

# Survey will decide on village

By DAVID WYMAN

A firm of management consultants will now virtually decide if Warrandyte will have its own retirement village.

If it confirms research on the need for such housing, the consultant's report, due at the end of April, should trigger release of \$350,000 from Manningham City Council for the purchase of land for the village.

The local impetus for the project followed a survey in late 1993 in which residents were asked by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project Committee to nominate their retirement housing requirements.

The response was extremely positive for establishing such a housing centre. Financial feasibility studies were carried out and several properties were identified as suitable.

But in recent months it appears to have become bogged down in a mixture of bureaucratic procedures and posturing, and some inexperience.

Local MP, Phil Honeywood, a member of the committee since its inception, said that "real progress" was now being made towards Warrandyte's own retirement housing.

He identified three factors which had tended to "bog down" the project to date:

- The view of some former councillors and council staff that all retirement housing and aged care accommodation should be centred in either Doncaster or Templestowe. "Happily, the new Manningham commissioners are willing to accept that Warrandyte is different," he said.

- Initial differences of opinion among the Warrandyte committee members on the scale and type of housing and hostel accommodation needed. "Happily, again, we all seem to be singing the same tune now—that we should also provide for an aged care hostel at a future date," Mr Honeywood explained.

- The fact that the Warrandyte committee was new and seen as "idealistic volunteers". Council officers now appear to recognise that the committee and its professional findings have at least

some substance.

Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Committee chairman, Rev Sydney Smale, has joined former councillor Louise Joy on a City of Manningham committee aimed at facilitating elderly accommodation needs in the municipality.

"Warrandyte was going it alone in its elderly housing scheme, but has now joined the overall Manningham scheme," Rev Smale told the *Diary*.

"A new 51-bed complex in Manningham Road will be the centre for elderly housing in the City of Manningham, with two outreach centres, in the first stage of development, at East Doncaster and Warrandyte.

"Council also allocated \$20,000 for consultants to prepare a report on the need for elderly housing in Warrandyte and how it could be achieved," Rev Smale explained.

"The purpose of the consultants' survey and report is to ensure that our earlier findings and recommendations are confirmed correct. If that happens, then the council will release the money for the land."

Impact Consulting Group, management consultants based in Melbourne, were awarded the contract to prepare a business plan for special purpose housing in Warrandyte.

"Impact Consulting appear to have done their homework, noting Warrandyte's unique environmental culture in its submission.

"They also had information on the age patterns in Warrandyte."

"If the consultants' findings validate the Warrandyte committee's original concepts and needs, a special committee will be formed to expedite the project.

"We have already been offered a block of land in a central position, but we may well have to have more land to include full-care hostel accommodation in the future," Rev Smale said.

Phil Honeywood was optimistic about the new moves.

"I am delighted with the appointment of the consultants and hopefully this will result in a fairly rapid recommendation that land be purchased with the available money," he said.



## Path to glory...

A new walking track is to be built in Warrandyte, following the river upstream from the bridge to Stonehouse. The path will allow access to the riverbank for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and provide lovely

vistas along largely unknown stretches of the Yarra. In the Jan Tindale picture (above) landscape designer Bev Hanson checks the route.

● Full story on Page 5.

## Tennis courts threat

By DAVID WYMAN

Plans to build two new tennis courts at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve have stalled.

The City of Manningham has allocated \$120,000 in its 1994-95 budget for the courts, but appears to have at least temporarily shelved the project because some of the land involved belongs to the state government.

A council spokesman, David Melvin, said he could not say if there was any danger of the tennis courts project not going ahead.

Manningham council is under considerable pressure to reduce operating costs and rates, under its commissioners, and many organisations receiving council funding are watching the council anxiously.

President of the Warrandyte Tennis Club, Greg Lawrence, said the club is most concerned at the delay in constructing the courts. "We fought long and hard during the development of the management plan for the Recreation Reserve for inclusion of two new courts, and we would be most disappointed if they do not go ahead," he said.

"It was a concern to council staff that the project may cost them too much—and that the incoming commissioners may not want to spend that kind of money. The purchase of the Crown Land portion would add to the cost.

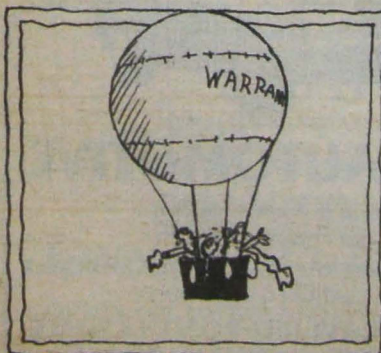
"All the arguments we used to support two additional courts are still valid. Our junior membership continues to expand. They have to play competition on outside courts and thus lose the benefits of being involved in the continuing life of the club."

Mr Melvin told the *Diary* that council would have to "confirm arrangements" to obtain the portion of land owned by the government.

"The original budget for this project was \$80,000, but in the 1994-95 budget this was increased to \$120,000 because construction costs are higher than originally anticipated," he said.

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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
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# Call out the Coast Guard! Our Vic's going sailing!

 We promised Vic Grybas late last year, when he complained of overexposure, that we'd give him a rest for a while and, indeed, we have not even bothered to ask him what extraordinary situations he has blundered into lately. But if someone doesn't tell us about his misadventures, someone else will—so welcome back to Page 2, mate. Since he retired very prematurely, Vic has become a sailing nut, which is pretty risky for anyone so accident-prone. Good thing he didn't take up lion taming. Anyhow, he has had his moments, and none more dramatic than the other weekend when he took his catamaran down to the beach house at Safety Beach, on the Mornington Peninsula. Safety Beach, how ironic. Vic put to sea twice over the weekend—and had to be rescued on each occasion. On the first day, a bloke dived in fully dressed and swam out to the upturned craft. Next day the cat was towed back to shore, Vic desperately trying to lift the twin hulls out of the water to stop them sinking. He blames the fact that the hulls filled with water on poor maintenance by his former sailing partner John Pearson. We doubt that, but we really do advise him to give the Sydney-to-Hobart a miss.


 We were stunned to learn that plumber-about-town David (Bunter) McLean has turned 50, an occasion celebrated in conjunction with the warming of the family's new beach house. We are told that the speeches by wife Carolyn and their grown-up kids, extolling him as the ultimate husband and father, one helluva a human being, were so moving as to leave not an eye dry. So good, in fact, that Roger might well have written them himself.


 The tennis club chaps have been waiting quite a while to get square with Kevin Close, whom they accuse rightly or wrongly of furnishing Smokey with embarrassing tidbits from those quarters. The following arrived neatly typewritten, which in itself is irresistible. Seems Closey arrived at the club the other Saturday afternoon for drinks which traditionally follow

## IN RED & WHITE




clinker was his observation that one wife at a time was more than ample, thank you very much.

 Even a bloke as mentally and physically robust as Jack Barr can get the nadders (that is, an attack of the nerves) at a family wedding. Jack found himself in need of a 'stiffener'—and something more stiffening than a mere beer—at the reception last month for son Lindsay (the junior member of the Barr brood of four) and his bride Laura Stringer. Surreptitiously, but not quite surreptitiously enough, he was seen to unscrew the handle of a walking stick, produce from within a glass container that looked like a test tube and take a goodly swig of its contents. Jack confided later that it was French brandy, that he borrowed the walking stick and contents from an old Irish lady friend of the family and that it did the trick.

 You will read in his column on Page 8 that *Diary* wordsmith Roger Kibell has turned 50, an occasion celebrated in conjunction with the warming of the family's new beach house. We are told that the speeches by wife Carolyn and their grown-up kids, extolling him as the ultimate husband and father, one helluva a human being, were so moving as to leave not an eye dry. So good, in fact, that Roger might well have written them himself.

a day's hostility on the court, ordered a Coke starter and settled in to watch the golf on tele. He was mid-Coke when his wife, the lovely Faye, stormed in quite uncharacteristically, muttering things about equality of the sexes and the family that walks together staying together. "I didn't know you were coming," said Kevin. "You invited me then walked out without me!" said Faye. "Sorry, dear, would you like a drink?" he asked very meekly.

 If you compare this page with Page 2 of the previous *Diary* you will notice advertisements have commandeered a bit of Smokey's space. Officially, it's because ads had to be relocated to accommodate the Warrandyte Festival program, but lovers of this column have every right to feel cheated. Particularly because in the space stolen, your columnist was going to detail how he gave up a lamb roast for a date with Cindy Crawford, wine and dined her and, as we lay on the grassy riverbank in the moonlight at Jumping Creek, exhausted by a torrid night of lovemaking, saw a species of native fauna thought to have been extinct for more than a million years. But if you'd rather read bloody ads, go for it!

(It's obvious from the above confession that Smokey hasn't run out of space this month—he's run out of gossip.—Eds.)

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# Local songs, follies at festival



Mandy Stevens

Mandy Stevens, leading lady in last year's festival production of 'Open Season', will perform a set of her songs at this year's festival closing concert on Sunday evening.

Busy writing songs recently with local music identities Mark Leehy and David Billings, Mandy's repertoire will range from ballads to blues. She will be backed by 'Strange Wine', a band featuring Mark Leehy, David Billings, Danny Bourke (violin) and percussionist Brian Hoare. She promises to also bring some surprise guests on stage.

The writers of last year's 'Open Season', the one-off re-

placement for the Drama Group Follies, have not been idle either. They were well represented at the 1994 Australian Songwriters' Association National Song Contest.

Alan Cornell won second prize in the middle-of-the-road section for 'One Small Voice' (well-known to Warrandyte music lovers) while David Billings took third prize in the pop-rock section with 'Painkiller'. Mark Leehy was a finalist in the acoustic section with 'The Old Man Remembers' and in the Australiana section with his Warrandyte-inspired 'Who Owns the Dog?'

Meanwhile, the famed follies

are back this year with a 'Best of the Follies' show. Produced by the Warrandyte Drama Group, the show will be directed by Yvonne Morey.

A drama group spokesperson said that all of the best sketches, music, dance and frivolity of past years have been melded into one special production featuring old and new faces. The performances at the Mechanics Institute Hall are on March 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25. It's cabaret style with bring your own food and drink, so arrive at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets are \$12 a head and can be booked through Raine Dinale on 844 1781.

## Warrandyte Community Market



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# Radio cars hit town

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Festival Committee has secured a large radio-controlled car rally for this month's festival. Competitors from all over Victoria will converge on the dairy paddock in Yarra Street to compete at the rally over the weekend of March 25 and 26.

Two years ago the paddock was the venue for the acclaimed sound and light show "Our Place in Space". The rally will feature displays and competitions and is organised by the Templestowe Off-Road Radio-Controlled Car Club.

Several other events are among late additions to Warrandyte's annual March party. Many are in line with this year's theme, "Be a Sport in Warrandyte".

The Victorian Police Crime Prevention Unit, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch, will have a display which will include bicycle identification. Local riders are asked to bring along their bikes and a parent's driving licence to have the number engraved on the bike for assisting retrieval if lost or stolen.

Local chess-players will have the rare opportunity to compete against a chess master. Croydon Chess Club will have a display with one of their masters playing up to 15 simultaneous games with festival visitors.

A hot air balloon will take flight on Sunday at the Recreation Reserve, giving people the rare opportunity to view Warrandyte from above. Also at the reserve, there will be a special bike race on Sunday morning. With categories for all cyclists from juniors to seniors, the races



Woof! Woof! Everyone's getting ready for Festival '95.

will be held on the cricket ovals.

The traditional Kids' Festival Parade, which in the past has been held on the Friday, has this year been replaced by a sports day. It will take place on Thursday afternoon.

Also for young people is the youth concert on Friday night where popular Warrandyte band Pulling Face will perform. They will be at the Grand Hotel the following night. The Grand Hotel meanwhile are entering their three-piece jazz band in the parade and afterwards will perform on the main stage.

Other new events include a trampoline and gymnastics exhibition run by the Templestowe-Bulleen Gymnastics Club, a handball competition from the Warrandyte Football Club, a performance by Warrandyte High School band on Sunday afternoon, a guinea pig display by the Melbourne Cavy Club, a performance by Hermann the Clown, buskers including Circus of Kaos and Rudie the

One Man Band and a Bucking Bronco Machine courtesy of the Warrandyte Community Church.

Heritage architect Richard Peterson will lead a walk through the village on the Saturday, discovering some of Warrandyte's historic buildings, trees and places. The walk will commence at 9.30am on the corner of Yarra and Stiggants Streets and conclude at approximately 10.30am at the bridge. Bookings through Manningham City's Environmental Planning Unit on 840 9434.

A festival committee spokesperson said that all the old favourite attractions will be there, including the water slide, animal farm and the popular display of engines and other mechanical devices by the Eltham Stationary Engine Preservation Society.

● This edition of the *Diary* has the latest festival program—featuring all the amendments—on Pages 6 and 7.

## Walking through

Warrandyte's walking trails will be a busy place on March 21 and 22 as the Federation Track Walkers pass through town on the last stage of their 1,400 kilometre Sydney to Melbourne bushwalk.

The walkers will wind their way from Wonga Park to Pound Bend along tracks the length of the Warrandyte State Park in the week leading up to the festival, before continuing on to Westerfolds Park, Yarra Valley Park and then the Main Yarra Trail.

The walkers, all aged between 40 and 75, have been walking a 300-400 kilometre stage each year since 1991 to get to their final target. Walk leader Bill Avery says the group are not fitness fanatics and most prepare for the treks just by walking the dog each day.

"The Federation Track Walkers are a group of people who enjoy walking, spectacular scenery and a touch of adventure."

"We found that age was no barrier to long-distance bush-walking and thought it would be fun to pioneer a long-distance walking route from Sydney to Melbourne."

The track, which runs along fire trails, aqueducts, disused rail lines and existing walking tracks, begins at the Federation Pavilion in Sydney and ends at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne. Along the way it traverses 15 national parks, 10 state recreation areas, 36 regional or local parks, 14 state forests and some of the most spectacular scenery the country has to offer. By the year 2001 both Brisbane and Adelaide will be connected to the track. Support crews using 4WD vehicles provide welcome relief for the walkers along the way.

## LETTER

### Thanks

I would like to thank my friends for their good wishes for my recovery. Your words of encouragement were greatly appreciated and will always be treasured. My thanks also to Smokey Joe for his comments in the February *Diary*, on my experience.

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## Land enhances park

Manningham council purchased a property in Warrandyte last month which they say is essential to the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park.

Chairman of commissioners Adam Kempton said council had acquired the property in Frank Street which is adjacent to the subdivision planned for 248-274 Warrandyte Road.

Mullum Mullum Creek extends from near Cherry Tree Grove in Croydon to Templestowe where it enters the Yarra River. With 70 per cent of the creek located in the municipality, council adopted a concept plan in July 1992 for the development of the park.

Council's Open Space Advisory Committee recommended the acquisition of the Frank Street property as it constituted a gap in the linear park. The money to purchase the property was raised as part of the Open Space contribution which is required of large developments. The land was in addition to the transfer to council of a portion of land to the south of the development and a cash-in-lieu payment.

Adam Kempton said the commissioners knew the community's attitude towards the environment.

"We are only too aware of the environmental focus of the municipality and the amount of work which has been done by both council and the community to develop parks and areas of recreation and leisure. We are most pleased that we have had the opportunity to acquire the land at no cost to the ratepayers for the benefit of the community," he said.

## ALMA WATT

# An historic link is broken

**W**ELL-KNOWN local resident Alma Watt died on January 25

at the age of 89. The daughter of Phillip Henry Belzer and Maggie Belzer she was born at their farm in Webb Street on September 12, 1905.

The family played a key role in the history of Warrandyte. Henry was a prominent gold-miner in Warrandyte and a regular campaigner for better conditions for the miners.

Alma had one brother, Wally, and two sisters, Eva and Kitty. Life was not easy for people during these times, especially so for Alma, whose mother died when she was only four years old. Her maiden aunt Sarah stepped in and helped rear the children.

All the children attended Warrandyte Primary School. In her later years at school, Alma taught needlework to the younger students. The children all worked on the family's farm, picking fruit from their orchard and helping churn butter in the dairy. Sarah also worked part-time at the local hotel and the children were often sent to walk to a strawberry farm at Research, so that the hotel's guests could have fresh strawberries and cream with their meals.



Alma Watt: a remarkable woman

Life was harsh in those days—yet there was an acceptance—not just passive stoicism, but a determination to live life to the full whatever the circumstances. This involved dray rides to Doncaster for picnics and

standing in the Yarra on three occasions while bushfires swept over Alma's head.

When the local mines closed, Alma's father went to the city looking for work. This involved a long trip by bullock dray, so he was only

able to return home to Warrandyte once a month.

The family eventually sold their farm and moved to West Melbourne where Henry ran a woodyard. Alma obtained a job at the Kiwi Boot Polish factory in Richmond, eventu-

ally becoming a forelady.

She married a Scot, William (Bill) Watt at the Baptist Church, Brunswick, on December 12, 1936. After a honeymoon at Mount Evelyn they lived in West Brunswick with Alma's father.

William and Alma had three children, Rhondda, Bruce and Douglas. Alma's father died in 1957 and her husband Bill in 1970.

Alma returned to Warrandyte in 1976 to live with her daughter and son-in-law Don and Rhondda Patterson. She quickly became involved with the Warrandyte Senior Citizens and the Warrandyte Uniting Church. Alma was a well-respected member of the congregation and a dedicated member of the senior citizens.

She lived with her daughter and her family until 1989, when the loss of sight and her mobility became a problem. She moved to "Condare Court" in Burwood, a Uniting Church hostel for the aged.

Alma died at "Condare Court" on January 25, 1995—the same day her husband Bill died 25 years earlier.

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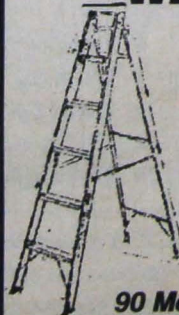
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# 'Green' Nillumbik

By DAVID WYMAN

Commissioners of the new Shire of Nillumbik have quickly recognised that residents want to maintain its rural and natural environments. But they have also been "inundated" with submissions to rezone land from rural/landscape to residential zones.

"We inherited a number of planning schemes and our track record is that we are upholding these schemes to prevent subdivision," chairman Don Cordell told the *Diary*.

"This shire was put together with the Green Wedge areas of Diamond Valley, Whittlesea, Eltham and Healesville," he said. "The Local Government Board recognised the need to protect these areas from development. We have probably been as tough—or tougher—than the previous council in planning matters."

Don Cordell, a former councillor and shire president of Upper Yarra, is one of the three commissioners overseeing the establishment of the new shire. The others are Jean Austin, a business advisor, and Kevin Abbott, a solicitor.

Despite its semi-rural character and interests, the Shire of Nillumbik has 72 per cent of its population in urban/residential zones and 28 per cent in rural/landscape zones.

The government expects Nillumbik to save

\$2.8 million in its operating costs over three years. Where will the savings come from?

"We have developed a plan which we believe is achievable without loss of services. This can be achieved without too much pain," Don Cordell said.

He would not give specific details, but said the council's main offices would be relocated in the new former Diamond Valley shire offices at Greensborough.

"The Eltham shire office will then be surplus to our requirements, but we haven't made any decision about its future yet," he said.

Kevin Abbott said some savings would result by having more income from a larger area.

"The previous council saddled us with a very tight 1994-95 budget," Don Cordell said. "They doubled the budget for capital works and we've had to go along with it, apart from some minor cuts."

Commissioner Jean Austin pointed out that the previous council had spent the "three riding accounts" in three months. This was a total of \$60,000 for discretionary spending in the old Eltham shire ridings.

A former Eltham councillor, Robert Marshall, contacted by the *Diary*, was scathing in an attack on the local government situation. "There has been an enormous assault

on democracy in local government," he said. "There's no such thing as local government at the moment. It's become an arm of state government."

"I'm concerned that the government will put something in place that will make democracy very hard to retrieve. We haven't seen the end of what's coming out of Spring Street about local government."

Mr Marshall also expressed concern about the forced savings placed on Nillumbik by the government. He pointed out that the former Shire of Eltham was in the top five financially performing councils in Victoria.

"With Eltham so financially good and lean, it makes it harder to save money. Bear in mind that 70 per cent of Nillumbik is made up of the old Shire of Eltham. There will be a big temptation to sell off assets. But that means savings can be made only in the year assets are sold."

"The problem is that when elected councillors come back, the assets may have been stripped, the rates pegged—and the only way councillors will be able to address the budget will be to cut services."

Mr Marshall also expressed concern that Nillumbik commissioners should "take on board in a serious way the Local Government Board's specification of Nillumbik as a rural conservation municipality".

## New path plan

Warrandyte's walking track network will have a new addition shortly with work to begin on a path between the bridge and the Stonehouse.

Funded jointly by Manningham council and Melbourne Parks and Waterways, the path will allow pedestrians and horse riders close access to the riverbank.

The route will largely follow the existing track, which winds amongst tall white gums, close to the water's edge near "the island". There will be some minor detours to minimise grades and avoid river edge damage.

Gary Bateman, urban designer for Manningham council, said the path's maximum width would be two metres with grades kept to a maximum of one in 10.

He said sensitive environments will be protected by a board walk section and there will be a small amount of safety railing installed along some of the



Bev Hanson checks out weed infestation along the proposed new track. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

steeper areas.

Construction using Lilydale toppings will be similar to the well-used pathway recently formed along the Yarra bank, downstream of the bridge.

Alan King, chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, told the *Diary* he is delighted with the proposal.

"The extension of the track will give the many people who regularly enjoy a stroll beside the river a little further to walk in a

very peaceful and shady environment."

He said a small rest area with seats will be located at the eastern end of the track, where it meets Warrandyte-Ringwood Road near Mullens Road. Other seats will be placed along the path.

Alan King says there is one problem with this section of riverbank, however.

"Unfortunately, much of the area is infested with a depress-

ing variety of pest plants and weeds. This is a future challenge which will be addressed by selective renewal and replanting, and perhaps the formation of a friends' group from within our community," he said.

Other areas in Warrandyte which will receive attention this year include the carpark opposite the hotel, the bakery carpark and landscaping near the corner of Whipstick Gully Road.



## The Lions Corner

■ **History of Jazz Concert** — April 29th. Starting at 8pm. An opportunity for a great night out. To be held at the Yarra Valley Anglican School. Those appearing will be: the Society Syncopators and Wesley College Big Band. Tickets: \$12, students \$10. Phone 844 3903 or 844 3989. Proceeds are destined for community projects.

■ **Amblyopia Testing Success.** Nearly 200 youngsters were tested of which there was a 10 per cent problem detection, where referral for further investigation of a potential problem was found to be required. As was the case last year, this points up the importance of this procedure for our children.

■ **Gold Rush Fun Run** — April 2. Stiggants Reserve, 9am start. Prizes of \$600 GOLD and \$200 CASH. Entry fees: \$7—10k; \$5—7k, \$4—team, \$15—family. Entry forms from the Op Shop or ring Keith on 876 3500.

■ **A Lion Honoured.** A significant event took place when John Gilbert was named as a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International Foundation. It was awarded in recognition of his work in the local community. Especially his caretaking of the Warrandyte tennis courts. John received his award at the last Lions dinner meeting at Kellybrook Winery. A presentation was also made to John's wife Margaret.

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.

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This year's festival theme pays tribute to the many sporting clubs which form an essential part of growing up and living in Warrandyte. Also, there is great scope for our local schools, community groups and individuals to prepare a float, dress up, or join with others to provide a colourful and energetic display for the grand parade. For those not so sportingly inclined, the 'be a sport' theme highlights the community spirit and good neighbourliness of us Warrandyte folk.

Early festival activities include Warrandyte Drama Group's revival of their ever-popular follies. This year, the Friday night festival cocktail party has been combined with the Rotary art show opening, with auctions of priceless decorated ducks and more conventional works of art.

The grand parade takes place, as usual, at 11am on Saturday. In addition to the usual commentaries and buskers for those awaiting the parade, the community centre will be providing a sausage sizzle breakfast. Pavement artists will have decorated Yarra Street, adding to the festive air.

This year, in keeping with our energetic sporting theme, the Saturday lunchtime entertainment program will include tightrope walkers and circus acts, with a more musical flavour being restored during lunchtime on Sunday. Young people are well catered for, with a live band gig on Friday

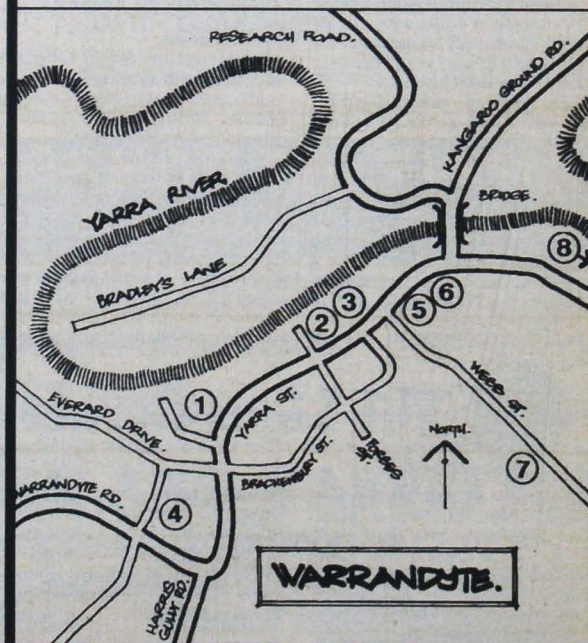
night and an extended youth extravaganza at Stiggants Riverbank West throughout the week-end.

Sunday is the day for the real sporting events. A festival bike race and balloon ride spectacular are being staged at the Recreation Reserve ovals: enjoy a balloon ride and see the Warrandyte landscape from on high! Sunday also features the dramatic CFA contests and the ever-popular billy cart derby, now run by Apex. This year, we are hoping more pubs and clubs will enter the tug o' war, and try to wrest the coveted trophy from last year's winners, the Grand Hotel team.

Other new events this year include more art and craft demonstrations and exhibitions, a rockworks climbing wall, blacksmith and goldminer on the riverbank, and displays of work from local schools. The grand festival finale concert on the Sunday evening will be followed by the fireworks finale—weather and CFA permitting. The company staging the display was recently awarded a silver medal at the international fireworks championship in Montreal.

Further information is obtainable from the Citizens' Advice Bureau at the community centre, and from the caravan adjacent to the main stage during the festival weekend. Program enquiries: 844 1858.

## Festival town map



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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Stiggants Reserve  | 5 Community Centre          |
| 2 Police Station     | 6 Mechanics' Institute Hall |
| 3 Old dairy paddock  | 7 Gold mine tours           |
| 4 Recreation Reserve | 8 Potters Cottage           |

## acknowledgements

WARRANDYTE VILLAGE FESTIVAL gratefully acknowledges the support of generous sponsors and supporters, many of whom are mentioned with the event they sponsor, and also including: Cadbury Schweppes; City of Manningham; Shire of Nillumbik; Beasley's Nursery; Harry Heath's Festival Supermarket; McPhee Transport; Warrandyte Business Association; Warrandyte Electrics and Yarra Hiring.

**SPECIAL THANKS** also to the CFA brigades, SES, Apex Club of Warrandyte, Rotary Club of Warrandyte, St John Ambulance Australia (Vic), Victoria Police, Warrandyte Diary and other local newspapers, Lions Club of Warrandyte, Warrandyte Mechanics Institute & Arts Association, Warrandyte Scouts & Guides, Warrandyte State Park rangers, festival bus drivers, local schools, participating community groups and our many friends who put in so much time and effort to ensure the success of the festival.



## FRIDAY 17 MARCH

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

## THURSDAY 23 MARCH

**1pm: KID' SPORTS DAY.** Kids and parents from Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Andersons Creek and Park Orchards primary schools and local kinders invited. Featuring combined sports spectacular. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2757.

**8pm: BEST OF THE FOLLIES.** Warrandyte Drama Group revue. Mechanics Institute Hall. BYO food & drink. \$12 per head. Also March 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25. Bookings: Rainie Dinale, 844 1781.



**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel.

## FRIDAY 24 MARCH

**10am-8pm: POTTERS COTTAGE.** Gallery open daily. Don't forget to visit all other local galleries and craft shops.

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

**7-9.30pm: CANDLEMAKERS WORKSHOP** demonstrations at Potters Cottage.

**7-11pm: FESTIVAL ART SHOW OPENING & COCKTAIL PARTY.** Featuring Warrandyte's famous artists. Auction of ducks painted by local personalities. In giant marquee behind fitness centre. Art show sponsored by Rotary. Admission by ticket only. Bookings: John Provan, 844 4916.

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**8pm-12midnight: FESTIVAL YOUTH GIG.** Featuring Pulling Face, Ceremonial Soul and Angel Dust. No smokes, drugs or alcohol. Run by Warrandyte Youth Services. Small charge. Warrandyte Cricket Club.

**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel.



## ALL WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 25 MARCH: 9am-5pm**  
**SUNDAY 26 MARCH: 10am-4pm**  
(unless otherwise stated)

**FLOWER & HARVEST FESTIVAL.** Refreshments available. St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggant Street.

**ELTHAM STATIONARY ENGINE PRESERVATION SOCIETY** display of working engines & machinery.

**STATIC DISPLAYS** by State Emergency Service, Conservation & Natural Resources, Shire of Nillumbik, Eltham College, Warrandyte Uniting Church, Doncaster & Templestowe Historical Society, Eildon Woodturning Association & others as below. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**DOG CART RIDES** along riverbank by Newfoundland Club of Victoria. Small charge. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISPLAY.** Memorabilia, etc. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Museum at Old Post Office, Yarra Street, open.

**YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA.** Food, drink, music & relaxation in youth marquee. Information corridor, drop-in centre and health checks. Sumo wrestling. Live bands throughout Saturday afternoon. Run by Warrandyte Youth Services. Stiggants Riverbank West.

**RADIO-CONTROLLED CAR RALLY.** Contestants from all over State. Open to all. In old dairy paddock. Enquiries Greg Collins 872 3218.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** security display. Bike identification (bring parent's drivers licence). Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB DISPLAY.** Dogs to see & pat, water rescue demonstrations. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK** display, including fingerpainting by the Wattle Fairy. Billy tea & damper. Free plants. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**CFA DISPLAY** and activities, including the popular 'Dunk The Teacher' and 'High Flyer'. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**BUSKERS & ENTERTAINERS** at various times & locations.

**FOOD FIESTA.** Malaysian, Filipino, German, French and English. Baked potatoes, finger food, satays, crepes, sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, spit roasts, homemade ice cream, fluffy donuts. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**STUDENT ART SHOW** by local schools, including display of banners by primary school students of Edward Car. Cafe, refreshments, music. Free admission. Community Centre.

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

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

**CANOE HIRE** on Yarra River at Forbes Street. Run by Adventure Canoeing. \$5 adults, \$2.50 kids.

**WINDOW DISPLAYS OF DRAWINGS** by local primary school students. In shop windows throughout Warrandyte.

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

**HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORBIKE RIDES** around Warrandyte. \$5 & \$10. By Revolutionary Harley Rides. From Stiggant Street near main stage.

**FESTIVAL ART SHOW.** Featuring many of Warrandyte's famous artists. Sponsored by Rotary. In giant marquee behind fitness centre.



**PHOTO COMPETITION & DISPLAY** run by Warrandyte Historical Society. Youth Services, Warrandyte Community Centre. Application forms: Ted Rotherham, 844 2438.

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

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

**POTTERS COTTAGE.** Special exhibition by Jumping Creek Potters School, 10am-5pm. Potters Cottage Gallery open daily. Free candlemaking demonstrations, 11am-4pm.

**BLACKSMITH demonstrations,** 10am-5pm. And don't forget to visit all other local galleries and craft shops.

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

**ROCKWORKS** giant climbing rock. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**BLACKSMITH** on the riverbank. Live demonstrations.

**TENNIS SERVING COMPETITION.** Test your service speed by radar. As seen at Flinders Park. Run by Warrandyte Tennis Club. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**GOLDMINER** on the riverbank, with panning demonstrations & display.



**CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS.** Warrandyte Palette, cnr Yarra & Forbes Streets. From 12noon.

**CRAZY BIKE.** See if you can ride it! Small charge. Prizes. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve Saturday, Recreation Reserve Sunday.

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

## SATURDAY 25 MARCH

**8am-12noon. PAVEMENT ART.** Chalk art by Edward Car. Pavement outside Community Centre & village shops.



**8.30am: APEX FUN RUN** from Stiggants Reserve. 9km course. Prizes. Entries on the day. Be there by 8.15am. \$5 adults, \$2 kids. Enquiries: Sarge Wilson, 844 3928.

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

**9-11am: BREAKFAST SAUSAGE SIZZLE** at the Community Centre. Open to all. Ideal spot to watch the parade.

**9.30-10.30am: HERITAGE WALK** along Yarra Street with heritage architect Richard Peterson. Meet at Community Centre. Enquiries: Pam Papiotis, 840 9362.

**9am-5.30pm: WOOD BAZAAR.** Demonstrations, sales. Windows on Craft at bridge shops.

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

**10.50am: JUDGING** parade floats. Categories: most historical, most elaborate, most imaginative, most sporting, best sports club, most Warrandytish.

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

**11am: FESTIVAL PARADE.** Warrandyte Bridge to Stiggants Reserve, marching to our own Community Band, Ringwood Pipe Band, Salvation Army Band, others. Entertainers include the Tea Bags. Floats, bikes, horses, clowns, carriages, vintage cars & more. Commentaries at village shops & Stiggants roadside. Theme: 'Be A Sport In Warrandyte'. Enquiries: Rick Gordon, 844 2242.

**12.15-4pm: LUNCHTIME VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.** Featuring Tea Bags, (sponsored by Warrandyte Business Association), Highly Strung tightrope act, Up & Down acrobats, Riverside Health & Fitness Centre step reebok & aerobics. Get involved in acrobatic workshop. Stiggants Riverbank Stage.



**12.15pm: RINGWOOD PIPE BAND** marching in Stiggants & riverbank areas.

**12.15-4pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS:** Local schools & dance groups, including Warrandyte Community Band, Grand Hotel Trad Jazz Band, Eltham College; Andersons Creek, Warrandyte Primary Schools, Nicole Brydon School of Dance, Glenden School of Dance; Warrandyte School of Dance; Donvale Christian College; Victorian Baton Twirlers. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**4.15-5pm: CAR RESCUE.** Police, CFA, ambulance & SES rescue victim from crashed & burning vehicle in combined training exercise. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

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## SUNDAY 26 MARCH

**8.30-9.15am: FESTIVAL BUSH WALK.** Short walk through Warrandyte State Park. Meet near Football Club, Recreation Reserve. Certificates given. Entries on the day. Be there by 8.15. \$1 charge. Enquiries: Leigh Hauser, 844 1802.

**8.30am: BILLYCART DERBY** & display of drag racers. Forbes Street, outside police station. Run by Apex. Be there 8.30 sharp. Entry 50c on the day. Sponsored by Warrandyte Electrics, Warrandyte Hardware, G&L Automotive, Goldfields Cellars & Deli, Yarra Hiring, Bird Engineering. For rules & details of categories: Glenn Lowther, 844 2075.

**9am: HARVEST FESTIVAL** service at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggant Street.

**9am-2pm: KIDS' MARKET.** Magnificent muddle of stalls offering goods and fun things from local kids. Items must be home-made. Stiggants Reserve.

**9-10am: DOG SHOW & PET PARADE.** Dog show with prizes for various categories. Pet parade, including cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish, birds, etc. Prizes. All welcome if under owner's control. Run by Warrandyte High School. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**9am-4pm: FESTIVAL BIKE RACE & BALLOON RIDES.** Bike races all day on large oval. Games in afternoon. Balloon rides from small oval. Local traders participating. Raffles, prizes, etc. Recreation Reserve. Enquiries: Andrew at Warrandyte Cycles, 844 4647.



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

**10-4pm: BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT.** Warrandyte Basketball Club. Stiggants Reserve.

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



**10.30-11.45am: OPEN AIR SERVICE** Combined churches. Worship & music for all ages. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**12-1pm: WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL BAND.** Main stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**12-2.30pm: LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT.** Music, dancing, Morris Dancers, Acropolis Dance Group, Papuan Dance Group & Cook Island Dancers. Stiggants Riverbank Stage.

**2-5pm: JAZZ ON THE TERRACE.** Featuring well-known jazz musos. Grand Hotel.

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

**2pm: BEV HANSON'S GARDEN & NURSERY** open. 104 Webb Street, or catch free bus from Stiggants Reserve.

**2-3.30pm: HERMANN THE CLOWN.** Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**2.45-3.30pm: TUG O' WAR** Fire brigades, local clubs & pubs compete. Open to all. Form a team & enter on the day. Separate girls' category. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**3-4.30pm: SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT.** Featuring Loose End (rhythm & blues), Angel Pavement (English & European early folk). Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

**3.30-3.45pm: DUCK RACE** Buy your duck ticket in advance. Over 1000 ducks launched into Yarra at Forbes Street, finishing at Stiggant Street. Prizes. Enquiries: Claire Bloom, 844 2749 (BH).

**4-4.45pm: CAR RESCUE** Police, CFA, ambulance, SES rescue victim from crashed & burning vehicle in second combined training exercise. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.

**4-7.30pm: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel.



**4.45-9pm: FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT.** Traditional weekend wind-up with Still Frogs Despite Kisses (English-Celtic folk rock), Group Cacique (South American big band), Mark Leehy with Mandy Stevens, Strange Wine (acoustic blues), Jugularity (bush-folk jug band). Bring rugs, folding chairs, friends & family. Enjoy a picnic or BBQ tea or buy dinner from food stalls. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.

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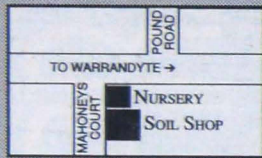
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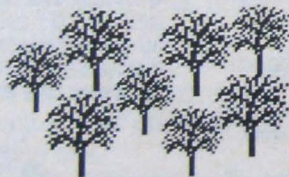
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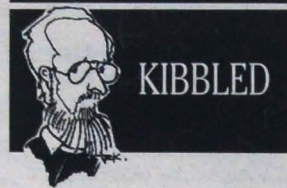
“THAT'S very radical for them at their age,” offered

Fisherman, Gorgeous Creature's man, when he heard that we were going to head off for our weekend at 10pm on Friday.

We normally leave for 'Plovers' at about 6pm but on this particular occasion I had to go to Melbourne University for a meeting from 7-9pm and would not be home until about 9.45. Herself and I had assumed that it would not be too difficult for us to set off for the two-hour drive once I got home.

Obviously this is not the sort of thing that people in their dotage do. Fisherman, it seems, assumed that by 10pm people our age should be in bed. At first I was amused and then I grew concerned.

I have just had my 50th birthday and there appears to be a quantum leap between being 49 and being 50. This is not so much from my point of view, but from the standpoint



of others.

At 49 one is still young enough to be a labourer on school working bees, but by 50 all you are expected to do is lend tools and remember how to erect a shelf without an electronic stud finder and a pneumatic hammer.

This difference in perception about age was highlighted by a news broadcast I heard recently. A robber had entered a house and had bashed "an elderly couple of 52 and 50".

Elderly couple? What nonsense. 'Elderly' is always 20 years older than you are at the time. At the moment it's hovering between 70 and 80 but I'm damned sure that by the time I reach 70, 'elderly' will be 90.

At 15 or 16 I couldn't wait to be 20. I felt powerless, gauche

and enmeshed in a life of solitude and boredom. If I could only get to 20 life would be wonderful. The world would open up and I would be able to take my appointed place as one of the kings of the universe.

But at 15, time was dragging and every week or month was a landmark. To be 15 and four months was definitely a sign of progress. Fifteen and 10 months was tantamount to reaching sophistication. But as soon as the appointed 16 arrives there are still new barriers to be overcome.

In one's 20s, so much time is spent establishing a career and enjoying the first flush of adult privilege. For the first time you are able to test your wings without the parent birds warning you about the potential drop awaiting you beneath the nest.

In our 30s we are usually familial and mortgaged; in our 40s we are struggling to pass on adult bird lore to our fledglings, and by our 50s we are usually all too happy to push the cuckoos over the edge of our nest.

As the 20 year-olds fly away from the family nest, they look back at what they see as the old way of flight, vaguely perfected by their parents. As they experience the wind beneath their wings and the power of the drive, loop and glide they feel a tinge of sorrow for the oldies who have just about 'passed it' and can't manage a stall landing, let alone a Mach two dive on a

Saturday night.

Hence the Fisherman's bombshell about our obvious inability to cope with consciousness after 10pm.

Admittedly nowadays we do choose to go to bed a little earlier than we used to. We choose to leave dinner parties before we fall head first into the zabaglione, and we also now choose to have quality sex rather than frantic hurried gropings between changing nappies, taking Boy Wonder to Scouts and picking up Gorgeous Creature from the Blue Light Disco.

So you see, there are advantages in being 50. It is at this age that you can look forward to a fabulous rest-of-life. The Asian cultures are right in their veneration of the old. It's not until you reach my young age that you develop a perspective on life.

A friend who works in a senior business position in Tokyo used to have a moustache. On his return to Australia recently he was clean shaven; evidently only spivs and criminals wear moustaches. Ironically, once you have reached a venerable age you may grow both a moustache and a beard. I've decided long ago that I've reached that age and although my body profile may be a little more pear-shaped, I reckon I'm just starting in life and I can certainly still manage a trip to Phillip Island at 10 o'clock on a Friday night.

ROGER KIBELL

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Generally, all owners of properties listed in the heritage provisions of the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme are eligible to apply for funds. Other heritage properties (e.g. those in Wonga Park) may also be eligible to apply.

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# Please don't weep for the willows

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
 Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

I GREW up in the south-east of England amidst a landscape of undulating chalk hills, patchwork fields and meadows. There were oak and beech woods too, where in spring I gathered bluebells by the armful. Willows lined the rivers and streams—a shady place to lie on those all too few hot summer days. Autumn was a time for finding mahogany polished conkers amongst ankle-deep fallen leaves. In winter, despite piercing frosts, I walked the narrow country lanes collecting sprigs of red-berried holly for Christmas decorations.

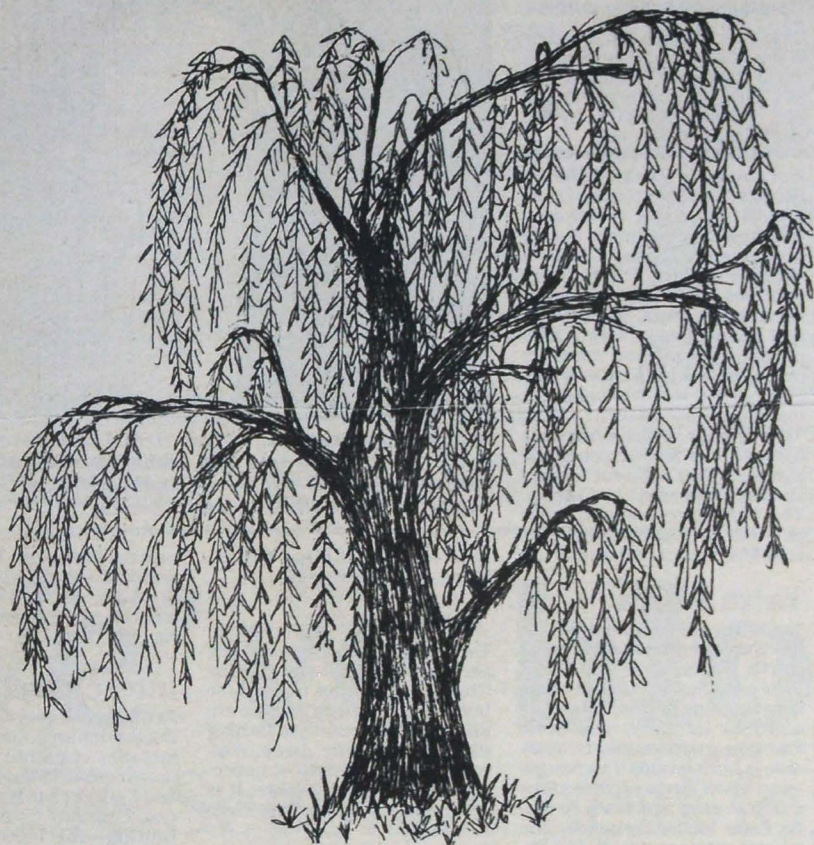
I watched the trees through all their seasonal transformations, I knew most of their names and never questioned their origin—that is until I came to Australia. To my surprise many of the trees I had thought native to England were, in fact, not. The weeping willow is a native of China, the horse chestnut comes from the Balkan Peninsula, the larch from Central Europe and the beautiful copper beech is a hybrid cultivar.

Yet none of these trees look out of place in the softly contoured landscape of southern England. Their anonymity is perhaps due to the fact that the 'old country' has suffered centuries of exploitation by man, resulting in modification of the original vegetation.

When exotic escapees infiltrate the uniquely Australian vegetation, however, it is a different matter. In this country, introduced trees cannot be accepted as part of the landscape as they are in Britain.

In Australia, exotics are planted in gardens and streets for their ornamental value, pines are planted for timber and willows have been used extensively for years to control and prevent erosion along watercourses.

In many ways the willow is to the river systems what the rabbit is to the land—a major environmental disaster. Willows out-compete most indigenous riverbank vegetation, displacing wattles, tea-trees, reeds and sedges, thereby reducing habitat for native animals. Their massive fibrous root system inhibits stream flow and accumulates large amounts of silt, often resulting in narrowing of the river. Nowhere is this better illustrated in Warrandyte than a stretch of the Yarra below Kangaroo Ground Road near an area known as the 100 steps. Here the river is choked with willows so immense that there is barely enough room for a canoe to pass between their overhanging branches. Probably the most familiar willow is the



weeping variety—an elegant tree with cascading leafy branches that hang like a pale green curtain to the ground. However, it is the crack or basket willow that dominated the banks of the Yarra.

This hybrid from England is named for the fragility of its twigs which break readily with a distinct snap at the junction of the main stem. These broken twigs are subsequently carried downstream where they lodge in silt and take root, proliferating what has become one of the river's worst enemies.

Battles against the willows have been fought in the past. Several years ago the then Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works removed a large number of trees from the riverbank below the township. This year a full-scale war against Warrandyte's un-

wanted willows has just begun. There will be a number of assaults planned by various authorities and volunteers to be carried out from land and from water.

In England, the onset of autumn signals an explosion of colour around the countryside. Any dramatic change of colour in Warrandyte's bushland is entirely due to the presence of introduced trees. This autumn, many of the willows along the river will turn golden-yellow for the last time. Death will come with the final leaf fall, but so too will birth.

The passing of the willows will create space and light for wattles to germinate and allow reeds and sedges to reclaim their rightful place along Warrandyte's own scenic stretch of the Yarra River.

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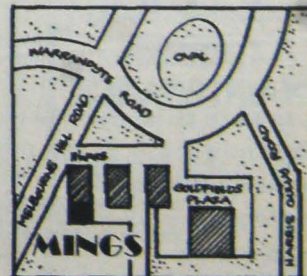
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# Auxiliary turns 65



Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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Warrandyte's Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary turned 65 last month. Members celebrated with a get-together in the library at the Senior Citizens' Centre in Tarroona Avenue. The birthday cake was cut by the two longest serving members, Rene Smith and Bonnie Peake, with a total of 113 years service. Auxiliary president Dulcie Crouch told the *Diary* there was good support for the group's recent raffle. "The winner of the Christmas hamper was Jo Pearson while the hospital's Toyota Land Cruiser raffle went to Corowa. The \$1,000 second-prize Coles gift went to Wodonga. Members sold \$440 worth of tickets."



Manningham city commissioner Hector Davis visited Warrandyte Community Centre last month. He is shown here with, (from left) Craig Milburn of Warrandyte Youth Services, Margory Lapworth of the neighbourhood house, Colin Bentley of the model railway club and Louise Joy of the citizens' advice bureau.

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## Farewell

A farewell picnic is being held for Anne Albiston of the North Warrandyte Kindergarten. Parents and friends are invited to join in at Stiggants Reserve on Sunday, March 19. BYO everything. For further information ring Concetta Gigliotti on 844 2218.

## Appeal

Last month we published news of an appeal for the family of Richard Swift, who died as the result of a tragic accident in De-

ember last year. The correct address for donations to the appeal is: Richard Swift Memorial Appeal, 7-9 David Road, Warrandyte, 3113.

## Interchurch

At the annual general meeting of the Interchurch Council, which includes churches of four denominations in the Warrandyte and Park Orchards area—Anglican, Catholic, Community and Uniting—the following office bearers were elected: president—Peter Keep, vice-president: Rev Syd Smale, secretary—John Hansen and treasurer—Heather Ingram. The \$455 which was collected at the carols service at Stiggants Reserve last December was sent to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Activities for 1995 include an open air service at Stiggants Reserve during the Warrandyte Festival, stations of the cross at Stiggants Reserve at 10am on Good Friday and a week of prayer service at St Gerards at 7.30pm on June 4. For details on church activities, contact John Hanson, 844 3906.

## Walks

There will be a number of walks and other activities conducted in the Warrandyte State Park during Easter. They include dusk walks, night walks, bat walks, bird walks, gold walks and afternoon environmental games for kids. Bookings are essential. You can ring the park office on 844 2659 for further information.

## Gallery

Exhibitions presently being held at the Doncaster Gallery include the Hamilton Quilters, featuring a magnificent quilt designed for the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre. In the Corridor Gallery, paintings by Claire Adyns Holt of Warrandyte and sculptures by Angela Polglaze will be on show. Claire Holt has exhibited successfully throughout Australia and is represented in the City of Manningham collection with a large panorama of Warrandyte village. The exhibitions, open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and 2pm to 5pm Saturdays and Sundays, close on March 12.

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# 30 years and a lot of baskets later...

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club is gearing up for a big few months in the 30th year since the first baskets were shot in this town.

Much has changed in terms of surroundings from the days of derelict outdoor courts and exposure to the weather's extremes. Today's venues are luxurious by comparison, but the essence of the game remains the same.

Few of the local basketballing pioneers back in 1965 would have envisaged the growth of the club, to the point where it is bursting at the seams with more than 500 players. Further growth is being stalled by lack of playing space.

The Redbacks committee has recognised the need for off-court expansion and has held discussions with the Victorian Basketball Association about becoming an affiliated association.

This means Warrandyte would effectively be joining the 'big league' of clubs, capable of entering teams at the highest level in the junior championship competition and also in the seniors if they're good enough.

It is aimed at stopping a 'player drain' which has accelerated in recent years, with elite championship players leaving the club to compete elsewhere at a higher level.

Warrandyte president Graeme Riley said talks with VBA president John Maddocks had been positive. "He saw that we're a reasonably sized club and told us the things we had to have if we're to be affiliated and the responsibilities and financial implications involved," he said.

"The whole process is under review at this stage and we'll decide soon on what step to take next."

Warrandyte is also involved in a special basketball committee working with Manningham council. The committee is investigating the creation of a united basketball voice in the municipality and what will happen with the planned mega-stadium for Rieschiecks Reserve in Doncaster.

Mr Riley said the recent council changes had left several things up in the air, including Warrandyte's push for another court at the high school.

Meanwhile, the Redbacks will be hosting several players from the National Basketball League's South East Melbourne Magic for a clinic at the high school on Sunday, April 9.

Some of the players will be back on Sunday, April 30, for the club's presentation day (starting at noon) for the summer EDJBA season which ends on April 1.

They will be available for autographs and photos and will put on an exhibition.

A barbecue will be operating and everyone is welcome.

# BLOODS' YOUTH CRISIS

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club have until March 17 to muster an under-18 team or take the drop to EDFL third division this season.

The Bloods must deliver a list of about 20 registered players to the league by that date if they are to continue their second division campaign.

Club officials are frantically canvassing schools and eligible players in this area and outside it to make the deadline.

"Obviously, the last thing we want to do is return to third division," WFC president Lex Munro told the Diary. "Everyone fought so hard to get out of that two seasons ago."

"It would be a tragedy when we are looking so good pre-season under new coach David Dickson. Training has been very good and so has recruiting."

"We really believe we can finish in the top three in second division this year."

The EDFL has made relegation mandatory this year for any second division club which does

not field an under-18 side.

Warrandyte's recent history in this age division has been abysmal. Our under-18s disbanded midstream in 1993 for want of numbers and a concerted campaign to resurrect it last season ran into a wall of apathy. The situation has now reached crisis point.

A letter has gone out to every eligible junior player and approaches have been made to Warrandyte High School and as far afield as Yarra Valley and Whitefriars.

If Warrandyte can get a team together it will be coached by Robert Ireland and will play at 9.45 on Saturday mornings.

Training will be at the recreation reserve at 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

As an additional incentive, the club this year will present players born 1977-78 with their jumper, boots and socks.

Any interested player who would like to represent Warrandyte and help the club out of a crisis at the

same time is urged to contact one of the following: Lex Munro (726 5339 H, 018 997781 M); secretary Rod Valentine (844 2193 H, 667 6717 B); Robert Ireland (725 5065); junior president Greg Alchin (437 1248 H, 0412 106 426 M).

The enthusiasm and talent at senior level this year showed out in Warrandyte's big win on Sunday, March 5, against Sorrento. Other practice games (all away) will be played against Ivanhoe on

March 11, Alexandria on March 19 and Mitcham on April 1.

The Bloods will also have a promotional marquee at Stiggants Reserve during the Warrandyte Festival.

The first social function of the new season will star the Bigcam Grease Band (rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues) in the Grand Hotel function room on Friday, March 24. It's \$10 a head and starts at 8pm.

## Our 1995 EDFL Second Division draw

April 8: v Doncaster (A)  
 April 22: v Lilydale (H)  
 April 29: v Mulgrave (A)  
 May 6: v North Ringwood (H)  
 May 13: v The Basin (A)  
 May 20: v Mooroolbark (H)  
 May 27 v Blackburn (A)  
 June 3: v Croydon (H)  
 June 17: v Bayswater (A)

June 24: v Doncaster (H)  
 July 1: v Lilydale (A)  
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 July 15: v North Ringwood (A)  
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 August 5: v Blackburn (H)  
 August 12: v Croydon (A)  
 August 19: v Bayswater (H)

# We've blown it!

## Seconds best for Warrandyte

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club's assault on the RDCA finals will be led by the second and fourth elevens, after the Chandler Shield side missed the finals for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

The firsts were thrashed by lowly Norwood in the final home-and-away game, but Mooroolbark's victory against Kilsyth meant that even a win would not have got the Dytes into the top four.

The seconds also looked likely to be watching the finals action. Needing to beat Norwood in the last game to scrape in, they looked the goods with just 108 runs needed for victory, but fell an agonising one run short early on the second day.

With still plenty of overs left they set about pursuing a rare outright victory. Chris Snaidero's remarkable bowling streak continued when he snared 5/48 for a match return of 10/90, routing Norwood for 105.

The Dytes then cruised to victory with 3/109 off just 19 of the 25 overs remaining. The unlikely win got them fourth spot and a probable semi-final clash at Ainslie Park.

The firsts would rather forget their final game of the 1994-95 season. With captain Tony Sturesteps losing the toss on the hottest day of the summer, Warrandyte spent the afternoon chasing leather around their parched home ground, bereft of water for several weeks after a

### Cricket details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 7/281 (Tregear 90, Sturesteps 55, Stickels 45) d Kilsyth 8/228 (Hogg 3/47, Walshe 3/83).

Warrandyte 118 (Bell 23) lost to Norwood 260 (Hogg 3/33, Watts 3/92).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 221 (Day 60, Gee 42) lost to Kilsyth 269 (Watts 4/71). Warrandyte 106 (Day 38) and 3/109 (Day 38 n.o.) d Norwood 107 (C. Snaidero 5/42) and 105 (C. Snaidero 5/48) outright.

THIRDS: Warrandyte 287 (Edwards 88) lost to Kilsyth 6/340. Warrandyte 7/247 (McCartin 50 n.o., G. Brisbane 42) d Norwood 9/238.

FOURTHS: Warrandyte 243 (D. Jungwirth 41) d Kilsyth 73 and 4/215. Warrandyte 9/335 (Andy King 83, D. Jungwirth 46) and 2/206 (Sharpe 69 n.o., Andy King 45 n.o.) d Norwood 176 (Alan King 6/59).

FIFTHS: Warrandyte 151 and 186 (Brent 53) d Kilsyth 81 and 5/139. Warrandyte 250 (Brent 81) and 7/106 (Dorning 55 n.o.) d Ainslie Park 229 (Cloe 5/75).

VETERANS: Final: Warrandyte 4/199 (Pascoe 42 ret, McCarthy 41 ret, Stickels 40 ret) lost to Croydon North 3/200 (Jungwirth 2/25).

sprinkler malfunction.

They did get some early breakthroughs, however, with the visitors reeling at 4/27 after 16 overs. Rodney Hogg again proved unplayable early, five maidens in a row culminating in the game's first wicket with an edge to wicketkeeper Dave Mooney.

When Mooney snared a flier soon after off Sturestep's bowling Warrandyte was well in command—until the heat and some resilient batting took their toll.

A fifth wicket partnership of 124 off 30 overs was helped along by five dropped catches. Leg-spinner David Watts (3/92) eventually broke through and

when Hogg (3/33) was on a hat-trick soon after, Norwood was 8/202.

The last two wickets got them through to 260—not only a respectable total, but the second-best against Warrandyte's feared bowling line-up this season.

The Dytes' reply was insipid, to say the least. Admittedly their cause looked forlorn after day one when scores from the Mooroolbark-Kilsyth game pointed to a certain Barkers' win.

But not even playing for pride helped as the Dytes lost 9/68 after being 1/50 to be all out for 118.

Steve Bell topscored with 23 and David Stickels occupied the crease for 105 minutes for his 19, but when Sturesteps was caught for 15 after a six and couple of fours, Warrandyte was 6/93 and the game was up.

Despite finishing fifth, club president Steve Pascoe took a certain amount of pride in the team's efforts this season.

"At the start of the season, when we saw how many players we were losing and the calibre of those players, if anyone had said to me you're going to finish fifth or sixth, we would have said yes, thanks very much," he said. "We were honestly looking at relegation. It was a credit to the players that they finished where they did."

Both he and Sturesteps pointed to the defeats by Mooroolbark and Lilydale as those which cost the side a trip to the finals.

"We were easily in control of the game against Mooroolbark while Lilydale was just an inferior side. We should have won both games," Mr Pascoe said.

Sturesteps, reflecting on his first season as skipper, said: "Overall, we're relatively happy with the way the season went with the side we had."

"We could have done better. A couple of games we lost we should have won and made the finals, but at the start of the season there were no great expectations."

Warrandyte had kept their fi-

nals hopes alive in the penultimate game, easily overhauling Kilsyth's 8/228.

Greg Tregear (90) and Sturesteps (55) put on a 82 runs stand in just 50 minutes, Sturesteps entertaining the crowd with four sixes and five fours.

Hogg and Gerald Walshe had again done the damage with the ball, taking 3/47 and 3/83 respectively. It was an outstanding opening attack all season.

Joining the seconds in the finals is the fourth eleven, which is expected to start its title defence at Wonga Park on March 11 and 12. The fourths finished the season strongly with the bowlers taking firm control against Kilsyth (bowling them out for 73) and Norwood (176).

The season ended on a low note for the veterans, who lost their grand final to Croydon North. Steve Pascoe (42), Marty McCarthy (41) and David Stickels (40) all carried their bat to the retirement figure and Fred Jungwirth took 2/25 off his six overs.

The club's senior presentation night will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday, March 25, the festival weekend. Tickets are available through the club captains or Ann Pascoe on 844 1213.

The juniors will have their sausage sizzle and presentation night on Friday, March 17, also at the rooms.

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Wilson McDougall & Associates has completed the training for certification to International Management Standards ISO9002 in a program organised by the Real Estate Institute of Victoria in conjunction with Ernst & Young. This is the first time that such an initiative has been undertaken by the real estate profession in Victoria.

The introduction of such rigorous Quality Management Systems into the Victorian real estate profession will generate substantial benefits to the public in the provision of quality customer service to international standards.

In taking part, Wilson McDougall & Associates have reviewed all their office procedures that impact

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Andrew Wilson said "Over the past ten years particularly, Victorian consumers have focused more than ever on the quality of service provided by companies. Real estate professionals recognise that business success in the 1990s is largely dependent upon their ability to provide quality customer service and fulfil customers needs."

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Although the formal training has

been completed, the task for us now is to fully implement the Quality Assurance principles into the daily operations of their agencies. This process should take up to six months at which time Wilson McDougall & Associates will be ready to formally apply for an audit process that should lead to the achievement of Quality Assurance Certification to the international standards ISO9002.

"The most exciting aspect of this program is the attitudinal change that is taking place," Andrew said.

"The evidence to date is that we have already seen positive results in terms of enhancing our management skills, employee satisfaction and communication."

Commenting on the pilot scheme, the chief executive of the Real Estate Institute of Victoria said "This tangible evidence of the long-term commitment the real estate profession is making to quality management and the provision of the highest standard of customer service."

"There can be no doubt that as we enter a new era of real estate practice in Victoria the provision of quality service and continuous improvement by REIV estate agents will ensure that the Victorian public will be the winner."

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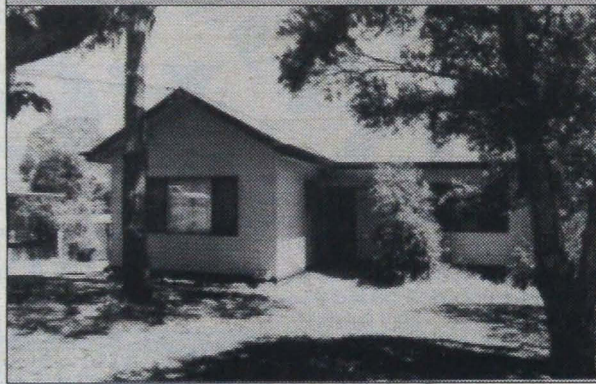
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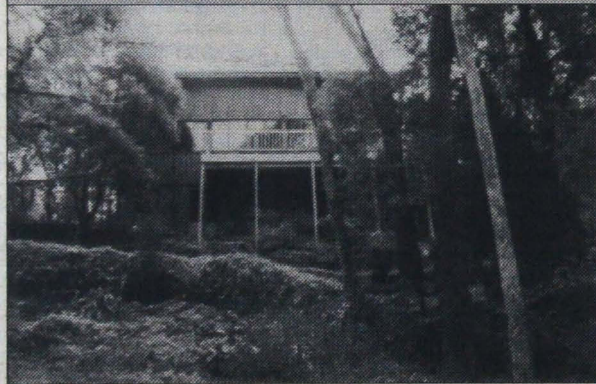
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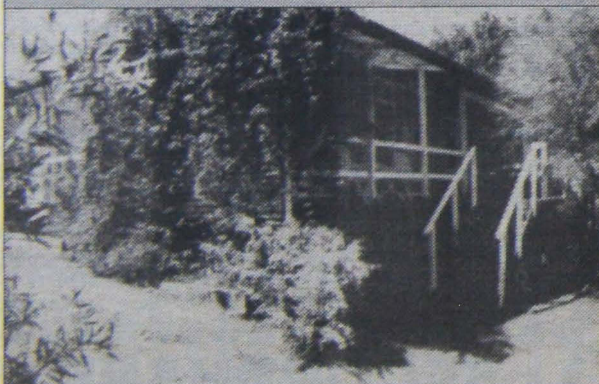
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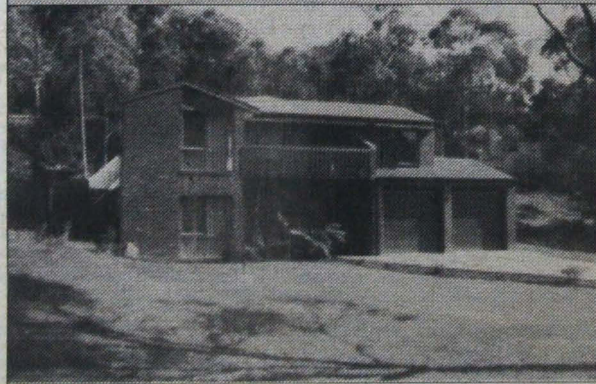
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