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# Hands off the Hill!

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Scotchmans Hill, a small but valuable reserve of hilltop bushland overlooking Warrandyte township, the state park and the river is under threat of residential development.

According to Theo Buskes, spokesman for the Friends of Scotchmans Hill group, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has received correspondence "from an estate agent, enquiring as to whether the department would consider sale" of this land.

Situated at the top of Magpie Lane and rolling down to Mullens Road, the hill is five acres in extent, and is classified a bushland reserve, "with superb views to the Great Dividing Range".

"It is a missing link in a network of bushland trails and habitat corridors throughout the Warrandyte area," Theo Buskes told the *Diary*. Seen as a virtual wildlife crossroads, the hill has "a generally good cover of eucalypts and a diverse range of indigenous and locally significant plants, including grasses, sedges, wattles, correas, lilies, peas and orchids."

"One of the correas growing on Scotchmans Hill is significant for the entire Melbourne region. As a hilltop, it annexes Fourth Hill and the Timber Reserve, completing the bush landscape seen from these hills and from greater distances within and outside Warrandyte."

The significance of Scotchmans Hill

was recognised a number of years ago when attempts were made to have it incorporated into Warrandyte State Park. However, it was considered that parts of the hill were too degraded by weed growth and vehicle tracks.

Local residents worked and planted the land to improve its conservation value, and the government declared it a bushland reserve to protect it from inappropriate use and ensure that it could not be sold.

The Friends of Scotchmans Hill wonder why the sale and possible development of the hill has suddenly resurfaced. "Is the area really protected, or is it still an exploitable resource?" said Theo Buskes. "Given its significance in the Warrandyte area, why would anyone consider the sale of this valuable piece of land?"

The group believes that the present sad and neglected condition of parts of the reserve could have encouraged the belief that the "bushland is not worthy of conservation, and a perception that the community has lost interest in the reserve."

However, an informal survey conducted at the Warrandyte Festival last month, strictly limited to local residents, attracted more than 300 signatures in support of retaining Scotchmans Hill as a bushland reserve, with a further request that it should be incorporated into the Warrandyte State Park.

"Scotchmans Hill is also a vital link in forming a bushland walking circuit around the perimeter of the state park

south of Yarra Street," Theo Buskes said. "This connects the river walking track, Tills Drive, Black Flat and the proposed Stonehouse walk. It can begin and end at the community centre."

The historical significance of the hill is under investigation. "People who have lived in Warrandyte all their lives show considerable interest and affection for Scotchmans Hill."

The Friends of Scotchmans Hill, formed under the auspices of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, is a group of Mitchell Avenue, Magpie Lane and Brackenbury Street residents formed to protect the hill. During 1995, they intend to remove all rubbish from the site and plant locally indigenous plants in cleared areas of the reserve.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park has formally asked the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to undertake official management and protection of the area, and is currently working to have Scotchmans Hill incorporated into the state park.

"The sale of Scotchmans Hill would be a sad and significant loss to the community and to the local environment," Theo Buskes said. "We cannot afford to make any assumptions about the integrity of Scotchmans Hill's bushland status. We may never be able to rest until the hill is legally incorporated into the state park."

The Friends of Scotchmans Hill's next working bee will be on Sunday, April 23, from 11am. Barbecue facilities will be provided. The group can be contacted, through Theo Buskes, on 844 1338.



"Ock, aye, there'll be no support for the clearances from the folk of Warrandyte!"



## Arts win to Isla

Theatre designer Isla Shaw, 19, has won the \$5000 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award for 1994-95. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Warrandyte and organised by the *Diary*, the award is designed to honour outstanding young Warrandyte artists and financially assist them to further their careers.

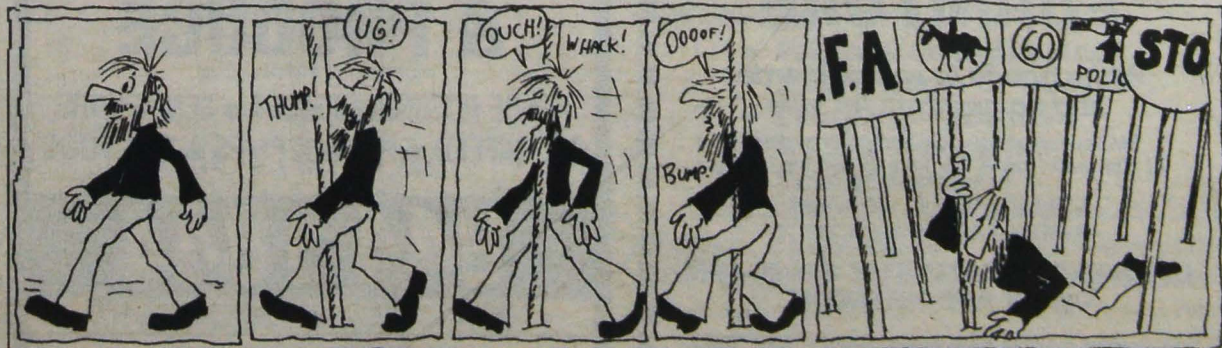
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**Wonderful weather for ducks!** Saturday morning rain didn't dampen Festival '95 spirits. Teacher Claire Bloom leads her school in the grand parade. Lots more Sandy Burgoyne pix inside.

## CYRIL

By **PAUL WILLIAMS**



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# Love was in the air—the open air, actually

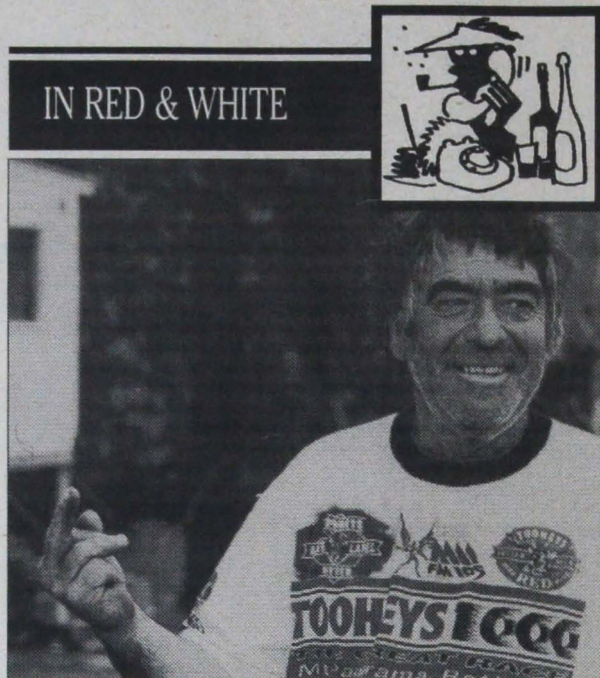
 We like to think that love, rather than mere lust, was in the air at the Warrandyte Festival. Oblivious to the throng, a young couple chose a nice grassy spot at Stiggants Reserve on the Sunday to put on an impromptu exhibition of making a baby. At least they showed some consideration for the more conservative festivalgoers by waiting until the sun had gone down. The lovers seemed quite surprised when Lynne Cappellani and Leigh Hauser suggested they find a more secluded nest, but they stood up, adjusted their dress, brushed off the grass and off they went. It has since been suggested that a special tent be provided for such activity at next year's fest.

 The dreaded gout is almost universally (and often quite unfairly) associated with consumption of booze, but we know that to be not the case with Alan (Coatsy) Koetsveld, of South Warrandyte, because he doesn't touch the stuff. Ha! When gout afflicts Coatsy he grins and bears it. Or he did until the latest bout damn near crippled him and refused to go away. He suffered it for five weeks before conceding defeat and going to the doctor—who diagnosed it as bone chips floating loose from the ankle he broke in a fall from scaffolding two years ago! It renders rather meaningless the gout remedies suggested by his mates at Warrandyte RSL Club, one of which was to stand on his head naked in a paddock during full moon. We suspect they were having him on.

 We suppose it had to happen eventually. Just as the combined SES, fire brigades and ambulance car rescue event was getting under way on festival Saturday, the fire alarm was sounded for a fair-dinkum emergency—a car accident with fuel spillage. The fire which had already been lit under the demonstration vehicle at Stiggant Reserve was quickly snuffed out and the CFA boys and girls were off to deal with the real thing. Their spectacular demo was abandoned for the day and put on instead on the Sunday.

 Festival committee chairman John Boyle was so satisfied with the way the show was going he flew out on the Sunday morning for a month in Europe. Other committee members were later heard to say that the events of Sunday afternoon and evening went off more smoothly than ever before. Wonder what they meant.


 A festival feud between rival Harley-Davidson groups was something that had never been




Alan Koetsveld


envisaged, but as a result of a bit of a communications breakdown, the organising committee had hired one lot to give bike rides and the footy club another. The atmosphere became a little tense when the two leather-clad bikers discovered each other, but the footy club did the noble thing by moving their bloke elsewhere.


 Even Jock Macneish who, as long-running *Diary* cartoonist, has a fine eye for detail, gets it wrong sometimes. The wonderful festival banner he outlined for Jackie Verginis to colour in and display in the festival parade came up as WARRANDYTE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. The superfluous "R" was pointed out as parade marshalling was about to begin and a quick splat of white paint made it read "WARRA NDYTE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION", then a beautiful flower was painted in the space. Jackie hopes nobody noticed, and we feel a bit bad about pointing it out here.

 Mindful of the axiom that if you drink and drive you're not a Rhodes scholar, the North Warrandyte couple were walking home from a party in the early hours when a most peculiar thing grabbed their attention. Skipping along the road in front of them was a being she immediately identified as a rat but he said was undoubtedly some kind of marsupial. They followed it quite a way before it turned out to be one of the sausage balloons, string attached, from the party they'd just left. The couple insist upon anonymity because their friends have no idea they drink that much, if at all.

 The letterbox which went up in Dingley Dell Road was, in the view of the neighbours, less than aesthetically pleasing. So horror is not the word to describe their reaction when the box was wrenched from its mounting and kicked to death. No, the horror came a couple of days later when it was resurrected and returned to its roadside place, heavily bandaged.

 The RSL memorial grounds at the bridge might be the prime, attention-attracting site for advertising hoardings, but the local sub-branch reminds groups, businesses et cetera that these are hallowed grounds, so please refrain. Only the police and the CFA are exempt.

 Smokey is an avid reader of the notice board outside the Gospel Chapel and is particularly fond of its latest message: "God doesn't use an answering machine. He takes each call personally." Would it be irreverent to ask his phone number?

 There is no doubting the sincerity of the local young sportsman who vowed to drink naked at the footy club bar if Carlton beat Collingwood in the opening AFL round. His word is his bond. It wasn't a pretty sight, but sports cartoonist Mal Brown interprets it on Page 15.



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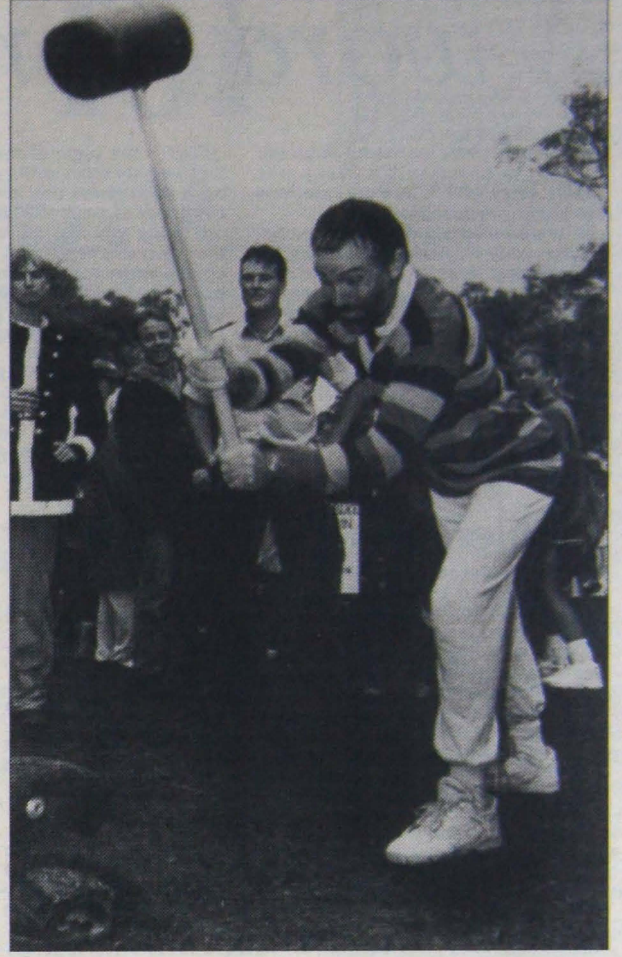
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# All good sports at the festival!

Warrandyte's 19th annual festival attracted a record crowd of 12,000 last month, despite early rain threatening to put a damper on proceedings.

While Saturday's early drizzle kept numbers down early, attendances still topped 5,000 for the day according to police estimates. Fine weather on Sunday ensured a great day was enjoyed by a record attendance of 6,000. Around one thousand people were at Stiggants Reserve on Sunday evening for the finale concert and fireworks display.

Warrandyte Festival committee's David Hogg said changes to the layout of stalls at Stiggants Reserve showed off the area by the riverbank better this year.

"All hay bales around the bottom stage were fully occupied with young and old enjoying the variety

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of food and an excellent entertainment program all weekend," he said.

"This year many buskers performed informally around the festival area, including a flame thrower, Celtic musical group, stiltwalkers and individual musical acts."

A hot air balloon at Warrandyte Reserve made several ascents on Sunday morning giving locals and visitors a different view of Warrandyte. However, unsuitable weather curtailed afternoon flights.

The traditional duck race went for 25 minutes this year due to a slow-flowing Yarra. A record number of entrants made the starting sack so heavy it tested the skill of the SES, who still managed to start the race with precision.

Kathryn Lechner of Park Orchards Primary School won the \$50 first prize, Ryan Holloway of Warrandyte kinder scored \$30 for second place, while Brenton from Warrandyte Primary School preps won \$25 for third place.

The inter-brigade CFA competition saw the usual

demonstration of skills and ability of the three local fire-fighting teams. North Warrandyte won the event with nine points, South Warrandyte scored five and Warrandyte four.

The tug o'war had disappointingly few entrants. Last year's winners, the Grand Hotel, seemed to scare off potential challengers with rumours circulating that they had been training by towing a truck around a boggy paddock the previous weekend! The hotel and the CFA each fielded a male and female team, with the hotel winning the male and CFA the female events.

David Hogg said that the festival committee would particularly like to thank the local CFA brigades and the SES for the huge amount of work they put in to help make this year's Warrandyte Festival another success.

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# A word – or three – for the willows

The emotive piece of writing about the willows in last month's *Diary* was highly successful. It had my emotions thoroughly aroused.

By what authority does this 'exotic' (in the common parlance of today for introduced species), tell Warrandytians that "introduced trees cannot be accepted as part of the landscape"; and that we should all be happy to learn that "full-scale war against Warrandyte's unwanted willows has just begun" and that "there will be a number of assaults planned by various authorities and volunteers ... from land and from water."

What is the logic of the assumption that we only want uniform indigenous bush throughout this immense island continent of Australia? Surely we are not being told that the willows along the Warrandyte river, the peppercorns, quinces and prunus on the bank (those which have escaped the vigilantes), are going to proliferate so much that they are going to take over the Warrandyte bush.

Surely we are not being told that the little bush creatures can't move a few yards sideways to find their native habitat and that our beautiful river, the lifestream and strength of Warrandyte,

## LETTERS



will be interrupted one iota by a row of willows? Is everything exotic to go?

First the willow trees, then robins, blackbirds, bottlebrush and cootamundra, houses, cars, shops, then the people, on and on until only the indigenous bush is left. Who is to be the judge of what we preserve and what we destroy?

Of course we all appreciate that before Europeans came to this country Australia was untouched, quiet bush, but are we now all agreed that every vestige of that settlement should now be eliminated?

I have walked the hills and riverbanks of Warrandyte for nearly 40 years. We have been tidied up, trimmed back and I have been banished from the hills because a leashed dog is forbidden. I have seen the marvellous big willows cut from the riverbank and the soft fragrant cherry plum torn out. I have watched the planted native trees die at flood and

I, for one, love to see "dramatic change of colour in Warrandyte bush entirely due to the presence of introduced trees".

I may well be a voice crying in the wilderness, may well be in the minority in this matter, but at least, before "the willows ... along the river turn golden yellow for the last time" and "death will come with a final leaf fall" surely we could find out what the majority of the people of Warrandyte want rather than to be told what is good for us.

S. H.  
(Name and address supplied.)

## Proliferation

Imagine building a 15 and a half kilometre road running from Templestowe to Chirnside Park-Lilydale, costing several millions of dollars. After two to three years of use the road is closed to traffic and left to deteriorate for at least 10 years.

If it was a road on the ground there would be a public outcry, but this is a road in the sky and few people know it has not worked for years.

Huge holes were dug, hundreds of tonnes of concrete and steel were poured and erected, 220 kilometres of heavy duty cable were strung from 30 pylons, give or take one or two.

If it crosses your property, hard luck as you cannot build near it or under it, nor can it be sold at its true value and holds up development.

People complain of the proliferation of telecommunication towers but there are more to come, 50 per cent more. But the big SEC pylons pollute the landscape to the extreme.

This power line starts at SEC

Terminal Station Templestowe and crosses Warrandyte Road, Tindals Road, Harris Gully and Knees Roads, Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and Yarra Road, terminating in Chirnside Park.

You have to wonder if the people who spend our money in such a wasteful manner and pollute vast tracts of land are ever brought to task.

P. J. Heskett  
Warranwood

## Consolation

We would like to thank all our Warrandyte friends for your kind thoughts and gentle messages on this sad occasion of the death of Richard.

Rachel and I are very appreciative of the love and support that we are receiving from our friends and this unique community of Warrandyte. It is indeed a privilege to live here.

My special thanks go to our Warrandyte CFA for their unreserved and on-going assistance. I know Richard was proud to call them his friends.

The CFA, Rachel and I thank Le

Pines Heritage Funeral Services for the goodwill and generosity shown by waiving their fee.

To the many people and organisations that have given practical help—our sincere gratitude. You have truly made a difference.

Jillian and Rachel Swift  
Magpie Lane

## Appreciation

I can't thank the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award Committee enough for their fantastic efforts in bringing together the Youth Arts Award.

It has been a fantastic and invaluable experience which I will never forget. And it is great to have made such amazing contacts! I still can't fully believe I have won.

But I promise to go as far as I possibly can and further. Thanks again. The committee's energy, interest and support has been incredible and it has really given me a chance.

Isla Shaw  
Winding Way

# Closed roads fire risk

With all the big traffic hold-ups on the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road recently, there could have been a major disaster if a bushfire had occurred, because of the situation of the road running through the valley between various sections of state park and nearby bushy areas.

Why weren't the alternate routes clearly shown on mapboards besides notices of the roadworks? These would have helped avoid much of the traffic congestion as 99 per cent is 'through' traffic.

Big detour maps were needed at Warrandyte Road and Harris Gully Road so traffic could easily have diverted through to Beauty Gully Road, Knees Road and Falconer Road.

Much of this traffic goes along to Croydon Road or further to Oban Road and has caused unnecessary hold-ups—the delays in the roadworks must add to costs.

On Saturday, March 4, I felt really sorry for the beautifully attired bridal party who were the occupants of an open, horse-drawn carriage which came through Warrandyte-Ringwood Road proceeding towards Warrandyte.

Poor people—they were not only getting the dust coming up from the roadworks but as cars passed them the dust just blew up all over their wedding finery.

Recently, I spoke with two suited men, I presume engineers, down at the roadside where there were long queues of cars waiting to get through from either direction. I told them they were "not supposed to have any road closures in these areas during summer fire season". (That was council's and SEC's policy a few years ago.)

They both looked around and up at the well timbered ridgeline above them and got a shock. They hadn't realised the possi-

ble ramifications if a fire had broken out in the area or the state park or surrounding hills until then.

They said they hadn't known or been told. One said it "could be a disaster", looking back at the trapped traffic along the roadways. No fire trucks could have got through without considerable delay, either.

Was this just another attempt by Manningham council to try and force rezoning on these areas? Because if fire broke out and people were trapped in cars, you can be certain there would be big screams to get it all built up, immediately.

With Displan and the annual festival parade road closures, council's staff would know and have alternate routes and maps, so why weren't more shown to relieve traffic congestion for the roadworks?

Joan Ragg  
South Warrandyte

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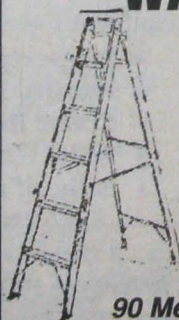
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# One last chance for our Green Wedge?

## Protecting the creek

By FIA GLENDINNEN

Residents near Stony Creek Road have formed a Friends of Stony Creek group to maintain the area as a firebreak and a haven for plants and wildlife.

The road was recently sealed, influencing North Warrandyte Fire Brigade to incorporate the road into the overall fire defence plan for North Warrandyte. To enhance the new firebreak, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources planned to submit the area around Stony Creek to fuel reduction burns.

When a group of local residents read of this proposal in the Diary last year they were concerned, fearing a fire would damage the area.

A spokesperson said that "while fire has played a big part in the natural history of Australia for thousands of years they are undoubtedly destructive to wildlife. Once the understorey of a bushland area is removed, the area is very vulnerable to erosion."

Another argument put forward was that many indigenous plant species need a fire of extreme temperature before they will germinate, and the lower temperatures reached in a controlled burn are of no benefit to them.

It is believed that a controlled burn will encourage the colonisation of some non-indigenous plants, such as the brooms, several of which are noxious weeds.

The friends group put a proposal to the CFA and the DCNR, suggesting an alternative. They would reduce fuel by picking up and removing sticks, bark, twigs and other rubbish.

The CFA and DCNR agreed, with the proviso that if this was not achieved within a certain time, they would conduct the burn.

Three working bees and many hours of effort later had some parts of Stony Creek transformed, with lots of loose litter, weeds and rubbish removed.

DCNR congratulated the group, and they decided to call themselves Friends of Stony Creek, a sub-group of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

The group is planning working bees every second month, with nature walks on alternate months. The Green Task Force has agreed to contribute nine working days.

Locals describe Stony Creek as a healthy and largely undisturbed natural waterway; a haven for native plants and animals.

Families have even observed platypus at play. It forms a wildlife corridor between Warrandyte State Park on the other side of Research Road, and two reserves—Professors Hill and The Chase Eagle Reserve.

By DAVID WYMAN  
An independent panel of two will hear submissions from the public on the proposal to allow limited subdivision in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

The panel, appointed by the Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Maclellan, is expected to make a recommendation to Manningham City Council commissioners on the matter, who will then make a decision for the minister's approval.

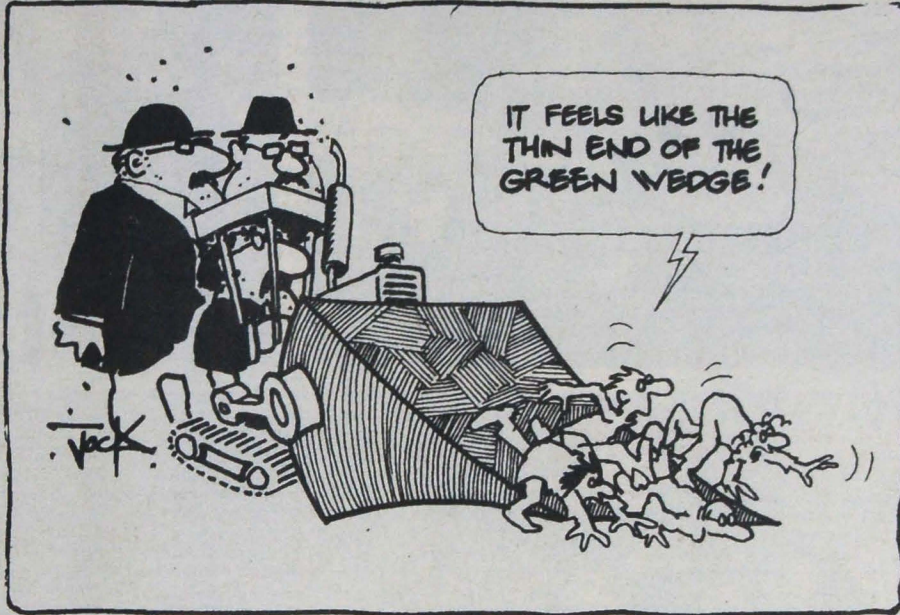
The limited subdivision was proposed last year, to allow landowners who have owned land before 1978 to subdivide a maximum of three allotments, each with a minimum of two hectares (five acres), provided their land area is four hectares (10 acres) or more.

Earlier, the council had proposed one only one acre subdivision for the pre-1978, four hectare plus landowners.

With the sacking of the councillors and appointment of temporary commissioners for the new City of Manningham, the planning amendment and public submissions were referred to the minister, who appointed the independent panel.

About 80 submissions were received from individuals and organisations and these have been contacted by the council and invited to make a verbal submission to the panel, beginning on Wednesday, April 26.

The State Member for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, told the Diary that the independent



panel would comprise people with planning expertise. "The minister appoints the panel so that it can independently examine a proposal and make a rational decision," he said.

"Of the 80-odd submissions made last year on the amendment, about half were in favour of the limited subdivision proposed and half were against it," Mr Honeywood said. "We would expect a final decision by the minister on this matter by August, at the earliest."

The manager of environmental planning for Manningham council,

Roger Collins, said, in a telephone interview with the Diary, that he believed the future of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area did not lie in subdivision.

"Subdivision is not the answer—it has become the issue because people see it as a solution to what they perceive as land management problems," he said. "The subdivision debate has missed the boat."

"What the council's planning amendment means is that essentially the subdivision controls in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area remain the same—there is

still the eight hectare (20 acre) minimum lot size, except for the proposal for the pre-1978 landowners.

"In addition, there are significant changes in the range of uses permissible for land in the non-urban zones—things like restaurants and so forth are possible, subject to issue of a permit, and subject to compliance with a range of conditions to allow a development to be complementary to the character of the area."

Mr Collins stressed that the intention of council's planning

amendment was to "retain and enhance the existing character of the area".

"The job of the independent panel was to listen to submissions from the public and council and then make recommendations back to the council," Mr Collins said. Council would then make a final decision which would be sent to the Minister for Planning for approval.

"People, other than those already contacted by council, who wish to make a submission to the panel, would need to get the approval of the minister. It is rarely refused," he said.

The amendment of the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme is seen by local environmentalists as a means, by the former councillors, of appeasing landholders, including orchardists, who believe they should have the right to subdivide when they have "finished" with their land.

If the limited subdivision goes ahead, these environmentalists see it as a precedent—the "thin edge of the wedge"—for future councillors to use an argument for more Green Wedge subdivision.

They see it as a move to a minimum two hectare (five acre) lot size, pushed along by developers whom the environmentalists claim have no understanding or sensitivity towards the natural environment.

The landholders, keen on subdivision, have used it as their main argument—that acreages are too large for proper management, resulting in degradation of soil, and natural plant and animal life.

## Support for high school, CAB

Warrandyte High School has become one of the first schools in Victoria to receive a Japanese language program based on a new system of teaching.

Local MP, Phil Honeywood, presented the school with a set of 10 videotapes, valued at \$800, at the school's annual report night last month. Mr Honeywood, chairman of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Languages Other than English, was presented with the tapes by overseas video producers.

"Because Warrandyte High School has for many years co-operated with local primary schools—including Warrandyte, Warran-

dyte South and Andersons Creek—in sharing Japanese language teachers, I felt it most appropriate that I should donate these tapes to the school," he said.

"As I studied Japanese for some years myself, I fully understand the importance of language teaching in our schools. Therefore, I know that the school will greatly benefit from the use of these excellent tapes."

Phil Honeywood recently presented Warrandyte's Citizens Advice Bureau with a cheque for \$1,200 as an urgent special grant. Mr Honeywood made representations on behalf of the CAB to the Minister

for Community Services for the grant.

"The Warrandyte CAB has played a vital role in providing services to local residents, who would otherwise find it very difficult to access information on wider community services because of the geographical isolation of the area," he said.

"I am delighted that the minister has recognised the special nature of this community-based organisation and was able to make this special grant available. I know the people of Warrandyte will continue to value the bureau's services in providing essential information and other support services."



Phil Honeywood

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■ **Youth Arts Award.** See Page 13 in this edition of the Diary for a report on the award made this year on March 16. On the subject of youth awards, Youth of the Year Awards will again be made this year, now is the time to start thinking of candidates!

■ **Dedication.** On March 17 Warrandyte Model Railway Club dedicated a plaque, now mounted on their major re-creation, that of the Bacchus Marsh Loop, in memory of Peter Egan, past Lions president and an avid supporter of the railway club.

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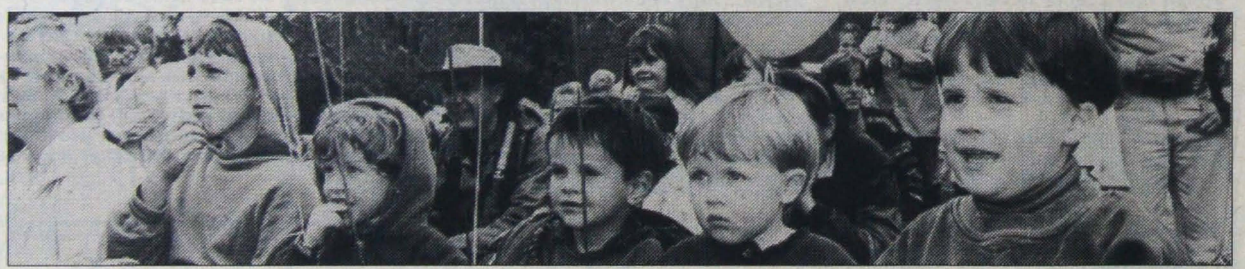
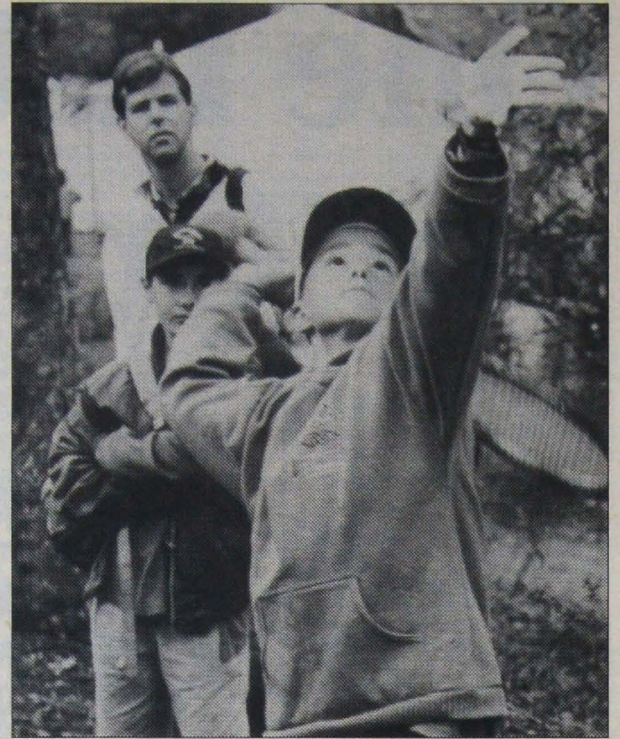
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# Truly, a weekend to remember

By KEN VIRTUE

**T**HE rain didn't faze them, that brave group of hardy residents who lined up for the 1995 festival parade. Nor did it dampen their enthusiasm for the stop-start winding route up Yarra Street to Stiggants Reserve.

It struck me though, that the children specially loved the challenge of 'pressing on', as the rain bedraggled their streamers and ruefully dripped off their noses. Crowds of umbrellaed locals lined both sides of the street and cheered them gamely onwards.

Stalwart participants like Walter Magilton, weaving his vintage MG and tossing mints to the throng, helped keep tradition alive. So too, did the CFA crews, their truck sirens whooping while the kids

looked up wide-eyed at their modern-day heroes.

Trucks and trailers, squads of pony club horses, the serious Salvos band and the not-so-serious kilted pipe band all tracked past—some of them even staying in step.

Inside the community centre we had previously warmed to the mellow tones of The Melbournaires, a chorus of debonaire barbershop warblers, including the ever-smiling David Buck. Breakfast had been a lovely cappuccino and muffins at Shivers, and we were beginning to slowly recover from the madcap follies fun at the hall the night before.

Empathetic tears came to the eyes of the town's menfolk at the sight of the Uniting Church float. The sign read something like "God helps you get over life's little mishaps". The actual display was a male downhill skier who was spread-legged around

a rough-barked tree. He had a pained look on his face with his skis akimbo. Clearly, divine intervention was called for...

The bikes, the kinder kids, a girl on a donkey, the frighteningly fit aerobics youth all filed past with the promise of the next generation. We even cheered an old lady in a blue Peugeot. Turned out that she had gone the wrong way at the bridge roundabout and had mistakenly joined the tail end of the procession. On 'ya, love!

Afterwards at Stiggants we strolled endlessly around what must have been the biggest festival crowd for years. The rain stopped, the stall holders sighed heavenwards and the weekend had truly begun.

John Boyle and his festival organisers certainly provided plenty of variety.

The zany "Tea Cups" quintet were fabulous—all they needed was a Bex

and a really good lie down.

The two metre high wire act balanced on the verge of sideshow ridiculous, as all around them people bogged into home-made pies, hotdogs and the perennial Lions Club hamburgers.

The young animals farm boasted a junior popularity queue, whilst others dunked the teacher, slobbered down the waterslide and repeatedly begged their parents for "just another five dollars, please".

"It's great this year," said many. The teenagers happily drifted off to listen to Rob Melville's band, The Prairie Dogs. Mind you, standing in front of those 4,000 watt speakers took more courage than most adults could muster.

On it went all weekend as Yarra Street became a parking lot.

Later, people spread out in front of Stiggants stage for the Sunday night concert, hosted by the typically

irreverent Martin Walker. Due to Mandy Stevens' illness, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara hastily reassembled a Paraddiddle-lookalike to belt out singalong favourites, backed by harmony vocals from Linda Mitchell, Libby Skeels and Alan Cornell.

Then came Jugarity to finish off in fine style. I don't think that I shall ever forget their hilarious rendition of Waltzing the Elephant. Oh my goodness gracious! No, never!

The lights dimmed as Harry's fireworks began to light up the sky above the river. We all "oohed" and "aahed" in unison at the ageless magic of the showering sparklers. Lying back on the picnic rug, finishing off a glass of wine among a group of friends, I just let the spirit of it all wash over me.

It was good alright, and the rain didn't faze us...

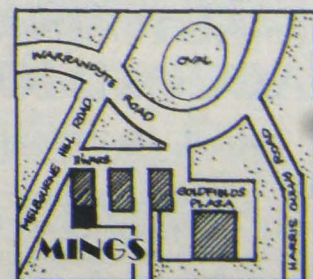


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# Rainbow spitfire

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"OUCH" I exclaimed, pulling my arm away with a reflex-like reaction. Ruefully I rubbed the soft sensitive skin of my inner forearm where a raised white welt was rapidly forming. Having just brushed against a young eucalypt tree, I was almost certain that the cause of my distress was a caterpillar. I found the perpetrator in all its multi-coloured glory, squatting on a leaf, still bristling in defence. It was the caterpillar of the mottled cup moth, a common species, one I had encountered many times before. Nevertheless I marvelled anew at its appearance.

For a start it was not of standard caterpillar proportions. Instead of being long and worm-like, this one was stout and slug-like, its legs and head were not prominent as in most species, but well concealed beneath a flattened fringe of paradoxically soft spikes. When it moved it was with a rippling glide rather than a looping walk. Across the middle of its body, separating the four pairs of now retracted bristles, were stripes of yellow, green and blue, merging into two pastel rainbows, one on either side.

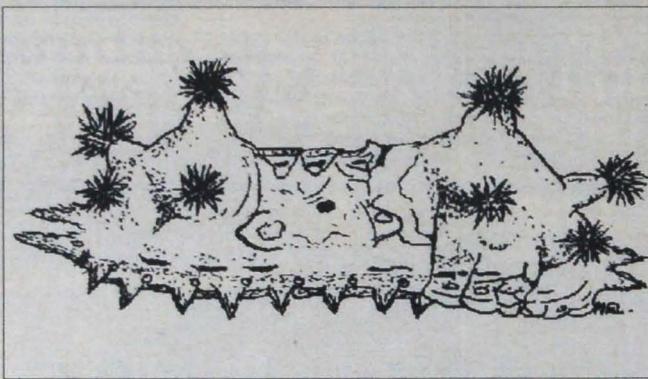
Such an extraordinary mixture of colour and appendages has given rise to the quaint colloquialisms of 'Chinese junk', 'Bondi tram' and 'spitfire'. Although this last term is more correctly applied to the black larvae of sawflies; when disturbed they rear backwards, ejecting a harmless yellow substance.

The majority of caterpillars hide during the day and feed at night when it is safer. The well-armed cup moth caterpillar, however, feeds conspicuously in the daytime, flaunting its defences.

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

Birds, the major predator of caterpillars, have learnt that this gaudy stinging grub is not on the menu. Or so I thought until I read that a Sydney couple had observed eastern rosellas upending cup moth caterpillars with their feet, holding them in their sharp claws and scooping out the un-



protected abdominal contents with their beaks. The indigestible exoskeleton, complete with stinging bristles, was then dropped to the ground.

The common name of cup moth does not refer to the moth at all, but to the cocoon in which the caterpillar pupates—actually shaped more like a pot with a lid than a cup with a handle.

Just prior to pupation, the caterpillar spins a pad of silk onto a branch or the bark of a tree. Then, like a flexible acrobat, it bends backwards so that its head

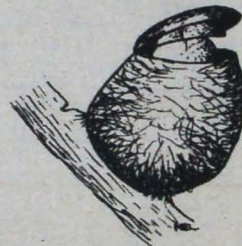
touches its rear, at the same time weaving a silken sheath around the body. The silk hardens to become a rigid brown cocoon which bears a striking resemblance to a gum nut.

This resemblance is no coincidence. The cocoon has evolved as camouflage and protection for the pupa throughout the long winter months. When the moth is ready to emerge, it simply slices open the weaker rim of the receptacle and climbs out.

It is interesting that an insect which is so commonly seen in its caterpillar stage, is rarely noticed as an adult. The main reason for this is, of course, that the moths fly at night.

Caterpillars in general have a poor public profile. Those that turn into butterflies are tolerated better than those that turn into moths. Cup moth caterpillars are one of the most detested of all. They devour our young eucalypts, foul the roofs of our cars with their droppings and accidentally sting us if we get in their way.

But without them there would be no plump, fat-enriched moths for nocturnal birds and frogs to feast on, something to keep in mind when a sharp stinging sensation reminds us of their presence in our garden.



# Don't play it again, Sam

DIRECTOR Yvonne Morley brought us an interesting mix of sketches for the Best of the Follies production this year, together with the ever popular Barber Shop Quartet, tap dancing and songs from the musical stalwarts Mark Leehy, Kevin O'Mara and David Billings.

The show began with a racy number involving all the cast (not all of whom knew the words), superbly held together by Jill "Honky Tonk" Whitchurch and Malcolm "Pink Floyd" Smith. The great energy which the cast projected saved the opening song and continued throughout the evening.

It was most appropriate that Tim Sherwood appeared. He has been a major part of the follies over the years and, as usual, was wonderful as he brought back his local vicar character. But it was his Marathon Man, singing his own rendition of Gilbert and Sullivan's "I am the very model of a modern major general", replete in jogger's gear hiding his

## THEATRE

By NICHOLAS PARSONS

very skinny frame, which was especially enjoyable.

Caroline Shaw gave a talented performance in a well-scripted sketch, "Crossed Lines", about a well-meaning woman who answers two public phones, forgetting her own real need for calling the fire brigade, and gets caught up in a three-way conversation. Very slick.

The tap dancers have come a long way since their first follies visit. Today they are very experienced dancers, but we missed the wonderful spontaneous wit of David "Rubber Face" Buck. Great style ladies, but there needs to be a personality in front to capture the follies audience, who are looking for laughs. David's wife June, a comic in her own right, did well throughout the evening as she tapped

across stage introducing each act.

Ken Virtue led an inspired team of ghoul dancers through Michael Jackson's "Thriller" sound track. This piece had been well rehearsed and everyone kept in time and character, contributing to a wonderful effect.

Olivia Harkin was lovely as the bashful "Leaping Lulu" and played to the audience with timing and skill. We want to see more from you, Olivia.

Raine Dinale and Phyl Smedley brought back the classical sketch "Alternative Birth". Last time, we saw a baby born with a kilt, quite appropriate, as the Scottish rogue Jack Wood played the part of the father. This time Raine devised a new ending as Ken Virtue played the harassed father, and it was just as funny.

The Barber Shop Quartet was the highlight of the evening. The elegance of Pi Beecham, the energy and wit of Mark Maddocks and the marvellous voices of Don and Doug Macrae really en-

tained the audience. Uncharacteristically, (but this is the follies), the boys ended hilariously with the Elvis number "Blue Suede Shoes", which had everyone clapping their hands and cheering.

The melodrama chosen was "Unhand Me Squire" written by Rickard Tydeman. Ken Virtue as the terrible "Boo!" Sir Jasper, Georgie Greenwood as the lovely Fanny and Matt Allgood as our hero Percival. David Howell did a good job as the narrator of this piece.

Despite all the good work, I hope there is not a Best of the Best next year. Most of the audience are regulars who look forward to the follies. There is such a wealth of writers, actors, singers and dancers in the Warrandyte area that, instead of revisiting old material, maybe there should be a concerted effort to bring strong sketches together within a topical, tongue-in-cheek theme.

That's one of the great things about the follies—wondering what they will do next year.

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# The boy was not yet for burning

66 **A**RE you able to come over for dinner on your 24th birthday? It won't be a big deal, probably just a roast followed by lemon delicious," Herself asked as Boy Wonder was walking out the door.

"Yeah, sure, great. But it will have to wait until after I've been burnt in the car." We nodded calmly and smiled.

The first time we heard this we were rigid with fear. "Burnt! In a car? What on earth are you talking about?"

BW snuffled. "Don't worry. I'll be all right. I've got protective clothing and the CFA will be there to put me out."

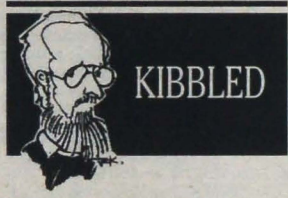
"You—out!" Herself gasped. "Will you be on fire?"

"Well, not me exactly. The car. The car will be on fire and I'll be in it and then the CFA will arrive and put me, I mean 'it' out."

BW had been 'burnt' during the Warrandyte Festival for two years before we caught his sizzling act.

Boy has been a volunteer member of the Eltham SES for several years and it appears to be part of inter-unit good relations that the Doncaster SES unit obligingly barbecues one of the Eltham SES members, all in the cause of public relations.

Not one to knock back a challenge when the request was made for a volunteer, Boy Won-



der stood his ground whilst all the others in his unit stepped back. The good old military volunteer system in operation.

The inaugural parent-watching-whilst-child-is-incinerated day dawned cloudless and warm. By 4pm, Herself and I had patrolled the food stalls, had listened to the various ethnic groups performing on the lower stage and had steadied our nerves with ice cream, cans of drink and the odd spring roll and sausage in a slice of bread. There wasn't much point in feeling nervously nauseous on an empty stomach.

As our watches showed 4pm, death row time, we watched as a tractor dragged an old rusty Falcon from its hiding place behind the SES static display to its sacrificial spot in the area now roped off. Only minutes before, the same ground had been the stage for a trick bicyclist who had amazed the crowd with nothing more parent-worrying than a possibly sprained ankle or a paternity-preventing bruised crutch.

My mind raced. Why hadn't I

encouraged more Malvern Star activities in his youth? Why didn't I force him to grow his hair long, become tone deaf and play in a death metal band? Where had we gone wrong? BW isn't even vaguely religious, yet there he was, desperately and probably sacrilegiously making every attempt to look like a self-immolating Buddhist monk. His orange overalls reinforced this disturbing impression.

The tractor stopped. The Falcon shuddered to a halt and the uniformed altar ministrants started to prepare the site.

My nostrils were assaulted by the volatile smell of petrol—or was it kerosene or diesel fuel? I didn't really care. All I knew was that inflammable liquid was being poured in and around the car that my genetic inheritance was about to enter.

I looked at Herself. I smiled wanly, feigning confidence and encouragement.

"Do you think he'll be all right?" Herself asked.

"Sure!" I replied. "They wouldn't be doing it in front of all these people if it wasn't as safe as houses." I'm sure thoughts of Kobe crossed both our minds.

Boy strode to the car. We tried to catch his eye, only to wish him luck and show that we had complete confidence in his decision to allow himself to be fried by a rival, sorry, different unit.

I put my arm around Herself's shoulder and quietly wondered whether a vasectomy can be easily reversed.

When I looked up, the car was ablaze. Smoke was rising from the engine and the boot, and it looked like the interior was going to burst into flames at any minute.

"The camera! The camera! Quickly get some shots," Herself shouted as the CFA siren began to wail.

I fumbled with my camera and pointed it at the pyre. All I could see through the viewfinder were squirming orange clad bodies attacking the car with the Jaws of Life.

"I hope he keeps his hands away from the flames," I mused.

I was just about to take a photo of the top of BW's head when a jet of water shot past the crowd and saturated the helpers and many of the crowd.

Soon they had the bonnet up, had extinguished the oily rags and the heroic rescuers had BW on a stretcher.

BW turned his head and caught my eye. I gave him the thumbs up sign, winked and puffed out my chest.

I turned to Herself. "Well, haven't we come a long way since the time we watched a scarecrow parade down Yarra Street with the rest of the preps!"

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# Heather's Garden

By GLEN JAMESON

**H**EATHER knew it was a mistake as soon as the judging committee from the Royal Muckinup Beautiful Garden Society pulled up in their car. Perhaps she had known all along that it had been a mistake to enter her garden in the annual Best Beautiful Garden Competition.

The judging committee members had performed a double-blink on arrival, checked the address book, street name and house number on the letterbox. Incredulously, they were at the correct address.

Strolling down the drive the committee's faces gave way to alternate waves of embarrassment, alarm, bemusement and confusion. They had encountered their first indigenous garden.

Kevin, Rosemary and Don introduced themselves as the judging committee and cast a suspicious eye over the area of the front yard that up until now, in every other entrants' garden, had been an immaculate carpet of exotic green lawn. Kevin ventured forward with the comment "it's been a dry spring this year!"

"Our garden hasn't suffered too much," replied Heather. "We haven't lost anything and the dryness seems to give opportunity to different plants. I haven't seen a more profuse flowering of the gold dust wattle as this year."

"The major structure of the garden is made up of local indigenous plants and they are adapted well to local conditions, genetically tuned to the soils and rainfall, so no extra watering is needed. We plant according to the soil, not try to change the soils to suit other plants."

"The front lawn area seems to be struggling a little," suggested Rosemary as she looked at the tall flowering heads of the spear grass amidst a wild mosaic of different grass species. "I can't seem to see the lawn for all that grass."

Heather forwarded an explanation. "Our front grass area is made up of 12 species of local native grasses and we haven't cut it yet because there are an awful lot of eastern ringed xenica butterflies about to emerge from their pupa. Once they emerge we will cut it before the fire season starts and it should stay green without the need for fertilizer or too much water over summer, especially the weeping grass and kangaroo grass."

She pointed to the graceful, arching flowers of the weeping grass and the beautiful nankeen, purple and green-coloured kangaroo grass.

"That makes a lot of sense in these times of ris-



ing water prices and appropriate use of natural resources," said Don. "But how practical and possible is it to establish a native grass area? Not everyone is a bushland expert."

"Fair point," Heather replied. "But look at the trouble people go to establish an exotic grass lawn. They usually start by spraying herbicide and killing all the native grasses first, then bring soil (with its accompanying diseases and weeds) to their garden which is robbed from another environment."

"They purchase exotic grass seed that once established will threaten bushlands by invading and destroying the ecology, then use fertilisers which run into the rivers and creeks. They finally pamper the lawn with water that has been harvested in another environment that has been destroyed to make a dam."

Heather realised that she could be talking too much, alienating the judging committee, so she finished up. "The technology of establishing native grasses is rapidly advancing. It is within reach of anybody who desires to have one. Most Warrandyte gardens probably have a lot of native grasses in their lawn areas already. It's just a case

of recognition and assisting them to dominate."

Kevin suggested they move along and look at the features of the garden. "According to your entry form, I believe that you have vegetation that is fire-resistant," he asked.

"Yes," said Heather, warming to the subject. "We have planted a substantial amount of blackwood, acacia melanoxylon, a long-living, handsome wattle on the northern section of our block. This should help to resist the wall of radiated heat in the case of a fire and lift it over the house. We have planted an understorey of bursaria and pomiderris prunifolia which also do not flame up, and we have removed most of the burgan from that area."

"How safe would all this make your house in the case of an Ash Wednesday?" asked Don.

"Nothing is totally guaranteed, however we take as many measures as one should in such a fire-prone area. We have our own fire-fighting tanks and equipment," replied Heather. "We also pray for wet summers, like everyone else."

"Now, again on the entry form you state that you have some unusual and rare forms of plants. We would like to see those, if we may," said Kevin.

Heather led them to a dry excavation wall beside the house. Wallaby grass dominated the site on which the plants grew very sparsely.

"Here are my special plants. Somehow they escaped the house building process and have managed to survive here until now. This is austral forget-me-not," said Heather, as she pointed to a slender herbaceous plant growing from a small rosette of leaves, a few tiny white flowers supported by the stem.

However it was a loser in the eyes of the judging committee.

"Rather small for a garden feature, don't you think?" reflected Kevin. "Hardly enough material in those few leaves for a short article in *Whose Garden Is That?*"

"Maybe so," replied Heather, "but this plant is on the verge of extinction in Melbourne. This happens to be one of the few sites that are safe for the moment. Its habitat has been destroyed by reduction in bushland through residential development and agriculture. Those that remain are threatened with invasion and destruction by exotic grasses which do a lot of destruction in bushlands."

"People like to see bigger forms of things though," argued Rosemary. "Bigger, brighter and better."

"Indeed they do. Look what we grow separately in the vegetable garden. Camellias, roses, dahlias and all those lovely plants that make colour and cut flowers that we grow for pleasure. But surely the environment that you live in is something to consider when you plan your garden. We make sure that any plants we grow cannot invade from our garden into the bushlands. You never should grow anything you can't control."

"Rural areas are suffering tree decline and salinity problems because the farmers and the governments didn't manage those areas as part of an ecological system. Every garden in Warrandyte is a part of the total environment, part of the ecological system. If you don't consider this, the local ecology will decline further and eventually collapse."

"Warrandyte will become just another hilly urban sprawl, with no sense of place. Gardeners are land managers and very important ones at that!" Heather said.

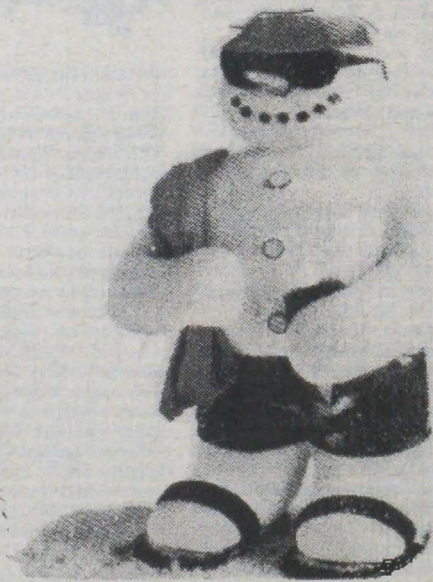
"We need a new category of gardens for the competition," Rosemary responded.

"Soap-box gardens?" suggested Don.

"No, environmentally managed, bush-friendly gardens," chimed the others.

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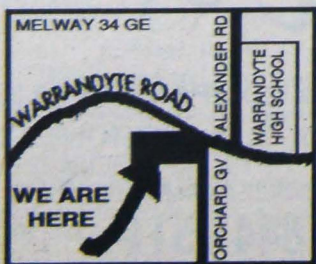
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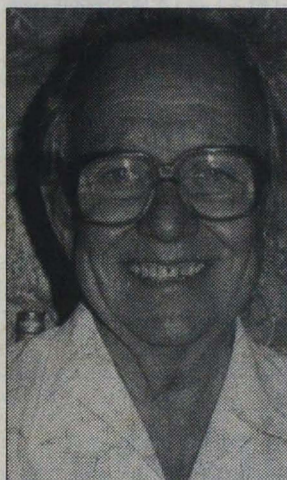






O, how the ranks have thinned: a previous Warrandyte Anzac Day parade. (Picture by Bob Millington)

# And then it was all over...



Bob Cox: food drop turned nasty.

By LEE TINDALE

**A** STARK reminder that this is the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II will soon be on permanent display at the Warrandyte RSL Club.

Bob Cox, an RAAF navigator attached to the RAF during the war, has donated to the club an historic leaflet—two of hundreds of thousands dropped over Germany as that country plunged towards defeat.

Dated November 7, 1944, and signed by Allied military supremo General Dwight Eisenhower, it warns the beleaguered enemy against atrocities.

Mr Cox, of Brackenbury Street, picked up the leaflet at Juvincourt airfield in Germany on May 23, 1945—15 days after the end of the war in Europe—on a mission to repatriate Allied prisoners.

On one side, in German, it says in part: "GERMANS! There is a large number of men among you in forced battalions and concentration camps.

"Do not follow any order of mishandling, oppression or bullying of those men whichever nationality or religion ...

"The allied armies which have just entered the German territory expect from their advance to discover those men alive and unharmed."

It promises "severe punishment" for offenders.

The other side of the leaflet is written in Polish. Again it warns Germans and urges Poles living in Germany to gather together with their countrymen and deportees from the occupied countries and "prepare for action".

Mr Cox navigated aboard a Lancaster bomber based at Mildenhall, in Suffolk. Ironically, his closest call of the war came in a situation as merciful and friendly as a food drop on Rotterdam, Holland.

"The Allies had negotiated with the Germans to drop panniers of food (sides of bacon and the like) for the civilian population—but apparently word of the arrangement hadn't got through to the German troops who had assembled on

the oval where the drop was to be made," he recalls.

"We came in unarmed, very slowly and at treetop height, and the Germans opened fire.

"Our Lancaster was holed seven times and the pilot of one of the other planes was shot in the neck. He survived.

"We dropped the food in a hurry and got out of there.

"I was involved in two later food drops—but we had learnt from the Rotterdam experience and we did it from 800 feet!"

Mr Cox grins as he recalls the declaration of peace: "We deserted the base and got to London as fast as we could, and by any means we could, to celebrate.

"We stayed away for about a week. The top brass were pretty good about it when eventually we got back to base."

The mission to pick up the prisoners of war was a particularly moving experience.

"There were 23," he said, "and some had been captive for three years. It was a very

emotional occasion.

"They had very little in the way of personal possessions, but they wanted to show their gratitude by giving the crew whatever they had. Of course, we politely refused.

"The course I had mapped out for home was as simple as they come—a straight line and with no enemy aircraft or flak to worry about.

"Understandably, the POWs were very keen to see the countryside below us, so I took them two at a time up to the vacant forward bomb aimer's position to give them a view.

"The pilot was doing the same thing—and between us we managed to get ourselves 60 miles off course by the time we reached the English Channel.

"We had drifted south, which took us to Dover, still a heavily-fortified, strictly no-go area.

"I had a bit of explaining to do back at base—but it was worth it to see the looks on those POWs' faces when they saw their beloved White Cliffs of Dover."

VE-Day TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1945

**Evening Standard**

VE-Day VICTORY EDITION

**Eden speaks for Britain on the morning of VE-Day**

**'A MAJESTIC AND TRIUMPHANT HOUR'**

Mr. Churchill will announce over the radio at three o'clock this afternoon that the war with Germany has been won and that Europe is at peace. The war with Germany has lasted 5 years, 8 months and 5 days.

**GERMAN FLEET TO BE SAILED TO BRITAIN**

It is understood that the remnants of the German Navy will be brought to a British anchorage under British escort and with British crews on board.

**Foe in the abyss**

President Truman will make a radio declaration of the same moment as Mr. Churchill. It was announced from the White House.

**SWEDEN'S BREAK WITH GERMANY**

Stockholm, Sweden, has announced that it has broken diplomatic relations with Germany.

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**Leaders' messages**

By WILLIAM ALTON

A quarter of an hour after his announcement to the nation Mr. Churchill will call the House of Commons.

## Lest we forget



Reverend Syd Smale, of the Uniting Church, will conduct this month's Warrandyte Anzac Day service. The April 25 march will begin at 10.30 am at the Yarra Street car park next to the Gospel Chapel, to be followed by the service at the memorial in the RSL grounds. Assisting will be representatives of the 7th Engineer Support Regiment Ringwood, piper Andrew Ogilvie and bugler Chris Coates. "Anzac Day has always been very special in Warrandyte and obviously we are hoping for maximum community participation again," said Warrandyte RSL Sub-branch president Neil Pearson. In Anzac tradition, refreshments will be served in the RSL clubrooms after the service.

How the London Evening Standard of May 8, 1945, reported VE-Day.

The Eisenhower leaflet, soon to reside at Warrandyte RSL Club.

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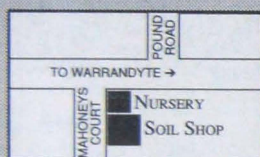
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## Mums

The next Nursing Mothers' morning coffee will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at the home of Janet Horne, 21 Floods Road, North Warrandyte at 10am. The next evening meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 8pm at Nancy O'Brien's, 31 Bradleys Lane. Discussion will be on early childhood development. For further information call Andrea Waugh on 844 3466, or Jenny McDonell on 844 4730.

## Traders

The Warrandyte Citizens Advice Bureau is a community based information and referral service that is free, confidential and impartial. In order to provide clients with up-to-date information, CAB is updating its local traders' list. Anyone wishing to be included, please send details to the Warrandyte CAB, Community Centre, 165 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, 3113. Information needed should include name, address, phone numbers, opening hours and service provided.



Conducted by **JUDY GREEN**

Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, fax it to 844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113, by the last Friday in the month.

## Drugs

The Warrandyte-Park Orchards Police Community Consultative Committee recently launched Perceptions and Realities, a school group consultation report relating to drug and alcohol issues in the community. The report details findings from group consultations with students from six local primary schools and Warrandyte High School.

## Books

Warrandyte's Sharing Thoughts about Books and Poetry group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm at the Book Exchange at the Warrandyte Community Centre. All interested residents are welcome.

## Dance

If you like old-time dancing, take yourself along to the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road from 8pm to midnight on the second Saturday of each month. The superb band also plays new vogue and modern dance numbers. Cost is \$5 for adults, BYO drinks and supper. Tea and coffee are provided. For further information ring 723 3892.

## Lazy eye

Over 180 children recently attended the Warrandyte Community Centre to be tested for 'lazy eye' or amblyopia. The program is being conducted by the Warrandyte and Park Orchards Lions Clubs. Testing, which showed 10 percent of children required further examination, will be held again in September, for those unable to attend in February.

## Trivia

Warrandyte and District Pre-School is holding its fourth annual trivia and auction night on Saturday, May 13. With Alan King and Peter Burns in charge, it promises to be a great night. Tickets are \$10 each and can be booked individually or in tables of eight to ten. Call Judy Finger on 844 3150.

## Taroona

Taroona House, the Uniting Church's community facility situated adjacent to the church in Taroona Avenue, is open from 10am to 4pm each Saturday, selling used furniture and household items. From funds raised, donations of \$100 each were made to the Richard Swift Appeal and the Neighbourhood House Food Bank. Donations of goods are welcome. For information, call P. Renn on 844 3691.

## Volunteers

The Warrandyte Historical Society is desperately seeking volunteers to keep its museum open at weekends. If you can spare three hours once every six weeks, please call Gina Bevan-Jones on 844 3662.

## Information

Anyone with information on a Mr J.J. Hollway, who lived in Vic-

toria in the early 1870s and was presented with a walking stick inscribed "J.J. Hollway, Warrandyte, Victoria, August 1871", please call Gina Bevan-Jones on 844 3662.

## Volunteers again

Do you have a spare hour or two a week to offer company and friendship to an older person living in your area? If so, please contact Do Care on 662 2044 for details of their monthly orientation sessions.

## Lost

A set of keys on a large oval brass ring were lost during Warrandyte Festival weekend. If you can help, please call 844 2438.

## Lost again

Many small items found at year's festival can be claimed by phoning 844 1802. If you have items that need to be claimed, please contact Leigh on the above number.

**CLYDE & OCKER**



"I really lost it at the festival this year, Ock."

# Push on for crisis housing

By **CLINTON GRYBAS**

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House should know by September whether its application to the Department of Planning and Environment for crisis accommodation in Warrandyte has been successful.

Co-ordinator Margory Lapworth told the *Diary* that due to a critical shortage of short-term crisis accommodation in Warrandyte, people were going far and wide for help.

"The situation has got worse this year. We've always had a problem with crisis accommodation because there just isn't anywhere for us to put people", she said. "We can make up to 40 or 50 calls to try

and find accommodation for a family and still get nowhere because there isn't enough wherever we go. We even go as far as Prahran and St Kilda to find accommodation for people."

The Neighbourhood House is averaging four to five calls a week from Warrandyte people looking for short-term accommodation, which doesn't include the many calls they get from other areas to see if they can help.

The application is for a four bedroom house, preferably in the Warrandyte area, which is all that can be applied for at a time to the department.

"We haven't got anything else," Margory

Lapworth said. "We would be very surprised if we don't get it. As soon as it comes through we have two months to purchase a house."

People who have nowhere to live can stay in the crisis accommodation house for between four and 13 weeks. People must be over 26 if single males or females, sole parents or low income families.

Meanwhile, work is well underway on the public housing development on the 'quarry disaster' cottages site in Webb Street, on the corner of Brackenbury Street. The four family houses to be built at a cost of just under \$500,000 are due for completion by the end of July this year.

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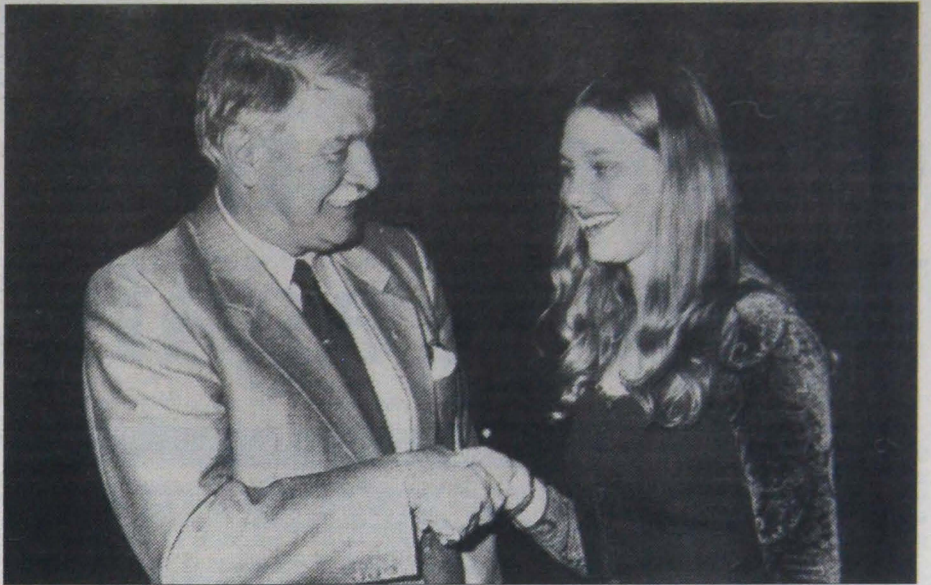
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The \$5,000 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, conducted jointly by the Lions Club of Warrandyte and the *Diary*, has been won by theatre design student Isla Shaw.

# Theatre tradition gave our Isla the artistic edge



Lions president John Penwill congratulates Isla. (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)

By HELEN UNDERWOOD and CLINTON GRYPAS

**A** STRONG family theatre connection dating back to the turn of the century provided background for this year's Warrandyte Youth Arts Award winner Isla Shaw.

The pleasantly shocked 19 year-old theatre design student won the \$5,000 prize, which she says will help fund her year at one of Europe's best theatre design schools, the Wimbledon School of Art in London, later this year.

A Warrandyte resident for nine years, theatrical tradition runs deep in her family, dating back to her great-great grandfather Charles Tait. One of the famous Tait brothers, he teamed up with J.C. Williamsons and ran theatres such as Melbourne's Comedy in the early 1900s.

The family tradition continued when Isla's aunt joined the National Theatre in London, where eventually Isla's mother worked some 25 years ago. Her mother recently joined the Warrandyte Drama Group where she is once more involved in theatre.

Although subjected to such theatrical influences all her life, it was not until her final year at the Rudolf Steiner School in Warranwood that Isla's interest in art began to focus on textile and decorative design.

"People used to tell me there was a lot of theatricality in my work," Isla told the *Diary*.

When young she used to design boxes which, at the time, she did not see as stage sets, but on reflection that is what she was doing. One of the pieces she submitted for the award was an elaborate box stage set model with intricate

beadwork decoration.

She values her mother's opinion of her work and often goes to her for thoughts on a piece on which she is working.

A second year student at Swinburne, her studies include working on productions with professional companies. She loves the lavishness and liveliness of the theatre. She particularly enjoys doing sets for opera and ballet, while film sets also feature prominently in her assignments.

Simply being a finalist in the arts awards was something special for her this year, but not in her wildest imagination could she see herself winning.

"I just went along to enjoy the night and support whoever won—I knew it would be great for them," she said.

Her foundation year in London begins in September. Those who complete the year are invited to send in their work and

re-apply for a further three years, Isla's target. She is not a stranger to England, however, having lived there for a while when a three year-old.

"Hopefully I'll be there for the whole four years of the course. It's going to be scary though—my whole life is about to change dramatically. It's a totally different city and I'm sure going to miss Warrandyte."

But despite this she is excited at the prospect of learning from involved and practising theatre people, with the 'compulsory' trip to Paris in the first semester holding particular appeal.

"I want to explore everything. I don't want to restrict my options. I am looking forward to the buzz of Europe."

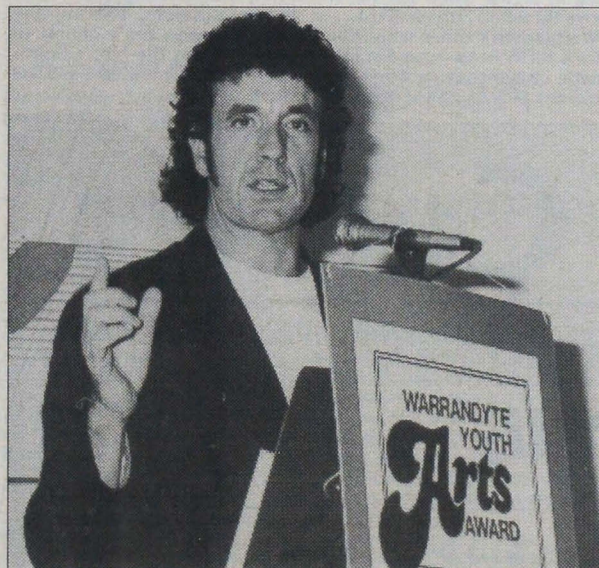
For all the buzz that theatre and city life brings, however, Isla appreciates coming home to the peace and solitude of Warrandyte. She knows she is going to miss this when she is away.

## How the assessors saw Isla's work...

● Her sense of design is fantastic, and she showed that she is right up-to-date with all the things that are happening in the world of design. Isla shows what the combination of copious natural talent, outstanding home support and lots of hard work can produce.

● Isla is an outstanding young person who has a very definite path and purpose. Her work is original and she has explored all sorts of interesting avenues and mechanisms. If you are looking for the capacity for outstanding achievement, then Isla is exactly the right sort of person who will make it.

● All her work has a natural theatricality and romanticism about it. She shows great sensitivity to both colour and texture. She has a lot of natural talent and a lot of potential. She belongs in the world of theatre, she knows this instinctively, and nothing will stop her.



Local resident and radio personality Peter Stubbs addressed the awards night dinner.



The 13 arts award finalists for 1994-95.

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# Our seconds blow it again

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club's second eleven lost the grand final for the second season in a row last month when they failed by just 13 runs to overtake Kilsyth.

After dismissing Kilsyth for 141, the bats crashed in the middle order and not even a couple of late partnerships could restore the damage.

Having battled to 2/58 off 47 overs, Warrandyte lost 6/38 to be 8/96. While the game unearthed a potential batting star in 15 year-old Justin Edwards, when captain Russell Dorning had his stumps shattered with the score at 128 the nightmare had recurred for the Dytes.

"To say we're disappointed is an understatement," Dorning said. "To get ourselves into a winning position for the second season in a row it's extremely disappointing. If someone had said to me they would make 141 I would take it every time because it's a gettable total."

Last season, the Dytes allowed Croydon North to score 156 after having them 9/39. Warrandyte replied with 95.

Kilsyth's decision to bat back-fired in the second when Steve Pascoe found the edge through to Dorning behind the stumps.

A second-wicket stand steadied the side, Kilsyth crawling to 3/94 in the 44th over.

The game swung squarely Warrandyte's way when a Kilsyth

## Cricket details

**SECONDS:** Semi-final: Warrandyte 8/260 (Pascoe 77, A. Snaidero 60, Gee 40) off 77.5 overs def Ainslie Park 9/256 (C. Snaidero 3/74) off 80. Final: Warrandyte 128 (Rodgers 26, A. Snaidero 20, Kline 18, Edwards 16 n.o.) lost to Kilsyth 141 (C. Snaidero 4/30, Davis 3/45, Pascoe 2/37).

**FOURTHS:** Semi-final: Warrandyte 9/260 (Alan King 68 n.o., Andrew King 64) def Wonga Park 259. Final: Warrandyte 154 (Sharpe 43) def Kilsyth 151 (Jungwirth 5/37, Vitiritti 3/44).

collapse saw seven wickets fall for 47 runs. Spinner Mark Davis (3/45) started the rout and Chris Snaidero (4/30 off 22 overs) maintained the excellent form he had shown all season.

Warrandyte's reply started disastrously, with Greg Creber trapped in front in the second over. It was 1/2 and although Shane Baker and Andrew Rodgers (26) carried the score to 1/14 at stumps, tension was high when day two began late because of overnight rain.

Baker was caught with the score at 22 but Rodgers and Brett Kline (18) edged it along to 2/58—just 91 needed—before the wickets started to fall.

Rodgers, Kline and Gee all fell in quick succession, Andrew Snaidero went for an aggressive 20 and when Pascoe was out the following over it was 7/86.

That brought young Edwards to the crease to join veteran Davis, but just as the Dytes appeared to be back on top, Davis was run out.

Chris Snaidero and Edwards

(16 not out) added 22 for the ninth wicket and when Dorning walked to the wicket a premiership was just 24 runs away.

The next six overs yielded just three runs, but with 32 balls of the season remaining, the target had been whittled down to 14. Unfortunately, that was to be as close as Warrandyte were going to get to atoning for last season's debacle.

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Few people expected Ry Haskings' 12AR boys to turn around a semi-final thumping by Balwyn and beat them in the final, especially on Balwyn's home court. But they blasted out of the blocks to race to a 17-2 half-time lead which set up a 43-34 win. Matt Treeby was MDP while Dean Kropp and James Riley shared the scoring honours. Diane Godwin's 14B1 girls

# Fourths back from dead in unlikely premiership

Warrandyte's fourth eleven made it back-to-back premierships last month when David Jungwirth dramatically threw down the stumps from mid-off to leave Kilsyth stranded three runs short of a modest target.

Having sneaked into the final with a thrilling last-wicket stand in their semi, Warrandyte were apparently down and out after the first day, with Kilsyth 1/47 in reply to the Dytes' meagre 154.

Not even captain Andrew King gave Warrandyte a chance.

"We turned up on the second day thinking we were not going to win. We actually told people not to bother turning up and wasting their time," he said.

"A few of our blokes went out overnight to a party and I told them to enjoy and not restrain themselves."

Warrandyte were lucky to

reach 154 after the first five wickets had tumbled for just 53. But Alan King (22) Peter Sharpe (43) steadied the sinking ship and took the score along to 100 before King was caught. When Sharpe went it was 9/134.

The last pair added 20, however, and in the end they were to prove the most important of runs.

Kilsyth's reply was helped along by four grassed chances on the first day alone as they moved comfortably to 1/78. But tight bowling by Alan Vitiritti (3/42 off 30 overs) and David Jungwirth (5/37 off 17) tied the batsmen down and wickets began to fall.

The big break came with the score at 2/89 when the duo snared 3/0 to rock Kilsyth back on their heels. Twenty-four runs were added for the sixth wicket before the Dytes took 3/0 again to get themselves into

a winning position.

When leg-spinner Jungwirth trapped the ninth victim in front it was 9/121 and, with 34 needed by the last pair, Warrandyte had taken eight wickets in the space of 43 runs. And King's mood had turned full circle.

"When the ninth wicket fell I thought we had it won," he said. "But when the last pair kept batting and when they got it down to five or six to get, I thought we were gone and had blown it."

But then came the big moment. "The batsman straight drove and for some reason the non-striker took off for a single," King said.

"The other bloke stayed at the same end and Jungwirth threw down the stumps at the bowler's end."

"It was jubilation all round I can tell you."

# Redbacks run riot in finals

blitzed Heidelberg 33-17, with Caitlan Evans MDP.

Dale Templeton's 10BS boys capped their season with the blue flag, beating Koonung 36-27. Robert Whaley was the MDP.

The 16BW boys of Michael Eldridge also found the right time to put in their best game, trouncing Doncaster 66-37. Scott Reeves (MDP) found the net at will for 18 points.

Tristan Martin's 12CC boys led

Whitehorse 18-16. at half-time, but with Beau Linton-Smith (10), Jason Fearn (nine) and Ross Cuccia (nine) all finding the hoop in the second half they pulled away to win 38-29.

Peter Holland won his second flag in a row when his 12DW boys thrashed Eltham 27-14.

Warrandyte's other win—Kim Rea's 10DW boys—came in dramatic circumstances when the referees picked up a scoring er-

ror and awarded the game to the Redbacks 32-31 over Eltham after regulation time had run out with 31-31 on the board.

All grand final players will receive a trophy at the club's presentation barbecue on Sunday, April 30, at Warrandyte High School stadium. The big day starts at noon and a couple of players from the NBL's South East Melbourne Magic will be there.



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# First blood to Bloods!

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club began their 1995 campaign with a 12-point away win at Doncaster on April 8—an encounter which gave no indication of how good the Bloods might be this season.

The game was played on a sodden ground in windy, wintry conditions which reduced the skills level to a slog-and-soccer affair.

Not until the first hit-out on a dry ground will a comparison with last season's side—which narrowly missed the EDFL second division finals—be practical.

One thing is obvious: Warrandyte have recruited well and this is a bigger, better-muscled side than those of the past several seasons.

New coach David Dickson was less than ecstatic about the performance. "I wouldn't call it a great win, but it is always difficult to come away from Doncaster with the four points," he said.

"There is a lot of improvement left in the team, bearing in mind that we had five of our best players down and four of the new players had been together only

## We slide in at Doncaster

### SPORT

in our final practice match."

The Bloods were never headed after Darren Peters soccered the first goal of the match five minutes in. They made reasonable use of a strong wind in the first quarter and defended desperately when they kicked against it.

Last year's coach David Purcell, who announced his retirement as a player at the end of the season, lined up at full-forward and was immediately in the thick of things, booting Warrandyte's second goal and doing the hard things in a game played very low to the ground.

Doug Searle, a forward recruited from Forest Hill, kicked the Bloods' third goal to take them into the break with a 16-point break, 3.5 to 1.1.

Purcell flashed into the play again three minutes into the second term with a goal that extended the advantage to 22 points, but Doncaster's persist-

ence with the wind produced goals at the 13 and 15-minute marks and Warrandyte were starting to regret missed opportunities in their forward line.

Ben Brisbane produced a steadier for the Bloods with 19 minutes gone, but the home side responded six minutes later to trail by just 11 points at the interval.

It had not been pretty football, with defenders of both sides consistently seeking the safety of the boundary.

It took the visitors 12 minutes to find the target in the third term—a sitter from a penalty to Brisbane—and the youngster put a 23-point space on the scoreboard when he marked in front seven minutes later.

The Bloods had chances to make the game safe, but the wind played tricks in front of goal and opportunities were squandered until Purcell kicked truly to increase the margin to 32 points.

What Warrandyte didn't need was a last-minute goal from Doncaster—but that's just what they got and the 8.13-5.5 scoreline at the last change was

less than cost with Doncaster coming home wind-assisted.

The lead was 19 points when Doncaster goaled after five minutes and just 12 points when they did it again at 17 minutes.

It was desperate football—the kind of stuff which brings out the best in Purcell. His soccered goal through heavy traffic with nine minutes on the clock was the clincher.

Doncaster kicked one right on the siren to reduce the final deficit to 12 points, 9.14 (68) to 8.8 (56).

The Bloods' best were Terry Blythman, Purcell, Matt Grybas, Darren Peters and Luke McFarlane-Smith.

The reserves were defeated by

32 points, 9.7 (61) to 4.5 (29).

Members and supporters are invited to join the club sponsors at a luncheon hosted by the past players association at noon on April 22, before the home game against Lilydale. The \$20 charge covers meal, beer, wine and soft drinks and bookings can be made with Brian Tomlinson (876 2178) or Anthony Giles-Peters (844 2573).

The club will hold a band night at the clubrooms on Saturday, May 6, featuring the music of Pulling Face.

Help is needed this season in the canteen and any lady willing to lend a hand is asked to contact Julie (844 2552) or Ann (844 3565).

A cleaner is also required to do the clubrooms twice a week and after functions. Interested? Contact Ann (844 3536).

## Redbacks run riot in finals

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club wound up its 1994-95 summer season last month with its most productive haul of high-graded premierships ever.

Eleven of the club's 16 grand final teams were successful, with five winning A or A2-grade flags—a club record.

Gavin Whitmore's under-12A girls were the pick of the winners, sweeping Bulleen two games to nil in their grand final series.

With the two teams having dominated all season, organisers decided to maximise interest and give the lower girls a chance by letting the big two play off in a best-of-three series.

The Redbacks needed only two games, winning thrillers which lived right up to expectations. Bulleen hosted game one and in a tight defensive struggle Warrandyte edged in front late to win 26-25.

The Redbacks hosted game two but early in the second half trailed 16-22. Led by Jacquie Dick (10 points) they scored the next eight points and from then on it went basket for basket.

When Lisa Troyahn (seven) made a lay-up with two minutes left Warrandyte had one hand on the trophy, ahead 33-28.

Bulleen wouldn't lie down, however, and soon had it 33-35 with 30 seconds left. They twice got the ball but missed both chances before Jazmine Borella (10) made two free throws to win the club's first 12A final 37-33.

Also coming from behind were Wendi Hawley's 10A2 girls, who beat Eltham 33-26. No more than two points separated the sides at any stage in the first half, with Kelly Pollard twice scoring on coast-to-coast drives.

Warrandyte were in trouble when they trailed 12-22 three minutes into the second half, but Jacki Pasinis found the basket three times and with two more scores the Redback's had a 10-0 run to tie the game.

They went on with the job from there, outscoring Eltham 21-4 over the last 17 minutes. Pasinis finished with 14 points while Pollard won the most determined player award.

Ross McLellan's 18A2 boys won in overtime against Balwyn. After being tied 38-38 at the end of regulation the Redbacks prevailed 45-41, Adam Borwick the top scorer.

The 14AR boys of Gavin Whitmore did it easier against Bulleen's best, playing season-best basketball in winning 58-33. James Russell (MDP and eight points) and Ben Walsham (11) hauled in the boards while Michael Clark (11) was quick in the open court to set up a surprisingly easy win.

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# Dytes chief Pascoe quits

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club president Steve Pascoe will resign at the club's annual general meeting next month after two years in the top job. He delivered the news to a stunned audience at the club's presentation night last month.

Pascoe's wife Ann, like her husband a life member of the club, is also retiring as secretary.

Presentation night is fast becoming one for shocks. Just 12 months ago captain-coach John Sharman revealed he was resigning and moving to England on business.

Selection chairman Tony Graf also announced his retirement last month after a successful second lengthy stint at the club.

Pascoe said he had been disappointed at times this season by some players' response to club social functions.

"At times the players didn't support the social functions, which is a bit of a turn-off when a lot of work goes into something and it falls flat or doesn't reach the heights it could," he told the gathering. "At this stage nobody has put their hand up to say they want these (president and secretary) roles, but they will have to be found."

"We've got something unique to the RDCA where our club represents a township and it has certainly

## Stalwart cricket couple bow out

represented that township very well over the last 20 to 25 years, and over the last 125 years if you want to go back to the formative years."

The outgoing president has urged all local cricket people to attend the meeting on May 31 at the clubrooms to elect a new committee.

On the brighter side at presentation night was a life membership award to former president and long-time player Mark Davis, a member of Warrandyte's grand final second eleven.

Pascoe said Davis had been a great contributor to the club.

"He's been involved since he was in the under-14s through playing or various roles on the executive, culminating in him being president for three years," he said.

"There are plenty of people in the club who do a lot of work, but if we had 50 who worked as hard as Mark in promoting and making sure Warrandyte is a great club to play at, we would have no problems at all for the



Steve Pascoe (left) congratulates Mark Davis on his life membership.

future."

Firsts captain Tony Sturesteps dominated the other awards, winning the Jack McAuley Club Champion Shield for best player in the Chandler eleven and the McCartin Family Shield for clubperson of the year.

"Tony has really stood up to be counted as far as the club is concerned and taken on an onerous job willingly and with the right application and

served us well this season," Pascoe said.

Seconds fast bowler Chris Snaidero won the Daryl Valentine award for best player outside of the ones. He took 57 wickets for the season, which won him the association's bowling award.

The club's other RDCA winner was fifths bowler David Cloke, who returned an average of 11.

The former Collingwood

and Richmond champion footballer said he had much enjoyed the season.

"I gave up cricket about 16 years ago but it was great to come back and play alongside my own son," he said.

"Once I got out there and started running around again I enjoyed it and somehow seemed to take wickets."

Captain Rodney Hogg (35 wickets at 14.6) easily won the club first eleven bowling award.

"He held us together with the ball all year and we certainly hope he comes back next year," Sturesteps said.

Greg Tregear won the batting with 439 runs at 36.6 and Mick Canty won the captain's award. Wicket-keeper Dave Mooney romped in with the fielding award after a great season behind the stumps.

Other awards: Seconds: Brett Kline (batting), Andrew Rodgers (fielding), Mark Davis (captain's).

Thirds: Matthew Eliot (batting), Max Summers (bowling), Matthew Eliot (fielding), Adam Beattie (captain's).

Fourths: Andy King (batting), Alan King (bowling), Jim Gathercole (fielding), Stewart Smead (captain's).

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