environmentalist, Paul Mees, president of the Public Transport Users Association and Patricia Toop, solicitor, Holding and Redlich.

The Hon Bill Baxter, Minister for Roads and Parks, has been invited to attend.

Betty Oke
Second Street

Appreciation

Many thanks for the excellent article about the Warrandyte Food Bank in the February issue of the *Diary*.

It is very important for the community, retailers and local organisations to know how much their support is needed and appreciated.

In addition I would like to acknowledge through our *Diary* the very significant contribution we regularly receive from The Bakery, which now supplies all our bread needs, allowing us to spend precious funds on other perishable items.

Helen Cox
Webb Street

WARRANTITTIES

By JOFF

IT USED TO BE DEAD EASY TO FIND A PLOT HERE, BUT WITH ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS IT'LL BE THE DEVILS OWN JOB TO GET IN!



They're all dying for a spot in our cemetery

Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust has created a rod for its own back. The appearance of the cemetery has been improved to such a degree that an increasing number of families are wanting their loved ones buried at Warrandyte. "It's a Catch 22 situation," trust chairman John Chapman told the *Diary*. "The better we make the cemetery look, the more popular it becomes."

retaining a distinctly Warrandyte atmosphere. In recent months the balance of the cemetery site was cleared in readiness for future burials and landscaping. "We met with local residents and told them of our plans and I believe they were more than happy with what the trust intends to do," John Chapman said. "We intend to replant trees once areas are used for burials and we have left an area untouched which will be used exclusively

for the scattering of ashes." But Mr Chapman added that there was some concern for the future. "Even with the new area we now have, it is likely that the cemetery will be full by the year 2000," he said. "It is a fact of life that there are only so many burial plots and we cannot refuse to bury anyone. "Many people who had hoped that their last resting place would have been in Warrandyte may have to be buried elsewhere."



A major concern is that the need for burial plots, especially from Warrandyte families, who, quite understandably, believe they have a right to be buried in their local cemetery, could lead to pressure to further extend the cemetery. This could only be achieved by obtaining further land from the Warrandyte State Park, a move many locals would find unacceptable. The *Diary* understands that Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte, is exploring ways to solve this problem. John Chapman said the trust was proud of its achievements in recent years and was aware of the important role it played within the community. "Apart from the landscaping, we are also installing more seating and pathways and we are looking at how we can allow better access to the more remote areas for older visitors," he said. "We are also looking at building a number of small shelters in various parts of the cemetery to protect mourners and visitors during bad weather or to provide shade on hot days."

Andersons Creek Cemetery: A threat to the state park? (Picture by Clinton Grybas)

Power failure a mystery

An above average number of interruptions to electricity supply in Warrandyte North, Wonga Park and Ringwood North in the last 12 months has the SEC baffled. Maroondah distribution manager, John Ward, said the majority of interruptions are of an unknown cause and occur late at night. Many interruptions are of only one second duration due to the rapid response of the switching equipment installed to protect the lines. John Ward said this indicated the faults were of a transient nature and therefore difficult to locate. "The lines have been patrolled on many occasions but often no cause can be found, however, possums have caused the majority of known faults. It is suspected vandalism may be another major contributor," he said. The SEC has spent \$1 million since 1992 replacing the bare high and low voltage lines with a new insulated aerial bundle cable specifically in the Warrandyte North and Wonga Park areas. This new cable greatly reduces the risk of fire ignition and improves reliability of supply. John Ward said that although a large amount of money had been allocated to the area, they

were disappointed at not being able to deliver a significant improvement in the reliability of supply to date. Fault location devices have been installed in the area while \$45,000 has been allocated to install a sectionalising device to limit the number of customers

affected by faults on the high voltage lines. John Ward has requested the help of people in the area who may have information to assist in the location of any faults. Reports of flashes or explosions would greatly assist in locating possible causes. These

can be telephoned through on the SEC's 24 hour emergency number—131 797. John Ward said the SEC is grateful for their customers' patience in this matter and is confident the work undertaken will ultimately result in a fire-safe, reliable electricity supply.

Festival going for broke

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Festival Committee have said they will have "virtually nothing in the bank" at the end of the 1994 festival, despite Doncaster council lowering charges for services they normally provide free. As reported in last month's *Diary*, council has decided to apply their new 'user-pays' policy to the provision of services and facilities to the festival. Committee member Lynne Cappellani told the *Diary* that although council has now agreed to cover the cost of printing the program, they are still charging for grass cutting and rubbish removal. "They've rallied a little bit," she said, "and they've reduced the cost of putting up the ban-



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ners in Yarra Street from \$2,500 to \$1,000." This is still \$1,000 more than the committee paid last year however, which leaves them perilously close to running at a financial loss.

"We hope we don't, but it's really close. At the moment our projected budget is coming out about even," Lynne Cappellani said. The situation is such that if the committee falls 20 market stalls short of the 100 they hope for, they will lose money. "Council have said that if the festival runs at a loss and we can't cover our costs, then we can go to a council meeting and ask them to help us out." She also said that next year the funding arrangement will be different, with festival organisers submitting a list of things they want done to council, who in turn will provide a costing for those jobs. Festival organisers will then apply for a special expenses grant, on top of the normal funding they receive each year.

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Exhibition of Draft Concept Plan
Warrandyte WestEnd Townscape Improvement Program

On 27 July 1993, Council resolved to form the Warrandyte WestEnd Townscape Working Party. This group includes trade representatives, resident/community group representatives, and Council officers. The purpose of the Working Party is to:

- oversee the preparation of the Warrandyte WestEnd Townscape Improvement Study
- provide for input from represented sectors of the community in the Improvement Study's preparation

The Working Party subsequently identified a range of issues, the main ones being:

- traffic circulation (currently perceived as being ineffectual)
- the need to link the eastern and western halves of the centre
- a poor visual appearance of parts of the centre
- a lack of cohesion between various centre components
- a poorly maintained unconstricted area along the northern side of shops on Melbourne Hill Road
- inconvenience for shoppers. The plans currently on exhibition seek to address the above issues, and set out various proposals and options for the centre. It is also intended to enhance and improve the appearance of the shopping centre. Once implemented, the improvements will attract more people to the shopping centre, and this will in turn increase business confidence and the economic viability of the "WestEnd".

Please look carefully at the plans, and decide whether there are issues that have not been addressed at this stage. Can issues be resolved more simply or effectively? This is your opportunity to comment on the draft concept plan, and to put forward your suggestions. The Working Party is trying to ensure that all issues and views are taken into account. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ben de Waard on 840 9469.

All submissions should be sent to:
The Manager, Environmental Planning Division
City of Doncaster and Templestowe
PO Box 1, Doncaster Vic 3108
by 11 April, 1994.

Young folks' festival gigs



Jazz is not just jitter

Warrandyte Community Jazz Band has taken over from Paradiddle in the featured final act spot at the Sunday open-air concert at Stiggants Reserve. Following Paradiddle's final, no-repeat-performances decision last year, the jazz band were the likely alternative to wind-up the festival weekend. Formed in 1992 to fill a half-hour on the festival stage one afternoon, the band is an offshoot from the community marching band.

One founding member of the band who is still playing, Barry McKimm, is a trumpet player with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and part-time composer. His tuba concerto was recently performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The other members are Ray Haynes, pianist and percussionist, John Byrne, trumpet and trombone, and Paul Matcott, drummer. Ray, John and Paul are all music teachers with the Directorate of School Education, and have performed in many professional venues over the past 30 years.

By NICK ARNOTT

Warrandyte's young people will be well catered for at this year's festival, with a variety of activities being planned by Warrandyte Youth Services.

The weekend will kick off on the Friday night with a dance and disco at the cricket club rooms. Live bands and DJs will keep the crowd entertained between 8pm and midnight. With sponsorship provided by the Quit campaign the event will be smoke-free.

A full day is planned for Saturday. Warrandyte Youth Services will relocate its 'drop-in centre' to a giant marquee to be erected to the west of Stiggants Reserve, near the Tarroona Avenue footbridge. This will provide a place for the young people to meet and relax, with pool tables, music and plenty of food and drink available.

An outdoor stage will feature several local young bands, performers and graffiti artists throughout the afternoon.

An information corridor will be set up with representatives from the Commonwealth Employment Service, Ringwood Youth Access Centre, the Quit campaign and the Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham youth services.

Free health checks will be available at various times, including blood sugar, respiratory function and blood pressure testing. To complement this service, a massage tent will operate on Saturday afternoon, with quali-

fied masseurs helping to relieve some of the tension of a busy day.

For those willing to try their wrestling prowess, sumo wrestling suits and a ring will be available. As well as this, young people can try their luck at keeping youth services staff and other volunteers wet and miserable on the water dunking machine, while those with a strong stomach may find fun with the circatron machine.

Saturday night will see young people returning to the community centre for a film and pizza night. For \$5 entry, two feature films and plenty of pizza will be provided. The event will run in the main hall of the community centre between 7:30pm and midnight.

For those still going, the youth cafe will again operate down at Stiggants Reserve all day on Sunday.

On top of all this, the young people from youth services will also be supporting the festival committee's recycling project, by preparing and painting the bins needed to implement the project. The young people were keen to get involved with this worthwhile community effort.

Warrandyte Youth Services caters for young people aged between 12 and 25, however young kids, parents and friends are encouraged to drop by over the weekend to either join in the activities or find out what Warrandyte Youth Services is all about.

Dance goes folksy

Festival-goers will enjoy the spectacle of tapping feet and swirling skirts when they view performances by various dance groups over the weekend.

The She-Oaks Women's Morris group will perform traditional English dance originating from the turn of the century. An energetic display to live music by groups of six people carrying handkerchiefs or clashing sticks. The dance evolved from foundations in superstitions, pagan rituals and country fairs and festivals.

Gruppo Folkloristico Lucano consists of 27 members from eight to 50 years old. With songs originating from southern Italy, they feature live traditional music and dances while wearing 18th century costume. Formed in 1991, the group's musical repertoire includes variations and adaptations of classic types of music such as mazurka, polka, waltz and tarantella e quadrille.

The Acropolis Dance Theatre from East Doncaster will also perform. They will demonstrate both modern and traditional Greek dance, also wearing authentic costumes.

Can you didgeridoo?

Budding didgeridoo players will have the opportunity to be tutored at the festival by this year's Golden Didgeridoo Award winner, Chris Adnam.

Gallery Gundulmirri in Yarra Street will be open on the Saturday for those interested to learn and get tips from the man who left audiences spellbound at the

Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Born and bred in Warrandyte, Chris has spent many years researching and rediscovering the ways and culture of the traditional peoples of the area, and looks forward to passing on his vast knowledge at this year's festival.



Lovers of good music are in for a treat at the festival with St Stephens Anglican Church hosting two musical evenings featuring some of Victoria's top musicians. On the Thursday night at 8pm the Victoria String Quartet will play selected quartet movements from Mozart, Haydn, Dvorak and Borodine.

Entry is by donation, as it is on the Friday night when a selection of players and singers from the Victorian Recorder Guild and Early Music Society sing and play five items from late Renaissance, through Elizabethan to Classical.

The performance will run for about an hour, after which patrons are encouraged to take a stroll along Yarra Street and join in the festival cocktail party at the community centre.



Giant recycling goblin: "eats compost".



Day out for moggie at the festival pet parade.

Around it goes!

Warrandyte Festival Committee has adopted an environmentally sensitive strategy for the festival weekend. A special feature will see two giant puppets entertain and inform children on the value of composting.

Warrandyte will be the first festival in Australia to employ recycling techniques used recently at the Winter Olympics. This technology has created a product called "natural plastic", a substance that breaks down after it has been shredded.

"It's an incredible breakthrough," said Doncaster council's conservation officer, Stephen Ray. "Up to now, we have had to put up with polystyrene and plastic fast food containers, but these may become a thing of the past if this technology takes off."

The festival committee will request groups providing food to use the biodegradable alternative. Over the weekend there will be rubbish recycling and composting bins at 20 recycling stations.

Stephen Ray said that of the rubbish in the past, most has been bottles, cans or food material. Under the new scenario, all can be either composted or recycled.

A chipping machine will be on site to turn the material into fresh compost, which after a four week period will have broken down enough to be used on gardens.

Wizzy the Wizardess and Gobble and Gorp, her two giant goblins, will be on stage each day to convince children to feed them compost, but only if they first tell lots of stories.

A new feature of the Warrandyte Festival this year is the Warrandyte Walk. Starting at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday at 8:30am (8:15am to register), the walk is a five kilometre stroll through Warrandyte's picturesque state park and along the Yarra River. Certificates will be awarded on completion and prizes from Riverside Health and Fitness will be drawn. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Appropriate footwear should be worn. For enquiries contact Leigh Hauser on 844 1802.

The festival cocktail party is on again at the community centre this year. On Friday night from 8-11pm, the party kicks off the weekend with great music, nibbles and drinks and a fun atmosphere. Entry is \$5 per head to cover costs, and while this is payable on the night, bookings are essential. To help raise funds for the festival there will be an auction of duck art and ducks decorated by local artists and well-known identities for the Decorated Duck Race. Dress is 'after five', with bookings to Jackie Verginis on 844 2694.

Does your pet look like you? Does your cat have the longest whiskers? How well trained is your dog? All these questions and more will be answered at the festival pet parade at Stiggants Reserve on Sunday morning at 9am. Entry is free and all pets are welcome, although they must be under owner control. For enquiries contact Claire Bloom at Warrandyte High School on 844 2749.

Yarra Street will again close for the festival parade from 11am Saturday. There will be entertainers and buskers galore, while the highly acclaimed Victoria Police Pipe Band will also perform. Parade categories are: Most Historical, Most Elaborate, Most Warrandyte-ish, Most Imaginative, Cutest Fairy Tale and Most Environmentally Friendly.

The kids will have their own parade on Friday at 10am at Stiggants Reserve, with local schools and kinders gathering for a combined festival celebration. Young ones are encouraged to get into the Once Upon a Time theme and dress up again for the Saturday, with prizes and more parading on the main stage.

Returning again is the famous Decorated Duck Race, on the Yarra on Sunday from 2pm. Ducks cost just \$2 and can be purchased from Claire Bloom at Warrandyte High School, 844 2749, or from your local primary school. Cash prizes for winning ducks!

The information caravan at the top stage can help you with programs, directions, problems and any entry forms. Check there also for lost children, keys and other valuables, or for results of events. Ducks can also be purchased there, or decorated ones placed in the starting bag. And while you're there, why not buy a festival bumper sticker! Any lost items after the festival may be reclaimed by ringing 844 1175.

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THURSDAY 17 MARCH

8pm: CONCERT & REFRESHMENTS featuring Victoria String Quartet. 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.
8pm: CONCERT IN THE CHURCH. The Victorian Recorder Guild and the Early Music Society will sing and play five items. St Stephens, Stiggants Street.

OPEN SEASON

8pm: OPEN SEASON. Warrandyte Drama Group musical. Mechanics Institute Hall, Yarra Street. BYO food & drink. \$12 per head. Also March 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26. Bookings: David Buck, 844 2204.
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); City of Doncaster & Templestowe (artists' workshop, floral arrangements, microwave cooking); Conservation & Natural Resources (travel local timeline to see environmental changes). Stiggants Riverbank Reserve; Warrandyte Uniting Church, Doncaster & Templestowe Historical Society.



Doncaster & Templestowe Spinners & Weavers, Melbourne Water.
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 Reserve.
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. 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 Valley 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.
1.30-4.15pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS. Warrandyte, Andersons Creek primary schools, Warrandyte High School, Eltham College, Glenden School of Dance, Warrandyte School of Dance, May Downs School of Dancing, Donvale Christian School. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.
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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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 Electricals, G&L Automotive, Goldfields Cellars & Deli, Yarra Hiring & Bird Engineering. For rules & details of categories contact Jim Burbridge, 844 3889.
9am: FESTIVAL SERVICE at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

9am-2pm: KIDS' MARKET. Magnificent muddle 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, Hat and Tie Productions Puppet Group. 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).

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BERYL OSBORNE In memory's garden

By AUDREY CAHN

BERYL Osborne died in hospital on December 18, 1993, after a short illness following a severe stroke. She was aged 86. She was survived by her daughter, Ann Brockhoff and three grandsons, Stephen, Rick and Mark Brockhoff.

Beryl, her parents and sisters came from Southport, Queensland, to live in Melbourne where Beryl spent her last two years of schooling at the Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School. After leaving school she spent some time travelling overseas, to visit her married sister in the USA and to Europe.

On October 14, 1938, she and my brother, Gerard (Henry Gerard Alexander) Osborne were married. They spent their honeymoon at the Osborne holiday home, "Lowestoft", Osborne Road, Warrandyte.

It was a bad drought year and the countryside was parched. By some mischance the old timber house caught fire and was completely destroyed.

Shortly afterwards the 1939 bushfires destroyed many houses and much of the environs of Warrandyte. Somewhat ironically, although surrounded by bushfires, only a small section of the Lowestoft property was burnt.

Gerard and Beryl lived for a short while in Fitzroy in Beryl's flat before moving into a flat in Toorak. In the early war years, Beryl undertook training and became an ambulance driver for the Australian Red Cross.

Beryl and Gerard had two children, William Alexander (Bill) born in 1941, and Ann born in 1943. Bill studied medicine and followed an outstanding career in this field. Sadly, he died at the early age of 39, at the peak of his career. Ann married Peter Brockhoff while studying occupational therapy, and they had three sons as mentioned previously.

Gerard and Beryl acquired the Lowestoft house and garden from our parents who, with some members of the family, moved to live at "The Hall", Donaldson Road, Kangaroo Ground, a property they bought in the mid-1920s.

Beryl, Gerard and their young family moved up to live at Lowestoft.

From the time they came to live there, Beryl developed a very keen and enduring interest in gardening, especially in the cultivation of trees.

She worked hard and long hours, not only at the various household chores and in bringing up a young family but in developing the garden.

It was wartime, with labor and commodi-



Beryl Osborne with some of her Osborne Road neighbours.
(Picture by Jan Tindale)

ties hard to get, as they were in the immediate post-war period.

Beryl tidied up the rather rambling section of the old garden below the house towards the river, and established there strawberry beds and other beds for growing vegetables. In other sections of the garden she organised rose beds and planted flowering shrubs.

At a later stage she was able to supply cut flowers and foliage to a florist. She was at this stage able to obtain some help in the garden.

During the early years, Gerard and Beryl built a caretaker's cottage in the Lowestoft garden on the Osborne Road frontage.

Tribute must be paid to "Bill", who has lived there for many years and helped the family in many ways, especially since Gerard died 10 years ago, aged 75. He has given invaluable help to Beryl, particularly in the last few years when an eyesight problem made life difficult for her.

It was perhaps the 1962 bushfires which had a big effect on the development of the garden. Although the houses were saved the fire burnt through the whole of the original property.

Beryl then redesigned the garden area with the help of landscape gardening friend Ellis Stone, and many visits to the Chandler nurseries in the Dandenongs.

After Gerard's death she continued her interest and development of the garden, which included a new, larger swimming pool, a sauna and a "cabana" beside the

pool. All these facilities were much enjoyed by the grandsons and many friends.

Although Beryl's great love and interest through the years had been the garden, it was by no means her only one.

She supported and enjoyed the visual and performing arts, particularly the ballet, opera, painting and ceramic crafts.

She was a member, particularly in the development stages, of the National Gallery of Victoria, the Art Centre, the National Opera Company and the National Ballet Company.

Beryl also supported the founding of St Hilda's College at the University of Melbourne. She was a member of International Social Services, of the Old Grammarians Society and of the Alexander Club for many years. While she did support the arts and crafts in the local Warrandyte, area her main commitments were in Melbourne.

When Gerard died she bought a small flat in Toorak in order that she could stay there overnight after late attendances at the ballet, opera and so on, rather than drive home alone to Warrandyte, especially on wet winter nights.

Beryl had a wide circle of friends in Melbourne and in Warrandyte, many of whom had similar interests to her own. Many of these friends came to the memorial service held on January 12, 1994, on a sunny day in the lovely park-like garden at Lowestoft, which she loved and had spent so much time in designing and caring for over the years.

Yarra Street caught on canvas

Warrandyte artist Claire Adyns-Holt has donated her work 'Living by the River' to the permanent art collection of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

The painting, first exhibited in the Doncaster and Templestowe Arts Association's sixth annual exhibition in late 1993, was painted from photo-

graphs set in a complex collage to achieve a bird's eye viewpoint.

At the close of the exhibition the artist indicated her willingness for the work to become part of the growing city collection.

Joan Blakey, artistic director of the Doncaster Gallery, said

"Living by the River' has been painted by the artist in a 'naive' style and achieves a simultaneously realistic and imaginary result. This delightful work is highly relevant to the municipality and is an important addition to the city collection."

Claire Adyns-Holt often works in miniature. Joan Blakey added

that "this large format is therefore quite unusual for her. The scene is clearly identifiable as Warrandyte's main street, yet remains quirky, charming and yet 'seen' from a humanly unachievable viewpoint."

The painting is on exhibition in the council foyer for three months.

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POTTER Charles Wilton preferred being called a "tradesman-craftsman", not an artist. A professional potter for 60 years, Charles, now 77 and recently retired, spent his life making a living from selling pottery. And loving it.

The love of crafting imbued him from an early age. During the depression, when just 14, he was taken from school by his father and put into his first job, cleaning biscuit-ware straight from the kiln at Fowlers.

At the end of two years he was moved onto a jolly making bowl sets (60 dozen per day), and by the age of 18 was hooked for life.

Deciding to make the bowls more interesting, he enrolled at Melbourne Technical College to refine his craft.

Significant dedication was required. He had to cycle two-and-a-half miles before even reaching the train, while organising and increasing his shifts at Fowlers to pay college fees.

Those organisational skills are reflected in his studio set-up at Warrandyte.

A utilities shed is designed so the delivery truck can drive right up to two large doors to unload his clay order (an ironstone body he personally formulated with Walkers early in his career).

The shed also houses the pug mill and wedging tables, but it's the main studio that captivates and intrigues even the most unacquainted potter.

A converted tearoom from the early 1900s, the atmosphere is rich and warm. The slow combustion stoves are still in place while the shelves are full of thrown pots for decorating or turning.

The wheel, nestled under the window to provide plenty of natural light, surrounds tools that reveal the dedication of the craftsman to his craft.

In 1958 Charles was one of five Warrandyte potters who joined forces to open Potters Cottage.

Their ideal was to promote an interest in Australian pottery and make it more accessible to the public.

The ideal thrived, and today, with a potter's school and restaurant, the gallery offers the largest range of pottery in Australia.

"I can't isolate my enjoyment," Charles said, a year before his retirement, when asked if he preferred, or had to balance, functional with non-functional ware. "If it doesn't sell, where's the enjoyment?"

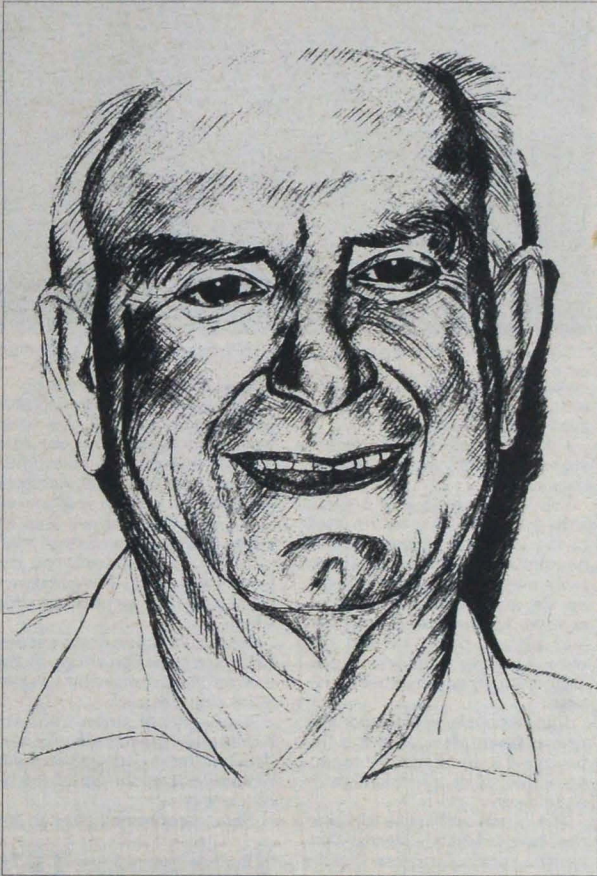
He moved quickly to clarify however, for fear of being taken as materialistic.

"My friends say, 'Charles,

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By JULIE MURRAY
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you're too materialistic'. I'm not. I just feel that the sale of a piece is the end process of the cycle for my week. The cycle isn't over until the piece is sold." There is no room for the luxury of making pieces that won't sell.



Charles Wilton

suitable outlet for it in the market-place.

Survival is also mentioned when he speaks of self-motivation and inspiration.

This displays the extent to what it means to be a professional, the extent not only in terms of commitment, but also faith, diligence and dedication to earn your living solely from your craft.

"I have been able to sustain my motivation over the years because I am a good manager. You

At the height of his career, Charles had an agent who was taking 30 percent commission. "I was a success in my day. I didn't need to organise exhibitions, my sales were always there."

Charles said he always had a good car, a very nice home and put his two children through university.

"I had to work at getting \$900 a week to pay overheads and staff. You can only do that when you are organised."

Organising and streamlining his working week was an aspect he regards as being most important.

"A potter friend said to me one day, 'Charles, you don't make your own clay'. I said to him, 'What are you doing Tuesday afternoon?' He said, 'I've nearly got my clay ready by then.'"

Charles had the majority of his week's stock thrown by Tuesday afternoon, pointing out that you can't do everything and still be viable.

Influenced only in the area of color by Guy Boyd at the start of his career, Charles feels that ideas "must come from inside yourself." If you are influenced by somebody else, the pressure is on you to do it better.

A traditional man and a traditional potter, Charles admits to being a production potter turned craftsman, who started by necessity and loved it.

His success has been on many levels. With pride he explained his first job, an order for 1,000 insulators for the SEC, turned on a wheel and then used as a template (which he still possesses).

Watching him you can see the skill with which he centres a piece, the touch that mirrors the mastery of his craft.

"I have fun while I'm doing the work," he says, and with a grin of admiration speaks of the day his son said, "Dad, nobody enjoys their work like you do."

That work is limited now by his retirement, which he met with mixed feelings in October, 1993.

"After so many years in pottery (38 of them in Warrandyte), I feel entitled to six months off." That is the time limit he currently places on retirement, which he stresses is "commercial retirement only." But after six months, who knows?

Finally, a rhetorical question. Does Charles Wilton have a philosophy towards his work, or a philosophy in life which emerges through his work?

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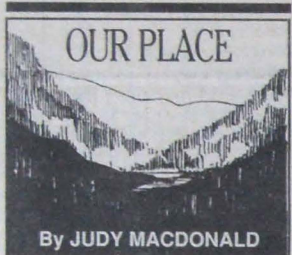
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"My old friend the Yarra Yarra..." (Picture by Clinton Grybas)

IN 1844, Penelope Selby wrote to her sisters in England: "My old friend the Yarra Yarra has overflowed beyond calculation or remembrance of any persons here and done great damage. Entire houses have been washed away. The blacks still say as they said of the last flood, 'this is only a piccaninny—big one coming'."

"My affection for the Yarra is still great and this run not being George's I shall never be at home here..."

She was writing from Port Fairy after moving there from "a station on the Yarra" at Andersons Creek which she and her husband George shared with the Dawsons for a couple of years.

The James Andersons were neighbours and Penelope Selby's letters mention Mrs Anderson's illness and subsequent death.

The Selbys did well, selling their butter in Melbourne until the depression of 1840s, which led her to write, "everybody in the worthy town of Melbourne either has or is likely to fail and the distress they say is very great".

But I digress. Mrs Selby's sentiments of 150 years ago are still felt by most residents today. A great affection for the Yarra. In fact, proof of this affection can be found in head counts at countless meetings over the past two decades. Meetings held so that highly paid town planners could tell us how to improve on nature's design and so that we could tell them where to go!

The town must have "treed gateways", trees must be removed from the riverbank so that the river can be seen from the road, and other such nonsense ideas, were struck from their plans because of public dissent.

I clearly remember one such meeting being assured that carparks would not take over the riverbank. The natural grassy flats and ungrouted look would be preserved.

A classic example of the total disregard for feelings expressed at these public meetings and in

countless submissions is the bad case of gravel rash which Warrandyte is suffering.

Take, for instance, the extension of Webb Street to the riverbank.

Ten years ago it was a small rutted track leading to the back of the doctor's surgery and, if negotiated slowly, a carpark or two under a small stand of trees on the right. Grass rippled all around. Children and dogs ran and played there behind the elms. The riverbank was accessible from a track in either direction.

Somewhere is a professionally drawn town plan, showing the proposal to increase the capacity of this small carpark to six or eight cars.

The community was assured that care would be taken to identify the parking areas so that no untoward intrusion would occur on the riverbank.

Have you been there lately? The small field of grass has gone. The small trees have gone. A sea of gravel stretches right out to the riverbank. Fifty cars could park there!

On the evening that I first saw it, seven other cars were there. Guess where they were parked? On the small grass fringe left before the bank drops into the river and only two wheels could fit on that!

In the past, applications for an increased carpark, to serve a proposed tearoom near the

bridge, were knocked back.

The community agreed that enough was enough; the tourists went home and we still wanted to enjoy the riverbank.

How then has this insidious invasion of a very pretty spot occurred? How can we stop its spread? Is the gravelling of Warrandyte a high priority on the Doncaster and Templestowe plan? If so, they are making a fine job of it.

We used to have grass verges. Those outside the shops at the east end have turned into a gravelled sulo bin park.

Some artistic stone walls are holding new gravelled walks near Trezise Street—as well as a pile of leftover gravel—which is a bit of a worry.

Signs pronounce that an im-

portant roadside reserve lies ahead, but it's more likely you'll see an important pile of gravel.

Gravel is dusty, uncomfortable to walk on, promotes skidding, spits at duco and windscreens. But worst of all, it eventually leads to that dread disease—bitumenisation.

A copy of Penelope Selby's letters from 1840 until her untimely death in 1851 can be seen in the manuscripts collection of the State Library of Victoria.

They give some insight into this early period of settlement.

It would be a shame if official documents giving some insight into the concerns of this community were not reviewed occasionally, before the gravel rash becomes a terminal case.

STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

Topping Road in Wonga Park is named after Fred Topping, who donated the land on the corner of Topping Road and Yarra Road for the church. Anyone studying the history of Wonga Park and Warrandyte will constantly meet Fred. He was heavily involved in community activities in both places before 1939.

He was a dedicated sportsman and a fine cricketer, playing for Fitzroy before the days of district cricket. Fred organised and coached a Warrandyte women's

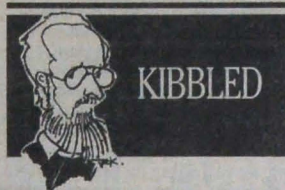
cricket team in 1907. He was time-keeper for the Warrandyte Woodchop, an event run over many years. There is a plaque in the Mechanics' Institute Hall, Warrandyte, commemorating his work for the hall.

Fred died in the 1939 bushfire, going back into his house to recover "goods"; possibly minutes and records of the many community groups to which he contributed so much.

BRUCE BENICE

Creating a persona, amongst the smell of marinade

66 I WILL not have you turn into one of those pathetic old men. I won't be responsible for what happens if you do."



The opportunity was just too good to miss. "I think I'll invite a few of the guys at the dinner tonight," I offered, by no means intending to stir the pot so vigorously.

"Don't you dare! You're not really serious? I can see it now. You want to be one of those embarrassing old men who ogle younger women!"

I drifted off, leaving the smell of marinading chicken wings mingling with the odor of simmering fear and outrage.

I returned half an hour later to find Herself being reassured by Boy Wonder that I was still vaguely in possession of my faculties and was probably only kidding.

The pathetic suggestion was my contribution to the ongoing subject of my 50th birthday. I had pooh-poohed the whole thing for months and consistently said that I didn't want any celebration. It's bad enough reaching two-thirds of allocated lifespan without signalling to Tobin Bros that they'd better pop in the mail a pay-now-die-later brochure.

"What I think really want is for me and a few other guys to celebrate my 50th at Santa Fe Gold." It seemed like a fun thing to say—at the time. I had expected a

ripple of laughter, a nudge in the ribs and a witty riposte like, "A great idea, but we'd better ring first and make sure they've got a MICA ambulance on standby."

But no. She believed me. After that it was difficult to regain a sense of equanimity in the kitchen. I had voiced Herself's fear that I am getting a bit odd in my advancing years.

"You're creating a persona for yourself that's not very appealing. Do you really want to be thought of as a slightly warped, grumpy old man?"

Frankly, I think I've been that all my life, but it did get me thinking. We all know that inside there is a 20 years younger version of ourselves. It's that Peter Pan part

that directs aspects of our behaviour.

Unfortunately, we don't tend to acknowledge this in other people and instead we react to their external appearance and gear our expectations of them to that. To prove my theory beyond doubt, I have given it a name. It's called the Embarrassed Child Syndrome.

For example: "Mum, for heaven's sake stop it! Act your age! You are so embarrassing." This anguished plea is usually accompanied by furtive sidelong glances and a desire to throw a blanket over Mum's head and drag her away to the geriatric re-education farm.

How should Mum behave at

her age? How should I behave at 50? Kids and middle-aged persons are permitted all sorts of excesses as "they're just growing up", or "they're re-finding themselves".

Obviously at 50, I'm expected to have found myself and be duly ready to think and behave the way my age and shape dictate. I'd be almost willing to do this were it not for the fact that nobody else does. The rules seem to have changed.

Roadmaking equipment, for example, used to know where it stood in the scheme of things. It was always very macho with lumps of asphalt oozing between the rusty dark green metal of its body.

How then would the puffing and steaming machines of yore cope with the bright pink versions I saw in Stiggants Street today? No doubt, the same un-

derstandable reaction that Herself showed at my throwaway line.

I'm not suggesting that I actually want to spend my 50th birthday with only males and nothing but sweaty palms on the tabletop.

If I have to have anything it will be a quiet—or noisy—meal with a group of my closest friends. We will discuss topics that we want to, eat what we want to and if, by the end of the dessert, some of our Dorian Grey friends want to kick off their back braces, corsets and walking sticks and dance provocatively on the tabletop, the night will have been a resounding success. Herself and I will have shared the occasion with others and we all will have struck a blow against ageism.

ROGER KIBELL

Bush tucker menu in our forestland

LONG-TERM survival in the bush is not something any of us are likely to experience here in Warrandyte. The bushland that surrounds the town is relatively small and so fragmented that at no time are you ever more than a few kilometres from a road. Although it is possible to lose your bearings in some areas of the state park, particularly away from the river, there is little chance of getting lost for a long period of time.

Not that the bush is without its hazards. Five species of snake inhabit the park and all are venomous. But snakes are reclusive reptiles for most of the time and generally unaggressive unless threatened.

More cause for concern is the rugged terrain. There are places where crumbling sandstone cliffs rise sheer above the swiftly-flowing Yarra River. Walking in the bush is not always easy. Hindrance from plants comes in the form of aptly named saw-sedges with razor sharp leaves, stinging nettles and dense tangles of blackberry, as impenetrable as bundles of barbed wire.

Most of these difficulties, however, can be overcome or avoided. True survival is a matter of life and death, and no-one knew more about survival in the bush than the Aborigines. To them it was a way of life.

Prior to European settlement, the



NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

Wurundjeri travelled through the Yarra Valley spending time in the bushland around Warrandyte. They hunted kangaroos, wallabies, possums and various reptiles; caught fish and foraged for grubs.

Plants formed a large part of their diet. It may be surprising to learn that even today there is a bounty of tucker in our local bushland. The greatest source of food may not at first be obvious for it lies hidden underground. Roots, often high in starch and other carbohydrates, are available all year round. It's a matter of knowing which plants to unearth.

Most of our lilies have swollen tubers and corms which are edible. Likewise creepers such as clematis, bindweed and geranium. The yam daisy also has a long edible tuber not unlike a carrot. This small dandelion-like plant is abundant in the dry forest, while in swamps and at the river's edge, water ribbons can be found complete with bundles of white roots embedded in the mud.

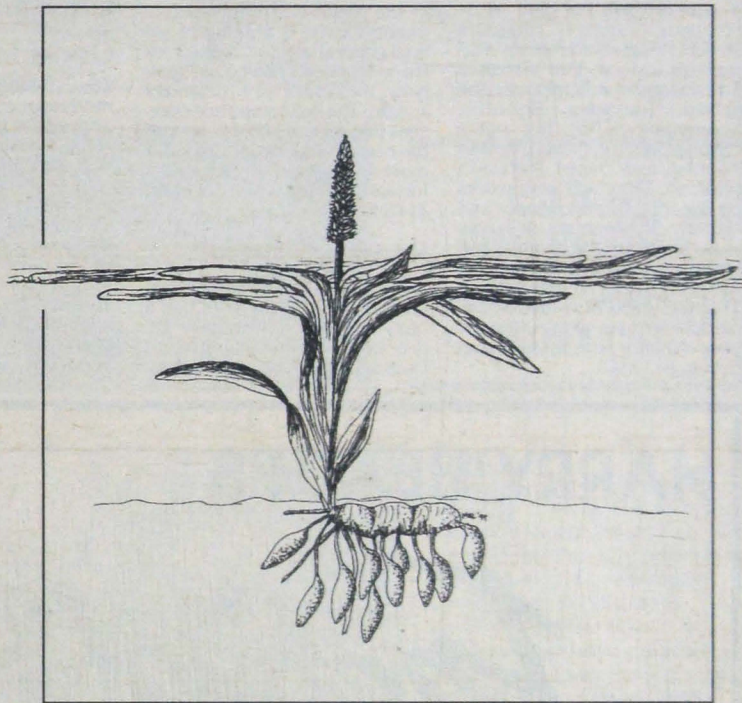
Fruits and berries are more seasonal foods. mistletoe, prickly currant-bush

and cherry ballart all have small juicy berries in late summer and autumn. The purple-flowered leafy shrub known as kangaroo apple has large globular fruit that turns yellow-orange when ripe. If eaten when hard and green, these berries are said to be poisonous.

Many wattles produce gum. This glistening golden sap which oozes from damaged bark, makes a sugary drink when dissolved in water. Similarly the yellow ball-like flowers of golden wattle soaked in water produce a dilution of sweet nectar.

Apart from food, the native plants had other uses. Long flat leaves of rushes and sedges were woven into baskets, while fishing nets and string were made from the fibrous bark of messmate and red stringybark. In addition, the forest was an important bush pharmacy containing many plants with medicinal properties that were used to treat a variety of ailments.

Times have changed and the traditional Wurundjeri way of life is no more. Gone too is most of the bushland through which the Aborigines travelled. But in Warrandyte, at least, much of the remaining vegetation has been conserved. The state park is a refuge for a bountiful larder of plants that once provided sustenance to the first inhabitants of Warrandyte on their sojourn through these hills.



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Warrandyte/Park Orchards Non-Urban Zone Meeting


A meeting of Council's Special Physical Services Committee is to be held on Wednesday 16 March 1994 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, at the City of Doncaster & Templestowe Municipal Offices. The purpose of the meeting is to consider submissions received to the discussion paper entitled "Review of the Non-Urban Zones within the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Area" (September 1993) and make recommendations on what form the future planning provisions within this area should take. The report shall then be presented to the Council meeting on 29th March 1994. The opportunity is available to address the Physical Services Committee meeting but not the Council meeting.

The purpose of this review is to consider the replacement of the three existing Non-Urban Zones east of Mullum Mullum Creek with a newly formulated non-urban zone. This new zone is aimed to be more responsive to protecting and enhancing the biological and landscape values of the area.

Should you wish to address the Physical Services Committee meeting on this issue please register your name with Tony Moore of the Administration Unit on 840 9210 by Friday 4th March 1994.

For any enquiries regarding the Non-Urban Zone review please contact Gabrielle O'Holloran of the Environmental Planning Unit on 840 9467.

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Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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.

Ninety years

Relatives and friends of Miss Gwen Burbidge OBE gathered at the home of Neville and Lynette Colenso recently to celebrate Gwen's 90th birthday. Among the cards and greetings were letters from the Prime Minister, Mr Keating and the Premier, Mr Kennett. Miss Burbidge received her OBE for services to the nursing profession and devotion to duty.

North centre

The committee of management of the North Warrandyte Community Centre is holding its annual general meeting at the centre on Monday, March 21 at 8pm. New members are urgently sought. The hall committee oversees the use and maintenance of the centre. Anyone interested is most welcome. For further information contact Ann Boyce on 844 1423.

Seniors' news

Members of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Centre have had a busy month. On February 23, the bowlers were invited to Donvale Village where they en-

joyed a friendly game, followed by afternoon tea. The club wishes to thank Donvale Village. Peter McDougall hosted the club's visit by coach to Yarra Glen races; a most enjoyable day. On Wednesday, March 2, they went to Waverley Cinema, also by coach, and saw Sister Act II, followed by a basket lunch. Members are reminded that a Variety Night will be held at the clubrooms in Tarroona Avenue on Friday, March 25 at 7.30pm. Donation \$5, BYO food and drink. Table bookings to Helen Ward, 844 2716.

Quarry disaster

Expressions of interest are being sought from Warrandyte organisations interested in being represented on the nominating committee of the Warrandyte Quarry Disaster Trust. The purpose is to liaise with the Ministry of Housing in relation to the nomination of suitable candidates as tenants to 50 per cent of the soon to be constructed family housing units on the corner of Brackenbury Street and Sloans Road. Interest can be registered with The Trust, care of Peter Harkin, 97 Bradleys Lane Warrandyte, 3113, by March 31.

Good Friday

The combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards will once again be holding Stations of the Cross at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday morning, April 1, commencing at 10am. A total of \$515 was collected from the carols night at Stiggants Reserve last December. This was donated to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. At the annual meeting of the interchurch council, the following officebearers were elected: president, Fr Garry Gason; vice-president, Rev Syd Smale; secre-

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Warrandyte High School's Japanese language studies enters its sixth year in 1994, with students who pioneered the study now undertaking Year 12 Japanese.

One member of the class, Fiona Johnson, spent her summer holidays with a Japanese family living near Tokyo in the town of Kasukabe. Attending school with her host sister was a real culture shock for Fiona.

She found the four storey, senior high school in Kasukabe, with over 1,000 students, a marked contrast to Warrandyte. Classes averaged around 46 students, with teachers standing at the front of the room lecturing. There was little interaction with the students, who sat in the same strictly numbered seats for every lesson.

The modern technological image of Japan was not evident in the school, which Fiona found

to be a little run down and not well resourced. "The library was half the size of Warrandyte's, yet served twice as many students," she said.

Fiona enjoyed the opportunity to travel in Japan. She found the winter sports very interesting, with vending machines supplying hot drinks along the sides of remote ski runs.

As well as having a fun holiday, Fiona found her skills in Japanese conversation improved markedly—a real bonus for the oral tests she faces later this year in VCE.

Meanwhile, Warrandyte High School has been congratulating last year's Year 12 students on their 95 per cent pass rate, easily eclipsing the state average of 76 per cent. Equally impressive was the 65 per cent of students who received first round tertiary offers through VTAC.

Cricket details

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FIRSTS: Warrandyte 166 (Sturesteps 82) and 3/80 lost to Ainslie Park 296 (Drysdale 4/42). Warrandyte 6/285 (Sharman 95 n.o., Ratten 60, Hood 56) d Wantirna South 269 (Hogg 6/47).

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Park 250 (Croft 5/69). Warrandyte 245 (N. Brisbane 76, Goddard 61) d Wantirna South 229 (Rodgers 3/35, S. Baker 3/27).

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 8/232 (Closs 82, Peters 63) d Ainslie Park 229 (Stockley 3/45, Webb 4/100). Warrandyte 9/325 (Lawrence 68, Closs 66, Peters 79) d Wantirna South 175 (Webb 5/60).

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Drainage Strategy Report

On 1st February, 1994 Council received a Drainage Strategy Report prepared by consultants with councillors and staff. There are twelve major recommendations listed in the Report which is available for \$10.00 at the Planning and Engineering Department, and at the local libraries. A brief summary is available free from Council.

You are invited to attend an informal workshop to discuss the contents and implications of the Report to be held at the Municipal Offices, Sunday, 20 March, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Please book your place by Wednesday, 16 March, 1994.

Contact Mr. Dennis Kavanagh on 840-9319, who can assist with general queries on the Drainage Strategy Report and reserve your seat.

Written submissions are invited and must be received by 15 April, 1994. If you wish to make a verbal submission to Council's Physical Services Committee, please make this clear in your written submission.

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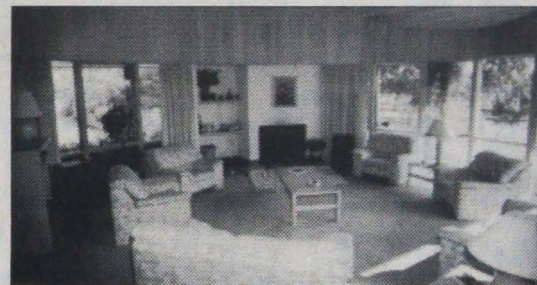
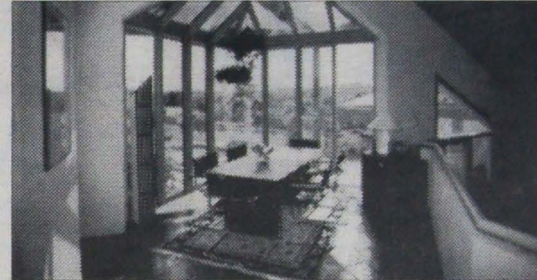


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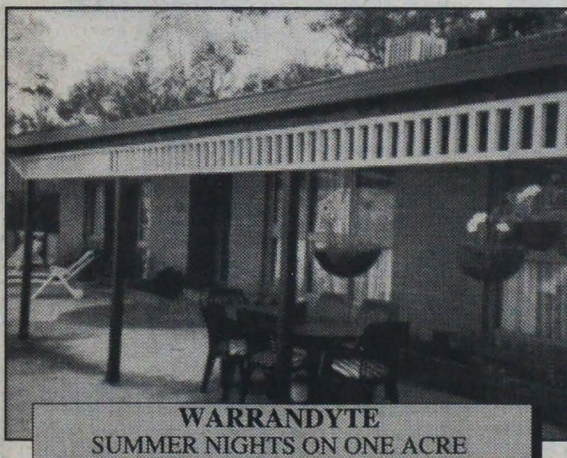


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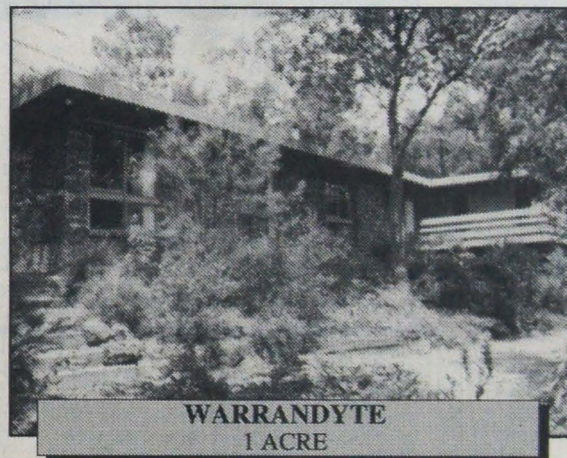
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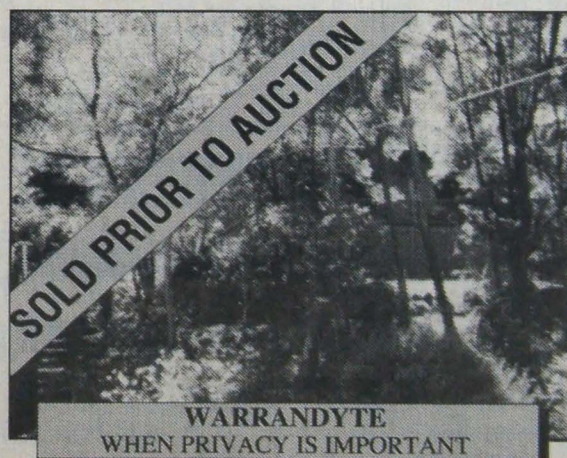
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Bloods' post-premiership blues

By LEE TINDALE

The premiership party is well and truly over for Warrandyte Football Club. But the hangover won't go away.

A totally-unexpected apathetic reaction to the 1993 EDFL third division triumph sees the Bloods approach second division this season undermanned both on and off the field.

Key premiership players—including captain Kimberley O'Connor—are likely to be missing when the season starts on April 9. Some have left or are leaving town. Some want to play their football elsewhere. Some have apparently lost interest and ignored the pre-season.

Warrandyte are also struggling at administrative level where, according to president Lawrie Sloan, "all the work is being left to the same old handful of people".

"We are a second-division club with a fourth-division administration," Mr

Sloan told the *Diary*.

"You win a premiership and you expect players and supporters to be over the moon about it and counting the days to the start of the next season.

"But it's gone the other way for us.

"We look like losing quite a few players, and the committee badly needs assistance to run the club. Again, too much is being left to too few, and those few are getting tired of it."

Apart from ruckman O'Connor, who has been training with Diamond Valley club Montmorency, the Bloods are likely to be without premiership defenders Tony Sturesteps (going overseas) and David Pike (going to Queensland) and senior certainties James Weatherly (gone to Queensland) and Stuart McLean (going to amateurs).

There are grave doubts about the availability of others.

In the absence of O'Connor, former under-18s champion Dale Comrie

would have walked into the No 1 ruck spot, but he applied for a clearance late last season and has so far resisted overtures to return to the fold.

On the credit side, former junior star Eugene Hansen is back on the track, as are ex-Heidelbergers Peter Mastroopoulos and Blair Moxom. Recruiting has fallen short of expectations, but is continuing.

A ruckman is the top priority for coach David Purcell and the committee.

Warrandyte's administrative problems were compounded by the resignation for business reasons of football manager Norm Carrington. However, Greg Faulkner, whose workload as secretary-treasurer was to have been lightened by the appointment of a football manager, has agreed to continue in the dual role. He will be assisted by former secretary Liam Spencer, who has rejoined the committee.

"We're indebted to Greg for his dedication," Mr Sloan said. "We're indebted, too, to the handful of blokes like him who are really putting in. But we desperately need help if we are to make it in second division and, indeed, as a club at all.

"I'm not talking here about people rushing to join the committee. I'm talking about supporters who can offer anything at all towards the running of

the club.

"For example, suddenly we need someone to mark out the white lines on the ground. We need a bit of help from a lot of people to keep this club afloat."

Anyone who'd like to play a part in the Bloods' 1994 fortunes should contact Mr Sloan on 616 8155 (W), Roger Drew (844 3565), Tom Kerkhof (844 3970) or John Ryan (844 2552).

Warrandyte's 1994 fixtures

April 9: v Mulgrave (H)
 April 16: v Donvale (A)
 April 23: v Blackburn (H)
 April 30: v Doncaster (A)
 May 7: v Croydon (A)
 May 14: v Mooroolbark (H)
 May 21: v Bayswater (A)
 May 28: v Lilydale (H)
 June 4: v South Croydon (A)

June 18: v Mulgrave (A)
 June 25: v Donvale (H)
 July 2: v Blackburn (A)
 July 9: v Doncaster (H)
 July 16: v Croydon (H)
 July 23: v Mooroolbark (A)
 July 30: v Bayswater (H)
 August 6: v Lilydale (A)
 August 13: v South Croydon (H)

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Take cover. The Hitmen are back

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's mens competition has embarked on a season of change, with a new team and sponsor and the return to title favouritism of past champions.

A North Ringwood team have entered the open section to boost the number of teams to seven. Four sides will again compete in the over-30 section.

Teams will now compete for the Greyburn Cup, local company Greyburn Building Services having picked up the naming-rights sponsorship, the first of its kind in Warrandyte basketball.

And while their giant trophy will be eagerly sought by all teams, it is likely to go to perennial finalists the Hitmen.

Despite recent hard times (their last premiership was in 1990), the Hitmen this year have assembled arguably the best team to grace the floor in the competition's seven-year existence.

Past leading scorer John Moore returns alongside David Thwaites and Nick

Arnott to form an all-star guard cast, while former North Melbourne footballer David Dench is back at the centre spot.

They combined to blitz Eltham 94-54 in their opening-round match, a performance which sent shivers down the spine of last season's finalists Makeshift and TRHC.

Both struggled with their own game in the early going of the new season, difficulties in retaining players leaving each battling with the stragglers to escape the foot of the ladder.

In another significant move for local basketball, a Thursday night women's competition is expected to begin next month.

All matches will be played at Warrandyte High School stadium and the competition looks destined to be a hit, with five teams already expressing an interest to play.

Experience is not required, and any players or teams wishing to take part in the inaugural season should call Sue Cutler on 722 1504.

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Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Shield eleven have made the 1993-94 RDCA finals with a thrilling 16-run last-round win over Wantirna South.

With the season on the line for both teams in a virtual elimination final, former Test paceman Rodney Hogg grabbed his sixth wicket for the innings at 6:23pm, stranding Wantirna South on 269 with seven balls remaining in reply to the Dytes' 6/285.

Hogg took 6/47, by far his best performance since emerging from retirement at the start of this season.

With the finals spot assured, Warrandyte captain-coach John Sharman said this season's side were better than last year's losing semi-final team and would win the grand final if the key players performed at the right time.

"We are as good as anyone in the competition, but on our day we are better than everyone," he said.

Batting first against Wantirna South, Warrandyte's healthy score was set up by a return to form of the top order.

Sharman led the way with an unbeaten 95 and Brett Ratten (60) joined him in a third-wicket union of 105.

Andrew Hood contributed 56 as the Dytes cruised to 6/285 in the allotted 80 overs.

Former Test star bowls Dytes into the finals

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Warrandyte got off to the best start possible in the field on the second day when Hogg's fourth ball of the innings found an edge and flew to in-form wicketkeeper Dave Mooney.

Enthusiastic fielding frustrated Wantirna's push for runs and when they tumbled to 5/111 their season looked over.

But a pair of quick-fire partnerships put them back in the game and with seven overs to go they needed 48 runs, with three wickets standing, to make the play-offs.

Sharman threw the ball to Hogg. "Of course we were nervous," the skipper said later. "We were under pressure but I had to bowl Rodney at the end because with him, there isn't too much pressure that he hasn't felt before."

A Hogg wicket had Souths needing 31 off four overs and when Gerald Walshe got the day's first leg-before decision there were 19 runs required off the last two.

With seven balls and 16 runs remaining, Hogg rapped the pads of the tailend batsman and ap-

peared in typically-aggressive Hogg fashion. The umpire raised his finger, and the Dytes had done it.

The players' response was in stark contrast to scenes after the previous match, when they were thrashed at home by 130 runs by Ainslie Park.

Apart from Tony Sturesteps' swashbuckling 82 (including five sixes, one which thumped the grandstand), and Harry Drysdale's 4/24, it was a very ordi-

nary performance showing little of the spark which accompanied the team early in the season.

The firsts are not Warrandyte's only success story. Both the seconds and fourths have made the finals, with some fine individual efforts complementing good team performances.

Club president Steve Pascoe led an assault on Ainslie Park seconds on both fronts. He made 105 and took 4/31 in the Dytes' 143-run victory.

Warrandyte amassed 355 for the loss of six wickets and bowled out the Park for 212.

The fourths reached the finals by scraping home against Ainslie Park then blitzing Wantirna South by 150.

"It's a good achievement for the club to have the three teams in, something they can be proud of," Sharman said.

But most of the attention will be focused on Wonga Park this weekend (March 12-13), as the firsts battle for a place in the grand final.

And it will be tough. "In my time at the club we have not beaten Wonga Park," said Sharman. In the previous encounter this season, an understrength Dytes team lost by 59 runs.

This time though they are at full strength, so there can be no excuses.

Warrandyte are desperately keen to bring home the pennant—as our footballers did seven months ago.

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Rodney Hogg. Six of the best against Wantirna South.

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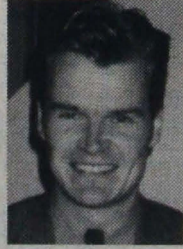
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