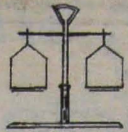


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**Council backs brigades**

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Manningham Council has awarded grants of \$4,475 to each of the three Country Fire Authority brigades in the municipality. The grants to the Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Wonga Park brigades will go towards the cost of fire fighting equipment and education programs. Council commissioner Hector Davis announced the grants last month, claiming the fire season was far from over. "With the fire season upon us it is timely that council assists the CFA brigades to purchase equipment which will be vital in fighting fires this summer," he said. "The CFA volunteers put their lives on the line to fight fires to protect people's property and to do their job efficiently and safely they need the right equipment." Protective clothing including boots, hats and overalls will be purchased with the money. Hector Davis urged local residents to continue with their preventative measures around their homes, with the ever-present possibility of a summer wildfire still evident.



Alan Alder: commitment recognised. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

The district's long time debt to Webb Street resident Alan Alder was recognised in last month's Australia Day honours list. Controller of the Doncaster State Emergency Service Unit, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his work with the SES. Alan has also been a leading member of the Warrandyte Historical Society for many years.

**CLYDE & OCKER**



"It'd be a real disaster if Alan Alder left Warrandyte, Ock!"

**Riverside land fears**

**By DAVID WYMAN**  
Residents of Tills Drive in Warrandyte are concerned about the future of a Green Wedge property with a Yarra River frontage which Melbourne Water is seeking to purchase for re-sale. The property, of about two hectares, currently belongs to the estate of the late Robert Sallabank and is at 86-90 Tills Drive. Because most of this land, including the site of an existing house, is subject to flooding at high river levels, Melbourne Water is seeking a permit from Manningham Council to demolish the house and use a defined area of the property on higher ground for a new house. However, abutting residents

believe the area for the new house is unsuitable as it is very narrow. They contend that a new house would intrude into the existing landscape of Tills Drive. Further concerns have been expressed that the property, if not sold, could become part of the Warrandyte State Park with increased traffic and parking hazards. The main entrance to the Black Flat section of the park is in Tills Drive, about half-way along from the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road. Tills Drive is a private street, maintained by the residents. Alan Broadbent, who lives next to the Sallabank property, told the *Diary* that it would be difficult for Melbourne Water to sell the land

as a residential property. "The defined building 'envelope' for the proposed new house is on a narrow strip of land. It would be highly inappropriate," he said. "It seems to step right outside the council's guidelines. Who would buy five acres of land where the only place you can build is on a narrow strip of land?" "We have concerns that if the land is not sold then it could become a riverside park—or part of the adjoining Black Flat section of Warrandyte State Park. The narrow strip of land could become a new access to the park. All of the residents of Tills Drive would be a bit upset if something like that happened." Mr Broadbent said residents were also concerned

that notice of the application was posted on December 12 with December 26—Boxing Day—the cut-off date for objections. "You can draw your own conclusions from that," he said. Abutting residents received notice of the permit application, in letters dated December 12, from Loder and Bayley Consulting Group, acting for Melbourne Water. The letter states that permission is sought "to remove the existing dwelling at 86-90 Tills Drive, together with approval to use an area of land near the front of the site for a replacement dwelling. This course of action arises from the fact that the existing dwelling is not only flood-prone but is situated in a location where floodwaters run deep and fast".

A spokesman for Melbourne Water's property acquisition branch said that up to two metres of water could inundate the lower sections of the property. The depth and velocity of the floodwater made the property unsafe. The property was worked

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# For a belly-dancer, she makes a lovely doctor

Former *Diary* editor Peter Lovett hasn't enjoyed the very best of health since he left this town to settle at Portarlington several years ago (maybe he misses the mountain air, or the editorial red). Don't get your columnist wrong. The big fella is very much alive, giving plenty of cheek and still trying to convince the ever-lovin' Pat that this is his first stubby of the evening when actually it's his fourth. Still, he's had his share of doctors—but never a belly-dancer before! Pete was in Geelong Hospital over New Year for a series of tests and was surprised—nay, staggered—to find his doctor doubled as an exotic dancer at a local nightclub. "The first time I saw her I thought I was hallucinating," he recalled with great enthusiasm. "She'd just done her nightclub act and was starting night shift at the hospital. Hadn't yet changed out of her dancing gear. Stunning-looking young woman, mid-20s, I'd say. South American, I think. Fully-qualified doctor. Told me belly-dancing was her hobby." If they want a second opinion, we think they should check Pete's blood pressure again.

Might we respectfully suggest that Ian (Macka) MacKintosh, of Houghton Road, stick to tennis and leave golf to golfers. Ian and wife Val, both Warrandyte Tennis Club stalwarts, were holidaying up the coast recently when he made the bad mistake of putting the racquet aside and taking out the golf clubs. On one tee he put four consecutive balls into a lake and followed up immediately with two airshots. And what did mild-mannered Ian do then? Did he grin, adjust his grip and his stance and belt that little white devil straight down the middle? No, he picked it up and threw it into the lake to join his four that were already resting there.

Fascinated by attempts to resurrect a nudist movement in Warrandyte, we wrote to the principals last month seeking a follow-up to our announcement in the November *Diary*. We wanted to know how the Warrandyte Nudist Movement was going, membership numbers, activities, et cetera and asked the sir or madam to whom we addressed our inquiry to give us a call or drop us a line. Alas, no response. Which moves us to ask if this is a cover up.

It had been ages since we'd heard from our Bus Stop Spy and when he called the other day he said that was because since the National Bus Company took over the Warrandyte service from the Met he'd been unable to find anything to complain about. "If you can't say anything nasty, why say anything at all?" he said. "But look, I'm going to make an exception. I'm going to tell you about a woman who got on the Warrandyte bus the other day WITH THE CORRECT FARE IN HER HAND! This was a first

**IN RED & WHITE**



From left: Madeline, Bridget and Terry Liddell: side by side here and exhibiting side by side at Bridget's new gallery at Hampton.



Not just pretty faces are the Liddell girls, of North Warrandyte. Very talented in a number of artistic fields—and at last their class acts have come together. Bridget Matthews, third oldest (or youngest, depending on how you look at it) of five daughters of Bruce and Terry Liddell (and there are two sons as well), won the inaugural Warrandyte Youth Arts Award in 1989 as a designer jeweller and has just opened her first gallery, in Hampton. And complementing her acclaimed and diverse pieces are the paintings of mum Terry and the wrought iron work and ceramics of sisters Amanda and Madeline respectively. Not exhibiting there, but doing very, very well in her own right is eldest sister Mary-Lou Pittard, who has already made a big name for herself in ceramics. The Bridget Liddell Gallery is at 531 Hampton Street, Hampton, and is open Tuesday to Sunday.

for me, mate. Most women who get on the bus take their handbag out of their shopping bag, then their purse out of their handbag, fiddle around trying to find change that isn't there and eventually hand the driver a \$20 note which he can't change anyway. So an operation that should take a few seconds runs into minutes and if you multiply that by the number of women on the bus you don't have to be a bloody genius to wonder why buses run late!" Having paused to allow his wrath to abate, our Bus Stop Spy then muttered that Women's Lib had a lot to answer for (whatever that may mean). To which we add that BSS's views are not necessarily those of the management.

We applaud the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) decision to change its name to Warrandyte Information Services. We were knocking up phoning its number for a taxi and being disappointed.

It was a bit of a back-to-Warrandyte night at Newstead, near Castlemaine, recently when Allan Griffiths celebrated his 70th birthday. The older-timers among us will remember Allan as the big (in stature and voice) schoolteacher who lived on the corner of Pigeonbank Lane and KG Road, next door to the Chapman family, who were represented at his birthday—to the delight of the guest of hon-

our—by Jean and daughter Jenny. A lot of other Warrandyte folk shared the occasion. Allan is living in a hostel at Maldon following a stroke which affected one side of his body and his speech. But he's coming along just fine.

She has not yet attained the dizzy heights of world record-holder Emma George (who has?), but Warrandyte's Rachel Anderson, 14, is certainly getting up in the pole-vaulting world. Rachel won a silver medal at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Sydney in December with a personal best of 2.9 metres. She is coached by Mark Stewart and if you think she has learnt something from Emma you are probably right. They train together.

They're all over town. Handbills from Peter, advertising himself as "Conscious Tree Service". Just as well. We wouldn't fancy having an unconscious tree surgeon around the place. Could be dangerous. He guarantees to work with "conscious awareness and with care". Sounds conscientious to us. Peter's phone number, by the way, is 9844 4965.

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# Guarding the Green Wedge



By DAVID WYMAN

For those who like it the way it is now, 1996 marks the beginning of a new appreciation of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

Gone, hopefully, are the dubious claims by some landholders that large lot sizes lead to environmental degradation. And hopefully, too, we will all take up the purpose objectives of the new Landscape Interest Zone, which now covers the former three non-urban zones—Landscape Interest A and C and Conservation A.

The Minister for Planning's independent panel recommendation that the Green Wedge should be retained because of the value of its important visual and environmental qualities has ended a long period of false expectations for some and uncertainty for many residents.

As one submitter to the independent panel said, "It is time that the Wedge was acknowledged and respected once and for all".

The Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme stipulates that the primary purpose of the Landscape Interest Zone (the non-urban areas of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge) is "to protect and enhance existing rural residential character, landscape quality and other natural environmental characteristics of the zone in an equitable and sustainable manner".

Furthermore, it says the zone's purpose is "to recognise the value of native vegetation as wildlife habitat, as a corridor for wildlife movement, a source of genetic diversity and as a component of landscape quality contributing to the rural residential character of the area".

The planning scheme seeks "to promote revegetation of cleared areas with indigenous species".

Except with a permit from Manningham Council, native vegetation in the Landscape Interest Zone "must not be removed, destroyed or lopped except within 10 metres of a dwelling". This includes trees down to native ground covers.



Community land protection will help ensure he survives.

Clearing of native vegetation will only be permitted in areas where it will not have an adverse impact on landscape quality, wildlife habitat, or lead to soil erosion, land degradation or loss of water quality.

Any use and development of land in the zone must be designed and sited in recognition of the natural environment, energy efficiency, local amenity considerations and bushfire protection.

Manningham Council requires residents to apply for a permit "to construct a building or to construct or carry out works" within 20 metres of any boundary of their property. For example, that means you can't build a fence or a carport within 20 metres of a boundary without a permit.

Other purpose objectives in the planning scheme are:

- To protect and enhance areas identified as being sites of botanical or zoological significance.
- To ensure that land use and land management practices protect and enhance soil, water and air quality, native flora and fauna, and the rural residential character of the zone.
- To promote the control and eradication of pest plants and pest animals.
- To protect and enhance the character and quality of viewlines and panoramas.
- To promote good fire management practices.

And what a contrast this all is to the views of the 17 residents who each made a standardised submission to the independent panel: "The submitter opposes the amendment (to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme) as it relies upon restrictive planning controls that provide no incentives for landowners to maintain or improve their land. Limited subdivision should be permitted based on the environmental capability of the land. This will restore environmentally degraded areas and will help revegetate cleared land".

Manningham Council announced last year a \$20,000 Local Environment Action Fund to help provide land management relief to Green Wedge landowners. At the time of going to press, the *Diary* was told that 75 copies of the fund application form had been sent out but no applications had been received.

Application for grants of up to \$1500 must be lodged with Manningham Council by March 1, 1996.

Council is considering increasing the amount of funding in the 1996-97 financial year to \$40,000.

## Council cogitating on dunny demolition

Structural problems posing a threat to public safety have been given as the reason behind the closure of one of the toilet blocks at Warrandyte Reserve.

Manningham Council closed the toilet block nearest Warrandyte Road and erected a large fence around it late last year. Adam Kempton, chairman of commissioners, said the safety of residents and visitors was the reason behind the closure.

"The toilet block is very old and the brickwork and foundations have become very unstable due to the roots from a nearby tree," he said.

"The brickwork has several fractures and council felt in the interest of public safety that it should close the toilet block."

The toilet block near the small oval at the reserve has been deemed safe and will remain open.

A decision on whether the closed block should be repaired or removed will be considered as part of a council review of all public toilet blocks in the municipality.

"The review will look at the structure of toilet blocks, maintenance and usage," Adam Kempton said.

## Helping hand for kids in conflict

New funding for Warrandyte Youth Services under the Victorian Government Community Support Fund has enabled them to employ a part time parent resource worker.

In conjunction with the 808 Manningham Service, Kaye Ward has taken up the position through funding from the Office of Youth Affairs. She began last month and is making herself available to both parents and workers across the Manningham area.

Her secondary teaching and social work background provides her with experience in

working with families and offering crisis support, counselling and parenting programs. She is a mother of four children.

Kaye Ward's appointment will help parents who often struggle with the demands of guiding teenagers through the difficult period of adolescence.

Youth services co-ordinator Cathy Adamson says the service has faced an increasing number of parents seeking to overcome problems such as conflict over rules, discipline, anger, aggression, lack of motivation, sexuality, education and employment aspirations.

She says the service has run some parenting programs in the past but have been unable to meet parenting demands within their funded guidelines.

"The new Parent Resource Program will provide parent education courses and forums, offer secondary consultation to community workers, establish self-help groups for parents of 'at risk' adolescents, develop parenting resources available for parents and workers and offer short term counselling, information and referral for parents," she said.

Kaye Ward is available for con-

tact on Tuesday mornings at the 808 centre on 9848 2977 and Wednesdays and Fridays on 9844 2985 at Warrandyte. Calls can be made to the centre at other times, which Kaye will return.

As part of the new program the centre is running a Parenting with Confidence course for parents of adolescents.

The six week course will be held on Wednesday evenings between 7.45 and 10pm at the community centre. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Registrations can be made to the centre on 9844 2985.



Cathy Adamson

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# Two decades of festival fun thrilled Warrandyte

By DAVID HOGG

Warrandyte celebrates a special milestone on March 23 and 24 with the 20th annual Warrandyte Village Festival. In keeping with the anniversary, the theme for this year's festival is "Let's Celebrate!"

This year's main attraction will be a Big Night Out Youth Concert to be held on Warrandyte Reserve's main oval on the Saturday evening. Featuring continuous live bands, food stalls, buskers and entertainment, the evening will run from 4pm until at least midnight. Admission is free.

The "Let's Celebrate" theme

this year gives plenty of scope for local schools and clubs planning their spectacular floats for the Saturday morning festival parade. Birthday cakes, music, noise and colour are all in order.

Judges of the parade floats will be looking to make awards in the categories of most historical, most elaborate, most imaginative, most noisy, most colourful and most Warrandyte-ish.

Other new attractions at the festival this year will be helicopter rides from the recreation reserve, train, motorbike and jeep rides for two to 11 year-olds and a children's tent at Stiggants

Reserve.

All the old favourites will be there, including food and market stalls and a weekend of entertainment on two stages at Stiggants.

Although this will be the first festival where the Sunday evening concert is held in daylight saving time (daylight saving ends on March 31 this year), it will still be dark in time for the fireworks finale at 9pm on the Sunday night.

The banners will be going up throughout Warrandyte in early March.

There is still a need for more banners. Any individual or organisation who would like to paint a banner is welcome



to do so. The festival committee supplies the materials—you do the design and painting.

The festival committee is also looking for someone to make more metal brackets for the power poles. If you would like to paint a banner or can

make some brackets contact Lynne Damaschun on 9898 1616.

More buskers and entertainers are also needed—contact Leigh Hauser on 9844 1802. For parade enquiries, call Rick Gordon on 9844 2242. For all other enquiries contact

David Hogg on 9844 1858.

The March edition of the *Diary* will contain all the latest festival details, including a full festival program. So pencil March 23 and 24 into your diaries and come along and have a fantastic Warrandyte weekend.



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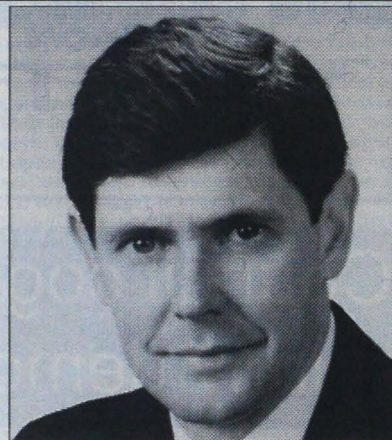
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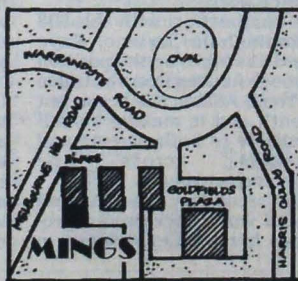
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# Spiritual life across a century

**T**HE story of Warrandyte's churches takes us through the very history of Warrandyte itself. Fires and floods, triumph and tragedy, the churches have not escaped the unpredictable forces of nature. The first Warrandyte service was held five years after Louis Michel's discovery of gold in 1851, when Lutheran minister, the Rev J. Goette conducted a service on the banks of the Yarra River.

By this time some 700 people, mostly gold prospectors, were living between the site of the present St Stephens church and the bridge. While the tents were slowly being replaced by 'wattle and daub' huts, living conditions were still very harsh.

In 1869 a church service was held in a tent adjacent to Andersons Creek (known today as Gold Memorial Road) and this was the beginning of St Stephens church. A wooden building was erected on the present site in 1870.

During 1906 land was given to the Baptist church by a Mrs Speers, allowing the building of a hall adjacent to the old post office, where the Gospel Chapel

stands today. It went into decline, however, and the hall remained vacant for many years.

The big event of 1906 was the opening of the New Caledonia mine which employed 200 men. That year also saw St Stephens build a larger building, and in 1907 St Gerards Roman Catholic church opened in Brackenbury Street.

By 1921 the Presbyterian Church had started services in the disused hall built by the Baptists. The first minister was Rev Tolhurst. The church survived the flood of 1924, the bushfires of 1927 and the enormous flood of November 30, 1934, when the church was submerged to its roof (pictured).

The following Sunday morning some wag put a notice on the church saying that the next hymn would be "Shall We Gather at the River?". The congregation had the unpleasant task of cleaning black, stinking silt from the building.

On January 13, 1939, a severe bushfire raged through Warrandyte destroying 168 homes, shops and the Presbyterian, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

The Presbyterians borrowed a

large marquee from the Ringwood church and erected it on land near the present police station. In the 1940s the Ringwood church wanted their marquee back. Rev Riddell was transferred and services were suspended.

The Church of England rebuilt St Stephens in 1940 and the Catholics rebuilt St Gerards in 1941.

The Mechanics Institute Hall, built in 1928, was the venue for a public meeting on September 26, 1955. It was then decided that regular monthly Presbyterian services should be held in Warrandyte. These services commenced on November 15 in the supper room at the Mechanics Hall.

In April 1956 the new congregation decided to buy a three quarter acre block of land near Keen's Cutting at a cost of 400 pounds (\$800). A building fund began and the name St Johns was selected.

In 1958 plans for a church building were established. Two wooden buildings were obtained from St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Box Hill and were transported to the block near Keen's Cutting.

These two buildings were joined with one end being the chapel and the other the hall and Sunday school. Volunteers worked every second Sunday on a working bee, with the other Sunday devoted to services.

Fate played a part in the completion of the building. A nearby resident's car ran down the hill and crashed into the wall of the chapel, causing 119 pounds worth of damage. This was a great disappointment to all who had worked on the building.

Good news was at hand, however. Malcolm Bird, an elder of the church, was travelling to work one morning when he saw a stained glass window in a wrecker's yard and thought it would fill the hole. He bought it, and the window was an almost perfect fit. The building was dedicated on Sunday, December 11, 1960.

It lasted barely a year. On January 13, 1962, Warrandyte was engulfed in bushfire once more. The building was destroyed.

St Stephens Church of England came to the rescue and offered their hall to the Presbyterians so they could continue their services.

By April 1962 the Taroona Av-

enue land had been chosen as a more suitable site to build the new church. The adjoining block came onto the market and it had a bungalow which is now used as the Sunday school.

Sketch plans were made by the board of management and John Hipwell's firm was taken on as the architects. By November 1962 the tender submitted by local builder Alex Edwards had been accepted. The cost of the building was 853 pounds, with the spire costing 100 pounds.

The church was dedicated on Sunday, August 11, 1963, by the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, the Rev Neil Brown.

After a growing push for many of the churches to amalgamate, St John's Presbyterian agreed with a positive vote of 98 per cent. On June 22, 1977 it became the Warrandyte Uniting Church. Nearly 90 people signed their names at the first service.

In the mid 1980s the parish council voted to erect a hall. Four people voted for it to be attached to the church, three voted for it to be separate. After many delays the hall was built by John Chapman and officially opened on May 26, 1991.

In 1985 the first full-time minister had been appointed. He was the Rev Stan Fishley.

At the end of 1993 the old manse in Trezise Street was deemed to be inadequate. It was sold and a new one bought at 106 Brackenbury Street. The property next to the church came on the market and the synod bought this as a future investment.

With the inspiration of Rev Smale and the help of an anonymous donor a stained glass window, designed by Walter Magilton and constructed and installed by members of the local congregation, was dedicated in November last year.

The church continues to be active with many members involved in youth clubs, bible study, tennis, badminton and fellowship groups. Each Sunday, worship and Sunday school are held at 10.15am. The church has also combined activities with other Warrandyte and Park Orchards churches.

In April this year the Rev Trevor Wilson will become the new minister.

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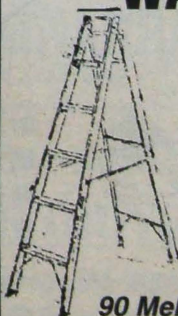
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## NATURE

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**I**N THE place where I stood the grass grew waist-high, practically obliterating the narrow dirt track. It was like being in the midst of a wheat field in rural England, only these sun-ripened seedheads were not rich gold but burnished bronze.

The grass which surrounded me was Kangaroo Grass and I was in Warrandyte, Victoria, although I could equally have been in any state of Australia or even Africa so widespread is this species of native grass.

I reached down and broke off one of the long arching stems.

Seen in detail the spiky seedhead was a fan-shaped arrangement composed of a series of dry husks. Protruding from the centre of each innermost husk was the awn—a glossy black needle-like structure.

When I gave one of the awns a gentle tug it came away in my hand complete with seed attached. So much packaging, I thought, for one small seed.

The seeds of Kangaroo Grass, like those of many native grasses, are a marvel of nature's ingenuity for they come equipped not only with a device for dispersal, but also a mechanism for sowing.

At the base of each seed is a roughened point known as the callus and it is this which enables the seed to latch onto the fur of animals ensuring that at least some of the seed is carried away to other areas.

By the same process and much to our annoyance, grass seeds get caught in clothing—especially socks—and can prove quite difficult to remove.

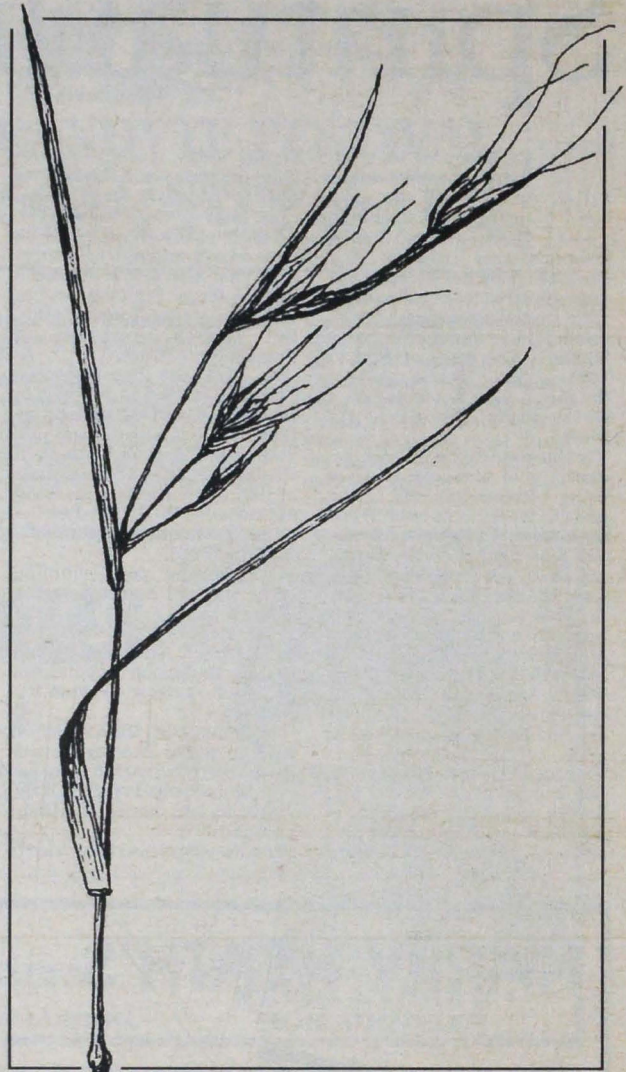
At the other end of the seed is the implement for sowing—the awn which when stimulated by moisture and then by drying begins to twist like a corkscrew literally drilling

the seed into the soil. The rolling basalt plains of Western Victoria were once home to huge mobs of kangaroos. The roos were there because of the grasslands—vast grasslands dominated by one species that later took the name of the animals they sustained, Kangaroo Grass. But such rich grazing land was too much for the early settlers to resist and sadly little remains of the original grasslands.

Although it is still a common and widespread grass, Kangaroo Grass survives mostly in small remnant patches along roadsides and along railway lines. All too often it is laced with exotic weedy grasses such as Sweet Vernal, Quaking and Fescue Grass.

Being a summer growing grass the leaves of Kangaroo Grass remain green throughout the hot dry months. It therefore poses a far less fire threat than the introduced pasture grasses that grow in the cooler months and dehydrate, turning bleached brown as the summer progresses.

For that reason alone Kangaroo Grass makes an ideal plant for local gardens—not as a lawn—there are other more suitable natives for that purpose, but as a feature for a bank, a rockery or in a pot. A bunch of Kangaroo Grass looks surprisingly attractive as cut foliage. It may be hard to come to grips with the fact that grasses are flowering plants, for their flowers do not conform to the brightly-coloured, sweetly-scented



stereotype. Nevertheless their subtle hues are pleasingly different and they keep for weeks in water.

There are about 37 species of native grasses in Warran-

dyte. They are not always easy to identify. However, there is no mistaking Kangaroo Grass. It was the first one I ever learnt and it is still one of my favourites.

## 'Fast footwork' on police residence?

Contrary to headlines claiming that the Warrandyte police residence was saved by the local member, we know now that is not the case.

Louise Joy and Jean Chapman, who started the campaign to save the house, received a letter from the Victoria Police Corporate Resources Department stating "There are no operational requirements to substantiate the retention of the residence which will now be disposed of in accordance with government policy."

## LETTER

Why does the parliamentary representative claim that only the police bureaucracy could make the decision whereas the public servant properly recognises that finally it is the elected representative who determines policy?

We will certainly continue our support of Victoria Police in our

community as requested in the letter but this will come much harder without the local sergeant living here.

The local member has done some fast footwork in persuading the Ministry of Planning to buy the house, an announcement he made with great flourish at the last open-air meeting. This is not the same as saving the police residence for continued occupation by the police. This does save an embarrassment in the house being put up for sale outside the local plan-

ning guidelines. The gazetting for sale in early September and the decision to buy the house for community purposes were made by the Ministry of Planning without a public exhibition period as happened with the St Kilda Road Tower.

Jean Chapman never gave up her fight to save the house. It becomes a parliamentary representative to take credit where no credit is due and to downgrade the efforts of local citizens.

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# Any geisha girls for Yarra Street?

**W**E HAD been walking around the five or six floors of new model Toyotas. Each floor was allocated to the newest models of sports cars, four-wheel drives, micros, luxury saloons and so on. The punters were at liberty to get in and get the feel of the different cars. I saw people slam doors, fiddle with knobs, wrench automatic gear shifts and countless children use cars like yet another attraction at Disneyland. All this was done to the accompaniment of the giant advertising television screen that ranged the six storeys alongside the escalators in the atrium.

There was, I must admit, a sense of unreality about the place, not just because of its size or the range of models we never get to see, but because there were no salesman hovering near the cars, answers ready whilst keeping you from over-handling the merchandise. The salespersons were there, ready to help when requested, but only when requested. The purpose of the building was to showcase the newest models and, come on, what are a few trashed cars when your potential home market is a paltry 120 million! Japan is different and holidaying in a mega city like Tokyo ruffles a few of your preconceptions about the way things are done here and "in the rest of the world". Having seen enough cars to satisfy the highest octane petrol-head, I suggested to



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**"The knowledge that I'd just parted with \$57 for two lemon squashes, one tea and a milk shake did very little for my equilibrium."**

Herself and the rels, with whom we were staying, that it was time for some refreshments. Naturally, there was a cafeteria on that level so we wandered in, sat down and ordered.

"My shout," I stated in my best Aristotle Onassis voice. "So, that's one iced tea, two lemon squashes and a yoghurt shake." The waitress translated my order and returned promptly with what we had requested.

It only took us two or three ascents of the TV screen for us to finish our drinks and decide that it was time to see more of Tokyo's delights. I gave the universal air scribble and in a flash had the bill in my hand. Herself glanced at me know-

ingly. I sauntered over to the cash register and handed over the 4200 yen.

As I pocketed the 800 yen change, I glanced at the conversion table we had organised before we left home. I don't think I actually stumbled out of the cafe but the knowledge that I'd just parted with \$57 for two lemon squashes, one tea and a milk shake did very little for my equilibrium. At that moment, I yearned for Australia.

It is, however, surprises like that, that are the soul of tourism. The world is becoming too "samey" and what, I believe, remains in most tourists' memories are the differences and quirky events involving people, long after the monuments and the cheap shopping have been forgotten.

All of which made me reconsider the handling of tourism in a place like Warrandyte. Despite what many of us Warrandyte ostriches would like to think, we do live in a tourist precinct. Indeed, I would go as far as to say that tourism is the only reason the township still exists. And it does so because people come here seeking the same experiences we did in Japan; natural beauty, places of historical significance, something different but not frighteningly so, but most of all to see the locals being and doing their own thing.

Some of my lasting memories of Tokyo will be of the commuters on Japan's spectacularly efficient public transport system, be it ordinary train, subway, bullet train or bus. Another is of food

being prepared at our table or within easy view. Or of craftspeople making goods at the point of sale.

I enjoyed seeing a variety of living conditions apart from those of our relatives. I also enjoyed seeing how the emperors and shoguns lived. We happily stopped for simple food and drinks in small single purpose restaurants. Japanese restaurateurs don't feel obliged to provide the gamut of national and international dishes. Instead one chooses to go to a noodle, yaki or sushi shop knowing its limitations whilst being assured of its quality.

So, for Warrandyte? We already have the natural beauty and undeniable history, but for serious tourism we need to stop thinking that all innovation, by definition, is bad. Why not a more viable, seven day township with potters potting, smiths smelting, painters painting, some alternative buildings sheltering "alternatives" as well as producing, on site, the products we want the tourists to eat, wear and take away? And not just in Yarra Street.

Japan doesn't need foreign tourists. We do! And I'm convinced they'll come if they can see the locals doing authentic, quality and photogenic things. Not quite Sovereign Hill perhaps, but something to cause the tourist buses to stop here, each day, before passing through the Yarra Valley wineries on their way to Phillip Island.

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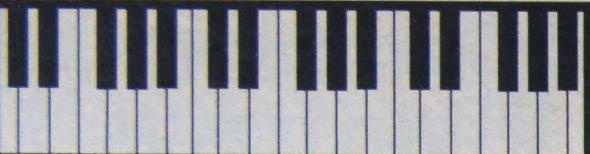
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**ROSS McLELLAN**

*A young life cut short*

**A** TRAGIC car accident early last month claimed the life of energetic and well-known local, 19 year-old Ross McLellan.

Ross, much loved for his enthusiasm and larrikin nature, lived all his short life in Warrandyte. He attended Andersons Creek Primary School and Warrandyte High School and was a well-respected member of the Warrandyte Basketball Club.

Right from his earliest days, his cheeky grin indicated that he didn't mind a joke. His poor Nana found that out when Ross was aged four. He locked her out of the house and watched with laughing eyes as she pleaded for him to let her in.

While school was not regarded as being his first love, when there was a task he enjoyed doing he handled it with great aplomb. This was borne out in his recent years at trade school where he was training to be a plumber, having passed his VCE. He was regularly cautioned by the teachers for going too fast and being well ahead of the rest of the class.

But it was no surprise that he wanted to be a plumber like his father Ron. He would have been the sixth generation McLellan to do so.

Ross was extremely competitive in everything he did. Everything was a challenge, be it against himself, his mates or the clock. Good natured with a zest for life, his father Ron said he

was often told by the mums of his many friends that should he ever leave home they would adopt him as their son.

Ross's sporting nature was as varied as it was successful. From basketball to golf, skiing to boxing he was a dab hand at most things he turned to.

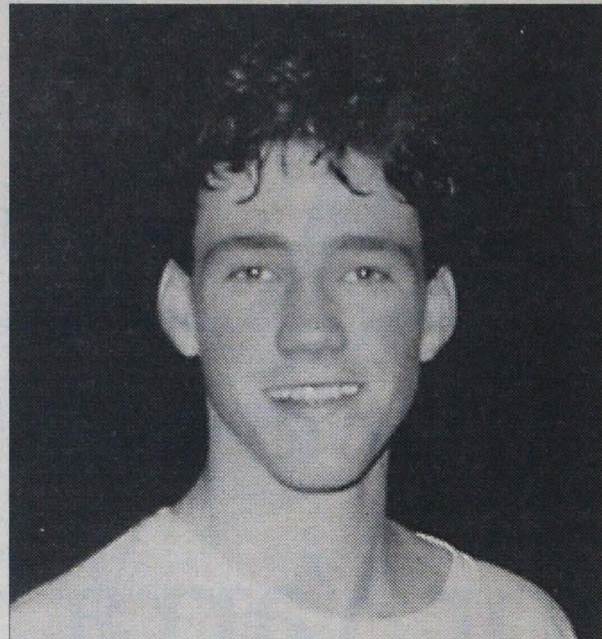
But it was basketball where he excelled. He toured America with a high school team and was one of the longest serving Redbacks, having started in the under eights in the early 1980s, continuing through to the under 20s last year.

His success also took him to the elite A grade level with Nunawading. But to many people's surprise, considering his success, he did not continue there, preferring to return to Warrandyte to play alongside his mates. He went out with a premiership in his last season.

He was then too old for junior basketball and became a dominant player in the Wednesday night men's competition. He enjoyed the spirited play and mateship the game entailed, but always put something back, coaching many Warrandyte juniors and refereeing games as well. Redbacks president Bruce Macdonald said the club would strike an award in his memory.

With Ross around there was rarely a quiet moment. He lived life in the fast lane and played hard. Some said he played too hard. But he never learned to take his foot off the throttle.

He was always willing to give



Ross McLellan

everything a go. He began boxing training recently with a former champion, who said Ross had the potential and quickness to go to the top. His friends would find him at home practising on the punching bag and speed ball.

It is often said that you don't recognise how important someone is until they're not there.

Ross's friends now know this is true.

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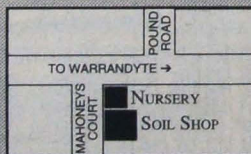
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# FRANCIS HOUGHTON Veteran of our village

**W**ARRANDYTE lost a long-time friend on January 14 with the passing of Francis Houghton.

Born at the family home in Warrandyte on August 11, 1907, Francis was one of 10 children born to wood merchant and prospector Herbert George Houghton and May Houghton. The home at Andersons Creek was quite crowded as Frank was growing up.

He was a student at the local school until the eighth grade, where he obtained his Merit Certificate at the age of 14. After working for his father cutting wood for two years, Francis left and worked in numerous other jobs, including fruit picking and packing at orchards and driving a truck.

It was in Warrandyte where he met Edith Warr, a local girl, who was Frank's wife-to-be. The couple married in December, 1927 and they settled in Warrandyte. They had two children, daughter Frances and son Len.

In the mid 1930s when the SEC was constructing power lines through Warrandyte they employed many of the local men. This work eventually took Frank away from home and he worked in many different places throughout Victoria.

Because of this he could only return home once a fortnight to see his family, something he later regretted.

With the advent of World War II Frank joined the army on October 28, 1941, and served with the 2nd/148th Australian General Transport Unit until discharged in March 1944.

During his absence the family moved to Prahran where it was easier for the children to finish their schooling and get to work.

Frank returned and worked for the SEC until his retirement at



Edith and Frank Houghton

the age of 60 in 1967. Following moves to Ormond and then Clayton, the family spent 25 years at Eden in New South Wales before Frank and Edith returned to where it all began in January 1992.

Frank was a happy and cheerful man with a good sense of humour. Well-liked and respected by all who knew him, he was proud to be a grandfather and eventually a great grandfather.

A veteran of many Warrandyte football and cricket teams, Frank was secretary of the club

for the 1933 football premier-ship, when the side featured three Houghtons.

Frank would later follow Collingwood closely, walking to the matches when he lived in the city and taking grandson Robert.

A fine lawn bowler in retirement, Frank's efforts in Eden were recognised with life membership of the club, for a man they all called 'Grandad'.

A keen fisherman, gardener and dancer, he was an adept handyman around the house and in his workshop. Western novels and the daily newspaper were never

far away, either.

Frank and Edith's return in 1992 to live with son Len saw Frank living barely 400 yards from where he was born. At the time of Frank's death last month he was the oldest Warrandyte-born resident living in Warrandyte. He had been married to Edith for 68 years.

Frank is survived by Edith, Frances, Len, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, as well as Frank's sister Edna, Edna's husband Eric and a wealth of nieces and nephews.

## Neighbourhood computer courses

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is running introductory computer courses to help expand awareness of computers for all ages.

The house has been lent 12 computers and will run three courses, which when completed can be used as part of the TAFE course Certificate in Information Technology.

There are two three-hour sessions each week for the word processing, spreadsheet and database fundamentals courses. Participants will need to buy a \$29 manual for each course.

Shorter computer workshops will be held on Saturdays and Sundays for three

consecutive weeks, from 9am to 5pm. They will cost \$80. Keyboarding and word processing will be included in these workshops.

For further information and times of the courses, phone the house on 9844 1839.

The house has expanded its range of programs in 1996 and now caters for a wide diversity in tastes.

Classes include line dancing, folk art, yoga, crafts, leadlighting, assertive parenting, Italian, cooking, English and public speaking.

Workshops will be run on raffia hat making, calligraphy, landscaping a natural garden, decoupage, therapeutic

massage, paper tolle, abseiling and canoeing.

The neighbourhood house will be promoting Women's Health Week—1 to 9 March. Sessions will include aromatherapy, relaxation, stress-releasing workshop and therapeutic massage.

Occasional childcare, a book exchange and family support programs all combine to make the neighbourhood house an important asset in the local community.

The house is open between 9.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday at the community centre.

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Lions would also like to acknowledge the work of our manager Glenys Riches and our volunteers, without whom nothing could have been achieved. We look forward to your continuing support during 1996 with goods and additional volunteers.  
CARL SANDERS  
CHAIRMAN, OPP SHOP COMMITTEE

# Rock and roll fire night

As a fund-raising effort for the North Warrandyte CFA brigade, a rock-and-roll night will be held at the Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra Street on Friday, March 1 commencing at 8.30pm. The night, featuring entertainer Andrew Portelli, is planned as a tribute to the legendary Elvis Presley. Bookings are essential and may be made at the hotel. Tickets cost \$12, including supper. The community bus will be available to take residents home after the event.



Conducted by **JUDY GREEN**

Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, fax it to 9844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113, by the last Friday in the month.

## Mums

The next meeting of the Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Association will be held at 8pm on Tuesday, February 13 at 13 Cooks Crescent, North Warrandyte. A qualified instructor will demonstrate baby, child and adult resuscitation techniques. At 10am on Wednesday, February 28, there will be a monthly morning coffee at the North Warrandyte adventure playground. Phone Andrea on 9844 1112 or Jenny on 9844 4730 for further information.

## Churches

Various groups connected with local churches are resuming their activities this month. The Anglican Church conducts Sunday school, a children's club and a youth club. They can be contacted on 9844 3473. The Catholic Church has children's liturgy, catechetics and a youth club. Further details on 9876 1509. The Community Church runs Sunday school, youth club,

Good News club and a playgroup and can be contacted on 9844 4148. The Uniting Church has Sunday school and a youth club. Call 9844 2038 for further information.

## Ranger

Friends of Warrandyte State Park recently welcomed the new chief ranger for the Yarra Ranges district, David Nugent. The Yarra Ranges area includes Warrandyte State Park where Matt Le Duc remains as ranger-in-charge. David Nugent was posted to Yarra Ranges from his previous position in the Ballarat area.

## Seniors

Warrandyte Senior Citizens are holding a variety night at their centre in Taroona Avenue on Friday, February 23 commencing at 7.30pm. Bring your own food and drink. The cost is \$5 per head and tables may be

booked on 9844 2437, between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday, or after hours on 9876 3221.

## Dancing

The next South Warrandyte regular monthly dance will be held on Saturday, March 9 in the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road. It will include old-time, with some new vogue and modern. Tickets are \$5, bring your own drinks and supper. Tea and coffee provided. Enquiries to 9723 3892.

## Collection

At the combined churches carol service, held on Stiggants Reserve before Christmas, \$477 was collected for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The inter-church council would like to thank carollers for their support on the night and for their generosity.

## Concert

A fund-raising concert for Louise Joy, independent candidate for Warrandyte at the next state elections, will be held in the Mechanics Institute on Saturday, March 9 at 8pm. The wide variety of items will include many local artists. Admission is by donation. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

## Health

The Box Hill Community Health Service is sponsoring a self-management course for people with such chronic illnesses as

asthma, diabetes, heart disease and other conditions. Morning classes begin on Thursday, February 29 for seven weeks. Call 9890 2220 for further information.

## Christianity

Warrandyte Community Church is running a free, six weeks course for those interested in exploring the Christian faith. Entitled "Christianity Explained", it is designed for people with no prior knowledge of the bible. Further details from Pastor Keep on 9844 4148, or call at 57 Yarra Street.

## First aid

St Johns Ambulance is running a first aid course entitled "Be Prepared for an Emergency—Learn First Aid", commencing Wednesday, February 21 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 7.15 to 10.30pm. The course will run for seven weeks and bookings can be made through 13 1394. Enquiries on 9736 2130.

## Meetings

City of Manningham has announced that council meetings will now be held every three weeks instead of fortnightly, as before. They will alternate between the council chambers in Doncaster and various community venues. The next meeting in Warrandyte will be at the community centre on Tuesday, April 23. Residents are invited to attend and further information can be obtained from 9840 9230.

# Footy coach 'disappoints'

I am writing in reference to the Lee Tindale article in the December 1995 edition of the *Diary* headed "Bloods in shock as coach Dickson quits".

As my family and I are long time supporters of the Warrandyte Football Club through both junior and senior club affiliations I was very disappointed to read the comments attributed to David Dickson.

The inference that all the supporters had 10 cans under their belts and were issuing obscenities is something I find personally very offensive and also very demeaning of the many members and supporters that were present on the day referenced.

Warrandyte Football Club certainly did not have a very good senior season in 1995. After a promising first year up in second division in 1994 and only just missing the finals of that year to almost be relegated in this past season was very poor indeed. Club members have every



right to be disappointed in the on-field performances of the year, which in this grade of football is ultimately the coach's responsibility. To have such negative things said by the coach is perhaps an indictment of the effort he put in.

It is certainly hard enough to get parent and supporter interest without outbursts such as those reported which are very negative and make the club seem to be something which it is not.

Football is a great game and Warrandyte Football Club through both the junior and senior teams provides a very fulfilling sporting and social outlet for over 200 boys and young men and their families and supporters.

Roger Drew and family,  
North Warrandyte

Signed letters are preferred. If pen-names are used, actual names and addresses must be included, even if not to be published.

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Manningham City Council has prepared Amendment L97 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme.

The amendment changes the use table of the Environmental Residential Zone by including the "Bed and Breakfast Accommodation" use in Section 2 as a permit required use. At present this use is prohibited because any use not specifically listed in Section 1 (Permit not required) or 2 (Permit required) automatically revert to a Section 3 (Prohibited) use.

The amendment can be inspected at:

- Manningham City Council Municipal Offices  
699 Doncaster Road  
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- Department of Planning and Development  
Ground Floor  
The Olderfleet Buildings  
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Manningham City Council  
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Attention: Manager Economic & Environmental Planning

Before: 26 February 1996

# Bloods back on track at last!

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club's delayed pre-season is under way at last, under new coach Ralph Jones.

The start of preparations for the Bloods' 1996 season in EDFL Second Division had been stalled by the search for a coach to replace David Dickson, who resigned suddenly on November 30.

Jones, 32, of Croydon, was appointed on January 22. He was interviewed by the committee as senior players took charge of Warrandyte's first training run of the new campaign.

The new coach played more than 300 games at VFL, VFA and country level. He was four years at St Kilda (winning that club's thirds best and fairest award in 1981), played for Kilsyth in the VFA and spent seven years in the strong Ballarat league.

He coached EDFL side Mooroolbark at 19 and was later at the helm of Beaufort (Ballarat) and Berwick (South-West Gippsland).

"The people of Warrandyte are wonderful, football here is self-contained and has great local support," Jones told the *Diary*.

"I'm here for success, to be a part of Warrandyte taking the step up into First Division.

"What I've seen at this club so far is terrific. They are a terrific bunch of blokes who want to do the right thing by the town. They don't want to let Warrandyte down."

Jones said he was particularly keen to see the return of players who had left the club after the 1993 premiership.

WFC president Lex Munro said the club had spo-

ken to "about 10" players during its summer recruiting campaign, but it was too early to say how many of those would line up with the Bloods in 1996.

On the debit side are doubts about the availability of dual best and fairest winners Darren Peters and Steve Carroll and dashing young defender Luke McFarlane-Smith.

Peters, the 1993 premiership coach, has been training in the amateur ranks and Carroll, who will be available for only the first eight games before travelling around Australia, may play those with First Division club Donvale. McFarlane-Smith has also been training elsewhere.

However, the club hopes all three will line up in the red and white in the season's opener on April 13.

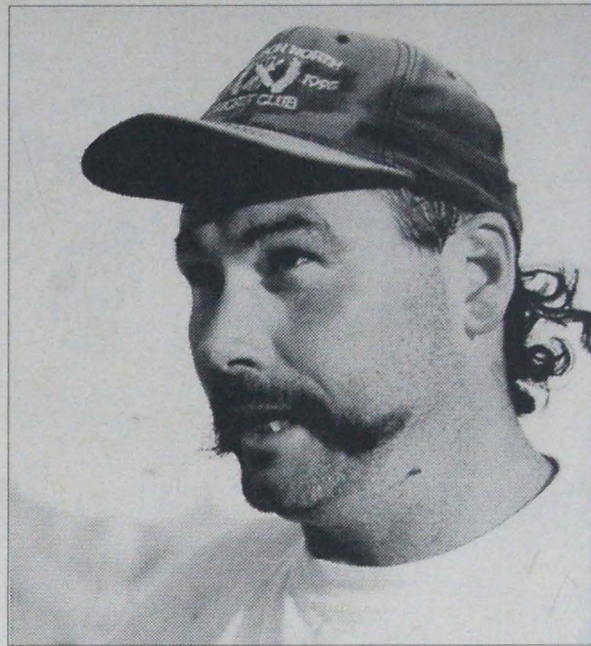
On the credit side is the possibility that premiership full-forward Darren Murphy, another best and fairest winner, will return after a year's lay-off.

Warrandyte is looking for players for all senior and junior teams.

The contacts are Ralph Jones (9725 6246, 015 535 532), David Purcell (9842 7021) and John O'Brien (9844 1814).

Robert Ireland has been reappointed under-18s coach. The Reserves coach has not yet been announced. Senior and reserves training will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the recreation reserve becomes available Tuesday and Thursday.

Warrandyte's senior 1996 fixtures will be published in the *March Diary*.



New Bloods coach Ralph Jones: "I'm here for success."

## Win at 'world's biggest event'

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club returned with one premiership and two beaten grand finalists from a junior tournament labelled the world's biggest over the Australia Day long weekend.

The club entered 12 teams in the annual start to the basketball year, which featured 475 teams and some 3700 players from around southern Australia.

The Redbacks who took on the best and won were the under 16B1 boys coached by Gavin Whitmore. After sweeping through their regular matches 7-0, grand final opponents Griffin, from the ACT, knew they would be in for a hard game.

The boys from the nation's capital proved more than a match, however, leading 27-21 by half time. But Michael Clark (14 points) gave the Redbacks the spark needed to start the second stanza. When Simon Arsenis (12) scored on a long jump shot after 10 minutes the Redbacks had snared the lead.

Ben Walsham (11), Callum Anderson and Shaun Irvine (both nine) all found the hoop, and when Irvine potted five quick points with just two minutes left Warrandyte had broken to a 53-44 lead. They won 55-47.

A large crowd saw Wendi Hawley's 12B girls play Eltham in their final. The Redbacks led 6-2 and were ahead 9-6 at half time before they found trouble.

Despite two attempts to take the lead in the last minute and seven points from Casey Hawley and six from Kimberley Singh, Warrandyte lost 21-22.

Also losing a close one were Whitmore's 14B1 boys. They led Doncaster 14-12 at half time but slipped behind 26-34.

But Deane Kropp (11) found the basket as they closed within three with just seconds left.

It was not to be, however, Doncaster winning 40-34.

Of the other sides, Peter Wynne's 16B2 boys provided a highlight against the previously unbeaten Research in their last game. The boys played their best basketball to win through to the semi-finals.

Registrations for junior players wishing to play on Saturdays will be taken between 10am and 7pm on Saturday, February 17 at Warrandyte High School stadium. Enquiries can be directed to Bruce Macdonald (9844 3200) for boys or Sue Cutler (9722 1504) for girls.

Meanwhile, in the Greyburn Cup grand finals in December, the North Ringwood Hooters made it back-to-back when they beat the Hitmen 49-48. Warrandyte won their first over-30 section when they beat the Plastics 48-31. In the Grand Hotel Cup, the Phantoms lost a third final, this time 28-32 to the Sneakers.

# Dytes 'a disaster'

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Chandler Shield eleven's disastrous season could end in relegation unless it wins at least one of its final two games.

With just one win and a draw to show from nine matches this season, the team must cast aside its mediocre form or face the very real prospect of playing in a lower grade next season.

Captain Tony Sturesteps, one of just a couple of consistent contributors, says the team is carrying some players.

"You can't win games with only three or four contributors each week. It has been left up to too few to do the job," he said.

"There has been a lack of consistency from the top seven batsmen—no one has been able to continually make good scores. It's disappointing when the last seven in the team can't even get 100 or so."

It was this last seven who folded meekly in the recent game against Parkwood. Well placed at 2/131 chasing 234 to win, Warrandyte lost 8/63 to throw away a chance at victory.

Besides Sturesteps' 91 and opener Steve Bell's 27 no one could get past the mid-teens.

While pace bowler Gerald Walshe had taken 5/74 to restrict



Tony Sturesteps: in form with bat and ball

Parkwood to a reachable total, the bats failed to convert after a golden start.

"It's frustrating when most opponents say that we're a reasonably good side," Sturesteps said. "But we just can't seem to win. We have to get the winning feeling and a belief in our own ability back."

Aside from its own disappointing play, the team has fallen victim to some absurd rules.

In the first game after Christmas, a one-day match at Ainslie

## One victory, or relegation

### CRICKET DETAILS

**FIRSTS:** Warrandyte 170 lost to Kilsyth 358 (Bell 3/47). Warrandyte 9/125 (Sturesteps 33, Snaidero 20) lost to Mooroolbark 174 (Sturesteps 4/37). Warrandyte 193 (Sturesteps 90, Bell 48) lost to Ainslie Park 9/194. Warrandyte 6/403 (Sturesteps 133, Bell 82, Tyrell 76) drew Lilydale 8/248 (Sturesteps 3/70). Warrandyte 194 (Sturesteps 91, Bell 27) lost to Parkwood 233 (Walshe 5/74) and 3/71.

**SECONDS:** Warrandyte 49 and 4/106 (A.Snaidero 55 n.o.) lost to Kilsyth 262. Warrandyte 9/74 (N.Brisbane 19) lost to Mooroolbark 202 (Rodgers 5/58). Warrandyte 179 (B.Kline 36) d Ainslie Park 150 (P.Sharpe 4/24). Warrandyte 163 (P.Hughes 43) lost to Lilydale 166 (Davis 4/63). Warrandyte 227 (N.Brisbane 60) d Parkwood 180 (Summers 6/60).

**THIRDS:** Warrandyte 246 (Rough 80) lost

Park, Warrandyte was bowled out for 193 in the 45th over. But Ainslie Park faced 55 overs to make the runs, its own 50 plus the five Warrandyte didn't use.

At the 50 over mark Ainslie Park was 8/168 but stole victory with a run off the final ball of the match as the last pair added 16 in the final two overs.

The following match produced more heartache. Against Lilydale, Warrandyte's partner

to Kilsyth 6/283 and 3/102. Warrandyte 8/203 (Creber 53) d Mooroolbark 111 (Smead 4/29). Warrandyte 3/74 drew with Lilydale 176 (Baker 7/64). Warrandyte 8/350 (Creber 119, Smead 85, Chapman 40) d Parkwood 157 (S.Baker 4/42).

**FOURTHS:** Warrandyte 5/308 (Andy King 118, Watts 68) d Mooroolbark 7/93 (Webb 4/28). Warrandyte 267 (N.Raby 63, Anderson 45) d Lilydale 71 (Alan King 5/18). Warrandyte 369 (J.Gathercole 122 n.o., Brent 53) d Parkwood 183 (Webb 4/59, Sharpe 3/38).

**FIFTHS:** Warrandyte 146 and 166 (Revell 57, O'Loughlin 36) d Bayswater Park 92 and 8/168 (O'Loughlin 5/47, Curiale 4/31). Warrandyte 7/145 (Lawrence 46, Revell 39) lost to Wonga Park 6/176 (O'Loughlin 4/49). Warrandyte 9/296 (Heins 57, J.Cloke 52) d Wantirna South 241 (D.Cloke 5/42).

at the foot of the ladder, Sturesteps belted 133 and Bell 82 as the Dytes piled on 6/403, their second highest score in the Chandler Shield (see cartoon below).

Rain the following week marred proceedings, as just one extra hour could be added for play lost during the day. With Lilydale no hope of winning, Warrandyte tried in vain to get through the 80 overs before

7pm. It failed by just two minutes and two wickets, as Lilydale dawdled to 8/242.

When stumps were drawn with one over left, the sun broke through, bathing the ground in sunshine, leaving a bitter taste for the Dytes.

"There must be allowances in the rules—especially in daylight saving—to be able to play after seven o'clock to complete a game," Sturesteps said.

"The light was better than it had been for most of the day. It's up to the umpires to try to make every endeavour to get a result out of a game and I don't believe they did. It's a problem the RDCA has to address."

The seconds are in finals contention while the fifths are on top. A dour 122 not out from veteran Jim Gathercole has kept the fourths in the top four.

● Meanwhile, the club has three social events planned to finish the season. A wine tasting day is on Sunday, February 25, a band night at the Grand Hotel is on March 2 while the club's presentation night is on March 16 at the club rooms. Enquiries can be directed to Cam Day on 9844 2423 or Dave Mooney on 015 307 703.

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