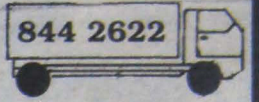


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# Will Warrandyte go to Eltham?



Red the Clown was busy painting faces at the official opening of the Warrandyte Children's Services Centre earlier this month. The centre, replacing the old Warrandyte kinder and infant welfare centre, was opened by the Mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe, Cr Irene Goonan. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

By DAVID WYMAN

The critical issue of the whole of Warrandyte going into the one municipality has arisen again as a product of the local council boundaries debate.

Strong public comment that Warrandyte should come under one council has come to the Shire of Eltham from three separate sources. From individual residents, from residents attending a public meeting of 260 people in Eltham late last month and from a survey of Eltham ratepayers by the shire on proposed new boundaries.

Eltham is so concerned by these comments that they are proposing a survey of Warrandyte residents living both sides of the river.

Eltham's preferred option for a new "green shire" stops at the Yarra River, leaving Warrandyte as it is now, under two separate councils. But Doncaster-Templestowe's preferred new boundary option takes in North Warrandyte, a large slice of the south of Eltham shire and Wonga Park. (See panel at right.)

Previous attempts have been made to include all of Warrandyte in one re-structured northern rural municipality, but these have come unstuck for many reasons.

This no doubt led Eltham to exclude Warrandyte, south of the river, as a component of its new shire proposals to the Local Government Board, the authority charged with reshaping Victoria's council areas to make them fewer, larger and more efficient.

Eltham shire now proposes to conduct a joint survey, with Doncaster-Templestowe council, of all Warrandyte residents, including many in the Green Wedge area, seeking their future municipal preferences. As the *Diary* went to press, Doncaster council had not responded to an Eltham request to join them in the survey.

Rodney Roscholler, chief executive officer of the Shire of Eltham, said that if Doncaster council rejected the proposal, "we may have to rethink how we conduct Warrandyte community consultation".

"If we do it alone we could be seen as being divisive—with us seen to be trying to take all of Warrandyte—and we don't want that," he said. "At the moment I have a council resolution that we conduct a survey of Warrandyte residents on both sides of the river, conducted jointly with the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, on the municipal preferences."

Mr Roscholler said Eltham's survey of residents, to find out their preferred new municipal boundary, had produced

116 responses, of which 43 said, in effect, "do something about Warrandyte".

"That's quite a staggering volume of attitude when you consider that Warrandyte wasn't the issue and their comments on Warrandyte were unsolicited. That, plus other comments, made us rethink the matter and consider a survey of all Warrandyte residents."

If the survey goes ahead, it will probably be a simple, reply-paid questionnaire covering the 3113 postcode area.

Eltham shire has already submitted its preferred municipal boundary (excluding Warrandyte south of the river) to the Local Government Board, and has subsequently advised them of the Warrandyte situation.

"We have told the board that, because of public comment, we are investigating the Warrandyte issue and we will advise them of the results of public consultation," Roma O'Callaghan, Eltham's service development officer told the *Diary*. "The board welcomes comments and other feedback from the public, even though the official deadline has passed," she said.

The Warrandyte Environment League has made a submission to the board in which it concludes that the best way to conserve the character and values of the Warrandyte area would be "to merge most of the Warrandyte Ward of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, including Warrandyte township, into a new Green Wedge shire based on the Shire of Eltham".

WEL pointed out that while Warrandyte continued to enjoy good councillor representation on the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, three quarters of the council represented urban areas.

"The city has developed good community facilities in recent years and no doubt its manner of delivery suits many south of the river residents. However, this council has a poor understanding of the strategic importance of its remaining Landscape Interest area east of Mullum Mullum Creek and despite best lobbying efforts, this Green Wedge is gradually being eroded," WEL said.

"Most recently, council has spent over four years developing new planning measures for this area. It has devoted a huge effort to map heritage, visual impact, significant vegetation and land form. All this has been well-intentioned, but the process is appalling. The provision of frequent opportunities for public submission have allowed those with development objectives to constantly

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Cr Robert Marshall



### ELTHAM OPTION

"Eltham's vision is a municipality that has as its prime focus the creation and protection of an eco corridor based on an enhancement of the environment and sensitive development. It incorporates communities of shared values maintaining the Green Wedge with a balance of urban and rural areas. The boundaries for the new municipality would extend from the Yarra River to the Great Dividing Range (Kinglake), from the Yarra Valley Escarpment in the east to Plenty River in the west."

Cr Val Polley



### DONCASTER OPTION

"The municipality would be formed by an amalgamation of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe with an annexation of the southern and south-east parts of the City of Heidelberg, including Eaglemont, East Ivanhoe, Rosanna and Viewbank; the southern part of the Shire of Eltham, including Lower Plenty, area to the south of Mount Pleasant Road through to Main Road, the Research-Warrandyte Road and Warrandyte Township; and the western part of the Shire of Lilydale, including Wonga Park."

## Bruce Bence dies

Well-known Warrandyte identity Bruce Bence, aged 66, collapsed and died at the community centre on August 4. He had a wide involvement in local affairs.

Following his retirement from a senior position in the Country Fire Authority, Bruce developed a deep interest in local history. He was a prolific contributor to the *Diary*, author of several books and numerous monographs and was president of the Warrandyte Historical Society at the time of his death.

Committed to the conservation of Warrandyte, he worked hard against dual occupancy in the township and for the preservation of the Green Wedge. He led a series of election campaigns, secur-



Bruce Bence

ing councillors sympathetic to these causes, and never relaxed his quiet but effective vigilance on these and other issues.

He was buried at Andersons Creek Cemetery, for which he worked so hard, after a funeral at Warrandyte Uniting Church.

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# We assume that fear of heights is a no-no



Ron Taylor, of Pound Bend, is looking for a "gorgeous, fit, healthy, unattached lady". Join the club, Ron, join the club. But before we start sounding like a lonely hearts column, let us explain. Ron has won a trip to Nepal to trek through the Himalayas and, being unattached himself, wants a travelling companion to share his good fortune. He'd prefer a lady, of the above specifications, late 30s to early 40s and with a happy-go-lucky outlook on life. The trip for two (from November 12 to December 6) came Ron's way in a subscription competition in Out There magazine. It's all expenses paid and includes 15 days in the Himalayas (sherpas and all) and a couple of nights in Bangkok. Form an orderly queue, girls. His phone number is 844 4285.



What's that, you ask? How old is Ron? That's precisely what the Friends of Warrandyte State Park (of which he is an active member) were asking him. We'd have told them to mind their own business, but Ron said he was 51. Okay?



We do love a bit of entertaining barking at the footy, and we guffawed at length when a Warrandyte lady voiced her opinion of one of the umpires at Lilydale on August 6. The ump was using a bit of body language to express his disapproval of a Warrandyte tackle in the third quarter, and our lady bellowed: "Don't shake your head, umpire—it's full of sh...!" Okay, let's have a little guessing game. Did she say the umpire's head was full of shavings, shellgrit, shampoo, shamrocks, sharks, shekels, Shetland ponies, sheep, shirts, shoes, shopping, shrapnel, or something else? Got it first time, eh? Gee, you're quick!



Twenty-four hours (or thereabouts) in the life of *Diary* chief-of-staff Jan Tindale. Sunday, July 31: Arrives home late afternoon after couple of hours in *Diary* office, leaves park lights on, flattens battery, blames it on peculiar dullness of day ("Couldn't see lights in that light") rather than peculiar dullness of mind. Daughter Lisa starts her up with jumper leads borrowed from neighbour (not same neighbour who has noticed lights in peculiar dullness of day). Monday, August 1: Gets slothful husband Lee off to work and is swept up in sudden fit of housecleaning fervour. Tries new vacuum cleaner bags she has discovered at out-of-town supermarket, finds it doesn't fit exactly, but "adapts". Is vacuuming lounge carpet unaware that ill-fitting bag is blowing out behind her dust storm which might have enveloped all of North Warrandyte had Lisa not walked in and raised alarm. Unable to break lifelong habit by admitting she's stuffed up, Jan throws

## IN RED & WHITE



Ron Taylor: off to the Himalayas, hopefully with gorgeous friend.

herself upon vacuum cleaner as if to bury damning evidence. Realising futility of charade, blushes furiously, chases dust cloud out of house particle by particle, showers and temporarily blinds herself in one eye by squeezing last few drops of facial moisturiser from tube at thousand miles an hour. Lies fluently when hubby arrives home from work and asks has she had a nice day. Chastises Lisa for cracking up and telling all, chastises Lee for falling about in mirth, looks sad, says she needs a hug. Gets one. Big one.



There's a deep sense of loss here at the *Diary* office with the sudden death of our dear friend and colleague, Bruce Bence. A flip through this issue will give some idea of the enormous contribution he made to this newspaper over the years. Just a small part of his overall effort for his beloved Warrandyte. Not that Bruce was one for blowing his bags. Quite the reverse. He wandered in here one day a few years back with the self-deprecating comment: "What do you have to do to be your own person in this town? For 40 years I've been referred to as Wilma Hussey's husband. This morning someone introduced me as Mandy Green's father-in-law!" You needn't have worried, Bruce. You will always be remembered as one of our special people. Goodbye and thanks, we'll miss you greatly.



They'll not be seeing this columnist at the "Evening of fine music in support of hall, Saturday, August 13, BYO food and drink" they're flogging on the billboard outside the Mechanics Institute. They might have, but the menacing addendum did it: "No riff raff." Don't know whose masterstroke that was, but it sure ruled Smokey out. They can stuff their fine music, anyway.



It gives you a nice sense of security to have a mild-mannered, six-foot-several-inch policeman living in your village. So we're all going to miss Ian Clark. Ian and wife Barbara left Warrandyte last month to live on the Gold Coast. The Clarks, of Yarra Street, settled here 15 years ago because they thought it was a great place to bring up their kids (Fiona, Wayne and Amanda). "I came to Melbourne from the bush 33 years ago to become a policeman," Ian said, "and Warrandyte was the nearest thing I could find to the country." Ian retired from the force as Inspector Clark, based at the Waverley police academy. A very good footballer in his day, he later coached the Warrandyte under-16s to a premiership. We don't think it will overly bother the Clarks if their TV set in their new home happens to go on the blink. They're at Oxenford, just a stone's throw from Movieworld.



There were lots of high-lights and lots of truths tampered with at the footy club's 1958-66 premiership reunion on July 30. Among them was a carefully-concocted reunion-within-a-reunion: that of Ralph McAuley, who played for the Bloods in the 1930-40s, and Laurie Benoit from Bayswater, Ralph's arch on-field enemy of the era. Bloods president Lawrie Sloan and others had been trying for years to get Ralph back to the club. They managed it this time—and immediately introduced him to his old foe. "Ralph was a strong, tough man," Laurie recalled, "and the last time we met on a football field he flattened me. It's good to see we've both mellowed." The get-together enjoyed by Ralph, Laurie and those who came from all over to be there was marred only by the Bloods' inability to beat their opponents of the day, which just happened to be Bayswater. The last laugh is yours, Laurie.



Everyone had a great time at Warrandyte Cellar's nosh 'n' splash night at Pancakes on the Yarra last month. Michael Bleasdale was featured winemaker, and Smokey especially appreciated the '90 Malbec. In the true tradition of huge Australian reds. A real Norm Gallagher of a wine.



Smokey Joe

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# Top land handover close

By DAVID WYMAN

A meeting on August 11 on the future of the Mount Lofty area of Wonga Park may see a resolution of its future at last—as a part of Warrandyte State Park—officially.

This follows a report in last month's *Diary* outlining the stalemate that exists between Melbourne Water and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) regarding the continuing ownership and care of the area.

The picturesque Mount Lofty land, controlled by Melbourne Water, offers panoramic views of the Yarra Valley and was scheduled to be handed over to DCNR in a land swap with Melbourne Water several

years ago. It is believed in some quarters that this swap has already taken place.

Meanwhile the area, of 88 hectares running down to the river, is being degraded by rabbits and overgrazing by around 35 agisted horses.

The meeting was scheduled between local MPs, Phil Honeywood and Lorraine Elliott; Margaret Burke, co-ordinator of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park; Geoff Lloyd, head of Melbourne Parks and Waterways; and Rod Gowans, manager, parks and reserves, DCNR.

Margaret Burke was "quite hopeful" about the future of Mount Lofty, as the *Diary* went to press. She said: "We (the state

park) should not have to buy Mount Lofty as I believe land has already been handed over in exchange for it."

The Warrandyte State Park Management Plan, issued in June 1990, states: "In 1987 the Government agreed to the transfer of the Mount Lofty area from the Board of Works.

"Mount Lofty will be managed as part of the park, protecting almost all of the Warrandyte Gorge, a highly significant geomorphological feature."

In another section, the plan says: "Mount Lofty is now to be managed as part of Warrandyte State Park." But it still remains in Melbourne Water's hands.

## BRUCE BENCE

# Died serving the town he loved

By CLIFF GREEN

**B**RUCE Bence died on his feet. He died serving the community he cherished, recorded, honored and protected. That was the style of the man. That was how he wanted to go.

Norman Bruce Bence was born at Werribee, Victoria, on March 18, 1928. He died at Warrandyte on August 4, 1994. He was 66 years old. His mother's maiden name was Barbara Gunn Padgett. His father was Ernest Arthur Bence, an artist. There were two other children, both older; brother Arthur and sister Lesley.

Bruce's father deserted them when Bruce was small and his mother's parents took in the little family. Their farm, Braemore, remained the Bence home for many years and his grandfather became the principal father figure in Bruce's life, teaching him a love of the bush and a respect for the land, two passions that remained with him and guided much of the life that followed.

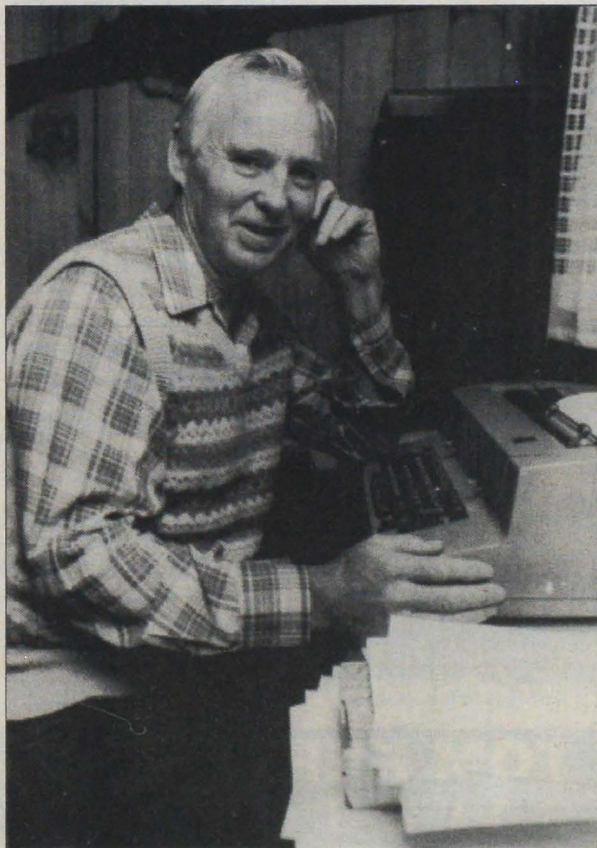
The children attended Werribee South State School, where one of the teachers was his mother's sister, Jean. Auntie Jean was "Miss Padgett" at school and "Jeanie" at home.

With his brother and friends he explored the countryside. The bike ride from Werribee to Bacchus Marsh became a weekend ritual. When Bruce was 16 or 17, they rode bikes around Tasmania, thus beginning, for Bruce, a lifelong romance with that beautiful island.

It was a happy, fulfilled childhood. But Bruce would have always been conscious of the absence of his father, and perhaps out of that grew his wide streak of independence and his deep sense of self-reliance.

But Barbara Bence did marry again, and the family shifted to Empress Street in Surrey Hills. This coincided with Bruce transferring to Melbourne High, having begun his secondary schooling at Werribee Higher Elementary. Reg Austin was the sort of man Bruce had grown to admire so much; bushman, First World War fighter pilot, wanderer across Australia. His influence would have added another stoic layer to Bruce's personality.

Leaving school at the end of Form 4, Bruce became a trainee technician in the PMG (now Telecom). He completed his course, worked installing exchanges in country Victoria, and, in 1952, married Wilma



Bruce Bence

Hussey.

They had bought their block of land in Brackenbury Street before they married, and unable to obtain a bank loan, Bruce built the house as money became available, using subcontractors and doing a lot of the work himself.

He played football during his early years in Warrandyte; typically, in the ruck.

Bruce had a distinguished career in the PMG. He installed numerous exchanges, including the experimental French Pentaconta system at Kew and what was probably the first cross-bar system in the country. His last PMG position was supervising technician at Blackburn exchange. Further promotion would have meant being office-bound, and that wasn't Bruce's style.

Bruce joined the Warrandyte CFA brigade just in time for the devastating 1962 bushfires, when two men were burned to death here. This experience was to influence Bruce for the rest of his life. He became secretary of the brigade and employed his talents working behind the scenes. He was behind every decision made and every officer elected.

Not that he wasn't hands-on.

He was first to a fire on many occasions, and he and Bill Hussey, his father-in-law, built the fire-spotting tower on top of Fourth Hill. Bruce climbed out of the window in the look-out cabin so he could finish putting the roof on. He fell once, and was only saved by a rope tied around his waist.

Seeing no future at the PMG, Bruce applied for a post as a trainee regional officer with the CFA. He finished his training, gaining membership of the Institute of Fire Engineers, but never became a regional officer. Instead, he applied for, and was appointed, CFA assistant communications officer, soon rising to communications officer.

Bruce revolutionised communications within the CFA. He developed FRS, the Fire Reporting System. Up to this time, if you rang the fire emergency number, it sounded the siren, the firemen all headed for the station, found out where the fire was and took off. It was heaven-made for false alarm cranks.

With Bruce's system, a fire call causes the phones to ring in six firefighters' houses, the first to answer finds out the position of the fire and can then switch the phones to conference mode. Those who live nearest to the

fire go direct, the others head for the station, saving valuable time.

But the job took its toll. Bruce suffered his first stress heart attack at his desk at CFA headquarters. He was 48. He retired, aged 50, in 1980. His first open heart bypass operation was an outstanding success. He was able to return to bushwalking, his great passion, leading parties through the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park each year.

But his heart trouble returned, and he had his second heart by-pass in 1986. Bruce's days of hard physical exertion were over. He had to find a new passion. One where he could sit at a desk most of the time.

So he began a new hobby, which grew into a career, as a local historian, researching and writing, initially, a book about bushfires in Warrandyte. Later came numerous monographs, booklets about local pioneering families and every other Warrandyte historical subject imaginable. Inevitably, he became president of the Warrandyte Historical Society and led the work to establish the museum in the restored old post office.

He re-created the records of the Andersons Creek Cemetery, lost in the 1939 fires. He searched every record of death for more than a hundred years, noting every Warrandyte entry. So now, people researching their family histories can check through Bruce's published booklets, and if their ancestors are not listed, then they weren't buried in Warrandyte.

Bruce was fascinated by the past. Passionately so. But he didn't live in it. He loved this place, so much so that he risked his life defending it, firstly against fire, latterly against insensitive development.

He led the recent successful campaign against dual occupancy and although dogged by illness, was deeply involved in working to protect the Green Wedge.

Bruce dearly loved his wife, Wilma; his children and their partners: Stephen, Barbara and Mark; Trish, Trevor and Mandy; and his grandchildren: Olivia, Sophie, Jessica, Sarah and Alexander; Erin, Dean, Shane and Amy; Claire, Veronica and Emma. And they all loved their beloved Bruce very much.

Warrandyte will never forget Bruce Bence. This place is dedicated to his memory. Every building is his monument, every tree a poem the triumph to his life.

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## Shall we gather at the river?

**N**ORTH Warrandyte residents have every reason to be cautious of what the local press and Eltham council have labelled an attempt by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe to "filch" territory north of the Yarra in the ongoing amalgamation debate.

Over recent years they have watched with growing alarm, as have their southside fellow Warrandytians, the continuing encouragement by Doncaster council of the ambitions of a number of broadacre landowners, intent upon subdividing the Green Wedge. They have seen two protracted and expensive enquiries, the sum result of which has been to hold open the door to the possibility of further development. They have seen all councillors agree to a compromise that could lead, through precedent, to the ultimate destruction of the integrity of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards non-urban zones.

No wonder they don't want to see part of "their" Green Wedge, from Eltham to Kinglake, fall into such unsafe hands. Public statements by Doncaster and Templestowe, in support of their preferred option, refer to "jobs" and "tourism". There are also rumors of a council plan to erect a tourist information centre in Warrandyte. The protection of the natural environment of the river valley, not tourism, was the prime consideration of those who first proposed the concept of a Middle Yarra municipality.

Doncaster-Templestowe has embraced residential and commercial development as their twin gods of progress. Are they about to add tourism, creating an unholy trinity at our expense?

In contrast to Doncaster-Templestowe, the Shire of Eltham has never entertained any moves towards Green Wedge subdivision, although allowing Eltham College to carve an extensive sporting complex out of the native forest suggests that they too are amenable to pressure.

However, if the Local Government Board adopts Doncaster-Templestowe's preferred option, the whole of Warrandyte would reside within one municipality, a belated recognition that the Yarra is the heart of our home country, not its boundary. Even more belatedly, the Shire of Eltham has begun to consider the validity of this deeply-felt, long-held community aspiration.

Warrandyte residents south of the Yarra have not welcomed past moves by North Riding councillors to incorporate the township into the Shire of Eltham. Perhaps we were enjoying something of a honeymoon with Doncaster at the time. Community facilities were being built at last and the Green Wedge looked safe. But the recent compromise has left a deep sense of betrayal and anxiety.

However, little will be achieved if only the township "goes north" and is excised from its heartland, leaving the Green Wedge areas through to Park Orchards and Wonga Park at the mercy of some development-oriented council.

Any municipality or combination of municipalities we find ourselves part of will not be the City of Doncaster and Templestowe or the Shire of Eltham. The map will be drawn anew. It is up to us to ensure that our voices are still heard, whether by appointed commissioners or elected councillors, to ensure that our precious environment and our chosen lifestyle are protected and enhanced.

This community will continue to be one, no matter where the lines are drawn.

CLIFF GREEN

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BRUCE BENCE

## Veteran CFA officer strove to improve the brigade

Country Fire Authority stalwart.

**Born:** March 18, 1928.

**Died:** August 4, 1994.

SHORTLY after Bruce Bence joined the Country Fire Authority in 1962 two men died in a devastating Warrandyte fire. The experience galvanised him into action.

Mr Bence soon became secretary of the Warrandyte brigade, fought many major fires and in the late '60s joined the CFA full-time.

As communications officer he made many changes to the authority and introduced a fire re-

porting system which dramatically lowered the number of false alarms.

"He would be first to a fire on many occasions and had one of the coolest heads in an emergency," said long-time friend Mr Cliff Green.

Born in Werribee, Mr Bence grew to love the Australian bush and had a lifelong passion for walking in Tasmania.

After attending Melbourne High he joined the PMG (now Telecom) and became a senior technician before leaving to join his beloved CFA.

Unfortunately his time with the authority was cut short by ill-health and he retired in 1978 at age

50 after a major heart attack.

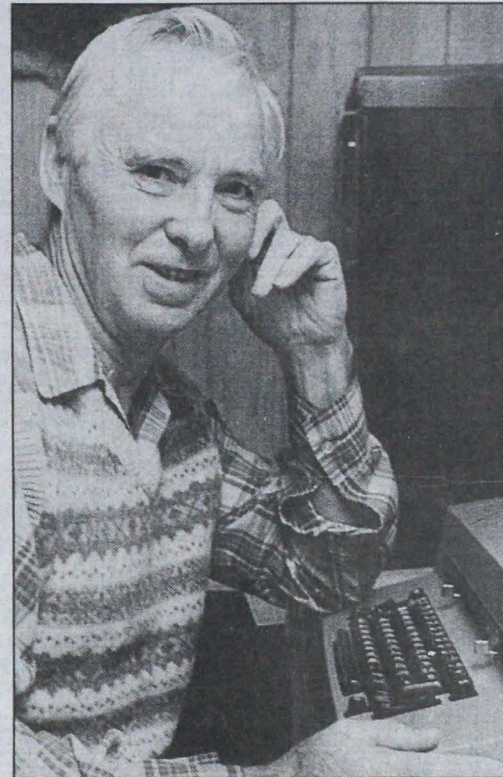
In his later years Mr Bence developed a love for history and became a researcher and writer.

A longtime resident of Warrandyte, he published articles about local bushfires, floods and pioneers.

In 1992 he wrote the centenary book for the Kangaroo Ground Rural Fire Brigade.

Mr Bence was also a key figure in the campaign to stop the building of flats and units in the township of Warrandyte.

His wife, Wilma, died in 1993 and he is survived by two sons, a daughter and 12 grandchildren.



**Bush lover:** Bruce Bence was also an avid writer.

EJNAR SIEGFRIED RASMUSSEN

## The ocean a lifetime companion

Ship watchman.  
**Born:** October 10, 1898.  
**Died:** July 11, 1994.

DANISH-born Ejnar Rasmussen devoted his life to the sea and called Melbourne home.

One night in 1963 he noticed a fire on a freighter and raised the alarm, saving the ship and earning an award from its owners.

"He was thorough in everything he did and had a fantastic memory," said his son Ian.

He said his father went to sea at

13, arriving in Australia in 1919. In 1926 he married Helen and lived in South and Port Melbourne.

Mr Rasmussen died aged 95 and is survived by two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

## Clashed with trade unions

Ray Rocher

Former chief of NSW Master Builders Association.

**Born:** Sept. 28, 1932.

**Died:** May 21, 1994.



RAY Rocher was a long-serving executive director of the NSW Master Builders Association and often fought unions.

Representing small and medium-sized builders he clashed with the powerful Builders Labourers Federation.

In 1970 he hit the headlines when BLF members took over his Sydney office and ate his lunch.

In the early '90s a NSW royal commission into building industry

productivity criticised his organisation.

He led the NSW MBA for 20 years from 1974.

He donated regularly to charity, especially Sydney's Camperdown Children's Hospital.

Mr Rocher died in May but his death was not made public until late July.

Ibere Bassani Camargo

Brazilian artist.

**Born:** 1915.

**Died:** August 9, 1994.

IBERE Camargo was one of Brazil's most famous modern artists. He was an abstract expressionist who worked on large canvasses with bold colors and strong brushstrokes.

Gary Kildall

Computer programmer.

**Born:** May 19, 1942.

**Died:** July 11, 1994.

GARY Kildall invented the first popular operating system for personal computers and refused to co-operate with IBM when it wanted to buy the rights.



**Ejnar Rasmussen**

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# Will Warrandyte go to Eltham?

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unsettle the security of this precious Green Wedge area.

"In contrast, the Shire of Eltham has proven to be enormously patient with those who have hand-built their own houses in North Warrandyte and we now have a sensitive and generally harmonious development character which is compatible with many other townships in the shire."

Cr Val Polley, one of three Warrandyte Ward representatives on Doncaster council, told the *Diary* that she felt that Warrandyte was in "a really difficult position at the moment".

"I certainly agree that Warrandyte should be part of one municipality, but no-one knows which way to go," she said.

"I don't really mind which way it goes, so long as it ends up right for Warrandyte. I just wonder how the small area of Warrandyte would be serviced if it were attached to a very large shire which goes as far as Kingleake.

"I supported the Middle Yarra (option B) scheme of Doncaster council because it enlarges the Green Wedge and retains Warrandyte. It is also based on reasonable grounds both of community of interest and planning," she said.

Cr Polly said that joining a rural shire in Eltham would have a certain attraction. "People may prefer less services than they get from Doncaster".

She added that the public would never have a better opportunity to resolve the Warrandyte-in-one-municipality issue

that the one now offered through the Local Government Board.

Meanwhile, Doncaster-Templestowe council's Middle Yarra proposal, which would take over the south of Eltham along the Yarra, has been criticised as being illogical by Eltham North Riding councillor, Robert Marshall. He said the only access available to Doncaster council was via bridges at Fitzsimons Lane and Warrandyte.

"To service the residents on the north bank of the Yarra would be very expensive for Doncaster," he said. "It would be easier and cheaper for Eltham to continue to service that area.

"I don't see any benefit in Doncaster's proposed takeover of south Eltham—only increased cost. To take Eltham South and Monsalvat out of the Shire of Eltham would remove too much of the heart and history of Eltham."

Cr Marshall said he was "aghast" at the thought of Doncaster council coming north

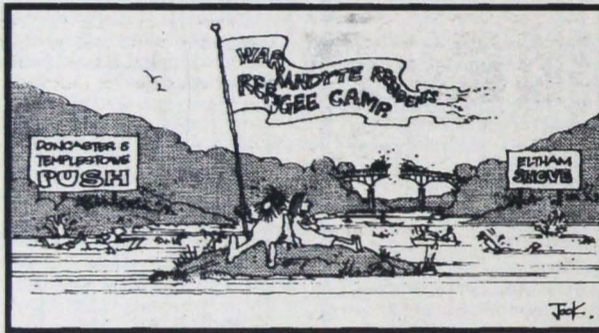
of the river, "getting into some of the environmentally sensitive areas".

"Doncaster-Templestowe council's track record on the Green Wedge and other environmental areas is not very healthy. I would not want their most recent compromise on broadacre subdivision transferred to our Green Wedge where we've fought for so long to maintain it."

Cr Marshall said if all of Warrandyte were to be in one municipality, he thought it would be more logical for the township and its Green Wedge to be in the northern municipality.

"The only piece of Green Wedge in the north-east quadrant of Melbourne not in the proposed new Eltham municipality is Warrandyte. Our submission to the Local Government Board brings all the other green wedges into one municipality," he said.

"Now there appears to be strong public feeling that all of Warrandyte should be in the new Eltham—and I support that."



The local community, through Harry Heaths Supermarket, raised \$3732 last month for Camp Quality, a volunteer group providing holidays for children with cancer. Pictured are Troy Ellis (left) and Kel Bailey of Fox FM rallying support. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

## Stony Creek firebreak explained

In response to the *Diary* story on page 3 of the July edition, on the Stony Creek firebreak, I would like to make the following comments.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is responsible for the management of the land and after discussions within its staff at Warrandyte State Park, the Shire of Eltham Emergency Management Officer and a representative from the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade, have come up with the following proposal.

The strategic firebreak at Blooms Road will be moved to Stony Creek Road. To enhance the new bitumen road, fuel reduction burning will occur between Stony Creek Road and Professors Lane, and Colan Road and Stony Creek Road.

The burn will occur on a four to five year cycle. No earthworks

or vegetation removal other than fuel reduction burning are proposed at this location.

If any persons would like to make comments on the proposed plan, please ring me on 844 2659 or write to me at Warrandyte State Park, PO Box 61, Warrandyte, 3113.

Raymond Jasper  
Warrandyte State Park

## Street signs unsightly

I heartily agree with Judy Macdonald in the last issue of the *Diary* about the excessive number of unsightly street signs in Yarra Street. The horse riding ones are the last straw.

In all my years in Warrandyte I

## LETTERS

have seldom seen a horse on the main road. I'm sure there are more signs than the number of horses ever ridden along there. They are just visual pollution. I could suggest a dozen different improvements to the village other than waste thousands of dollars on needless signs.

By the way, aren't the Cootamundra wattles wonderful at the moment? They are like a brilliant burst of sunshine along our roads and gardens. They make even the duller winter day seem a lot brighter. A noxious weed? Bah.

Shirley Rotherham  
Tills Drive

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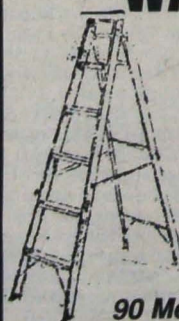
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# Greasing up!

Warrandyte High School's fine tradition of great productions will continue this year with an energetic performance of the musical *Grease*.

The school's musicals have come a long way since HMS Pinafore was played out in the Mechanics Hall in 1983, and a spokesperson said that this year's 11th production could be one of the best.

Audiences can expect an up-tempo show featuring such classic rock numbers as 'Grease Lightning', 'Hand Jive', 'You're The One That I Want' and 'Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee'.

The talented team of performers will be led by Sally Morrison playing Sandy, James Egglestone as Danny, Chris Hughes as Kenickie, Kim Riches, Melissa King and Christie Lawrence as the Pink Ladies, James Whelan as Roger and Ross Byrne as the 'nerdy' Eugene.

An equally entertaining chorus of actors,

singers and dancers will assist the main cast. Musical backing will be provided by a rock band headed by Chris Shute of the Fabulous Nobody's Theatre Company.

The production will be the eighth to be held in the school's theatre, and follows some memorable past performances. *Oklahoma* began a new era of productions in 1987, and was followed by the original *Sallow Wattle*. Then followed *Annie*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *My Fair Lady*. Anything Goes in 1992 and last year's *Pirates of Penzance* further enhanced the reputation of the shows.

This year's production will run from August 24-27, August 31 and September 1-3. The school can be contacted on 844 2749 for bookings, with tickets selling at \$12 for adults and \$8 student and concession.

The cast of *Grease* in action



## In memoriam

Andersons Creek Cemetery at Warrandyte has expanded its services to allow for the scattering of cremated ashes.

The trust is continuing to enhance the site. A bush setting has been allocated for those people who do not want the traditional urn. A plaque will carry the names of the people whose cremated remains have been scattered in this section.

In another development, the cemetery trust will also place a plaque within the cemetery with the names of people whose remains have been scattered or placed in other parts of Warrandyte. A trust spokesman said many people had had their remains scattered in areas such as the bank of the Yarra River, the State Park or in private areas.

The spokesman said there was no public record of these events

and the trust was prepared to provide a plaque for this purpose.

The trust is continuing with its development plans which are to include a second waterfall and ornamental ponds.

The spokesman said the cemetery was being developed to enhance the bush setting as much as possible.

He said the trust had received positive reaction from local residents and mourners following the construction of the first waterfall and pond, which had been built and landscaped with a "Warrandyte look".

"We have been very proud of what we have achieved," the spokesman said. "A cemetery is a very special part of the community and we are determined to retain the bush atmosphere that is typical of Warrandyte."

## Youth need help

Warrandyte Youth Services has been expanding its resources, due to an increase in the number of young people at the youth centre and the need for new ideas.

Craig Milburn has established the Youth Access Unemployment Service through Ringwood CES. This takes place every Tuesday between 1.30 and 3.30pm at the community centre.

The first month saw a number of young people attend. They were able to write resumes and letters to potential employers. As a result, several young people have had interviews.

Liz Marsh's expertise has also been put to good use with the implementation of a number of outdoor activities during the school holidays.

These included canoeing, abseiling and climbing.

The drop-in centre is open every day from 3 to 6pm, plus Friday and Saturday evenings until 10. Young people see this as a place to relax, meet up with friends, play pool, video games, indoor basketball—or just watch TV.

Workshop days for voluntary helpers are being offered. The next is scheduled for Saturday, September 3 from 10am to 2pm. A light lunch will be provided.

The centre is looking for volunteers to assist for four hours once or twice a month. They also want families who can offer short term respite at their home for young people, on a casual basis. If you can assist, please contact Craig or Liz on 844 2985.

# Bush workshop

Parkcare is running a series of workshops this spring to help residents learn more about our bushland setting and develop skills and knowledge of the natural environment and its protection. All workshops are free. On Saturday, September 3, the session covers herbicide safety and use for volunteer bush regenerators. On Sunday, September 4, there will be a wetland and overstorey plant identification walk in Glynn Reserve. A "walk on the wildflower side" will be held on Sunday, September 11 at the Warrandyte Common, and on Sunday, September 18 the topic will be "making your backyard bush-friendly". Ring Parkcare on 846 4499 for further information and bookings.

## Anniversary

Past and present parishioners and clergy of St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street, are invited to the 125th anniversary service on Sunday, August 28 at 10am. The celebrant will be the Rev Roger Featherston. The service will be followed by a luncheon and gathering in the church hall. Adults \$5, children free. (See full story and pics, Page 7.)



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.

## Advice

The 7th annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre at 2pm on Saturday, August 27. The guest speaker will be Matt Le Duc, senior ranger at Warrandyte State Park. All welcome.

## Gardens

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe is holding its first Green Gardening Awards this year. The aim is to encourage gardening practices which will

promote the use of native vegetation and attract native birds, encourage minimal use of water and encourage an innovative approach to gardening on steep sites. Residents may nominate their own or someone else's garden (with the owner's consent). Brochures and entry forms are available from local nurseries, council offices and local libraries. Judging will take place in October. Further information from Ben de Waard on 840 4699.

## Families

People wanting information about financial assistance available under the family payment system will be interested in a new booklet available from the office of the federal member for Casey, Bob Halvorsen. The booklet covers such topics as—what is family payment, asset and income test requirements, hardship provisions, maintenance action and the maintenance income test. Also available is a booklet entitled *The Age Pension*. For copies phone 726 9077.

## Compost

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe is holding free

composting and mulching seminars for residents. They will be conducted by Allen Gilbert, horticulturist, author and broadcaster and will take place on Mondays, August 1 and 15, from 7.30 to 9pm at the council chambers, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. For further information call Bill Mallinson on 840 9468.

## Tax

Tax Help, a network of community volunteers, is now available at the Warrandyte Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Neighbourhood House, both situated at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Help is available for low income earners, senior citizens, disabled people attempting their first return, benefit card holder pensioners and both short and long-term unemployed. Phone for appointments between 10am and 4pm on 844 3082 or 844 1839.

## Neighbours

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is holding their annual general meeting at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Saturday, September 3 at 2.30pm. Everyone invited.

# Kids compost, collect cans

Warrandyte Primary School students are stepping up their successful environmental awareness program by composting rubbish and collecting cans for recycling through Comalco.

Staff and students already recycle much of their classroom and office paper while students compost their lunch scraps daily.

The school's environmental education coordinator, Carole Lush, explained that there were two reasons for the can recycling campaign.

"The aim is to arouse student and community awareness of the importance of recycling cans," she said, "and to raise some cash to purchase equipment for the school, or donate to worthwhile environmental projects or organisations."

The recycling campaign is the result of a decision made in 1990 to develop an environmental educational policy and program for the school.

Cr Louise Joy spoke to students at a school assembly recently, about the importance of

reducing waste and about Doncaster council's Waste Watch Program. Australian Opals star basketball player Samantha Thornton was present, assisting the Comalco "cash for cans" team.

Students are now designing and creating posters to be seen around the community. "The posters will shortly be posted in shop windows around town," Carole Lush said. "This will make the community aware of our efforts and hopefully encourage people to recycle cans through the school."



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**ANNUAL MEETING:** Warrandyte and District Welfare Service Inc Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 31 August 1994, at 11.30 am, Warrandyte Football Club social room.

**Warrandyte Opportunity Shop** at the Community Centre

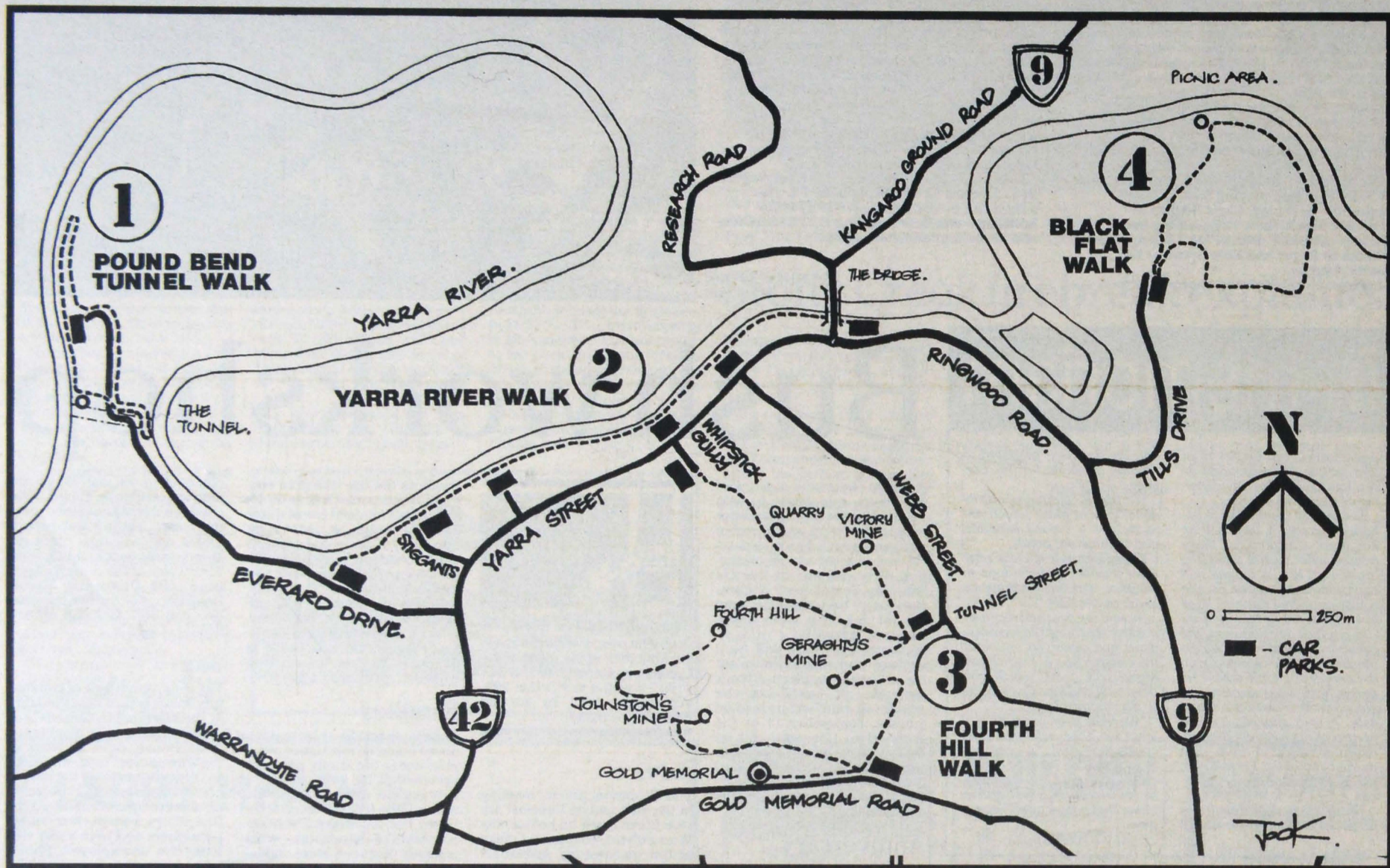
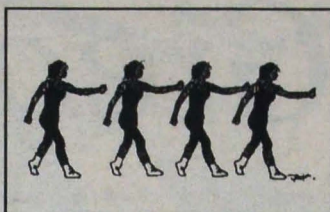
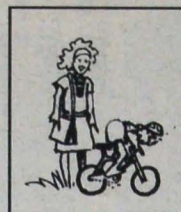
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# 4 Walks around Warrandyte



## 1 Pound Bend Tunnel Walk

Drive to the end of Everard Drive to find Pound Bend, which is situated in a large, narrow-necked loop of the Yarra River. In the early years the land was used as a pound for cattle, hence its present name. The area was included in the initial declaration of Warrandyte State Park in 1975. In the main reserve there is a very attractive grassy picnic area set amongst tall eucalypt trees. With luck you may spot a koala high in one of the smooth-barked Manna Gums. These popular marsupials were reintroduced to Pound Bend in 1985 and are now quite common. The picnic area attracts many birds, including colorful parrots, honeyeaters, kookaburras and noisy miners.

A short walk from the picnic area will lead to the unique and interesting site of the Pound Bend Tunnel. This amazing venture was carried out by David Mitchell, father of the world-renowned singer, Dame Nellie Melba, in 1870, when he formed the Evelyn Tunnel Gold Mining Company. The tunnel, six metres wide and almost five metres high was dug through 145 metres of solid rock at the neck of the loop. A dam was built across the river and the water was diverted through the tunnel, leaving exposed a five kilometre stretch of river bed, which was dredged for gold. The entire enterprise, though shortlived, was quite successful. While no remains of the dam can be seen today, the tunnel, in which lives a colony of bats, looks as if it was carved through only yesterday.

## 2 Yarra River Walk

Halfway along Everard Drive begins a wide track which follows the river and is shared by walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders. A wooden bridge crosses Andersons Creek just above where it joins the Yarra. (Andersons Creek was the original name for Warrandyte). At Stiggants Reserve, site of the monthly Warrandyte Community Market, there is a children's playground, a small amphitheatre, picnic tables, electric barbecues, public toilets and two picnic shelters. A small wetlands area has been created by Doncaster council and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park. Each autumn, the two-day Warrandyte Festival attracts thousands of visitors.

Above the path, adjacent to Warrandyte village itself, are additional public toilets, the historic Gospel Chapel and the old Warrandyte post office, faithfully restored and home to the Warrandyte Historical Society's museum.

This walk terminates at the Warrandyte bridge. Immediately downstream is the site of the old wooden bridge, built in 1865 from yellow box timbers felled in the Stony Creek area.

The old bridge was the focal point in Warrandyte for New Year celebrations, when the locals would meet to sing Auld Lang Syne to the accompaniment of bagpipes and fireworks—and sometimes exploding gelignite!

The existing steel and concrete bridge was built in 1955. A smaller picnic area, with barbecues provided, is located at the public tennis courts, downstream from the bridge. A third set of public toilets has been provided adjacent to the bridge.

## 3 Fourth Hill Walk

This walk is four kilometres long and takes about one-and-a-half hours. It starts from the carpark near the gold memorial cairn at Andersons Creek in Gold Memorial Road.

Ford the creek, turn to the left and walk up the steep track. On your left is a mine shaft surrounded by a wooden railing. This whole area is covered with mullock heaps and other relics of the gold mining days.

About 30 metres horizontally left across the hill, on a small track, is a corrugated iron hut of a type common around Warrandyte in years past. This hillside is covered in a sea of white heath in the late winter months. Continue past the hut, and another shaft, on the steep track that climbs uphill. At a T-junction, turn right for 20 metres to reach Johnston's Mine.

Backtrack to the T-junction and continue around the hill past some mossy boulders to a vehicle track, running from Betton Crescent to the top of Fourth Hill. Turn right and follow the track straight up onto the large, open area at the top of Fourth Hill. Nearby is a grate covering an air shaft down into the Fourth Hill Tunnel.

Walk straight ahead from the point of entry to a walking track which leads downhill and to the right. Continue in the same direction, past the Y-intersection, towards the park gate. Turn left at the gate along the vehicle track, following the fence line. This track undulates down into Whipstick Gully.

Turn left to the old stone quarry, then backtrack up the gully to the site of the extensive Victory Mine which had five levels going up inside the hill. This mine is safe to explore up to 20 metres in, where a steel gate prevents further access for safety reasons. A torch should be carried. Backtrack to the Tunnel Street gate and continue on,

veering to the right, and follow it downhill to the Fourth Hill Tunnel, which runs 100 metres into the hill. This was the first large-scale mining operation in the area, started by Patrick Geraghty, Warrandyte's first innkeeper. Geraghty did not strike the reef he was seeking, but two other miners continuing his work in the 1880s were more successful. This mine is safe to explore, but a torch is essential.

Emerging from the tunnel, turn right and follow the track downhill along Wild Cat Gully to Andersons Creek, where the walk commenced.

## 4 Black Flat Walk

The entrance to Black Flat Reserve, Warrandyte State Park, is situated partway along Tills Drive, which leaves the Ringwood Road close by the Stonehouse craft shop. There are carparks and a picnic area at the reserve.

This is a fully-developed "nature walk", the route is marked by signs and arrows and will take about an hour to cover. Black Flat is covered by open forest, dominated by eucalypts—mostly red box—and is one of the most scenically attractive areas of Warrandyte. Each season brings its own special surprises.

One is constantly reminded of the part this area played during the goldmining era. In 1904, Warrandyte's largest mine—the Caledonian—commenced operations here. One of the boilers that provided steampower for these extensive workings can be seen on the left, not far from the entrance to the reserve.

Also to be seen is a circular depression in the ground, marking the remains of a puddling machine, powered by horses walking in a circle and used to crush quartz from which gold was extracted.

Reminders of the agricultural history of the area include a grand old red box tree used as a fence post by the Mullens family, who homesteaded the area from the 1870s to 1914. Evidence of some of the orchards planted by the Mullens can also be observed, as well as a breacher dam wall. Partway along the nature trail is a sign indicating the track to Jumping Creek Reserve, not shown on the above map. Spectacular views of the meandering river are a feature of this longer walk. Wombats have burrowed into the soft soil beside the narrow track, creating a maze of holes and tunnels.

A grassy area by the river, near the start of the track, marks the site of one of the old orchards. Close by is a pleasant swimming spot and a delightful picnic area under the shade of a huge manna gum.





Sunday school group at Warrandyte's St Stephens Anglican Church, more than 100 years ago.

# Serving its flock for 125 years

By BRUCE BENICE

**S**T STEPHENS Anglican Church turns 125 this year. To mark the historic occasion they are holding a special anniversary service on Sunday, August 28 at 10am, followed by lunch in the hall.

In December 1869 the Victorian Government Gazette announced the reservation for a "site for Church of England place of public worship and Minister's Dwelling" in the district of Holy

Trinity, Doncaster.

Warrandyte, or Anderson's Creek as it was then known, had its first church service some 18 years prior to that, on August 17, 1851, and Divine service was conducted by Rev J.H. Gregory and Rev J. Cheyne in the tent of Messrs Michel and Habberlin, discoverers of the goldfield. The ministers were part of an organisation known as the home mission, and this is believed to be the first religious service conducted in what was then known as the Upper Yarra district.

Following complaints from

Henry Frencham that no ministers of religion visited Anderson's Creek and the children were devoid of any chance of learning, the Church of England school was established in 1856. The first church, a small, one-room structure, was built on the present Stiggant Street site.

In 1904 a vestry of four were elected, all well-known names in Warrandyte's story. They were Chris and Joe Blair, Manuel Keen and Robert Belzer. Two years later it was decided that a new church would be built, and the opening by Archbishop Lowther

Clarke attracted a standing room-only crowd. The square weatherboard building with a small front porch was financed by 100 pounds from collections and a bishop's grant of 50 pounds.

Chris Blair had married Harriet Belzer in the old church in October 1893. The was written up in great detail by the Anderson's Creek correspondent of the Evelyn Observer. It was the first wedding in Anderson's Creek where both the bride and groom had been born locally.

"Black Friday", January 13, 1939 saw Victoria in the grip of a terrible conflagration, with some of the most disastrous bushfires the state had known. By the end of the day some 160 Warrandyte homes, the South Warrandyte school hall, the post office and all three local churches were destroyed.

Undeterred by the calamity that had destroyed their church and all records, services were held in the Mechanics Institute Hall until the completion of a new church hall in November 1940. When a second hall was built in 1955, the older building became the church, as it stands today.

The arrival of Rev David Warner in 1960 began a boom time for St Stephens, with extensions to the hall in 1961. This swelled church numbers by 730, although the 1962 fires curbed this growth. On St Stephens Day in 1965, the first carol service was held in the church, followed by a combined service the following year with the Presbyterians.

In 1990, extensions were carried out to accommodate growing numbers, funded by the sale of church land donated by the Melbourne Diocese. Designed by architect Jock Macneish, the extensions enhanced the original design and provided much more room.

Throughout its life, the Anglican church has attracted many dedicated members and it is through their devotion and hard work that the church has continued to serve the Warrandyte community over the years.

The vestry invites past and present parishioners to take part in the anniversary celebrations. Please contact Ann Ley on 844 3543 if you are staying for lunch, so that the numbers can be ascertained for catering.



St Stephens Anglican Church, as it looks today.

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### Notice of Amendment to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme Amendment L76

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe has prepared Amendment L76 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment replaces the three non-urban zones in the Scheme which include the Landscape Interest A, Landscape Interest C and Conservation A Zones with a new non-urban named Landscape Interest Zone.

This non-urban area is generally located east of Mullum Mullum Creek within Warrandyte/Park Orchards and is characterised by a diversity of lot sizes generally ranging from less than two hectares to eighteen hectares. This area is generally rural residential in character. The value of the land is not the product of its agricultural potential but its important visual and environmental qualities.

The amendment involves effectively merging the three non-urban zones into one non-urban zone and incorporating performance standards to provide a guide as to how the objectives of the Zone may be achieved. Additional uses have also been included which will require a planning permit. The prohibited uses section has also been changed to include a list of prohibited uses, consequently any use not identified within the prohibited uses section may now be considered under a planning application.

The amendment enables limited subdivision, subject to planning permit approval, where the land was purchased prior to 1978 and has been in continual ownership. The subdivision must satisfactorily meet certain performance criteria and be subject to a land management plan.

Overlay controls have been introduced which apply in addition to the zoning requirements. The sites with overlay controls were identified as Sites of Significance within the 'Environmental Studies East of Mullum Mullum Creek — Sites of Botanical and Zoological Significance' Ecological Horticulture and Gerner and Sanderson (1992).

The overlay controls provide specific guidelines to ensure that any development which takes place within the relevant area is in keeping with the environmental and visual character of the area. This amendment refers to Sites of Significance within the proposed Sites of Significance in other zones.

The amendment can be inspected at:

- Doncaster and Templestowe Municipal Offices  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- The Department of Planning & Development  
Ground Floor  
The Oldfleet Buildings  
477 Collins Street, Melbourne

Submissions about the amendment must be sent to:

- City of Doncaster and Templestowe  
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Attention: Manager - Environmental Planning  
Before: 16 September 1994  
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Manager - Environmental Planning



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**DOROTHY REID**  
**A tower of strength in the local community**

By **BRUCE BENCE**

**D**OROTHY Reid (formerly Ruttledge), who passed away on July 28, will be remembered as a woman of compassion and a tower of strength in the Warrandyte community.

She worked tirelessly for the Anglican Church and the local community and her death will leave a large gap in the township. In recent years ill-health troubled Dorothy and her husband, Sir George Reid, who died in February 1993.

Dorothy attended Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School before leaving Australia to live in England when her father's career took him there in 1933. The family lived in Surbiton, Surrey, with Dorothy taking a three-year, live-in course to become qualified to teach young children.

One sunny afternoon in May 1940, Dorothy was playing tennis when she saw a lot of little silver shapes in the sky. What she was watching was the start of the Battle of Britain.

This was the beginning of a trying time for the Ruttledge family, as their home was beneath the flight path of the raiders heading for London. After a succession of disturbed nights, Dorothy's mother decided that if she was going to die she would do so in comfort, so she stayed in bed. Dorothy and her sister Olive continued to go downstairs, which they considered the safest place. Olive shifted her place of refuge from under the piano when she realised that if the piano collapsed she would be in real trouble.

The school where Dorothy was teaching was relocated in a beautiful old farmhouse in the Cotswolds.

The Ruttledge family returned to Australia in 1948 and moved into "Nilja" in Alexander Road, Warrandyte. Unbeknown to the family the property they had bought is in one of the worst fire risk areas in the world. The Alexander Road area had suffered more bushfires throughout Warrandyte's recorded history than any other. The family had just settled into their new home when they had first hand, on-the-job training in the art of bushfire fighting, under the tutelage of their neighbour, Albert Speers.



Sir George and Lady Reid on their wedding day in 1973.

St Stephens Anglican Church gained a tireless worker when Dorothy joined in 1949. At this time, services were held only two Sundays a month, so on the other Sundays Dorothy, Olive and their mother walked up an unsealed road to catch the bus into Melbourne to attend church. As the road was covered in dust in summer, and mud in winter, they carried their good shoes and changed into them when they reached the main road.

Returning to Ivanhoe Girls Grammar as a part-time teacher in 1951, Dorothy began discussing alternative styles of teaching with friend Margot Bennett, who came out from England. As a result of their discussions they decided to build "Mulloka", a holiday home for children, which was opened in May 1953. The children lived on the premises. Among them were a number of disabled children and children from hospitals.

"Mulloka" was also the venue for the first meeting of the Warrandyte Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of St Lawrence. Dorothy was elected president and Margot secretary. Dorothy worked fearlessly for the Broth-

erhood throughout the years and encouraged others to do likewise.

"Mulloka" was destroyed by bushfire on March 11, 1965. Dorothy and Margot were down at the river with a handicapped lad when they realised the fire was heading their way. Dorothy took the lad whilst Margot headed for "Nilja" to get Mrs Ruttledge out of the path of the fire.

Margot turned on a hose on the west corner of the property and the fire split and went either side of "Nilja". They all got away safely by car, but when they returned, "Mulloka" was a pile of ashes.

Dorothy took a course in theology run by the Anglican Church in the early 1960s and became the first lady diocesan lay reader in the diocese of Melbourne as well as a parochial lay reader in the local parish. She was also vicar's warden for a number of years at St Stephens and superintendent of the Sunday school there from 1955 to 1971. She gave it up to nurse Olive, who was terminally ill, and to care for her ageing mother.

Another of her credits included

presidency of the local inter-church council, which was one of the most significant movements in the church and fostered the ecumenical movement. This, in turn, promoted the Christmas carols and combined stations of the cross services.

In 1973 Dorothy married Sir George Reid and "Nilja" became their home. Their life together was a true example of ecumenical spirit. Sir George, a member of St Gerrard's Catholic Church, drove Dorothy to attend service at St Stephens, before going to his own church, then returning for Dorothy on the way home.

Dorothy had a love for dramatic work and was a founding member of the drama group. She is well remembered for some of the brilliant roles she played.

Sir George and Lady Reid were a tower of strength to Warrandyte during the years they lived here. Dorothy will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her and for the tremendous contribution she made to the community.

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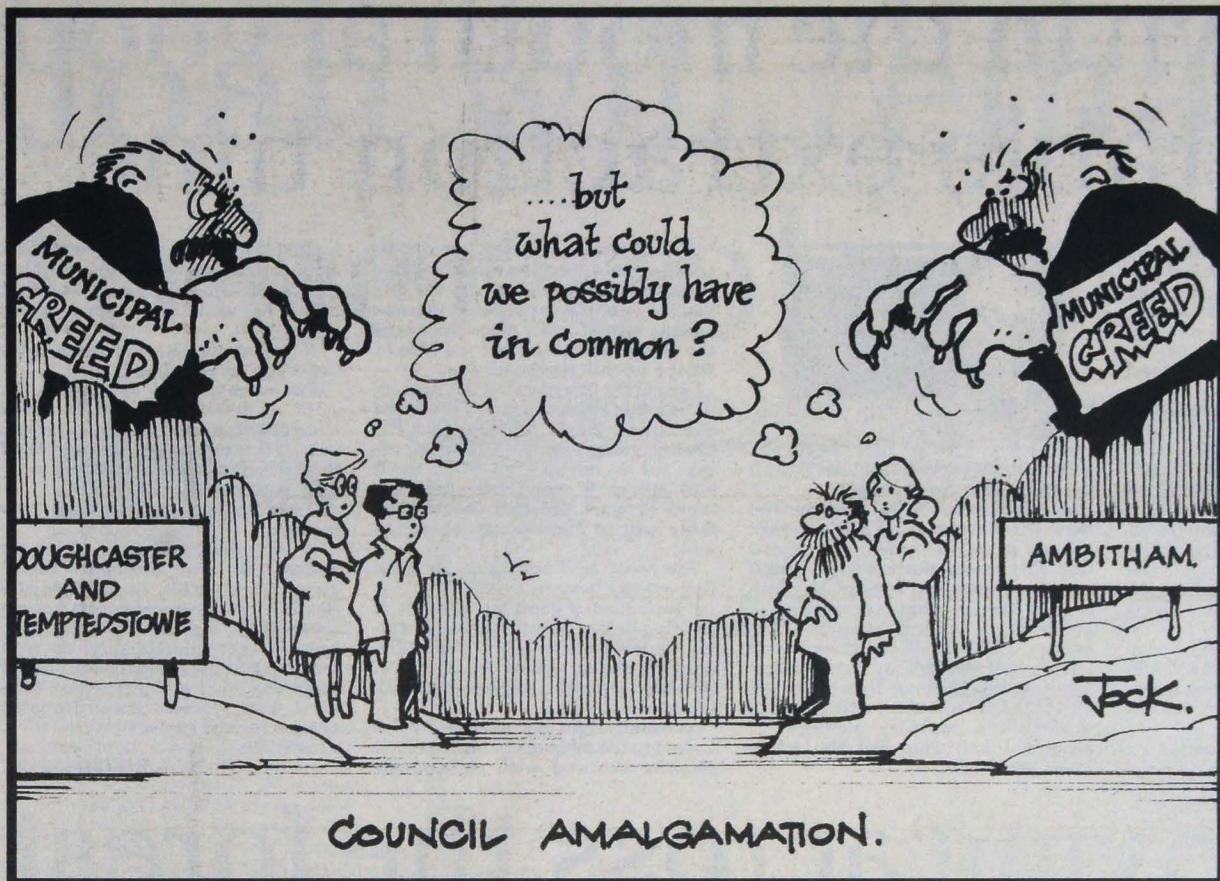
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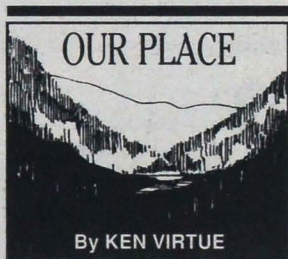
# Young Bloods learn in season of experience

**T**HIS year my son announced that he was ready to play football. Being an ex-Sydney man I took a long last look at my rugby league memories and wistfully set off to join him up with the Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

His under-14 team finished their season this week, and now it's time for a bit of reflection...

The first thing to be clear about is that Anthony is unlikely to ever reach a Gary Ablett level of deity. Whereas Mr Ablett averages four goals per quarter, I think Anthony touched the ball four times in 14 matches. That, however, is entirely beside the point, as the experience of 1994 will live with Anthony for the rest of his life.

A group of 18 young teenagers is a formidable number of individuals. If I gave them to you



twice a week and said "please teach them about ball skills, rules, tactics and how to play together". I wager you would find it a considerable challenge. Just getting them to stop chattering qualifies you for a Nobel Peace Prize. Getting them to stop thinking about girls means you are as clever as Ablett is godly.

But their coach Dennis and team manager Phil managed what I rate as something of a miracle. They took this gaggle of gigglers, this rabble of rebels, and turned them into that strangest of groupings—a team.

was marvellous to behold—the phrase 'stunned mullets' comes to mind—but they were never in doubt that he was the coach of their team. I'm sure it's not a thing you can directly teach your own children—you need the objectivity of another person to weave their magic spell.

And so, not quite as gangly as before, and with a few of life's early lessons up their sleeveless red jumpers, these boys grow on. Lessons like living with some necessary disciplines, like learning to confront natural fears, like seeing the power of working with others, like being glad to see another team member do well, have all at least had their seeds set.

Once, the team's best player lost his cool and began a tussle with an opponent. Out went the runner with the coach's message to call him off the field for the rest of that vital quarter. "You're here to play football, not fight", was the clearest message to all.

Yes, the experience was more than just a few games of footy, and it involved more than the boys themselves.

Thanks, Dennis and Phil, for the memories.

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Fitzsimons Lane was named after John Henry Fitzsimons who bought the land east of the present lane and back to Porter Street in 1860.

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Hazel Poulter believed the road was originally created to provide access to the river.

Local people drove sleds down

to the river to fill water barrels and tanks when supplies ran low during the summer months.

The women also took their washing to the river, hanging it out to dry on a line strung between trees. No doubt a pleasant way to spend a hot summer's day, in the shade of a tree, by the river.

I lived in the area for 30-odd years before I learned that the correct pronunciation was "Fitz Simon", not "Fitzsimon".

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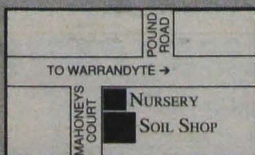
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# Looking down in the mouth at good old kitchen table extraction time

I'M beginning to twitch, so it must be that Graeme Ritchie time of the year again. Just as agriculturalists use the seasons to mark the passage of time and to organise their lives, I, like thousands of others, regard going to the accountant at tax time as an uneasy yet essential punctuation to my year.

Without significant events such as Christmas, birthdays, emptying the septic tank, making plum jam and doing the bloody tax, the weeks of the year would spread endlessly in a soporific haze of work, food, drink, sex and innumerable episodes of Neighbours and *Diary* articles about the Green Wedge.

But, annually important as it is, the trip down Blackburn Road to Morris and Ritchie's in Ely Street fills me with the same trepidation as going to the dentist used to when I was a nervous south-eastern suburbs tacker. (You can take the boy out of the flat sandbelt but he can't get rid of the Diosma!)

Nowadays, going to a dentist like Warrandyte's Dr David Crockett is a very different kettle of fillings. The consultation is calm, professional, caring and well worth the month's housekeeping. But, going to Mr Lichen was an entirely predictable and terrifying ordeal.

Remember, I'm recalling a time when dentists were still called mister and had only recently exchanged their meat cleaver and blue and white-striped apron for a pair of pliers and a ball of dental floss.

Mr Lichen, our neighbourhood extractor, worked on the principle that "if it doesn't move, pull it out". The two gaps in my lower jaw attest to the fact that his practice was based on his philosophy.

I resignedly accepted most of what our dentist did. However, there was one occasion in his chair when terror catapulted me from my native mouse-like behaviour.

Having decided that "it's better out than in", Lichen planned his attack. I



froze when I heard him say to the second dental nurse, "I think I'll need the three of us for this one!"

My mind raced. "Why? Why does he need two nurses? Is he going to take out my gums? No way!" And it was then that I metaphorically swallowed my proton pills and became Boy Possessed. The fact that Lichen came at me, front on, holding a two feet long syringe with a needle the thickness of a dowel, half justifies my nurse-battering and superhuman leap from the chair. As I ran into the waiting arms of my mother, morally outraged, I thought I had won. But Mr Lichen knew otherwise.

"What about we do it at home?" he asked my mother. (You can tell all this happened a long time ago by the fact that the dentist was prepared to make a home visit.) I really didn't care how she answered as long as I was able to escape on that particular day.

I knew the rescheduled day had arrived when I was instructed not to get out of my pyjamas. Added to that, the kitchen table had been cleared, except for an unexpected white sheet and pillow. It didn't take a Mensa mind to work out that the kitchen table was to become my operating table.

The front door bell rang. My quivering mother went to answer it.

It took them a good ten minutes of hunting before they found me cowering under the said table. The sheet, hanging down almost to the floor, provided me with a purpose-built hiding place.

As usual, might prevailed and I was lashed to the table and a kitchen food strainer covered with chloroform-

soaked cotton wool was clamped to my face. The smell was appalling and I struggled valiantly against the forces of evil, but again was fooled by adult guile.

"If you don't like the smell, why don't you try blowing it away."

Why wasn't I wary of anything he said? At that stage, however, I was clutching at straws. I blew and it was not till it was too late that I realised that in order to blow, one has to inhale. And inhale I did.

I woke, a sicker, sorer and less trusting boy.

So, why the trepidation about my annual trip down Blackburn Road? There are no drills, no syringes and Nicki Vitiritti, the receptionist, knocks spots off the old nurses of yore. Perhaps it's got something to do with extraction and the way Graeme kindly suggests, "Don't worry if we can't finish it here. I don't mind dropping around to your place."

I shudder.

ROGER KIBELL

# Living and loving across the forest floor in slow motion, bi-sex romps

SOME people squash them, some poison them, some even eat them: snails. We are all too familiar with the garden snail, found by day lurking underneath logs and stones, clustered on the inside of empty pots, attached with their own self-made adhesive. On warm wet nights they slide out to dine on succulent leaves and stems of newly planted seedlings. By morning they are gone, leaving only a silvery trail of dried mucus and a few tattered leaves as evidence of their nightly rampage.

Like most other pests, animals and plants included, the garden snail has been introduced from overseas. But fortunately, or unfortunately I suppose if you are a gardener, this pest is mainly confined to habitats disturbed by humans. Native snails prefer the seclusion of native forests where they live amongst the leaf litter feeding on mosses, decaying vegetation, earthworms and



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

insect larvae. Snails and their slug relatives are soft-bodied invertebrates belonging to a class known as the Gastropods, the literal translation of which is 'stomach-foot'. It is no wonder then, that movement is so slow when these animals walk on their belly. Conversely they eat with their foot, sweeping the forest floor like a vacuum cleaner for nutritious plant and animal remains.

The major difference between slugs and snails is that snails have a shell whereas slugs do not. The snail's shell is secreted by the mantle—the fleshy folds on either side of the body. Although a defence against predators, its main function is as a tough, water-resistant shelter. The snail can retract its body

into the shell, sealing itself in with a plug of mucus, enabling it to withstand periods of drought. Consequently snails can inhabit much drier regions of the continent than the shell-less slugs. Most snails are hermaphro-

dite—that is, each individual has both male and female reproductive organs. I first learned this fact in biology classes at school. It was an astounding revelation. With childish curiosity I wondered how they did 'it' or if they needed to do 'it' at all! Only later

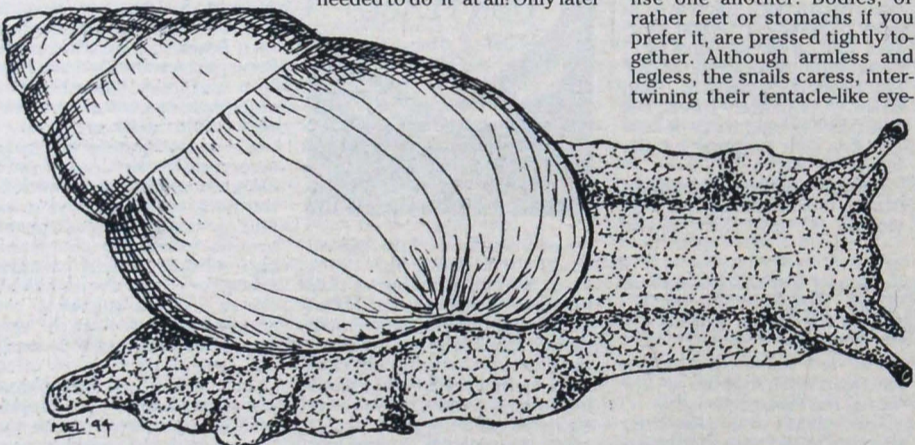
in life did I discover the fascinating details of the snail's kinky courtship.

Like all other activities, snails perform their lovemaking in slow motion. Pairs, each one both male and female, unite to fertilise one another. Bodies, or rather feet or stomachs if you prefer it, are pressed tightly together. Although armless and legless, the snails caress, intertwining their tentacle-like eye-

stalks. The bizarre bisexual double act culminates when each partner harpoons the other with a tiny barbed dart. This cupid's arrow, made of calcium, appears to stimulate the exchange of sperm. The lovers part, each one going their own way and each one laying a clutch of opalescent pearl-like eggs.

We have only a little insight into the private lives of snails. They are not a popular group for study, either by professionals or amateurs.

However, if terrestrial snails were as colourful as their marine molluscan cousins, collectors would be scrounging the forest floor for rare and beautiful specimens. But they are not. Land snails are small and inconspicuous with shells of sombre brown. Deep in the forest, they go about their daily lives undisturbed, scavenging for food under moss-encrusted logs and shooting little darts at each other as they make love amongst the fallen leaves.



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## LOCAL FOLK

By JULIE MURRAY  
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JOAN Golding's memories of early days in Warrandyte go back more than 50 years, as does her unstinting commitment to this community.

"When Bonnie Peak used to deliver the bread in the old truck we had to cut the crusts off to get rid of the dust," she remembered. "Then when we moved up here I would send John (her toddler son) out to the mail box where the bread was delivered. He would bring it in with the insides gone, and tell me the magpies ate it. So it was a long time before we had a complete loaf of bread in Warrandyte."

Joan's laugh is as contagious as her positive outlook on life. It was a sheer joy to be in her company and reminisce about her life, her philosophy and the early years, with the sun streaming through her lounge room windows.

Her home, which is strategically positioned 25 degrees east of north to capture the winter sun, holds memories of the joys and sadness of raising a family and living a full life.

"Ron and I have been in Warrandyte 50 years on December 22," she said.

A friend and neighbour, John Hutchinson, talked them into buying their block of land above Everard Drive instead of at the tunnel. It's advice for which Joan says she is forever grateful. The block is positioned just high enough to be above the mist, yet close enough to hear the bellbirds and see the Yarra from the balcony.

Joan and Ron had met in the physics department at Melbourne university when she was 19.

They decided to leave Brighton and start their married life together in Warrandyte. It was 1944, the war was still on and building materials were hard to get.

"We were among the first young people to come to Warrandyte after the war, and if we wanted any amenities we had to create them." Which is exactly what Ron and Joan set about doing.

"At first we felt like interlopers," Joan said. Her initial attempt to break into the closed Warrandyte community was met with a knock-back from the Red Cross Hospital Auxilliary. Undaunted, Joan pressed ahead and formed a branch of the Country Women's Association, which met regularly at the Golden Gate.

In those early days there was no bus to the city, so access to social activities was limited. The only entertainment in Warrandyte was two films a week at the Mechanics Hall and a weekly dance.

Because of Ron and Joan's love of the theatre, they called a meeting to form an amateur drama group, seeking other Warrandyte couples who may have had similar interests. Out of these success-



Joan Golding

ful gatherings came the Warrandyte Arts Association.

As the new young couples began starting families there grew a need for more amenities. Joan was instrumental in starting a baby health centre next to the chemist's shop in the village and a free, informal kindergarten cum play group, run by Helen Couch in the Gospel Hall.

"It was a time when Hilda Mitchell used to cut our hair on Aggie Moore's verandah," Joan explained. "Ah, memo-

ries of Aggie's verandah..."

When the kids were in secondary school, Ron was working in physics and travelling around the world. The three older children (John, Megan and Nonny) all married within three years of each other. Martin was eight years younger, and when he was ready to go to university he went to live in Carlton.

At this time Joan began a second career and, typical of her drive, ended up president of the Handweavers and Spinners Guild.

"Ron had given me a spinning wheel for my 50th birthday. I then began a professional handloom weaving course at the Melbourne College of Textiles. After the course I went on staff, lecturing on textile technology." As well as lecturing, Joan accepted commissions for shetland lace.

Her current commission is for the National Wool Museum in Geelong. It is a two metre square shawl, completed in two years of Joan's spare time. It was commissioned by a grazier who bought

a top ram for \$170,000 at the Sheep Breeders' Association Show.

Joan designs her own work but uses traditional stitches. Her work is delicate and appears to require unlimited patience. If you haven't seen her work at exhibition, intricate stitches such as "flowers in a field of snow" and "madiera wave" help one to visualise the beauty of her craft.

"I became consultant to the Australian Wool Corporation in the early 1980s," she explained. "I travelled through South-East Asia for months at a time on their behalf, for two or three years. In 1986 Martin returned home after five years in Europe to tell us he was diagnosed as having AIDS. It was devastating for the family. He wanted to die in Warrandyte because he had so many happy memories here."

Martin had been working in the diplomatic service as third secretary to the military attache at The Hague. For fear of infection during the winter months here, Martin returned twice to Europe before his death in May 1989.

The family found it a "very enriching experience" nursing him for the three years, and said the Warrandyte community were just wonderful to them. "We never came up against any discrimination or stigma of any sort."

This year Joan was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to people with the HIV/AIDS virus and their families. "From the day Martin died it was obvious I had work to do in the HIV/AIDS field," Joan said.

"I felt what I could do was make myself available to families with HIV patients. People do find it helpful to talk to others who have been through the same thing they are facing."

Since 1986, Joan's busy week has included phone counselling from home, visiting Fairfield Hospital at least two or three times, as well as Alfred Hospital, along with many speaking engagements.

"I only accept speaking engagements that allow me the time to accept calls from families. The most important thing is support for the family."

Joan is as adamant about her priorities as she is about her beliefs. "There will always be fear and prejudice in the community, unless someone will come out openly and speak of their experience."

Joan's dedication is strong and her purpose resolute. She is providing counselling and support that was just not available while she was nursing Martin.

Typical of her realistic approach, Joan said, "When you are first told of the diagnosis you don't feel you can cope, but of course you can."

At 72 and a great-grandmother, Joan is a great example for us to aspire to, epitomising the essence and spirit of community and goodwill. Not only with her work in the AIDS field but in the earlier days where it all started. If there was a community activity, whether it was at church, a WAA function or whatever, Joan and Ron were always there.

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# Warrandyte to Wimbledon

**W**ARRANDYTE Tennis Club's coach Fabio Forlano recently discovered first-hand that the seemingly glamorous life of the international tennis player is anything but that, after an eight-week tour as coach with Australian star Rachel McQuillan.

He guided the national team representative through France and England, taking in the French Open, Wimbledon and three other tournaments. The 22 year-old Australian left for the tour ranked 68th in the world and returned 61st, despite playing on clay and grass—her two worst surfaces.

"Her tournament at Birmingham in England was good," Fabio said. "She made the third round and it was her best grass court performance ever, so she was really happy. It was hard for me to do a good job and see a result because grass and clay don't suit her game."

This was evident from her results in the two major tournaments. "She didn't do great in the majors, losing in the first round at the French after having six match points. It was a bit rough, and hard for me mentally—it was really tiring."

"At Wimbledon she lost a tough second-round match to Pam Shriver. Her best win on tour was in the first-round there against Patty Fendic, who only three weeks prior to us leaving had beaten Rachel 6-2 6-1, so it was a good turnaround. It was good for me too because I said to her, 'How did you play?' and worked out a different strategy to what she did last time."

Fabio coached Rachel on the shorter Australian tour the previous summer. He got to know her when she was a couple of age groups below him when he played juniors. She asked Fabio to help her through the week-long Kooyong Classic last December. The union proved fruitful—she won the event. It was the first time Fabio had



Fabio Forlano (Picture by Jan Tindale)

glamorous life going around the world, but it's not really. If it was a shorter trip I'd do it again, but not for any longer time. For me it would just be too long out of Australia, especially Warrandyte. I'd miss it."

Rachel still has a chance to persuade him otherwise, as he joins her again this summer for the six-week Australian tour. She has asked him to do the same overseas trip again next year, but with two additional weeks.

"It's up in the air that one. I'll decide after the Australian Open. I had a great time doing it but I don't know whether it's my scene."

Fabio thinks Rachel she can go a long way but "just has to work on a few things. She's got to make her game a bit stronger and hit the ball a little harder, and just use her brains more. She's not really tennis smart yet," he said.

Fabio Forlano has coached tennis since he was 16. He's now 26, and in his sixth year as Warrandyte's coach. It's a long way from his personal practice sessions at the tender age of seven, when he belted the ball for hours on end against a brick wall at his home.

He joined North Box Hill club at age 11 and quickly rose to be number one junior in Victoria and number four in Australia. He was in every state squad from the age of 12 to 18. If that's not enough, he also represented Australia at the McDonalds Cup against teams from Sweden, Germany and the USA.

Locally, his ability can't be questioned. He hasn't played in the Goldtown Open for the last two years, having won the event in each of the four years he entered. He now concentrates on getting the club's juniors up to doing the same thing, encouraging and pushing them to get the most out of their game.

The Warrandyte Tennis Club is more than happy for Fabio to prefer the local tennis scene to the bright lights of Wimbledon and beyond.

coached a professional player, and the success continued as she reached the third round of the Australian Open.

Rachel then asked Fabio to accompany her on the eight week overseas tour.

"We stayed at hotels everywhere and while the accommodation was great I never unpacked. I just had two big roll-bags and I fiddled around in them to find my clothes, because you never know what's happening. As soon as she loses you're out, you just catch the next flight out."

Despite being on the road for eight weeks, sightseeing was kept to a minimum—in fact, there was none. "We did none at all. We saw the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, but only from a courtesy car that couldn't stop. In England, I didn't even get to go to London, it was such a busy schedule. It's not as good a life as many people think. Most

## SPORT

By CLINTON GRYBAS

ask, 'How was your holiday?', but it was far from that."

Non-match days were taken up by some five hours of practice, including two hours of drilling in the morning and game-situation practice in the afternoon, reiterating the morning's work. Fabio's rare spare minutes in between were spent developing friendships with some of the European coaches on tour, including some social games of soccer.

Despite Fabio's overseas adventures, nothing, he said, compares with life at the picturesque Warrandyte club. "I hope to stay here as long as I can," he said. "I really missed Warrandyte while I was away. I like it here—I love the kids. "Everyone thinks it's a

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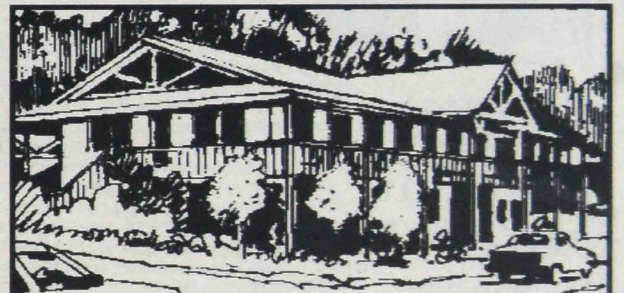
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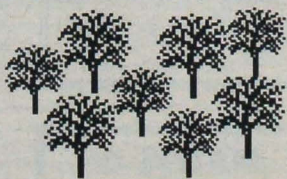
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# Boys in the big time

## And so are the girls!

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte High School's junior boys basketball team will play in Victoria's high school final four this year. Their recent win at the Eastern Zone finals partly atoned for the shock defeat of the senior girls, who were widely tipped to be state champions.

It took the boys a stirring second half to do it however, coming from behind to win the final 36-29 against Vermont.

A 15-2 run in the first eight minutes of the second stanza set up the triumph, with James Russell dominating for 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Co-coached by Jim Whelan and Melinda Anderson, the boys looked in trouble

early when costly turnovers relinquished any slight edge on the scoreboard.

Vermont failed to capitalise on their distinct height advantage inside however, and Liam Bottomley (eight points) assisted Russell in giving the Redbacks the rebounding advantage.

When Michael Clark (eight) found the bottom of the net early in the second half for a critical three-pointer the momentum was well with Warrandyte.

His second triple with 12 minutes left stretched the lead to double figures, and although the Eagles reduced that to five they never seriously threatened Warrandyte's hold.

Smart time management in the final two

minutes helped run down the clock for the win.

It had not been so easy in one of their preliminary games though. They needed a thrilling 20-19 win against Fairhills to avoid early elimination, before bouncing back to beat Highvale 31-19 and Lilydale 36-25 en route to the final.

The senior girls team contributed to their own demise with woeful shooting in offence—they managed to net just 51 points in three games. Despite this they still had a chance to reach the state finals, needing only a basket in the final minute of their last game against Pembroke.

Three times they tried, and three

times they missed, eventually surrendering the ball with just seconds left to lose 14-16.

Coach Chris McIntosh was disgusted with the team's performance over the three games, with most of the girls playing their final representative sport for the school.

Rebecca Chalmers had led the way in the opening 13-6 win against Boronia, while Vanessa Brady (11) got the team out of jail against Ashwood with some late points for a 24-16 win in game two.

In the final match the team again failed to gel, and the looks on the girls faces at game's end told the story. They were shattered.

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's champion under-17 girl's team are off to the big league. They have joined the Victorian Basketball Association's division circuit after an historic agreement with the Coburg Giants.

The deal will see the Redback girls joined by three Coburg players for the Wednesday night competition, the breeding ground for future stars of the national league.

It will be the highest level of competition ever played by a Warrandyte team.

The girls will play three grading games between August 17 and 31 in division three with promotion available if they perform well.

Coburg's status as an association means that the girls will be officially entered under the Coburg name and wear the Coburg colours, but the side will be run by leading Warrandyte coach Gavin Whitmore to run the side.

The deal came as the girls—Amanda McLellan, Vanessa Brady, Briony Clark, Julia Edwards and Christie Lawrence—continued their dominance of the local junior league.

They are still unbeaten nearing the finals and easily won the club-run Grand Hotel Cup senior competition last season.

Gail Dick and Cheryl Clark initiated the partnership through former Redback and now Coburg coach Peter Messerle.

"I just told him that we had some great girls here who had nowhere to go," Gail said. "Coburg were rapt because they don't have very strong women's teams."

Messerle was pleased to help give the girls a "new lease of life". "It's fantastic for them. It's gives them the chance to play at the highest level," he said.

Coburg's response delighted Cheryl Clark. "It's wonderful for our girls. It's great for them to have a place to go up to," she said.

"Everyone is happy to be playing and are really excited about it. Eventually we should be able to recruit players on to this team." That is where the biggest benefit will lie for the club's current expanding crop of junior girls, who now have something to strive for with the Redbacks.

If the team's inaugural season, which runs from September to February, proves successful, it could open the door for something bigger in the future.

## Kids on the run, kids on wheels, kids with a goal

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Jennie Skinner

## Jennie soccs it to 'em

North Warrandyte schoolgirl Jennie Skinner has her sights set on the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000, but not as a runner, jumper, swimmer, gymnast or anything so mundane.

Jennie, 13, wants to play soccer for Australia! And she's going the right way about it.

She took up the game just five months ago and already has been selected to represent Victoria in the under-16 girls' championships in NSW.

The Kangaroo Ground Road prodigy trains two nights a week and on Saturdays and plays for Doncaster Rovers women's team on Sundays.

A student at Donvale Christian College, she gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship and support of the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte Fitness Centre and the Eltham Shire.

They have no doubt that young Jennie will kick right on.

They might be little, but they sure are accomplished athletes!

Warrandyte's Emma Tice, Wendy Keating and Richard Moore completed the Little Athletics cross-country season on a high note by representing the Ringwood centre and the Eastern Metropolitan region in the recent state championships at Brimbank Park, Keilor.

The hilly, slippery course, cold conditions, strong headwinds and quality opposition provided all runners with a most challenging endurance run.

Richard (under-9s) finished 12th in a field of 83. Emma and Wendy (under-14s) ran 23rd and 26th respectively in a field of 38.

Their team was placed fourth.

Warrandyte was also represented by Rosalyn Moore (under-8s), who competed in an invitation event.

The Maroondah Little Athletics Club will hold an information and registration morning outside the North Ringwood Tuckerbag supermarket from 9 am to noon on Saturday, September 3.

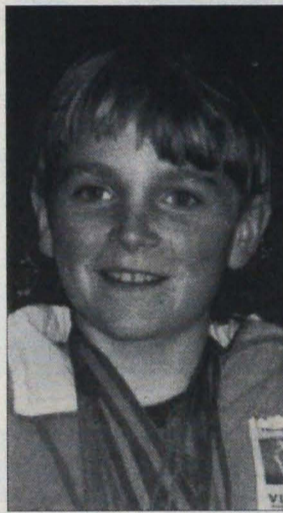
Prospective young athletes in the under-6 to under-15 age groups are invited to register for



Emma Tice

the coming track and field season, which starts on Saturday, October 1.

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Richard Moore

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Ross Coupar (right) with cycling mate Simon Bishop.

## Ross hits the road

Sixteen-year-old Ross Coupar has been riding bikes for as long as he can remember. Only recently, though, has a means of getting from Point A to Point B on two wheels become a consuming sporting interest.

Ross, of Brackenbury Street, is one of many Warrandyte pedallers who have become competitive cyclists since local bike shop owner Andrew Wegener came to town.

Andrew is a great ambassador for the sport and a series of Satur-

day afternoon races he organised have led to bigger things.

Ross, for example, was talked into tackling a gruelling 22-kilometre road race run at Blue Lakes, Outer Plenty, by the Fat Tye Flyers Mountain Bike Club. He'd never tried anything like that before. He won.

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# It's bye bye Bloods!

Do or die, and we don't do

By LEE TINDALE

It was do or die for Warrandyte's 1994 football season at Lilydale on August 7. Unfortunately, it died.

The Bloods, who had seemed certain halfway into the season for a spot in the EDFL second division finals, dropped out of contention when they were outclassed by the home side.

The result saw Warrandyte slide from fifth to sixth spot with one game (against bottom side South Croydon) to go.

It has been a bitter-sweet season for the Bloods—pleasing in that they have lived up to and perhaps exceeded expectations in their big step up from third division, yet disappointing on the score of what might have been with a little more enthusiasm around the club.

They dropped only two of their first nine games but have won only two of eight since. Everyone knew the second half of the season was going to be tougher, but few expected such a reversal.

Coach David Purcell had set his sights at the start of the season on 10 wins. "We are sitting on nine wins and we should beat South Croydon," he told the *Diary*, "so we look like achieving that objective."

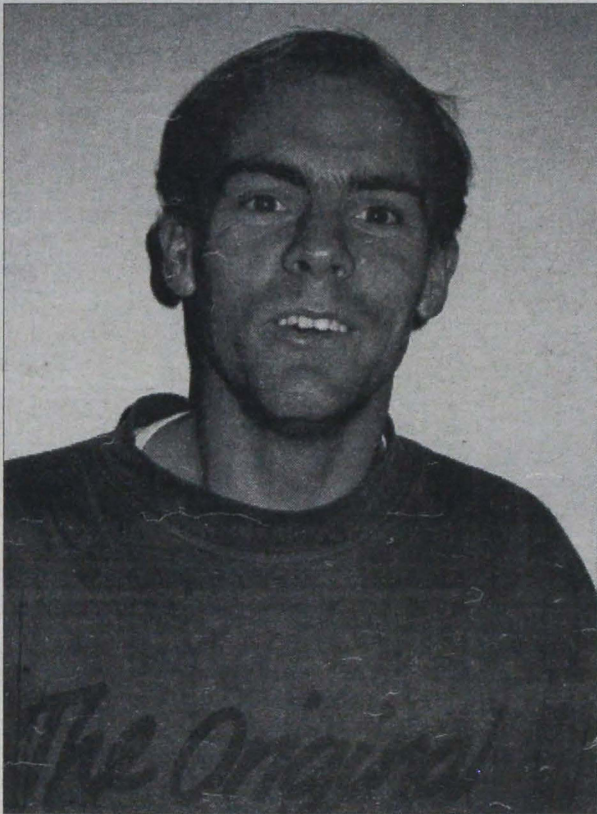
"But having seen the standard of second division, I think we could have finished second this season with last year's team."

Purcell has fought a losing battle since pre-season to snap his players out of their post-premier apathy and get them on to the training track in numbers.

On the Thursday night before the crucial game against second-placed Lilydale, only 22 trained—barely enough for one team, let alone two.

The lack of all-round preparation showed against Lilydale, a big, strong-marking team who play their home ground very well.

Warrandyte lost by 95 points,



Terry Blythman: one of the best of a badly beaten bunch.

24.14 (158) to 9.9 (63), and it took them more than two quarters of football to get the goal umpires to wave two flags simultaneously.

They squandered first use of the strong breeze, spraying their kicks, and had just four behinds to Lilydale's 3.2 to show for a quarter in which they had their fair share of the ball.

Lilydale were vastly superior in the air and ran the ball out of defence with absurd ease.

Warrandyte supporters who feared the floodgates might open in the second term were, sadly, spot-on.

The Falcons rattled on 8.5 to the Bloods' pathetic three behinds to lead at the interval by 11 clear goals.

John O'Brien produced derisive applause from the home crowd when he kicked Warrandyte's first goal of the match

three minutes into the third quarter, from a free in front.

It was to be a better quarter for the Bloods—but then how could it have been worse? Although outscored eight goals to three, they persisted gamely against a side able to create loose men all over the place and use them very efficiently.

Purcell appealed at three-quarter time to the Bloods' pride and they produced their best quarter of the match. Steve Carroll and Lachlan McLean drew first and second blood for Warrandyte and the visitors actually outscored Lilydale six straight goals to 5.3 for the term. But it was a meaningless statistic in a game which had died almost a couple of hours earlier.

The Bloods' best were Cam Day and Terry Blythman (real goes all day), Chris Mills, Carroll and Darren Peters.

## Coach quits for recruiting role

David Purcell will retire as Warrandyte Football Club coach and player after the home game against South Croydon on August 13.

Purcell, 30, who coached the Bloods into the EDFL third division finals in 1991-92 and oversaw our promotion to second division this season, believes he can do more for the club off the field than on it in 1995.

"This is a great club and if it progresses the way I see it progressing next season, I might be battling to get a game," he said (an opinion probably not shared by a vast majority of supporters).

Purcell said that he would be involved in fund-raising and recruiting, with "perhaps an occasional game in the reserves".

"What the club needs is a new playing coach, an outsider who will bring other players with him," he said.

"But Warrandyte will not attract experienced talent under our existing payment scheme and that's why I'm very keen to get involved the recruiting/fundraising side."

"I don't want to sit on the committee, but I want to see this club able to offer realistic payments to our existing players and realistic inducements to new recruits."

Purcell's departure from the field will be one of several major changes at the club next season.

Long-serving president Lawrie Sloan has already announced he will not be seeking another term and extensive changes to the committee, to make it more business-ori-



David Purcell

ented, are expected.

Assistant and reserves coach Lex Munro is a known candidate for the presidency and for the first time in several years there could be a contest for the position at the annual general meeting.

The outgoing president described the 1994 season as "better than I had expected at the start and better than most people had expected".

"Initially, I was looking at six to eight wins, and we've done better than that," Mr Sloan said.

"It's a great pity that so many players seemed to lose interest after last year's premiership, but if we can finish the season with 10 wins on the board, then we have done pretty well."

"I think the future looks good for Warrandyte Football Club."

A top priority for Warrandyte in the off-season will be to resurrect an under-18 side.

The EDFL has threatened to relegate any second division club which does not field under-18s next season and a sub-committee has been formed to bring young Bloods together.

The under-18s disbanded in 1992 for want of numbers and an attempt to reassemble a team this season failed despite a concerted campaign to interest players and the parents.

The 1995 squad will be coached by a panel of past senior players.

For further information: Noddy Ireland (725 5065), Greg Alchin (437 1248) or Lex Munro (mobile 018 997 781).

The vote count for seniors and reserves best and fairest will be held upstairs at the Grand Hotel (the club's major sponsor) on Wednesday, August 17.

The venue and format have been changed to encourage wives and girlfriends to come along.

A two-course meal (roast, \$12) will be served and the ladies are reminded that if they grow bored with the counting of votes, there are plenty of poker machines downstairs.

Players' Talent Night will be held on Saturday, August 13, after the game against South Croydon.

This is an annual romp which makes mockery of the proposition that vaudeville is dead.

Admission is \$5, bar service and variety acts defying description.

Expect anything.

# Institute stars go for Warrandyte gold

## We lose the Masters

Warrandyte Tennis Club has lost the Masters tournament, final leg of the Davis Cup Foundation Men's Satellite Circuit, a major professional event leading to the Ford Australian Open.

The Tarroona Avenue courts have been venue for the Masters for six years with great success. Such stars as Richard Fromberg, John Frawley, Darren Cahill, Jason Stoltenberg and Todd Woodbridge have all competed here. For some years prior to this, Warrandyte hosted one of the earlier legs of the satellite circuit.

The club was disappointed to learn recently from Tennis Australia that the Masters has not been awarded to Warrandyte this year. It will be held on back courts at Kooyong.

By CLIFF GREEN

A contingent of players from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra will be in Warrandyte next month for the Goldtown Open tennis tournament.

Apart from the \$5000 prize money, these top young players will be competing to gain valued points for their rankings and for match experience on the porous ent-out-cas surface, the closest they get in Australia to the European clay courts.

Last year's Goldtown was won by two young AIS stars, with Alan Belobradjic taking out the men's open event and Annabel Ellwood winning the women's open.

This is the 11th year the Warrandyte

Tennis Club has staged the Goldtown, which is ranked as a Tennis Victoria 5-star event. Previous winners include international stars Richard Fromberg and Ann Minter.

The 1994 Goldtown takes place over two weekends, commencing Friday, September 2 at the club's Tarroona Avenue courts. Finals day is Sunday, September 11.

As well as the open events, the graded sections down to C grade give local players a chance to compete on their own courts, at their own level, for a number of coveted titles and trophies.

"Entries have started to come in," tournament official Penny Kerkhof told the *Diary*, "and we are looking at an even

bigger draw than we had in 1993.

"This will be the second year we have engaged the services of an official tournament referee, to ensure the tournament runs smoothly and to the standard of a 5-star professional event."

Last year the club introduced a new feature into the tournament, the Goldtown Grab, a singles tie-break, winner-take-all event. It has been renamed the Grand Hotel Grab this year, after its sponsor.

"This begins at 5pm on Saturday, September 3," Mrs Kerkhof said. "We will be serving a meal for competitors and spectators."

"Everyone is invited to watch two weekends of excellent tennis."

## A SPORTING CHANCE

By MAL BROWN

OF COURSE THE MASTERS WILL BE PLAYED AT WARRANDYTE! THE RUMOUR THAT I WANT THEM HERE AT KOOYONG IS TOTALLY FALSE! REMEMBER I'M A GENTLEMAN, I HAVE A SENSE OF FAIR PLAY, AND ABOVE ALL ELSE I'M NOT A GREEDY MAN. SO YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



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**WARRANDYTE \$129,000**



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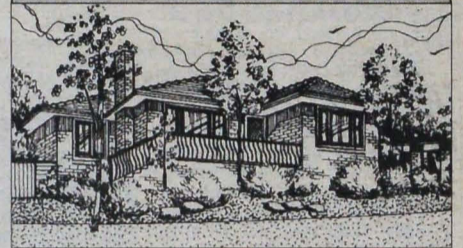


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**WARRANDYTE \$149,950**



**"CHARACTER AND CHARM"**

This well presented three bedroom split level home boasts spacious open plan living with cathedral ceilings, OFP plus reverse cycle A/C in a tranquil bush setting. A wide balcony overlooks the sparkling decked AG pool. Extensive area under home is ideal for entertaining or potential rumpus.

**WATTLE GLEN \$210,000**



**"BYO PONY—THE REST IS ALL HERE"**

Just minutes from the Kangaroo Ground pony club, yet only 35 minutes from Melbourne, this property presents the discerning purchaser an opportunity too good to pass up. Set on this much sought after small acreage (approx. 2 acres) is a roomy four bedroom timber home with unlimited potential looking out over lush creek flats and rolling hills. Also includes various shedding and workshops.

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**"PEACE AND QUIET"**

Delightful property set on approximately one and a quarter acres of seclusion yet just a short drive to schools and local shopping. Features include three bedrooms, ensuite, BIRs, formal lounge room with reverse cycle airconditioner, family room with pot belly stove, carport, alarm system, plus separate granny flat.

**WARRANDYTE NTH \$235,000**



**"STYLED FOR EASY LIVING  
AND PRIVACY"**

This family home comprises four bedrooms, three bathrooms, stunning kitchen with granite bench tops, separate dining room, open fire place in lounge, family room, rumpus and study downstairs, all set on one and a half acres (approx). You must inspect this home.

**WARRANDYTE NTH \$225,000**



**"SECLUSION BY THE RIVER"**

This immaculate property has everything you desire, from the solar heated pool and spa to river frontage. This beautifully presented home comprises three bedrooms, ensuite to master, large living area with OFP and air conditioning, modern timber kitchen and modern bathrooms. Also features a bungalow of two bedrooms, lounge and a double carport all set on over half an acre of privacy and seclusion.

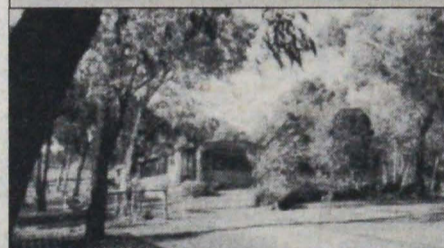
**WARRANDYTE \$249,950**



**"SECLUDED FAMILY HAVEN"**

Nestled in a natural bush setting, this character laden mudbrick home offers family living without compromise. Boasting bright spacious lounge/dining room, five bedrooms, ensuite, timber kitchen, meals area and family room. Featuring ducted heating solid fuel heater, slate floors, cathedral ceilings and double carport.

**WARRANDYTE \$275,000**



**"HORSE'S DREAM"**

This remodelled home of approximately 17 squares offers large living areas, four bedrooms with ensuite to master and large meals area. Set on an excellent sun drenched allotment of 3 and three quarter acres of fully useable land, including double garage, shedding and fencing. A rare find, so be quick.

**WARRANDYTE \$320,000**



**"PRESTIGE AND PRIVACY"**

This character filled home of 23 squares, surrounded by established native gardens is one of a kind. Comprising three bedrooms, ensuite to master, spacious lounge and separate dining room, all featuring exposed timber beams. A double carport and three car garage cum studio, on one and a half acres of river frontage in Warrandyte's most prestigious location.



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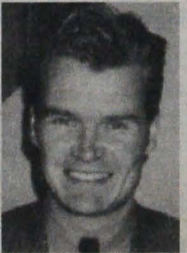
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