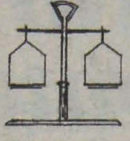


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Boost for elderlies' housing

By CLIFF GREEN

The building of a housing village for older Warrandyte residents now looks certain, following the granting by Doncaster council of \$370,000.

It is believed that the finance allocated will allow for the purchase of a suitable tract of land and for a business plan to be prepared, "covering the social, economic, management and legal issues" and making "incentives available to the private sector for the development of special purpose housing in the Warrandyte township area".

Council's decision is the culmination of more than three years work—research, negotiation and lobbying—by the Warrandyte Community Housing Project Committee.

Chairman of the committee, Rev Sydney Smale, said: "We are pleased about this development and we'll be working with council to ensure that the community continues to be involved in the planning processes."

"The community is indebted to the large amount of work by Bruce Williamson, a local resident, who prepared the submission."

Local MP Phil Honeywood, also a member of the committee, has welcomed the move. "The council is to be commended on their decision to budget for this development and to allow an amount to be used to prepare a business study," he said.

"With this positive initiative taken by council, the committee will now begin the next step in the complex work of bringing this vision to fruition."

The *Diary* understands that Phil Honeywood's negotiations with council played a key role in the success of the submission.

Doncaster council's allocation enables the proposed units in Warrandyte to be part of a

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broader council project for a community hostel and associated housing for older people, a project embracing the entire municipality.

The committee for this city-wide initiative is chaired by Warrandyte Ward councillor Vern Denford, with the active involvement of a second Warrandyte councillor, Louise Joy.

The need for suitable accommodation for elderly Warrandyte residents has existed for many years. It was exacerbated in 1987 when the State Government, following a strong local campaign, exempted Warrandyte from dual occupancy zoning.

This meant that elderly people, unable to maintain their often large homes and gardens, were prohibited from selling their properties for closer density development with the possibility of buying back one of the units for their own use.

So although the overwhelming majority of these folk supported the campaign against dual occupancy—which the community felt would destroy the character of the township—they lost out badly when the move was averted.

Several attempts over the

years to establish housing projects for elderly people have proved unsuccessful, either because of lack of finance, scarcity of suitable land or zoning problems.

Late last year the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project Committee surveyed all households in the 3113 postcode area with a view to gathering data on what was, at that time, a perceived but unproven need.

The response was overwhelming. Fifty-nine households said they would be prepared to purchase a unit "at some stage" and 15 said they were anxious to buy one and occupy it immediately.

The respondents were equally divided on whether the units should be grouped or whether a number of smaller clusters spread across Warrandyte would be more to their liking.

"The local community will continue to have direct input into the plans and management proposals; input consistent with the unique ethos and nature of Warrandyte," Syd Smale said.

Once the business plan has been completed, local residents who indicated in the survey that they had a strong interest in owning a unit will be contacted by Marjory Lapworth of the Neighbourhood House, who is secretary of the retirement housing committee.

Council officers commended the work of the committee as an illustration of community initiatives responding to community needs.

"I know that the residents of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area will welcome this news and look forward to the day when there will be the availability of both independent living units and hostel accommodation to meet the demands and needs of our ageing local population," Phil Honeywood said.

Several possible sites for the proposed complex are under consideration.



A spring flower from Warrandyte: Bridget Liddell of Research Road looked prettier than any picture when she married Marten Matthews in the garden at Heide Gallery, Bulleen on Saturday, September 10. Her beautiful dress was trimmed with fresh flowers by sister Madeline and friend Lisa Tindale. Bridget, a talented young jeweller, won the inaugural Warrandyte Youth Arts Award in 1989. Another sister, Kate Liddell, took this picture.

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SHOP IN WARRANDYTE

A crushing blow to Matt's floral tribute



That Neil Dusting figures so often in this column merely proves that he has such a lot of mates—each only too willing to gleefully report his every foible. For the latest expose we are indebted to his good buddy Kevin Close. Neil's been renovating his Osborne Road mansion and the hired help included Kevin's son Matt, who enjoyed the work and relished the lunches turned on by Mrs Dusting, the lovely Pauline. When his part in the project was finished, Matt bought Pauline a splendid bunch of flowers to show his appreciation of the great tucker. Pauline wasn't home when Matt delivered the floral tribute, but Neil said thanks, put them down over there—and promptly dropped a brick wall on 'em. We hope Pauline is fond of pressed flowers.



As he waits for the meek to inherit the Earth, your columnist believes that only a conservationist with a bit of a masochistic bent should mess with the hairy-chested loggers of East Gippsland. He made no comment at all, therefore, as he sipped a life-preserving beer a couple of weeks ago about the sticker on the bar fridge at the Marlo Hotel. "The only real wilderness is between a greenies ears," it said. He was dying to point out the absence of an 'apostrophe s' in 'greenies', but we despise pettiness.



The solution to our burgeoning onionweed problem is so simple it's amazing someone didn't think of it before. You eat it, mate! Yes, those who have tried it say it has a very pleasant taste, somewhat milder than a spring onion and just the thing for salads and such. So get out there, people, and pig out on the little devil that is fast taking over our riverbanks, backyards and bush.



And before we quit the bush tucker mode, would anyone care for a wattle blossom pikelet? No kidding. The latest Friends of Warrandyte State Park newsletter carries a recipe for this little-known delicacy. It contains a cup of wattle flowers ("any species, but Cootamundra are excellent"). Sarah Qualtrough whipped up a batch of said pikelets for a recent Friends arvo tea. Smashing, they said. Susan is happy to onpass the recipe and it's available at Needles And Pins, the haberdashery her mum Trish runs at West End.



Di Oriander, our advertising/accounts manager, went to her first Birdsville race meeting last month, lost all her money but came back mightily impressed with what happens when a population of 85 sud-

IN RED & WHITE



The senior of the two gentlemen here is Jim Harris, of Pound Bend Road, accepting a magnificent set of golf clubs he won a while back in a raffle at his beloved Healesville County Club. Unfortunately, we don't have pictures of Jim using his new putter seven times on the 16th a few weeks later. Fortunately, we don't have an audio record of the occasion either, because we believe a few cuss words were involved. We also believe it was Jim's first seven-putt green. Congratulations, Mr Harris.

denly becomes 8500 and consumes 93,000 cans of beer in a couple of days. She was particularly impressed by the ladies' loo at the racetrack, which she described as "a 44-gallon drum up two steps". Any action shots of that, Di?



It's safe to assume that the Warrandyte Junior Football Club record Dean Nightingall set in the last game of the 1994 season will never be broken. It was Dean's 120th appearance for the young Bloods, a remarkable achievement for an under-16. The record is unlikely to be bettered because he started playing at age six. The rules have since been changed and you must be at least eight now before you can pull on a competitive boot. Dean was given a special award to go with his trophy for under-16s best and fairest runner-up) at the club's presentation day.



It's called 'Boulder' but the Inge King sculpture recently acquired by our community centre somehow evokes Ned Kelly images in the childlike minds of your columnist and other Phillistines. Which has nothing whatsoever to do with the appalling fact that seven boxes of champagne flutes 'walked' from the unveiling function on the night of Friday, September 30. Centre manager Meredith Thornton (844 2527 H) would welcome any clues as to their whereabouts.



Win, lose or draw in the season that has recently preceded it, Warrandyte footy club's annual general meeting is rarely a sombre, deadpan event. And the gathering on October 3 was right in keeping with that tradition. The lovely, lively Anne Drew set the early pace when apologies were being recorded. "I apologise for Scrubby attending," she said (Scrubby being Brian Neilsen, who was later installed as vice-president, succeeding Anne's husband Roger, although that had nothing to do with it). Then outgoing president Lawrie Sloan broke the astonishing news (which had nothing to do with anything at all) that for the first time in (his) memory, not one Warrandyte player, seniors or reserves, had been reported for an entire season. No other club in the league could boast such a record, he said, which prompted some wag to ask how come 25 opponents were reported for retaliating against David Purcell, our beloved, benign playing coach.

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Police call for 60kph at town entry

By CLINTON GRYPAS

A Nunawading Traffic Operations Group police sergeant has written a report to VicRoads calling for the speed limit along Warrandyte Road to be reduced to 60 kilometres per hour from Newmans Road to Taroona Avenue.

Three people have been killed in that stretch alone this year while there have been 22 reported collisions since September last year when the speed limit was increased from 75 to 80 kph. Nineteen other people have required medical treatment.

The most recent fatality occurred last month at the dangerous corner where

Melbourne Hill Road meets Warrandyte Road near Tindals Road. Three cars were involved in wet and slippery conditions. The road was blocked for some five hours. This has led to a wave of directional signs being placed along the sides of the road down the hill leading into Warrandyte.

The report gave 10 factors to influence VicRoads in lowering the speed limit. It included: a large proportion of the traffic travel through to North Warrandyte, Ringwood and Wonga Park, including both heavy vehicles and motor cars, the bus service using the road, the fact the road is publicised as a

tourist route, the new residential subdivision at Batskos Drive with 90 proposed residences which can represent 180 vehicles, Warrandyte High School with approximately 500 students who travel there by car, bus or bike, Crystal Brook Caravan Park and Beasley's Nursery, Deep Creek Reserve baseball ground, the council depot and Aumann's Nursery.

In a summary paragraph the sergeant wrote that "all the above are reasons why I believe that the speed limit should be reduced along the length of the Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road. There is only one direction in which the popula-

tion of the area will change and that is to increase. This equates to even more vehicles and pedestrian traffic."

Meanwhile, Warrandyte police have put out a call for local residents to report all crime matters to them. Senior Constable Kim Dixon said that all crimes of any nature must be reported.

"What people need to do is, no matter how minor the matter may seem, still report it to the local police so we know where crime is occurring. People must be reporting if they're being broken into or else we don't know what's going on in our own area."

She has urged people to lock up their

cars, even if they're in the driveway, and—especially—lock the house when leaving. "Unfortunately we've come to the day and age where you've got to now lock your cars and lock up your house when you leave."

She rejected the old notion that it is safe enough in Warrandyte to leave your house unlocked while out. This comes on the back of eight reported and several unreported thefts last month. This figure was inflated by three separate instances at Batskos Drive building sites. Senior Constable Dixon said theft reports were not uncommon for building sites.

Boundaries delayed

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte's future—whether it remains divided by the Yarra, or wholly joins either a revamped Shire of Eltham or City of Doncaster and Templestowe—will soon be known.

Hopefully, Warrandyte residents will be told in about a week whether they will be living in the "Shire of Yarra Ranges" (now Eltham shire) or the "City of Middle Yarra" (now Doncaster-Templestowe). Or some other name chosen by the Local Government Board.

The interim report of the board on the new local municipal boundaries and names was expected to be announced on October 3. But it has been delayed and could now be released about the middle of the month—or even later.

It is understood "the Warrandyte issue" has been a major factor in the delay. The board has received a large number of submissions from residents and organisations about proposals to alter Warrandyte's current municipal status.

Doncaster-Templestowe council's Middle Yarra proposal sees a large southern part of Eltham shire, including North Warrandyte, move into its new boundary. And it is known from residents' comments to the *Diary* that many letters and submissions have been received by the board which, in effect, say they

—because of us?

"don't want a bar of Doncaster".

Eltham shire, on the other hand, has proposed retaining the Yarra as its southern boundary—maintaining a divided Warrandyte for municipal purposes. But it is sensitive to the fact that a large number of North Warrandyte residents not only don't want to be in any Doncaster-Templestowe council, but want all of Warrandyte south of the Yarra to join them in Eltham shire.

Eltham shire has reported this to the Local Government Board and its chief executive officer, Rodney Roscholler, and shire president, Cr Pamela Sladden, have discussed the "Warrandyte issue" with the board.

Mr Roscholler told the *Diary* that the board had received over 170 letters and submissions from Eltham residents in favor of the shire's proposed new boundaries. "A large number of these responses favor Eltham incorporating Warrandyte township and the surrounding Warrandyte district in its proposed Yarra Ranges shire," he said.

Mr Roscholler said the board had received less than 10 submissions from Doncaster-Templestowe residents about its proposed City of Middle Yarra—and "some of these support Eltham".

"The latest information is that the board will release its interim report on new council boundaries at the middle of next month

(October)," he said. "A public meeting has been arranged for Eltham residents at Eltham High School on October 19 so that we can explain the new situation to the public—and celebrate—or mount a campaign!"

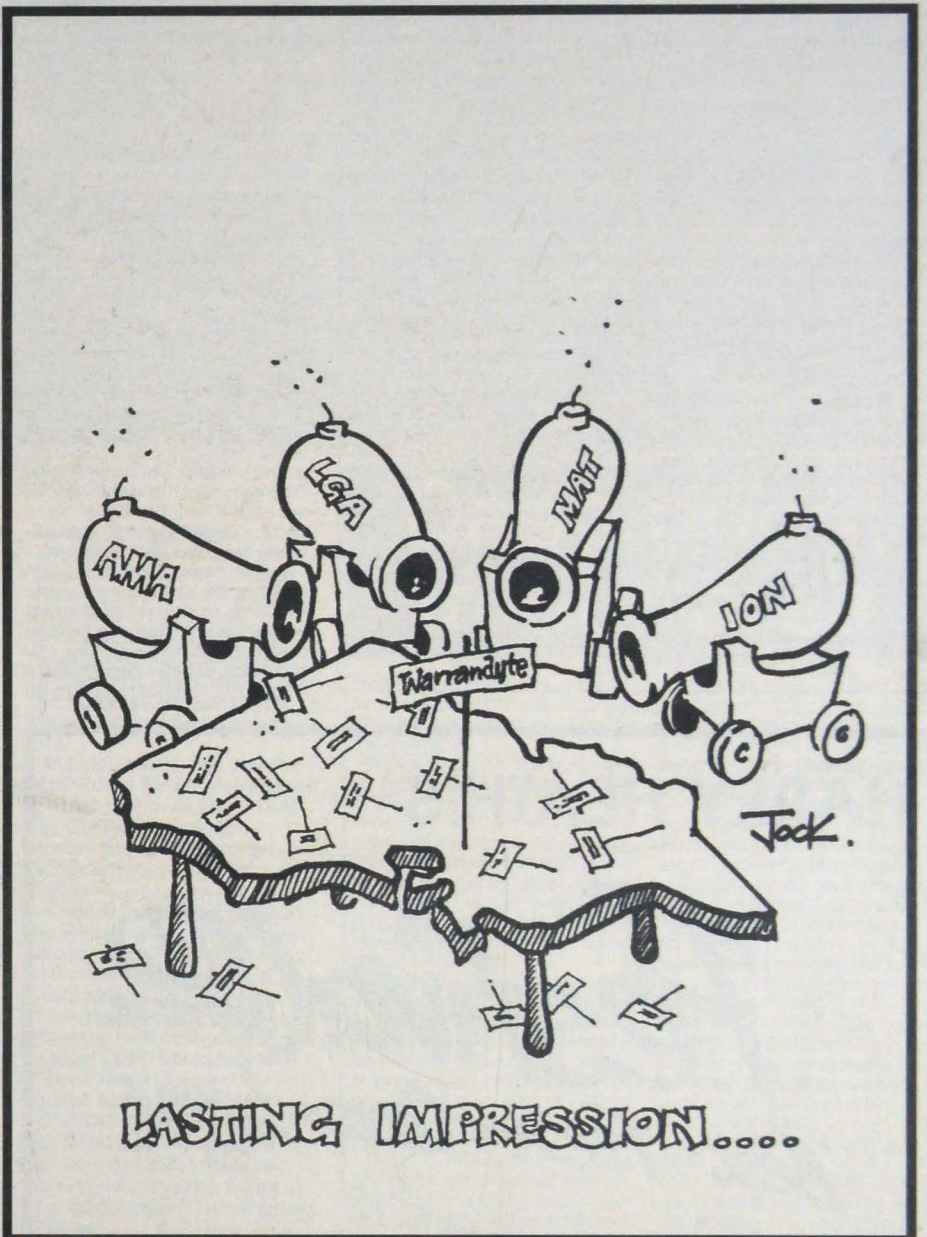
The Doncaster city manager, Michael Marasco, said: "We had expected the interim report on our new boundaries to come out this week (week ended October 8), but indications are that it could be running up to 10 days late. We haven't been told that officially, nor do we know what will be in the report."

As reported last month, a survey of Warrandyte residents living both sides of the river—conducted jointly by Doncaster and Eltham councils—produced mixed results. Equal numbers want the Yarra to remain the boundary—and that the area south of the river should join the new northern shire (currently Eltham).

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

The survey polled 200 residents living south of the river, and 201 on the northern side.

Earlier, the *Diary* spoke to the Local Government Board's media communications chief, Ron Smith. Mr Smith said there had been "a lot of interest in Warrandyte" and he expected the board's interim report to be published around October 20 to 25.



LASTING IMPRESSION....

A gift for our garden

The Warrandyte community has acquired a new, major work of art with the purchase of 'Boulder', a sculpture in welded steel by the internationally known, long-time locally resident artist Inge King.

Situated in the garden at the rear of the community centre, 'Boulder' belongs to a series of twelve sculptures created between 1966 and 1972.

"They were inspired by the landscape off the coast of Western Australia," Inge King told the *Diary*. "My fascination was with the precarious balance of large forms perched on top of small ones, emphasising movement at the same time."

The rough welding is intentional. The small steel pieces have been incorporated into the work to enliven the smooth surface of the simple shapes.

"I see these works as part of the landscape", Inge King said, "the black color contrasting



Sculptor Inge King addresses the gathering on the night of the unveiling of her work 'Boulder'. (Picture by Tony Summers)

with the grey-green of the surrounding foliage." They represent, for the sculptor, a move away from her earlier figurative work.

Inge King was born in Berlin in 1918. She arrived in Britain in 1939 where she continued her art studies, finally settling in Australia in 1951.

She has lived and worked in Warrandyte for many years,

building a reputation as one of Australia's most highly acclaimed sculptors. Melburnians know her best for her large piece, 'Forward Surge', located between the Concert Hall and the State Theatre of the Victorian Arts Centre in St Kilda Road.

Inge offered 'Boulder' to the Warrandyte community at a substantially reduced fee. It was

purchased by the City of Doncaster and Templestowe with additional contributions from several local groups. The project was initiated by the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, publishers of the *Diary*. 'Boulder' was officially unveiled by the mayor, Cr Lionel Allemand, at a Warrandyte Ward reception held at the centre on Friday, September 30.

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In defence of signs

I found many of the opinions expressed and inaccuracies in Judy McDonald's 'Our Place—Disney-on-Yarra' column (*Diary*, September) disturbing and would like to respond to some of them.

The Red Gum Flats, Candlebark Gully, etc., series of signs is an attempt to protect, by interpretation, the important remnant indigenous vegetation along Warrandyte Road. They were designed not to deprive needy locals of valuable eco-tourist dollars but for environmental education—locals and tourists alike. They were a suggestion of mine to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Roadside Verge Committee and although larger than I envisaged, tie together landforms with the naturally occurring vegetative communities.

If we can protect our bushlands and enhance the remaining roadside remnants by a little signage, surely it's not too big a cross to bear for the passing motorists.

The dubiously colored and emotional swipe at the Eltham pest plant laws (and all who worked on any pest plant committees locally) is disturbing and flawed.

On one hand Judy is most indignant that "some of the plants were native" proposed to be restricted by the Eltham shire pest plant by-laws, then contradicts herself by extolling the "excellent brochure distributed by the Middle Yarra Pest Plant Working Group." Perhaps Judy hadn't read the brochure because it also contains native plants that are environmental weeds.

Also the group was not a Warrandyte group, but composed



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of representatives from Eltham, Doncaster and Heidelberg councils, Melbourne Parks and Waterways and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It was the first four bodies who funded the project as part of an accurate, broader educative program.

Pest plants cost the environment and the community dearly. They destroy the indigenous bushlands and native animal habitat and threaten the future existence of our natural environment. Largely they invade the bushlands via our gardens. The brochures and the proposed pest plant laws targeted a small range of plants that do escape, that do destroy bushland and can be easily avoided. It is common sense and a community responsibility not to plant environmental weeds.

Economically, the gardens of Warrandyte and beyond will break the budgets of Warrandyte State Park, Yarra Valley Parks and local councils' environmental departments if we do not work together.

This is not fantasy land, it is the 1994 reality faced by the ecological system that we all live in, that has too many people, too many demands upon it and is in the process of disintegration. We need to be sophisticated enough to deal with these environmental truths and responsibly manage our gardens accordingly.

Glen Jameson
Longridge Farm

Co-op has wound up

By LOUISE JOY

For 14 years the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative has been involved in many issues, including finding local jobs for local people. Having achieved its goal and established many projects to carry on the initial work, the co-op was recently wound up.

It was in 1980 over drinks at the local that Robin Batty, Allan Griffiths and Wal Cornhill discussed what could be done to combat unemployment in our village. Allan mentioned their ideas to Jean Chapman while involved in another community project and the wheels were set in motion.

After two public meetings, with attendances of 185 and a lot of community involvement, the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd was born.

Its aim of finding local jobs for local people was done by setting up, either with or without funding, community projects which eventually became self-sufficient and went off under their own committees of management.

The very first project was a labor exchange run from Jean's home, through which people could register for work and employers could obtain workers. Over the years thousands of jobs were filled and this is now being carried on by Margory Lapworth at the Neighbourhood House.

A shopfront office in the old community centre was made available to the co-op. A grant was obtained from the Federal Government, through the employment initiative program, to set up the child-care centre on

the corner of Masonic Avenue and Ringwood Road, a woodfuel yard and a mudbrick-making yard.

At the same time a TAFE building course for young unemployed began, which ran for a year before transferring to Bayswater.

In 1982 the youth coffee shop started and continues today as Warrandyte Youth Services. A community employment program grant enabled the continuation of the labor exchange.

At the end of the government funding period the co-op was permitted to keep the profits of all equipment purchased with grant money due to the success of all projects. This enabled them to carry on all services and take on further projects.

The child-care centre, now running under its own co-operative, caters for 35 children. The wood and mudbrick making yards have gone and the new community centre has been built on the site.

Other services set up by the co-op include the secretarial service, Sole Parent Support Group, family support program, after-school care program and the transport group, now operating the local community buses.

In addition the co-op assisted with the setting up of the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Stiggart Street units for seniors and were instrumental in obtaining the first 'spot purchase' house in Warrandyte through the Ministry of Housing, winning tenancy for a Warrandyte family.

They invited the ministry out to inspect the Quarry Disaster Appeal Trust houses and land,



Jean Chapman, in the heyday of the Warrandyte Co-op.

which resulted in their involvement with the trustees in the building of two units of public housing.

The co-op's last two projects were the restoration of the old bakery, which gave work to 28 people over 16 months and is now being successfully run by the Robb family, and obtaining funding for the Neighbourhood House, enabling the co-op to wind up.

No one was ever turned away from the co-op. Any person calling in with a question or a problem was supported, sometimes to the extent of taking the matter up with the appropriate authority. Often this led to the for-

mation of a group.

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative started with the faith and support of the community, together with donations from individuals, groups, service clubs and shareholders who knew that any profits would be put back into community projects.

Jean Chapman, as the manager for 10 years, was the driving force, ably assisted by the board of directors. Margory Lapworth, as the co-ordinator of Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, is the true heir of Jean's inspiration in working to create new projects as needed by the community.

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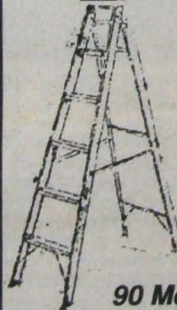
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The Battle for Bedstead Hill

By DAVID WYMAN

The Friends of the Chase in North Warrandyte performed an "ecological melodrama" on the open-air stage at Stiggants Reserve during the community market on Saturday, October 1.

Friends' spokesman, Marcel Cameron, explained that four performances of the specially produced play were staged as part of the ongoing campaign to save the Bedstead Hill area of The Chase from being developed as a house site.

Bedstead Hill is adjacent to the Chase Reserve, which was acquired by Eltham shire in 1991 to preserve the nest and habitat of a family of wedge-tailed eagles, believed to be one of the last left in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

The Friends consider Bedstead Hill to be a "complementary habitat" for the eagles.

On the stage at Stiggants Reserve were children and adults dressed in animal and plant costumes, including Mother Nature.

"It was a fantasy-type play showing what may happen on Bedstead Hill—musically—and with the kids, having fun," Marcel said. "A couple of the songs were written for the occasion—and we even played Eagle Rock!"

A display of photographs of Bedstead Hill and The Chase Reserve was on show and many people left their addresses to be kept informed on developments in the area.

The "melodrama", starring



The eagle has landed: On stage at Stiggants Reserve, protesting the development of Bedstead Hill.

about 70 people, moved off down Yarra Street after midday. They carried about a dozen banners protesting the potential development and ended their march at the community centre, where a Channel 9 crew filmed the gathering and Marcel gave a brief address.

"It put the issue back on the agenda and hopefully we'll get wider public support for

our cause," Marcel said.

As reported last month, a developer has bought all the Chase land not included in the reserve, including Bedstead Hill. Early in 1993 he applied for a planning permit to clear vegetation on the Bedstead Hill allotment for a driveway and a house site.

Eltham council rejected the application for environmental reasons and in October 1993 the developer appealed against the decision to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

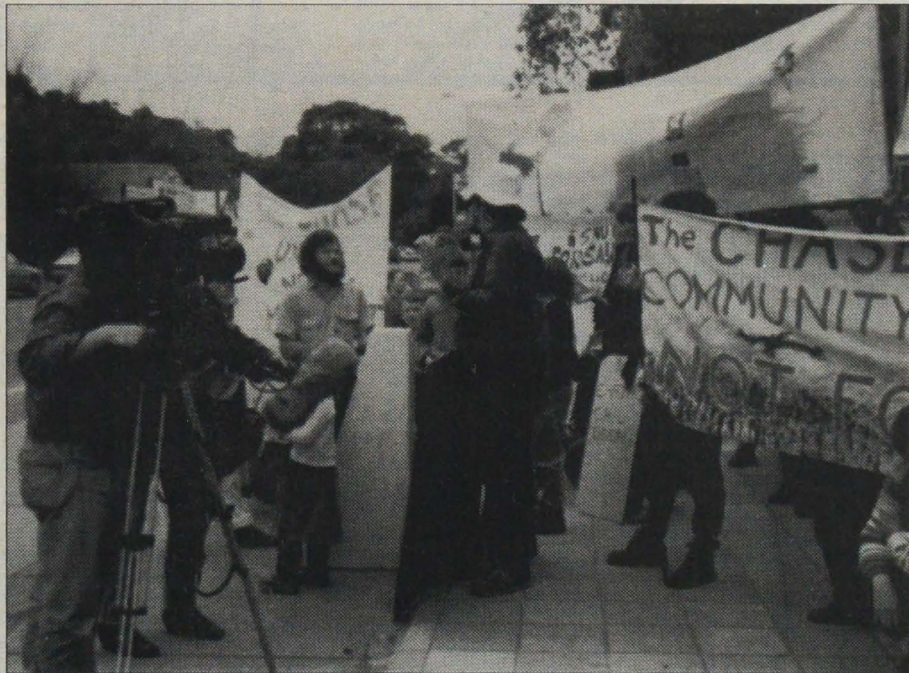
Council, supported by local conservationists, presented a strong case to the tribunal, including a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources report listing The Chase as regionally significant as a rare fauna habitat.

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, but without success.

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

The "ecological melodrama", protesting outside the community centre. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)



Cash boost in our area

Doncaster council's 1994-95 budget includes no rate increases and a number of major local projects.

As well as the \$370,000 granted for retirement housing (see page 1) Warrandyte's townscape and riverside will have \$155,000 worth of improvements during the year, \$27,500 of which will be contributed by local traders.

The West End area will be subjected to a much-needed \$80,000 facelift, of which local traders provide half.

A municipal-wide 10 per cent increase in Home Help Services will see extra funding for delivered meals, home maintenance and senior citizen clubs. There is also a 26 per cent increase for neighbourhood houses, counselling services and citizen's advice bureaus.

Both the Warrandyte and Templestowe festivals will receive extra funding next year, although by how much has not been revealed. Warrandyte Tennis Club will receive \$120,000 for two new tennis courts at Warrandyte Reserve.

Also in the budget is a \$2,000 grant to the Lower Yarra group of fire brigades for a new computer and \$12,000 to the South Warrandyte group for the purchase of a new water pump. Mayor Lionel Allemand said these were much-needed.

"There is every chance that Warrandyte may be threatened by fire this summer. Council is working with the fire services to assist in their care of people and homes," he said.

A large proportion of budget expenditure will be on roads in the municipality. Of the \$12 million to be spent, \$150,000 will go to Tindals Road and Stintons Road improvements. Further work will continue on planning for the construction of Milne Road in Park Orchards, Arundel/Dalry Avenue, Bellevue Avenue and Berringa Road.

Chairman of the finance committee, Cr John Thompson, said that many roads in the city that deserved immediate attention were under the control of the State Government.

"Council has been urging the State Government to provide funds for these roads, council has even offered to assist with the funding. The condition of these roads is sub-standard but until the State Government is prepared to construct them or allow council to construct them these roads will continue to form a blight on this city," he said.

Other funds to be spent locally include \$180,000 over two years for Stintons Reserve landscaping and \$25,000 for maintenance of the 100 Acres at Park Orchards.

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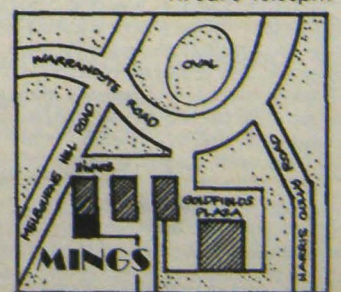
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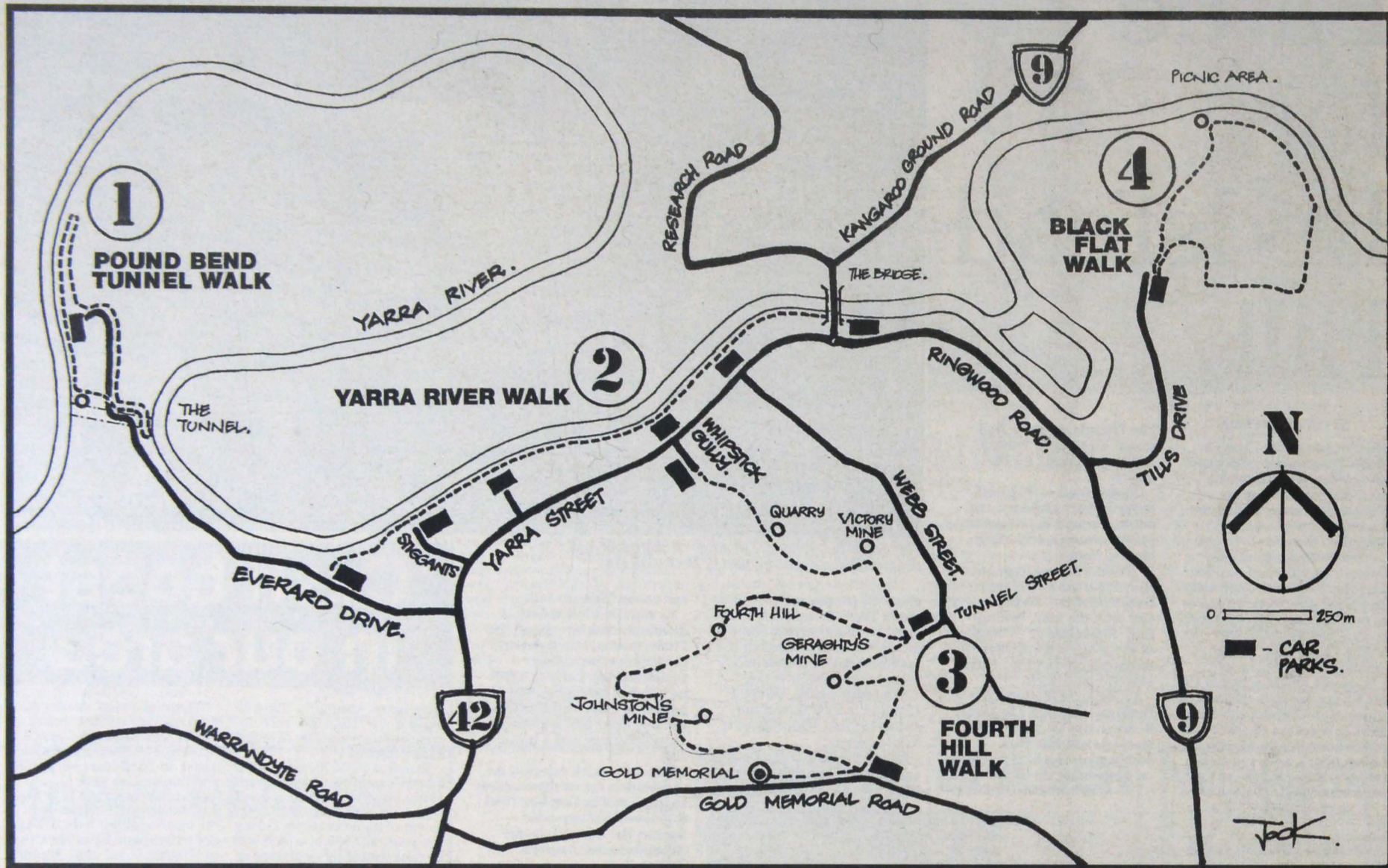
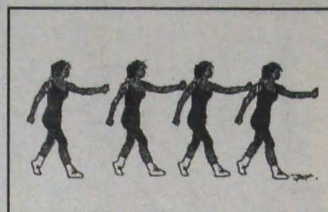
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Walks around Warrandyte



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 fenceline. 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 steam power 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.

Kangaroo Ground was once one of the leading communities in the Yarra Valley. BOB MILLINGTON previews a forthcoming book on the area.

The oasis that was Kangaroo Ground



Uncle Tom's Cabin: Tom Allen lived for years in this one-roomed hut on E.H. Cameron's Wallaby Park property late last century.

ANDREW Ross, the schoolmaster who came and stayed, rode his horse on to the rich, black loam of Kangaroo Ground on an autumn day in 1851 and confided to his diary that night that he had stumbled across an oasis in the desert.

It still seems strange to find those 3,000 acres of champagne country popping up in a region better noted for the scraggly, rocky soils that sent Warrandyte farmers and Christmas Hills selectors broke.

In a book to be released in November, historian Mick Woiwod puts forward the intriguing thesis that local Aborigines can be thanked for the district's fertility. He believes

the Wurundjeri tended the land—burning off grassland and “farming” the soil for yams—in such a way as to substantially modify it.

“To some large extent,” says Mick, “much of what we see of Kangaroo Ground today must be considered an Aboriginal artifact.”

European settlement began in 1841 when the Donaldson family—James and Isabella, plus five children—bought a square mile of the black soil country.

Within weeks of their arrival they were balled up and robbed by a gang of four bushrangers. Perhaps this is why the Donaldsons encouraged several fellow Scottish families to join them nearby.

The opening up of the Caledonian Goldfield (around St Andrews and Smiths Gully in 1854) consolidated Kangaroo Ground's place at the centre of things.

Catering to the diggers were a clutch of interesting publicans. One was E. H. Cameron, who earlier had run the Union Hotel in Warrandyte. Cameron operated the Caledonian Hotel at the corner of Pantom Hill and Dawson Roads. Afterwards he served 40 years in Parliament as the Member for Evelyn.

As well as being the local schoolmaster and preacher, Andrew Ross built the Kangaroo Ground Hotel. His Presbyterian principles apparently did not conflict with his thirst.

Edward Weller's hotel still survives. A fourth publican was William Cleaves, who ran the Watson Creek Hotel alongside the Main Bridge Road and who, it is said, met his end in a confrontation with a kangaroo.

Being canny Scots, the settlers were reluctant to part with a morsel of their land. It was all pressed into agriculture. As a result, roads tended to follow farmers' fences up and down the dale instead of taking better routes.

This worked against Kangaroo Ground. The thick soil roads became claggy and impassable in winter. Eventually a new route to the Yarra Valley had to be made. This became the present Maroondah Highway.

Lillydale prospered while Kangaroo Ground became a backwater.


Mick Woiwod's book, 'Kangaroo Ground—The Highland Taken', is to be launched on Sunday, November 20 by former premier Sir Rupert Hamer at Kangaroo Ground. Mick will be on hand to sign copies, which will sell for \$29.95.

The organisers hope to turn the occasion into a Back-to-Kangaroo Ground day. There will be Scottish pipers and dancers and a display of photographs—more than 200 have been used—from the book. Lunch and afternoon tea will be available.

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FRED FRYER
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FRED FRYER, a Warrandyte resident for the past 42 years, died recently at the age of 92 years.

Born in 1902 in the Western Australia gold-mining town of Cue he was only a teenager when he signed up as a mounted trooper. He was appalled by the way the law treated Aboriginal people at the time.

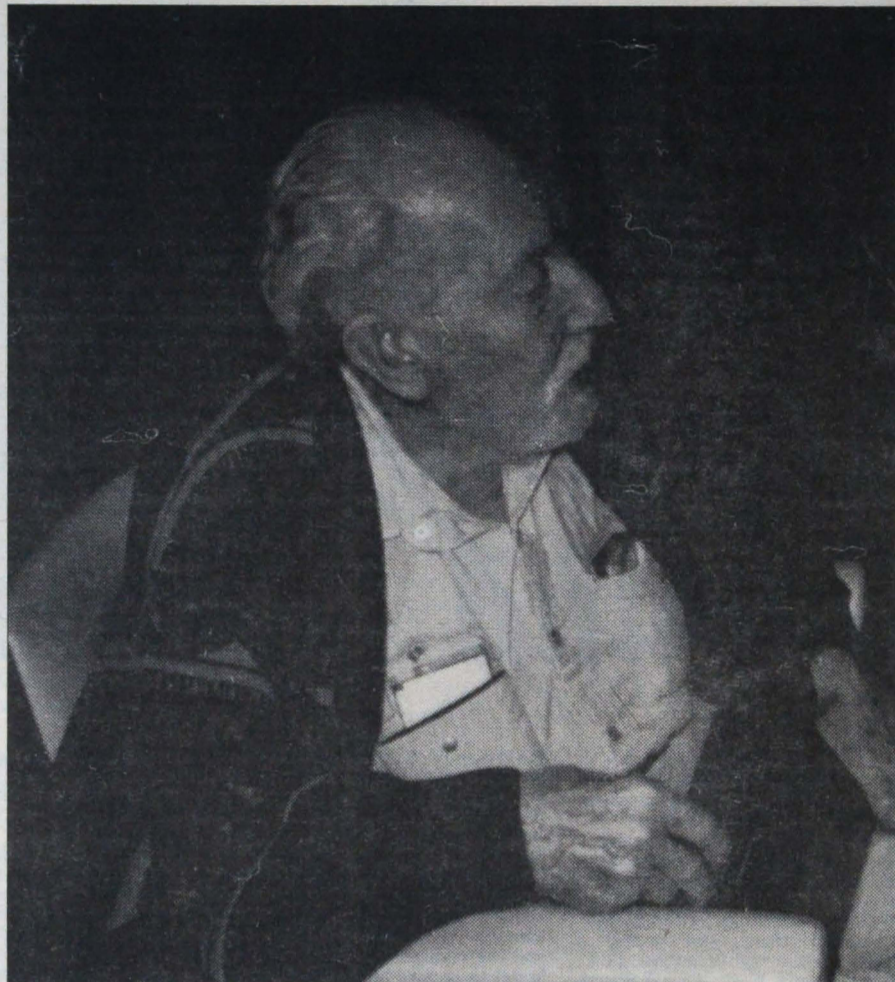
He then left Western Australia and the police force and joined his family who had moved to Melbourne. He studied chemistry which was to become his lifetime occupation.

During weekends he often stayed with a friend at a holiday cottage in Kangaroo Ground Road. He fell in love with Warrandyte and years later he persuaded his wife, Joyce, to move here. They bought land to build a family home in Webb Street.

They moved into their two-roomed house, with their two young daughters Elaine and Frances, in 1952. Fred was to keep building onto this house for the next 15 years.

In later years he was an enthusiastic member of the Senior Citizens Club and regularly played the piano at their annual concert. After his family confiscated his car because of his deteriorating eyesight, he took up walking the bush tracks—an activity he continued into his late 80s.

He wrote the following poem in 1926, after one of his walks along the Yarra River, during an early visit to Warrandyte.



Fred Fryer

A SUMMER MORN

*Who has not dreamt of a world of bliss,
On a bright sunny morn such as this?
Aimlessly I stroll, mid Yarra braes,
My thoughts at ease with bygone days.*

*All around me there seems to be
Nature's disciplines in complete harmony.
I've always loved these pleasant hours,
Wherein I walk and by thought endows
My mind in framed poetic mood,
Befitting this sunny solitude.*

*Too late I fear, man has curbed his run,
To save from destruction what he has begun.
Play for time, but not with dice.
Learn to conserve—or pay the price.*

*The quiet within these precincts sleep,
Contained in a slumber centuries deep.
Whilst sunlight beams thru' gumtrees tall,
To dance upon the river's fall.*

*But man has disfigured thy beauty spots,
And spanned the banks with building lots.
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Such is the dilemma for Barbara and Bob Jackson in their English home where their American-born neighbours, the Krogers, are being pursued by Mr Stewart of the British Civil Service for giving secret information to the Russians. This is an intriguing tale, cleverly written by Hugh Whitmore, based on actual events in London in 1961.

The story begins with the audience understanding the strength of the relationship between the two families, Barbara Jackson (Lesley Jenkin) and Helen Kroger (Helen Moppert) being the two dominant figures. Helen is "auntie" to Barbara's child, Julie (Georgie Greenwood). Everyone seems to be close, happy with life and trusting of each other. Then comes the shock.

THEATRE

By NICHOLAS PARSONS

Enter Mr Stewart (Ken Virtue) of MI5 with the news that the Krogers are spies and national duty entails aiding the security forces by allowing strangers, in the form of agents, to spy from their home. The gradual change to the relationships and the stresses placed on the Jackson family was remarkably portrayed, leading to the seizure of the spies and the ultimate breakdown and death of Barbara Jackson.

The play made the audience look at their own values. Not a happy play to see on a cold wintery night. An excellent choice by Kylie Moppert, nevertheless, as she challenged us in a stylish, well-directed production, maintaining the momentum of the piece.

Ken Virtue gave a crisp performance as the single-minded, insensitive civil servant, and Colleen Keating was solid as his agent voyeur.

Larry Evans and Helen Moppert gave credible performances, particularly

Helen as the vivacious friend who breathed life into the otherwise ordinary world of Barbara Jackson. It was disappointing that the spies did not sound remotely North American, neither Canadian nor USA, despite the fact that their accent was discussed during the play.

Lesley Jenkin and Patrick Sheridan were the stars of the production. Lesley showed the change from a happy housewife to an emotionally tortured friend with great skill. Patrick was beautifully understated as the quiet man of the house whose character gained in strength as the play developed. His portrayal was a gem. Let's hope we see a lot more of these two.

The most disappointing part of the night was that such a good play, well directed, well acted and with the usual high standards behind scenes, was enjoyed by a mere 10 people in the audience. With quality like this, the community is missing out by not supporting the Warrandyte Arts Association. This enjoyable program provided a good lesson: I'll be there for the next one.

Well done, Kylie Moppert and your team.

Out-of-town try-on



Fitting together for Jigsaw: (from left top) Carol Keating, Paddy Childs Green, Elizabeth Greenwood, Kylie Moppert, Madeline Swayne.

WARRANDYTE

Drama Group is delighted to have secured a berth at this month's highly respected Waverley Festival of Theatre. The group will perform Jennifer Rogers' production of Jigsaws at Monash University's Alexander Theatre on Tuesday, October 18.

This contemporary Australian character play deals with the lives and loves of five women aged between 25 and 70 years. The time-frame is 12 months, from Christmas Day to New Year's Eve the following year. They go on a journey of self-discovery, searching for their sexuality and independence and revealing their innermost feelings.

A drama group spokesperson said the play delighted audiences during its original Warrandyte season and should be even better at the festival. She said the group hoped to receive solid support from Warrandyte people for the production, which is being directed by Doug McManus.

Tickets (\$12 adults, \$10 concession) can be booked through 844 1152 or 844 3819. The performance commences at 8pm.

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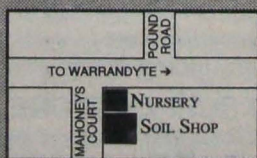
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Away with pixels— and roms and rams

66 I KNOW where he gets his blinkered, singleminded genes from, and it's not me," Herself self-righteously as Boy Wonder stormed out of the room, banging doors and stamping his feet on his way down to his archaeological dig.

After another day at the coalface, BW had been giving meaning to our evening by telling us, in minute detail, all about roms, rams, pixels and—for some strange reason—letter boxes. Or was it mail boxes?

Herself had been stupid enough to ask about an entirely different matter which seemed to upercut Boy Wonder for a nano-second until he was able to sidestep the left-field comment and regain his stride. He continued with renewed enthusiasm and dedication. All was familial harmony until Herself reoffended.

"How can you do that?" BW pleaded incredulously.

"How can you change topics in the middle of a conversation?"

"It's easy, you just do!" This incisive riposte from Herself did nothing to soothe the savage beast. Lightning bolts of angst flashed from his eyes as he left the room, muttering about euthanasia, dementia and the pointlessness of having an intelligent conversation with someone like her.

"Good one, dear," I offered, just to fill the gaping quality family time chasm left in the room. It was at this stage that Herself gave me the benefit of her genetic expertise.

Now I recognise that BW has admirable focus and is able to concentrate wholeheartedly on the task at hand, and when necessary, at the exclusion of all else. The genes for this, I am quite prepared to concede, he is lucky enough to inherit from me. But for Herself to fly off the handle and even suggest that I have obsessive traits was just not on.

On several occasions Herself and I have calmly discussed the problem of men's inability to think of two things at once, whereas women, being chromosomally dysfunctional, are able to conduct a multi-national takeover bid, explain the meaning of life, split the atom and organise a playgroup for the kids whilst keeping alive the social fabric of the wider family. Men, it seems, have trouble walking and chewing gum at the same time.

"I wonder what my cholesterol level is today," I innocently remarked when the gas heater had melted the frost from the air.

"For goodness' sake, will you stop going on about your bloody cholesterol level? Anyone would think you're the only one in the world

who's ever had to cope with a medical problem. You're on medication, so just forget about it. Wait for your next blood test before you start worrying. And, for heaven's sake, don't bore everyone else and especially don't write any more articles for the *Diary*."

"Give me credit for some intelligence," I replied, as I went back to watching the Healthy, Wealthy and Wise program. They were doing an item on the benefits of oat bran which made me feel I am on the right track because since I found out about my high cholesterol I have been eating it on my breakfast cereal. I'm sure Herself would have been interested in hearing about it but I exhibited remarkable restraint and remained silent.

"You know the last line of my last article?" I waited for Herself to feed me the answer.

"What? The last what?" Her head had not left this month's edition of *Country Living*.

I was about to repeat the question.

"Hold on a minute. I've nearly finished this article on early Australian tinware," she

purred.

"Just how many of those magazines do you need? We have *House and Garden*, *Home Beautiful*, *Vogue Entertaining*, *Epicure* and countless others cluttering up the place. You don't seem to be able to walk past a newsagency without buying one. You're obsessed! I was trying to have a sensible conversation with you. I was just asking whether you could remember the last line of my last *Diary* article."

"No. Should I? Is it important?"

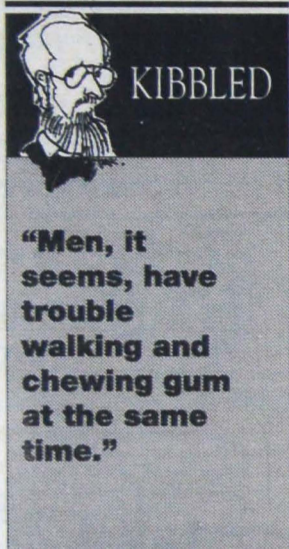
I let that pass to the keeper. "Well, if you're not interested just let me know and you can get back to how to convert old toilet roll tubes into distressed serviette—or is it napkin—holders."

"No, no remind me. You can't expect me to remember every brilliant word you write. There are so many."

"Well, if you really are interested. It was about the fact that I would kill the next Seventh Day Adventist I meet, because—you know—they had the testing van that first diagnosed my—medical problem."

I was interrupted by the front door closing, indicating that Gorgeous Creature had arrived home from work. Herself had retreated to her magazine and I realised all was lost for that night.

Then GC's tear-streaked face lurched around the TV room door...



ROGER KIBELL

Ladybird, ladybird, fly to our gardens

AFTER a moment's hesitation the diminutive, domed-shaped insect clambered onto my outstretched finger and came to rest in the palm of my hand. Its red and black convex contours gleamed in the sunlight like polished enamel.

Instantly the childhood rhyme came to mind: "Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home, your house is on fire and your children are gone". As if on cue the little insect lifted up its rigid wing cases, spread its tiny gossamer wings and executed a perfect vertical take-off.

Ladybirds have long had the reputation of being a friendly insect. This amicable image is not based on good looks alone. It is their eating habits that makes ladybirds particularly beneficial to us. Larvae and adults rapaciously devour insect pests such as scale, aphids, mealy bugs and mites. So effective are they that in England, ladybirds are sold in nurseries as biological control agents.

It was for this very purpose that one of our native species was introduced into California at the end of last century. Simply called the Australian ladybird, it was brought in to control another Aussie introduction—this one accidental—called cottony cushion scale. The scale had reached plague proportions and was threatening to destroy the Californian citrus industry. Within a few months of the ladybird's introduction the scale had almost disappeared.

Not all ladybirds are quite so welcome. There are one or two



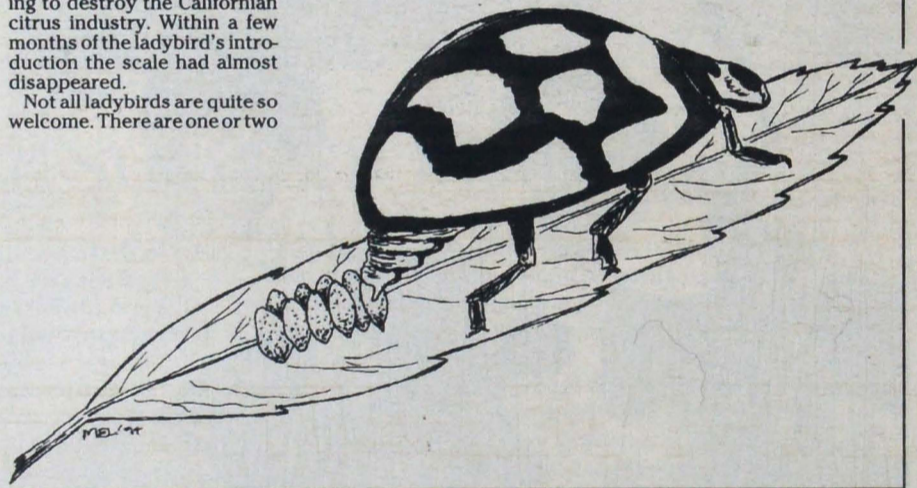
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

gent yellow fluid from—of all places—the joints of their legs. This process is known as relax bleeding.

Adult ladybirds are familiar to almost everyone, but their larvae and eggs less so. Female ladybirds lay batches of upright golden eggs attached to the surfaces of leaves. The larvae that hatch bear little resemblance to the adult form. In fact they are rather grotesque creatures with a spiny elongated body and are often mistaken for pests themselves. The larvae have, however, inherited their parents' appetite for aphids.

Sap-sucking aphids, also known as greenfly, are a major pest of garden plants. It may be tempting to control them with insecticide, but chemicals are indiscriminate killers and their use is likely to upset the balance of pests and their natural enemies. Although it may look as if the balance is heavily in favour of the aphids, appearances are deceptive, as one adult ladybird can consume around 100 aphids a day.

With the onset of warm weather, aphids will be out in force, but so too will the ladybirds, armed with powerful jaws and with a fierce hunger for succulent, soft-bodied garden pests. When you see them, give these special garden friends a warm welcome.



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EMU farming is not one of society's more glamorous or well-known occupations. If we use Steve Webb's enthusiasm as a gauge, however, it is a very uplifting experience.

Kangaroo Ground Emus, just up the road and round the bend from Wellers, is owned and run by Steve and Judy Webb. The pair have tried many things on their 20 acre property—cows, sheep, horse adjustment—but nothing gave them as much satisfaction and joy as does the breeding of our peaceful, flightless native bird—the emu.

"Emus are a lot more attentive and curious," Steve says. "You can talk to them."

It's hard not to agree as you stand in the middle of 60 or more birds and feel the gentle, warm energy, mischievous pecks and overflowing curiosity. It's a very down-to-earth experience.

Steve originally bought 12 emus but now has 102 and seven recently hatched chicks. Initially he was only interested in incubation; setting up a full and operating incubation service. "If people haven't got the infrastructure I charge them a fee for incubation and raising the chicks," he explained.

The sophisticated incubator allows the egg to be turned at regular intervals, as the male emu would in the wild, with the temperature and humidity kept at a constant level.

This was just a taste of emu farming for Steve. He quickly became an enthusiastic convert. His interest and hunger for knowledge led him to further seminars. He visited other farms, always seeking more information about this friendly and inquisitive bird, always with expansion as his goal.

Working in a relatively new industry, Steve often refers to books on emu farming, but finds better references in what happens to emus in their natural environment.

"I always relate it back to how they are in the wild," he said. He then imitates this as closely as possible.

With no known diseases, emus are a very hardy bird and seem to have it all over humans as far as healing and commitment goes. Steve recounted a couple of episodes where he saw miraculously short healing

LOCAL FOLK

By JULIE MURRAY

times for different wounds.

And as far as commitment goes—once they pair up for mating they stay with that same partner and will rear chicks together for up to 35 years. They become sexually active at about 14 months and breeders at 18 months. The mating season runs from June to December.

"I firmly believe it will be a highly successful industry. All products are sought after. Each bird on average has five litres of oil, 13 kilos of red meat and one and a half square feet of leather," Steve said.

He does feel, however, that because we were brought up on beef and lamb, the meat probably won't become a staple part of our diet. "But the export market is incredible."

Steve collects the eggs every



Julie Murray—and friends. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

day. They are dark green in color and about 10 centimetres long. They are then prepared for incubation. After methodical paperwork, marking and logging, the eggs are put into the incubator for 50 days.

Hatching is a very special time. It's a magical experience to watch new life struggling through the shell. "We then isolate them and

Steve's ingenuity has created a secure haven for them from a shipping container. It has been turned into safe and comfortable

Next year he plans to make their paddock look more like their natural environment—bringing in tree stumps, more shade and even an artificial creek. It's all positive expansion for this industry that has caught his love and fascination. Nothing makes him lose heart, not even the fact that "emu feed is going to double in price because of the drought".

At sundown the emus congregate in the corner of the top paddock and all bed down for the night.

If there is any school or community group interested in visiting Kangaroo Ground Emus, they can be assured that learning about our peaceful flightless bird from Judy and Steve will be an enjoyable adventure. You can phone them on 437 1037.

"Their impish nature encourages you to play..."

within 12 to 24 hours they are walking around with their heads up," Steve said. "You can't help a chick out of the shell or it will be a weak chick. One of them struggled for seven hours to hatch and he made it." Steve's hatching success rate is a perfect 100 per cent.

In the wild, the male sits on the egg. He does not eat or do anything until the chick is hatched.

Once hatched on a farm, the chicks are placed in a brooder for three to four weeks, where they require nurturing during the first few days. Some have to be shown—or taught—to drink.

From there they are placed in a chick run, luxurious by any farming standards.

Steve Webb—and chicks in footy jumpers.

living quarters—optimum conditions, with strip heaters, secure fox-proofing, shade cloth and chicken wire to deter predators.

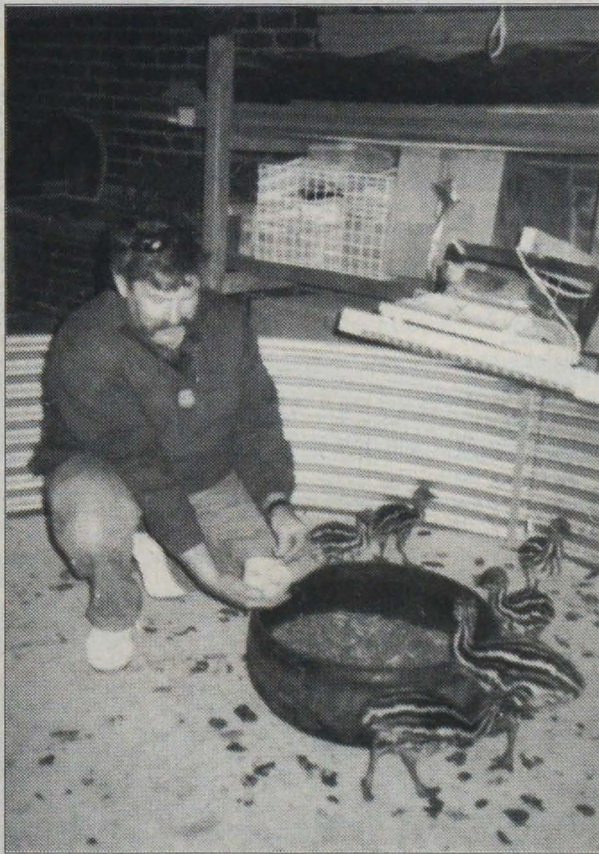
After three months they are "pretty indestructible," says Steve. "They can protect themselves from any fox, so out they go into the paddock." To elude attackers they are capable of running at speeds up to 40 kilometres an hour.

After a short time among emus—relating to them at head height—it is hard not to get caught up in Steve's enjoyment and enthusiasm.

Their majestic necks lure you to touch their plumage of soft brown, hairlike feathers. Their impish nature encourages you to play.

The wings are mere rudimentary limbs beneath those feathers.

Steve's ideas are endless.



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"Lucky eagles aren't as big as emus, Ock!"

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North Warrandyte Pre-School: 844 3808
Toy Library: 844 2874
Warrandyte After School Care Program: 844 3537
Warrandyte Chapel Playgroup: 844 2528
Warrandyte Community Child Care Co-op: 844 1205
Warrandyte Maternal & Child Health Centre: 844 3297
Warrandyte Occasional Childcare; Three Year Old Playgroup: 844 1839
Warrandyte Pre-School: 844 3363
West End Occasional Childcare: 844 3150
Yarra View Pre-School: 844 1038
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Anglican: 844 3473
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Community: 844 2528
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Kangaroo Ground: 712 0343
North Warrandyte: 844 3683
South Warrandyte: 844 2174
Warrandyte: 844 3798
Wonga Park: 722 1288

Warrandyte Community Centre Management Group: 844 4503
Warrandyte Community Market: 844 1839
Warrandyte Diary Newspaper: 844 4168
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Warrandyte Festival Committee: 894 2233
Warrandyte Food Bank: 844 2331
Warrandyte Job Exchange: 844 1839
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Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club: 844 2437
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Warrandyte Historical Society: 844 3122
Warrandyte Mechanics Institute & Arts Association: 844 2605
Warrandyte Model Railway Club: 844 2529
Warrandyte Neighbourhood House: 844 1839

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Warrandyte Cycling Club: 844 4647
Warrandyte Football Club: 844 2593
Warrandyte Netball Club: 844 1375
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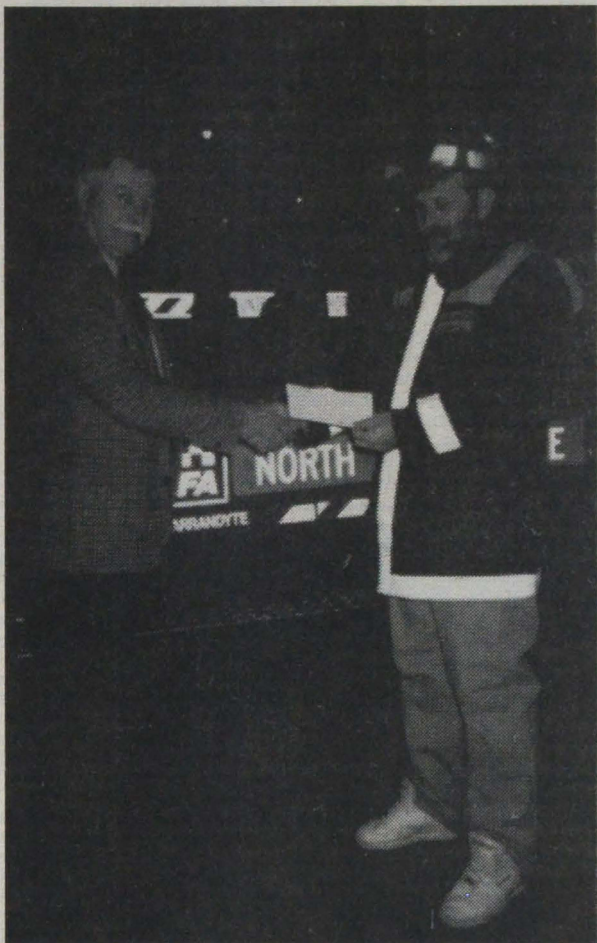
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Warrandyte Scouts, Cubs & Venturers: 844 1340
Warrandyte Youth Group (Uniting Church): 844 3476
Warrandyte Youth Services: 844 2985
Warrandyte Youth Society of Music & Drama: 844 2883

Compiled by Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau: 844 3082

Money fights fires

The Lions Club of Warrandyte recently presented a cheque for \$7,500 to the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade to be used towards the purchase of a new twin cab chassis that will form the base for their new Isuzu fire truck, which should be fitted out and ready for the 1995 fire season. The brigade plans to raise the remaining \$53,000 from fund-raising activities. The purchase of a new truck is necessary to replace the current petrol-engined vehicle.



John Penwill, president of Warrandyte Lions, hands over a cheque for \$7,500 to Mick Keating, captain of the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade.

Sale

Warrandyte Child Care and Pre-School Centre Co-op will hold its annual garage sale on Saturday, October 22 at the centre, corner of Masonic Avenue and Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, commencing at 9am. As well as the usual trash and treasure, there will be a selection of new domestic and commercial lighting and electrical items.

Furniture

The cottage in Taroona Avenue, adjacent to the Warrandyte Uniting Church and purchased by them some time ago, is to be set up to store furniture and other domestic items which cannot be held at either the Lions Opportunity Shop or Neighbourhood House due to insufficient space. There is always a demand for such items for sale or to assist needy families in the area. The church originally hoped to use the cottage for emergency housing, but it was found to be structurally unsuitable. To get this new project underway, donations of furniture, refrigerators, washing machines and so on (in working order) are required. Clothing should still be taken to the opportunity shop. If you can help, please contact Peter Renn on 844 3691.

Business

A number of Warrandyte business people met at the Grand Hotel on Wednesday, October 5, with a view to forming a traders' association. They seek to represent a common voice for business people in the area, to promote local trade and to look at

ways to help local folk appreciate that Warrandyte is a great place in which to do business. Anyone interested can phone Gwenda (844 1809), Steve (844 3202), Tony (844 1049) or David (844 1722).

Counselling

John McGregor Brown would like residents to know that he has commenced a marriage and family counselling practice in War-

randyte. He can be contacted on 844 4044.

Plants

The North Warrandyte Fire Brigade is conducting a plant sale at the Warrandyte Community Centre in Yarra Street on Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, from 9am to 5pm. Plants will be supplied by Aumann's Nursery. Profits will help towards the purchase of



Conducted by JUDY GREEN
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their new fire tanker and the on-going running costs of the brigade.

Moved on

Dr David Lia, who until recently practised at his surgery on the corner of Webb and Yarra Streets, has now joined a busy group practice in Stawell.

Birthday

Warrandyte Senior Citizens are celebrating their 32nd birthday with a concert on Thursday, November 10, commencing at 1pm, at their centre in Taroona Avenue. Afternoon tea will be served and everyone is welcome.

Aidline

Aidline is Victoria's telephone counselling, information and referral service for HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and sexual health. The service is delivered by a team of trained volunteers. Aidline can be reached on 347 6099 (008 032 665 for deaf callers). Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can ring 347 6133. Visits to your group or organisation can also be arranged.

Books

The book exchange at the community centre is desperately seeking—guess what?—books! They are especially interested in novels and books on art and craft. The exchange is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 2 and 4.30pm.

Warrandyte Community Market



Under the gum trees, beside the Yarra on Stiggants Reserve, Yarra St, Warrandyte 1st Saturday of each month – except January, 9am–1pm.

Come and join in! Hand-crafted gifts of all kinds, toys, art works, pottery, plants, clothing, gift cards, leatherwork, cakes, jams, honey, fruit, produce.

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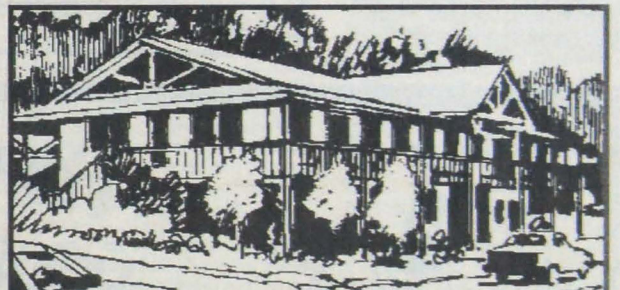
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Census facts

Students seeking information on Warrandyte for projects need look no further than the Citizens Advice Bureau at the community centre.

Volunteer Heather Beech (pictured above) has compiled a detailed statistical record of the 3113 postcode from 1991 census figures. The data has been extracted from census files available on CD-ROM at the Box Hill library, which can print out information on any postcode in Australia.

"I rang the Bureau of Statistics who gave me some vague information which they were trying to sell for \$25, but ended up obtaining very interesting material from the Box Hill library, which didn't cost anything," she said.

Data available includes local population, the breakdown of family income, number of houses in the area, languages spoken at home, school qualifications and even how many locals travel to work by bicycle.

Welcome in Warrandyte

Warrandyte families recently enjoyed the pleasure of billeting teachers and lecturers from Japan, in a cultural exchange organised by Ken Wing Jan, principal of Warrandyte Primary School.

A school spokesman told the *Diary* that the Japanese visitors spent time in local classrooms in order to learn from our methods of teaching. "They, in turn, enthralled the chil-

dren with their singing, demonstrations of origami and discussions about Japan," the spokesman said.

A tour of Pound Bend—successfully seeking koalas (spotted) and gold (not seen), a trip to Parliament House with Japanese-speaking MP Phil Honeywood as tour guide, social evenings in Warrandyte homes and an exciting bush band concert were all highlights of their visit.



Japanese guest Keichi with (from left) Courtney Merbis, Laz Acres, Ellie Hughes and some origami birds.

■ **Warrandyte Lions – Learn to Swim Programme** will be continued. Expressions of interest are required on the forms that have been circulated to the local schools and kindergartens. Age groups are Pre-school and Grade 1.

■ **Preselection for the biennial Youth Arts Awards** for 1995 is underway. Further details from John Penwill 726 9077 (b) or 722 1775 (H).

■ **North Warrandyte Fire Brigade** Captain Mick Keating, was given \$7,500 towards the purchase of a new fire truck. The brigade will be taking delivery of the base unit for fitting out. The final cost will be met from community fund raising.

■ **Warrandyte Lions Golf Day** will be held at the Croydon Golf Club on November 21st. This will be a fundraiser for local charities. Lions are looking for participants and sponsors. Interested firms or players should contact Laurie McEnaney on 808 2722 (B) or 870 4067 (H).

■ **Lions Community Health Day** program was held on the 9th of October. Many local residents and visitors attended for a comprehensive range of health

checks.

■ **Door Peepholes** are available to the aged or infirm from Lions. They will be supplied and fitted free of charge. To obtain your peephole contact Terry Oakley on 844 4501.



This corner has been inserted by your local Lions Club to let residents know how Lions are active in the community and to inform everyone of forthcoming events.

Redbacks' historic double

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club completed an historic double last month by winning both the boys and girls under-17A premierships.

The club had never won the EDJBA's elite titles in the same season—and only just did so as the boys hung on against Eltham's best in a special Monday night final.

A packed house at Warrandyte saw the Redbacks storm clear in the second half after being tied at the break to lead 53-43 with two minutes left.

The Wildcats then charged back to trail by just two points with seconds to go. Their late attempts to tie were in vain, however, and in a gripping finish Warrandyte got home 54-52.

Russell McIntosh (18 points) was judged Most Determined Player in the team coached by Ron McLellan.

The girls did it slightly easier against Doncaster. The defending premiers, coached by Gavin Whitmore, were nervous going into the game, having lost to the Doncats in a semi-final.

But with Amanda McLelland firing in 15 points and Julia Edwards 14, they had no trouble winning the rematch 39-19.

Both Warrandyte sides now go on to represent the EDJBA at the eastern Victorian championships.

Those two wins were the highlight of the Redbacks' grand final run which saw 19 of the club's 52 teams play. Eight were victorious.

One of the real upsets came from Damian Arsenis' 13BB boys against previously-unbeaten Bulleen. The tall

Under-17s scoop the EDJBA premiership pool

Boomers side beat them in the semi-final by 15 points.

The Redbacks came out firing though and fast-broke their way to a narrow half-time lead. With Rick Templeton (19 points) scoring almost at will they opened a handy break and went on to win 57-38. Ben McKellar contributed 14 in a fine game while James Riley was MDP.

Steve Parsons' 11CS1 boys gave parents heart flutters in their amazing home final against Doncaster. Neither side could get away in a tense first half but soon after the

break the Doncats went on an 11-0 run to lead 25-17.

But it was far from over and Warrandyte scored the next 14 points in a six-minute surge to take the lead 25-31. They played out time to win 41-34, with Luke Stillman's 11 points earning him the MDP.

Margaret Sprigg's 13C2 girls sewed up their flag with a similar stunning run against Eltham.

After a close opening they scored 13 unanswered points on the way to a 36-18 win. Melissa Lynch fired in 17. The 15CW boys of Peter

Holland did it fairly comfortably at Bulleen in a sometimes-controversial game. They won 33-24, with Evan Giosis MDP.

Melinda Anderson's 9D1/2 girls also fired on the big day. They led from the opening against Doncaster to win 12-7. Fiona Sherwin top scored with four and was MDP.

The other Redbacks winners were Christian Arsenis' 9A boys in the supplementary final against Balwyn. Chris George led with 12 in the 38-29 win.

Among the 11 Warrandyte teams who came out on the

wrong side of the ledger were Gavin Whitmore's 13A1 boys, who crashed to Eltham 24-45 despite Ben Walsham's 10 points.

Diane Godwin's 11A2 girls gave Doncaster's best a run for their money before falling 29-35.

The 13B2 girls of Nick Arnott qualified first for the final but lost to Marcellin 19-27. A similar scenario applied to Trent Masenhelder and Adam Thompson's 11BS boys, who beat Eltham by 16 in the semi but lost the final 30-46, with Joel McDonald MDP.

Janet George's 9D2/2 girls were shut out by Bulleen 0-15 (Emma Jones the MDP), Warren Carle's 11DS boys were edged out by Ivanhoe 31-35 (Luan Yen MDP) and Keith Chapman's 11DW boys lost 13-54 to Nunawading, Sean Skok the MDP.

Tristan Martin's 11DS supplementary side and Karen Pearce's 9DS1 boys both lost to Eltham, 16-21 (Robert Whaley MDP) and 10-15 respectively.

Warrandyte's other beaten grand finalists were the the 15D1 girls of Melinda Anderson (17-31) and Bob Hillman's 13D2/1s girls (17-29).

For local basketballer Corey Nightingall it was a fitting way to end a 12-year career with the Warrandyte Redbacks.

His under-20B side won their Friday night championship grand final last month. Nightingall led from the front in his last junior game, scoring 15 points in a 49-32 win over Southern Peninsula.

He didn't do it alone, however, Drew Tice, Ben Dawson and Jamie Mackintosh all contributing solidly to the score in a real team performance.

It took the Sharks more than 10 minutes to score in the final. By that time Warrandyte had nine and were never going to lose.

The Redbacks extended their lead to 19 in the second half before the foot came off the pedal somewhat and the advantage slipped back to 13. Coach Gavin Whitmore called a time-out.

"We were a bit concerned because we kept turning the ball over. That was our problem and we just needed to settle things down again," he said.

They did just that, and Nightingall looked set to bow out as the final scorer in the final until Dawson made a pair of free-throws at the death.

Our Corey bows out gloriously

Whitmore's other championship side also won their final. His 14B boys dominated the season but struggled in the final against Southern Peninsula.

They trailed early in the second half but answered Whitmore's "wake-up call" with a 14-0 run in 11 minutes to set up a 46-26 win.

"It was an ordinary performance," said Whitmore. "It was good to win but our opposition was weak, a real B-grade side. We're probably at the bottom end of A."

Lachlan McDonald (12 points), Michael Clark (10) and Craig Dick

(10) led the scoring.

The club's other winners were Iain Hay's 16EQ boys in their supplementary final.

Thirteen Warrandyte teams and an entourage of 200 locals made the trek to Albury the week after the finals for the big annual junior tournament.

Despite a long history of success, the Redbacks failed dismally this year, with only one side reaching the grand final. For the first time they lost more games than they won (26-25).

The under-18 boys coached by

Clinton Grybas were the sole shining lights, reaching the grand final but going down 41-56 to Albury. They trailed by only five with six minutes to go, but the demanding weekend's program took its toll and they could not go on with it.

The under-18 second side also did well, downing previously-unbeaten Echuca on the way to the semi-finals before going down to the first team.

Several younger teams were unlucky to miss out, losing just one game. But in the cut-throat world of tournaments one loss is often one too many.

There are new faces on the club committee following this month's annual general meeting. Karen Pearce, Sue Anderson and Damian Arsenis have replaced long-time office-bearers Gavin Whitmore and Con Arsenis.

There was no change to the executive, with president Graeme Riley returned unopposed.

Mr Riley told the meeting the club was heading in the right direction, doing all it could to raise the standard of coaching and accumulating a reserve of funds for the ultimate goal—a stadium of its own.



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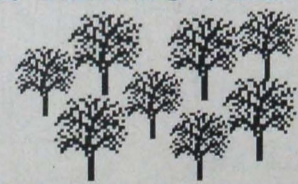
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Andrew, Annabell toasts of Goldtown

By JUDY GREEN

Victorian state grade player Andrew McLean, and Annabell Elwood, who travelled down from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, took out the titles at the Warrandyte's Tennis Club's 1994 Goldtown Open.

The Goldtown, now in its 11th year, was held over the first two weekends in September and attracted many of Victoria's top players, along with visitors from interstate.

McLean, who defeated Clinton Snell in the men's singles final, is number one state grade player for Dingley, 1994 premiers. He was undefeated in singles until beaten by Ian Peter-Budge in the state grade grand final.

Annabell, who reached the third round of the girls' singles at Wimbledon this year, won the Goldtown women's crown on a walkover. Joanne Limmer, last year's winner, was forced to forfeit the final because of injury.

The club has scheduled next year's Goldtown Open from September 1 to 10.

Warrandyte's first women's Tennis Victoria pennant flag was won recently by the grade 7 team—Lyndal Mackintosh, Michelle Gilling, Janine Phillips, Kim Edwards, Elise Youl and Francene O'Connor.

The final, ending a season which began with 64 teams competing in the grade, was played over two weeks against Frankston East.

The Warrandyte girls won 79 games to 31. They were presented with a cheque from Liptonic for \$400 for their club. The money will buy a trophy cabinet.

At a recent social night at the club, Roland Batchelor and John Laing were jointly presented with the Keith Wilson Clubperson of the Year Award.

GOLDTOWN DETAILS

OPEN—Men's Singles: A. McLean d C. Snell 6-3, 6-2. Women's Singles: A. Elwood d J. Limmer (w/o). Men's Doubles: I. Peter-Budge-S. Lingard d C. Simpson-C. Haslam. Women's Doubles: A. Elwood-J. Richardson d S. Cutler-A. Klim.

A GRADE—Men's Singles: T. Rakete d C. Gursilyn. Women's Singles: K. Butler d T. Snell.

B GRADE—Men's Singles: H. Mellors d B. Forliss. Men's Doubles: M. Collins-G. Young d P. Hancin-J. Ceh.

C GRADE—Men's Singles: M. Collins d S. Tavoletti.

So bowl along to Donvale

Donvale Bowls Club, on the corner of Springvale and Reynolds Roads, is looking for new members.

And with the new season starting, this is an ideal time for Warrandyte enthusiasts to become part of a highly-successful and easily-accessible facility.

Cricket opener a total washout

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Miserable weather has delayed the start of Warrandyte Cricket Club's 1994-95 season.

The opening round of RDCA fixtures on October 8 was washed out. So were all but one of the pre-season outdoor practice sessions.

The association cancelled the first round one-day games because several venues were unplayable.

WCC president Steve Pascoe said that play at Warrandyte would have been a "50-50 chance".

The lost round is expected to be replayed on a Sunday later in the season. Warrandyte will meet Lillydale, who are expected to be one of the weaker sides in the competition.

The weather has been a major disappointment as the Dytes gear up for a big and challenging season.

"When the weather is like it has been people just don't think about playing cricket," Mr Pascoe said. "Yet depending on how the younger blokes step up we've got the nucleus for a very good side this year."

"I would hope that we'd make the finals. We have a lot of depth and are very competitive right through with a number of new faces who will be knocking on the door of the seconds."

Warrandyte appear to have lost the services of opening batsman and RDCA all-star Andrew Hood.

"At this stage he hasn't got the fire in the belly but if he gets it again he'll be playing—and it won't be anywhere but Warrandyte," Mr Pascoe said.

Another setback has been a stress fracture, a late-season football injury, to young batting star Nick Bris-

bane. Keen to play seniors this season, Brisbane will miss the opening few weeks.

Warrandyte's first game will now be at Ferntree Gully, promoted to the Chandler Shield division after winning the A west flag last year. They will be very keen to do well against last season's Chandler runners-up in their first hit-out.

Warrandyte's first home game begins on Saturday October 29 against Croydon North. Mr Pascoe does not regard Croydon North as one the real threats, nominating Wonga Park, Ainslie Park and Mooroolbark as the teams to beat.

The junior side of the club hasn't had the best start to the season either. The under-16s desperately need a couple more players and the under-14s are also struggling for numbers.

The under-12s will field three teams, one non-competitive.

Meanwhile, the club have launched a regular Saturday night social get-together, open to all, with a light meal available for a maximum \$6.

Mr Pascoe hopes the community will support the venture. "We're looking to regenerate a family atmosphere so people know they can come down on a Saturday night and learn how the games have gone if they were unable to get to them," he said.

"We're really trying to make it a community affair and involve everyone," he said.

The club will hold a racing night at the pavilion on October 29, the last Saturday before The Melbourne Cup. It starts at 7.30, there will be plenty of fun for the whole family, admission is free and, again, everyone is welcome.

The new regime

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club are approaching 1995 with a new executive, a strengthened committee—and almost \$11,000 in the red.

The annual general meeting on October 3 farewellled long-serving president Lawrie Sloan, who stepped down after 27 consecutive years' service on Warrandyte and EDFL committees, and elected Lex Munro to succeed him.

Mr Munro, who has a great deal of experience as a player and coach, will be supported by a new-look committee—the first full committee an annual meeting has been able to muster in recent years.

It includes five current or recently-retired players, a healthy sign for smooth, dissension-free running of the club.

Outgoing secretary/treasurer Greg Faulkner told the meeting that the year ahead would be "pretty critical" for the Bloods.

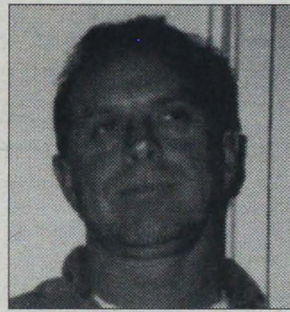
It would not be a time, he said, to even consider promotion from second to first division.

"A considerable influx of supporters and money would be needed before we could compete in first division," Mr Faulkner said.

He described the past year as disappointing from a financial viewpoint.

The club recorded an operating deficit of \$4132, for an accu-

President Lex has kicked it around



There is no doubting the football credentials of Lex Munro (left) or his familiarity with what it takes to succeed in the EDFL.

The new Bloods president, who is 37, played 10 years with first division club East Burwood and was a member of Forest Hill's premiership team in 1984.

He then played for Upwey-Tecoma, and coached their reserves, in the Yarra Valley Mountain District League before a coaching stint at Yinnar, in the East Gippsland.

Mr Munro came to Warrandyte as the club began its campaign for the 1993 premiership under his good mate Darren Peters and was seconded to the selection committee. This year he was assistant coach and a selector.

He told the annual general meeting that there had so far been five applicants for the senior coaching position advertised after the retirement of David Purcell.

There also had been two applicants to coach the resurrected under-18s, he said.

mulated deficit of \$10,772.

Mr Faulkner noted that despite being in the red, the Bloods were far better placed than many EDFL clubs.

"We seem to be on a roller-coaster ride," he said. "One year, everybody pitches in and we do well. The next year we take our foot off the accelerator."

"We need to get the traders and the people of Warrandyte far more involved in the club before we can think about first division."

Mr Faulkner put last season's poor financial result down to increased player payments, a \$15,000 decline in bar sales, poor early-season match attendances (a legacy of the mistaken belief that Warrandyte would be out of their depth in second division) and a decline in membership.

On the credit side was a contribution of almost \$5000 from Collingwood Football Club for the continuing services of outstanding Warrandyte player Jon

Hassall.

Mr Sloan congratulated the Bloods for their 10 wins in their first season back in second division. "It was a damn good effort to win 10 games in the tougher competition with the players we had at our disposal," he said.

"If we had been able to field the team with which we won third division in 1993 I have no doubt we would have taken part in the finals."

"I believe we can be a very successful club. We do not ever

want to return to third division. Let's band together and aim at first division in a couple of years."

Former player Gary (Madge) Allsop confirmed to the meeting that he had intended to stand for club presidency.

Allsop, who was crippled in an on-field collision early in the 1989 season, was nominated for vice-presidency but declined.

He said health problems had overruled any ambitions to be president, vice-president or a committee member.

Allsop said he had spoken at length with the new president and would do anything he could to help the club, particularly in the fields of junior development and fundraising.

The new office-bearers are: Lex Munro (president); Brian Neilsen (vice-president); Rod Valentine (secretary); Tom Kerkhof (treasurer). General committee: Matthew Elliott, Brian George, Robert Ireland, Roger Drew, John Ryan, John Wishart, Geoff Feltham, Dale McCartin, Darren Peters, Peter Sharp. The president of the junior club automatically sits on the senior committee.

Skipper Steve is 'Captain Courageous'

Captain and dual best and fairest winner Steve Carroll has added "most courageous" to his list of decorations from Warrandyte Football Club.

Rover Carroll, club champion in 1988 and joint winner last season, received his latest award at the club's presentation night at Alfred's Homestead on September 17.

As previously reported, 1993 premiership coach Darren Peters won this season's best and fairest from John O'Brien and Luke McFarlane-Smith, who were big winners at trophy night.

O'Brien was judged most consistent and McFarlane-Smith collected the coach's award.

Chris Quinlan was voted best first-year

player and life membership was conferred on former vice-president and tireless committee man Roger Drew.

At junior presentation day, outstanding young prospect Tim Finocchiaro added the under-16s best and fairest trophy to the under-14s award he won last year.

Long-time worker Eric Houghton received the Gary 'Madge' Allsop award for best clubperson.

Award winners:

SENIORS: Best and fairest: Seniors: Darren Peters 1, John O'Brien 2, Luke McFarlane-Smith 3. Reserves: Stewart Rough 1, Billy Hose 2, Greg Crober 3.

Coach's awards: Seniors: McFarlane-Smith. Reserves: Ashley Clarkson.

Best first-year player: Chris Quinlan. Most courageous: Steve

Carroll. President's award: Brian Neilsen. Best clubman: Tom Kerkhof. Life membership: Roger Drew.

JUNIORS:

Under-16: Best and fairest: Tim Finocchiaro 1, Dean Nightingall 2, Geoff Hose 3. Most improved: Luke White. Coach's award: Ross Anderson. Training award: Jarrod O'Connor.

Under-14: Best and fairest: Liam Bottomley 1, Michael Clark 2, Leigh Evans 3. Most improved: Marcus Meads. Coach's award: Frank Pellegrino. Most consistent: Paul Pellegrino.

Under-12: Best and fairest: Simon Guerin and Luke Naughtin 1, Nathan Lear 2, Lucas Barnes 3. Most improved: Andrew Griffiths. Coach's award: Peter Dickson. Training: Jason Bowman, Warrick Padgham and James Riddell.

Under-10: Best and fairest: Joel McDonald 1, Kyle McDonald 2, David Rees 3. Most improved: Michael Morello, Blake Tobin.

Coach's award: Jerrod Gibson and Adam McLaren. Most courageous: Tom Naughtin. Training: Matthew Szanis. Gary 'Madge' Allsop Award (best clubperson): Eric Houghton. Eddie Houghton Memorial Trophy: Geoff Hose.

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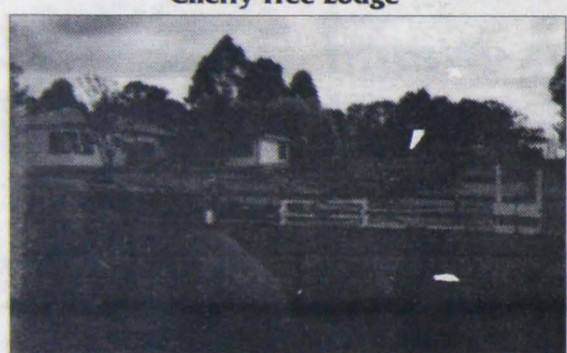
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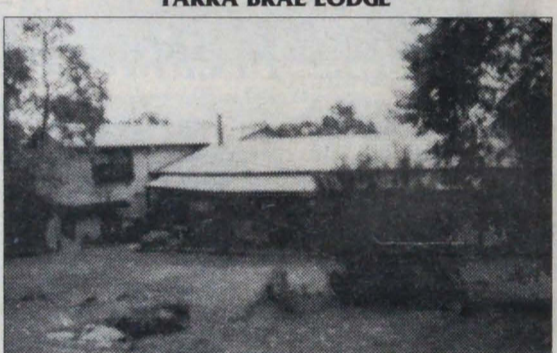
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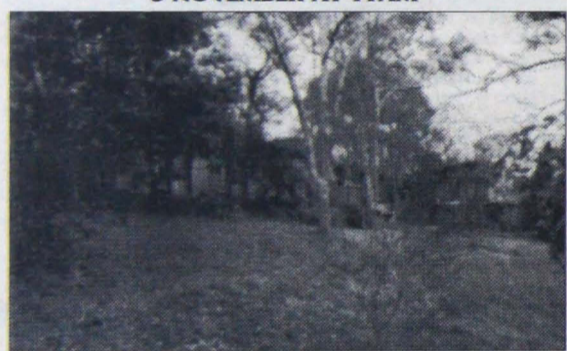


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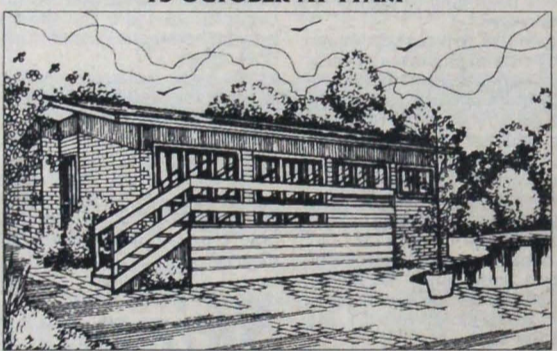
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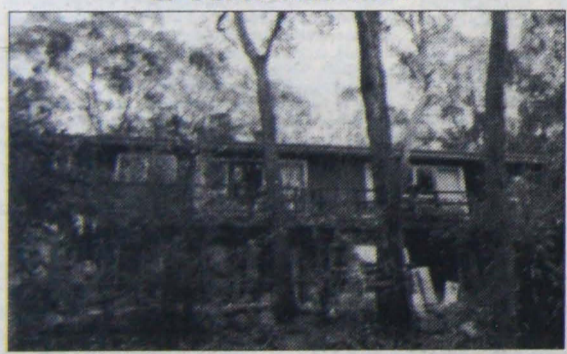
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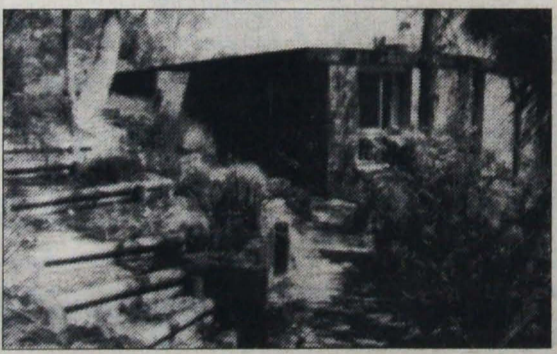
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