

'Better town' planned

By DAVID WYMAN

A wide range of projects intended to make Warrandyte a better place for its residents and visitors is being planned in a new Warrandyte Street Life Heritage and Employment Program.

This program stems from a public meeting in Warrandyte in November last year, under the auspices of the Warrandyte Business Association (WBA), which sought to identify development directions for the town and attracted much interest from residents and community groups.

The *Diary* reported in December that the WBA had obtained Manningham City Council funding for several projects to attract visitors, including radio advertising and signage for the town.

Parallel to this is the Street Life Program, a separate scheme under the auspices of WBA, but funded by the state government and Manningham Council.

WBA president, Tony Summers, told the *Diary* that the community-based Street Life group meets on the third Monday of each month at 8pm at the community centre. Anyone can attend.

"The group is working on the main recommendations of the November meeting, the primary one being to develop a conservation and heritage strategy for Warrandyte," he said.

The Street Life Program will include WBA's promotion projects for convenience reasons and all

will be overseen by a paid co-ordinator, Meredith Thornton, who also manages the community centre.

Tony Summers said one of the projects to begin shortly was a major landscaping plan which local landscape designer, Bev Hanson, was co-ordinating.

"This includes planting Forbes Street with indigenous plants, involving the primary school children, and more planting in Webb Street alongside the Quarry Disaster Houses site," he said.

"On a grander scale, we are seeking funding under Landcare for re-landscaping the whole of the town." This is understood to be on the south side of Yarra Street between Stiggant Street and Mullens Road.

A heritage group, which involves the Warrandyte Historical Society, is planning an orientation course for local business people to familiarise them with local historical sites. "We are looking at boosting the historical society's presence in the town," Tony Summers said.

"Another group is looking at parking areas, footpaths, and signage around the town. Plans have been approved by council to upgrade the footpath between the community centre and the east end shops.

"The car park opposite the Grand Hotel will be upgraded by council in the current financial year, and another car parking area will be developed on the north side of Yarra Street, behind the elm trees opposite the community centre. This area is degraded and work is expected to begin there in June."

The announcement in the December *Diary* that \$80,000 would be spent on new signs in Warrandyte caused some public concern. But Tony Summers said that the signage program did not necessarily mean that there would be more or larger signs in the town. "What we are talking about is rationalising the signs in the town and making them complementary to the buildings and our environment," he said.

"We have had discussions with council's heritage adviser and we are confident we will have signage design that is appealing, discreet and says 'Warrandyte'.

"If we pursue the idea that we need freer pedestrian movement in the town then a lot of the signs would be along walkways and they would be quite small signs, tasteful and not intrusive.

Tony Summers said the group was looking at signage on buildings and whether the town's signage should be in similar or matching style. A review of signage at other Victorian sites had indicated that signs of similar graphic style, but not necessarily the same, worked very well.

"And yes, there will be three large signs saying Warrandyte—but they will replace those already there."

Tony Summers said the Street Life group had considered kerbing in the town, "given that sometimes we have to have it". The group had opted for the style of kerbing outside the community centre despite the fact that it cost twice as much as plain concrete kerbing.



Fun-filled and fancy free! This little girl represents the spirit of Warrandyte's fantastic 20th Village Festival. Lots more Sandy Burgoyne pix inside.



Research Road rescue

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Lachlan Sumner says he has learned a lesson from what took place on Saturday morning, March 9, when a prank with his brother went horribly wrong.

The two boys were bushwalking and looking for native birds in the state park in North Warrandyte when they came to the lookout tower opposite Dingley Dell Road.

Lachlan, in his own words, was "being silly, teasing my 16 year-old brother and hanging off the edge of the tower".

CFA and SES volunteers rescue Lachlan Sumner from the bottom of a cliff-face on Research Road. (Picture by Clinton Grybas)

It would prove to be a near-fatal game. Lachlan, 14, lost his grip and plummeted 25 to 30 metres to the ground below. Fortunately, he did not fall on his head, a blow which could have killed him.

"I remember lying there in shock," he said. "I couldn't feel any pain. I couldn't feel anything. I was just numb."

His brother raced back up to Kangaroo Ground Road and flagged down a passing car.

Fortunately, the car belonged to Raine Skinner, who had completed a first aid course and knew the basics for the situation. She has been hailed as a hero in her efforts to treat Lachlan.

"She climbed down the cliff face to give first aid and comfort the boy," said one passer-

by. "I think she is a real hero. There is no way I could have climbed down there and she is a lot older than me. We need more residents like her."

Lachlan, who lives in North Ringwood, thanked her for her efforts.

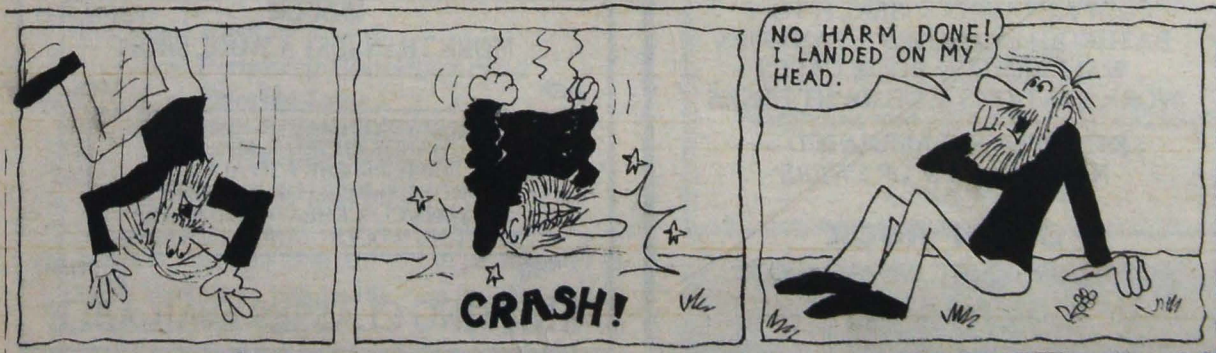
Within minutes a team of SES workers, CFA volunteers and police were on the scene. Lachlan was winched up to the tower and ferried to Box Hill Hospital where he remained for four days.

He had two operations on his right leg and has a fractured tibia and fibula. The leg is in full plaster and will remain so for several more weeks. But it could have been a lot worse.

"I have learnt my lesson," Lachlan said, "and I won't be doing that again."

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A little out of season, but goodness prevails

Ideally, this column would have been written in our December issue, leading up to the traditional season of goodwill, because the first few items have to do with goodness, kindness, gratitude and niceness. The text will inevitably degenerate at some stage thereafter and for those of you who find it difficult to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, we'll blow a little whistle.

It is seven years this month since Gary (Madge) Allsop, then 28, was crippled while playing senior football for Warrandyte at Upper Ferntree Gully. Madge has been in a wheelchair ever since, but that doesn't stop him being excited about the future and grateful in an ongoing way. "Mate," he said when he phoned the other day, "could you put a bit in the *Diary* thanking the Warrandyte Lions Club for what they've just done for me?" Sure. Tell us more. "Okay. You remember that combi van we bought out of the trust fund the footy club set up for me, the van we had converted to take the wheelchair? Well, it's been great. My dad, Fred, takes me anywhere I want to go in it, but gee it got hot in summer. Dad heard the Warrandyte Lions might be able to help and, unbeknown to me, got in touch with them. Peter Watts did the rest. I'd been in hospital for five months with pressure sores and it was 30 degrees the day I came out. I wasn't looking forward to the trip home—but surprise, surprise. The Lions had fully air-conditioned the van! I believe it cost them \$4000 and I really just can't thank them enough." If a thank-you is worth a dollar, Madge Allsop says thanks 4000 times.

Just as a Yarra Street trader was contemplating suicide (or at very least a very large brandy to stiffen his resolve to attempt it), the good news arrived. The large sum of money he'd lost had been found—by none other than Noel Brandie (no relation of the large brandy our trader had been contemplating), of our Commonwealth Bank, who'd taken it straightaway to the police station. "Which bank?" asks the trader in a thank-you note he passed to us, and in a pretty darned clever way to get his saviour's employer a free plug. Okay, we'll say it again: the Commonwealth.

For the possession of sheer moral fibre and strength in the face of temptation we lift our lid to David Dawson, of our Community Church. David was strolling the riverbank on Warrandyte Festival Saturday when a voluptuous lady (or should we say siren?) from the Zollo Loupo wandering cabaret accosted him as part of the troupe's act. "Come with me," she invited in a voice oozing sex and syrup. Poor David turned a shade of pale and melted into the crowd—but the temptress hadn't finished yet. She pursued and twice more accosted him, the second time using her heavy artillery by lying provocatively in front of him. But she'd met her match in David Dawson. This time he fled.

IN RED & WHITE



Sergeant Keith Walker. Right street, wrong house.

Consider that promised whistle blown. We have no idea if Marilyn Imbery and her partner Alistair Brown have more or fewer domestics than the average couple, but you can always bet on a bit of a blue on Festival Friday. Marilyn does a very fine job organising the market stalls and Alistair tags along to help her mark out white lines to designate where each stall will be set up. Invariably, this leads to some degree of disputation. This year, Marilyn told the love of her life to "paint a white line from here to that tree over there". Alistair, of course, picked the wrong tree—and those lime lines just don't seem to rub out. When last seen, Alistair was fleeing the reserve with Marilyn in hot pursuit and brandishing what appeared to be a hammer.

Martin Walker, the festival's tongue-in-cheek Sunday evening concert MC, gave 12 plugs during the show to the Lions Club's food stall. We know because we counted 'em. And what a coincidence that under "Advertising" in their accounts, the Lions seemed to have written off 12 hamburgers and 12 stubbies of beer. By evening's end, Martin appeared very well fed and not desperately in need of a drink.

The countdown to the launch of the festival Duck Race was going very well. The tarp containing the contestants had been pulled out above the centre of the river on the flying fox. Five, four, three, two, one. Launch! The SES person pulled the lever. Nothing happened. The knot remained knotted. One



thousand little plastic ducks remained captive. The SES's Justin Kibbell sprang to the rescue. Justin was winched out on a wire and, to a hero's reception, set in motion one of the festival highlights. The race was actually won by three ducks of the live variety which paddled across the finish line with their 1000 plastic cousins, sporting some weird and wonderful warpaint, giving chase. The judges disqualified the feathered three because means of propulsion—particularly webbed feet—are strictly disallowed.

Festival chairman John Boyle asked our police chief, Sergeant Keith Walker, to attend the last committee meeting, at the Boyle home in Osborne Road, so he'd be fully familiar with what had been planned. "Just walk straight in, through the family room, and you'll find us all in the big lounge at the back," he said. Our sergeant followed those directions—but unfortunately chose the house next door and walked in on a very surprised Lynne and Gordon Johnson as they ate their evening meal in the kitchen. So much for asking a policeman if you want to know the way!

City of Manningham Commissioner Hector Davis, who opened the festival on the Saturday, is no stranger to such events. He's been involved in a number of similar celebrations elsewhere and was actually town crier at the Heidelberg festival. Onyer, sir! And would now be a good time to ask for a substantial increase in the city's financial contribution to our fest next year?

Hold the presses for another hit from our founding and ongoing editor, Cliff Green. Mercury, a 13-part ABC-TV drama created by Cliff, goes to air at 8.30 on Thursday nights, starting May 2. It is set in the office of a Melbourne Sunday newspaper. Stay tuned, folks.



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Basketball club at the festival: 500 kids with not enough space to play. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

Basketballers' plight brings mixed reaction

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Newly re-elected Warrandyte MP Phil Honeywood is making sporting facilities a priority in his third term in office. And he says a new basketball stadium is high among them.

"Unfortunately Warrandyte Basketball Club have never raised this issue with me before," he told the *Diary*. "I only learned about it from parents of affected children known to me personally."

He said the new stadium, which could be an addition to the present facility at Warrandyte High School or located at Warrandyte Reserve, could be financed through several programs.

"A combination of federal, state and local government grant programs could be used," he said. "But there would need to be some commitment for partial payment in fees by the club, that is, to pay off a partial equity loan."

He said council has the responsibility for sporting reserve land in the area and he would convene a "special meeting on the issue with local council commissioners" as well as writing "letters of support for funding and delegations to federal and state ministers".

He said sporting facilities for Warrandyte's young people had historically been an on-going problem, whether it involved elected councillors or commissioners.

"It is therefore pleasing to see that the current council is now conducting a major investigation into sports facilities required for the future," he said. Manningham council chief

commissioner, Adam Kempton, said basketball, like all sports in the municipality, would be looked at in the investigation.

"Council is aware of the Warrandyte community's desire for additional basketball courts," he said.

"The Cultural and Leisure Study which the council is undertaking will look at a whole range of cultural, leisure and sporting needs, including basketball, throughout the municipality.

"The Warrandyte community has the opportunity to have input into this study."

He says basketball's rapid rise in local schools and clubs has not gone without notice.

"A lot of work has been done by the previous council and we are working on consolidating this information to look for solutions across the municipality for basketball."

He invited the club to participate in the study, which aims to "identify demand for facilities as well as evaluating existing facilities, programs and services."

Local identities Colin Bentley and Alan Vitiritti have both come out in support of the basketball club's push for a new stadium.

"Basketball definitely needs some more area," Alan Vitiritti said. "If a new bowling club is not installed at Warrandyte Reserve, the space should be set aside for a basketball stadium."

"Sport should all be in the one place and available for all."

Colin Bentley agreed, and suggested a raised stadium where the outdoor courts are so that the "cars could park underneath".

'Out!' call by council

By CLINTON GRYBAS

The site of the old Whitehouse at Warrandyte Reserve is unlikely to become home to two new tennis courts for Warrandyte Tennis Club.

But that does not mean the club will not be getting the courts.

"Council has looked at the site and does not believe the site proposed by the club is appropriate because it effects the amenity for other groups on the site," said Manningham council chairman of commissioners, Adam Kempton.

He was speaking in response to the *Diary* story last month detailing the club's disappointment at not receiving the courts which had been budgeted for by the former Doncaster council in 1994-95.

"Council has been working closely with the tennis club to find an appropriate compromise which meets the club's needs and improves the general amenity for the community. It is to be hoped the discussions in this regard will be resolved satisfactorily soon."

Adam Kempton said the commissioners did not promise two new courts at the reserve. "The proposal was subject to negotiation, consultation and review of the feasibility of the project on the site."

"There are serious impediments in the development of the courts on the site and we are

But two new courts might still be built

continuing to negotiate with the tennis club."

He does not rule out the possibility altogether, saying that council is willing to consider any proposals. This includes one which involves the new courts and a basketball stadium both being built at the reserve.

"Council would consider the feasibility of any proposal. The purpose of the cultural and leisure study is to identify a facility development program which is based on established needs and priorities of residents and council policy."

Warrandyte Tennis Club has taken their cause to the sport's governing body, Tennis Victoria, to ask for help.

Tennis Victoria's executive director, Tony Duggan, has written a letter to the commissioners expressing his support for the new courts.

"Warrandyte Tennis Club provides an important and essential function for the city and more particularly the Warrandyte community," the letter said.

"Its junior programs, activities, competitions and tournaments provide much needed socialisation; and if its volunteer driven activities were converted to professional time or council

conducted holiday programs the cost to the community would be far in excess of the funds sought."

"We wish to advise that the member-court ratio at the Warrandyte Tennis Club is far in excess of recommended levels. The addition of two additional courts is essential to the effective use of the club."

This information is gathered from a service Tennis Victoria provides to clubs and councils where consultants investigate geographic areas and facilities in relation to efficient club management.

Tony Duggan says the club's hosting of international tournaments has been exceptional in recent years.

"You may also be aware of the club's involvement over many years in the International Tennis Federation Satellite Masters. I trust I am not wrong in assuming that this is perhaps the only sporting or cultural event of international significance held in the City of Manningham," he writes.

"Be assured the office bearers and members involved in this event are excellent ambassadors for the city in their hosting of the overseas visitors."

Club has nowhere to go

Warrandyte Basketball Club has no one to turn to in its efforts to relieve some of the financial burden imposed by their court hire bill to Warrandyte High School and other venues.

Local MP Phil Honeywood said there was nothing the state government could do to help the basketball club lower the rates they are charged.

"This is a matter between the school council and the club. The state government does not play any part in a price structure determined by the school council."

Manningham Council chief commissioner, Adam Kempton, also distanced himself from the debate, but said the school's charges will be among evidence considered during a new municipality-wide review of all sports fees.

"Council is currently embarking on a sports pricing policy review across the whole of the municipality. It is aimed at ensuring equity across all facilities and community groups and residents are encouraged to be involved in this process."

But he said that at the moment, "this is a matter between the Warrandyte Basketball Club and the high school."

The club paid \$27,000 in court hire fees last year to three schools and a price increase will see the bill top \$30,000 this year.

High school principal Michael Blake, in a letter to the *Diary* criticising last month's story, said the Warrandyte community must understand "that schools these days must stand on their own two feet."

He added the school was more than happy to let the club "construct a second indoor basketball court on the school grounds if they would raise the finances".

CLINTON GRYBAS



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High school head slam dunks Diary

I have to express my gravest concern over a recent report appearing in the *Diary*. The article in question appeared on page three of your March edition.

Under the heading "Basketballers cop \$30,000 in court fees", your writer painted a rather biased picture of the role of the school in relation to the Warrandyte Basketball Club. In fact the first sentence "Warrandyte High School is cashing in on basketball's rising popularity by increasing the court high fee..." is little more than sensationalist reporting, without very much substance at all.

Let me point to a number of issues.

1. I am aware that the basketball club makes use of other venues, and indeed that is stated obliquely in the article. However read in the context of the opening sentence referred to above, the implication is that the school gets all this money. Further phrases such as "supporting the school" are also wide

of the mark. The reality is that the use of the gymnasium here, as per contract involved a cost to the club in 1995 of \$21,255. This year that will be increased to about \$22,500, depending on usage. This is somewhat short of the figures implied in your article. Incidentally, since the middle of last year, the club has increased its hours of usage.

2. Contrary to your article, the club does not simply "pay whatever the school asks". The contract between the two groups is monitored by meetings of representatives from the school and club. Any proposals for increased charges are monitored and discussed. The increase this year is about 50 cents an hour on average; the last increase was much the same at the start of 1994.

3. The community needs to understand, by the way, that schools these days must stand on their own two feet. Any hire or community use of facilities must ensure costs are covered. Those

costs include cleaning, repairs, maintenance, utilities, which must be met out of the school budget. We get no special grants to maintain these facilities; these costs must come out of the operating budget.

4. I would like the community to realise that the school has
- given free access to the club to its weight-lifting facilities
 - gives free access to the club to other school rooms for presentations, meetings
 - allowed the club to construct a shop inside the building
 - offered to make its own land available free of charge, for construction of

a second gymnasium

● usually had to clean up much of the rubbish left behind by basketballers, especially at a recent barbecue

● been very patient with the club when payments were on one occasion three months in arrears

● taken considerable risks when the club members have been lax with security

● allowed use of the gymnasium, often outside designated hours

5. This is not the time to bicker and argue, but rather one for building on existing relationships. Some 12 to 18 months ago, the club inquired whether or not the school would permit them to construct a second indoor basketball court on the school grounds if they would raise the finances. The school's council has already supported the idea. At least it would ensure land was available without further cost. That is how we should be working together.

6. In a community the size of Warrandyte it is a sad reflection when your paper should attempt to pit one group against another, when we should all be working together towards common a community spirit. This article sets out to paint Warrandyte High School in the blackest possible light. Such an approach can achieve nothing more than ill-feeling and a degree of antagonism between members of the community. We can all do without that sort of reporting.

7. As active contributing groups in the Warrandyte community that are particularly concerned with the youth of Warrandyte, we hope to continue to work together in the manner that we have previously, thus ensuring the best possible outcomes for our young and not so young members of the community.

Michael Blake
Warrandyte High School

South school site for retirement village?

The following is my proposal for the Warrandyte South Primary School site in Hall Road, South Warrandyte. This site is currently for sale by tender as a development site under authority by the Ministry of Education.

Adjacent properties surrounding the school are acreages of some size, as the area is zoned Landscape Interest 'A' under the (now) City of Manningham, Planning Schemes—formerly City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

An easement exists along nearby Kendall Road for an eventual widening for a possible main highway-road to go through the area—crossing the Yarra River in the vicinity of the Alexander Road areas and link-

ing up Greensborough By-pass and through to Maroondah Highway and beyond.

An urgent need exists in the Warrandyte area for a hostel for the aged and there have been discussions regarding possible sites, but the difficulty is accommodating the various planning zones and schemes governing the areas.

If this site could be utilised as a hostel, it would not be creating a precedent in the zoning change that would then trigger off demands for re-zoning for subdivision for the commercial type retirement villages, etc.

These retirement villages require the large acreages, but are very extensively and intensely

developed throughout, and also put heavy demands on local infrastructures.

This site, if used as a hostel for the aged with a University of the Third Age campus, would only be available to the City of Manningham's Warrandyte Ward areas, as it would only have a limited number of residents. These residents would take part in some classes of their choice with study facilities provided, whilst also able to enjoy the bush setting. A possible future program of bush rehabilitation of the grounds surrounding the school oval, where some remnant mature trees and grasses are still growing and an 'on site nursery' with raised up

platforms for seed propagation would be a good type of occupational therapy program and encourage return of mature fauna to the area. Present buildings may be suitable for renovation and modification for hostel use.

There is public transport servicing the area with buses frequently passing through between Warrandyte and Ringwood, so that residents need not own cars to be able to travel independently. Warrandyte also has a community bus that possibly could arrange to pick up intending passengers as it goes through to various activities.

Joan Ragg
South Warrandyte

Thanks from Louise

Throughout the recent state election campaign I met the most interesting, independently-minded people who were glad to have the alternative of an independent candidate.

I would like to thank particularly my campaign manager, Jean Chapman, who initiated the campaign to save the Warrandyte police residence three months before I decided to stand. To all my supporters who gave their time, money, efforts and talents at the two concerts for the campaign, I thank you.

To the 1866 voters who gave an independent 7.2 percent of the vote, you can feel you were part of a worthwhile enterprise. (And not all Joy preferences went one

way. At Mines Road, Ringwood, 90 went to Labor, 35 to Liberal, five to NLP. At Warrandyte South, 67 went to Labor, 17 to Liberal and one to NLP.)

As for my part, now I will be back on duty at Information Warrandyte and the Warrandyte Historical Society as a community volunteer, where I started.

I hope that I will no longer be hearing attacks on the churches, on teachers, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers, that there will be restraint in the sale of government property, issues which roused me to stand as an independent in the state seat of Warrandyte in 1996.

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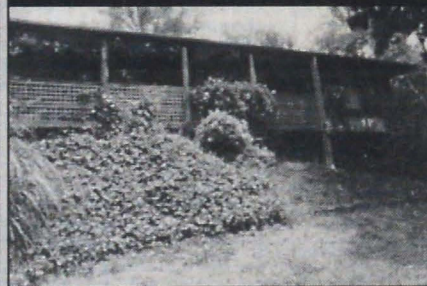
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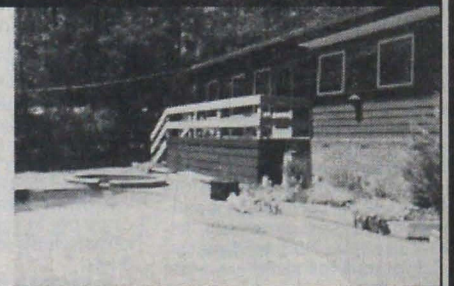


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Celebration!

By DAVID BILLINGS, MARK LEEHY and MANDY STEVENS

From the Eastern sunrise, to the Western high-rise,
Everywhere the walls are breaking down.
It's a time of reason, and miracles in season
And I believe that we are making ground.

The other cheek is turning,
The flame of hope is burning
See the dove returning
With an olive branch.
A chance is coming round

Like a rainbow rising, over new horizons
Every colour shining in the sun.
We are standing strong now, ready to belong now,
Spreading out to welcome everyone.

We are a flag of nations (a new day's sun)
And reconciliations (for everyone).
This is an invitation,
We are waiting in anticipation

*For celebration, celebration,
celebration.*

I believe it's starting, see the curtain parting,
The secrets of the garden are revealed.
The war of hearts is ending, the wounded bridge is mending
Sending every soldier to be healed.

Your presence is desired (a time to grow)
In the scattered choir (a time to show).
Your courage is required
To create an Eden
From a barren field.

*Celebration! Celebration!
Celebration! Celebration!*

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Picture by Sandy Burgoyne

As performed by Mandy Stevens and Strange Wine at the 1996 Festival Finale Concert. Audio cassette (with 'Warrandyte Morning' performed by Paradiddle) obtainable from various outlets around Warrandyte. Price \$5.

Festivals: what we want...

Keep them out! That was the unanimous message delivered by festival-goers in response to a survey asking whether they would like to see commercial food purveyors, political stalls and other "non-Warrandyte" items at next year's festival.

In their efforts to up-date the festival and make it better for following years, the festival committee randomly surveyed more than 200 people at Stiggants Reserve over the weekend.

And the message they got was that local folk aren't interested in commercial, non-craft market stalls and novelty hawkers such as fluro-necklace sellers.

Committee spokesperson David Hogg said that some items, however, were on the borderline.

"Fortune-telling and tarot just missed out, with 93 responses to 96 and there was some minority support for funfairs and dodgems—80 to 135—but in all other categories there was an overwhelming keep out vote," he said.

"The committee operates to a set of guidelines which ensure that the festival provides a range of activities which reflect the values of the Warrandyte community.

"Amongst other things, these guidelines specify that events are staged in harmony with the environment and the community and avoid blatant advertising and commercialism.

"In most cases the results indicated that coverage was just right," David Hogg said. "The only major areas of dissatisfaction were in regard to toilet facilities and parking. Two areas, teenage activities (with 106 respondents) and buskers (94) showed a majority of people favouring more of them."

Copies of the survey results can be obtained from Information Warrandyte.



Despite new weight restrictions, the brawny boys from the Grand Hotel took the tug-o-war trophy yet again. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

We were all winners

Warrandyte basked under clear skies and balmy evenings last month as the town went on show for the 20th anniversary village festival. For the fourth year in a row, organisers posted record crowds as Warrandyte "celebrated" in no uncertain fashion.

Festival committee spokesperson David Hogg told the *Diary* that 6000 people converged on the festival site on the Saturday and 5000 on Sunday.

This was in addition to almost 1000 people who attended the inaugural youth concert at the recreation reserve on Saturday night.

Age has not dimmed Warrandyte's on-going love affair with Paradiddle, either, as borne out in Sunday night's concert finale. More than 2000 people packed Stiggants Reserve to enjoy the atmosphere of the occasion, reaching all the way back to Yarra Street for the first time.

The sparkling display of fireworks sponsored by Harry

Heaths gave the festival its typical send-off.

David Hogg said local groups put in many hours of effort for the weekend, from the opening parade to the closing concert.

"The festival parade showed off many months of effort by local school and community groups in preparing floats and costumes embracing the theme of 'Let's Celebrate'," he said.

"On Saturday we had an action-packed afternoon of community acts on the top stage and a variety of entertainment on the riverbank, whilst there were the usual market stalls, food stalls, buskers and entertainers.

"Many people took advantage of the opportunity to see Warrandyte by helicopter, with short flights operating from the recreation reserve's small oval."

Despite an official weigh-in for Sunday's tug-o-war in an effort to curb their past glory, the Grand Hotel scooped the pool in both the men's and women's events.

The annual duck race saw thousands of ducks spectacularly launched into the river. When the swell had subsided, Warrandyte Primary School's Robby Cullen's duck was declared winner.

Local cricketer Steve Bell was considering another sporting pursuit after winning the tennis club's fastest serving competition. He was clocked smashing one down at 178 kilometres per hour.

Inter-fire brigade rivalry was again put to the test. And again it was North Warrandyte who emerged victorious. This time, however, it was with a greatly reduced margin from big improvers South Warrandyte.

David Price was the best handballer while Pauline Dusting and Joan Ragg were the big raffle winners.

David Hogg thanked the local CFA brigades and the SES for "the huge amount of work they put in to help make the Warrandyte Festival such a success".

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Manningham City Council has prepared Amendment L105 to the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme. The amendment refers to "permit required" uses in the Residential D1 Zone. A detached house must comply with one of the conditions listed in Clause 116-1.2 to retain its permit required (as opposed to prohibited) status. This amendment will allow the retention of this permit required status for lots which have been reduced in area below 0.4 ha because a public authority or council has acquired the land for its purposes, e.g. public open space or road-widening.

- The amendment can be inspected at:
- Manningham City Council Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, DONCASTER
 - Department of Planning and Development, Ground Floor, The Olderfleet Buildings, 477 Collins Street, MELBOURNE

Submissions about the amendment must be sent to:
Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, DONCASTER VIC 3108
Attention: Manager—Economic & Environmental Planning
Before: 6 May 1996

Bob Seiffert, Chief Executive

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Entries open for young artists

Applications are now being invited for the fifth Warrandyte Youth Arts Award. Valued at \$5000, the award is a joint project of the Lions Club of Warrandyte, the *Diary* and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust.

Offered every two years, the award is available to any young artist who usually resides in Warrandyte and is aged between 18 and 25 years inclusive.

The term 'artist' includes painters, potters, sculptors, craftspersons, dancers, singers, actors, musicians, writers, filmmakers, designers and any other young person intending to make their career in some form of artistic endeavour.

Previous awards have gone to a jeweller, two painters, a dancer and a singer. The 1994-95 award was won by a young theatre designer, who is currently studying in London.

The award was founded to celebrate Warrandyte's notable place in the history of Australian art and to ensure that our young artists are given every opportunity to further that tradition.



It is intended that the \$5000 scholarship—which is being donated by the Lions Club—should be used in ways that specifically suit the needs of the winner. This could include tuition fees, a study tour abroad, a short-term basic living allowance or the purchase of equipment or materials.

Entries close on June 30, 1996 and the winner will be announced prior to the Warrandyte Festival in March, 1997. Further information and entry forms are available at Information Warrandyte in the community centre, or by writing to the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113.

Kids' posters captivate

What a wonderful kaleidoscope of colour was seen in the windows of Harry Heath's supermarket this year for the festival poster competition.

In all, there were approximately 600 posters from local primary

schools.

The collection represented a fantastic effort from all the children who entered and the teachers who encouraged them along. Judges Walter Magilton and Jock Macneish had a difficult task choosing the winners. *Di Bulletin of Victorian Artists Supplies in Eltham* donates all the prizes each year.

NIJOLE PENGELLEY

Responsibility for election comment in this issue is accepted by Cliff Green, 23 Webb Street, Warrandyte.

Local painter takes out Rotary Art Show prize

By LISA SANTAMARIA

Local artist Sandra Harvie has become the first woman to win the Rotary Art Show at the Warrandyte Festival with her painting, 'Crayfish Bay—Cape Otway'. Sandra has been painting for around seven years and has entered pieces at two previous Warrandyte festivals.

"I've done every creative medium you can think of," she told the *Diary*, "but watercolour paintings are my passion."

The inspiration for the winning piece, painted with the Rotary Art Show in mind, came from Sandra's love of the sea, particularly the Cape Otway region.

"I've actually been there four times since Christmas. I've camped down there, I've sat on the beach for days. I knew the subject."

The competition was judged by Greg Allen, a prominent Australian impressionist and realist who is himself acclaimed for his watercolour paintings, particularly landscapes. He has received numerous awards for his works, many of which are included in corporate and private collections both in Australia and overseas. As was indicated by the judge's comments, Greg Allen was particularly impressed by the sense of realism inherent in Sandra's painting.

He wrote, "The artist has used the full repertoire of watercolour technique to not only suggest a convincing sense of distance, but the varied elements of nature at work on the land form."

"The sea is calm but perhaps a storm front is imminent and these elements too are confidently and beautifully applied, congratulations to Sandra!"

Co-chairman of the art show, Ron Kay, said "We were thrilled that Sandra won



Sandra Harvie and her award-winning painting 'Crayfish Bay—Cape Otway'.

against a very high calibre of competition." It was Rotary's 11th annual festival art show and, according to Ron Kay, the quality of the exhibits again surpassed previous years.

"Warrandyte is now considered by many to be one of the 'better' art shows around," he said.

The competition is open to painting from all genres and styles although the Warrandyte show is particularly well known for the more traditional forms of art such as landscapes.

As well as supporting local artists, the show is also beneficial to the district in a

more general sense as all the money raised is put back into the community to finance local initiatives. An overseas student exchange program will be one of the main recipients of this year's proceeds.

'Crayfish Bay—Cape Otway' sold during the show. However, for those interested in viewing Sandra's work, 12 of her paintings are on show in the gallery at Potters Cottage. They were there initially as part of the exhibition, 'Let's Celebrate our Local Talent', which also ran in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival.



ELECTORAL STRUCTURE — WARD BOUNDARIES

The Council has commenced the process to establish the electoral arrangements to be used to return elected councillors in March 1997. A key component of the process is community consultation and feedback.

Consultation and feedback needs to occur on:

- the number of councillors for Manningham,
- the number of wards and their configuration, and
- how many councillors will represent each ward.

Victoria's Changed Local Government System

Effective representation by elected representatives will depend on the leadership attributes of councillors and their ability to set the strategic vision and policies for the future wellbeing of the community. At the same time councillors are the democratically elected representatives of the people and provide an important link with the community.

Number of Councillors

The minimum number of councillors allowed for the whole municipality is five and the maximum twelve. Factors to consider when deciding the number of councillors include:

- the number of voters represented by each councillor,
- equity in representation,
- geographic dispersion of councillors,
- perceived workload,
- costs involved, and
- whether there should be an odd or even number.

Vote Counting System

It is important to consider the implications of the preferential vote counting system when deciding whether wards should have one councillor or several councillors. Local Government in Victoria must use the preferential system. When used in multi-councillor wards, this vote-counting system can favour candidates whose

allocation of preferences is managed by organised groups on a 'ticket'.

A number of councils have introduced single councillor wards to make it more difficult for organised groups to orchestrate 'tickets' to gain control of the Council.

Ward Boundaries

Council may ask the Minister for Local Government to approve the municipality remaining unsubdivided, or subdivided into wards. If unsubdivided, all councillors are elected 'at large' and represent voters across the whole municipality.

If subdivided into wards, the Local Government Act 1989 prescribes that the number of voters represented by each subdivision (ward) must be within 10% variation of the average so the number of voters represented by each councillor is roughly equal. Each ward can be represented by one councillor or several councillors.

Wards should, as far as possible, reflect communities of interest, not divide shopping centres and have logical boundaries.

Options

Following initial discussions with three Council advisory groups four preferable options have emerged. These options are:

- three wards each with three councillors,
- four wards each with two councillors,
- eight wards each with one councillor,
- nine wards each with one councillor.

These options are described and discussed in an options paper prepared for community consultation.

Consultation Process

You can obtain a copy of the options paper at the Council offices or by telephoning 9840 9378 from 10 April onwards.

You are encouraged to obtain a copy of the options paper before

making a submission.

You may submit a detailed response to the options or propose other options.

The Council will be taking into consideration the views expressed in writing, by focus group participants and by those attending the two public meetings.

The public meetings will be held on:

24 April at 8pm — Council Offices
29 April at 8.30pm — Warrandyte Community Centre

Have Your Say

You can have your say by:

- making a written submission addressed to:
The Chief Executive
Manningham City Council
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- completing and returning the response sheet accompanying the options paper;
- by attending the public meetings, and;
- by telephoning 9840 9358 and registering your views.

Submissions on the options close on 6 May.

What's Next

A preferred option will be adopted at the Council meeting on 14 May, taking into account the community input.

The preferred option will be advertised and formal submissions invited.

Following an evaluation of submissions, Council will adopt an electoral structure and will arrange for technical descriptions of the boundaries to be drawn. The proposed structure will then be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

South Warrandyte Primary School, opened in 1902, is closing, to be re-located under a new name. The *Diary* pays tribute to almost a century of rural education, now on the edge of suburbia.

IT WAS the front two rooms of the local teacher's house that formed the basis for Warrandyte South Primary School number 3476. Things were certainly different in 1904 when the school resided in Jenny Colman's home.

Having unofficially taught six children in her home as early as 1902, the school soon moved into an official residence after local parents petitioned the district inspector for a school to be built in the area. He supported the parents' pleas and State School 3476 opened in May 1904 for between 12 and 15 children.

The Colman name became synonymous with Warrandyte's development. While children David and Marion both went to school at the family property on the corner of Husseys Lane and Warrandyte Road, elder brother Jack, a local orchardist, became a Doncaster councillor, president of the South Warrandyte Cricket Club and helped establish the Warrandyte and South Warrandyte Country Fire Brigades.

Jack's daughter Jessie Reid went on to teach needlework at the school in 1939, which five generations of the Colman family frequented.

Just getting to school each morning for some was often an adventure in itself.

The six children of the Brown family had to walk three miles from their home in Park Orchards. The children's father had to cut marks into trees through the dense bush so the children would not lose their way.

Early in 1905, residents of Parson's Gully, the name originally given to the gully which runs from South Warrandyte to the Stonehouse, bought a two-acre site for the school for six pounds.

In May the following year the name South Warrandyte was adopted, which became Warrandyte South in the 1970s.

During the summer of 1907 a "very old" school building was taken from Little Yarra Junction and moved to the new site. The building consisted of one room, a porch and a water tank for the 32 children.

Happy memories of the school on Hall Road...

On "Black Friday" January 13, 1939, the building and all fencing was completely destroyed by bushfire. Only the chimney remained.

On February 6 the school committee and head teacher collected a marquee, desks, chalkboard, teacher's table and chairs from the Ringwood railway station and erected the tent so the school could resume. During winter, life was difficult. Head

teacher Mr Budge recalled that "during the cold winter weather, we broke off school work every hour and went for a gallop around the school ground to keep us from freezing". Fortunately the new building opened in October that year.

The idea of a wildflower reserve at the school germinated from the bushfires, which activated the plentiful native orchids. The reserve

was later established on the western boundary, at the back of the playing field, on a piece of land measuring 70 x 20 yards.

A mother's club was formed during the Second World War. One of their functions involved an annual Christmas tree. All children at the school received a present from under the tree on the school's end-of-year concert night.



Picture by Jan Tindale

In 1950 a school residence was built, while the following year the mother's club began a project for the erection of stone pillars and a front gate at the school's Hall Road entry. This was built to commemorate the Hon. H. W. Everard, a local member of parliament, who attended Arbor Week at the school for more than 30 years.

Tank water was still used for drinking and washing at the school. A new 500 gallon tank was installed in 1958, while council helped the three classrooms to be heated through the use of a small combustion stove.

Until Colman Park was established in 1958, the South Warrandyte Cricket Club used the school oval as its playing field.

Plenty of work in the grounds followed in the 1960s, including the building of a new classroom, while shade trees and outdoor seating areas were created.

Enrolment during this time rose from 78 to 115, which created the need for composite classes of up to 39 children. While all students were evacuated to North Ringwood during the 1962 bushfires, the school buildings were saved.

Described as being the "social focus for the close-knit community at South Warrandyte", the school ran Friday afternoon clubs where the children learned knitting, chess, soap carving and pottery. Local environment and history excursions proved popular.

In 1978 the parents and the Education Department co-funded the purchase of a portable classroom which was used as a library. The following year a brand new library was opened and the portable was transformed into an art room.

District inspectors had trouble coming to terms with the beautiful surrounds of the school. "This school with its long profile, tucked away amidst an abundance of eucalypts, and with the open areas of native grasses, retains a very positive rural atmosphere which impresses any visitor," one report commented.

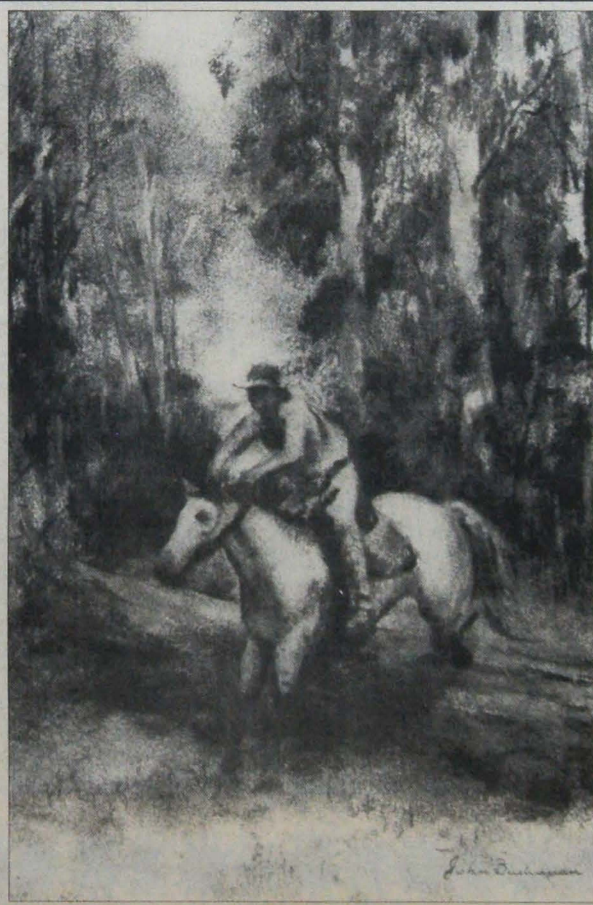
After 30 years service the school residence was closed for duty in December, 1981. After being used for meetings it was removed in 1989 to make way for further development.

Between 1982 and 1987 the school buildings were upgraded under the guidance of new head teacher, Graeme Jacobs. A double portable arrived in 1987 to ease the overcrowded conditions.

The school was the Regional Winner in the Garden State Award in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985 and won the district sports in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Throughout its history the environment was a focal point for the school curriculum. A pioneer of environmental education, the school grounds were always alive with the sounds of wheelbarrows, garden tools and the voices of children caring for their surroundings.

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Applications close 30 June 1996 and the winner will be announced in March 1997, during the Warrandyte Festival.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Information Warrandyte in the community centre or by writing to:

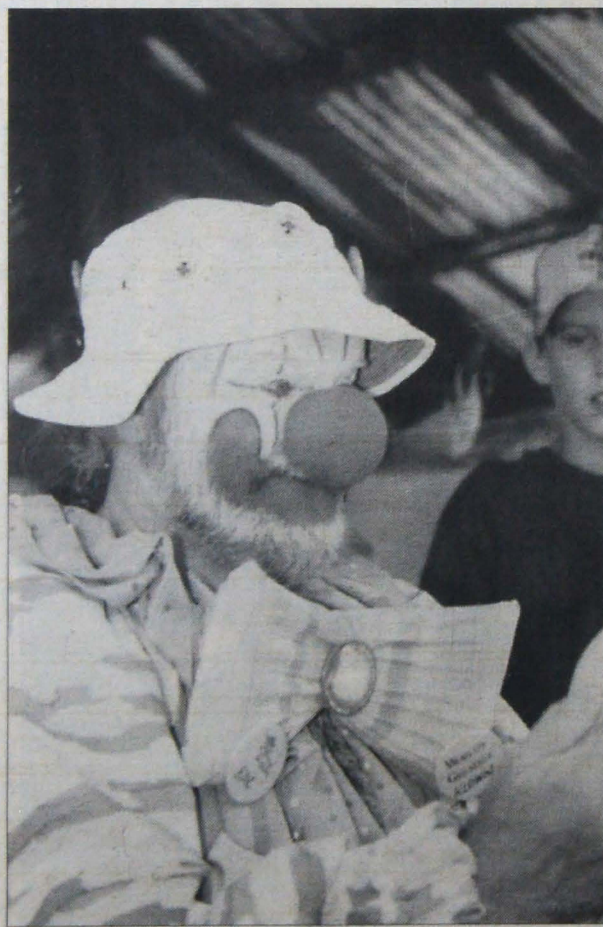
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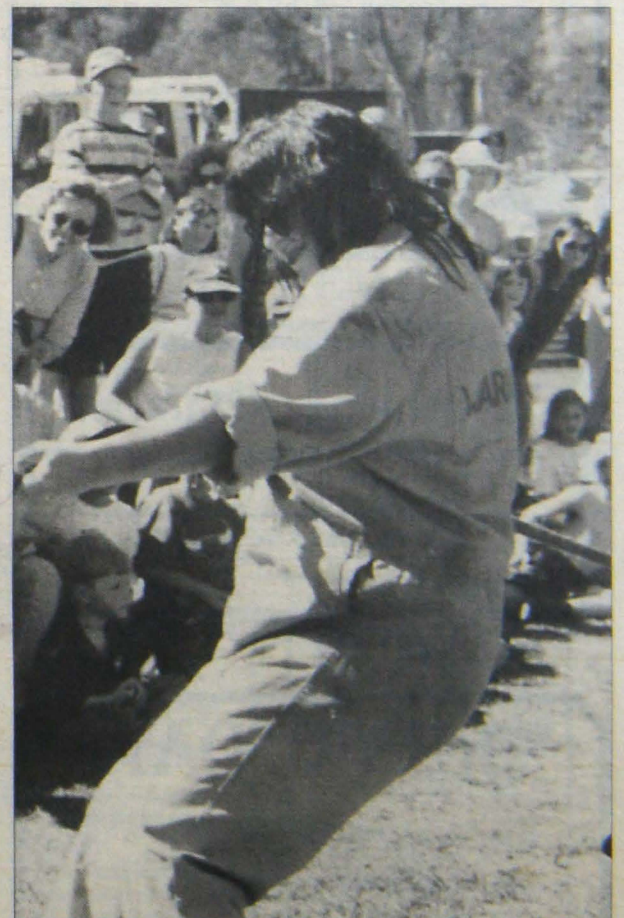
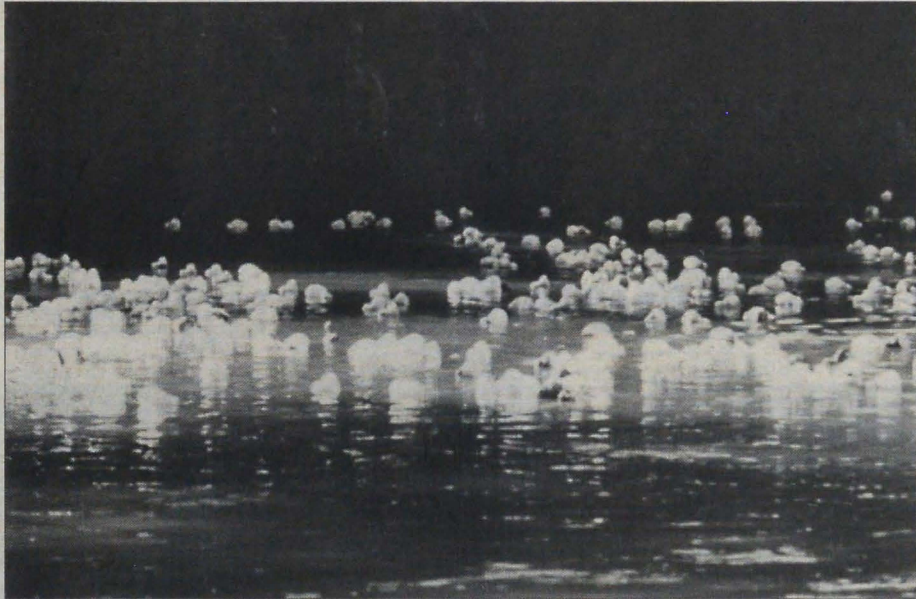


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Cinderella of the eucalypt forest

DUSK on a warm evening in early autumn. The moon, full and rising, casts its silvery-white secondhand light from the sun over the Warrandyte forests. A pair of wood ducks, necks outstretched, sweep across the darkening sky, their plaintive cat-like cry echoing up the valley.

Down below, nocturnal creatures begin to stir. From her camouflaged security against the trunk of a tree, a large tawny-brown moth takes to the air. Burdened by an abdomen swollen with eggs, she flies laboriously, using the moon as a beacon to navigate a path through the shadowy trees.

On reaching the outskirts of the forest, the moth, aided by her highly developed sensory receptors, selects a flourishing young eucalypt. She lands on a leaf and lays four spherical eggs, securing her deposits for the future with a transparent tarzan grip-like secretion, before taking off to repeat the procedure on another tree.

Several days pass and the four white eggs slowly begin to darken. After about a week, almost simultaneously, four tiny caterpillars start to nibble a hole through their tough protective egg shell. They wriggle out. The caterpillars are black and spiky and measure a mere millimetre in length. Such is the insatiable appetite of caterpillars, they immediately tuck into the tender young leaves.

Over the days and weeks that follow the youngsters keep fairly close together, often feeding on the same leaf. They increase in size rapidly and soon outgrow their skin, which does not stretch like ours to accommodate extra weight. Instead the caterpillar must grow



NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

a new skin at regular intervals before casting off the old one.

Bouts of feeding are followed by periods of rest as the caterpillar exchanges its size eight skin for a size 10. After the first, or sometimes the second moult, the four caterpillars go their separate ways, spreading out over the tree in search of the juiciest leaves. If the weather is warm the caterpillars grow very quickly, if it is cool the rate of growth slows dramatically.

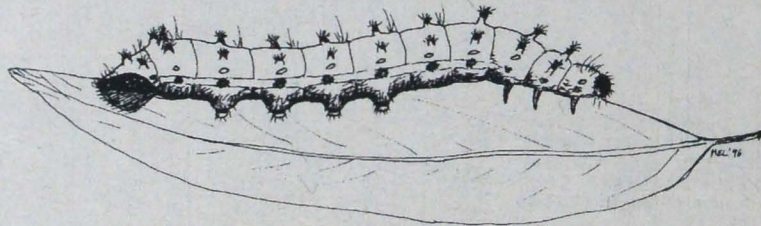
From its black beginnings the caterpillar undergoes a colour change, turning a pastel shade of aquamarine. The body is now ornamented with rows of soft, bristle-topped spines in deterrent colours of red, blue and orange.

After several months the caterpillar, now about the size of a man's finger, ceases feeding and becomes restless. Its colour dulls to a murky brown and it

regurgitates its stomach contents. The caterpillar looks most unwell, in fact it appears to be dying. And in a way it is. The ailing creature chooses for its final resting place a crevice in the rough-barked trunk of a tree and spins itself a silken shroud which later hardens into a dark brown oval cocoon.

What takes place inside the cocoon must surely be one of the most amazing transformations of life. The rebirth may take many months and even years before some kind of inbuilt intuition tells the moth that the time is right. In order to break through the rock-hard cocoon, the moth must first secrete a fluid which softens the tough silken coating. Then, using a rasp-like structure situated at the base of the forewing, it literally saws an escape hatch through which it squeezes head first. The moth hangs upside down, allowing time and gravity to expand its crumpled wings.

An hour or two later, on wings cloaked in rich nankeen-brown scales and decorated with startling eye-spots, the huge moth takes flight. Its supremacy amongst moths is unrivalled. No wonder we have bestowed upon it the title emperor. It is the Emperor Gum Moth.



Dishing up a bowl of laughs

WARRANDYTE Theatre Company raised the traditional Follies night to new heights this

year with a superb night's entertainment. Thanks to a brilliant script by Carole Cole, fine acting and crisp direction by Phyl Swindley, the evening was a great success—if measured by the raucous laughter and comments from the audience.

The musical drama centred around the local bowling club members, Mavis (the club's secretary) and Herb Waghorn, their family and friends. Mavis is the matriarch; strong-willed, quick-tongued, decisive, self-centred. Caroline Shaw played this tough character beautifully. At the other end of the breakfast table is dear old hen-pecked Herb (Raleigh Robinson), who's lost the control of his own life and finds sanctuary on the bowling green with his mate, Wal, brilliantly played by David Howell.

The order in Mavis's life, to say nothing of the bowling committee, is thrown into disarray by



THEATRE

By NICHOLAS PARSONS

her unlikely friend Daphne, a slob of a woman who wishes to improve her lot by joining the club. The club urgently needs new members and Daphne ropes in Wal to teach her to bowl. Wal is only too keen to get as close to Daphne as possible. Of course Daphne ends up club champion, Wal and Daphne become lovers, Mavis gets her just desserts and even Herb finds some backbone. All great stuff. But this little gem of a play is not as simple as that.

Carole Cole has created some very interesting characters—especially Herb's mum, Gran. Gran is a beer-drinking, chain-smoking old chook on the lookout for a new lover. Jo Hill was wonderful portraying a young-minded old biddy whose body can't keep up.

Matt Allgood gave another fine

performance as the son living at home, playing in a rock band the "Gripe Water Trio", with a soft spot for old Gran and with family values his parents lacked. Christie Lawrence played the daughter, only interested in looking good and snaring her boyfriend. The eldest son Bruce (played by John Ince) was a newly-married garbo. The good relationship between Bruce and his dad, Herb, was well delivered.

Carole Cole's script mixed sex stereotypes, tongue-in-cheek portrayals of bowling club and normal (?) family activities and kept the audience guessing. Carole used verses Benny Hill would have been proud of, and created characters close enough to the truth to ensure strong audience identification. All good, down-to-earth Aussie humour, perfect for our festival week.

The first half was terrific, the second act may have been a little slow in spots. Maybe the audience just became a little tired from laughing so much!



Jo Hill: a chook called Gran

The clever music, composed by Walter Peart, was a mix of rock, country and western, ballads and music hall numbers—all greatly assisted by Jill Whitechurch, musical director, and Malcolm Smith.

Thank you to all involved. A great evening's entertainment.

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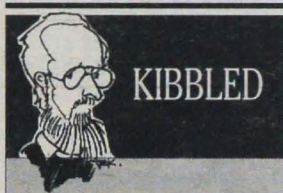
THERE are certain resonances that occur in life and it was the sight of Walter Magilton in his classic red MG in the festival parade that struck a chord.

There was Wally in his bright red sports car, moustache flapping in the breeze whilst a notable commissioner balanced precariously on the duco behind the seat next to him.

It reminded me of the Moomba parades and the pre-footy final parade during which muscled sportsmen sit on sleek status symbols whilst excited office workers heave handfuls of shredded office secrets over them.

Unfortunately, all that was heaved over Wally and the major commissioner were ill-aimed lolly wrappers from the local basketball float. The wrappers should have contained sweets but it appears the boys' needs were greater than the crowd's. It got me thinking though. What is it about old sparkling cars that capture our imaginations? Surely it's not just age itself that fuels our delight, although I must admit there is a large quotient of nostalgia that gets to us all when a proper old truck with square anaerodynamic lines and bulging light fixtures passes by. I suppose it reminds us of our youth, of a time when life was simpler and real joy and excitement was being able to ride on the tray of a truck or with the kelpie in the back of a rattling farm ute.

The snazzy sports cars like the



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".. got the opportunity to be part of the glitterati, of the super and toluene fuel set."

one driven by Walter and son were symbols of a far more exciting life, of rich playboys who conned all the prettiest girls just by adjusting their accelerators. The rest of us nerds stood flat-footed at the railway station or looked dejectedly at our biscuit box Prefects and Austin Sevens.

The world of sportscars and fascinating owners has never been part of my world but, just by chance, Herself and I got the opportunity to be part of the glitterati, of the super and toluene fuel set; to be Walter Magilton for a day!

"Hello, Roger? It's Margaret.

How are you? Look, Roger and I are coming down to the island for the Classic Sports Car meeting and we were wondering whether you'd be down at your house."

Now it didn't take a ton of bricks to fall on me to realise that here was my opportunity to mix it with the "other side" of life.

"Of course we'll be there and we'd love to see you. You'll stay at our place naturally!"

Now Roger and Margaret have been Walters for a long time. They do exciting things like the rallies from Paris to Marakesh and from London to Sydney. They travel around Europe racing their various classic sports cars but particularly their 30 year-old wooden chassis and fibreglass shell Marcos. I kept looking for the pairs of shoes when I climbed into it but found nothing but car stuff!

So when we heard that they'd be bringing down the Marcos we decided it was time to get a lungful of high octane excitement.

We'd watched the Grand Prix on television and thought it a bit boring after a while, but we were blown away by our first experience of mini decibel racing. For a start, we had access to the pits area and it's there that the excitement is.

The racetrack is where you see the stuttering and thrusting and throbbing of metaphors, but it's backstage where you see the people who'd die rather than spoil the appearance of their classic beauties by installing a

wooly roll bar. It's backstage you meet the multi-millionaires and their personal mechanics, the fanatics who spend all their waking hours and dwindling reserves on a sensuous Lotus or a jaunty Morgan.

It's backstage, too, you see the hotted-up mini drivers wrestling with sideways engines, whilst groups of friends crowd around the engine like adoring relatives around a bassinet.

You see the helpful, oil-spattered wives and the dog-clutching high-heeled attendants whose role is to look decorative when the ageing speedster pulls into the pits at the end of a gruelling five laps.

It's also behind the scenes that you see the agony and the ecstasy. The elation of the win and the despair when the wheel falls off on the last curve because someone forgot to tighten the bolts before the race.

On occasions such as these, life's problems can be put into perspective. At lunchtime a Formula One did an exhibition circuit. It was raining gently and he was driving with dry weather tyres. As he powered down the straight alone, he lost control and crashed. One million dollars worth of high tech beast wasted. The driver's companions were not amused.

The next day, at home, I looked adoringly at ARK. I hopped in to drive to work and the back of my seat collapsed. Finally I had joined the fast set. I knew just how the Ferrari driver must have felt.

ROGER KIBELL

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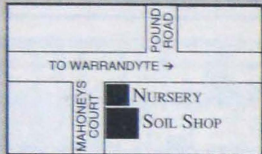
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Conducted by **JUDY GREEN**

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Spinners

The Doncaster-Templestowe Spinners and Weavers, in conjunction with the Serendipity Spinners of Melbourne are holding a parade and sale of handspun, handcrafted garments and accessories at the Uniting Church Hall, 109 Wood Street, Templestowe on Wednesday, May 1 at 8pm. Donation \$1. Proceeds shared between the Templestowe Uniting Church and the spinners' groups. Enquiries to Judy Thomson on 9844 1590.

Oklahoma

Whitefriars Theatrical Players are presenting the musical Oklahoma by Rogers and Hammerstein at the Whitefriars Theatre, Donvale. The season commences on Friday, May 3, continues on May 4, 5 (a matinee), 9, 10 and 11 (night and matinee). Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$10 for children, pensioners and students. Bookings on 9726 6382 (AH).

Paradiddle

The next Grand Hotel fund-raising night will be an encore performance by Paradiddle on Friday, May 10 (tickets for May 3 are sold out). The fund-raiser is the Warrandyte Primary School. Tickets \$12 with supper. Book

now on 9844 3202. Tickets need to be collected one week in advance. On Friday, May 17 there will be a Tribute to Elvis rock and roll night for the CFA.

Furphy

Marking Kangaroo Ground's links with the Furphy family, a plaque will be unveiled at the Andrew Ross Museum by Roger Furphy. A weekend of events to commemorate the district's links with this family commences Friday, May 17. Roger Furphy is a direct descendant of John Furphy, the maker of the original Furphy Water Cart. More information: 9712 0530.

Festival

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Festival Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 15 in the community centre at 8pm. All welcome.

Auditions

Warrandyte Theatre Company is holding auditions for their next production at 2pm on Sunday, April 21 at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Enquiries should be directed to 9844 3819.

Found

Items lost at the festival can be claimed from Marilyn Parsons, 9844 1175.

Council

The next meeting of Manningham Council to be held in Warrandyte will be on April 23 at the Warrandyte Community Centre. For enquiries ring the council's customer Service Desk on 9840 9230. Residents are welcome.

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There will be a nocturnal nature night on Fridays April 12 and April 19. The April 12 night will be at Pound Bend Reserve while the April 19 night will be at Hochkins Ridge Reserve in Croydun. Both run from 6.30pm

to 9pm and cost \$2 for adults and \$1 concession.

On Sunday, April 14 noted author and bird authority Ken Simpson will lead a guided tour of Pound Bend, seeking out the fabulous dawn birdlife display. The walk starts at 6.30am, pauses for a billy tea and pancakes breakfast before concluding at 9.30am. Cost is \$4 and \$2.

A dusk stalk on Wednesday, April 17 at Jumping Creek Reserve will allow a close up view of kangaroos at feeding time. A spotlight walk will then illuminate the area's nocturnal wildlife. The cost is \$2 and \$1.

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Winners are grinners: Warrandyte's successful Sunday junior team. Back: (l) Nick Gee, Luke Naughton, Kym Swain, Kylie Bevan. Front: Aiden Davey, Richard Moore, Fiona Dawson.

Redbacks take 8 trophies

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club returned with an impressive haul of eight premierships from 13 teams which competed in the EDJBA grand finals last month.

Gavin Whitmore's under 14A girls were crowned the best team in the eastern district, beating Eltham 52-39 in a high-standard final.

It is the first time Warrandyte's name has been added to the perpetual trophy as winners of the prestigious event.

Whitmore paid tribute to the girls' efforts. "The girls played what you would consider to be a good steady season and certainly capped it off in the right fashion," he said.

"To become the first Warrandyte team to win the trophy is a just reward for them."

Lisa Troyahn was named the game's Most Determined Player and scored 20 points for the Redbacks while Jazmine Borella, Caitlin Evans and Jacquie Dick also shone in the big game.

Paul Haskings netted two winners after all three of the teams he coaches played off in the grand final.

The 12BW boys won a high-scoring game 50-42 against Ivanhoe. Haskings said the boys were expecting a tough game.

"Ivanhoe were the only team we lost to in the regular season when they beat us by three points," he said.

SPORT



"We then beat them by four points in the semi-final so we knew it would be a close final."

Paced by MDP James Burn's 26 points and a swag of rebounds Warrandyte, playing at home, always kept their nose in front. Layne Dellar scored 21.

Haskings' 14B girls went into their game at Balwyn staunch underdogs, coming from the bottom of four finalists to play the top team in the main game. They emerged with a 32-22 win.

"Jo Tonnissen had her best rebounding game for the season while Anne Cutler was as tenacious and determined as ever," Haskings said.

Kylie Bevan scored nine points while Rachel Treeby also played well.

Damian Arsenis' 10B2 girls came from behind to beat Balwyn in their home final.

Trailing 11-13 at half time it was not until late in the game that they pulled clear.

"It was a scrappy game early but Casey Hawley scored our first eight points of the second half to get us on the right track," Arsenis said.

"The scores were tied at 19-19 with five minutes left when Casey and Rachel Lynch pulled it away for us."

Rebecca Parsons was the deserving MDP. Darren Hay's 16C1 girls beat

Eltham by six points in an exciting final at Eltham. Warrandyte had won the semi-final meeting between the two teams in double overtime, so the main game was always going to be a tough contest.

Linda Sprigg and Sasha Osler both had stellar games as the Redbacks kept their nose in front when the final buzzer sounded.

Also winning on grand final day were the 14CW boys of Laurie Cookson and Graeme Pollock, the 10CS1 boys of Peter Gigliotti and the 12C1 girls of Lorraine Parfitt.

Paul Haskings' 16C2 girls lost to Ivanhoe 20-23. Anne Cutler scored nine points and was MDP while Siska Smith and Jenny Willis played well.

Of the other teams, Melinda Anderson's 18B1 girls were edged out by Doncaster, Debbie Templeton's 10D3 girls lost to Park Orchards while Kim Rea's 12DW boys lost to Eltham. Ray Jarvis' 10DS boys lost to Balwyn 12-19.

All players from the 13 grand final teams will receive a trophy at a special presentation day, dubbed Super Sunday II, on Sunday, April 28. The day, which includes a barbecue, will start at 12pm.

Two players from the NBL's South East Melbourne Magic, including the country's best young player Sam Mackinnon, will be present, at the high school stadium.

Everyone is welcome to attend, including those not associated with the club.

Three teams win flags

Three new premiers flags are hanging in the Warrandyte Tennis Club clubrooms after recent finals matches.

The Sunday mixed five junior team of Luke Naughtin, Richard Moore, Nick Gee, Aiden Davey, Kylie Bevan, Kym Swain and Fiona Dawson won their section in the Eastern Region competition. Five other Warrandyte teams joined them in reaching the finals.

In the region's Saturday afternoon senior play three local teams won through to the final four. One made the grand final but lost a tightly contested match.

In the ladies' Tuesday Eastern Metropolitan Lawn Tennis Association competition five Warrandyte teams made the finals. The A9 team of Robyn Waite, Barbara McBain, Marilyn Moore, Penny Kerkhof and Sue Thomas took the major prize.

In the Eastern District Womens Tennis Association competition played on Wednesdays, Warrandyte's Section Five team won the final. This featured Pat Adlam, Shelagh Morton, Judy McHugh, Judy Green, Wendy Anderson and Sue Thomas.

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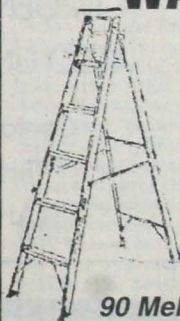
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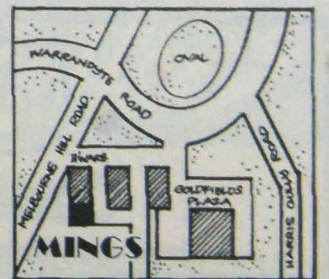
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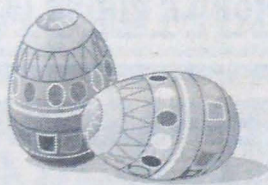
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On behalf of the Committee, Players, & Supporters of W.F.C. I would like to personally thank all patrons who attended this concert. We were a bit apprehensive about the event as in addition to catering for the event we were also playing a game of football on the oval the very next day. The conduct of those in attendance is something that our community can and should be proud of. The event would not and could not have gone ahead without the great foresight and dedication of the Warrandyte Festival Committee.

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- Thurs 18th April** Meals & Drinks, Lucky Membership Draw between 7 - 8 pm at Social Rooms.
- Sat 20th April** **Warrandyte vs Croydon at Croydon Oval.** 6.30 pm presentations, awards & One Hundred Dollar Club Draw
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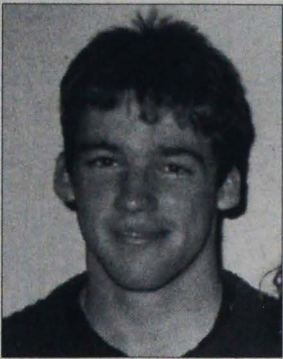


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New-look Bloods on launching pad



Brad's back! Brad Valentine as Bloods fans remember him—just a kid who finished third in the 1992 best and fairest vote count.

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club begins its 1996 campaign on Saturday, April 13, with a new-look senior team and realistic finals expectations.

The Bloods are at home to Montrose—relegated from EDFL First Division—in the season's opener and local fans will see a bigger, taller Warrandyte team containing new faces and a few "new old" ones.

Among the recruits are David Jones, a utility player from last season's Second Division premier club Bayswater, and Chris Springett, another utility from Second Division Mooroolbark.

Back in the fold are two 1993 Third Division premiership players—mercurial wingman Brad Valentine, who has missed Warrandyte's past two seasons, and prolific goalkicker Darren Murphy, a former club best and fairest winner who retired prematurely at the end of season 1994.

Also back are tall ruckman Dale Comrie, a former outstanding junior who missed last season because of study and work commitments, and defender David Pike, another premature retiree.

As many as six or seven players who finished last season in the juniors could start the new season in the reserves, such have been the changes among on-field personnel.

The Bloods gave an encouraging indication of improvement from last year—when they finished eighth of 10, winning six of their 18 games—by beating Mooroolbark (fifth in 1995) by eight goals in their final practice match, at Mooroolbark on March 31.

"I couldn't have been happier with our performance—it was our best for some time," WFC president Lex Munro told the *Diary*.

"We had several players missing but did very well in what was a pretty physical game."

Munro said Warrandyte was quite realistically aiming at a finals berth.

"I really believe we can and will make the finals," he said. "We are a lot further advanced than we were at this stage last season."

The club has conceded the loss of 1993 premiership coach and dual best and fairest Darren Peters to Collegians, in the A-grade amateurs.

"Darren decided to try out in the higher competition," Munro said. "He has given this club great service and we wish him the very best."

"That applies, too, to Steve Carroll (former captain and two-time best and fairest who has been training with First Division grand finalists Donvale but will be available for only the first half of the season anyway).

"We also wish Luke McFarlane-Smith and Chris Quinlan a lot of success in the new VFL competition (with Springvale and Port Melbourne respectively)."

Munro urged all Bloods supporters—and even the "uncommitted"—to be at the recreation reserve to see the under-18s, reserves (now coached by Dale McCartin) and seniors kick off their new season.

The club is still seeking new talent for those three sides and any senior player interested in trying out is invited to contact Munro (9726 5339) or David Purcell (9842 7021). The under-18s contact is Robert Ireland (9725 5065).

● Warrandyte Junior Football Club, which now fields teams in two competitions, is still looking for under-14 and under-16 players.

"We have filled the under-11s, 13s and 15s in the Doncaster competitions, which we have entered this year, and the under-10s and 12s in the EDFL, but we still need players for the under-14s and 16s in the EDFL," said WJFC president Malcolm Eyre. He welcomes inquiries on 9867 8166 (BH) and 9719 7587 (AH).

'Moose' is Dytes' best

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Tony Sturesteps deservedly scooped the pool on Warrandyte Cricket Club's presentation night last month, winning the Jack McAuley Shield for club champion.

The club's captain-coach also won the RDCA's best all-rounder award with the most aggregate points in terms of runs scored and wickets taken. He missed the best player award by a vote.

To top it off he easily won Warrandyte's batting award with 603 runs at an average of 50.25.

Club president Russell Dorning said the club was fortunate to have someone of Sturesteps' ilk in charge.

"I'm proud to be president with someone like him as coach. This has been shown with the awards he has received," Dorning said.

He said the club faced a challenging year ahead, after just avoiding relegation last summer.

"We have our annual meeting in May where we will review a lot of things and see what worked well and what didn't."

"We'll certainly be out to share the load as too much fell on too few both on and off the ground during the season."

"The club has to go in a different direction and there are plans on the board to make this happen. We need more depth at a senior level and we need more people attending our social functions," he said.

"Our facilities are second to

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none so we are hopeful of getting some positive results."

Chris Snaidero predictably won the bowling award, as he continued to receive the plaudits for his remarkable 10/56 against Norwood in the last round.

It was an effort which saved the club from relegation. He took 32 wickets for the season at an average of 16.75, not bad considering he had spent the previous few seasons in the seconds.

Wicketkeeper Dave Mooney kept his title as the team's best fielder while rising opening batsman Steve Bell won the captain's



Tony Sturesteps: top honours award.

Sturesteps described him as an "essentially gifted player who performed well when required. While he sometimes lacks con-

centration, without him after Christmas we would have been playing in A grade next season."

Richard Webb won the Daryl Valentine Shield as the best performer outside of the ones.

Ann Pascoe's magnificent efforts for the club off the field were recognised with the awarding of the McCartin Family Shield. Already a life member of the club, she is the type of person that no community-based club or group can do without.

Other awards: Seconds: Steve Pascoe (batting), Max Summers (bowling), Andrew Snaidero (fielding), Brett Kline (captain's).

Thirds: Greg Creber (batting), Nathan Croft (bowling), Zac Smead (captain's).

Fourths: Jim Gathercole (bat-

ting), Alan King (bowling), Adrian Utt (fielding), Richard Webb (captain's).

Fifths: Luke O'Loughlin (batting), Elvis Curiale (bowling), Josh Revell (fielding), Dean Gidley (captain's).

Junior Awards: Under 16: T. Chapman (batting), J. Provis (bowling), A. Ryan (fielding), T. Chapman (manager's).

Under 14: J. Cloke (batting), B. Rutz (bowling), J. Riley (fielding), C. Holland (manager's).

Under 12 (A): M. Gamble (batting), A. Henderson (bowling), C. Cloke (fielding), L. Barnes (manager's).

Under 12 (B): A. Wilson (batting), M. Love (bowling), M. Connor (fielding), S. Sheppard (manager's).

Les Adams Shield: Jason Cloke.



Flashback: Richard Macquire, training on the Yarra.

Paddling for gold

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte's world-class canoeist Richard Macquire is going to the Olympics. The 24 year-old Bradleys Lane resident will represent Australia in the K1 Slalom Whitewater competition at the Atlanta Games in July.

Macquire, who finished in 11th place at the World Championships in Nottingham in England last September, has his sights set on a top 10 finish.

Currently in America until the end of April training on the Olympic course, Macquire will come home only briefly before returning to the States to give himself the best shot at an Olympic medal.

The former Warrandyte Primary School student has committed most of his spare hours to the sport in recent years, giving up much of his work as a successful local builder to dedicate himself to the task.

His mother, Lyn, who will fly with the rest of the family to Atlanta to be at the Games, says she is proud of Richard's efforts

in making the Australian team. "We're very proud of him. He's aiming high and is always very harsh on his own performance," she said.

"The Slalom Whitewater event is a very difficult competition where on the day anything can happen. It depends on the conditions."

"The current world champion from Germany is yet to even qualify for the Games so it is a relief for Richard to know he will be there."

Macquire took up the sport at the age of 12, when it was an easy walk from the family home to the Yarra River.

Since then he has progressed to become the national champion, competing at events around the world.

"We're thrilled that Richard's in the team and are looking forward to going the Games," Mrs Macquire said.

And with Richard in the Australian team Warrandyte locals will have that little extra reason to tune in and cheer loudly.

Brian follows family footsteps

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Brian Chapman's association with the Warrandyte Cricket Club is as successful as it is tragic.

A child prodigy of the club, opening the bowling in the firsts while still in his teens, he seemed destined to become one of their all-time great players.

But at the age of 21 his doctor told him he would never play the sport again. For someone who grew up loving the game with a passion it was hard to take.

When Chapman's outstanding service to the club was officially recognised with the awarding of life membership last month, for many it

brought back memories of a tallish left-armner zipping down demon deliveries at an early age.

Brian became the fifth Chapman to be bestowed the club's highest honour. He joins father Alan, brother John, sister Jenny and wife Jenni (nee McLaws) as recipients of the award, recognising outstanding service to local cricket.

Chapman joined the club as a nine year-old in 1971. By 1977 he was in the senior's top team and was soon opening the bowling and displaying more than able competence with the bat.

But then his doctor delivered him the shocking news.

"He told me that I had a compressed disc in my back and would never play again," Brian Chapman said.

"I was shattered by that, and while I still held hopes of returning I was then in two car accidents, neither of which were my fault, that wrecked it totally."

Instead of retiring away from the scene Brian found a new pursuit, coaching the club's womens eleven side. He did that for 12 years, taking them to the top with the 1991/92 premiership.

He has since returned to the mens side of things, officially taking on the coaching of the thirds, fourths and fifths last season, but in reality doing a

lot more, pulling the strings and riding the highs and lows of all club teams.

"I'm very honoured to become a life member like my father was," he said. "It is a great club to be involved with."

He says the future of the club does not lie in coaxing talented outsiders to join and recruiting heavily, rather developing and promoting young local talent.

"The future of the club is in guys believing in themselves and actually doing it, not relying on other people to come in and do it."

Much in the same way that he came in to 'do it' in the seniors 15 years before.

Winning streak ends Fourth team's life

Warrandyte Cricket Club's fourth eleven won their third straight premiership last month when they beat Kilsyth by five wickets in the grand final.

They routed Kilsyth for just 75 runs after losing the toss in the main game, but such was their domination for the third year in a row they will not get a chance to defend their title next year.

Club president Russell Dorning said the team will be split up with many players going to bolster higher graded teams.

Captain Andy King will be one who will play in a higher team. He only scored 16 in the final but again handled the team with great poise and precision. Opening fast bowler Richard

Webb is also on the rise. He snared 6/26 from 18 overs in the final to set Kilsyth on the back foot after they started 0/22.

But then Webb, who bowled unchanged from one end with Peter Sharpe (2/24) and Peter Raby (2/17) at the other, struck.

Warrandyte started brilliantly in their run chase. Trent Gathercole (26) and Tyson Brent (27) pushed the score to 54 to ensure victory.

Despite losing a quick 5/20 Luke Revell (31 not out) held down one end to keep them on track.

Richard Webb completed a fine game by hitting 50 not out. When he reached the milestone the game was called off, Warrandyte 6/163 and comfortable winners for their "three-peat".

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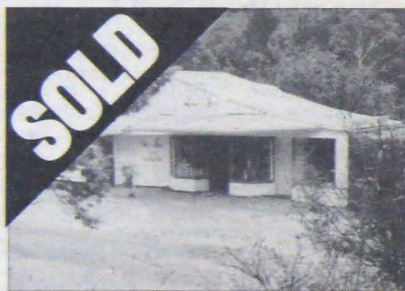
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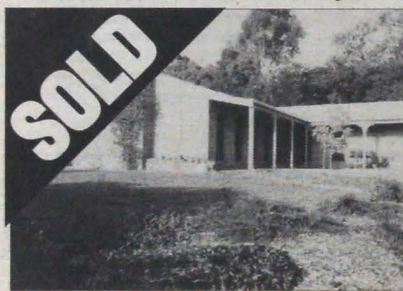
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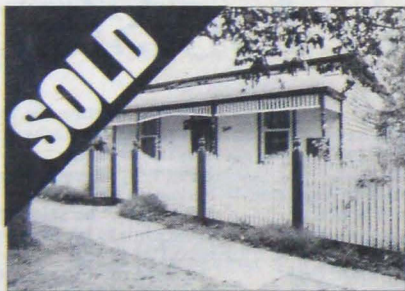
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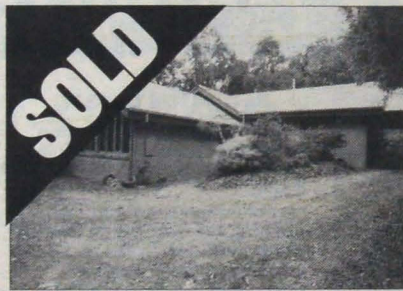
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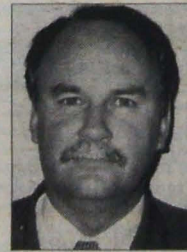
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