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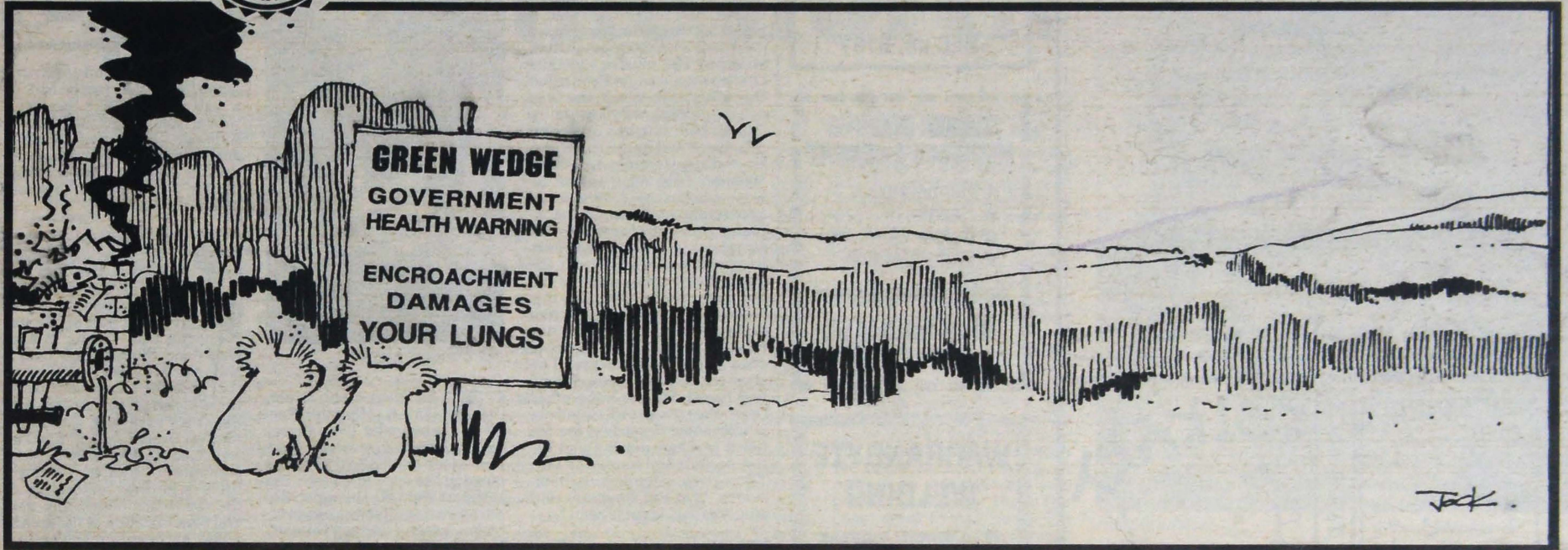
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Wedge wins round!

By DAVID WYMAN

The future of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge is now firmly in the hands of the Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Maclellan, following an independent panel recommendation that it remains as it is now.

The panel, appointed by the minister to hear public submissions on amendments to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme which would allow some limited subdivision, recommends that the minimum lot size remain at eight hectares (20 acres) and that there be no exceptions.

The panel's findings were supported by Manningham City Council at its meeting on October 3 and now pass to the minister for his final decision on the future of the Green Wedge.

The genesis of the panel's findings is Amendment L76 to the local planning scheme. Debated and approved by the former Doncaster-Templestowe Council, this amendment, if approved, would have allowed some pre-1978 landowners subdivision of up to three lots of two hectares (five acres) if their land is four hectares (10 acres) or more.

This special provision caused intense feelings, for or against it, based on the view that it would create a precedent and gave preferential subdivision rights to a select few.

The minister's independent panel, comprising John Keany (chairman) and Alan Kinder (member), conducted public hearings in April and May and received and heard 95

submissions. Some 53 of these favoured some kind of subdivision of properties and 24 were opposed to subdivision. There were 19 opponents to the proposed subdivision rights of the pre-1978 landowners.

In its report, the panel emphasises that the value of the land in the Green Wedge is "not the product of its agricultural potential but its important visual and environmental qualities". It agrees with council's proposal to make one zone in the Green Wedge—the "Landscape Interest Zone".

The panel concluded that the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge plays a very important role in the local and regional context. Under no circumstances would they support its abandonment.

They found no justification for any adjustments to the proposed zone (Landscape Interest) boundaries and concluded that the existing eight hectare minimum subdivision size should not be modified.

They decided that there should be no exemptions provided for those who have owned land in the area prior to 1978 as there is no planning logic to such an initiative.

They believe that there is no justification for controlling animal husbandry and related non-urban activities by way of permit and they do not support the inclusion of any conditions accompanying a "place of worship".

The panel strongly urged the council to initiate a thorough investigation of all of the options for providing realistic and long term financial incentives to the "guardian" landowners in the Green Wedge.

They were not swayed in any way



'Green wedges seen as good planning'

—ex-Cr VAL POLLEY

with the numbers of local landholders making submissions for subdivision, many of whom jumped on the popular but dubious bandwagon of "land degradation" and "blackberries, weeds, rabbits and even kangaroos" as reasons for smaller lot size. Some of the properties were visited by the panel which, in several cases, gave a different and favourable appraisal of the land to that submitted by the

landowners.

The report contains no estimate of the escalation in property values which would follow subdivision approval!

Former Doncaster-Templestowe councillor Val Polley was pleased with the report and said it vindicated the effort of the committee which worked on the issue for several years.

"The prevention of cutting up the Green Wedge was the major reason I stood for election and won twice over an opponent who favoured subdivision," she told the *Diary*. "Having spent years chairing committees, controversial meetings and suffering considerable acrimony and abuse from both sides of the debate, I am delighted with the panel report. I congratulate council officers who worked long and hard to bring about a satisfactory outcome.

"I believe that the process, while long and arduous, nevertheless has teased out all the views, both those supporting and those opposing, and is recommending the wedge be retained to serve the wide range of purposes—aesthetic, institutional, sporting, rural residential and primary production. The principle of stewardship is supported and provision of green wedges seen as good planning.

"I appreciate that the compromises made by council over the committee's recommendations have been disallowed on planning grounds; these decisions fell into what I call 'hearts and heads' planning. Councillors knew the proposals were not logical in planning terms, but tried to give long term residents some comfort. However, I support the panel's view that there should be no

exemptions.

"The government may well decide in the future to review its general planning and zoning but I am firmly convinced that a position decision now can only assist in the city's planning processes. I see the retention of the green area in the city's eastern end continuing to provide excellent contrast and, may I say, considerable advantages over more urbanised cities to its south."



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A floral tribute to the tall dark stranger




For more than five years, *Diary* nature writer Pat Coupar and local state park ranger David Von Bockel had been searching for one of Warrandyte's rarest orchids—Calendia Lindleyanna, or Lindley's spider orchid. And for the fact that it has at last been run to earth we can thank a mysterious tall dark stranger. The elusive Calendia Lindleyanna was on Pat's mind the other day when she was photographing wildflowers on Fourth Hill, but her attention was distracted by the aforementioned mysterious tall dark stranger (did he mention he wore sunglasses?) wandering, apparently aimlessly, in the vicinity. An out-of-towner, Pat surmised, and out-of-towners had been known to commit the unforgivable by picking our native flora. Hmm, a bit sus, this bloke. Pat kept an eye on him and eventually they said g'day to each other, which led to a chat about wildflowers. The stranger led her to an orchid he had found nearby. None other than the good old Calendia Lindleyanna! Pat asked the fellow if he knew much about native orchids and he said "a bit". Then they introduced themselves. "I'm Pat Coupar," said she. "I'm Jeff Jeanes," said he.



So what? you ask. Well, Jeff Jeanes just happens to be one of Victoria's—and therefore the world's—foremost authorities on Victorian native orchids. He is co-author of a new book, the most comprehensive yet published on the subject—and Pat had bought her copy just two days earlier. You meet the nicest people up on Fourth Hill.



And let's not quit the nature trail without asking ourselves if we are in danger of becoming the onionweed capital of the world. That cute little white flower you see on nature strips, in gardens, on the riverbank, in the bush and just about everywhere else you happen to look in and around Warrandyte is merely the tip of the onionweed iceberg. Below ground is a bulb which is proliferating at such a pace, according to the greener members of our society, that it threatens to take over altogether and throttle precious native flora. The bulb is quite edible—so maybe there's an opening here for some entrepreneur to rid us of this virulent pest and set up a flourishing pickled onion empire at the same time.




We're delighted to report that Joyce Norman, of Wattleblossom Road, has fully recovered from recent surgery—exactly as the doc had predicted. But we can't let hubby Peter (aka Bots), our circulation manager, get away with phoning her at Mitcham Hospital the day after the op, when Joyce was still a little groggy from the anaesthetic, for instructions on how to cook a casserole. See, Bots, you should've taken your lovely mother-in-law upon that offer to move in and look after you in Joyce's absence.

IN RED & WHITE





Pat Coupar: found!




Bit steep, Webb Street, isn't it. Margaret Perrow, who lives there, hadn't realised just how steep until she'd finished mowing the back lawn with the key-start Victa. As she wiped the perspiration (birds perspire, bokes sweat—ask any woman) from her brow and bent down to pat the dog, the switched-off Victa took off down the hill and head-butted a gum tree at many kilometres an hour. As this edition went to press, the fixit chaps at Yarra Hring were deciding whether the mower would undergo extensive and delicate surgery or be put down.



The prize Debbie McLean, of North Warrandyte, won in a magazine contest came at a certain cost. Sure, the chauffeur-driven limo ride into the city for a night at the Windsor and a couple of the best seats in the house to see Beauty and the Beast was a very nice package—but it meant she had to send hubby David (aka Bunter) out to buy a decent pair of trousers. Debbie thought his existing Sunday best—a pair of rather garish happy pants—would be somewhat incongruous to the glitter of the occasion.




In the market for a slightly-used T-shirt of historical significance? Alan (Scruffy) Edhouse has such a garment. He arrived back from a lightning trip to the US with an O.J. Simpson T-shirt which screamed: "Guilty as charged!" Only got to wear it the once before Mr Simpson was acquitted. Nice timing, Scruff.




Alan (Coatsy) Koetsveld, who's bobbing up in this column almost often enough to be considered a nuisance, is not one to complain, but he did think the counter-lunch service at the local pub was a trifle slow. After all, his dining companion Laurie Holmes had already wolfed down a pie and Coatsy was still waiting for his lambs fry and bacon. And when he asked mine host Steve Beaumont if he


had seen such a meal floating about, Steve said yes, he had. As a matter of fact he'd thought it was a "spare" and had eaten it himself. Coatsy waited while another serve was cooked, ignoring all good advice that lambs fry was not recommended for gout.



We mentioned here last time how *Diary* staffers Lee and Jan Tindale had stumbled upon a phenomenon during recent travels—a free public gas barbecue near Marlo, in East Gippsland. Steve Walker read it and wondered why they went all that way for a free feed when there's always one available in their own backyard, at the Warrandyte Bridge. And so it is! The local Lions masterminded the installation of four free electric barbies in their restoration of the old tennis courts and general beautification of the area in 1988. As penance for selling their village short, the Tindales have sheepishly agreed to brave the tourist throng and burn a snag or two there one Sunday.



Local lad Trevor Brown was particularly chuffed with the outcome of last month's Brownlow Medal count. He'd sort of rubbed shoulders with the great. Trevor was in Sydney for a Swans game last year and even cracked it for a guernsey to mingle and have a convivial with the players in the social rooms after the match. Introduced to a bloke in a Swans blazer, he broke the conversational ice by asking: "And did you play today?" "Yes," replied Paul Kelly, who had just happened to be best on ground—the type of form he carried into and through 1995.



We think it's fair to say that the administration of Warrandyte Football Club next season will be based on love. Lex Munro is back for a second term as president, and his right-hand man (or in this case, lady) will be none other than his fiancée, Liz Taylor (no relation to that aged perennial Hollywood bride). The lovely Liz will take on the club secretaryship when she's fully recovered from a recent bout of illness. We don't know if a footy premiership can be won on love alone, but the scenario has sure won the heart of *Diary* sports cartoonist Mal Brown (see Page 15).

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STATE ELECTIONS ARE COMING TO WARRANDYTE

Julie standing to 'green' the north

By FIA CLENDINEN

North Warrandyte residents will have the chance to vote "green" for the first time at the next state election when Yarra Plenty Greens candidate Julie Coulston stands for the state seat of Eltham.

Mrs Coulston announced her intention to contest the seat on October 8. She joins a crowded field of potential candidates.

"We offer voters a real alternative to the old parties. We aim to contest eight seats across the state," Victorian Greens spokesman Daniel Cass told the *Diary*.

He said Eltham residents have shown a commitment to the environment for many years and in many different ways. This includes their choice of architecture, the numerous local battles to save bushland, the many volunteer landcare groups and the election to council of conservation-minded councillors.

Mrs Coulston said the area was very special. "We are caretakers of the Green Wedge, we don't own it. We owe it to the people who come here after us to protect it. That's why I moved here.

"We can show Victoria and Australia how special we are by putting a Green candidate in parliament. It would really put the focus on this area."

Mrs Coulston, 41, has lived in Eltham for 12 years. She has worked for the past 10 years in the planning and environment department of local government. Married with three children aged between 18 and 21, she is involved in many community groups. A member of the Greens for 18 months, she has not been a member of any other political party.

"For me, the turning point was hearing Dr Bob Brown (spokesperson for the Australian Greens and a Tasmanian MP for 10 years) talk at a public meeting in Eltham," she said. "I admired him and his commitment to a better world. I thought I would like to help him.

"The Greens are not just a one-issue party. We have a lot of other policies. Social justice is a strong issue with me. I'm concerned about what's happening to people; the way the Victorian government is handling social

and environmental issues. I believe we need to come back to the values of a more caring society that is not entirely governed by economics."

She said the distribution of preferences will be decided later. "It will be dependent upon the other candidates and what they have to offer in a positive way to this area. I would love to win with the Greens in Eltham. If we do well in the polls we've done something. If we make both parties work a little bit harder we've won."

In other election news, Sigmund Jorgensen has been named ALP candidate for Eltham after a lively pre-selection debate. His father, Justus Jorgensen, founded Monsalvat. Sigmund has administered Monsalvat since his father's death 20 years ago.

Tim Newhouse will contest the seat for the Democrats. "If both major parties believed that the best education, health-care and public transport were a right and not a privilege, that utilities should be as cheap as practical and that the environment

should be protected, I would be contented," the 28 year-old family man and sub-editor said.

"Unfortunately, the Liberals believe in private schools, private hospitals, extensive road building and privatising utilities and both parties consider the environment an aside."

Jock Kyme, who has become well known through a defamation writ served and then withdrawn by the Nillumbik commissioners, is considering running as an independent.

"I'm still in the process of cogitating about it," he told the *Diary*. "The time is ripe for independents. Wayne Phillips (the current MP for Eltham) should speak out for the community that elected him. Instead, when the commissioners have done outrageous things he has supported them blindly. The ALP is constrained by ALP policy. I'm not tied to anyone else. There's no party line to toe."

Wayne Phillips won the seat for the Liberals in 1992 with a 10 percent majority. "You can't be complacent though," he said. "I'm working as hard as I can. It



Julie Coulston

is my opinion that if a person not belonging to either of the major parties were elected it would be detrimental to Eltham. Trying to be unbiased about it, the person who could best serve Eltham

would belong to the party in government. I'm saying to the community, look at what I've done, look at my track record. I'm saying to the community stick by me and I'll stick by you."

South of the border, Louise throws a challenge to Phil

By DAVID WYMAN

Louise Joy, who is standing as an independent candidate for the electorate of Warrandyte in the coming state elections, believes that the government's privatisation program has gone too far. That will be her campaign slogan—"It's gone too far".

Mrs Joy is opposing sitting Liberal member Phil Honeywood and endorsed ALP candidate Jenny Stray.

A prominent local social welfare worker and a Warrandyte ward councillor in the former Doncaster-Templestowe council, Louise Joy said she had not considered standing for parliament until someone had suggested it.

"Some of the things I have been concerned about seemed to crystallise after the second rally over the police house in Warrandyte," she said. "Phil Honeywood (current member for Warrandyte) has always said that it's important to have a member of the government as your local representative. It seemed to me



Louise Joy

that he was finding it very difficult to deliver on the police house, with overwhelming community support for retaining it, because of the government's policy.

"It's important to have an inde-

pendent voice which says we need to retain a public sector as well as a private sector in the community—and, above all, that's the issue I am concerned about."

Louise Joy said she felt there was a very threatening tone in public life today. "Anyone who dares to protest is threatened with some action including loss of funding," she said.

"It is a right of an ordinary citizen to stand up as an independent and voice concerns about the way we are going."

Louise Joy is concerned to restore "balance" in environmental and social issues. "I will work for a balance in a wide range of issues. For example, supporting small clusters of housing for the elderly within a policy of maintenance of the Green Wedge.

"I want to see a balance between paid workers and volunteers in service delivery through neighbourhood-based community organisations, rather than centralised bureaucracies without localised knowledge or access to volunteers."

As a result of her standing as a candidate, Louise Joy has resigned from the committee of Information Warrandyte and from Warrandyte Neighbourhood House who have non-political bases. She will continue as a duty volunteer at Information Warrandyte.

Warrandyte MP Phil Honeywood has attacked the independency of Louise Joy's campaign to win the safe Liberal seat as an independent candidate at the next state election. In a stinging outburst he claims Labor candidate, Jenny Stray, has failed to build a profile in Warrandyte but will gain from Louise Joy's preferences.

"Over the last seven years as the state member for Warrandyte I have learnt to work closely on community projects with people from the Warrandyte township who have allegiances across the entire political spectrum. I have done so in order to gain maximum benefit for the community I represent," he said.

"Louise Joy and I have worked on numerous community projects

together and most of these have had successful outcomes. Louise has always been honest about her active membership of the Australian Labor Party and her involvement in Labor campaigns throughout the entire period. She therefore cannot have it both ways by claiming to be reincarnated as an independent candidate," he said.

"Just because the Labor candidate for Warrandyte (Jenny Stray) has not been active in building a profile in the Warrandyte area, it is not a sufficient excuse for Mrs Joy to stand at the next election as a so-called independent and then direct her preferences to the ALP.

"Equally, it was wrong of Mrs Joy to allege in other local papers recently that I have not been 'able to deliver' on particular issues. She is well aware that two of the three issues she cited are yet to be resolved.

"Although I question Louise Joy's true independence from the ALP, I will continue to work with her on an issue by issue basis," he added.

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Wattle Day 'thank you'

I wish to thank the many people who supported the idea of running a Wattle Day celebration in Warrandyte. We had no past experience to guide us, we jumped in head-first and found that what was to be a low key, first-time event became far more involved than any of us had imagined.

The Wattle Fairy—Shirley Mandemaker—was exceptional in her efforts—endlessly painting children's faces, doing the banners, being available for PR photos in her golden gown and providing her lovely pastel picture that was successfully auctioned at the ball.

King Wattle—Andrew Wilson—was most courageous and kingly in his royal robes and performed his tasks with great humility and joy, as we noticed during the conga dance at the ball.

The children of the two local primary schools made some terrific posters for display in the town, and we thank them and their teachers very much for their efforts.

To all the shopkeepers, the high school, the police, the community centre staff and others who joined in the spirit of the street decorations, thank you, we saw a

great unity in a very simple way with yellow balloons and golden trimmings.

The state park rangers and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park were present all day at the community centre, but unfortunately the visitors didn't come in the numbers we had hoped for.

For their effort, which was enormous, we are most grateful.

The Golden Wattle Ball was a great success. There was terrific music by a Wonga Park group, lots of dancing, mingling and fun was had by all present.

From babies to grandparents, from all facets of our community and beyond, it was a great night. And the supper was fantastic, the "bring a plate" idea is still a winner in our community. Thanks to all who came.

The sun shone splendidly for the weekend. The committee have learned many lessons from the experience and perhaps will give it a go next year.

Thanks to the Grand Hotel for their help, to all committee people involved and the people of Warrandyte who love and support our wonderful wattle-adorned environment.

Jenny Grinlington
Wattle Day Committee



It was all too much for the Wattle King, alias Andrew Wilson, as he waited to turn back into an estate agent at the Wattle Ball.

School musical appreciated

Figures of increased departures from the state education system to the private school network indicate that this is most commonly occurring in Victoria.

The performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Warrandyte High School gave rise to reflections on the parental expectations of value added curriculum in private schools. At Warrandyte High School, for years now, Chris White has turned out professional productions with large casts, imaginative staging, superb costumes and singing, dancing and acting of a high order. There have been heavy demands on the leading actors throughout a performance to demonstrate the range of character required, humour, tenderness, pathos and tragedy. Many of these students have continued tertiary studies and careers in the arts.

There is a freshness and vital-

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ity in the performances which never disappoint. By contrast, a well-known music teacher described a recent private school performance as "dull, boring and unimaginative." Students who are drilled to an avid perfectionism are not going to be citizens who contribute creatively to society in the future.

Students from Warrandyte, East Doncaster and Parkwood Secondary Colleges are succeeding well in the worlds of further study and work. They can also turn on great shows for the whole neighbourhood to enjoy, only 10 minutes from home.

Louise Joy
Brackenbury Street

Olivia's thanks

I would like to publicly thank the kind members of our community who generously supported me by giving me financial and in-kind sponsorship for my trip to Korea to attend the Asian Pacific Leadership Development Seminar.

I am immensely grateful to the Lions Club of Warrandyte, the Rotary Club of Warrandyte, the Farmakis brothers, the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association Inc, the Grand Hotel, Louise Joy, Lisa Laredo-


Morrison, Paul Van Gend and individual members of the Warrandyte Business Association such as Pee Cee's Printing, Australiana Aspect, the Bakery and Chantik Fashions.

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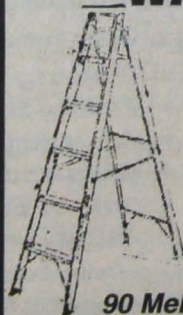
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Council: Housing door is open

By DAVID WYMAN

Manningham City Council has promised not to allow the spectre of dual occupancy to invade Warrandyte under the guise of commercially developed housing for retired residents. However, they are anxious to participate in the provision of appropriate residential accommodation that is sensitive to the town's environment.

"The council is committed to assisting the development of a form of accommodation which keeps older Warrandyte people in their own community. We don't want to see them forced out of Warrandyte when they retire." Council's chairman of commissioners, Adam Kempton, said this in an interview with the *Diary*.

Mr Kempton said that council's "door was wide open" on the issue of retirement housing in Warrandyte. "The matter is far from dead and we are awaiting a proposition on the subject from the community," he said.

Mr Kempton's comments follow local belief that the Manningham commissioners have withdrawn the previous council's decision to provide \$350,000 for the purchase of land for the retirement housing. The commissioners want to assist the Warrandyte project but in a more conservative way.

"We have asked the relevant people in Warrandyte to present us with a retirement housing



scheme which is not going to risk council funds," he said.

"The sensitive environment of Warrandyte means that units cannot be readily developed there. It would be the easiest thing for council to do some rezoning and for a developer to build your units.

"But the community has said to us that they are concerned about that sort of development. They also have said they want a development in which they can have a hands-on involvement which is consistent with their environment.

"Council is happy to accept that position from the Warrandyte community.

"But if the community wants to

have its hands on the project then it has to drive it, as it is now, and that driving means people committing themselves to the goal and coming back to us with a proposition which is not going to expose ratepayers' money at risk.

"I think everyone involved in the Warrandyte elderly housing project is on the same wavelength in terms of the goal. And I am sure there are ways of achieving it."

Mr Kempton said "the ball was in the community's court". Council understood the ideals of the Warrandyte environment and "we think you are right".

He said he was not happy about the last six months in which there had been little, if any, progress. He was also not happy about the decision of the former council, in hindsight, and was "not certain that the business plan commissioned by the former council was money well invested".

Local MP, Phil Honeywood, said he believed the council would commit the funds for retirement housing in Warrandyte on the condition that "something happened within a specific period of time and there was no risk of losing money".

Mr Honeywood said the major frustration with the project was that no church group which he knew of, or other group, appeared willing to be involved in building retirement units.

Doubts on north's wedge

By FIA CLENDINEN

The Green Wedge Protection Group has questioned the credibility of the Nillumbik Shire commissioners, despite the commissioners issuing a press release guaranteeing the retention of all Green Wedge planning zones.

Commission chairman Don Cordell says the retention of the wedge is vital.

"Nillumbik Shire has some of the most important environmental areas to Melbourne within its borders and the retention of the Green Wedge planning zones is fundamental in ensuring the conservation values of the area are maintained in the long term."

But Kahn Franke, chairman of the protection group, has trouble believing him.

"I'm very happy they've said this, it gives us something to go on. But the commissioners lack a certain amount of credibility. We've gone past the stage of taking them at their word. They say these things but nothing eventuates. We want details."

Don Cordell has been quoted recently as trying to ease the confusion between conservation groups and the shire.

"It's time to put to rest any notion we are here on a rape and pillage mission," he said. "Since the commissioners took over from elected councillors less than 12 months ago they have instigated some changes that have made them unpopular with sections of the community."

Some of these include the abolition of question time at council meetings, the scrapping of most of the advisory committees and the loss of shire employees who were dedicated both to the environment and the area.

"I hope the commissioners will protect the Green Wedge," Kahn Franke said. "But I've become cynical. I think the community have the feeling we'll just have to sit it out and wait for them to go."

Decades of fun

Warrandyte Festival Committee have decided on their theme for the 1996 festival. Next year, it will be "Let's Celebrate" for Warrandyte residents.

The 20th village festival will be held on March 23 and 24 next year. Committee spokesperson David Hogg said that on the occasion of the anniversary it was appropriate to celebrate the milestone.

"The 'Let's Celebrate' theme gives plenty of scope for schools and clubs planning their spectacular floats for next year's festival parade," he said. "Birthday cakes, music, noise, sound and colour are all in order."

He added that the committee hoped to extend the street banners into North Warrandyte. Any group or individual that would like to design and paint a banner for next year's festival is welcome to do so. The festival committee supplies the materials. Contact Lynne Damaschun on 9898 1616 if you want to do the design and painting.

The committee welcomes new members, particularly those with new ideas for festival activities to help improve the weekend. Contact John Boyle on 9844 3120.

Bright new start for state park friends

By PAT COUPAR

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park have changed their administrative structure in the wake of the resignation of co-ordinator Margaret Burke.

At the first meeting of the newly elected committee it was decided that no one person should be the sole co-ordinator of the group.

In a unanimous vote it was decided to form a co-operative committee of management with three people, Ron Taylor, Mike Coupar and Cecilia Le Duc as "contacts".

Margaret Burke held the co-ordinator's position for more than eight years. She has retired to take up other pursuits, but will remain a member of the Friends group.

She achieved much during her time as co-ordinator, working tirelessly to build the group and bring together people who share an interest in the environment.

Many of the Friends' activities will continue under the new committee, but there will be

some changes.

Joan McMahon and Pat Coupar, who were editors of the Friends' publication Discover Warrandyte, will co-edit the group's monthly newsletter. Jan Tindale has offered her assistance.

A Friends spokesperson said the group faced an important time in the coming year.

"With the park suffering severe cutbacks in staff and funding and loss of ranger housing in Warrandyte, it is even more important for the group to offer its total support to the ranger in charge, Matt Le Duc, and his staff."

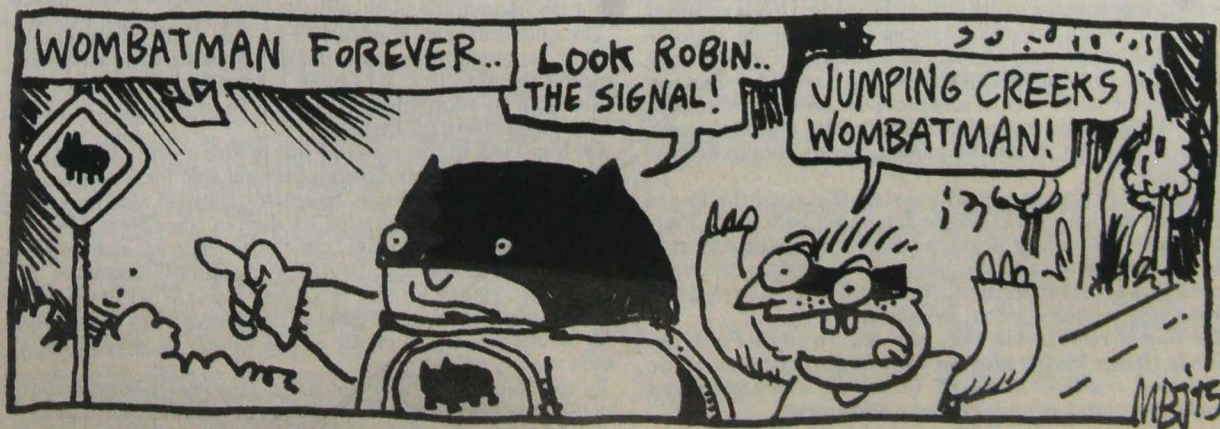
Members of the committee already have a close working relationship with Matt and the park staff through their involvement in sub-groups and flora management.

They look forward to an exciting new era in conservation in Warrandyte.

The Friends can be contacted through Ron Taylor (9844 4285), Mike Coupar (9903 9567) and Cecilia Le Duc (9725 3951).

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■ Community Health Checks Again Lions are providing another series of health checks, continuing a service that has seen the number of participants grow with each event. The next one will be held at the Community Centre on October 22nd which is a Sunday. If you need further information contact Terry Oakley on 9844 4501.

■ Tennis Court Upgrade You would have noticed the tennis courts have been tidied up and the pavilion refurbished to make it more comfortable. If you have not used the courts recently, book in and get some exercise in what is now a very pleasant upgraded facility.

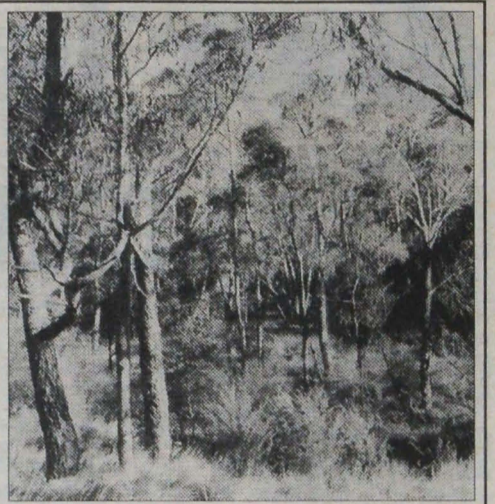
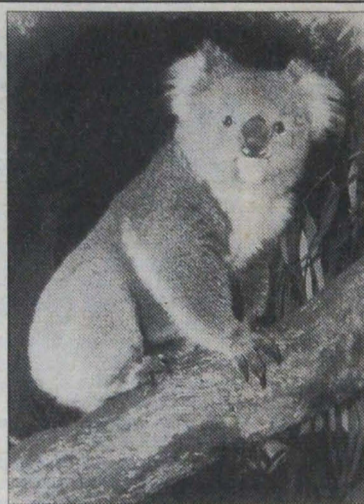
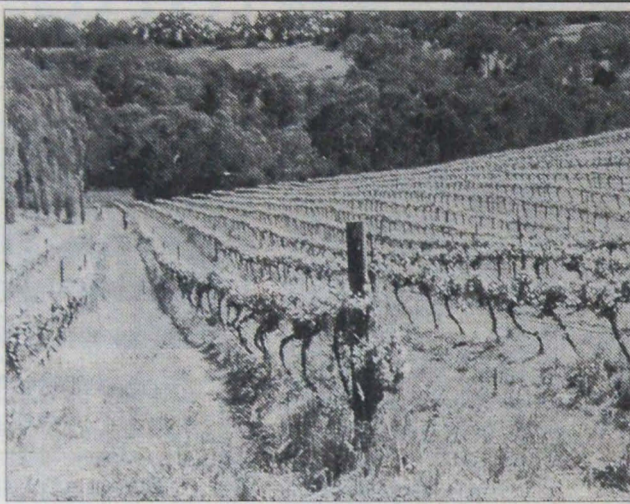
■ Isolated Students Education Warrandyte Lions recently helped out this vital and little known organisation by making a donation towards a fax machine.

■ Op Shop We are always on the lookout for volunteers to work in the Op Shop—a vital community fundraiser. If you would like to share in the experience see Glenys or one of the volunteers in the shop.

■ Lions Cakes and Mints Christmas is getting closer, don't forget the best way to avoid all the hassle of cake making is to buy a Lions Cake. They also make excellent presents! Mints are another ongoing fundraiser, we will be asking all our offices and shop supporters to take some more on-board this year. If you would like to have cakes or mints they can be ordered through any of the Lions or Dennis Robertshaw on 9874 1660 during business hours.

■ Father Christmas Letters Next month there will be details of how to contact Santa. Watch this space!

A blueprint for



Images of the Green Wedge

BELOW are edited extracts from the report of the independent panel convened by the Minister of Planning into Amendment L76 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

THE GREEN WEDGE

THE main issue for resolution is the retention or abandonment of the Green Wedge.

Almost all submitters to the panel said they supported the concept of the Green Wedge. Many submitters prefaced their submissions with comments to the effect that the Green Wedge should stay but that it must be made more flexible to give landowners a right to sensibly subdivide so that new owners would be encouraged to come into the area which would be beneficial for land management purposes. Other submitters unreservedly supported its retention with no changes in subdivision potential.

The Green Wedge (not just here but elsewhere in Melbourne) had its origins in the 1960s. At that stage Melbourne was experiencing rapid levels of growth as post-war population levels and a relatively affluent and mobile society pushed the limits of the metropolitan area beyond the middle-ring suburbs. These middle suburbs had been the focus of much of the previous growth phase in the inter-war years but by the 1960s demands were there to extend well beyond these limits.

Melbourne's first planning scheme was developed through the 1950s and it covered an area incorporating all municipalities within a 15 mile radius of the city with a 25 mile extension to cover the Frankston area. This scheme in many respects reflected the existing situation on the ground and could not really be said to have anticipated the growth which emerged over the following two decades. The limits of the first scheme were co-incident with the outer boundaries of the metropolitan area and provided little direction in terms of the future growth and development of the city.

By the mid-sixties there was a clear need for some direction. Urban planners of the day plotted the patterns of development and noted the high correlation between residential development and transport corridors either by road or rail. These transport corridors had developed over time and spread in a radial pattern out from the Melbourne CBD. Residential development into newer areas—Ringwood, Moorabbin, Doncaster, Broadmeadows etc.—was following these corridors.

It evolved as a central tenet of urban planning in the late sixties that the growth of the city was to be a radial pattern of development corridors, spreading out from the city along these transport arteries. An equally important element in this concept was that these growth corridors were to be separated by permanent wedges of non-urban land so as to give the city a balance between urban and non-urban land. The alternative was the wholesale development of all land within a set radius of Melbourne, but this was rejected as being poor planning and a waste of the valuable environmental resources close to the city.

The green wedge concept was therefore mooted in the mid-sixties, exhibited in the early seventies, approved in the late seventies, relied upon throughout the eighties and has been reconfirmed as recently as the mid-nineties. It has been the subject of constant investigation, objection, re-investigation and further criticism, nevertheless it has remained as a fundamental concept throughout the whole of that time.

This panel believes that the principle behind the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge should be upheld.

Adherence to its principles has resulted in Melbourne retaining some important 'breathing spaces' which it might not otherwise have had. The panel believes that the corridor plan of a generation ago with preferred areas of urban development separated by permanent wedges of non-urban

land is now evident on the ground and it stands as a good example of orderly and proper planning. The panel is not prepared to abandon those planning principles which were set in the late sixties as they have proven to be well founded. Metropolitan Melbourne is the beneficiary of the corridor-green wedge planning of 25 years ago.

Some submitters took the view that the notion of the Green Wedge was dated, and that it didn't have much place in a modern city. Far from being persuaded by this, the panel agrees with council that, if anything, the Green Wedge will become an increasingly important community asset as the population of Melbourne increases. The ready availability of 'breathing spaces' distributed around the city will enable the growing population to have easy resort to a non-urban environment.

Many of the submitters to the panel (understandably) personalised the issue of the Green Wedge and of lot sizes. In effect, it was submitted that they had owned and worked the land, it had got too large, weeds had taken over, and unless they were allowed to subdivide, then the land would continue to deteriorate.

From a strict planning point of view, the panel cannot be distracted by 'personal' submissions irrespective of their merit. Such an approach only re-visits the past and ignores the future. The essence of good planning is not necessarily to respond to immediate personal views but to take a much wider and much longer term view. Nor is the panel especially influenced by the competing views given on the numbers of people within the Green Wedge who support or oppose its concept.

It appeared to the panel that the only realistic option presented for the future of the land was subdivision—there seemed to be very little constructive thought given to viable alternate uses. It may well be that there is, or soon will be, a 'changing of the guard' in this particular Green Wedge but if that change is as fundamental as the wholesale subdivision of the land then there will be no Green Wedge to pass on.

According to many of the landowners in this area, they have no further interest in using this land other than in determining whether it has subdivision potential. But what of future landowners and future generations who may be attracted to the area in pursuit of small well located non-urban lots with the potential for a wide variety of pursuits ranging from the aesthetically passive to the agriculturally active? If this panel acceded to the request to liberalise subdivision this area would be lost forever as a Green Wedge and be little different from any other part of the metropolitan area.

The panel agrees with the fundamental principle that the land is a community commodity and the landowners are the present stewards of it. Future landowners may have vastly different objectives than the present ones.

The panel believes that if ever there is an example of the importance of orderly and proper planning it was the decision in the late 1960s to permanently reserve wedges of non-urban land between growth corridors. It was good planning then and it is good planning now. It is nowhere near its 'use-by date' in planning terms. Indeed, the importance of that decision is only going to become more evident as time passes and as the urban breathing spaces become more appreciated by the community and by the landowners. If this Green Wedge were to be abandoned now then it would be lost forever; there would never be any prospect of resurrecting the Green Wedge again in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area. This is a prospect which the panel believes cannot be contemplated.

It is therefore the panel's strong view that the principle of the Green Wedge should not be tampered with at all. Planning studies for nearly 30 years have consistently repeated this same message and the panel acknowledges the most recent (draft) announcements in the metropolitan strategy review which reinforce that principle.

The panel concludes that the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge plays a very important role in the local and regional context. Under no circumstances would the panel support its abandonment.

LOT SIZES

HAVING determined that the Green Wedge is supported by the panel and that its present boundary should remain unaltered, the question arises as to what is an appropriate minimum lot size to achieve the stated objective.

Council and many submitters have been in dispute about how this objective can best be achieved. As noted above, most submitters supported the principle of the Green Wedge but, in many cases, only so long as a liberalised subdivision regime allowed them to divide their land. Council, on the other hand, believes that a debate on lot sizes is too restrictive and does not address the fundamental environmental issue which is at stake.

The basis of many of the submissions was that a two hectare or four hectare (and certainly an eight hectare) size was an arbitrary area which, in practical terms, was of a useless size in that nothing could be productively farmed on the land. Weeds, neglect and a blighted landscape therefore manifested themselves as the constant reminder of the planning mistake made over 25 years ago to reserve this land as non-urban.

However, upon inspection of the Green Wedge and immediate environs, the panel observed a variety of intensive agriculture pursuits on a variety of lot sizes. Either within the wedge, or within five kilometres of it, there are berry farms, nurseries, flower producers, vegetable growers, animal husbandry, wineries and orchards.

The panel has no evidence as to the financial health of any of these outlets but on observation they all appeared to be well maintained at least. The panel also heard very little (other than from the Aumanns—submission 72) on the untapped intensive agricultural potential of the small lots. The trend away from orcharding on the one hand is acknowledged, but what of the trends to the other intensive agricultural activities which are already evident in and around this area? It is all too easy to say that because the land size may be too small to crop or graze then it has no agricultural worth. This approach ignores improved agricultural techniques and market trends.

Opponents of this view will point to the high land prices as inhibiting any experimentation into alternative agricultural practices. However, land prices are perhaps artificially high because there has been an implicit and unrealistic expectation that the land had potential for subdivision. It has never had potential for subdivisions below eight hectare lots since 1971 and it is best to acknowledge this. Some submitters to the panel had no hesitation in advising that they had bought into the area in full knowledge of the restrictive potential of the zoning on the understanding that one day it would change. This zone and the whole Green Wedge has never been in a 'holding' zone or a 'reserved' zone. Rather, it is and has been since the seventies, a zone which the planners of a generation ago said should stay non-urban. The passage of time has only served to reinforce the quality of that decision in the view of the panel.

The question of an appropriate lot size is not solely a matter of determining how much land is needed to profitably exploit the resource; it is more a question of determining what size an allotment would need to be able to meet the stated objectives of the zone.

On the basis of the material put before it, the panel does not believe that there is any optimum size for a new allotment in the Green Wedge. Moreover, there is also no such thing as a standard existing lot size in the Green Wedge. Council advised the panel that the average lot size within the study area was 2.46 hectares. (Submission number 22 notes the average lot size is 1.7 hectares.) What is evident upon analysis and inspection is that there are a wide variety of lot sizes, which create a wide variety of options, for a wide variety of end users.

By specifying a minimum lot size of (say) two hectares, that would inevitably mean that land is subdivided to this size.

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In the view of the panel this would effectively dismantle the Green Wedge, if not in name, then certainly in character.

The panel has come to the conclusion that, despite the protests, the existing subdivision limit of eight hectares has served the area well and it should remain.

The panel is acutely aware that the maintenance of the eight hectare minimum effectively acts as a subdivision prohibition because there are so few allotments in excess of this size. The panel is not saying that an eight hectare size is the perfect outcome but it has been provided with very little evidence from any party (including council) to assist in determining any more suitable size.

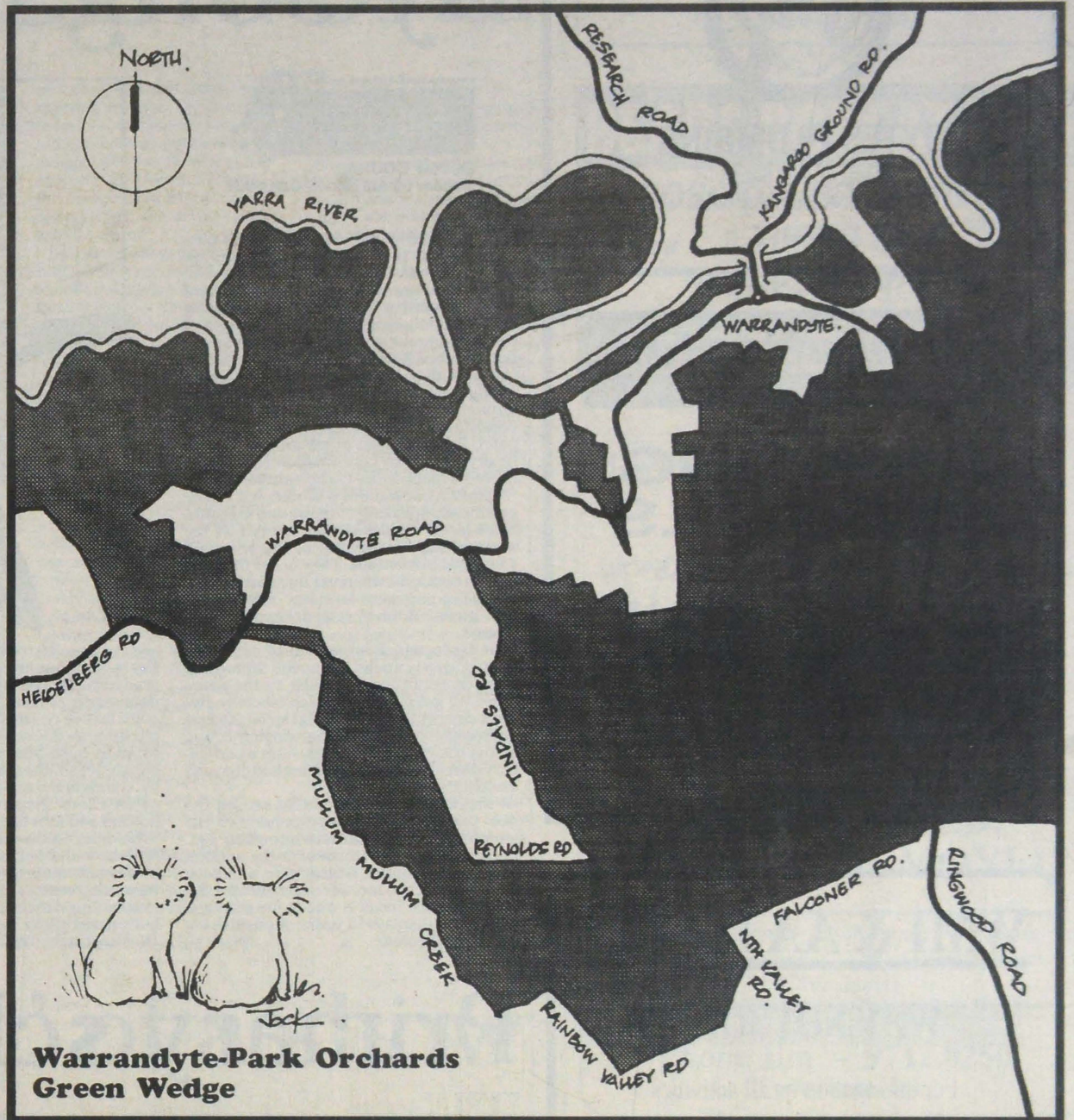
The panel is convinced that the minimum lot size should not be 0.4 hectare as supported by many, as it would lead to de facto urbanisation. The panel also believes that the two hectare to four hectare size supported by others is an awkward intermediate size which is too large to keep as a house lot, but too small to attempt to utilise. Almost by a process of elimination (although without strong conviction) the panel suggests that the eight hectare size will, in a theoretical sense, help meet the zone objectives and, in a practical sense, will mean that very little further subdivision occurs in this Green Wedge.

Finally, the panel was urged by many parties, including those strongly opposed to further subdivision, to make an exception for the large orchardists being the Whites and the Aumanns. Initially, the panel was also inclined to this view although as stated later, not to the extent sought by these submitters.

However, upon reflection, the panel is not prepared to make such an exemption. It is inconsistent in planning terms with the panel's findings in principle, and would mean a decision based on personal circumstances.

Both submitters have owned their respective sites for many years and it was available to them in the earliest days of planning controls to subdivide their land into two hectare lots. They did not pursue this option, presumably because they were farming the land and this was the most beneficial option for them. This has continued for about 25 years beyond the introduction of planning controls. The submitters now regard their land as having no further use for orcharding and they therefore see subdivision as the only alternative. This approach ignores all other agricultural options for the land as well as the important visual landscape role which both sites play.

The panel concludes that the existing eight hectare subdivision size should not be modified.



PRE-1978 EXEMPTION

UP until 1971 there was no confusion as to the zoning and development potential of this land. It was all zoned rural and there was a minimum lot size of two hectares. Many took up this opportunity which is reflected in the large number of lots in the wedge of approximately this size.

The 1971 plan proposed to rezone the land to Landscape Interest. The proposed minimum lot size was eight hectares. It is quite evident from 1971 onwards that decisions of the council and (on appeal) the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal were based on the proposed new zoning controls which were embodied in an Interim Development Order and had statutory force.

In 1978, the new zone achieved final lawful status and it established as a benchmark reference date, December 1971 as being the relevant time from which to ascertain whether or not individual lots had an entitlement to build a detached house, or an entitlement to apply for a permit to build a detached house.

Upon exhibition of Amendment L76, council decided, for 'equity' reasons, to give all those landowners who had owned their land prior to 1978 and who had missed the opportunity to subdivide into two hectares, a 'bonus' entitlement to further subdivide their land according to a formula based on total residual land area. This formula was changed on a number of occasions but, in the end, was presented to the panel as being an extra entitlement of three lots with a minimum area of two hectares each. Council anticipated that this would create an additional 30 lots in the area.

The pre-1978 exemption was criticised by many submitters but for different reasons.

Post-1978 landowners condemned it on the basis of it discriminating against them by virtue of the date of purchase. If it is good enough to divide some of the land into two hectares then it all should be able to be subdivided. The 'land' doesn't discriminate on the basis of the purchase date.

Other submitters opposed it on the basis that no landowners should have preferential treatment. If they missed the opportunities which were available before 1971 (and arguably 1978) then that is bad luck. The opportunity was lost a long time ago and should not be resurrected. In any event, 1978 is irrelevant as the real change in control came in with the 1971 proposed amendment and an Interim Development Order, and all subsequent decisions were based upon it.

The panel acknowledges the efforts of council in attempting to strike something of an equitable balance in all of this. However, the panel finds that there is no planning merit whatsoever in having a pre-1978 exemption. Any such exemption is not based on any proper planning consideration

but is an attempt at compensating for lost opportunities. Admirable as this is, it has no place in a proper planning review of this area.

The panel concludes that there should be no exemptions provided for those who have owned land in this area prior to 1978 as there is no planning logic to such an initiative.

CONCLUSIONS

THE panel has had careful regard to all of the submissions referred to it. The panel has been assisted by a very detailed submission from the Planning Authority and from very thorough submissions from many of the individual submitters.

The panel has analysed all of the documentation which was referred to it and it has also analysed related material which it believes to be of relevance to the outcome of the amendment.

Finally, the panel has had the benefit of a number of general and particular site inspections, to enable it to better appreciate to submissions which were made.

Having considered all of this material the panel has concluded that Amendment L76 should be generally supported with some modifications. The panel's reasons for this finding are set out on part B of this report but in summary terms they are:

- ✱ The Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge was established a generation ago on the basis of a thorough planning analysis.
- ✱ The Green Wedge concept has been confirmed by every strategic planning review since it was first introduced.
- ✱ The wedge has played, and will continue to play, a very important role in the local and regional context.
- ✱ The extent of the wedge, as proposed in the Amendment, should not be altered as it represents the logical natural boundary.
- ✱ The existing minimum lot size of eight hectares should not be modified.
- ✱ There is no planning merit in granting exemptions for landowners who purchased land in the Green Wedge prior to 1978.

✱ The proposal to restrict or control a variety or non-urban uses is not supported and, in fact, these activities should be more liberally treated.

✱ There is no merit in limiting the size and area of a number of discretionary uses by way of the planning scheme amendment. These should be left as unconditional discretionary uses which can be controlled by way of permit.

✱ There is an urgent need to very thoroughly address realistic financial and environmental incentives for land management on the urban fringe.

In the end, the panel believes that the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge should be retained, and that very little further subdivision potential should be available. The panel also believes that a more liberal attitude to proposed non-urban 'uses' should be encouraged in order to provide alternatives for landowners in the absence of subdivision potential.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Amendment L76 be supported subject to the modifications set out in Chapter 15.

That the City of Manningham commission a study to investigate a range of financial and environmental incentives to assist landowners in the Green Wedge and to encourage a long term management strategy for the area.

That in respect of Submission number 23—a site specific exemption be included in order to enable an application to be made for the erection of one detached house on the site.

That in respect of Submission number 39, any proposal to modify the existing site specific control should be the subject of a separate and specific amendment.

That in respect of Submission number 87, the Wonga Park area be the subject of urgent review so that it can be included in the local and regional sections of either the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme or the new Manningham Planning Scheme.

That the modifications requested by the Environment Protection Authority (clause 108-2 and 108-10); and the Department of Energy and Minerals (clause 108-1.1 and 108-1.2) be included in the Amendment.

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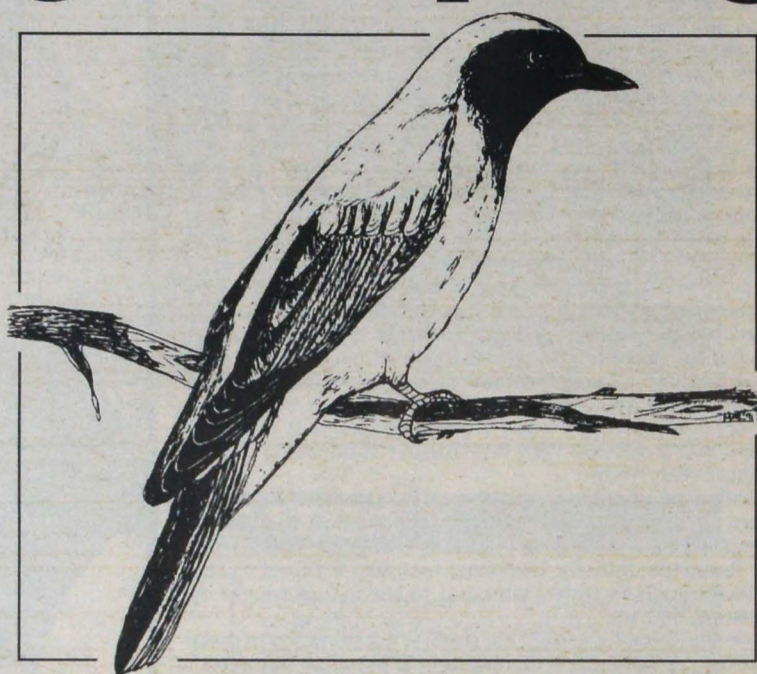
ACROSS the vast expanse of blue sky the black shape of a bird appeared, dipping gracefully with every beat of its streamlined wings. Squinting in the dazzling morning sunlight, I followed the undulating flight of the bird, watching as it came to rest on the outstretched limb of a tall stringybark.

Upon landing, the sleek, silvery-grey arrival shuffled its wings fastidiously and looked around. It was then that I noticed the bird's unmistakable trademark—a dark charcoal patch like a splodge of ink around its eye, beak and throat, confirmation that it was indeed a black-faced cuckoo-shrike.

Neither a cuckoo nor a shrike, but closer genetically-speaking to crows and magpies, black-faced cuckoo-shrikes are one of the most widely distributed of the so-called songbirds in Australia. They occur throughout the continent wherever there are trees—a basic requirement for these chiefly arboreal birds which rarely descend to the ground.

The birds, which are a kind of migratory nomad, wisely spend the winter where it is warmer, returning in spring to the same breeding ground. Spring was officially still a few days away the morning I spied the first cuckoo-shrike of the season, winging its way across the Warrandyte skies. After a particularly dismal winter the weather had changed dramatically.

It was not only the birds that sensed the new season, plants too responded to the lengthening days and strengthening sun. Consistently high rainfall over the autumn and winter months, which were a tedious inconvenience to me, were salvation for the plants and the result is one of the grandest wildflower displays in years. A positive cacophony of colour.



First came Warrandyte's legendary wattles—16 different species in total. Then, gradually, the pea family. Fabacea assumed dominance; rich purple coral peas and their paler mauve cousins—the hoveas—scramble through thickets of orange and red parrot-peas, bush-peas and bitter-peas. Austral indigo, yet another member of the same family, stands alone in supreme splendour in an ostentatious display of arching magenta flowers and fern-like, smokey grey leaves.

The daisy family—asteraceae—is also well represented, from metre tall golden globes of billy buttons to tiny sunrays no more than three centimetres in height. Eye-catching everlasting daisies of the clustered, grey, button and sticky variety are here too.

Not least and probably the most threatened

of all Warrandyte's floristic treasures—the orchids—are verging on prolific this year. Already four species not seen in the state park for at least five years have been rediscovered.

I spent the morning in the bush, at times turning my face to the sun, just to feel its warmth on my skin and to rejoice in its reappearance. After days—no weeks—of deprivation, a burst of sunshine can be as mind-altering as a shot of amphetamine.

There are many times when I despair for the planet and for what is to come. But on mornings like these, negative thoughts melt away like snow in springtime and I think only of the present—the untainted air that I breathe, the unblemished sky above and the return of the black-faced cuckoo-shrike.

Primary school kids in

WARRANDYTE Primary School presented a clever adaptation of

William Shakespeare's comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to music written by David Billings, Mark Leehy, Kevin O'Mara and Rod Fairbairn and a script by local writers Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara.

Directed by WPS teacher Fiona Wells and produced by Gail Parke the cast was supported by an army of helpers. This year's event demonstrated once again the wonderful talents of our young community.

The evening's MC was Ian Caffin who showed his dry wit

and paced the evening well to keep things moving. Grade 2 started the night off with a colourful *Koala Mambo*. It was a story about animals in the zoo, where the young students sang in Japanese to Australian music, with wombats, roos and koalas dancing to great timing and enthusiasm, bringing an explosive applause from the audience.

The Grade 2 choir also sang two great songs from their hearts. The popular bush band gave us an energetic rendition of songs, including a very humorous version of *I Am The Music Man*.

One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation

THEATRE

By NICHOLAS PARSONS

called the Library Item, *The Power and the Glory* by Emily Rodda, about a young boy who was given a computer game and his efforts to try and finish the levels between family interruptions.

After intermission, the main event—*A Midsummer Night's Dream*—was performed. It was a magical adaptation of the Bard's play and the performance showed the excellent singing and acting talents, espe-

cially Helena (played by Alison Brumby) and Puck (Jim Bullard). The school demonstrated how it is possible for younger students to understand Shakespeare through their own performances, and they appeared to really enjoy themselves.

Each student was dressed in colourful and detailed costumes, thanks to the fantastic designers and a production line of helpers headed by Maureen Tilbury and Colleen Keating.

The choreography, created by Leonie Thomas, Leanne Burriss and Debbie Rainbow was very clever, and some of the scenes with the fairies in the woods

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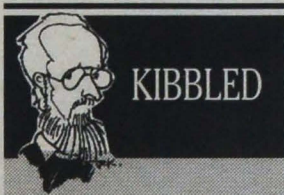
Lights go out on a chromeless world

HERSELF and I have had a running disagreement about the light over the stairs.

It seems to me that there are some things in life that are fixed. We may have moving escalators, shifting morals and the plummeting dollar, but one of the few things that remains constant in life is the flight of stairs in our house. They just sit there, joining the top section of our house with the bottom—a mere 15 treads. I know, I've walked up and down them countless times both day and at night, and I can categorically state that not once have they moved.

Often I am roused from sleep by the insistent thundering of the cat as it runs across the floor below our bedroom. Anger at being woken sometimes causes me to want it to suffer and stay there until morning, but often I give in because just like a crying child, there is always the worry that it may be "in trouble" or being terrorised by a huntsman or, even worse, need a toilet break and if I don't get up I'll have to deal with the problem in the morning.

So, being the considerate husband that I am, I don't turn on the light lest I should wake Herself who is pretending to be asleep so she doesn't have to tend to the cat. Instead I climb out of bed in the dark, gracefully reconnoitre my way down the corridor and, without so much as a mo-



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"I've walked up and down them countless times..... and I can categorically state that not once have they moved."

ment's hesitation, descend the stairs to the safety of the floor below.

The treads remain the same distance apart, my steps are measured and accurate, so the stair manoeuvre poses no problem. In fact I have

practised during the day by shutting my eyes, so now my ascent or descent is as sure footed and graceful as the moggy I put out. So why is it essential for Herself to enlist the resources of Eastern Energy when she needs me to use the stairs?

"You know, I was never able to ride a bike one-handed," is all I am offered when I tactfully raise the issue. Now if I were insisting that she minicycle down the stairs or bring me breakfast in bed upstairs on a tandem, I could see the logic of her comment, but a mere ambulation up a flight of hardwood planks, is, to me, less difficult than crossing the Niagara Falls by tightrope on a penny farthing.

"I suppose you will be happy when I fall and break my neck, just so you can get your own way about the bloody light. I'm sorry, but if I need a light on to climb the stairs, I will have the light on and all your pathetic ravings about how you can defuse a nuclear bomb blindfolded and wearing boxing gloves is irrelevant.

"I know the treads don't move, but I'm just a novice stair-user, a mere amateur in comparison with your mountaineering expertise, so would you, for once and all, shut up about the light over the stairs and start worrying about something really important like how many stones there are in our gravel drive or where birds go when they die."

After this I could tell that I

was getting through to her. Definite signs of weakening. It just takes perseverance and dedication.

My thoughts about stairs and the difficulty of coping with impermanence were reinforced when I was polishing ARK. I tend to do this each year and as I got to the bumper bar I had another revelation. Here I was polishing the slightly rusty chrome when the rest of the world has abandoned chrome bumper bars years ago. When? When was the decision made in the boardrooms of Detroit, or wherever, that chrome bumper bars were 'out' and that henceforth we would have plastic? Admittedly our 'other car' is chromeless but it hadn't registered until I was on a hands-on with ARK.

After that, I started looking at oncoming bumper bars and came to the horrifying conclusion that just as there is a generation gap and a world that is divided between lights-on and lights-off stairways, there is also a division between those who have chrome bumper bars and those who don't.

Talk about knowing your place in the scheme of things. I suppose you'll try to tell me next that there are some people who believe you can do as much with a laptop as you can with a 25 page Vana exercise book and an HB pencil!

ROGER KIBELL

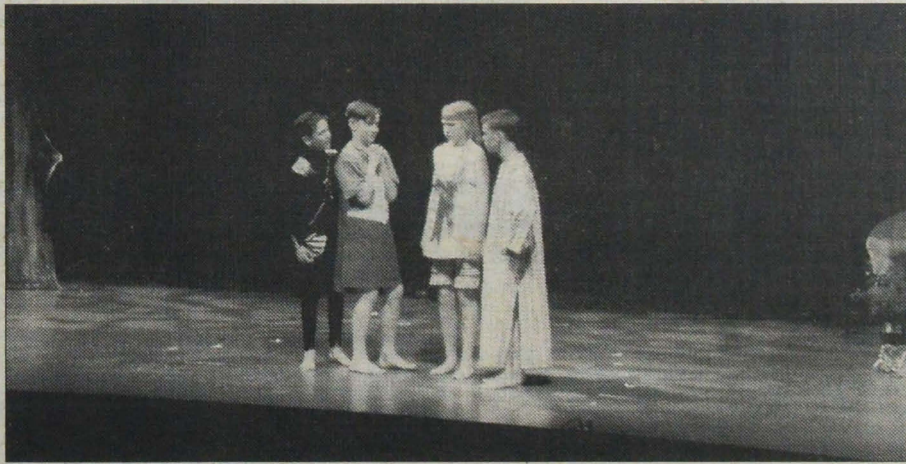
real 'dream' of a show

were memorable.

The school had embarked on a major project. From the scenes of the Royal Court of Athens to the magical forest where the spirits enchanted and tricked our heroes, the production ran very smoothly and, considering the number of little bodies on stage, with no obvious mistakes. Perhaps the magic of the forest helped for, despite the ambitiousness of the project, the night was a big success.

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Long night for Longleap

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A ACROSS the river, exalted baskervillian howls from resident dogs echoed through the forest in anticipation of the marauding pair. Rain clouds moved across the last thin sickle of a waning moon as the dark night closed in for the 'roo nightchase.

It was September 14 1990 when the eastern grey kangaroo joey came to the Fricker household after the roadkilling of her mother. She was the next baby in a growing family circle that included four children, a wombat, two brush-tail possums and assorted chooks.

Pathetically thin, just clinging to life by an enormous pair of size 11 feet, her survival depended on a fragile web of life support. The pink baby skin was beginning to hair up and Tommy Fricker gave her the hopeful name of Longleap. After each three-hourly feed, her big brown eyes would peer out from the old blue windcheater—hung to simulate a pouch—at the wonder of her new family.

In time, she was feeding calmly around the backyard, through the children's games. Longleap joined the Frickers on walks through the bush, introducing her to her new home. They were careful not to make a pet or 'humanise' her.

In early June 1992 she finally slipped over the back fence and joined the mob of 25 eastern grey kangaroos, macropus giganteus, who prospered in the sanctuary of Glynn's.

Walking up Glynn's Road I came upon Longleap outside the fence of the Fricker home. She was peering through the garden shrubs at something in the yard, craning her

head first this way and then that, before acknowledging my existence by moving away. Then I saw what she was looking at. Patrick Fricker was on the verandah, cleaning a castiron frying pan. Patrick was often out observing wildlife, now the roles were reversed.

Occasionally the Frickers would catch sight of Longleap feeding up by the house or in the yard. Sometimes she would be in the company of handsome Buck, who, full of nerves and suspicion, came to check out the story. The success of Longleap's integration back into the wild was largely due to the fact that the home where she was nurtured was located in the park into which she was released.

One sunny afternoon, when she was about three years old and had been with the mob for a year or so, the Frickers emerged to see Longleap lying in the sun, proudly displaying a pink joey suckling in her pouch. Longleap had a strong motherhood bond with Denise Fricker and allowed her to check the size of the joey in the pouch. Later, when it was almost able to leave the pouch, Longleap came again to share the trials of life with her family. Longleap followed this tradition twice more over the coming year, the last time only a few weeks before.

But the sanctuary had not been safe for some time. Two dogs had discovered Glynn's and the unique animals that lived there. Nights had become fearful as the marauders hunted out kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and wombats. The pair had begun with the solitary animals that eked out a living in the small reserves along the river and in quiet patches of

private property in Eltham. They then flushed out the ex-Morrison property and, finally, all tracks led to Glynn's.

On the morning of February 10 the dogs were discovered harassing the kangaroo mob that then numbered



'Marauders with murderous intent'

30. A concerned neighbour (part of an informal vigilant network) on the escarpment across the river from Glynn's tipped us off.

Incredibly fit, the dogs ran the hilly circuit of Glynn's many times over in

pursuit of the roos. From the vantage point of Longridge I spoke to Patrick by mobile phone. He pursued the marauders, but to no avail.

A week later, canoeing downstream, I found what appeared to be their first victim, a partially-gored swamp wallaby on the river's edge at the bottom of Glynn's. I had observed one around the quiet riverside and sheltered gullies of Longridge Park and the Belcher property. It often crossed the river into Glynn's. The eastern grey kangaroos have the advantage of numbers; a mob to divert attention. But these are solitary animals, vulnerable to a pair of hunters who can track and corner them.

Over the weeks of May and June Longleap continually turned up at the Fricker's seeking protection as Yarra Valley Park staff attempted to catch the murdering marauders. They were without luck. Torn and scattered roo carcasses revealed the grisly extent of the problem.

The attacks were cunningly performed by two experienced campaigners who easily evaded their pursuers. The yellow dog, the leader, would bay all the while the hunt was on. Baying in a thin, high strained voice, the sound of which must have curdled the hearts of the kangaroos. In retreat, it would incite all the local resident dogs to join in, creating a culture of hunting and killing in the local resident dogs that would take time and effort to overcome.

From our records of the current pattern of attacks it seems they occurred during the early hours of Friday mornings. The dogs are registered, well-fed and therefore not interested in any live cage traps that

are set. What began as a lark and then a sport has turned into a primal craving that must be obeyed. We sat up over the early hours until dawn, waiting for them without luck.

It was the night of no moon. Earlier in the afternoon, a party of roos had been feeding high upon Glynn's hill next to the Fricker house as if in need of the protection the proximity of humans can provide.

In the early hours of the morning the Frickers were woken to the fearful sounds of killing. On reaching the park boundary fence they discovered a young female roo caught in the fence with the two marauders tearing into it with murderous intent.

Patrick took a branch to fight the dogs off, who were so mesmerised by the savage success of the wild hunt they did not immediately yield to human intrusion and only moved off at the last moment.

Caught as it tried to leap the fence that was meant to protect it from such attacks, the roo was so traumatised and wounded that it may die a painful and lingering death. Patrick and Denise untangled the roo whilst the kids held the torch for light, a delicate and dangerous operation.

The dogs retreated, then later entered Glynn's down along the river, as far from the house as possible. The nightchase begins again as the roo mob was pursued around and around the property.

In the morning, Yarra Valley Parkland staff were alerted and rangers converged on the property. Despite their efforts, the only thing they caught that morning was the pitiful sight of the yellow dog carrying the trophy of Longleap's joey around in its blood-stained mouth.

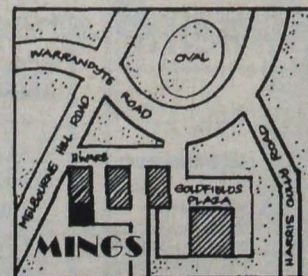
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Great show on the night

THEATRE

By CLIFF GREEN



THE annual musical production at Warrandyte High School has long been a highlight in our town. Last year director-designer Chris White chose Grease. It worked brilliantly, most especially because the story is set in a high school. This year's selection, Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, is similarly appropriate.

The fledgeling work of Andrew Lloyd Webber, with words by Tim Rice, it was written—originally as a concert piece—for the choir of the Colet Court Boys' School, London. Thus it is eminently accessible to an ensemble of young performers.

However, the expanded, dramatised version we have come to know so well is still essentially a narrated song cycle. No matter how well done any individual production may be, Joseph has difficulty fully engaging an audience's emotional reaction to the dramatic story.

Skilful and innovative staging, inspired choreography, well-designed and executed sets and costumes, and energetic and tuneful singing, however, will hide most of the gaps on the night. This was especially true of Warrandyte High School's outstanding production last month.

The work also exposes its origins through the gender of its leading characters: virtually all its main parts are male.

Jim Whelan led this ensemble with his strong performance as Joseph. He moved well, sang convincingly and carried his role with flair and poise.

He was ably supported by Ross Byrne as his father Jacob, Jordan Zigmantis as Judah and as his brothers, Karlis and Robert Atvars, Richard England, Tom Fitzgerald, Leigh Glampetro, Drew Hanna, Kain Jarvis, Ben McGregor, Adam Thompson, Lachlan Poustie, Tom Sheehan, and Dale Vermont.

The cameo roles of Pharoah (Chris Hughes) the Butler and Simeon (Karlis Atvars),

Potiphar (Chris White) Mrs Potiphar and Reuben (Greg Stewart and the Baker (Tom Sheehan) were performed with gusto and a fine sense of comic theatre.

Daniela Spiliotacopoulos performed the pivotal role of the Narrator with a professional sparkle. She moved confidently and gracefully and brought a powerful presence to the production.

However, because the storyline is largely carried through the narration, every word must be clear and distinct, and although Daniela's voice was strong and true, the forceful, rock vocalist style of her singing worked against verbal clarity and many of the lyrics were lost. This was not helped by uncertain sound quality and the lack of a simply-worded program synopsis.

Lynnette White as choreographer brought her dancers to a high standard of presentation and attack and the vocal work of the choruses was tuneful and expressive.

They surveyed a road to victory

By LEE TINDALE

OF all the reunions and services held in Australia this year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II's end, few were more moving than a get-together in Canberra in August.

This was the first and, realistically, the last reunion of an Army unit which had fought the Japanese in New Guinea—not so much with rifles and bayonets as with survey equipment.

The reunion came more than 53 years after the New Guinea Survey Section, later to become the 8th Field Survey Section AIF, was formed in Port Moresby as the Japanese advanced.

Neil Pearson, of Kangaroo Ground Road, was one of 58 men who made up the unit and one of 14 of the 26 known survivors who attended the Canberra commemoration.

They came from every state, some with their children and their grandchildren. In some cases, deceased members of the unit were represented by their descendants.

"Certainly, it was a very moving occasion," Mr Pearson said. "We had not seen each other as a group for more than half a century, yet it was extraordinary

how many of us so easily recognised each other after all that time."

The New Guinea Survey Section was largely made up of volunteers from the Colac-based 3rd Field Survey Company.

The original assignment was to map as much territory as possible before the Japanese overran it and to map future areas of operation, but pressure on the unit compounded in July 1942 when the enemy landed in the Buna-Gona area and advanced over the Kokoda Trail towards Moresby.

Now the mission was to blaze a jeep track through the Owen Stanley Range to replace the Kokoda Trail as the supply route for the defending Australian infantrymen.

And it was at this point of a very dirty war that the surveyors carved themselves an heroic niche in Australian military history.

Against a background of constant Japanese presence, disease, deprivation and inadequate supplies and air support, the men of the New Guinea Survey Section soldiered on through jungle warfare at its worst.

"I was 18, a corporal and still wet behind the ears," Mr Pearson, now 72, recalls.

"You volunteered, but you had

no idea what you were letting yourself in for. I suppose it was the old Aussie 'She'll be right, mate' attitude.

"It wasn't a pleasant experience up there. It was pretty horrendous."

Survey work on the jeep track was suspended as the Japanese advance continued and was abandoned when the Australians began to fight their way back over the Kokoda Trail.

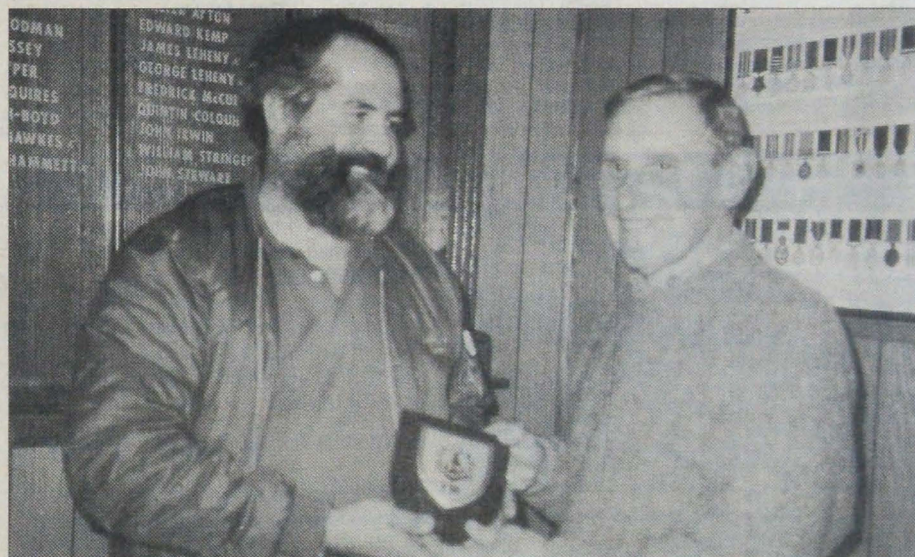
Despite illness and extreme hardships, operational map-making continued—and that often involved just two men spending long periods behind enemy lines.

Among the unit's most important achievements was the surveying of the Markham Valley, which provided the Allies with vital maps for the assault on Lae.

In October 1943, Allied Commander-in-Chief General Douglas MacArthur highly commended the New Guinea Survey Section's work. The unit was disbanded soon after.

August's reunion was highlighted by two remembrance ceremonies, at the Carriers' Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The services were attended by ACT Chief Minister Kate Carnell and the Papua New Guinea High Commissioner, Sir Frederick Reiher.



A new piece of Australian military memorabilia now graces the walls of the Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch clubrooms. Jim Pleasance (left) is seen here presenting the battalion shield of the 8th Royal Australian Regiment to sub-branch president Neil Pearson. Mr Pleasance, 47, of Houghton Road, served with the battalion in Vietnam in 1969.

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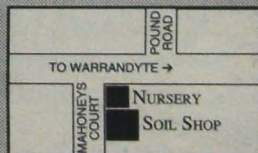
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Jemima wins

Warrandyte High School Year 11 student Jemima Coates is the Lions Club Youth of the Year Award winner. Another high school student, Alexandra Colvin, was second, while Justin Edwards, sponsored by the Warrandyte Cricket Club, was third.

Jemima won \$500 and a plaque for herself and \$500 for the school for the award, which she entered under the sporting achievements section. She focused on her specialised sport, swimming.

In the lead-up to winning the award she wrote a 600 word piece on the nature of her achievements in swimming and faced an interview panel of three Lions club members. They

asked her for her thoughts on the future of Warrandyte and what she personally hoped to achieve.

The three finalists gave an oral presentation to the Lions dinner where Jemima focused on the demands which a serious sporting career can have on the life of a teenager.

She is well qualified to discuss the topic, currently training between 15 and 20 hours per week while managing her VCE studies. She has been Victorian All High champion in the 50 and 100 metre backstroke for the past two years and was a member of the first Victorian All High team to compete interstate, where she came third.



Do you know anyone in this photograph?

Warrandyte Historical Society has a problem. They have a wealth of photographs showing people and places around Warrandyte from a long time ago. Unfortunately they have little or no information on who the people are or the location where the photos were taken. The society is hoping to see many local residents and former Warrandyte residents at the community

centre on October 21 and 22 to help fill in the gaps when they display these photographs.

The society has a wide range of photos which they have been collecting over the past 20 years. Some information about them come from their donors but a lot present only mystery. The photos are not all early mining days shots, with many ranging from the 1920s to the 1980s.

Anyone who might be able

to help with this identification operation is welcome to call into the community centre between 10am and 4pm on October 21 and 22. Transport can be provided for anyone who may need it. Ring Gina or Andy on 9844 3662 prior to the weekend and they will organise one of the society's members to collect you and drop you home.

JO LAURENCE

Grant helps youth

Warrandyte Youth Services has received a \$60,000 grant for a number of training and parenting programs under the state government's Prevention of Youth Homelessness Program. This has helped ease recent fears that they would suffer a funding shortfall in the coming months.

Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, said the grants would provide programs for parents and training, education and employment opportunities for young people. It would also address the problems faced by disadvantaged young people.

"This local project has been funded through the Community Support Fund and will provide support directly to our most disadvantaged young people and their families," he said. "The policy addresses the issues of youth homelessness through a range of preventative programs." The grants are one of 60 projects costing \$5 million approved across the state.

Meanwhile, Cathy Adamson has been appointed new co-ordinator of Warrandyte Youth Services, replacing Craig Milburn. She has 13 years experience in the field and said she hopes to continue the services' successful programs and try to encourage more women to be involved. She is open to suggestions from local young people on what activities and ideas they have for the centre.

Heritage study

Wonga Park will come under the microscope in the next few weeks as Manningham council undertakes stage one of the Wonga Park Heritage Study. During the first stage, consultants employed by council will visit Wonga Park and document the most important sites.

Adam Kempton, council's chairman of commissioners, said there were many significant properties in the area. "A community workshop on September 2 identified around 30 places including buildings, orchard remnants and mining sites, which will now be documented and photographed as part of the heritage search.

"Wonga Park is a wonderful area with a wealth of history, interesting and significant

structures," he said. "The success of the study will depend on the support of the local community who have the knowledge and information about the history of the area."

Once the most important sites are recognised they will be further investigated by heritage experts to determine their level of significance on a state, regional and local level. Significant places will then be eligible for financial assistance through council's heritage restoration fund.

Anyone with information which could assist the heritage search can contact Sonia Rappell, strategic planner at the council, on 9840 9434 or Chris Johnston, from the consultants Context Pty Ltd, on 9380 6933.

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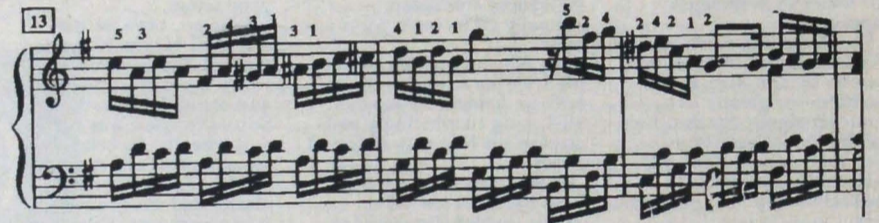
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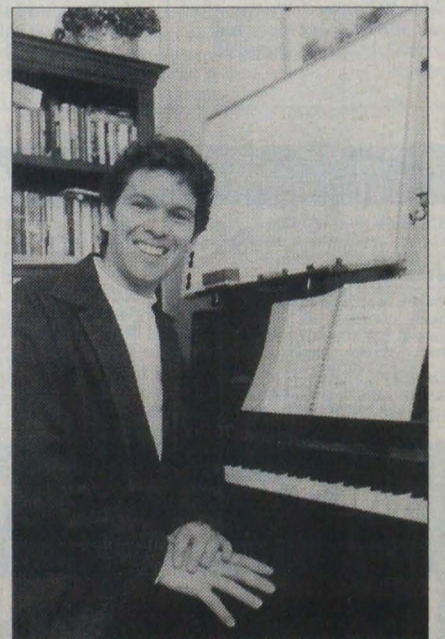
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Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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on November 6, 1895 and was then called Warrandyte East State School. The name was changed to Wonga Park in 1898. Celebrations start at 10.30am on Saturday the 11th with a roll-call, cake cutting, school choir, classroom displays and plenty more. It will be open again on Sunday the 12th. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebrations which will include the launching of the centenary book, *Only My Best*. For information contact the school on 9722 1325.

Bird Week

Warrandyte State Park invites you to have breakfast with the birds at Jumping Creek Reserve on Sunday, October 22 at 6.30am as part of Bird Week 1995. Bird expert Ken Simpson will lead a walk through the park and a breakfast of pancakes and billy tea will be provided. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child and concession. Bookings are essential. Ring 9844 2659.

Awards

The Chairman of Commissioners at Manningham City Council, Mr Adam Kempton, has announced that nominations for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards for 1996 are now open. The awards recognise the contribution made by individuals to the city over the last 12 months. Nominees must be Australian citizens and unless there are exceptional circumstances, must be residents of Australia. Young citizens awards are open to people under the age of 27 on January 26, 1996. Nomination forms are available from Manningham City Council's customer service desk on 9840 9230. Nominations close November 17, 1995. Mr Kempton also announced the opening of nominations for the Community Event of the Year award. This recognises an event which has



A friendship which developed between two workmates at the old State Savings Bank in Warrandyte became a wedding for Nicole Norman and Martin Rowe. Nicole, only daughter of Peter and Joyce, of Wattleblossom Road, married Martin (son of Ron and Kay), of Doncaster, at the Holy Trinity Church, Doncaster, on August 5. The reception was at the Nunawading Arts and Entertainment Centre.

contributed to the community and enhanced the physical and cultural environment of the municipality.

Fete

St Stephens Anglican Church, Warrandyte, will hold their spring fete on Saturday October 28 from 9.30am to 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Workshops

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House workshops in the coming months include abseiling (October 29), winery tour (November 11), tassels and gilding in gold and landscaping a natural garden (November 18), abseiling and climbing at the cathedrals (November 19), rafia hats (November 25) and canoeing on the Yarra (November 26). For bookings and further details contact the neighbourhood house on 9844 1839.

Books

The book exchange in the Warrandyte Community Centre is

now open on Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm.

Nillumbik

The first hour of Nillumbik Shire Council meetings are being broadcast live on Plenty Valley FM from 7pm to 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Plenty Valley community radio broadcasts 24 hours a day and can be found on the left-hand end of the FM dial at 88.6Mhz.

Birthday

Warrandyte Senior Citizens will present their 33rd birthday concert on Thursday, November 9 at 1pm at their centre in Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte.

Walks

The City of Manningham has produced a brochure entitled *Walks Around Manningham*, listing 20 walking trails throughout the city. The trails have been rated as easy, mild and hard to very hard to allow people to choose the walks suitable to their fitness levels. For further

information you can phone the council's Health Promotion Officer, Lynley Dumble, on 9840 9377.

Congratulations

Congratulations to 15 year-old Ben Gardiner, who was selected in the under 16 Victorian touch rugby team. He recently played in the national championships in Canberra and has been presented with an encouragement award from the state coach.

Dance

The South Warrandyte Social Dance for all the family will be held from 8pm to midnight, Saturday October 14, November 11 and December 9. The cost is \$5. Enquiries to 9723 3892.

Mullum

The Mullum Mullum Festival will take place throughout October with a creek carnival to be held at Hillcrest Reserve, Lisbeth Avenue, Mitcham on October 21 and 22. The weekend will include talks and walks, music and

food, working bees and workshops and many other activities. For a full list of events which include bush walks, plantings, bird watching at various locations along the Mullum Mullum Creek, contact Sandra on 9431 1969, Cameron on 9482 4564 or Howard on 9898 2514.

Festival

The 1995 Nillumbik Festival is planned for the weekend of November 11 and 12. The festival theme is "Building the Future Together." The festival will include groups from across the shire and have a strong focus on visual and performing arts. Groups or local performers interested in participating can contact Jenny Hodges on 9430 1151.

Montessori

The Montessori Early Education Centre, currently at Templestowe, is moving to Donvale in 1996. Enrolments are being taken for two year-old playgroups. For session times and further information ring Margaret on 9842 8417. The centre is a parent-run, non-profit pre-school.

Gowns

The Lilydale-Australia Gown of the Year showing will be hosted by the Lilydale Hospital Auxiliary at Lilydale High School on Saturday, October 21 at 7.15pm. A selection of gowns and other outstanding designs from the Australian Gown of the Year will be shown. Cost of tickets is \$22. Ring June Richardson on 059 649 216 (A/H).

First Aid

St Johns Ambulance is running first aid classes at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Friday nights from November 3 through to December 22. Call 9696 0000 for information.

Tell us

The *Diary* is your newspaper, and we love to print news of your group's activities. Just jot down all the relevant details, including date, time, venue and contact number, drop it in the letter slot in our door at the community centre, post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113, or fax it to 9844 4168, and we'll do the rest—gratis! We close copy on the last Friday of each month for the issue appearing the second Friday of the month following.

Afternoon

A pleasant Sunday afternoon concert will be held on Sunday, October 15 from 2pm at the Warrandyte High School Theatre, corner Alexander and Warrandyte roads, Warrandyte. Performers include Serendipity from the Diamond Valley Singers, Marimba Belles—a Yarra Valley percussion group, instrumental and vocal students from Blackburn High School and Gordon Thomas solo with Roslyn Maxwell piano. The concert is to raise funds for the Narcolepsy and Overwhelming Daytime Sleep Society of Australia (NODSS). Tickets and information can be obtained from Pam on 9878 2403 or Elizabeth on 9432 9669. NODSS, which began in Melbourne in 1986, has over 200 diagnosed narcoleptics on its mailing list. Its aim is to promote awareness of this problem, encourage sufferers to seek help and to promote research into this disorder.

Concert

Parents for Music are organising a concert to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Sunday, October 29 from 2pm to 3pm. The concert, titled "Jungle Beat with Shenanigans", will cost \$5 for non-members (\$4 for members) for adults and children or \$15 for a family (\$12 for members). Bookings to Susanne Khalek on 9876 2914.

Centenary

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The Goldtown: how Swede it is!

By JUDY GREEN

Top-seed Lars Wahlgren of Sweden won the Grand Hotel Goldtown Open when he comfortably accounted for Victorian Lee Pearson 6-2, 6-2 in the men's singles final last month. Wahlgren resides in Melbourne when not on the international circuit and is a semi-regular at Warrandyte, having played here a number of times during the satellite masters tournaments. While he was always in control in the final, his semi-final against local player Ian Peter-Budge was a different story. Peter-Budge stretched him to his limits and threatened an upset by taking the first set to a tie-break. Unfortunately, persistent cramps forced him to retire in the second set. Pearson beat 17-year-old Tasmanian and Australian Institute of Sport player Mathew Porter in his semi-final.

The 12th annual open tournament again attracted top Victorian players as well as a number from interstate. The five-star event delivered its usual high standard with graded events catering for the lower levels of play. In the women's open final, AIS representative Vanessa Kendall, who had travelled down from Canberra for the tournament, defeated 15-year-old Victorian Karen Butler 6-4, 6-2. Butler, a state grade player, had earlier disposed of the top seed in the quarter finals. A feature of the tournament was the Grand Hotel Grab, a winner-take-all tie-break competition. This was won by Victorian Steven Huss, who collected the \$400 prizemoney by defeating Lee Pearson in the final. Warrandyte Tennis Club will not be hosting the ACT-Victorian satellite circuit this year, as it has done since 1985. The final-week masters event

will this year be held at Frankston. Meanwhile, the junior club titles were completed recently with new champions in both the boys and girls sections. Liam Mulcahy, 16, was successful in the boys 17-and-under final, defeating Craig Dick 6-3, 6-4. Mulcahy also took home the perpetual Oriander trophy for the most improved junior. In the girls, 14-year-old Zoe White came from behind to beat Sarah Thomson 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. The club has entered 12 junior teams in the Eastern Region Saturday tennis competition this summer and six teams will play in the senior section on Saturday afternoons.

WAYNE SMITH 6-4, 5-7, 6-0. Women's Doubles: Jodi Richardson-Joanne Limmer d Kym Laver-Kristy Ogle 6-3, 6-4.
A GRADE: Men's Singles: Paul Podbury d Peter Zander 2-6, 7-6 (ret). **Women's Singles:** Amanda Grahame d Maree Lococo 6-2, 7-5.
B GRADE: Men's Singles: David Mag-navacca d Daniel Robillotta 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.
JUNIOR DETAILS:
17 AND UNDER: Boys' Singles: Liam Mulcahy d Craig Dick 6-3, 6-4. Girls' Singles: Zoe White d Sarah Thomson 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Boys' Doubles: Scott Clarey-Greg Hutchings d Craig Dick-Justin Edwards 7-5, 6-3. Girls' Doubles: Lucinda Thomas-Rebecca Thomas d Sarah Thomson-Zoe White 6-2, 6-4. Mixed Doubles: Lucinda Thomas-Justin Edwards d Rebecca Thomas-Adam Youl 7-6, 6-0.
13 AND UNDER—Boys' Singles: Rocky Lobosco d Jarrod Casey 8-7. Girls' Singles: Jacqui Dick d Esther Waterham 8-6. Boy's Doubles: Jarrod Casey-Rocky Lobosco d Bryce McGaichie-Dale Dunn 8-4. Girl's Doubles: Esther Waterham-Trish Wilmot d Kylie Bevan-Katie Lund 8-6. Mixed Doubles: Dale Dunn-Jacqui Dick d Chris Chapman-Katie Lund 8-6.



Lars Wahlgren proudly displays his Goldtown Open trophy.

GOLDTOWN DETAILS

OPEN: Men's Singles: Lars Wahlgren d Lee Pearson 6-2, 6-2. **Women's Singles:** Vanessa Kendall d Karen Butler 6-4, 6-2. **Men's Doubles:** Ian Peter-Budge-Stirling Lingard d Simon Keeble-

Jitters get to the Redbacks

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club suffered a rare case of "grand final day jitters" last month as only six of their 16 teams managed to win the big games. The highest graded premiers were the 15BP boys coached by Alan Woolcock. They played at home but struggled early against Koonung and trailed 21-29 at half time. But in the second half Blayne Douglas (20 points) and Glen Carle (18 and the Most Determined Player award) set the team up for an entertaining 61-56 win. Bruce Templeton and Nick Eldridge's 17CK boys turned in their best game when it mattered, against Marcellin. Joel Borwick (16) and Daniel Eldridge (14) gave them the



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spark in a 47-22 rout. James Riley may have been a rookie coach, but neither he nor his 11D2 girls showed big-match nerves against Park Orchards. The Redbacks jumped clear early and won 22-13, with Kate Riley (12 points and MDP) leading the way. Another young coach tasting success was Anne Cutler. Her 9D2 girls looked in trouble trailing Eltham 8-10 but, guided by MDP Anthea Alexander and Nuraini Alston (eight points), the girls stormed home to win 17-12. The 13CL boys of Leigh Giampietro also won. Locked in

a desperate struggle with Balwyn, the boys edged in front at the death for a thrilling 46-45 win. Mike Mims' 9BL boys were the other premiers, beating Doncaster. Of the losing teams, Gavin Whitmore's 13A1 girls were the highest finishers. While they lost to Bulleen 35-47, they represented the club superbly. Lisa Troyahn scored 14 points while Jazmine Borella and Jacqui Dick both played well. Another top girls team to lose were Wendi Hawley's 9A2. Despite the form of MDP Rachel Lynch and Casey Hawley's 14 points, they lost to Balwyn 18-20. Gerry Pearce's 9AR1 boys also lost a tight one (against Ivanhoe 32-38) and a similar story unfolded for Ry Haskings' 13AR2

boys, 27-32 losers to Marcellin, with Deane Kropp MDP. Christian Arsenis' 11BK2 boys came from eight points down to send their final against Ivanhoe into overtime. But despite the work of MDP Adam McLaren they lost 26-31. Graeme Drake's 15CP boys were tied at 18 with Eltham at half-time but lost 37-48 despite Nathan Fearn's 18 points and MDP game and Michael Pidgeon's 16. The 13D1 girls of Paul Sleeth also suffered a close defeat. They lost to Park Orchards 22-24 with Claire Chandler MDP. Kim Rea's 11DM boys lost to Balwyn. Phillip Cantor and Stuart Yates were best, but the boys couldn't make up an early deficit. Both the 15C1 girls of Darren

Hay and the 11DK boys of Natalie Ansell went down. The 17A2 boys of Peter Reeves had their final deferred. Players from grand final teams will each receive a trophy at presentation day on Sunday, October 22, starting at noon. The venue has been changed to the stadium at Park Orchards Primary School and the day will be highlighted by a special game involving the Victorian state wheelchair basketball team. Greater success for the club came in the Friday night championship competition grand finals. Two Redback teams coached by Gavin Whitmore won. The 12B boys had a somewhat erratic season, finishing fourth at the end of the 22 regular rounds, but turned in a season-

best effort against Frankston to win 68-48. Reece Borella fired in 19 points, Joel Macdonald 16 and Hayden Wall 14. The 20B boys finished their season—and four of them their junior careers—on a high note, beating Melbourne 46-37. They turned around a deficit in the second half through Michael Eldridge (11) and Adam Borwick (12). Success eluded the club though in their trek north to the Albury tournament. Only two of the 11 teams—the 14C and 16B boys—made the grand final, but both went down by 12 points. The club will vote in a new committee at their annual general meeting on Monday, October 16, at 7.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

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Dytes chase leather!

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Shield captain Tony Sturesteps predicts a first-up win for the Dytes against Ferntree Gully to start the 1995/96 RDCA season, despite not taking a wicket in 60 overs of play on the first day.

While rain played it's usual part in the first game by allowing just 60 of the scheduled 80 overs to be bowled, the Dytes struggled with the ball and failed to break the Gully's opening partnership.

When stumps were drawn after a third rain delay the Gully were 0/169 and in the process of picking up the scoring after Warrandyte kept their rate down in the early going.

Despite the wicketless effort Sturesteps is yet to write the game off, rating it far above last season's start when the Dytes crashed to the Gully by 150 runs.

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"It wasn't too bad and could have been a lot worse," he said. "After the rain we contained them really well. You can't take wickets when the ball doesn't move and the track's dead. We've kept them down to a reasonable score."

But the failure to take a wicket has delivered an ominous sign for the season ahead. "We lack some bowling firepower," Sturesteps said, "but we have to make do with what we've got."

The departure of former Test quick Rodney Hogg has left a big hole in the team's line-up. It's a position that hasn't been filled and is an area where the side could fall down this year.

In a disappointing off-season of recruiting the club failed to attract any new

first-grade players, after the deal with high profile playing coach Dave Hampton fell through. The only likely positive is the return of Jon Sharman in mid-November. Andrew Hood is rumoured to be considering rejoining when Sharman returns.

Chris Snaidero, who dominated the opening bowling for the seconds last season, partnered usual opening quick Gerald Walshe with the new ball and is the likely candidate to succeed Hogg. Despite bowling only eight overs for 31 runs Sturesteps decided against bringing him back on late in the day.

Leg-spinner David Watts and medium-pacer Sturesteps were the other bowlers used and, like the opening pair, tied the batsmen down but rarely threatened to break through for a wicket.

Some sloppy early fielding looked like adding to the concern but the team picked up the tempo to keep the pressure on. The Dytes restricted the Gully to just 37 runs in the period between

the 20 and 40 over marks before the Gully began to bat with more authority late in the day.

But it was this slow passage which has left the door ajar, although RDCA rules clearly favour the team batting first. The Dytes still have to bowl 20 overs to the Gully next week (October 14) and then face their 80 to get the runs only if light permits.

"If we're only chasing 230 or 240 we have the batting to get there," Sturesteps said.

Despite his confident words a draw is favoured as the most likely outcome with a Warrandyte win at long odds.

The second eleven have started the year on the wrong foot, routed for 101 in 52 overs in poor conditions. Brett Kline (27) and Cam Day (23) were the only two to make an impact on the scoreboard. Steve Pascoe grabbed a late wicket, however, to have the Gully 1/6 in reply.

The thirds, captained by Warrandyte

football coach David Dickson, were led by bowlers Andrew Rodgers and Nathan Croft to have the Gully 5/135. The fours were washed out while the fives received a walkover.

Meanwhile, meals will be served on the second Saturday of each game at the clubrooms from around 6.30pm. The club will be holding a dinner dance at Alfred's Homestead on Saturday, October 21. Another social event is the Frog and Grog night on Melbourne Cup eve, Monday, November 6, at the clubrooms. For tickets and information for all events contact social secretary Cam Day on 9844 2423.

DETAILS:

Firsts: Warrandyte vs Ferntree Gully 0/169.

Seconds: Warrandyte 101 (Kline 27, Day 23) vs Ferntree Gully 1/6.

Thirds: Warrandyte vs Ferntree Gully 5/135.

Bloods flush for '96 campaign

By LEE TINDALE

It might not have been the best of seasons on the field, but Warrandyte Football Club laid strong foundations in 1995 from which to launch an assault on next year's EDFL Second Division finals.

The Bloods, who ran eighth of 10, with seven wins from 18 games, achieved a financial turnaround of almost \$23,000, converting a \$12,754 deficit into a profit of \$10,064.

For the first time in several years they will approach a new season "in the black"—and club president Lex Munro has already suggested that the club will take advantage of its position to recruit key players for its 1996 campaign.

Munro, re-elected unopposed for a second term, told the annual general meeting on October 4 that the club hoped to finalise the senior coaching position for next season within the next few weeks so a recruiting committee could be formed.

The senior, reserves and under-18 positions were advertised in accordance with the club constitution, but there is no doubt the club want former Carlton premiership player David Dickson back at the helm of the firsts for a second season.

"David wanted time to think it over," Munro told the meeting. "He has been away on holiday, but the last time I spoke to him he was 90 per cent sure he would like to coach this club again in 1996."

He said 1995 had been "tough going on the field—but we hope to turn that around with the introduction of new players to the club".

The president foreshadowed changes to the structure of the EDFL competition next season with the proposed entry into the league of Noble Park.

A dominant force in the Southern Football League for many seasons, Noble Park have applied several times to join the EDFL, whose executive feels the time is now right.

The league has drawn up a number of proposals which were being discussed by delegates when this edition of the *Diary* went to press.

One was for Noble Park to enter the league via Second Division, which would increase that competition from 10 to 12 teams with the inclusion of two clubs (premiers Kilsyth and runners-up Templestowe) from Third Division to replace Division 2 premiers Bayswater.

Another is for Noble Park to go straight into First Division, increasing that competition to 12 teams by retaining, rather than relegating, this season's wooden-spooners.

Either scenario would bring Templestowe into Second Division without having won a Division 3 premiership.

The restructure proposals are of vital interest to Warrandyte, who well remember the entry into EDFL Third Division in 1992 of Donvale, a powerful, financially-strong club which went through the season undefeated and cost the Bloods the premiership.

Donvale have since won the Second Division flag and were beaten First Division grand finalists this year.

Outgoing WFC secretary Rod Valentine has agreed to stay on in a caretaker role until Liz Taylor—president Munro's fiancée—is fit enough after a recent illness to take over the office.

The AGM elected Geoff Evans vice-president and re-elected Tom Kerkof treasurer.

The new general committee is: Roger Drew, Phil Mellett, David George, John Wishart, John Ryan, Stephen McDonald, Darren Peters, Alan Vitiritti, Robert Ireland and Terry O'Keefe.

Steve's simply 'the most'

The on-field deeds of Steve Carroll are such that Warrandyte Football Club might have to strike a new trophy to recognise his future achievements.

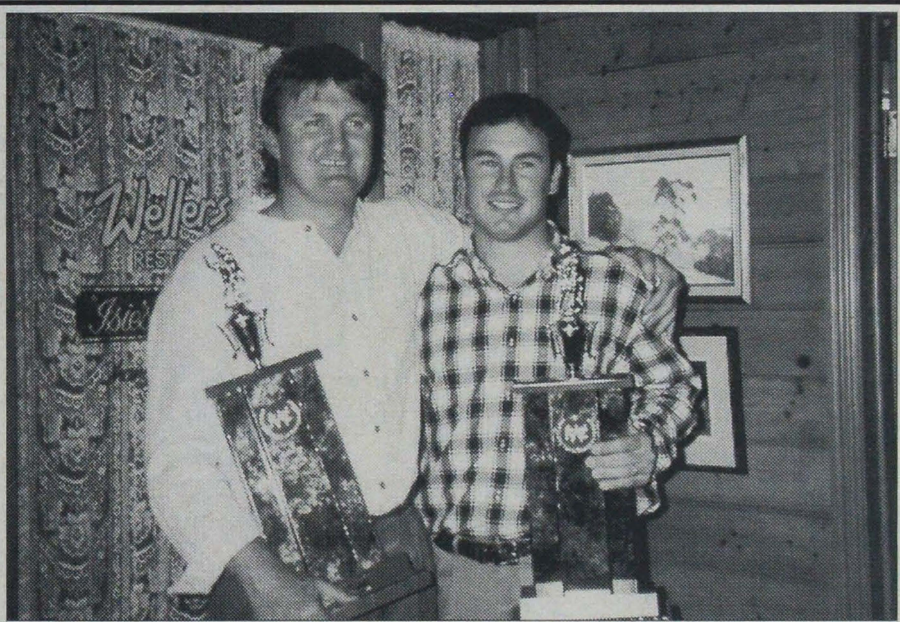
The gutsy rover-forward is a dual Bloods best and fairest winner (1988-93) and captained the club last year, in which he added "most courageous player" to his list of decorations.

At WFC presentation night on September 23, Carroll won the Daryl Valentine Memorial Award for most determined player of 1995. He had run fifth in the best and fairest (details published in the September *Diary*), seven votes behind joint winners John O'Brien and Darren Peters.

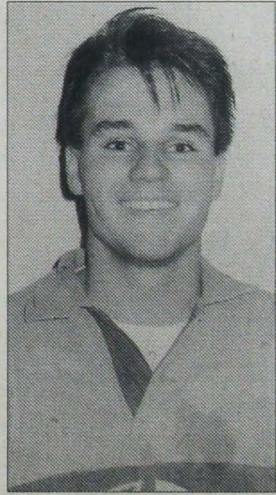
Cam Day was the very popular recipient of 1995's most courageous player award and Matthew Grybas was adjudged most improved.

The brothers McCartin—Glen and Dale—were also among the trophies. Glen took out senior coach David Dickson's award and Dale was the reserves' best and fairest.

Bloods president Lex Munro presented his award to outgoing president Rod Valentine for his efforts both



Above: John O'Brien (left) and Darren Peters celebrate their joint Bloods best and fairest award at presentation night. Below: Steve Carroll, always a winner.



on and off the field. And Alan Vitiritti won the best clubman award "for doing anything that needed to be done, from umpiring to cutting up oranges".

The trainer's award went to Melanie Rankin.

Presentation night was held at Wellers Restaurant, Kangaroo Ground. The winners:

SENIORS:

Best and fairest: John O'Brien, Darren Peters equal 1, Cam Day 3.

Most Determined: Steve Carroll.

Most courageous: Cam Day. Coach's award: Glen McCartin.

Most improved: Matthew Grybas. Best first-year player: Greg Pearse.

RESERVES:

Best and fairest: Dale McCartin 1, Terry Ryan 2, Leigh Hadboldt 3.

Most determined: John Prangley. Coach's award: Anthony Magner.

Most improved: Sacha Manders.

UNDER-18s:

Best and fairest: Adam Murray 1, Mark Luttick 2, Ray Bellinger 3.

Most improved: Hayden O'Brien.

Coach's award: James Logan.

Most consistent: Ben Saaksjarvi.

Club awards:

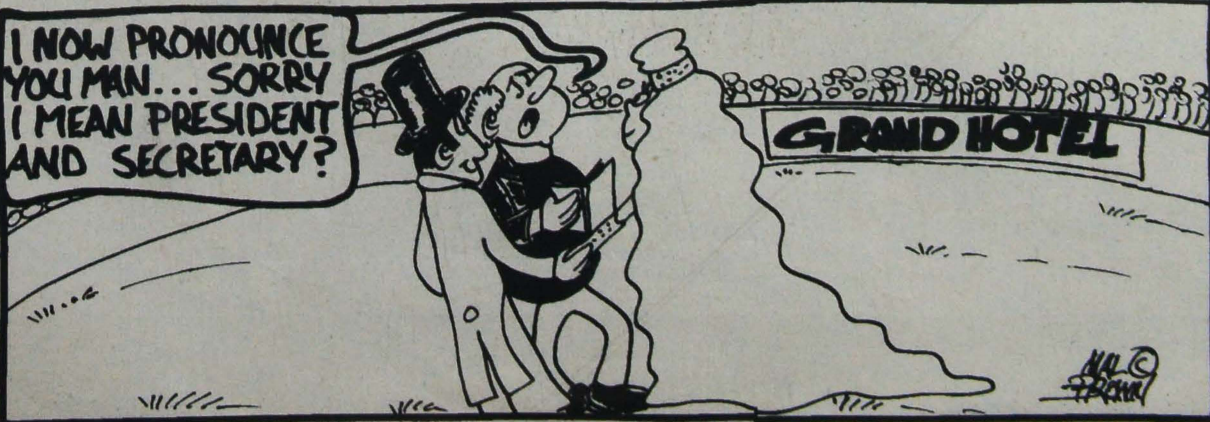
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Best clubman: Alan Vitiritti.

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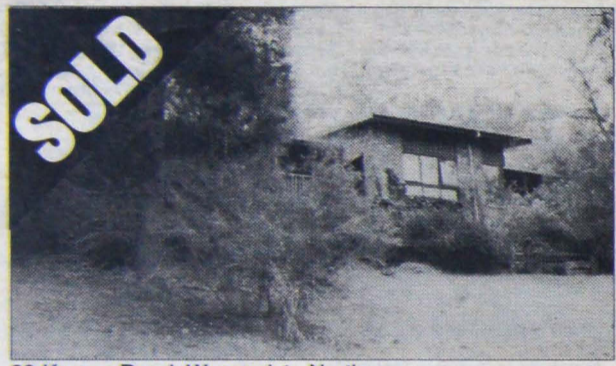
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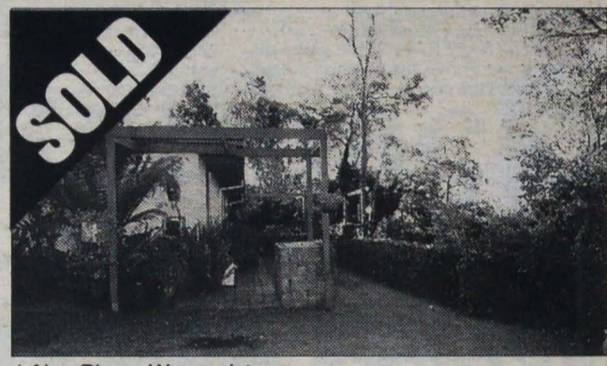
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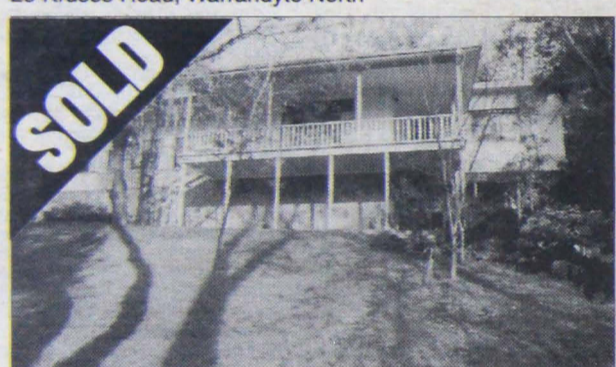
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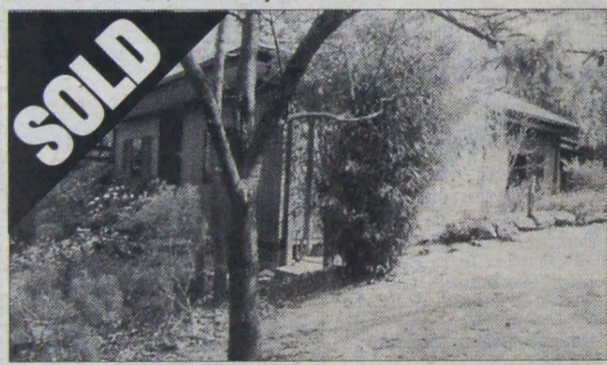
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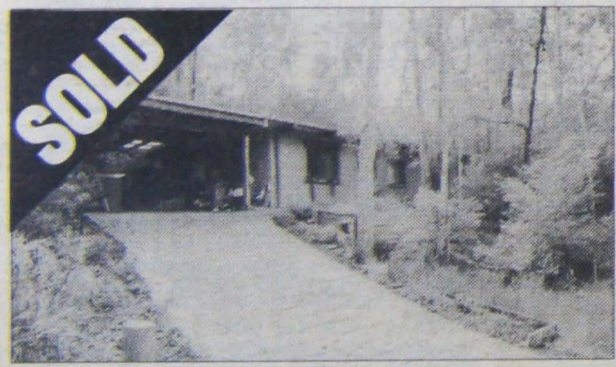
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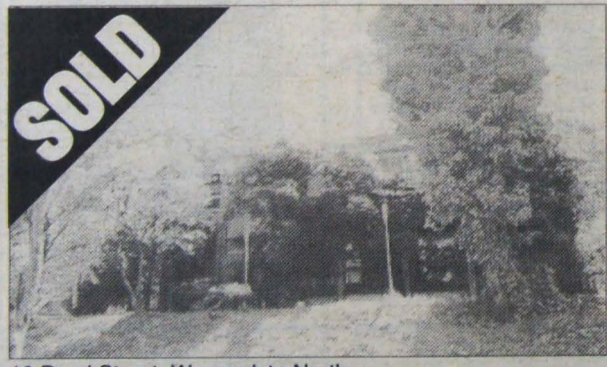
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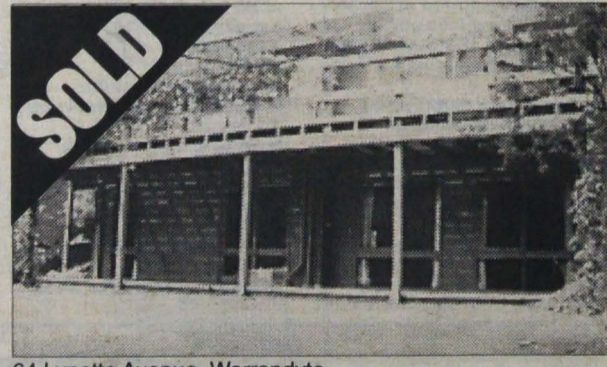
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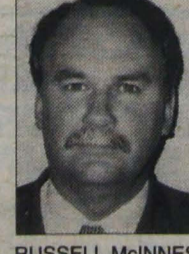
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