

Survey: Eltham or no change

CLYDE & OCKER

By DAVID WYMAN

A telephone survey of Warrandyte residents north and south of the river has produced mixed results. Equal numbers want the Yarra to remain the municipal boundary—and the area south of the river to join the new northern shire (currently Eltham).

Less than a quarter agreed that Doncaster's proposed Middle Yarra council should include North Warrandyte.

A weighted total of 34.57 percent said they wanted no change and 34.39 percent said they wanted all Warrandyte to

be in the proposed Yarra Ranges shire. Only 22.3 percent opted to include North Warrandyte in the new Middle Yarra municipality.

The survey, conducted by Wells Research Services for the Shire of Eltham and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, surveyed 201 residents in North Warrandyte and 200 south of the Yarra.

Eltham chief executive, Rodney Roscholler, told the *Diary* that the results were "absolutely no surprise" to him.

"The message I am getting from the residents is leave it as it is or dip the boundary south and include the Warrandyte part of Doncaster in the northern municipality."

The telephone poll was undertaken after a large number of Warrandyte residents suggested Eltham "do something about Warrandyte" in its proposed new shire boundaries.

"It doesn't surprise me that about 50 percent of North Warrandyte-pollled residents want all Warrandyte to be in the proposed new northern shire," Mr

Roscholler said.

Mr Roscholler and the shire president, Cr Pamela Sladden, met with the board on September 6 and discussed the results of the survey with board members.

Doncaster city manager, Michael Marsaco, was not available for comment.

THE NUMBERS

	North	South
No change—Yarra remains boundary	32.34%	36%
"South" Warrandyte to northern shire	49.75%	24.5%
North Warrandyte to southern council	11.94%	29%
No preference	5.97%	10.5%



"I vote we amalgamate with Fitzroy, Ock!"

Chase row on again

By DAVID WYMAN

Strong efforts are being made by a local conservation group to have adjoining land already approved for a house site added to the wedge-tailed eagles' reserve at The Chase in North Warrandyte.

The Chase Reserve was acquired by the Shire of Eltham in 1991 to protect the nest and habitat of a family of wedge-tailed eagles, in a deal involving land subdivision to compensate the former owner, a land developer who owns several bush properties in the area. The eagles are often sighted in Warrandyte.

The developer has now gained control of an adjoining property to The Chase Reserve known as Bedstead Hill and has obtained council permission to develop a house site there. The conservation group, The Friends of The Chase, is attempting to gain a moratorium on development of all of the unsold blocks in the area including Bedstead Hill which is south of The Chase Reserve and covers six hectares.

Friends spokesman, Marcel

Cameron, said they had sent a message to the developer, Mr Bob Anderson of Scotch Forge Pty Ltd, seeking a meeting to discuss ways of preserving Bedstead Hill in its natural state.

"We're trying to get the developer to come to the table to see if we can reach some compromise which is mutually acceptable to all parties," Marcel said.

"We may be able to do something similar to what happened with The Chase Reserve. Perhaps one of the larger blocks on the other side of Stony Creek could be subdivided with the blessing of council—in that way the developer could get some of his money back and we could then get Bedstead Hill as public open space."

Marcel Cameron said the developer had bought all the properties in The Chase area, except Bedstead Hill, some time around 1988. He had proceeded to construct access roads in mid-1990, and recently had gained control of the Bedstead Hill allotment.

In early 1993 the developer applied for a planning permit to clear vegetation on the Bedstead Hill allotment for a driveway and house site. Eltham council rejected the application for envi-

ronmental reasons and in October 1993 the developer appealed against the decision to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Council, supported by local conservationists, presented a strong case to the tribunal, including a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources report listing The Chase as regionally significant as a rare fauna habitat.

The tribunal granted the appeal with minor changes.

The Chase Reserve Committee then sought funding from government authorities and private conservation trusts to buy the property, without success.

On August 2, the developer was given final council approval to clear certain areas (driveway, house site on the Bedstead Hill allotment).

"Our position has been consistent all along—that the Bedstead Hill block is of such high conservation value and of considerable value as community land that it shouldn't be sold off and developed," Marcel said.

"We want more community participation to understand the importance of Bedstead Hill to The Chase. The two blocks are an integral whole and should not

be split.

"We feel the Warrandyte community should know about the issue and be involved in what should be done.

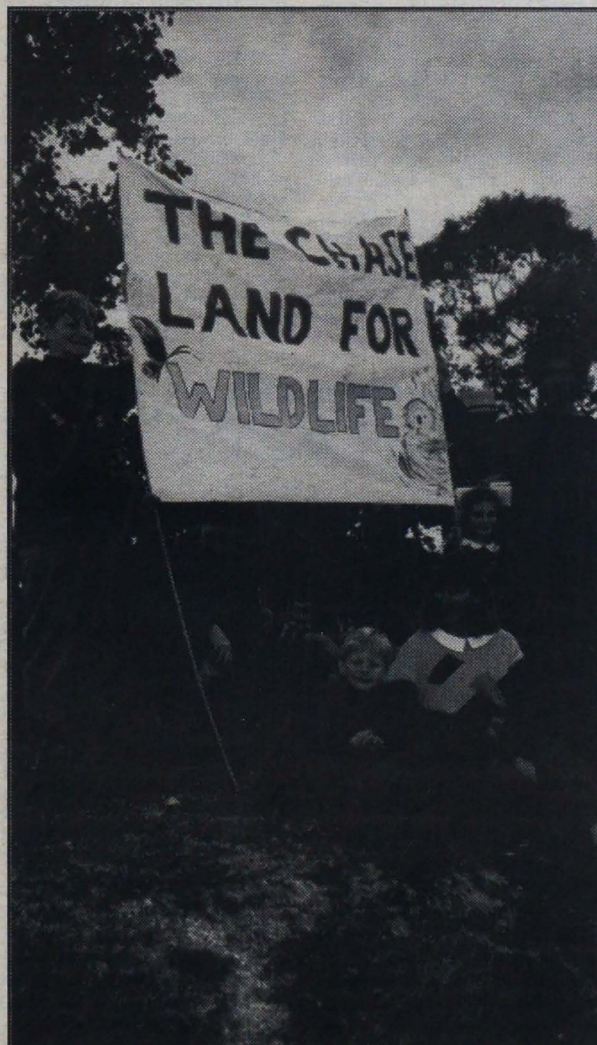
"There are a number of options available and we are hopeful of an outcome which suits all parties. If not, we'll press on as necessary."

Plans by The Friends to erect banners to protest against the development of Bedstead Hill have been thwarted by intervention of the local police.

Two policemen visited The Friends while they were preparing protest banners at Warrandyte Community Centre on Sunday, August 21. They pointed out that heavy penalties could be enforced for littering, defacing signs and erecting signs on public land.

The visit upset many of the volunteers who told the *Diary* that they were then surprised to hear the police suggest they raise money locally to legally stop development at Bedstead Hill.

Meanwhile, The Friends are holding meetings every Sunday at 2pm at The Chase. All are welcome. The Chase is reached via Chase Road, off Stony Creek Road.



Concerned locals prepared signs, but were warned by police they could be charged with "littering". (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Arson attempt at community centre

By CLINTON GRYPAS

An arson attempt on Warrandyte's \$1.6 million community centre failed last month when a quick-thinking passer-by called the fire brigade.

A dumped mattress doused with petrol was set alight next to the opportunity shop on the centre's lower level between 10.30 and 11pm on August 17. Flames raced up beneath the outside stairs to the youth centre. They were lapping the windows

when the fire brigade extinguished them.

Had the passer-by not phoned the brigade at the time it would have been a disaster, according to opportunity shop manager, Glenys Riches. "Left much longer and the whole place would have gone up," she said.

The passer-by "is one special lady. People don't take the time to do things anymore. People assume that others have done things."

The mattress was dumped beside the shop when it was closed. This highlights a major problem faced by staff, who have to attempt to dispose of useless old items left at the shop by people not prepared to arrange for a council pick-up.

Apart from the fire risk, opportunity shop staff point out that material left overnight is often vandalised and scattered about. Dumping at the shop is an offence under council by-laws.

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When Di's away, Jim's remotely in control



Before Dianne Pollard, of Brackenbury Street, left on a fortnight's holiday in Hong Kong with her dad, she wrote husband Jim a series of lists of what had to be done each day to keep the household running on well-oiled wheels. Jim knows all about wheels because he's a car dealer, and he didn't really need the lists because he is a very capable fellow about the house and there was no danger at all of kids Richard, 12, and Kelly, 10, starving in mum's absence. Anyhow, he followed instructions—stuff like what to put in the kids' school lunches, what time to pick them up after basketball practice, what to give them for breakfast, what to give them for tea—and was well pleased with his performance. The morning of Friday, August 27, was particularly demanding because Jim had an important business appointment at the Small Claims Tribunal in town. Still, he managed to do his housework and get Richard and Kelly off to school well fed, squeaky clean and with wholesome, tasty cut lunches in their bags. Then, on his way to the city, he pulled over to call the office, put his hand into his coat pocket for the mobile phone—and pulled out the remote control for the TV set!

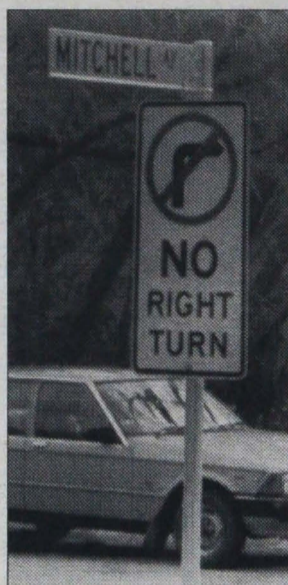


Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch is already doing its bit for the global commemorations marking the 50th anniversary next year of the end of World War II. The timeworn honour roll listing our dead of the two world conflicts is being refurbished by brothers Mark and Bernie Fitzpatrick, French polisher and signwriter respectively. The project includes relettering in gold the names of our fallen.



The dread spectre of censorship has reared its horrid head at one of this town's social strongholds, the tennis club. Yes, outrageous gossip columnist Mulga Bill, whose writings in the club newsletter Oddball have sent regular shockwaves through the establishment, has been muzzled! "I had a couple of ripper stories," he said, "but when the rumour got around that I was going to write them, a couple of influential people told me not to bother. When I pointed out I was a fearless columnist who could not and would not be silenced, they just smiled. That was pretty scary. But Mulga Bill will be back—count on that. And while you're still listening I can tell you that someone is stealing tea towels from the midweek ladies—you know, the cucumber sandwich set. It's got so bad that the ladies have to bring their own tea towels, guard 'em like Fort Knox and take 'em home again. This could turn out to be bigger than The Great Train Robbery! Stay tuned." Thank you, Mulga, you are a veritable treasure trove of titillating titbits.

IN RED & WHITE



More exciting than a demolition derby. More dangerous than swimming with a white

pointer shark. More death-defying than a game of Russian roulette. What is? Turning right out of Mitchell Avenue into Yarra Street. It's also illegal—but tell that to the multitude of motorists who risk their lives and others by doing it every day. Are these people tired of living, or what? To convince them that there is a "no right turn" sign at the junction, we picture it above. And let's spell it right out: "right" will be the hand closer to the bridge as you sit at the foot of Mitchell Avenue waiting to break the law.



We told you last time how Ron Taylor, of Pound Bend, was looking for a travelling companion (a gorgeous, unattached lady) to share a trip he'd won to Nepal to trek through the Himalayas. Just such a lady read us and gave Ron a call. They're off in November. Ever anxious to promote love, affection and lasting relationships (some people call us just plain nosey), we asked Ron about his new-found friend—and he told us not a thing. Compelling evidence that chivalry is not yet extinct.



We at the *Diary* don't get many opportunities to celebrate childbirth because all but a couple of us are past it and the others haven't yet reached it. We're delighted, then, to announce the arrival of the lovely Jade, first progeny of our sports cartoonist Mal Brown and wife Anne. Jade weighed in at St Vincent's on August 26 at a very healthy 7lb 4oz. Mum's well, too.



The state government has recognised the outstanding success of the annual Warrandyte Festival by ensuring that it runs a little longer next year. Jolly Jeff Kennett or whoever has decreed that on the Sunday morning of the festival, clocks will be wound back an hour throughout Victoria so we can all savour the fun, games and delights for just that much longer. In other words, daylight saving ends on festival weekend and we gain that hour they pinched from us when it started. Nice timing.



If you want anyone from an asphalter to a yoga instructor in this town, where do you go? To the cricket club's Warrandyte & District Business Directory, of course. We warn you that deadline for inclusion in the upcoming directory is the end of this month, so if you want to be in it, give Jenny Chapman a call pronto on 844 1428.



Every football club should have a Bay 13. Nobody enjoys their footy more than those local blokes who mass on the outer flank, near the scoreboard, at every Warrandyte home game, cook their barbies and Weber roasts, have a sip and give the visitors a bad time. The boys (and the few girls) of Bay 13 are great supporters of the Bloods vocally and as sponsors and we like to think the Good Lord rewarded them by sending down a mighty wind on August 13, the eve of our last game of the season. That wind brought down a very substantial branch behind the goal at the Harry Heath end—which was just what the fellas needed for next afternoon's campfire! An ill wind which blew somebody good. Nice gesture, too, by coach David Purcell to take his team over to the Bay after the final siren for the final 1994 rendition of "We are Warrandyte". The players were rewarded with lusty applause and a can of VB apiece.



And the very last Page 2 words on the football season: If you don't agree that our own Shirley McCartin serves the best afternoon teas in the whole competition, then you don't freeload around EDFL second division nearly as much as your columnist.



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Club in dark on footy lights

Council vetoes volunteer labor

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Cash-strapped Warrandyte Football Club's application for more ground lights at Warrandyte Reserve has met a snag with Doncaster council.

Responding to an advertisement for applications for ground lighting in the municipality, the club was told that council would pay for the cost of the lights, but they must be installed by council's designated contractors. This despite the club having several qualified electricians who will do the work voluntarily.

Committee member Brian Neilson told the *Diary* the situation was "hopeless" for the club. "Sure they will put the lights in and supply them but we've got to pay for the installation and we're not allowed to get our own people to do it. We have to use the people they tell us to use." He said the club could do the job for the cost of materials. "We have electricians who play football and would do it in their own time for free. But council won't allow it. That's their policy."

He said that an estimate for

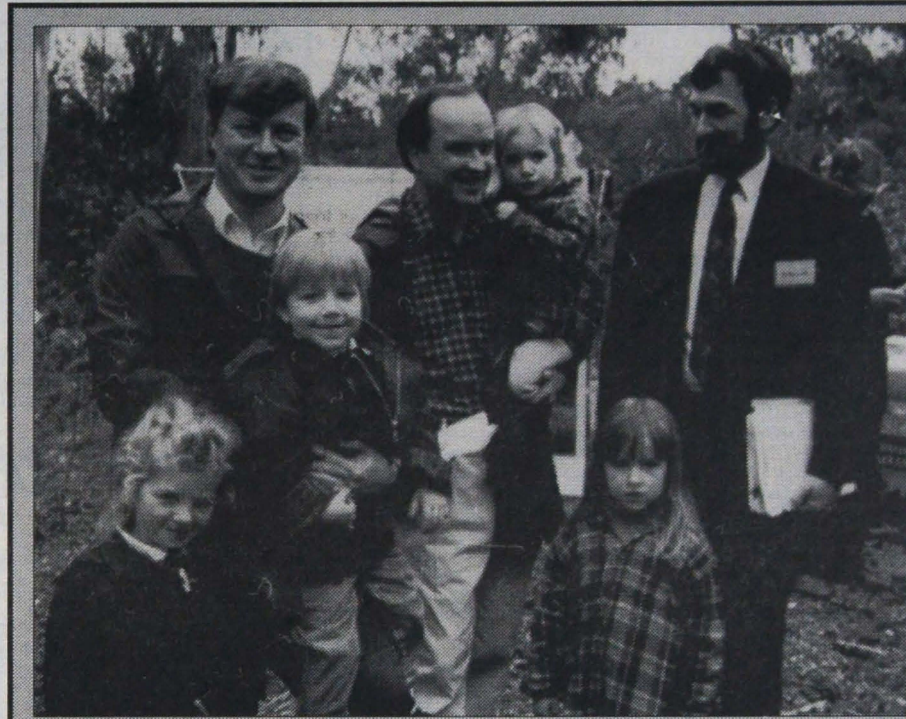
the installation cost has been put at \$20,000, an impossible figure, given the club has an \$8,000 debt. "We're \$8,000 down at the end of this season, so there is no chance of the lights going in if council keeps their present structure."

The club has had to battle hard to reduce the debt in the past two seasons and will continue to do so next season. At one stage they were saved by a \$10,000 interest-free loan from a supporter.

The oval is currently served by four lights on two poles on the clubroom side of the ground. These are barely adequate for training. The new lights are needed to light the scoreboard side near Andersons Creek, which has always been that part of the ground in best condition.

Brian Neilson said the new lights were desperately needed because the old ones only lit a third of the ground. "The way they are set makes it impossible to train there at the present time. We have an under 18, reserves and senior side training on the oval on Tuesday and Thursday nights, all trying to use that one-third of the ground."

"In effect, it's putting extra cost back on the council



Local MP Phil Honeywood and conservation minister Mark Birrell celebrated Fathers' Day with their children at a barbecue at Andersons Creek school. Also pictured is Ray Lievers, a senior ministry official. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Pests plan on track

Mark Birrell, Minister for Conversation and Environment, unveiled Victoria's multi-million dollar initiative to protect public and private land from pest plants and animals at Andersons Creek Primary School last Sunday, September 4.

Pests such as rabbits, foxes, wild dogs, feral pigs, blackberries, ragwort, Patterson's Curse and Serrated Tussock costs Victorians millions of dollars each year in environmental damage and lower productivity.

"The government's initiative will dramatically boost funding and provide a strategic framework to involve the Victorian community in dozens of priority projects across the state," Mark Birrell told the *Diary*.

because that part of the ground is suffering excessive wear and tear during the week. The other parts are fine because you can't train there because you can't see.

"So where council is trying to take money from us in one respect, it's costing them in another area, for the upkeep of the oval," he said.

A lot of time and effort has been put into the oval by council curators in the past two years, including the

implementation of a new drainage system, bringing the surface of the ground up to an excellent standard.

A relatively dry winter has helped prevent the ground from turning into a mudpit, as has happened frequently in years gone by. This is appreciated by the local cricketers who take over control of the oval this month, in preparation for their 1994-95 season.

• **Cartoon: Page 11**

North kinders together at last

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Eighteen years of competition between Yarra View and North Warrandyte pre-schools is over, following the announcement that the two will merge.

When Yarra View started, alongside North Warrandyte at the North Warrandyte Community Centre to cope with a local baby boom, few thought it would take so long for them to get together.

Yarra View's president Pauline Twite said that while parents were friendly, there was competition and little if no communication between them. They operated separate groups, metres from each other.

However, five months of careful negotiations this year led the way for a proposal to be voted on by each group's parents last

month. The kinders met in their separate rooms at the centre at the same time and voted unanimously for the merger.

The new kinder, born out of the merger, is the Yarra Warra Pre-School. Bernadette Duggan and Ann Albiston will be co-directors. All other staff have been retained.

Two rooms will be used to meet with the demand, but there will only be one board of management.

Still under negotiation is the concept of the pack-away kinder. Pauline Twite said that it is likely that the pack-away concept will be used for both rooms.

"It gives us much more flexibility and allows us to share our resources better," she said. "It seems to be the best of the options available."

OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS



Richard Youl

Chef takes cake

Richard Youl of Milton Close was joint winner of the 1994 Apprentice of the Year award promoted by the Doncaster and East Doncaster Rotary Clubs. Richard was nominated by the Warrandyte Rotary Club and was joint winner with Anthony Nilsen, an apprentice hairdresser.

The award recognises local apprentices who are performing well in their chosen profession. It also demonstrates the importance of trade training to the economy.

Richard is completing his first year as an apprentice chef at Maxim's Restaurant in South Yarra. His employer and Box Hill TAFE submitted reports on Richard's performance and this was followed by a detailed interview before a panel of judges.

A framed certificate, medalion and cash award were presented to the recipients by Irene Goonan, mayor of Doncaster, at a recent function at council offices.

Well done, Graham!

Graham Kerr has won Warrandyte Lions Club's inaugural Youth Award this year and the cash prize of \$500. Dean Nightingale was second and received \$200, while the \$100 third prize went to Christa Leung.

Graham nominated a further amount of \$500 to be shared between the Rwanda Appeal and his school, Yarra Valley Anglican School, who were his nominators. Dean was nominated by Warrandyte Youth Services and Christa by Warrandyte High School.

Each contestant made a five minute presentation at a recent Lions Club meeting at Kellybrook Winery, attended by relatives and friends of the contestants along with Lions members and their wives.

In announcing the judging panel's decision, Cr Val Polley remarked on the high standard of the contestants and the difficult

choice the judges faced, made more difficult by the different attributes of the contestants.

All placegetters were presented with a cheque and a plaque to commemorate the occasion by Lions president John Penwill, who expressed his and the club's pleasure at the success of the award. He said

that he hoped it would become an even more widely supported contest next year.

Preliminary assessments for the \$5000 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, donated by Warrandyte Lions and run in conjunction with the *Diary* and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, will begin shortly.



Graham Kerr (left) receives award from Cr Val Polley and Lions president, John Penwill.

No-name band battles on

Warrandyte High School's yet-to-be-named rock band is shooting to stardom, having come third at Doncaster's recent Battle of the Bands.

"Would-be" manager John Byrne praised the group members for their hard work and dedicated practice over the past year.

Ross Byrne, Chris Hughes, Ben Fair, Erin McKimm and Chris Schurman are all students at the school, and recently performed to an excited school crowd as part of the Student Representative Coun-

cil's lunch-time activities program.

The band plays mostly cover hits from groups such as Faith No More, Sound Garden and Chili Peppers. A growing group of fans is looking forward to the band's upcoming concert at the community centre, although the date is still to be confirmed.

On October 15 the group will compete in the Park Orchards Battle of the Bands competition.

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Appeasing 'minorities'

The council has tried to appease the many minority groups involved with the preservation or destruction of the Green Wedge. In so doing at least one group is bound to feel disadvantaged by the proposal.

Whilst I applaud the right of the Warrandyte and Park Orchards Environment Enhancement Association to put forward their views, I feel that there are some anomalies which should be addressed.

"The insidious march of destruction" conjures up images of hordes of bulldozers sweeping through the wedge destroying everything in sight. Anyone who has read or has some knowledge of the proposed amendments knows this not to be the case.

As far as "ad hoc" decision-making by the council to appease a vocal minority... The "ad hoc" decision is a proposed relaxation of an existing decision. As a result, more land will be available for development but at the same time ensure that the greater majority of the wedge will be maintained.

Just who does the WPOEEA have in mind to be the "responsible authority" to all "controlled development, consistent with the ability and attributes of the land to cope"?

Obviously they are not considering the council, because this (proposal) is another example of "ad hoc" decision-making—to appease a vocal minority! Just who would they consider as an authority on land use?

The organisation is interested in land development so they disagree with one minority group, the "so-called greenies" who do not want development.

However the council has not appeased this vocal minority group. Who has the council appeased? Only the land owners



LETTERS

who own 10 acres or more will benefit financially from the proposal. This includes members of WPOEEA, so just what is "controlled development"?

**Bruce Watts
Webb Street**

Our glorious wattles

In response to the letter in the last issue of the *Diary*, yes, Shirley Rotherham, the cootamundra wattles are beautiful at the moment.

So are the silver wattles decorating the banks of the Yarra River. And the golden wattles, prickly moses, spreading wattles and myrtle wattles, bursting out in glorious shades of lemon and gold all over Warrandyte.

Soon the blackwood, cinnamon, snake, juniper, kangaroo thorn, hop, heath, and gold-dust wattles will bloom. Then later, through the summer, the black wattles and lightwood wattles will continue the nine months of blossom we are lucky enough to enjoy.

Unfortunately, I grew up not recognising that there were 15 local varieties of acacias. I knew only the cootamundras we were encouraged to plant under powerlines and in our native garden.

Now anyone admiring their beauty can see their prolific spread into our bushland. These New South Wales invaders are not declared noxious weeds, but

certainly are environmental weeds.

Seduced by their showy finery, we ignore the detrimental effect they have on our local flora and fauna.

**Margaret Dimech
(address supplied)**

Beware of trucks

I have reason to believe that truck drivers are not taking their responsibility on the roads as seriously as they should be.

For example, on Thursday July 14, my dad and I pulled up at a set of red lights at an intersection in Bulleen.

As luck would have it the lights turned green as soon as we stopped, so dad took his foot off the clutch. We moved a few inches towards the middle of the intersection.

Then right before our eyes an 18-wheeler truck came through, missing us only by millimetres, going through a red light on his side.

As a result my dad and I could have been dead or seriously injured. Because of the shock of it all we didn't even get the chance to get the number plate.

With the weight that some of the drivers are carrying and the distance they are travelling, they must not lose concentration or they could get in trouble and cause a serious accident.

They should also know and stick to the road rules and if they cannot do this then they are not the ones who should be driving the trucks.

**Amanda Butler
(12 years old)
Valias Street**



Wholesale plant nurseries are permitted in the Green Wedge.

New uses in Wedge

If Doncaster and Templestowe council's current recommendation becomes law, it will be possible to establish a pig raising operation, open a restaurant or build racing stables in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

Other permitted uses include art galleries, major transmission lines, guest houses, wholesale plant nurseries, general hospitals, medical centres, animal hospitals, golf courses, minor sports grounds and utility installations, primary produce stores, rural industries, churches, places of assembly, childminding centres, television stations, research centres and soil removal sites.

Roger Collins, planning and engineering manager, told the *Di-*

ary that council has "had no enquiries about the additional land uses. Most of the argument seems to centre around subdivision or not to subdivide."

Conditions apply to some of the permitted uses. For example, in the case of a restaurant, the site must be a minimum of four hectares, access to the site must be from a main or secondary road, and the seating capacity must not exceed 180 persons.

There are no special requirements for an animal hospital, general hospital, education centre, or soil removal site.

Pig raising is permitted, but pig farming is not.

These is a wide range of other prohibited uses. These include hotels, light and general industry, aerodromes, caravan parks,


mining, junk yards, motor sales, hire, repair and motor racing tracks, cemeteries, liquid fuel depots, motels, convenience shops, amusement parlors, adult sex bookshops and brothels.

Dual occupancy would also be permitted in the Wedge.

"If you've 16 hectares of land you can erect another house without a permit," Roger Collins said. "To get the second dwelling you need to satisfy the area provisions, which is eight hectares for a detached house."

Special controls apply to areas of botanical or zoological significance, but according to Roger Collins, there is only "10 or 15 percent of the land with overlay controls, which means that the land cannot be used for any of the uses listed".

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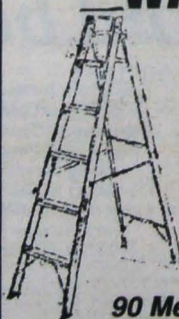
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A convolution by any other name

"Are they ever going to let us chop up the Green Wedge and make lots of money?" Bob Bracken complained, midway through a meeting of the Society of Green Wedge Owners. "That magic cut-and-come again stuff hasn't worked, has it? You know, the smaller you cut the Green Wedge up, the nicer it gets..."

Merv Mulga's eyes misted over as he stared off into a glorious, petrol fume-filled future. Then he came to, looking straight at Benjamin Bear, their esteemed leader.

"And they still haven't let you into Donkeydoo Town Hall, have they? You've tried four times!"

But Benjamin didn't deign to answer.

"Anyway," Bob scoffed. "You've missed out on that one. They're going to put all the town halls together. One inside the other. So no-one can get in."

"We could tell everyone the Green Wedge will burn down, unless we chop it up, then chop it down," Merv suggested. "It hasn't rained for a while." He looked up at the sky, hopefully.

"I made that eagle suit and sat in the tallest tree and skarked and everything," Bob wistfully remembered. "And they still didn't declare it a holy place and pay us lots of money for it."

"I see that eagle's in trouble again," Merv mumbled.

"It's our name," Benjamin Bear declared at last, clapping his hands together.

"Nothing wrong with my name," Bob bridled. "It was my father's name, and my grandfather's, and my great—"

"Green Wedge Owners' Society," Benjamin continued.

"People don't like being told you own something. They get jealous. We've got to think of a new name."

"We could call it the 'Green Wedge Cutter-Uppers Club'." Merv always called an axe a chainsaw.

"Too divisive," Benjamin answered.

"How about 'Friends of Feral Fauna and Flora'?"

"Too exotic."

Or the 'Brick and Bitumen Appreciation League'?"

"Too concrete. We want some-

thing classy, complicated and confusing."

They all thought hard for a long moment.

"I know!" Benjamin Bear's eyes began flashing like a computerised cash register. "We'll call it the 'Wattafright and Krap Orchards Real Estate Enchantment Association'!"

"At least they won't be able to say it quickly," Bob ventured helpfully.

"Who?"

"The other lot."

"What other lot?"

"The lot that wants to stop the Green Wedge being cut up."

"And we'll call them the 'Vocal Minority'," Benjamin declared.

"What does that mean?" Merv asked.

"It means they make a lot of noise. And there's lots of them."

CLIFF GREEN

(With apologies to the ghost of Norman Lindsay.)



WEL said:

Holding the green line

"The Warrandyte Environment League is heartened by the general objectives of Doncaster council's proposed amendment on Green Wedge zoning. The league is very concerned, however, at the inclusion in the draft amendment of a right for five acre subdivision for pre-1978 landowners.

"We need look no further than the continuing campaign of the lobby group, 'Warrandyte & Park Orchards Environment Enhancement Association' to witness the precedent this is creating. This group, which represents a number of landowners, is presenting itself as having conservation objectives while advocating rezoning to permit one to five acre subdivision throughout the Green Wedge.

"The experience of WEL over 20 years has been that one acre subdivision absolutely does not represent an environmentally sensitive solution, and flexible area zonings are virtually unenforceable. The Residential D zone in North Warrandyte is evidence of this failure. The minimum is now the rule, even though the range of lot sizes is one to 20 acres for this zone, 'depending on the conditions applying'.

"Council has no need to divest itself of environmental responsibility to achieve an equitable result for the one or two large-acreage orchardist families really affected. A 'spot' planning scheme could solve these issues."

Remember when?



Flashback: Pro-Green Wedge campaigners, Rob Gell and Val Polley, were elected to Doncaster council in 1989.

Final Green Wedge submissions close September 15. CLIFF GREEN tracks the history of this ongoing campaign.

It runs from the edge of Warrandyte township, through the bushland and open grazing country of South Warrandyte to the leafy avenues of Park Orchards, encircling segments of the Warrandyte State Park and touching East Doncaster and Donvale on the way; the Warrandyte-Park Orchards non-urban zones, known fondly as the Green Wedge.

It survives as one of the last slivers of a grand vision of planners to encircle the metropolis with a "green belt", providing Melbourne with space to breathe. A beautiful set of lungs for the embattled city. The State government declared its final, absolute sanctity in 1978, following years of public debate.

The Wedge is a major feature of the Warrandyte Ward of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and is a prime reason why most of us have settled here. It crosses the Yarra into the Shire of Eltham and leaps Jumping Creek into the Shire of Lillydale, through Wonga Park and beyond.

Both these shires have seen fit to leave the Wedge alone, designating it a no-go area for developers. The possibility of subdivision has never been countenanced, let alone encouraged.

But Doncaster-Templestowe has had other ideas. As far back as 1987, responding to pressure

from real estate and landowner interests, the council commissioned a study from consultant Dr Dezzo Benko.

Rob Gell, well-known environmental scientist then living in Warrandyte, wrote in the *Diary*: "Implicit in the commissioning of the zoning study is that rezoning of Landscape Interest A and Residential D zones in Warrandyte and Park Orchards is inevitable".

The major player in this game for rezoning was POLA, the Park Orchards Landowners Association. They argued that much of the land under question was deteriorating and "destitute of native trees and shrubs and wildlife".

The only solution, as POLA saw it, was to allow smaller lot sizes so that the land could be properly cared for. How the building of roads and houses, swimming pools and tennis courts, could restore the country to its former pristine state was never convincingly explained.

POLA took their fight into the municipal arena and their president, Darryl Cox, stood for council in the Warrandyte Ward on four occasions. Each time he was defeated by a candidate pledged to protect the Green Wedge.

Inspired by a full complement of anti-subdivision councillors from Warrandyte Ward, Doncaster-Templestowe threw out all proposals for rezoning the Green Wedge. However, they also resolved to undertake an environmental study for "the development of a local conservation strategy".

Unlikely as it may seem, this provided a platform on which the pro-subdivision lobby could

continue their "conservation through development" line.

The concerns of those owners who had bought their land prior to 1978, when the zones were introduced, were given special consideration, and a recommendation was finally put before council in May this year, prohibiting subdivision in the Green Wedge, with one proviso. Pre-1978 landowners were permitted take off one additional block if their site was 7.2 hectares (18 acres or larger).

Council amended this to allow for the subdivision of properties of four hectares (10 acres) or larger, purchased before 1978, into a maximum of three lots, each to be no smaller than two hectares (five acres).

Those advocating subdivision in the Wedge are far from satisfied with this compromise, however. POLA has now disappeared into a new lobby group with the ambiguous title, Warrandyte & Park Orchards Environment Enhancement Association.

Written public comment on the recommendation closes on Thursday, September 15. The Warrandyte Environment League is urging all community-minded residents of Warrandyte and Park Orchards to obtain a copy of the amendment from Doncaster Council.

"They should then make a submission which emphasises the enduring environmental and landscape concerns of the people of Warrandyte Ward," a spokesman for the league told the *Diary*.

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PETER LISCHKE Lived a simple life

LONG-TIME Warrandyte resident Peter Lischke died on August 5, leaving behind lasting happy memories for his many friends.

Born on October 14, 1951, at Meppen in Germany to Gerda and Walter Lischke (since deceased), Peter's family moved to Australia when he was four years-old. Brother of Werner, Jutta and Sybille, he commenced schooling at Richmond before attending Warrandyte Primary School.

There he met new friends Phillip and David, with whom he would share many good times over the next 35 years. They would remember long summer holidays swimming at the "shallow spot" in the Yarra, before summoning the courage to graduate to the "deep spot" with the challenge of the rope.

Recognised by his friends as the first local to have "skid bars" on his bicycle, Peter put the countless hours on the bikes to good use with some world records. His 222 times around the bowlers at Cowden's Garage still stands.

He played football for the under 16s at Warrandyte while attending Norwood High School, and continued his involvement with the club, closely following the seniors later.

From Norwood, Peter went to Swinburne College and then to his first job with the Bank of New South Wales. With a strong sense of adventure in him he left there and began working on the railways at Tom Price in the remote north of Western Australia.

Money earned was saved so he could travel overseas. He journeyed to many parts of the world, including Germany and London. He grew fond of London and spent a long time there, working for a while as a courier.

Upon returning home, he turned his hand to several jobs, including fireman with the railways, delivery work and working in a bakery before moving to Custom Credit, where he had been for the past nine years.

Wherever he went and whatever he did he got on well with people, including work colleagues and the general public. At his 25th birthday party he was introduced to Helen. Their love for each other grew and a wonderful partnership began.

Their common interests and love for bushwalking and camping led to some wonderful times in Tasmania and Victoria's high country. They were members of the National Trust and found great satisfaction looking over many of the old buildings of historical significance wherever they travelled.

Helen had two daughters from a previous marriage, Virginia and Donna, and Peter virtually adopted them as his own. They

have since married and had families of their own, so Peter became the very proud grandfather of Luke, Kurt, Hannah and Alice. He was also the loved uncle of Brooke, Kasie, Niko, Stephanie and Simon.

With Peter's easy-going attitude to life and his fine sense of humor, it was natural that he would be good company. He enjoyed going out, but was equally content at home. Often he would spend a relaxing afternoon under his favorite tree in the backyard with his dog Blackie.

He was very keen on gardens, as was his father before him. He liked to stroll through the Botanic Gardens and visit the garden festivals in the Dandenongs. He also enjoyed wildlife. He fed magpies and other wild birds and they would often eat from his hand.

A love of music led him to a keen appreciation of John Lennon and a quote that he em-

braced as his own: "There are no problems, only solutions." That was the way Peter thought and lived.

Despite having an interest in classic and grand prix cars, it was not until he was in his 30s that he obtained his first car.

It was a 1970 Valiant and it became his pride and joy.

While on holidays around Bathurst not so long ago, he took the opportunity to drive around the race circuit there, just to get the feel of the track.

He chose to live a simple, uncomplicated life, caring and loving towards all people.

He was optimistic in his outlook and never spoke ill of anyone.

Peter will be lovingly remembered for his generous spirit towards others, his sense of humor, his positive view of life and for the love and warmth he brought to his family and friends.



Peter Lischke and Helen

Spy drama at Mechanics' Institute!

Warrandyte Drama Group is presenting Hugh Whitmore's spy thriller, *A Pack of Lies*, at the Mechanics Institute Hall this month. Directed by Kylie Moppert, the story is based on the true facts of two Americans arrested for spying for the Russians in London in 1961.

Helen and Peter Kroger had been the Jacksons' neighbours and close friends for many years. However when Mr Stewart, a

smooth MI5 agent, coerces the Jacksons into allowing their home to be used as a surveillance post on the Krogers, they are faced with an impossible situation with no

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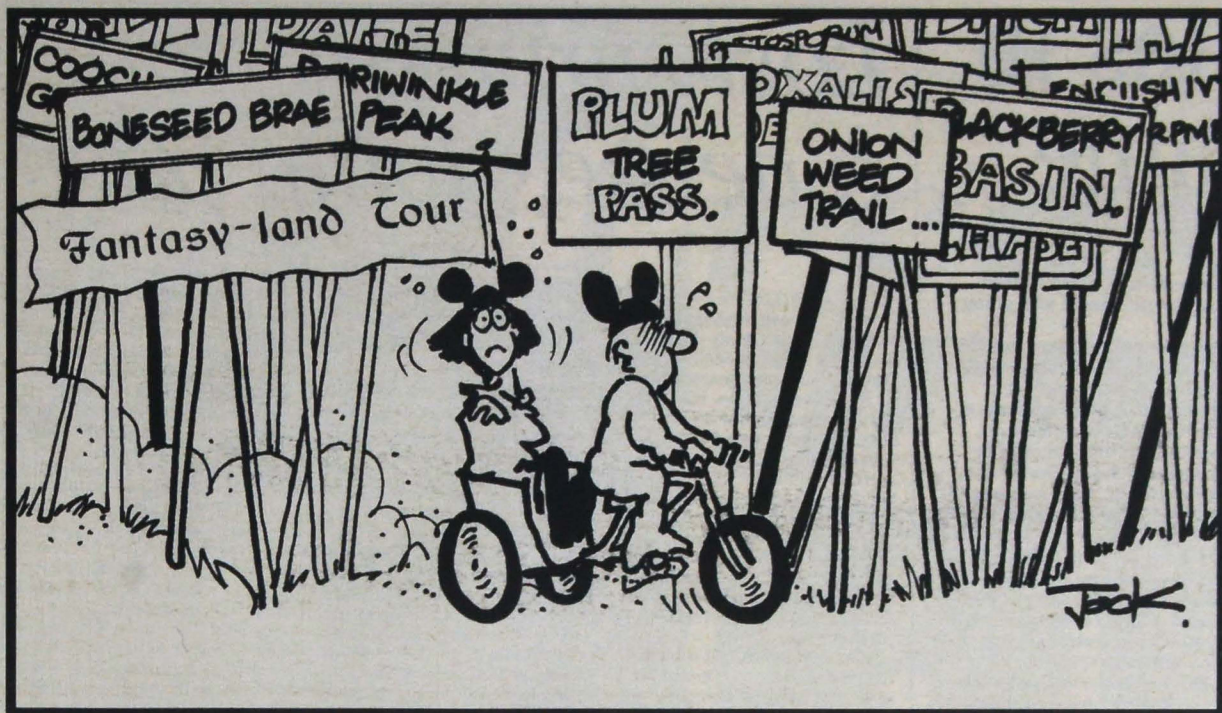
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Disney-on-Yarra

A FEW weeks ago we could have made a fortune running tours to Old Warrandyte Town. Disney on Middle Yarra we could have called it. You could join the tour at Williamstown and follow the Yarra Scenic Drive. But if you didn't have half a day to spare lost in Footscray, you could start at Fitzsimons Lane.

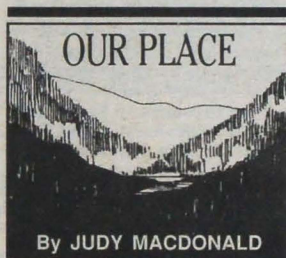
Now Warrandyte Road is a nice little tour in itself, taking you through some of the earlier settled areas, passing historic sites and significant trees such as the River Reds at the Greenery Nursery.

Doncaster council had a heritage report prepared for them in 1991, which listed such sites and trees. It seems they turned instead to fun park guidelines for the latest rash of signs: Red Gum Flats, Red Box Rise, Manna Gum Bridge and Long Leaf Box Hill. How cute.

Local rumor has it that the massive River Reds at the roadside will be cut down in a few years to make way for road-widening.

The tour would have continued past the signs, stopping for photo opportunities, of course.

Entering Warrandyte we could have pointed out the few metres of original roadside verge which remains, while reading from the latest press release from council which calls it "a peculiar fact that the roadside verges have been left free of development and upgrading and are easily seen and enjoyed by passers-by".



That's like saying it's a peculiar fact that Hitler didn't invade Britain. A war was waged here—and it was won. Not for the passing motorist but for the residents who, incidentally, pay the rates. In this case, "peculiar" is a telling word.

Now we are in Old Warrandyte Town proper, where the riverbank has been denuded to make way for the 1994 version of pre-settlement, 1834 riverbank.

Happily for our tourists it must also include wide, flat, straight, walking and cycling paths—most decidedly post 1834 and—more joy!—probably at least six directional signs will be added to the 60 or so in this stretch, for those that can't see the forest—river for the trees.

It's a pity about the Gospel Hall carpark being full. It used to be so spacious.

Still, the tour could move on to the bakery and jut out to the double lines like everyone else. No point trying to park near the bridge bus-stop as that has become a four-car taxi rank which is permanently empty!

We could point out the five new shops at the corner of Webb

Street. Great excitement for tourists wanting more olde gifts and crafts, we suspect. One wonders where their patrons will park.

At the bridge we could have pointed across to the Eltham side and told of the Greenie Rabides. This is a genus of weed whose philosophies over-ran several committees on the south side of the river, touting road re-routing along the riverbank and the removal of all non-indigenous trees from the streetscape.

This pest obviously escaped, infesting committees on the north side of the river. The result of this contagion was to be the highlight of the tour.

Each tour member was to receive a list of the 60 plants banned from Eltham's gardens as well as a copy of the local by-laws which was going to force residents to destroy these plants in their gardens. Some of these plants were natives; but not of the Eltham shire!

Fines, of course, were to ensue.

We would have been able to tell of the shire's tempered proposal, which was to fine those who let these plants escape from their garden.

The tour would then have travelled to various council easements and roadsides in the shire to observe massive infestations of blackberry, onion weed and cape ivy; starting with a large eucalypt at the bridge that was allowed to slowly die from ivy infestation.

We would have run a quiz. What comes first, a council clean-up of their own backyard or a

DNA test kit issued with rate notices, so that parenthood of errant plants could be confirmed in court?

Next question. Is this another revenue raiser? If not, why doesn't council offer rewards for weed-free properties?

If the answer is no, we could ask why did this council allow its valued bush at Research to be cleared and levelled for a recreation area.

By now the tourists would be suitably impressed, knowing they really were in Fantasy Land. A land where, on one side of the river, cutesy signs betray the council's intent towards the integrity of our historic village. While on the other side, the plant police were going to be behind every garden fence, ready to sue those who let their scented violets run riot.

At the time of going to press, Eltham council has withdrawn its proposed plant law and plans instead a community education program.

An excellent brochure, distributed by the Middle Yarra pest plant working group in Warrandyte, should have been included with every rate notice. It would make all ratepayers aware of which plants to avoid or closely monitor.

Doncaster council also claims community education as the reason for its signs. Why not accurate education?

Well, the tour is off. But it is time that councils woke up to the fact that we don't need Disneyland signs or draconian by-laws to make Warrandyte a great place to live.

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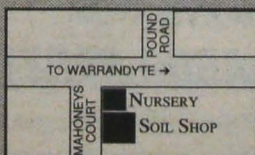
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Goodies, baddies in bloodthirsty game

LONG-time *Diary* readers will know what I'm talking about when I mention the word "cholesterol". For those who find this mystifying, let me explain.

About 18 months ago my world was shattered by the Seventh Day Adventists. No, they didn't batter down the door and show me my sins. But they did provide me with the knowledge of my own mortality.

We were spending our summer holiday at a seaside resort and I had been dispatched to the local town to fetch supplies.

As I walked down the street I saw a caravan, just like the old chest x-ray type of my youth: "Press your chest against the plate, hold your breath and wait till I tell you to stop."

Nostalgia got the better of commonsense. After I had had my finger pricked, had waited for five minutes and been told my cholesterol reading was seven, the die was cast.

The Adventists had got me. They had shown me that not only did I have original sin but that because I had been abusing my body with the Sodom and Gomorrah of the nosh world, my veins and arteries were under as much pressure as Bob Hawke at a Fibbers Anonymous convention.

Typically, I received nothing but unbridled hysteria from my friends. They rolled around the floor, cacked themselves, and left me standing like an unwanted sausage at a vegetarian picnic. It was at this stage I decided that a healthy fat and cholesterol-free diet was required.

The past year has been hell. I must admit to having the odd piece of cake and at dinner parties I didn't run screaming from the room—a la a Moccona coffee ad—if the cook served up something less wholesome than tofu-dipped oat bran, but I did suffer. I was conscious of what I ate. We swore off roasts and deep-fried everything. We had stir-fried stones, steamed pieces of wood and skim milk-soaked cardboard.

For breakfast I had cereal laced with wheat bran to keep me regular, and oat bran to course around my blood system and, like Pac Man, chomp up any cholesterol it could find.

Weeks turned to months. I even went on a pre-heart operation diet to trim down and as a result had to buy new, smaller-sized jeans. I was winging it!

I kept putting off my next Medicare-approved, fasting trig and chol test until I was

sure I would have a reading of zero or, at most, one or two. At the next test I was going to kick butt.

I had been to Dr B about other mere mortal things once or twice during my self-imposed healing regime, and each time he had been professionally ungracious enough to remind me that I should be re-tested, "Just to see how we're going". Bah, humbug, I thought. Physician heal thyself, because this little duck has been proving that he can stand up to the hunters without the aid of Laurie Levy. I have instituted my own cholesterol search-and-destroy regime.

Having almost come to the end of my tolerance of one salad roll—without meat, cheese, butter or mayonnaise—and one apple for lunch each day, I decided that it was time to humor the local GP.

Goodness knows, there must be little enough to liven up his day, what with things going wrong with all the least interesting bits of our even less interesting bodies. A

good news story like a plummeting cholesterol count from seven to a breathtakingly spectacular two or three would be enough to see him through another week of bunions, bottoms, boils and bad breath.

So, magnanimously, I agreed to the charade of another fasting blood test. I used the word "fasting" deliberately, because whenever I discussed the issue with other sufferers, they always clutched at the hope that the test was probably wrong because it wasn't taken after a 10 to 12 hour fast, and the whole lobster thermidor they ate for breakfast was the real culprit, not the years of accumulated adipose they had hoarded in their veins and arteries.

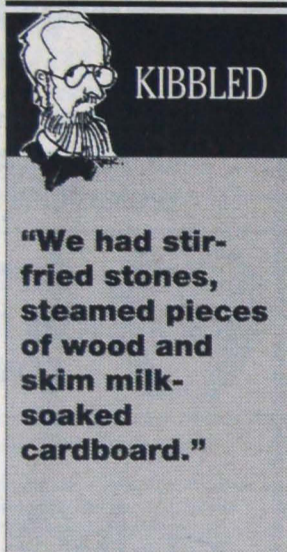
I had my last cup of tea at 9.30pm and went to bed aglow with the knowledge that by 10am the following morning the blood would be in the phial and I was about to bring joy to Brian's day.

I was confused when I got the phone call from the clinic, asking me to collect a letter from my long-suffering GP.

At the consultation, Brian was very gentle with me. He told me that, unfortunately, since the last test, my "good" cholesterol had gone down and my "bad" had gone up, and with an increased reading of 7.2 I needed medication!

I left Chris Farmakis' pharmacy vowing death to the next Seventh Day Adventist I meet.

ROGER KIBELL



Lost survivors from a dense, damp past

RECENTLY I spent a week holidaying in the Otway Ranges, west of Melbourne.

During that time I visited some of the lesser known, more secluded scenic reserves where I experienced nature at its most powerful and inspiring best. I walked beneath the tallest hardwoods in the world, overawed by their enormity; stood mesmerised by waterfalls tumbling like silver veils over moss-padded escarpments; and sheltered beneath umbrellas of tree ferns, dripping with filmy epiphytes.

It occurred to me at the time how similar those Otway forests are to the Dandenong Ranges and parts of Kinglake National Park—a total contrast to the dry, open, red box dominated forests of Warrandyte. And yet the difference is not absolute. Tucked away, here and there, in sheltered overgrown hollows, grow a few trees that are noticeably distinct from the rest of the gully vegetation. The trees have been identified as blanket-leaf, musk daisy-bush, elderberry panax and a creeper known as wonga vine. All are components of a much wetter forest type.

Most of Warrandyte's forest is regrowth following timber

NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

cutting by the early settlers and several major bushfires. It is difficult then to imagine what the original vegetation would have looked like. Perhaps the gullies were once filled with these wet forest trees.

The blanket-leaf is a most unusual tree. It gets its name from the covering of woolly, white hairs on the underside of its leaves. The leaves themselves occur mainly at the ends of branches, clustered radially rather like the lights on a chandelier. Unlike eucalypt leaves which dangle to prevent moisture loss, the leaves of blanket-leaf and the other shade-loving rainforest species are held horizontal to maximise the amount of light falling on them.

The musk daisy-bush, as its name suggests, belongs to the daisy family, although it is more of a tree than a bush. Blanket-leaf belongs to the same family, however its yellow rayless flowers bear little resemblance to the common daisy stereotype that invades lawns.

The presence of these gully plants raises a number of questions. Where did they come

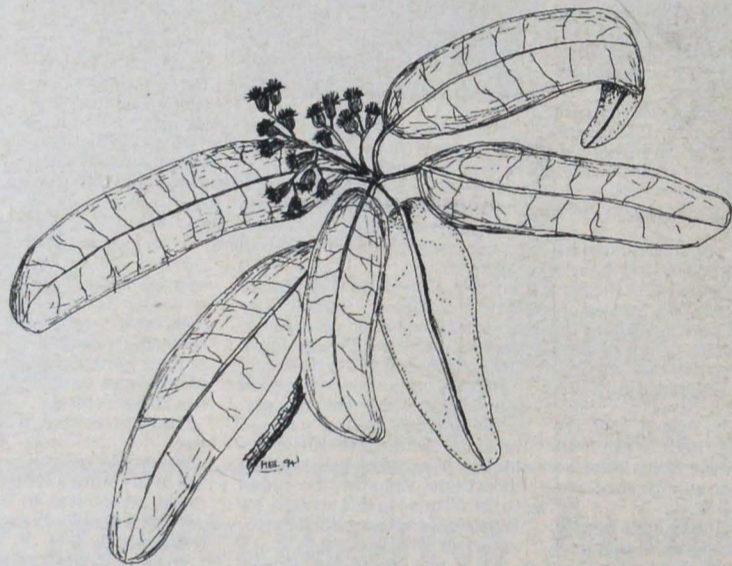
from? Were they once more common? And not the least, what should we do about them? The chances are if we do nothing they will eventually die out in Warrandyte because their populations are not viable.

There are not enough of each species to be self-sustaining. We could grow them and plant them back to increase their numbers. But by doing this are we restoring a gully to its original state or recreating something new?

One thing that can be done is to search for more populations of these botanical treasures. Warrandyte is full of deep gullies, many so blackberry-infested that no-one ever goes near them. It is quite possible that such moist, heavily-shaded, forgotten pockets of bush may harbor some of Warrandyte's rarest plants.

The forests of the Otway Ranges are dark and mysterious, sunlight barely penetrating the dense canopy of trees. An earthy aroma pervades the air. It is here amongst the ferns and mosses that the blanket-leaf and its associates have their domain. It's been that way for thousands of years.

Meanwhile, back in Warrandyte in an environment far from ideal, a few scattered individuals cling to life like lost survivors from a bygone era.



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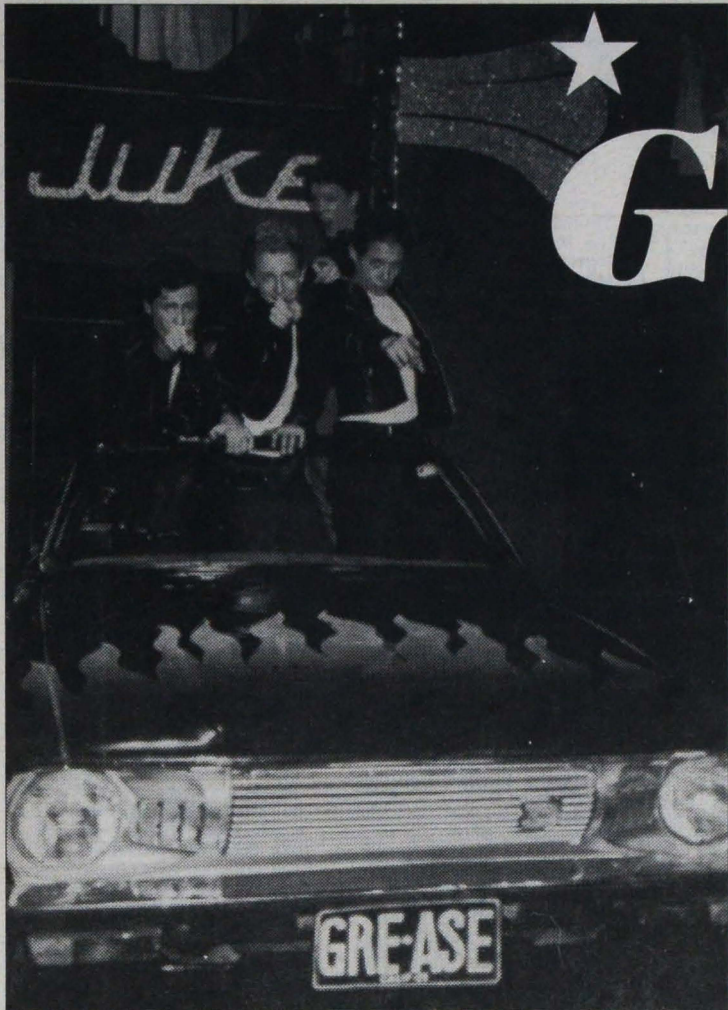
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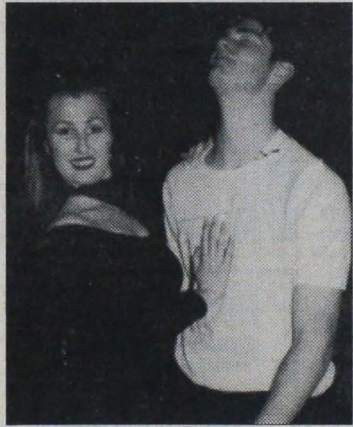
Grease is grouse...



Prue Robinson (Patty)



Kim Riches (Marty), Trish Mangos (Jan), Melissa King (Frenchy), Chris Hughes (Kenickie), Christie Laurence (Rizzo)



Sally Morrison (Sandy), James Egglestone (Danny)



Kim Riches (Marty)

WELL, they've done it again. Since 1983 with HMS Pinafore, through Oklahoma, My Fair Lady and Anything Goes, art teacher Chris White has directed the kids at Warrandyte High School in a whole repertoire of brilliantly-staged musicals.

But this one's the best so far. Not because of the play. The script is thin and derivative. A second-rate West Side Story, by an awful Elvis Presley film, out of Happy Days on a bad night.

The music drives the show along, but there's little that's memorable. A pastiche of 50s pop with its banal lyrics and extended vowels, it recreates one of the worst periods in American commercial music. And we were there, so we should know.

This year's Warrandyte production of Grease stands out because it's about a bunch of kids in a high school. Different place and time, but the connection is obvious. The performers relate to the characters and their story, such as it is.

They don't have to powder their hair grey, cake on the make-up and swan around as Professor Higgins in Edwardian London. They just have to be themselves. Well, sort of. And if they can't manage a passable Bronx accent, then they haven't been watching TV all their young lives. Which they have.

The frenetic, precise, inspired dancing is the highlight of the show. The boys deserve special mention in this regard. Lynette White's choreography has lifted the last three productions at Warrandyte High, and Grease is undoubtedly her best yet.

Not that the singing is far behind. The male and female choruses belt out their numbers in wild unison and tuneful harmony and the theatre rocks with their enthusiasm. All the principals manage their solos and duets well, an unusual achievement for a school production, with the choruses holding their woo-ah, woo-ah backing

THEATRE

By CLIFF GREEN

lines beautifully.

Chris White has directed the show tongue-in-cheek, slightly off serious. And it works, keeping the audience laughing, hiding the limitations of book, lyrics and music and allowing the young cast to slightly overplay their somewhat simplistic, soap characters.

Not that one needs to make any excuses for the principals.

Sally Morrison's character Sandy is a misplaced Australian, relieving the actress of the need for an overblown accent and allowing her to explore the part with a sensitivity seldom seen on a school stage. Her dancing and singing are a delight. Her hoped-for career as a professional performer looks assured.

Opposite her plays James Egglestone as Danny. He never misses a beat, or a note. One moment he is Elvis, the next he is Fonzie, always he is Danny. A bravura, heroic, powerful performance, as sharp as any pro.

But my favorite on the night was undoubtedly Christine King as Rizzo, the bad girl. Christine dug deep and discovered an abrasive, smart, ironic and ultimately tragic figure. She found the cold, silent centre of the script, underplaying the moment with moving effect.

Melissa King (Frenchy), Prue Robinson (Patty), Chris Hughes (Kenickie), Daniela Spiliotacopoulos (Cha-Cha), Kim Riches (Marty), Karlis Atvars (Doody) and Marcus Robertshaw (Sonny) created energetic, deftly convincing supports. The "moon-ing" duet of Trish Mangos (Jan) and Jim Whelan (Roger) was a show-stopper.

Ross Byrne overplayed the nerd Eugene outrageously and Chris White cameoed brilliantly as the Teen Angel. Don Harrison ponced around as sleazebag radio personality Vince Fontaine and

Nick Arnott emerged from his usual post backstage to give us Johnny Casino, dance compere. Prue Greenfield played the difficult adult role of Miss Lynch with sharp-tongued assurance.

The chorus—Jo Turvell, Sally Symes, Jacqui Brooke, Brooke Camfield, Anna Swindley, Hayley Davis, Nadia Spiliotacopoulos, Jorja Williams, Jemima Coates, Carlee Smith, Rachel Baker, Katherine Drew, Melissa Fernando, Kelly McGregor, Katherine Leehy and Stacey Carson; Steven Hingley, Chris Schurmann, Drew Hannah, Jordan Zigmantis, Jarrod O'Connor, Tristan Martin, Keir Flynn and Lachlan Poustie—are not just faces in the crowd. Each one is a separate character creation with their own individual dance routines.

True ensemble playing. The multi-level set is brilliant, the best so far, and Chris has designed for JCWs. He uses all of this lovely little theatre's expansive performance space to perfection. No wings, and every corner is visible from the sharply-raked auditorium.

At first you think it's a giant juke box, with the band perched high up on the "turntable". Then you believe it's a schoolyard, a cafeteria, a bedroom (two, in fact), a street corner, a fire escape, a school hall, a hamburger joint and a drive-in theatre. All without a single scene change.

Brett Yarwood and Stuart Browne's lighting is integral to this illusion.

The stage management team of Jean-Pierre Lajoie and Nick Arnott keep the production ticking over without any noticeable hitches, and Chris Shute directs the professional-sounding band, an important factor if the young performers are going to give their best musically.

Costumes by Claire Bloom and Christina Banitskas (and, undoubtedly, a lot of mums and others) are, as always, both appropriate and spectacular.

These young people are participating in a wonderful adventure, building a storehouse of joyful memories and taking part in at least one school experience where the best is expected—and is clearly possible.

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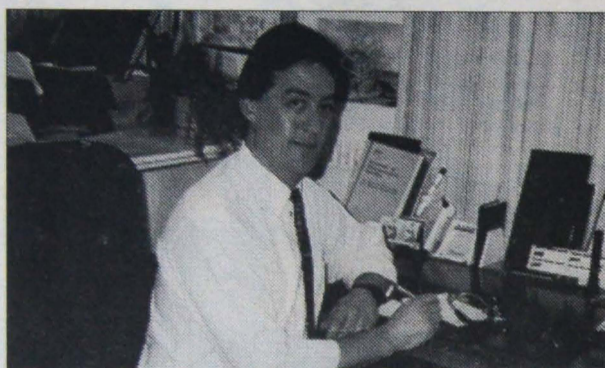
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'95 festival plans

"Be a sport in Warrandyte!" That's the theme for the 1995 Warrandyte Village Festival, to be held across the weekend of March 25 and 26. The festival committee points out that the theme recognises the contribution made to the lifestyle of our residents—young and old—by the many and varied sporting clubs and leisure groups in our town. "Be a sport" gives plenty of scope for schools and clubs to plan for the parade. It carries the alternative meaning of simply being a likeable Warrandyte. It is hoped to stage a sporting spectacular on the Saturday night. All suggestions welcome. Ring John Boyle on (BH) 894 2233 or (AH) 844 3120.



Dr Jonathan Dalitz (pictured) has left the Warrandyte Consulting Rooms in Trezise Street and has moved with his family to Western Australia. He has asked us to thank the people of Warrandyte for their support over the last five years and to wish everyone a happy, healthy future.

Games

Following the success of last year's games night, the Warrandyte kinder is holding a similar night on Saturday, October 22. Proceeds will go towards the building appeal. Tickets are \$10 each, or \$9 if you book a table of eight or more. For information contact Judy Finger on 844 3150 or Maree Burn on 844 2897.

Seniors

The recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens resulted in the election of the following office-bearers: president, Mrs I Bradford; vice-president, Mrs E McKay; secretary, Mr C Bentley; treasurer, Mrs J Redel; social secretary, Mrs J Bentley. Committee of management includes Mrs H Ward, Mrs H Petcher, Mrs D Hill, Mr F Knibbs, Mrs V Knibbs, Miss P Foster and Mrs A O'Leary. Past secretary, George Temple, who resigned due to ill-health, was thanked for the work he has done over recent years.



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.

Exchange

Tom Davies of Bradleys Lane has been selected by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange to go to France in November for three months. Tom will attend school and stay with a host family.

Bands

Warrandyte Youth Services and the Lions Club of Park Orchards

are planning a "Battle of the Bands" night at Domeny Reserve on Saturday, October 15, from 7.30 to 11pm. The event is for amateur bands only. Any bands interested in entering should ring Craig on 844 2985 or John on 876 1334. Public admission will be \$2. Blue Light disco conditions will apply.

Thanks

Maisie Temple and family have asked us to thank all their friends for their love, support and sympathy during the last few months of George's life. They have felt that living in Warrandyte at this time has been like belonging to one big family.

Exhibition

The Doncaster Gallery invites all residents to submit art works for the 7th Annual Residents' Art Exhibition to be held at the gallery from October 28 to November 5. This year's focus is "Breaking New Ground". It is hoped this will offer opportuni-

ties for innovation and creation. All media will be eligible and a jury will select the work to be displayed. Tuesday, October 4 is the deadline for the return of entry forms, which are available from the gallery, at the rear of the municipal offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Breastscreen

Rosemary Varty, member for Sylan Province, is urging all women aged between 50 and 69 to take advantage of the free breast screen X-ray program. Visits can be made to Maroondah Breastscreen, 24 Grey Street, East Ringwood, or Box Hill Breastscreen, Whitehorse Plaza, Box Hill. For appointment or further information, please call 349 2755.

Management

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe has been holding a series of free management seminars for the benefit of community groups, sporting clubs and all recreational organisations during August and September. Remaining workshops include volunteer recruitment management and training on Wednesday, September 14, and bookkeeping systems, financial planning and budget management on Thursday, September 15, both from 7 to 10pm. For information contact Annabelle Murray-Smith on 840 9333 or 840 9402.

Ceramics

Eastern Studio Potters will open "A Celebration of Ceramics" at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill, on Saturday, September 24 at 3pm. The exhibition will continue until Friday, September 30.

Masters is ours again

Tennis Australia has returned the Masters tournament, final leg of the Davis Cup Foundation Men's Satellite Circuit, to Warrandyte, having taken it away in favor of Kooyong.

"The Masters wasn't ours this year," Warrandyte Tennis Club's president Greg Lawrence told the *Diary*. "We'd had it for five, so that's fair enough."

"But unforeseen problems suddenly reared their ugly heads. There's more politics in the tennis world than meets the eye and Kooyong is no longer the flavor of the month with the powers-that-be."

"So the Masters is back at Warrandyte, where it belongs."

The Masters tournament, a major international-standard event leading to the Ford Australian Open, will be held at the club's Taroona Avenue courts during the last week in November.

Warrandyte Tennis Club's annual Goldtown Open tournament was in progress as the *Diary* went to press. Last Saturday, Grace Park State Grade player, 17-year-old Scott Graham, took off the \$400 Grand Hotel Grab. A feature of the Goldtown tournament, the Grab is a singles tie-break, winner-take-all event.

Goldtown final matches will be played at Warrandyte this Sunday, September 11.

Adam White and Lucinda Thomas took out the junior club championship titles on Sunday, August 28. Adam had a walkover to Ben Saaksjarvi, and Lucinda defeated Ingrid Waterham, 7-5, 6-4.

The 13 and under boys' title was won by Craig Dick, defeating Rocky Lobosco, 10-4. Sarah Thomson won the girls' event

against Jacqui Dick, 10-6.

Sarah was also awarded the Oriander trophy for the most improved junior. Seventy-five young players participated in the club's junior championships. Trophies were presented by president Greg Lawrence.

Two Warrandyte junior teams won premierships in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Lawn Tennis Association winter season. They were Girls 1—Ingrid Waterham, Lucinda Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Michelle Simpson and Vanessa Kearney and Mixed 20—Mylo Clarke, Matthew Lynch, Cameron Shugg, Justine Peterson, Tess Gareffa and Trish Wilmot.

Junior Championships

17U—Boys' Singles: Adam White d Ben Saaksjarvi (w/o). **Girls' Singles:** Lucinda Thomas d Ingrid Waterham 7-5, 6-4. **Boys' Doubles:** Hayden Waterham-Jarrod Dick d Mike Howell-Ben Saaksjarvi (w/o). **Girls' Doubles:** Ingrid Waterham-Lucinda Thomas d Lorena Valentine-Zoe White 6-0, 6-0. **Mixed Doubles:** Adam Youl-Vanessa Kearney d Adam White-Zoe White 10-5.

13U—Boys' Singles: Craig Dick d Rocky Lobosco 10-4. **Girls' Singles:** Sarah Thomson d Jacqui Dick 10-6. **Boys' Doubles:** Luke Pelich-Rocky Lobosco d Jarrod Casey-Craig Dick 10-8. **Girls' Doubles:** Zoe White-Jacqui Dick d Sarah Thomson-Amy Green 10-7. **Mixed Doubles:** Craig Dick-Jacqui Dick d Jarrod Casey-Zoe White 6-4.



Sarah Thomson, Oriander trophy winner and girls' 13U champion.



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We can do it - Dytes

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club is preparing for 1994-95 determined to go one better than last season's historic near-miss but under no illusions about the enormity of the job ahead.

The Dytes, beaten on the fourth-last ball of an amazing RDCA Chandler Shield final in March, face the new challenge without former captain-coach John Sharman and all-rounder Harry Drysdale. And opening batsman and RDCA all-star Andrew Hood is still undecided about pulling on the pads this year.

Without them, this season's side looks brittle by comparison, but WCC president Steve Pascoe believes that others at the club are ready to stand up and accept the challenge.

"Some were initially apprehensive about it. We've lost our leader and a good cricketer in John Sharman and with Harry gone as well there is a big hole in the ones," Mr Pascoe said.

"But the feeling around at the opening practices was fairly enthusiastic and there has been a good turn-up.

"Greg Tregear, our former captain-coach, has come back and is looking good in the nets and a few others have returned, so we're quite optimistic," he said.

The first eleven will be captained by former Test fast bowler Rodney Hogg and the club has appointed a coaching panel of three senior players. They are opening bowler Gerald Walshe, batsman Tony Sturesteps and wicketkeeper David Mooney.

Russell Dorning has been reappointed captain of the seconds after taking them to the final last season. Greg Creber will lead the thirds (vice-captain Tony Hyland), Andrew King the fourths (vice-captain David Jungwirth) and Chris Dorning the fifths. A veterans side will also take the field.

Mr Pascoe believes that rising batting star Nick Brisbane can make an impact in the ones this season. Nick will play his final year of juniors with the under-16s on Saturday mornings and back up in the afternoons with the seniors. It is likely to be his last season at Warrandyte.



SPORT

"We hope he'll be playing in the ones because we'll make sure we give him every opportunity to go as far as he can here at Warrandyte," Pascoe said.

An interesting rule change by association officials in the off-season is that grand finals will be of the same duration as regular season games.

This comes one season too late for Warrandyte, who lost last season's epic Chandler final on an unprecedented fourth day.

Training is at 8.30 on Monday nights at Maddocks Sports in Mary Street, Blackburn, with the first game set down for October 8.

The club welcomes new players, who are invited to phone Mr Pascoe on 844 1213 for details.

Ben Brisbane has been reappointed coach of the club's junior teams. They will begin training on Wednesday, September 14, at the recreation reserve. Registrations will be taken on the night from five o'clock.

Meanwhile, the future for women's cricket in Warrandyte is grim.

There will be no women's team this season and there are grave doubts that it will be resurrected.

The lady Dytes won the A-grade pennant in 1991-92 but took last season off to regroup after struggling badly in the tougher pennant reserve competition in 1992-93.

A campaign to attract new players has failed and two late withdrawals have left the women's with only four regulars.

It is particularly disappointing for Jenni McLaws and Jenny Chapman, members of the original Warrandyte team of 1975.

"It's very upsetting," said Jenni McLaws. "We just can't get the numbers. I doubt that we'll ever get the team back unless there's some keen person to organise it all because it takes a lot of work."

While Jenny Chapman, who was to have been captain this season, has retired, Jenni McLaws, Angela Tunbridge and Nadine Ritchings are all expected to play at Box Hill.

Fair enough, Sarge

By LEE TINDALE

Premiership coach one year, club champion the next. Darren (Sarge) Peters completed that rare double last month by winning Warrandyte Football Club's 1994 best and fairest award.

Peters, who for business reasons stood down as coach at the end of last season after leading the Bloods to their first senior premiership in 10 years, was hot favourite at the vote count—and won accordingly.

He polled 57 votes to beat follower/forward John O'Brien by 21. Young defender Luke McFarlane-Smith was third, with 29.

Peters, 26, a ruck-rover who covered an enormous amount of territory picking up a multitude of kicks this season, "bolted" in the first half of the count at the Grand Hotel on August 17 and was never seriously challenged.

He had set up his precise winning margin by the half-way mark.

Peters' only early opposition came from centre half-forward Lachlan McLean and wingman/half-forward Dale Vitiritti.

With half the votes counted, Peters had 38, McLean 17 and Vitiritti 15. O'Brien was yet to make a real impact.

It was a particularly good performance by Vitiritti, who played only five games before going overseas.

O'Brien really came into calculations in the second half of the count, picking up a succession of top votes to trail Peters by 10 with four games to be read (three sets of 3-2-1 votes are awarded for each match).

McFarlane-Smith, defender Matt Grybas and coach David Purcell were also finishing strongly—but there was to be no catching Peters.

"Naturally, I'm very happy to have won this award," he told the *Diary*. "Every player wants to be his club's best and fairest."

Of a year which saw War-



Best and fairest winner Darren Peters (centre) is congratulated by runner-up John O'Brien (left) and third placegetter Luke McFarlane-Smith.

randyte finish sixth (equal fourth on points but written out of the finals on percentage on their return to EDFL second division), Peters said:

"It's a great pity that some of the players weren't as committed in the second half of the season as they were in the first.

"But with what will be happening at the club in the meantime, I believe we can really achieve something next season."

Peters played all his junior football up to and including under-16s with Warrandyte before moving on to Essendon's under-19s and Richmond's under-19s and reserves.

He returned to the Bloods for a year of senior football, then spent four years at East Ringwood and a year at Mitcham, in EDFL first division.

Peters was untried as a coach when he was appointed to lead Warrandyte's 1993 campaign in third division. They lost only two games for the season and won the grand final by 70 points.

Young key position player Stewart Rough won the reserves best and fairest by five votes from another former schoolboy

star, Billy Hose.

Rough, a product of Yarra Valley Anglican School, polled 29. Greg Creber, who missed the last seven games because of injury, was third, with 19.

Leading senior votes: Darren

Peters 57; John O'Brien 36; Luke McFarlane-Smith 29; Steve Carroll 25; David Purcell 22; Matt Grybas 21; Lachlan McLean 18; Cam Day 17; Glenn McCartin, Dale Vitiritti 15; Rod Valentine 14.

A different ball game

If, as they say, a week is a long time in football, how long is a year? Very. Ask Warrandyte full-forward Darren Murphy.

Last season, Murphy tied with skipper Steve Carroll for the Bloods' best and fairest award. Each polled 38 votes.

At the 1994 count last month, he polled just ONE. Murphy is first to admit that he did not have a great season.

Rover Carroll, on the other hand, had another very good year. He finished fourth this time, with 25 votes.

On at the Homestead

Warrandyte Football Club's presentation night this month will be at Alfred's Homestead in South Warrandyte, NOT, as advertised earlier, at Spiders Theatre Restaurant in Bulleen.

The late switch was forced on the club when Spiders unexpectedly moved to South Morang.

The date is Saturday, Septem-

ber 17, it's a great meal (with drinks at bar prices)—and the big question is, what sort of totally tasteless tie will Laurie Sloan wear this time?

Tickets (\$30 a head) are available from Greg Faulkner (808 5788 W, 438 3474 H) or Tom Kerkhof (018 175 274 M, 844 3970 H).

When losers are winners

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's VBA women's team have been promoted to division one after just one grading game—which they lost.

The five girls, who team with four Coburg players under the Coburg name, impressed officials in their 17-21 loss to a strong Eltham side.

A change in structure has seen the VBA's old division one league now termed the 'championship' level, so the old division two is now division one. The girls played their first game down in division three.

The Warrandyte girls met their new teammates only on the night of the first game. Understandably, Coburg were scratchy early and trailed 4-10 at half-time.

Despite a couple of three-pointers to Amanda McLellan, Eltham withstood

Coburg's second-half revival. Coach Gavin Whitmore believes the future is promising if the players "stick at it".

Redback girls co-ordinator Sue Cutler described the move to division one as a great fillip for the club and for the older girls, who would otherwise be lost to the club.

"Those girls now have somewhere to go and the younger girls now have a goal and something to strive for," she said.

"The great thing is our girls can now play top-level basketball without having to go elsewhere. It's a big step forward for the Redbacks."

The instigator of the partnership with Coburg, Peter Messerle, said the real challenge for the girls had only just started.

"They're now playing in the real serious stuff," he said. "Division one is only one step below the elite level of women's basketball

in Victoria."

Meanwhile, Redback junior teams are gearing up for an exciting month with championship and domestic finals and 13 teams off to the annual tournament in Albury.

Presentation day for the current season is Sunday, October 9, from 11am at the high school stadium.

The AGM is on Monday night, October 3, at the community centre.

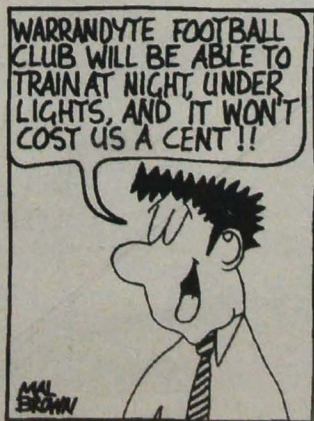
The club welcomes new players for the summer season. Girls should ring Sue Cutler on 722 1504. Boys should contact Bruce Macdonald on 844 3200.

Warrandyte High School's junior boys side finished as the third-best team in Victoria at the recent state finals.

They dropped their opening game 16-25 to eventual champions Eltham, beat Frankston 32-14, but succumbed 25-45 to Sunbury.

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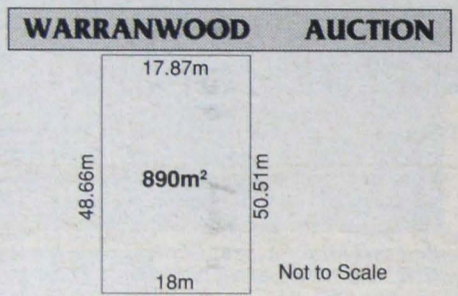
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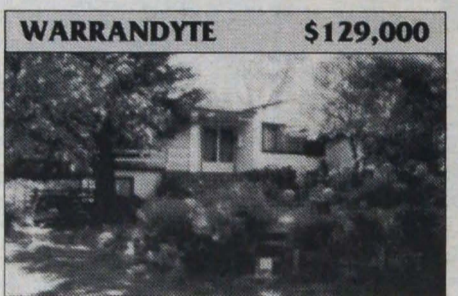
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Sited on over half acre of near level land, and set back from the road for peace of mind, this home has it all. For a rural lifestyle with easy access to the city for work and convenience, this home comprises of an entrance hallway, three bedrooms, a big kitchen/meals area, and lounge/dining room. With great potential to renovate/extend, or a superb home site.



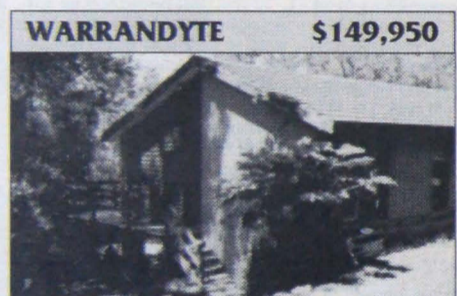
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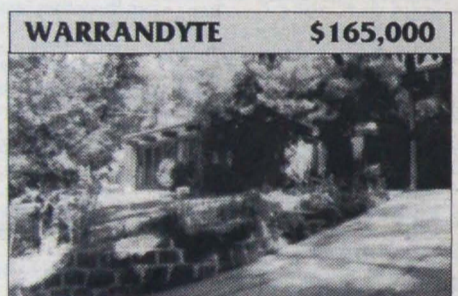
WARRANDYTE \$129,000
"GOODBYE LANDLORD"
Ideal first purchase for the owner or investor. This charming cottage in rustic setting comprises three bedrooms, ensuite to master, spacious lounge and kitchen. Set on a lovely quarter acre block close to all amenities.



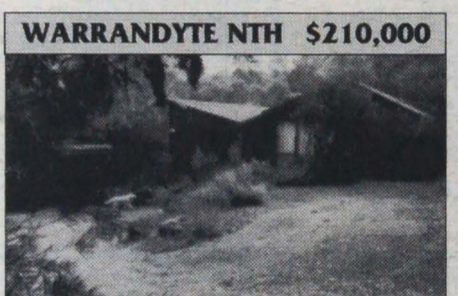
WARRANDYTE \$142,500
"BIRD'S EYE VIEW"
This solid brick home incorporating 3 bedrooms, spacious lounge and separate dining, set on over 1/4 acre, will make a great investment or first home. Complemented by lovely views and a short walk to town makes this a very attractive "priced to sell" property.



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.



WARRANDYTE \$165,000
"AN ENCHANTED LIFESTYLE"
A tastefully refurbished family home on a private 1/3 acre allotment in a peaceful environment; yet only a stroll to all facilities. New kitchen, carpet and slate flooring are some of the features in this 3 bedroom home. Seeing is believing!!! You too will be enchanted by the well established and beautiful setting. Inspect now, it won't last!



WARRANDYTE NTH \$210,000
"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 \$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.

AH STACEY ORACZ 725 2964



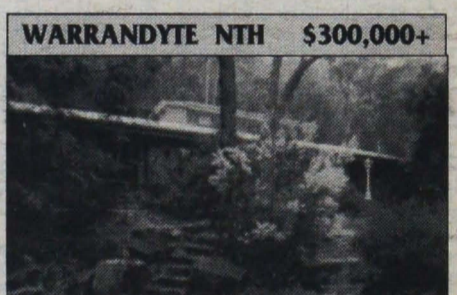
WARRANDYTE NTH \$245,000
"I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT"
In one of Warrandyte's premier locations, this new architecturally designed and craftsman built home would ideally suit the growing family. Consists: 4 dbble BRs, spacious lounge with cedar lined vaulted ceilings, large family/rumpus room adjoining a solid timber kitchen, separate dining area. Also central spa room, ensuite, double garage and ducted heating and vacuuming. Inspection will enhance.
AH ANDREW WILSON 844 4747



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 \$279,000
"ELEGANCE ON AN ACRE"
This stunning Lucas Morris home for the family and entertainer is a rare find. Comprising of sunken lounge and formal dining, open plan kitchen and spacious family room, 3 BRs and study. Also a superbly designed outside entertaining area includes heated spa and pool. Surrounded by native gardens. This glorious acre situated in one of Warrandyte's finest areas makes inspection a must.



WARRANDYTE NTH \$300,000+
"AMONG THE GUM TREES"
This stunning residence situated on 3.5 acres (approx) is crafted in Castlemaine stone & brick and blends beautifully with the surrounding countryside. Comprising lounge & dining room with cathedral ceilings, 4BRs, 2 studies, OFP, solid fuel heater and features extensive use of dado lining and slate floors. The home has a secluded outlook, is fully fenced, has a dam of its own, is distinctive and won't last long. Look now.

