

# Green Wedge: Safe from development

## Minister signs

By CLIFF GREEN and DAVID WYMAN

The signature of the Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Maclellan, on a document earlier this month has assured the future of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

This follows the recommendation of an independent panel appointed by the minister that the Wedge should remain as it is now—mainly bushland and open grazing and orchard country. It is the culmination of many years of campaigning by both communities against landowner interests intent upon subdividing the land for residential development.

An especially active role in this campaign was taken by the state member for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood.

"The former Hamer Liberal government created the Green Wedge in 1978 in order to provide 'green lungs' around Melbourne, and a diversity of lifestyle choices," Phil Honeywood told the *Diary*. "Twenty years later the same principles are even more relevant and valid."

The long saga of the fight for the survival of the Green Wedge began in 1987 when the then Doncaster-Templestowe council, responding to real estate and landowner pressure, commissioned a study from consultant Dr Deszo Benko.

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

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

The only solution, as POLA saw it, was to allow smaller lot sizes so that the land could be properly cared for. POLA took their



'Kept fighting to save this special place.'

—PHIL HONEYWOOD

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

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

The concerns of those owners who had bought their land prior to 1978, when the zones were introduced, were given special consideration, and council, in May 1994, finally agreed to prohibit subdivision in the Green Wedge, with one proviso. Properties of four hectares (10 acres) or larger, purchased before 1978, could be subdivided into a maximum of three lots, each to be no smaller than two hectares (five acres).

Those advocating subdivision in the Green Wedge were far from satisfied with this compromise, however, and a new group was formed, titled Warrandyte & Park Orchards Environment Enhancement Association.

As any amendment to a planning scheme requires the ap-

proval of the minister, Rob Maclellan appointed an independent panel to hear further submissions and make final recommendations; back to council, then on to the minister.

This panel, comprising John Keany (chairman) and Alan Kinder, conducted public hearings in April and May this year and received and heard 95 submissions. Some 53 of these favoured some kind of subdivision and 24 were opposed. There were 19 opponents to the proposed subdivision rights of the pre-1978 landowners.

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.

Council supported these recommendations on October 3 and the minister signed Amendment L76 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme on November 1.

Expressing his delight with the minister's decision, Phil Honeywood said: "Families have moved out here since 1978 in order to enjoy a unique bushland setting close to Melbourne, yet surrounded by state park. Future generations will thank us for having the foresight to protect this area rather than have it become just another extension of Templestowe. Another bland urban landscape.

"Our gratitude should be extended to those in the Park Orchards and Warrandyte communities who refused to give up and kept fighting to save this special place. The late Bruce Bence deserves a special mention in this regard."



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# A most curious way to circulate a newsletter



It's a jolly good thing Pauline Dusting didn't sit two-year-old daughter Jessica on the roof of the car and strap the box of Oddballs, the Warrandyte Tennis Club newsletter which she edits, into the baby seat. No, she got that bit right, but what the lovely Pauline neglected was to take the Oddballs off the roof before she drove away from Warrandyte Primary School, where the newsletter had just been run off. Quite unaware of the paper trail she was leaving in her wake, Pauline turned into Yarra Street and was heading for North Warrandyte when she was bailed up by the flashing lights of a local police car, with Senior Constable Kim Dixon at the wheel. Hello, hello, hello. Littering, eh? "Heavens, no!" protested Mrs Dusting who, apart from editing Oddball, is secretary of the tennis club and a fine, upstanding citizen. "And, oh dear, half the copies have blown away!" Moved by Pauline's plight, Kim and her male colleague put crime-fighting aside for a bit and helped her retrieve the missing half of the print run from here, there and everywhere. *Diary* sports cartoonist Mal Brown thinks Oddball is very aptly named (see Page 11)—but reckons there's gotta be a better way to distribute it.



Older-timers of this town chuckle when they reminisce about a nudist colony that once existed in these parts and the scenes accompanying its evacuation in a bushfire. So we wish the best of luck and a fire-free summer to the new Warrandyte Nudist Group, now trying to resurrect naturism here so that couples, families and singles might "swim, sunbath(e) and walk among the trees and wildlife". The tone of WNG notices that have gone up around town is quite inviting but when Smokey suggested he might join, the little lady said: "Hmph, you'd need ironing first!" Those who don't can contact WNG at PO Box 767, Ringwood.



Perhaps it was because David (Bunter) Mclean was out of his plumber's overalls that Douglas the Doorman, stately custodian of the Hotel Windsor portals, mistook him for a Toorak toff and not the class act from North Warrandyte that he really is. But Douglas will not forget him. Bunter had scrubbed up a treat since wife Deb won a chauffeured limo trip to town, a night at the Windsor, tickets to Beauty and the Beast and a Cabcharge home in a soap wrapper competition which, in the excitement of reporting it last time, we called a magazine promo. Sorry about that. Sorry, too, about saying Bunter would upgrade his wardrobe for the occasion because when Deb sent him shopping for new clobber he bought a 14-inch TV set instead. The lad's incorrigible! Anyhow, Deb did the best with what was available and Bunter looked almost breathtakingly suave as he stepped out of the limo outside

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the Windsor. As he made for the boot to grab the baggage, Douglas the Doorman intervened. "Sir," he said, "you will not carry the luggage in this establishment!" That was okay by Bunter—who stepped back and trod very heavily on Douglas' foot! The fellow grimaced, gingerly tested the offended foot, found it still working, fixed Bunter with a bit of a stare and said: "I shall remember you, sir!"



Bunter and Deb loved their suite at the Windsor but, being Warrandyte folk who don't get to see the Big Smoke, were drawn to the shops. And in one of them Bunter found quite a smart shirt just his size. As he carried it through the Windsor foyer he couldn't understand why the snooty people toting Myer, David Jones and Daimaru shopping bags turned up their noses at his "Target". Beauty and the Beast was just great, although Bunter, who's been known to vote ALP, complained vocally when the lateness of curtainrise coincided with the altogether-too-near-for-his-liking arrival of Jeff Kennett. Debbie said "Shoosh!", but a lady a couple of seats away and looking very much like a Liberal voter said: "I agree with that!" Our plumber smirked a smirk of sheer self-satisfaction.



Bunter had only one complaint about the Hotel Windsor—the asking price of \$7 for a stubby of VB from the refrigerator. Not to worry. He walked up the street, found a very reasonably priced six-pack at a grog shop and carried it bold as brass back to the plush suite. Gee, Bunter, you're cheap!



Gerry Pearce drops into the *Diary* office for a chat some Saturdays on his way to the PubTab to back the horse of his hunch in the seventh at Randwick or whatever. Gerry is a bit of a *Diary* fan, so when he suggests ways in which he thinks we might improve this God-fearing village monthly, we listen. We were listening intently the other day when he said: "What the *Diary* needs is an interview in every issue with a famous local person. You know, someone like Greg ... uh ... um ... ah ... Whatshisname."



Page 2 favourite Vic Grybas has been lying low to avoid further Page 2 exposure, but we've got him again! Vic is a very competitive, albeit accident-prone, sportsman and was jealously defending the side bet he'd had with playing partner Laurie Warr during a Lions Club charity golf day at Werribee a couple of weeks ago. But whereas Laurie was consistently hitting the green with his well-

trained eight iron, Vic was lifting his head at quite the wrong moment and producing a succession of grubbers. Things came to a head (if you'll pardon the feeble attempt at a pun) on the 17th. Laurie's eight-iron approach lobbed sweetly on the green, Vic's seriously maimed a couple of earthworms as it scudded along the ground. Roaring something which sounded like "A pox upon eight irons!", Vic slammed his club axe-fashion into the ground. Ping! The head went one way, the shaft the other. Questioned later on his shameful antics, Vic said eight irons were instruments of the Devil and his would stay in two pieces at the bottom of his golf bag forever.



Presenting news, rather than making it, is Vic's younger son Clinton, who is a very busy young man. A lot of 20-year-olds might consider studying public relations at RMIT (a course he has just completed) and writing for and sub-editing the *Diary* quite enough to occupy their time. Not Clinton, who is also vice-president of Warrandyte Basketball Club, a coach and referee who runs the men's and women's competitions and produces the club magazine eight times a year. He also writes Third Division football for the EDFL Record and reports it on radio and does occasional sport spots for ABC Radio. Enough? Not quite. Clinton now hosts a radio breakfast show every Tuesday morning from seven to nine on 98.1 ECB-FM. It's a station mainly for the eastern suburbs but can be picked up in the city and outer areas. The show is music mainly from the 1970s and '80s plus news and sport. We wonder where Clinton gets his energy. We don't think it's from Vic.



There are few cuter sights than an echidna in the wild—but the local senior citizens really didn't need one in their dining room. When Warrandyte State Park head ranger Matt Le Duc answered a call for help from the clubrooms a couple of Fridays ago he found the cits and the echidna quite excited, the latter with nowhere to go and frantically trying to burrow under the carpet. Matt gently bagged the beast and returned him to the park.



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# Hopes up for police house

By DAVID WYMAN

Local MP Phil Honeywood has not given up hope that the police house in Yarra Street, Warrandyte, will be saved.

Mr Honeywood said he had spoken to a number of government ministers about the importance of keeping the police house as a community asset, either tenanted by a police family or for some other use.

"This is particularly important as the allotment of land on which the house is sited is only about 450 square metres and, therefore, an anomaly under the current Warrandyte township 1,000-square-metre planning scheme," he said.

Meanwhile, the Government Employee Housing Authority told the *Diary* on Monday, October 30 that the police family now occupying the house (Sergeant Walker and his family) would be offered the house for purchase "some time this week" and that he would have 30 days from that date to make up his mind. If he decided not to purchase the house it would be auctioned.

Community concerns about the police house site have sharply focussed on the fact that its excision from the whole police property conflicts with the ban on dual occupancy of housing allotments in Warrandyte township. The excision has been brought about by the Minister for Planning through an amendment to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment to the planning scheme to allow the excision of the land from the police property was approved by the minister on August 28. There was no community consultation or advice about the amendment, and even local MP Phil Honeywood was not properly advised of it.

In the explanatory report, Manningham City Council says: "The amendment allows the excision of a 443 square metre allotment containing a house from Crown allotment 1B, being unreserved Crown land in the Township and Parish of Warrandyte, Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

"The Government Employee



Sergeant Keith Walker.  
Chance to buy house.

Housing Authority has determined that the site presently containing a residence is surplus to its requirements and is to be sold.

"The proposed amendment will facilitate its sale by the authority.

"The social and economic effects of the rezoning are considered (by the council) to be positive. The amendment should have no significant effect on the environment. Any use or development on the land must comply with the provisions of the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme."

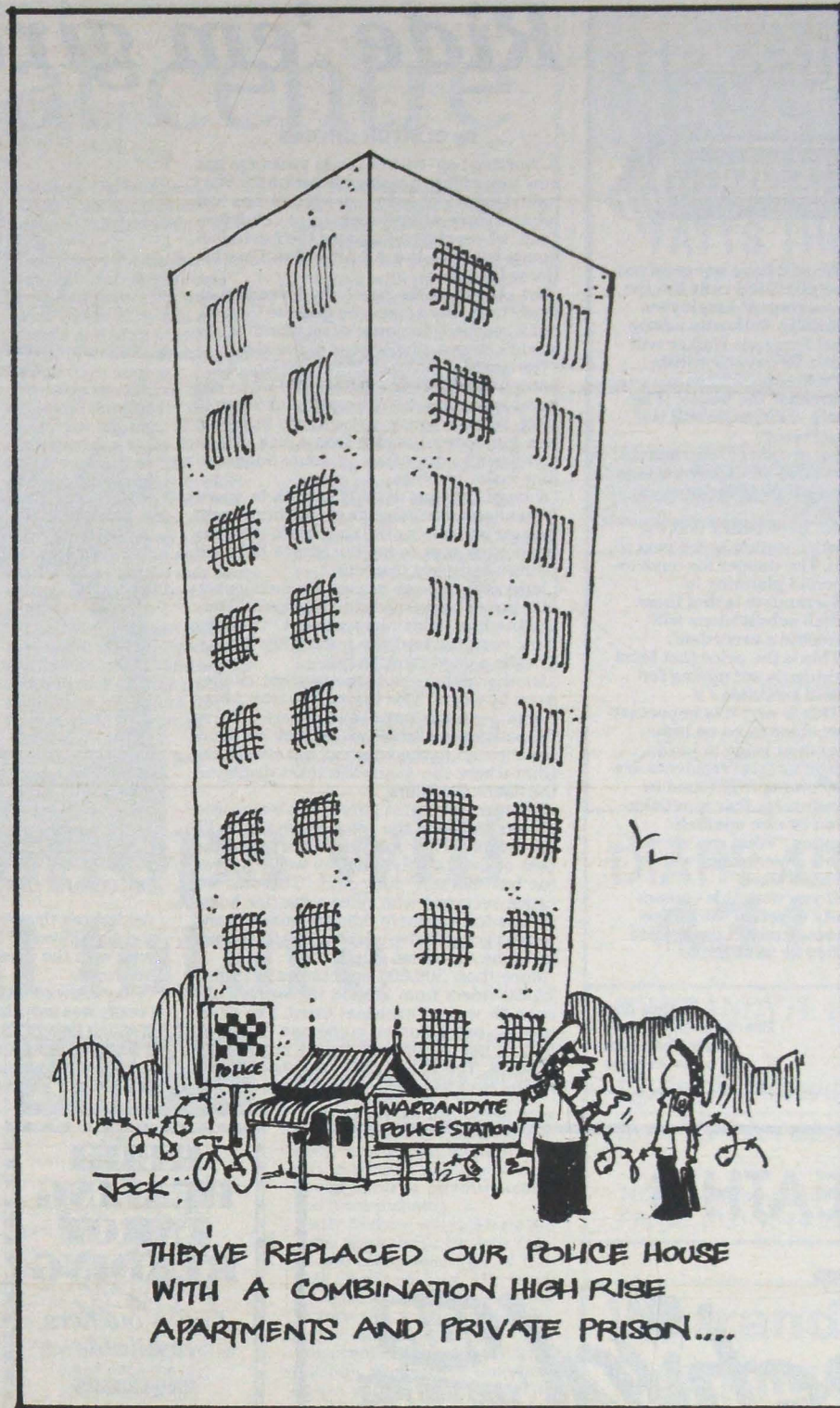
In a letter to the editor of the *Diary*, Louise Joy, an independent candidate for the state seat of Warrandyte, and Jean Chapman are critical of Mr Honeywood's handling of the police house issue.

"The danger for environmental planning in Warrandyte is that these small subdivisions will become a precedent. This is the price that local residents are paying for their protests," they write.

But in a press release Mr Honeywood says he is optimistic that an outcome for the police house which is favourable to the community may be achieved.

"It is unfortunate that people such as Louise Joy and Jean Chapman, who I thought were working with me on this important matter, have given up so soon and turned this issue into a political point-scoring one," he said. "Their public attacks are doing nothing but harm to a genuine effort on my part to gain the best possible result for all."

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THEY'VE REPLACED OUR POLICE HOUSE  
WITH A COMBINATION HIGH RISE  
APARTMENTS AND PRIVATE PRISON....

## Local offers seniors' residential concept

A local property developer, Ray Dawson, will prepare a feasibility study for Warrandyte's long-awaited retirement housing project.

Mr Dawson, who is also a qualified valuer, is expected to present the study to the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project committee within a few weeks. His offer to prepare the study was made at a meeting of the committee and other community groups on October 24.

This move follows a statement by Manningham council's chairman of commissioners, Adam

Kempton, that council will assist the retirement accommodation project provided its funds are not put at risk and the committee provides an acceptable proposition.

This came in response to local understanding that the commissioners had withdrawn the previous elected council's decision to provide \$350,000 for the purchase of land for the retirement housing.

A project spokesperson told the *Diary* that the committee was extremely disappointed that after three years the project was "back to square one." "But

we have decided to press ahead with the project and are grateful to Mr Dawson for his offer," she said.

The committee has rejected the report on the housing project by the Impact Consulting Group as it was judged to be "inappropriate, did not conform to the brief and did not supply the business plan". It is understood the "business plan" as supplied by Impact to Manningham council cost more than \$20,000.

Adam Kempton said last month he was keen for the community to drive the project and produce a proposition that was risk-free.

## Zoning shift worry for locals

By CLIFF GREEN

The ease with which the Manningham commissioners, following a request from the state government, rezoned the police house site for sale has alarmed local residents.

Warrandyte defeated dual occupancy—a provision that would have allowed the whole-sale building of flats and units in our township—through a concerted community effort back in 1988.

The issue came to a head in January 1987 when a sign appeared on a site at the corner of Yarra and Anderson Street, advising of the application for a permit for 'dual occupancy' on the site.

This galvanised local opposition, a group of concerned residents banded together and the Warrandyte Environment League and Warrandyte Ward councillor Ken McKenzie pledged their support.

Doncaster council then conducted a survey of the township area, resulting in an 86.1 percent expression of opposition to dual occupancy.

Finally, after months of indecision, council backed Warrandyte's stand against dual occupancy.

Further development was temporarily halted when the then Labor state government placed a 'freeze' on closer density in Warrandyte.

The then ALP Member for Warrandyte, Lou Hill, forcefully represented our position at ministerial level, but he was arguing against both government and ALP policy.

The matter became a state election issue when newly pre-selected Liberal candidate, Phil Honeywood, embraced the fight against dual occupancy and convinced Jeff Kennett, then Leader of the Opposition, to do likewise.

The Cain government thought again, and dual occupancy and flat development were pronounced 'dead' in Warrandyte. But too late for Lou Hill, who was defeated at the next state election by Phil Honeywood.

The dual occupancy ban has, however, meant that elderly people, unable to maintain their often large homes and gardens, are prohibited from selling their properties for closer development, with the possibility of buying back one of the units for their own use.

In an effort to overcome this problem, the local community has been campaigning long and hard for the building of a suitable housing complex for retirees. However, such a complex must be built by the community to fulfill the requirements of the anti-dual occupancy zoning.

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# Police house stir

Well done Mr Honeywood. Two of the three issues you raised in your criticism of Louise Joy have now been resolved, neither of them in favour of the Warrandyte community.

We have lost the rangers' cottages. As for the police house, on August 28 Mr MacLellan, Minister for Planning, approved an amendment to the Manningham Planning Scheme enabling the subdivision of the 443 metre square block on which the police house stands to "facilitate its sale" (their words, not ours).

The Ministry advised us that this information was faxed to Mr Honeywood on August 30 with the relevant fax receipt slip being received by the Ministry.

This was also the day that we met with Mr Honeywood and he acquainted us with the fact that he had set up the delegation to Mr McNamara for September 4.

No mention was made of the amendment at this meeting nor at the subsequent meeting with Assistant Commissioner Church at which the delegation was told that the matter would have to be discussed with Chief Commissioner Comrie on his return from holiday on October 9.

Not having had the promised call from Mr Honeywood's or Mr Church's offices by October 11 we discovered the amendment and rang Mr Honeywood who denied any knowledge of it.



We still have not received the promised calls but the Government Employees Housing Authority advise that Sergeant Walker will have 30 days to decide whether he wishes to purchase the house, if he does not, then it will be auctioned.

So, people of Warrandyte, we have 30 days to change the minds of the powers that be.

We have heard that the police station is the next to go. The danger for environmental planning in Warrandyte is that these small subdivisions will become a precedent.

This is the price that local residents are paying for their protests.

This is why it is important for there to be an independent voice in parliament as local residents are becoming frightened to protest for fear of retribution or else apathetic saying "What can we do? This government will do what it likes."

If you wish this community to retain the police house contact us on 9844 3600 or 9844 3326.

Louise Joy  
Brackenbury Street  
Jean Chapman  
Taroona Avenue

# Ride 'em girls, at O-hi-o!

By CLINTON GRYBAS

A "horsing bug" that began 11 years ago has now turned into a major obsession for Warrandyte resident Judy Cotterill. She has just returned from a three-week trip to Columbus, Ohio, where she co-managed the Australian youth team at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress.

Her pursuit of the sport she loves had already taken her across the globe to Canada, but it reached its pinnacle last month at the world's largest single breed horse show.

The family of the Webb Street resident didn't know what they were getting into when she purchased the quarter horse Quick Silver in 1984. While it won a major award in 1988 it was her second horse, Easy Chick, which continues to draw high praise as winner of nine major trophies.

A large portion of Judy's week is spent grooming and training the pair on her 20-acre property bordering the state park. "My husband often says to me the horses have got better wardrobes than him."

Judy says quarter horses are distinguishable through several distinct features. "They are bred for their temperament. They are very versatile and are not highly strung. They're a good thinking horse."

Another difference is the western clothes worn by riders. This is for all quarter horse riders, from the Yarra Valley Quarter Horse Association in Lilydale where Judy is a member through to the international events like Ohio where the Australian team displayed the national colours.

The three Victorian girls in the team, aged 17 and 18, found the going tough in the 15-day event. "They rode their horses to the best of their ability but they weren't given the best horses," Judy said. "This was because everyone who rides a quarter horse in America was there riding themselves and weren't going to give up their \$100,000 horses for some Australian riders."

More than 500,000 spectators watched 12,000 riders from around the world compete. "It was an excellent event. I've never seen so many horses in the one place. We had to use a golf cart to get around the grounds. The size of the event shocked me. It took me a week to recover," she said.



Judy Cotterill (left) and her team at the Quarter Horse Congress.

Aside from the obligatory stop at Disneyland and Universal Studios, Judy's highlight came with the presentation of the team to the crowd.

"They knew so little of Australia over there it really was surprising. Some people asked us which part of Europe we were from."

The team had a stand showing Australia's wildlife and native animals, but Judy made sure she set aside a table just for Warrandyte, with pictures of the football club and the festival amongst other local items.

Along with Judy, the girls—Jody Ward, Julie Bell, Christie Rose and another manager, Portia Bertram—were all presented with a coat and buckle from the organisers as a memento, while they were able to keep an expensive badge given to them by the Victorian Premier's office prior to their departure.

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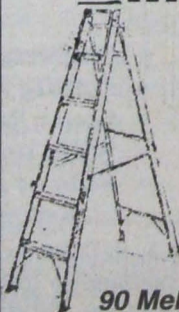
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# Changes at centre

New Warrandyte Youth Services co-ordinator Cathy Adamson has promised local young people that the centre will continue expanding its already wide range of services and activities.

She is well qualified to take over as co-ordinator from the popular Craig Milburn, with more than 13 years youth work experience, having worked with young unemployed people in the Community Youth Support Scheme and with homeless young people in the Broadmeadows and Dandenong youth housing projects.

Cathy is looking forward to a number of new initiatives and programs designed to attract more young people to the centre, including an outdoor program. This will include a fishing camp between November 10 and 12, a surfing camp for young women at Torquay between November 20 and 22 and a



Cathy Adamson

rockclimbing day trip on December 2.

The drop-in facility at the centre is open most Friday nights from 5 to 10pm and Saturdays between 2 and 10pm. It is open several other times during the week, particularly during school

holidays. On Wednesday nights a young women's group meets between 7 and 9pm.

Cathy says the centre is an ideal spot for young local people to gather. "It's a casual place where they can meet friends and play a game of billiards or table tennis," she said.

She says the centre has achieved much over the last year. "For the past 12 months we have hosted the Youth and Community Drug and Alcohol Project. Community Project Officer Tom Delahunty has developed a number of initiatives, assisting schools to develop their drug and alcohol curriculum and other community-based work," she said.

"The Quit program was successful and all licensed alcohol sellers, including the football and cricket clubs, have been trained in the Responsible Serving of Alcohol program." Another initiative has been

the development of Snake Oil Productions, a youth advocacy group which promotes smoke-free activities for young people.

"Along with our counselling for family mediation, next year there will be parent education courses and forums focusing on parent-adolescent issues. We're also hopeful that we will be funded for another Landcare and Environment Action Program involving 15 long-term unemployed young people."

The service will have its annual general meeting on Monday, November 20 from 7.30pm at the community centre. "We encourage people to come along to find out about the service and support us," Cathy said. "We need people to become members. In particular we want young people to get involved."

She can be contacted at the centre on 9844 2985 for more information.

## Trial for crash plan

The City of Manningham's Emergency Management Plan was put to the test last month, dealing with a mock disaster organised by Warrandyte police. The exercise was designed to test the response and recovery phases of the plan and the capabilities of emergency services and agencies.

The exercise involved a collision of a car with a school bus loaded with 30 children. The fuel tanks of the bus ruptured, resulting in diesel fuel leaking into adjacent gutters and drains and the evacuation of 30 senior citizens from a nearby nursing home.

The exercise involved Warrandyte Senior Citizens, the CFA, SES, ambulance service, Health and Community Services, Environment Protection Authority, Yarra Valley Water, National Bus Lines and Whitefriars College.

Council's Chief Executive, Bob Seiffert, said the exercise was a success. "In the event of a major disaster occurring in Manningham it is important that council has in place a plan which sets down the procedures in dealing with the disaster," he said.

"While we hope there is no need to ever use the plan, it is important to ensure that we are prepared in the event of a disaster, such as an earthquake, bushfire, flooding or major gas explosion."

The plan was issued in 1986 to ensure an effective and co-ordinated response to minimise the effects of an emergency.

# Workshops will reveal future

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Business Association has organised a series of workshops for November designed to help plan the future of Warrandyte.

The workshops have stemmed from a steering committee comprised of representatives from the business community, historical society, community centre and Manningham council. The committee was formed after the association hosted a seminar in August, presented by a New Zealand consultant on heritage projects.

A WBA spokesperson said the aim of the workshops is to define future planning and development directions for Warrandyte.

"The questions to be asked are very straightforward. What do we want for our community? And where should Warrandyte be heading?"

The major workshop, The Warrandyte Environment, will be held on November 22 at 7pm at



the community centre. There will be four preliminary meetings, the first of which took place on November 1, catering for local business groups. On November 9, community and sporting groups met while on

November 11, service clubs will be invited to meet. School and kindergarten groups will meet on November 15.

The meetings are being conducted by Justin Francis, a cultural, ecotourism and community business planner with a background in environmental and town planning.

Peter Kenyon will facilitate the main workshop. He has conducted many meetings of this type and set up the new Streetlife program for Business Victoria which will provide funding for local projects.

Meanwhile, the business association's Warrandyte Gold brochure will be out soon. The 25,000 copies will be distributed to hotels, airports and tourist centres, as well as venues in and around Warrandyte.

The association is also planning media promotion to attract more tourists to the Warrandyte area, while improving visitor information and signage in Warrandyte.

# Cash for old buildings

Applications for funding under Manningham council's Heritage Restoration Fund are now open. The fund provides support to individuals, community groups and organisations to maintain buildings and sites of heritage significance.

Adam Kempton, Chairman of Commissioners, says council has allocated \$10,000 to the fund for 1995-96.

"Manningham has some wonderful historic buildings and facilities which we should strive to preserve for future

generations," he said. "The Heritage Restoration Fund is an avenue where the council can assist property owners financially to maintain buildings, places and sites of significance to the cultural heritage of our city. Council has a vital role to play to ensure that our heritage is maintained."

Applications are open to owners of properties listed in the heritage provisions of the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme. Heritage properties in Wonga Park will

also be considered.

Applications close on November 30. Works must be undertaken and money claimed by June 30, 1996.

Last year the fund provided funding for 11 properties including Warrandyte Post Office, Doncaster Church of Christ, Pontville homestead in Tikilara Park and the teacher's residence at Wonga Park Primary School.

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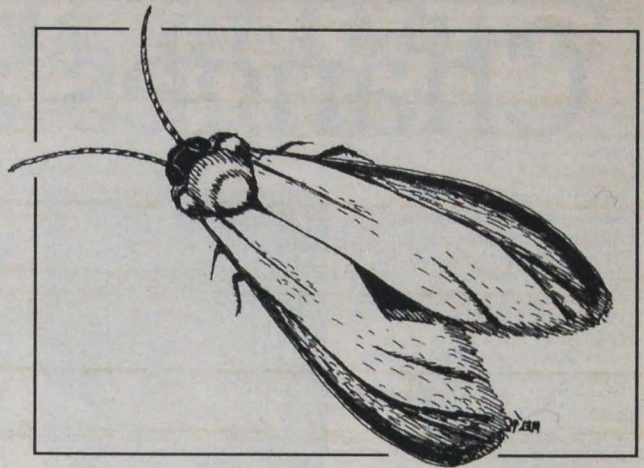
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# False identities in insect land



## NATURE

By **PAT COUPAR**  
 Drawn by **MELANIE COUPAR**

**P** EOPLE stare in disbelief when I tell them that the exquisite, iridescent blue-winged creature fluttering amongst the flowers is not a butterfly, but a moth. It looks like a butterfly they say. And indeed it does, but looks can be deceiving and behaviour equally so.

There are a surprising number of moths that fly around the bush and gardens masquerading as butterflies. These impersonators are generally seen on warm and sunny days mingling with their more illustrious relations.

I am often asked what the difference is between a moth and a butterfly. Unfortunately there is no straight forward answer. Generalisation does not allow for exceptions and simplification, in scientific terms, and can lead to misconceptions. It is true to say that butterflies are active only during the day, but so too are moths as we have discov-

ered. However, the majority of moths do fly in the evening or at night and their physical features are an adaptation to this lifestyle.

Moths are more hairy and heavy-bodied than butterflies. The hair aids insulation on cold nights as does the fat stored in the body, which in addition provides the energy that the day-flyers obtain from nectar.

The major difference, to a visually orientated species like ourselves, is the colourful patterning on the wings of butterflies in contrast to the sombre browns and greys of most moths. The purpose of this garish display is not for our benefit, but is to attract a mate.

Moths, on the other hand, use

a quite different strategy to entice the opposite sex, and this brings us to the specific anatomical, less obvious differences between the two groups. Male moths are attracted to female moths by a scent secreted by the female called a pheromone.

The male detects the presumably pleasant perfume from as much as a kilometre away with his paired antennae. These sensory organs are feathered structures, unlike those of butterflies, which are unbranched and end in a knob rather like a little golf club.

To return to the blue moth. Once I have convinced onlookers that it is not a butterfly, the next question is "What is it called?" I reply without hesitation "Pollanisis viridipulverulenta" to which I usually receive raised eyebrows and aghast expressions.

It's actually quite easy if you break it up into syllables. We taught it to our kids for fun when they were little and they would

take great delight reciting it to our friends who were most impressed. The moth, I added as an afterthought, is also called the satin green forester moth.

The occurrence of this metallic blue-green moth in Warrandyte is by no means random. They are here because of a small woody shrub called grey guinea-flower, the large saucer-shaped flowers of which are not grey at all, but bright golden yellow. The plant, which occurs only in small patches of bushland at the Timber Reserve and on Fourth Hill, is the sole foodplant for the caterpillars of the Pollanisis moth. The tiny slug-like larvae chew not only the leaves, but buds and flowers as well.

Fortunately, the caterpillars are too small and not numerous enough to threaten the survival of this rather rare plant in Warrandyte. The damage is limited to the loss of a few leaves and a few torn and tattered petals—a small price to pay for an unconventional, dainty blue moth.

# Young boffins rewarded

By **MARILYN MOORE**

**A** FEW months ago, amidst winter's drizzle, you may have noticed a number of mysterious goings-on as you took your daily constitutional.

From under a dripping clump of kunzea perhaps, the startling flare of a flashgun. Or in the misty dawn, a soggy little person knee-deep in the swollen waters of Mullum Creek, fiddling about with some home-made wooden thing. Bottles of disgusting watery gunge actually breeding. Little bags of leaking sand. Missing spoons. Late night hammering in the shed up the road.

Glimpses of movement behind a pile of flood debris. Something indescribable, carefully wrapped in a filthy tissue. A silvery fish, gleaming dead on the bike path. And the incontrovertible evidence contained in a pile of snapshots.

Well, spring has sprung and the game is up. A quick perusal of the results of this year's Victorian Science Talent Search Competition explains everything.

Back in June, whilst most of us were settled comfortably by the fire, 16 budding scientists from Warrandyte Primary School were out honing their skills.

"The entries in this year's competition were varied and wonderful," said the school's science co-ordinator Carole Lush. "Each year we are getting more children

interested and involved in science."

And their achievements in this largest and most prestigious of student science competitions speak for themselves.

Rosalyn Moore (Grade 3) and Richard Moore (Grade 5) each came equal first in the state, winning gold medals and major bursaries in the lower primary and primary categories respectively. (Yes, they are brother and sister, but no, their mother was not one of the judges.)

Rosalyn's research on the composition of beach sands from various environments impressed the judges with its detail and professionalism.

"I just wanted to know what the sand is made of on all the different beaches," she said. "How can some sand be pure white, and some sand be red or yellow or black? I really liked this project. I can't believe I've won a medal!"

Richard carried out a systematic investigation of variation in stream turbidity (ie. muddiness) in Mullum and Stony creeks, with some rather surprising results.

"I thought a healthy catchment area would be a bushland environment," he said. "But (in Mullum Creek) my results showed it is less turbid in the suburban areas after heavy rain. I think it's because in the suburban areas it is all covered in concrete so it cannot erode as much."

Does this mean that Mullum Creek is healthier than it looks? "No, it's very de-

graded. I was trying to see if the roadworks in Ringwood were increasing the turbidity downstream, but it's so bad already that it doesn't make much difference at the moment. It will get worse when they join up the new channel."

Also impressing the judges with their originality and skill were runners-up Alexandra Phelan (Grade 4) and Andrew Boyle (Grade 2). Alexandra's fascinating photos of microfungus growths on human brain and kidney tissue and Andrew's ingenious marble-sorting machine were each rewarded with a minor bursary.

Merit certificates were awarded to Oki Gardner and Matthew Lynch (photography), Elissa McNamara (science game), Kimberley Armstrong (essay), Peter McNamara (model) and Celia Fairley (creative writing).

The bursaries were presented last month at Latrobe University. Deakin University's David Symington, a leading authority in the field of primary science, commented in making the awards that all entrants should be proud of their efforts.

"It is very significant that these students were not afraid to put their work forward and have it judged," he said.

Brave students? Perhaps. But we keen observers of mysterious goings-on in Warrandyte know another side to the story. Kids really love messing about with gadgets and mud-puddles.

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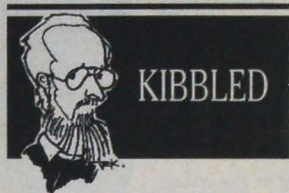
**I** MUST warn you, however, that there will be a little bit of mess." This was about as reassuring as a doctor telling you that you are just a little bit pregnant. After 20 years we had decided it was time to resurface the cork tiles in the kitchen and adjoining dining area.

A mere 20 years ago I had lain the tiles and surfaced them myself. I look back on my audacity in horror. I would laugh at the suggestion nowadays but back then, in the heady 1970s, immortality, invulnerability and a negative bank balance inclined me towards such ventures.

In an even earlier house I had the spirit to lay irregularly shaped Castlemaine slate over a large floor area inside the house. The concrete mixer, the dust and an adoring family were my companions for several days as I learnt by trial and error how to do it. I'm not sure if this was sheer beginner's luck, the decade, or the fact that a lot of things aren't as difficult as they seem, that led to the satisfactory end result.

The cork tiles also were reasonably easy to lay, but the sealing with the two-pot mix was something else again! I had courted as much expertise as I wanted to hear. You can have too much information, I've decided. I was committed to dealing with the floor surfacing and had been told that ordinary polyurethane was not good enough and that for a "really decent job", I'd have to use a two-pot mix.

I'm fascinated by the infiltration of Protestant morality into the tradesman's world. Good jobs are described as 'sound', 'solid', 'decent' and 'honest'. If I wanted a solidly honest job as opposed to a flashy American evangelist-type inferior effort, then there was no escaping the true-believer two-pot posi-



tion.

This was all I wanted to hear really. I didn't want to hear about the waste resulting from the fact that you can't store the mixed portion. If you over-estimate the amount needed to cover the floor you are left with a problem. Do you throw away the mixture and pretend the financial waste doesn't worry you? No way! You were doing this yourself to save money, not to heave it out to form an ecological waste dump in the backyard. No indeed! Instead, you decide the interior of the kitchen cupboards would benefit from a coating of the liquid gold.

Friends have told me that going into hospital for a sinus or antrum wash is not a pleasant experience. I can state with as much certainty, that squatting with your head in a cupboard full of two-pot mix vapour is probably the handyman's equivalent.

Herself criticises me mercilessly about my selective memory loss. If the truth be known it probably hasn't anything to do with my being a man or having bad genes but that I have suffered brain damage in the cause of interior decorating. On reflection, I should receive a citation with a gold tassel for selfless duty to beauty rather than scorn whenever I forget birthdays, anniversaries or our children's names.

Anyway, the two-pot mix worked wonders

and lasted well past its expected lifespan. Admittedly there were the worn patches in front of the hotplates and the sink, but nothing a rug couldn't conceal. It took the announcement of an Oz visit by some English friends to have us reconsider the acceptability of the worn patches on the cork-tiled floor.

"There'll be a bit of dust. Fine, like talcum powder. So it might be a good idea to cover up as much as possible."

Having removed everything from the kitchen floor, I became creative. I had been saving plastic sheets and old plastic mattress bags for just such an occasion.

In no time the kitchen was swathed in plastic. Christo may have wrapped the Gap in Sydney but that had nothing on my creation.

Having expertly protected the area from dust we decided to leave for four days. I was certainly not going to hang around and watch professional incompetence. "You'll be using a two-pot mix, I assume." This was my parting, one-expert-to-another statement. I think his raised eyes were his means of acknowledgement. He was fitting on his respirator at the time.

I was dragged away by Herself, smug in my conviction that the kitchen had been hermetically sealed against the powder-soft dust.

Beep, beep, beep. "Hello, Mr Kibell? The job's finished but we did have to remove some of the plastic to reach some of the difficult spots. You'll find there's a bit of dust to clean up."

"How much dust—?"

In the background I could hear Herself stifling back a guffaw.

ROGER KIBELL

## Scouts prepared...

**W**HILST hiking through Wilsons Promontory as part of our Queen Scout Award, myself and five other Venturers (Ben Carter, Stuart Hitchell, Jeff Horkings, Karen McVeigh and Luke Heathercott) from the First Warrandyte Scout Group were called upon to use many of the skills learnt during our years as scouts.

We arrived at Sealers Cove campsite at 3pm after a strenuous hike following the coastline from Little Waterloo Bay. On arrival we were told a teenage girl had slipped while hiking and, with the added weight of a full pack, had broken her right ankle. Despite the best efforts of her hiking companions she was in danger of slumping into the initial stages of shock.

One member of our party, Ben Carter, had foreseen such an emergency and was carrying his dad's mobile phone. But because of interference from nearby hills he was unable to contact the Tidal River ranger station.

Accompanied by an off-duty lifeguard we were quickly guided to the scene of the accident, at the soon-to-be-closed Hill track. Ben continued to the peak of the mountain where he

Warrandyte scouts recently stumbled into their own real life rescue. **MICHAEL AUMANN** was one of them.

was able to contact the ranger station and explain the situation.

Using a Swiss army knife it was possible to cut down a number of saplings to make the rigid frame of a stretcher by squaring the corners. Guy ropes were criss-crossed down the frame and secured with clove-hitches to provide a support on which a sleeping bag was placed.

Carefully, the girl was placed on the stretcher and tied down with shirts. The difficulty in carrying her down to the campsite was compounded by the severe steepness of the track.

But with six people helping, the task was accomplished slowly without major incident. After reaching the campsite the girl's situation was stabilised with the help of a doctor who had been camping at Sealer's Cove.

Due to the remoteness of the campsite the ranger despatched from Tidal River took two hours to arrive. Although he was carrying

little equipment he was able to place the ankle in an inflatable splint before calling for an emergency helicopter from Melbourne. As darkness fell we moved the girl into a ranger's hut, which is occupied only during the summer holidays.

At 9.30pm we were informed that the helicopter was on its way. We carefully carried the girl down to the beach, trying not to fall over in the dim torchlight. After fording a shallow creek and crossing the beach (luckily, the tide was well out) we found a suitable spot among the dunes to wait.

After a short period of time the helicopter became visible, its powerful spotlights slowly edging along the coast, searching for the small cove. The ranger laid two torches 50 metres apart, the lights intersecting at the designated landing point. As it prepared to land, a massive cloud of sand was blown into the air, restricting visibility.

As the rotors continued to turn the pilot ran to where we were waiting and evaluated the situation. He asked us to carry the stretcher to the waiting helicopter where the co-pilot helped lift the stretcher through the open doors. Finally, our unexpected adventure had ended.



Christina Skinner

Meanwhile, another Venturer from the First Warrandyte Scout Group has been making news. Christina Skinner, 15, has been awarded a BHP scholarship for a 22 day senior leadership Outward Bound course anywhere in Australia.

This will enable her to undergo intensive training in first aid, abseiling, caving, canoeing, hiking and many other physical skills before undertaking an initiative, leadership and survival course. She had previously completed a nine day Outward Bound course with Donvale Christian College which prompted her to apply for the scholarship.

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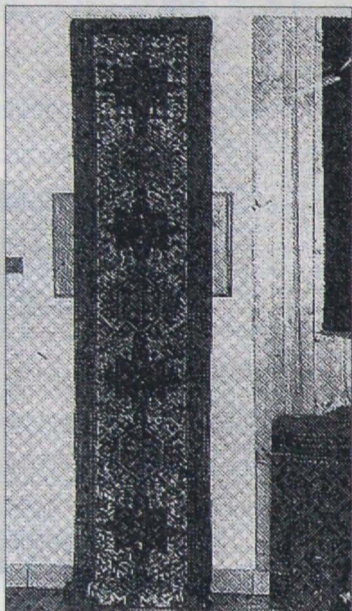
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The students put to use many hours of rehearsal with Ian McNamara of Bolero Dance Studio, resulting in a most professional presentation. Although staged as a community event, any profit from the ball will go back to the school.

In a speech before the 250 people in attendance, Year 11 student Daniela Spiliotacopoulos (pictured right) thanked the Lions Club and emphasised that the event was the start of a promising tradition for the school. The debutantes were presented to Warrandyte MP Phil Honeywood. (Pics: Pigeon Bank Lane Studio)



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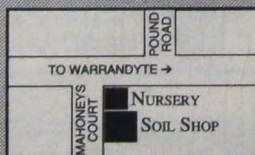
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# Margaret found a wealth of friends for our State Park

By MARGARET DIMECH

**T**HE Friends of Warrandyte State Park is the largest and most active group of its kind in the Victorian National Parks Association. This would not have been possible without the efforts of Margaret Burke, whose resignation from the co-ordinator's position recently followed more than eight years of service.

The strong community group is instrumental in the continued protection of Warrandyte's precious remnant bushland. Margaret brought to the Friends all the creative energy she had used in her teaching career. The years of encouraging participation by parents taught her the value of strong spirit and co-operation.

It was this spirit that she injected into Friends' activities. Her newsletters were chatty and personal, in line with her philosophy that the most important people in any organisation are the behind-the-scenes workers.

Margaret (nee Nankivell) was born on February 4, 1945. Three months after her birth her father was killed in the war in New Guinea. He never saw her. Her mother moved back home to live with her parents in Dandenong. This was not permanent, as her mother was soon driving Margaret's grandfather all over Gippsland in his occupation as shire valuer.

When her mother re-married the family moved to Essendon. Margaret attended Melbourne Teachers College where she completed the Natural Science component of her course by collecting insects from around the Melbourne cemetery. She jokes that other girls had fluffy toys while she had jars of bugs and beetles.

She taught at Moonee Ponds West and Clayton before settling at Auburn Primary School and buying a house in Surrey Hills. After marrying, she moved to Sydney to become 'infants mistress', co-ordinating the Prep to Grade 2 levels at Middle Harbour Primary School.

Sadly for someone so drawn to

young children, her only child, Chloe was stillborn in 1983 and Margaret subsequently suffered a long period of ill-health. This resulted in her early retirement and the break-up of her marriage. In 1985 she returned to Victoria to live with friends in Camberwell.

Even though she saw this as a temporary stay, she began classes at the local community centre to fill the vacuum after such an active career. It was there she met Ian Burke and they were soon going on picnics to Warrandyte. Margaret had had a prior link with Warrandyte. Her great-uncle ran the Nankivell Garage in Yarra Street where the community centre now stands.

The efforts of a real estate agent navigating down one of the steepest driveways in Warrandyte convinced them this was where they wanted to live. The "magical glade with panoramic views over bushland" made the house in Osborne Road seem perfect.

When Margaret's illness was finally diagnosed as a mild form of epilepsy, alleviating any worse fears, she sought out interests in her new community. The Friends of Warrandyte State Park must have seemed a gentle activity to take up in retirement. Since its formation in 1984, Glen Jameson had been organising the monthly Sunday weeding meetings almost single-handedly.

His long service leave in 1988 could have been a disaster for the group. Instead, this time brought new periods of growth. Margaret credits Val Polley with the encouragement she needed to take on the role of co-ordinator of the group. With guidance from Geoff Durham of the VNPA and Doug Seymour of Warrandyte Environment League, she formed a committee, took over the production of the newsletter and looked for new ways to strengthen the group.

As there were only 12 paying members at the time, but 45 on the mailing list, the economics were daunting. Margaret became a familiar face at the market stall, meeting and recruiting members. She put more emphasis on the social aspect of activities so that friendships could form over barbecue lunches and relaxed afternoon teas.

The major change to the group came when the staff-run nursery at Pound



Margaret and Ian Burke (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Bend depot was threatened with demolition. The foresight of Land Protection Officer Kim Robinson, in approaching the Friends to take it over, enabled production of the indigenous plants to continue. Margaret and Ian, along with Olive Walters, began what was to be a weekly Thursday commitment to the nursery.

Margaret believes there is nothing like having nothing to spur one on. They had no money, no shelter and no gathering place. But with Ian's building skills and grants from the Open Space 2000 scheme, the dilapidated greenhouses were totally overhauled and the now-famous "Folly", a three-sided shelter next to the dam, was constructed.

Communal lunches sharing pots of soup brought the group together. In spite of rabbits, the 1991 bushfire and the failings of an overstretched watering system, the nursery has become the major focus of the group, producing 25,000 plants a year.

In the years that Ian Roche was head ranger, the Friends blossomed into a supportive and dynamic group providing much more than the basic assistance asked of them. Co-operation between staff and volunteers resulted in a wealth of knowledge and expertise about the state park's natural resources.

Margaret's ability to network with the many agencies involved in managing parkland brought about the sponsorship needed to publish the Friends' book, Discover Warrandyte, in 1993.

FOWSP has grown larger through Margaret's positive and energetic drive. Membership has increased to some 250 families with several forming sub-groups where residents take care of bushland near their homes.

Despite her recent retirement, Margaret remains on the Melbourne Parks and Waterways Advisory Council. She was recognised in 1994 by the Shire of Eltham with their environment award.

A woman who has filled her life to the brim, Margaret follows her interests in arts, craft, nature and ancient history with a passion. In another attempt at retirement, she has taken up some quiet relaxing activities. It seemed only natural for her to turn to the Spinners and Weavers Association and classes in sculpture and life drawing at Potters Cottage.

She says her teacher has an instinct for getting the best out of people by setting students' sights on the mountain tops, not wearing them away with their failures. That describes Margaret Burke to a tee, and somehow it's doubtful that she will relax too long before her eyes are back on the mountain tops.

For Warrandyte's sake we hope so. The community will always need people who can inspire others to new heights.

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Old King Cole, Young Queen Cole and their merry old surfboard. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

## Yarra Warra

The annual general meeting of the Yarra Warra pre-school will be held at the pre-school on Tuesday, December 5, commencing at 8pm. There will be a door prize of free first-term fees.

## Business help

In March 1996 the Warrandyte Community Centre Management Group will become the local agent for a regional NEIS program (New Enterprise Incentive Scheme). It is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Training. The group will soon commence an intensive Small Business Training Program to assist those who are receiving unemployment benefits or any other social security benefits and are interested in starting up their own business. The group is keen to speak with anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the program. Please contact Meredith Thornton on 9844 4503 to discuss the exciting opportunities.

## Neighbourhood

Lynne Lowther is the new president of Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, replacing Louise Joy who has retired from the position after five years. Pam Egglestone, who has been secretary over this period, has also resigned and her place has been taken by Hazel Boss. Both Louise and Pam were made life members of Neighbourhood House at their recent annual general meeting. Co-ordinator Margory Lapworth thanked them both for their invaluable contributions. The house is urgently in need of volunteers. No experience in community work is necessary. If you can help please phone 9844 1839.

## Campaign

A concert has been organised on Saturday, November 25 at 8pm at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute to assist Louise Joy in the launching of her campaign as an independent candidate for

Warrandyte at the next state election. There will be a variety of local artists performing. Cost is \$10 per ticket. BYO cabaret style drinks and nibbles. Enquiries to Louise on 9844 3600.

## Friends

Friends of Warrandyte State Park will hold a bush dance for their Christmas break-up at 7.30pm on Friday, November 17 in the Warrandyte hall. Cost will be \$5 per person or \$10 for a family ticket. BYO drinks and plate. Tea and coffee provided. A Christmas hamper will be raffled. Further information from Cecilia on 9725 3959.

## Garage sale

The Warrandyte Child Care and Pre-School Centre is holding a garage sale and market day on Saturday, November 25 at 9am at the centre, corner of Masonic Avenue and Warrandyte Road. A wide variety of new and old items, craft and produce will be available.

## Hospital raffle

The Warrandyte auxiliary of the Royal Womens Hospital raised \$342.80 at their cake stall and raffle held outside Harry Heaths on Saturday, October 14. The winner of Gol Gol the Golliwog

was M. Hall of Croydon. The auxiliary have just purchased a much-needed mobile phone for patients in the public section of the hospital who are unable to get to a phone. The auxiliary's last meeting for 1995 will be on November 21, while the Christmas hamper will be held outside Harry Heaths on December 14 and 15.

## Awards

The 1996 Menzies Community Australia Day Awards will be presented by the Federal Member for Menzies, Kevin Andrews, on Friday, January 26 at the Athenaeum Hall, 806 Doncaster Road, Doncaster at 10.30am. The awards recognise valued contributions made by residents to the local community. Nominations will be received at Mr Andrews' office on 9848 9900 until December 21.

## Fishing

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte is organising the Warrandyte 'Catch of the Day' family fishing competition on Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 6pm and Sunday, November 19 from 10am to 4pm. There will be more than \$7,500 in prizes to be won, including Jarvis Walker fishing gear and Jackaroo camping equipment. The venue is Stiggants Reserve with the fishing area from Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe, to Wonga Park. The competition is open to adults (\$12), children (\$3) and families (two adults and unlimited children \$15). There are prizes for the first 500 entrants.

## Nursing Mums

The next night meeting of the Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Group will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 8pm at 5 Karen Court, Warrandyte (telephone 9844 1933). The topic is 'Coping with a baby and a toddler'. The next morning coffee is on Wednesday, November 29 at 10am at Andrea Waugh's, 127 Research-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte. For counselling or information contact Andrea on 9844 1112 or Jenny McDonnell on 9844 4730.

## Artspace

Manningham Artspace presents an exhibition entitled 'The Journey' by Nancy Johnson from November 2 to November 12 at the Artspace. Telephone 9848 9735.

## Tell us

The *Diary* is your newspaper, and we love to print news of your group's activities. 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. We close copy on the last Friday of each month for the issue appearing on the second Friday of the month following.

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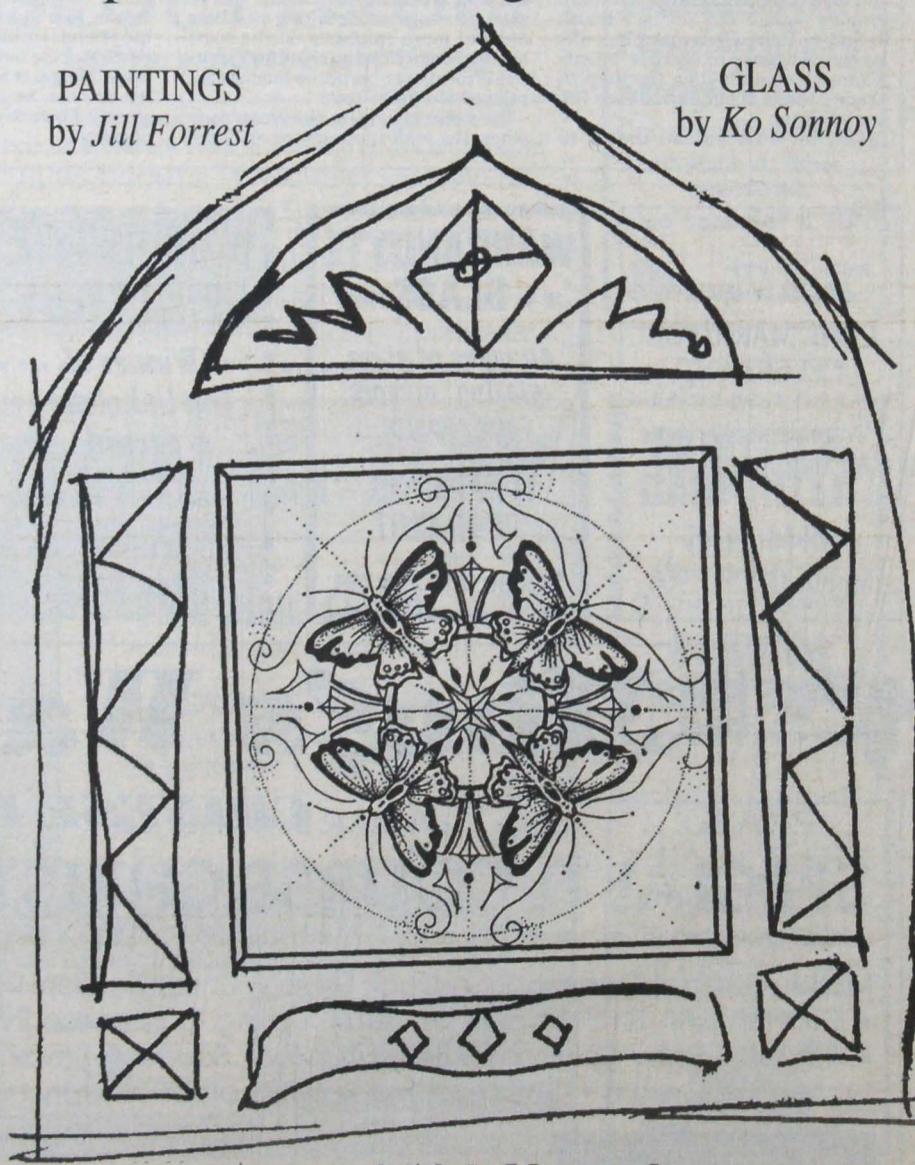
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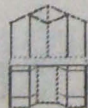
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# Dose of the dropsies!

By CLINTON GRYBAS

An amazing bowling revival late on the first day saved Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Shield eleven from disaster in their third game of the season, at St Andrews.

The Dytes' bumpy start to 1995-96 looked set to continue with seven dropped catches letting the bottom side off the hook as they cruised to 4/222.

But a late rally led by Greg Tregear (4/36) saw the Dytes snare the last six wickets for just eight runs to close out the innings and dismiss St Andrews for 230. It now gives them a realistic chance of securing their second win.

The Dytes had the home side tied down at 2/81 midway through their 80 overs but the dropped catches ensured a lengthy day in the field and flattered the opposition's scoreline.

It led to St Andrews' best score of the season after being bundled out for just 96 and 91 in two thrashings.

Chris Snaidero got the Dytes off to a good start with an early wicket while newcomer David Tyrell showed he could be a useful all-rounder this season with 1/23 off 11 overs.

The batting was slow for most of the early going. Steve Bell continued to grow in his stature as a spin bowler with 15 overs yielding just 33 runs.

But the missed chances and consequent lack of wickets enabled St Andrews to put their foot on the accelerator later in the day. But for the late flurry of wickets the Dytes would have been chasing a much tougher target, around 260.

Catching wasn't a problem in the team's second game at Wantirna South. Seven chances—some brilliant—were held as the home side were routed for 119.

Captain Tony Sturesteps

## Late wicket flurry rescues the Dytes

### SPORT

snared 2/16, Bell 2/19, Snaidero and Gerald Walshe two wickets each as Warrandyte dominated from the start.

But the Dytes showed that the top-order batting collapses of last season had not been

erased from the repertoire when they tumbled to 4/31 and the brink of disaster.

But 49 from Sturesteps, 31 to Tregear, an unbeaten 60 to the improving Nick Brisbane and 41 to Dave Mooney took Warrandyte to 265 and a 146-run win.

They had lost the first game at home to Ferntree Gully by 74 runs, replying with 180 to the Gully's 6/254. Bell (72) and

Sturesteps (34) were the only batsmen to offer any real resistance.

Chairman of selectors Brian Chapman said the team were definite finals contenders, however, in what promises to be a successful all-round season for the club.

"We had four of the five teams win in the second round," he said. "The twos haven't lost and are again looking strong while the fours and fives are also looking good."

"The numbers have been good to this point and Jon Sharman is expected to return from England later this month to help strengthen the ones."

The seconds continued their good early showing against St Andrews when veteran off-spinner Mark Davis snared 8/32 to bowl the visitors out for 135. Warrandyte were 3/51 in reply.

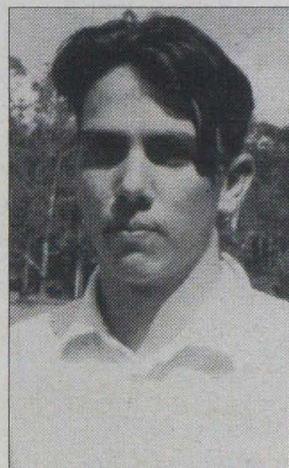
The fourths have had an eventful start to the season—a tie with Ferntree Gully in the first game before a six-run win over Wantirna South in the second.

Chasing 134 to win Warrandyte crashed to 9/80 and all hope of victory appeared lost. But no one told Alan King and Cam Hart, who put on 60 for the last wicket for a thrilling win.

The fifths have also started well, beating St Andrews by an innings and 42 runs. Serge D'Angelo scored 86 to lead the Dytes.

Meanwhile, the club will continue to serve meals on the second Saturday of each game at the clubrooms from around 6.30pm. These will be on November 11, November 25 and December 9.

A barbecue will be held at the ground on Sunday, November 12 from 4pm as the veterans play their first home game for the season in the higher grade. Everyone is welcome to attend both that and the veterans dinner on Sunday, December 3 (tickets through Steve Pascoe on 9844 1213).



Steve Bell: performing well with both bat and ball.



Tony Sturesteps: took 2/16 against Wantirna South.

### CRICKET DETAILS

**FIRSTS:** Warrandyte 180 (Bell 72) lost to Ferntree Gully 6/254 (Watts 4/87). Warrandyte 265 (N. Brisbane 60 n.o., Sturesteps 49) d Wantirna South 119. Warrandyte 0/2 vs St Andrews 230 (Tregear 4/36).  
**SECONDS:** Warrandyte 101 d 4/50 d FT Gully 96 (Pascoe 6/28). W'dyte 200 (Davis 62, Gee 58) d Wantirna Sth 144 (Summers 5/31, Pascoe 4/23) & 4/55. W'dyte 3/51 v St Andrews 135 (Davis 8/32).  
**THIRDS:** Warrandyte 6/128 lost to Ferntree Gully 7/248. Warrandyte 95 lost to

Wantirna South 287. Warrandyte v St Andrews 8/211.  
**FOURTHS:** Warrandyte 104 tied Ferntree Gully 8/104. Warrandyte 140 d Wantirna South 134 (Jungwirth 5/39) and 4/73. Warrandyte 135 (Webb 68 n.o.) v St Andrews.  
**FIFTHS:** Warrandyte 227 (D'Angelo 86) d St Andrews 46 and 139 outright. Warrandyte 5/99 d Scoresby 98.  
**VETERANS:** Warrandyte 105 (Pascoe 24, Chapman 23 n.o.) lost to Norwood 139 (Edwards 4/33).

## David sticks with Bloods

By LEE TINDALE

Former Carlton premiership player David Dickson will coach Warrandyte Football Club again next season.

Dickson, who led the Bloods to seven wins in their 18 games in EDFL Second Division in 1995 in his first season at the helm, had been considering offers from other clubs but decided to stick with Warrandyte.

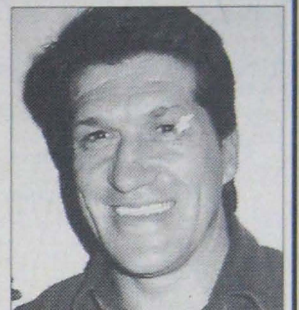
The club had advertised the coaching job in accordance with the constitution, but it was always thought—or at least hoped—that Dickson would return and the only other applications were verbal indications of interest.

The reserves and under-18 positions have not yet been filled, but the finalisation of the senior job means that the Bloods can now form a recruiting committee to strengthen the playing ranks for next season.

Meanwhile, Warrandyte Junior Football Club are negotiating to expand outside the EDFL next season. The club want to field under-11 and under-13 teams in the Doncaster and District Junior Football League.

Expansion plans have been prompted by the club's highly-successful 1995 season—particularly the under-10s, who were undefeated—which attracted more players than could be comfortably accommodated.

A club spokesman said negotiations with Doncaster were "looking very favourable".



David Dickson

Faced with the annual promotion of players from the previous season's teams into the higher age groups, Warrandyte are already looking for boys for the under-10s through to under-16s for 1996.

"If you are a keen footballer and in this age bracket you are welcome to join Warrandyte Junior Football Club for season 1996," the spokesman said.

"You will be guaranteed a very enjoyable and successful season with a vibrant junior football club with an exciting future."

Registration day will be in February.

All coaching positions are open and any accredited Level 1 junior football coach interested in being part of the club is invited to contact Phil Meade (9844 2733) or Anthony Mirabella (9844 2623).

The club are also looking for assistant coaches, team managers, trainers and runners (inquiries on the above numbers).

# New Redbacks chief predicts boom era

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club elected Bruce Macdonald as its 10th president last month at its annual general meeting. He succeeds the retiring Graeme Riley who spent two years in the top job and served on the Redbacks' committee for two years before that.

Macdonald is expected to preside over an exciting new era for the club as it continues to increase its professionalism and playing standards.

It will also shortly renew its push for another home court and pursue affiliation status with the Victorian Basketball Association.

"We're very excited about the coming year," Macdonald said. "We have

the largest number of teams ever entered and for the first time have 10 in an age group, with the under-10 boys. This is a staggering figure."

The club has entered 55 teams and more than 400 players for the summer Saturday season and 17 more teams in the Friday night championship season.

"The basketball boom certainly has continued," said Macdonald. "We have 36 new players for this season. We have well and truly outgrown our stadium and have to look externally to try to accommodate everyone."

Recently the club secured training time three days a week at the twin courts at the old Mullauna College site

in Donvale as well as the single court at Donvale Christian School.

The Redbacks hope that instead of paying rent for these facilities they will soon be paying off a new court for themselves, either an extension to their stadium at Warrandyte High School or at another local site.

This would require a grant from council and the government.

"Apart from the court space issue everything is positive for us at the moment," Macdonald said.

"We have a specialised coaching program in the pilot stage for juniors involving the most experienced coaches in the club."

"We have 32 people undergoing a

coaching course where in previous years we have had none. Out of this there are many of the club's young players doing it which augurs well for the future of the club." A further 17 people are training to become referees.

Macdonald has been on the committee as boys registrar for the past two years. Lyn Templeton will continue as club secretary while Sue Anderson is the new treasurer.

Clinton Grybas is the new vice-president and Con Arsenis, Beretta Craig, Graham Drake and Gavin Whitmore have joined the committee.

The club's presentation day last month was highlighted by a visit from

the Victorian state wheelchair team. A record attendance of more than 450 watched the team in a special demonstration game.

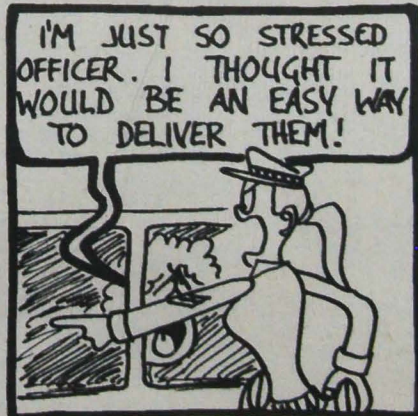
The day was marked by the presentation of awards for services to the club. Karen Pearce won the clubperson award for her efforts over the past 12 months.

Paul Haskings won the Tom Hay Memorial Trophy for his long-term contribution to the club while Damian Arsenis won the Daryl Valentine Award for service by a club junior.

Stan Slabon's long service was recognised with life membership. He began the club's championship program in 1982.

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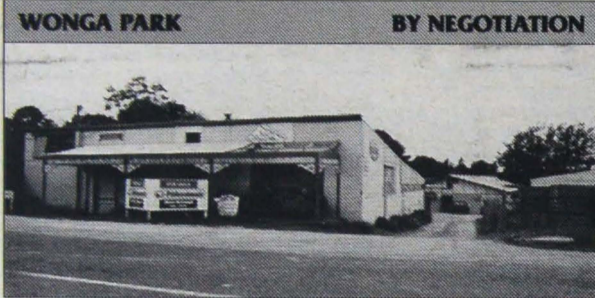
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**WARRANDYTE \$289,000**

**"LIGHT, BRIGHT & AIRY"**

**A**N imposing family residence with a lovely northerly outlook. Comprising 5 double BRs plus study, blackwood kitchen, huge family room with slate flooring and OFF, large sunken lounge which also has OFF and timber ceilings. Ample open living areas and outside entertaining, this home is one of a kind. Features include internal brick work, gas ducted heating an abundance of natural light, set on approx 2/3 acre in prime location.



**WONGA PARK BY NEGOTIATION**

**"UNIQUE HOME & WORKSHOP"**

**S**ITUATED on over 3/4 acre of fully usable land, this property boasts of three different buildings. Firstly, the home features 3 BRs, ensuite, formal lounge with stone OFF, timber kitchen and cottage style gardens. Second, the shop/retail area with office upstairs, lunch room and concrete floors would lend itself to many uses. Last, the rear factory of approx 4000 sq ft is an older style building complete with timber flooring and office area.



**WARRANDYTE \$172,000**

**"WORK FROM HOME"**

**W**ELL maintained brick home set amongst beautifully landscaped gardens. Comprising formal entry, large lounge, three bedrooms and new bathroom with corner spa. Downstairs you could work from home in two good sized rooms, separate entry and all services connected. Worthy of your inspection.



**WARRANDYTE \$195,000**

**"THE BIG PICTURE"**

**L**ARGE character laden family home of immense proportions, comprising four double bedrooms, spacious lounge, renovated kitchen, meals area and downstairs a self contained rumpus room complete with wet bar, study area and shower room. All within walking distance to local village. Inspect today!



**WARRANDYTE \$260,000**

**"IDYLIC ACRE ON THE RIVER"**

**I**N a tranquil and private setting on the banks of the Yarra, this substantial brick home comprises four bedrooms, master with ensuite and WIR, spacious kitchen, separate formal dining room, lounge room with polished floor boards and open fire place, plus an enormous entertaining area. This property offers unlimited potential, plus a great opportunity to purchase in this sought after location.



**WARRANDYTE \$159,000**

**"ROOM TO GROW"**

**S**TYLISH well presented family home in a central location within walking distance to all facilities. Three double bedrooms, renovated spa bathroom, hostess kitchen and slate tiled lounge/dining area. Inspection highly recommended.



**WARRANDYTE \$110,000**

**"A RARE GEM"**

**F**IRST home buyers or investors should inspect this stylish home in this convenient location. Offering a superb outlook and featuring large bedrooms, ornate cornices/ceiling roses and within easy reach of all facilities. This character home will not last. Call today for an inspection. AH: Andrew Wilson 9844 4747.



**WARRANDYTE \$209,950**

**"LET THE SUN SHINE IN"**

**S**ET on large elevated allotment with open plan design, this contemporary home would ideally suit the growing family. Master BR with full ensuite and adjoining study, spacious lounge/dining adjoining open plan kitchen/family. 3 more large BR's all feature BIRs. Fenced IG pool and BBQ make for enjoyable outdoor entertaining. Downstairs rumpus room and storage, plus double carport. Inspection of this property will certainly impress.



**WARRANDYTE AUCTION**

**SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER AT 12 NOON "POTENTIAL PERSONIFIED"**

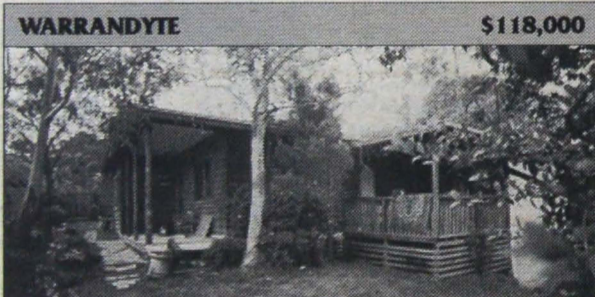
**S**ET amongst a totally usable and established garden of approx 1/2 acre this unique weatherboard home features a full length verandah capturing uninterrupted easterly views. With large lounge/dining room, kitchen/meals plus three enormous bedrooms and a huge downstairs rumpus, the potential is unlimited.



**WONGA PARK \$299,000**

**"AN IMPOSING CONTEMPORARY"**

**S**ET on a usable elevated 1/2 acre allotment, this builders own home is truly individual. The soaring cathedral ceilings combined with exposed brick and timber throughout creates a warm, yet open feeling. Features include views to the east from the formal lounge and master bedroom, full ensuite and WIR, 2 children's bedrooms, plus study and rumpus room. Dual car accommodation, all in quality court.



**WARRANDYTE \$118,000**

**"BYO PAINT BRUSH"**

**A**N excellent opportunity to acquire a first home in Warrandyte. In need of a little TLC, this home has great potential. Comprising three good sized bedrooms, spacious lounge with OFF, large kitchen adjoining the family room and ample storage or workshop under the home. Situated on flat 1/4 acre, this home won't last.



**WARRANDYTE \$189,000**

**"A MULTITUDE OF USES"**

**T**AKE advantage of this excellent site only minutes from schools, shops and transport. An ideal split level family home comprising 3 BRs plus study, master with ensuite, large lounge with cathedral ceilings and hostess kitchen with ample family meals area, gas ducted heating and double carport. At rear, a self contained granny or teen flat. This superb accommodation is separately metered. A bargain like this can't last! Inspect soon.



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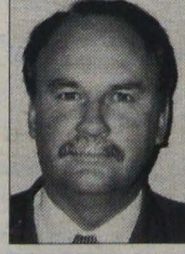
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