

# Basketball courts on Goldfields car park?



Phil Honeywood: hope for tennis courts.

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's search for an additional court has taken a twist with Warrandyte Business Association suggesting it could be built at Goldfields Plaza shopping centre.

WBA president, Tony Summers, told the club that a stadium at the centre would serve a dual purpose, providing the club with a new home and sparking increased business for the West End traders.

"It would provide a shot in the arm for local traders. We could not see any objections against a stadium being built there," he told the *Diary*.

"The business association is very much in favour of a more centralised focus for the stadium. We couldn't support a new stadium built at the high school."

The new plan is one of a number of options the club is pursuing in an attempt to solve their crippling court space problems.

President Bruce Macdonald said a stadium at Goldfields Plaza would benefit the 1000 people who train, play or watch basketball each week at the club's current one-court facility at Warrandyte High School.

"While the club is looking at all of our options, a court close to the heart

of town and shops will certainly benefit a far greater number of people," Bruce Macdonald said.

"We've had a meeting with the association and are very happy to have them involved. As a result of the last *Diary* we have also had several other approaches which we are following up."

The Goldfields Plaza plan includes a stadium built in the car park nearest the fire station, with the capacity to park cars below the court. A new entrance off Warrandyte Road, already planned, would help speed up the flow of traffic.

Both Bruce Macdonald and Tony

Summers said a combination of state and council funding would be essential for the plan to go ahead.

"But there are ways and means of getting things," Tony Summers said. "I'm sure there will be ways of finding funds."

● Meanwhile, the on-again off-again drama surrounding new courts for Warrandyte Tennis Club is back on the agenda.

Local MP Phil Honeywood has indicated that within the next fortnight Manningham council will announce an alternative siting plan, placing the two new courts entirely on council-owned land.

# State Park staff cut

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte State Park is now seriously understaffed, with insufficient rangers and construction and maintenance crew, and for the past 15 weeks has had no ranger-in-charge.

The *Diary* understands that the ranger-in-charge, Mat Le Duc, has been "moved sideways" by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and has been working at another state park away from Warrandyte for the past 15 weeks. The *Diary* is unaware of any impropriety in his activities and he is generally well-regarded for his local work.

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are very concerned about the low level of staffing in the park and at the park depot, a situation that means that the park is not being properly protected, maintained and policed.

Ranger numbers have fallen from six full-time staff in November 1995 to three junior rangers at present. The construction and maintenance crew has been reduced from five to two.

Problems with more people walking their dogs in the park and weed growth are building up because of the lack of staff and direction. Despite the good work of the existing staff, weed growth, particularly in newly-planted areas, is getting out of control.

Warrandyte State Park is under the direction of the Port Phillip area of the department. Area manager Rod Gowans

## Top man sent 'sideways'



"...park is not being properly protected, maintained and policed..."

One of the contact people with the Friends, Mike Coupar, said: "Things are not that good from our committee's perspective at the Warrandyte depot. Our concerns are so serious that we have arranged a meeting with the area managers of the department on May 16 and we will be asking questions about staffing, about their budget, and their directions and priorities for the park."

The latest incidents in control and management of the park follow major changes in the organisation of the Friends following the resignations of Margaret Burke (co-ordinator) and Ian Burke (newsletter editor) last year. However, the Friends committee of management meets regularly and is as committed as it always has been to the betterment of the park for the Warrandyte community and visitors.

The *Diary* was informed last year that there were to be new concepts in the use of the park. It was told by a reliable source that a user-pays policy might be adopted, with campers being allowed entry and charges being made at several popular picnic and barbecue areas of the park.

These statements, however, were later refuted by a department official.

● Friends of the forest: Page 9

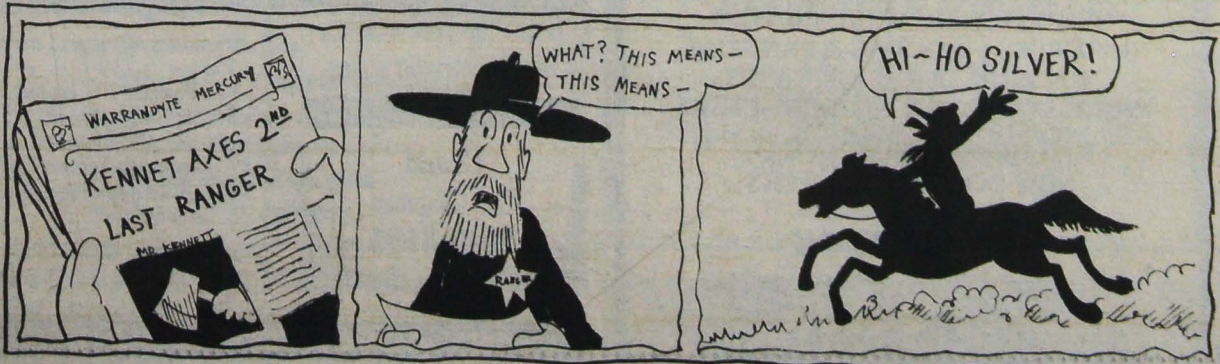
would not comment on the removal of Mat Le Duc or the lack of staff at the park. "Our policy is not to comment on any staff matters. It is an internal issue and we'll handle it that way," he said.

"I have spoken to the chairman of the Friends and indicated where things are at."



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By PAUL WILLIAMS




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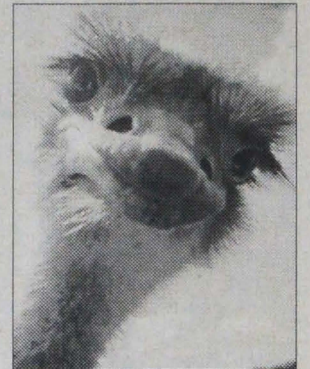



We wonder if Michael Grieve, of Webb Street, has suddenly taken to wearing pyjamas. He wishes he'd been wearing them when he and wife Juniper were woken in the early hours recently by a neighbour reporting that Juniper's horse had escaped from its paddock and at that very moment was making a hearty meal of the precious flowers in another neighbour's garden. Being in the habit of sleeping au naturel, David wrapped a towel around his waist and off he went into the night to round up the naughty nag. He found it after searching a number of gardens and returned it to its paddock. Mission accomplished. But as he walked home down Webb Street he was bailed up by a couple of cars with flashing blue lights. Someone had reported a streaker in their garden. The law listened to David's explanation and, impressed by his sincerity and extreme embarrassment, let him go. But not even the pitch darkness of the hour could hide the smirks.


## IN RED & WHITE



Below: Scruffy.  
Below right: Ostrich.





Whoever buys the Gospel Chapel and whatever use it is put to, please don't take away the signboard outside and the uplifting messages it has long delivered. We noticed it digressed a little from a totally religious theme last month, but the words were still ever so meaningful: "All car drivers in favour of saving gas and lives raise your right foot." We repeat them here just in case you were going so quick you missed them as you passed.




Our much-travelled Bus Stop Spy has mellowed alarmingly since the Warrandyte service was privatised and taken over by the National Bus Company. "More buses, more reliable buses, buses running at hours of the night unheard of under the Met regime. Look, in the Met days there were two buses into Warrandyte of a Sunday and two

out. Now there are 10. And the drivers? They can't do enough for you and they do it with a smile. Why, just the other day we had an Indian chap at the wheel whose turban was a perfect match with the jacket of his uniform. Sort of a plum shade. Colour-coordinated Indian drivers—that's what a bus service should be all about!" Thank you, Bus Stop Spy. And happy travelling.




Alan "Scruffy" Edhouse, whose adventures and misadventures have earned him Page 2 exposure before, bobs up here again by virtue of his entrepreneurial spirit. Scruffy, a plumber, has diversified into the business of ostrich farming and intends to make squillions of dollars. We happen to know he has two birds down at Hastings from which he plans to build an empire. We don't know how much Scruffy knows about breeding ostriches, but we do know he has a matched pair—

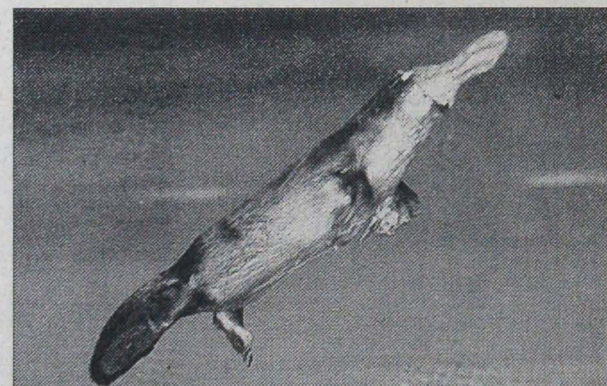
one boy, one girl—so at least he's got that bit right.




The brothers Booth, John and Terry, probably have many things in common, but football allegiances and tipping expertise are not among them. Terry is a lifelong Essendon supporter and John a long-suffering Fitzroy fan who doesn't allow sentiment to cloud judgment. In round five of the Warrandyte RSL Club's footy tipping competition, John got the perfect score of eight and is still giggling about Terry scoring a duck.




From Gippsland comes news of David Burge, who preceded Sergeant Keith Walker as our police chief. David has just quit the force and with wife Virginia and son Thomas, 4, has taken over the Colonial Motor Inn at Bairnsdale. The Burges were based as Bairnsdale after leaving Warrandyte, with a stint at Morwell in between.



We'd like to able to say that this is the platypus observed by Glen Terry, but we are incapable of lying. It is, however a platypus. Indisputably.



The platypus may be an endangered species in these parts, but it lives! Yes, it lives! Don't take our word for it, take the word of Glen Terry, the Shire of Nillumbik's environmental works manager. Glenn spent 15 minutes recently watching a platypus at play (or maybe it was at work) in the shallows of the Yarra in North Warrandyte. We daren't say exactly where because the last thing an endangered species needs is hordes of curious folk—well-meaning as they might be—invading its habitat. But we can tell you that it was in the Koornong area.



No prize for the neatest correct answer, but what's a puggle? Give up? Okay, it's a baby echidna. Puggles is also the name of a child care centre opened late last month outside the Healesville Sanctuary by former Warrandyte couple John and Jenny Holinger. Jenny saw the need for such a centre when she was working in the office at the sanctuary and found it difficult bordering on impossible to find care for her two kids. Identifying a need, she filled it by building a centre of her own. And if that's not a blatant plug for the daughter of *Diary* staffers Jan and Lee Tindale we have never seen one. Corruption is everywhere.

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## Locals should prepare for return of vote



Val Polley as mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe: "The whole community will need to remain vigilant".

By CLIFF GREEN

With the re-introduction of council elections scheduled for March next year, Warrandyte is facing another period of uncertainty, when major decisions affecting the future of the area and its community will be decided.

This is the opinion of Val Polley, long-time local resident and community campaigner, Warrandyte Ward councillor and former Doncaster mayor.

"Since the installation of government-appointed commissioners, Warrandyte has missed out in council decision-making," Val Polley told the *Diary*.

"We have witnessed, for example, the reversal of previous council decisions on desperately-needed sporting facilities and the provision of a retirement village."

Before they were sacked in 1994, Doncaster-Templestowe council pledged funding for the purchase of land for a retirement village in Warrandyte and the building of two new tennis courts at Warrandyte Reserve.

"The previous council's decisions followed considerable campaigning and consultation, and the community will need to ensure that when local democracy is restored in Manningham and Nillimbuk next year, these issues are re-addressed."

Recent history has shown that the Warrandyte community is well-equipped to look after itself. "The building of the new community centre, the defeat of dual occupancy and the saving of the Green Wedge all resulted from hard-fought local campaigns. Warrandyte did it then; we can certainly do it again," Val Polley said.

Good representation over recent years, at both local and state government levels, has helped to protect and enhance Warrandyte's natural and built environments.

These representatives have been advised and supported by concerned individuals and groups.

"Previous councillors were heartened by the strong community support they received. Fore-shadowed changes to local government indicate that local groups must start preparing for council elections next March.

"It is not my intention to stand for council again," Val said, "but I am concerned that others— from both sides of the river—

should be considering this matter and casting around for suitable candidates. Hopefully, such people will emerge during forthcoming community activity."

The *Diary* has recently reported on a wide range of projects being undertaken through the initiative of the Warrandyte Business Association. These include township beautification, additional parking and signage. The tennis and basketball clubs are endeavouring to achieve their long-time goals of improved facilities.

"The efforts of the WBA should inspire other community groups—and individuals—to re-energise and plan for the return of elected local government," Val said. "The tennis and basketball clubs are fighting hard to achieve their long-time goals for improved facilities—threatened by the commissioners—and the rest of the community should be emulating their example."

"But other local concerns, such as accommodation for the elderly and the proposed ring road, appear to have slipped off the agenda. Both the Anti Ring Road Organisation (ARRO) and the retirement housing committee should be working hard to ensure these issues are high on the notice papers of the new councils.

"We won the Green Wedge battle," Val said, "but with millions of dollars at stake, we can never be sure it's over. Local environment groups—indeed the whole community—will need to remain vigilant."

"The Warrandyte we know and love must be protected from tourist-driven development: more shops, additional parking, insensitive roadworks. It would be good to hear from such battle-hardened community groups as the Warrandyte Environment League and the Warrandyte Advisory Committee on some of these issues."

Val Polley is anxious that Warrandyte's record for self-help and strong community focus should be maintained. "The return of local government next year gives us the chance to do just that. It would be a tragedy if, through apathy or complacency, we let this opportunity slip by."

# Where have all the stirrers gone?

By DAVID WYMAN

As Manningham City Council prepares for the election of councillors on March 15, 1997, it is receiving little community input on its options for councillor numbers and ward boundaries.

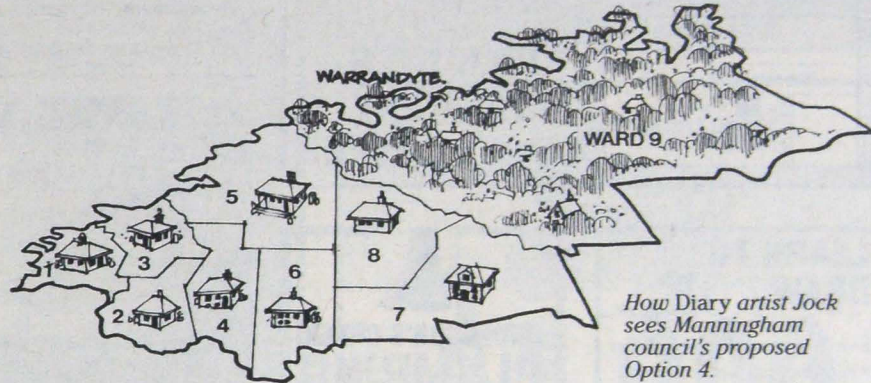
Two public meetings called by commissioners to discuss the options have been poorly attended. One at the council offices on April 24 attracted six residents, but the meeting at Warrandyte Community Centre on April 29 was abandoned as one resident turned up at about 8.45pm.

The meeting in Warrandyte was poorly and inadequately advertised in the opinion of *Diary* staff, although similar meetings in other municipalities have attracted very few ratepayers.

"It's a bit disappointing. We thought we would get quite a few people at the Warrandyte meeting given the nature of the area and the comments we received from Wonga Park people," council's Steve Goldsworthy commented.

Residents had until May 6 to submit comments on the four preferred options for the structure of the municipality with elected councillors.

The Manningham commission-



How *Diary* artist Jock sees Manningham council's proposed Option 4.

ers will adopt a preferred option at their meeting on May 14, taking into account the limited community input.

The preferred option will be advertised for public comment and after evaluation of all submissions, commissioners will adopt an electoral structure which will be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

Residents may well question whether the council has adequately informed them of the electoral options which will precede the March 15 elections.

A half-page advertisement, announcing the return of democracy and giving details of those options, is about all they have seen. And that contained

many items, including notice of the Warrandyte meeting.

A press statement on the issue arrived at the *Diary* office too late for publication last month.

Commissioners have held a meeting with the Commissioners Advisory Group and the Return of Councillors Working Party to discuss nine original options for the future electoral structure. Four preferred options were the result of that meeting.

Only one option, Option 4 with nine wards each represented by one councillor, appears to isolate all of the semi-rural and rural parts of the municipality into an area somewhat approximating an enlarged version of the

old Warrandyte Ward. Ward 9 of Option 4 includes most of the eastern half of Manningham council area, covering Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Park Orchards and Wonga Park with parts of Ringwood North.

But whichever option is selected, residents in the now enlarged Green Wedge will have the on-going problem of the danger of urban councillors uniting in an attempt to change their lifestyle through subdivision and development.

The commissioners have already decided to have council elections every three years and have stated that they prefer a full postal voting system for the 1997 elections.

## We remember our brave heroes



Flashback: Ken McKenzie (left), Neil Pearson and former MP Lou Hill lay wreaths at a past Anzac Day service in Warrandyte.

The numbers in the march were down a little, but Warrandyte gave strong public support to last month's Anzac Day commemoration.

The service in the memorial grounds was conducted this year by the Reverend Father John Shallvey, of St. Gerard's Catholic Church and his theme was "love thy neighbour" and "no more wars".

Father Shallvey said that while the purpose of Anzac Day was to pay homage and respect to those who had fought for their country, it was our responsibility to ensure that it would never be necessary to fight again.

And he said this and every community had the opportunity to make itself a starting point towards this goal by riding itself of internal enmity.

Former Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch president Ken McKenzie, on a visit from NSW, officiated at the service in the absence of incumbent president Neil Pearson, who was in

Canberra marching under the banner of his World War 2 unit—the 8th Field Survey Section AIF—for the first time.

Mr McKenzie said numbers in the march, from the Gospel Chapel to the memorial grounds—were down by about half a dozen on last year.

"Em and Don Blackie, who have since moved to Euroa, were missing for the first time in a long, long while and Lyn Mitchell, another stalwart, couldn't make it," he said.

"But the response of the people of Warrandyte to the march and service was as good as ever."

The guard of honour at the service was provided by the Ringwood-based Force Combat Engineer Unit under Major Graham Lambert.

The bugler again was Chris Coates.

Unfortunately the march and ceremony was without the services of regular piper Andrew Ogilvy. He had car trouble.

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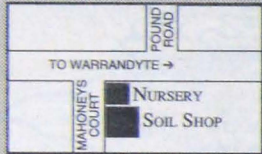
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# New face at church

By JOHN HANSON

Reverend Trevor Williams was inducted into pastoral charge of the Uniting Church Warrandyte parish at a ceremony last month. He has served the parish of Box Hill-St Andrews for the past eight years.

Educated at Melbourne university and Ormond College, he served as parish assistant at Frankston before being ordained in 1963.

He then ministered in pastorates in the parishes of Heywood, Strathmore and Leongatha.

From 1979 he was Gippsland presbytery officer, travelling up to 60,000 kilometres each year to support and encourage ministers and congregations in the large industrial cities and small remote settlements in the region.

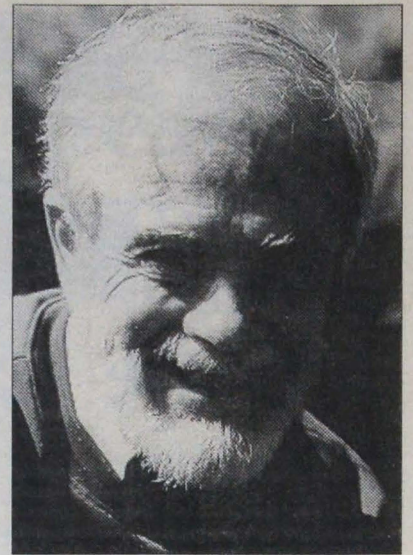
He was involved in the early days of the Victorian synod's Rural Ministry Task Group and the work of its Re-

sources Commission. He also served as a councillor for the Shire of Woorayl for six years and was its president in 1987.

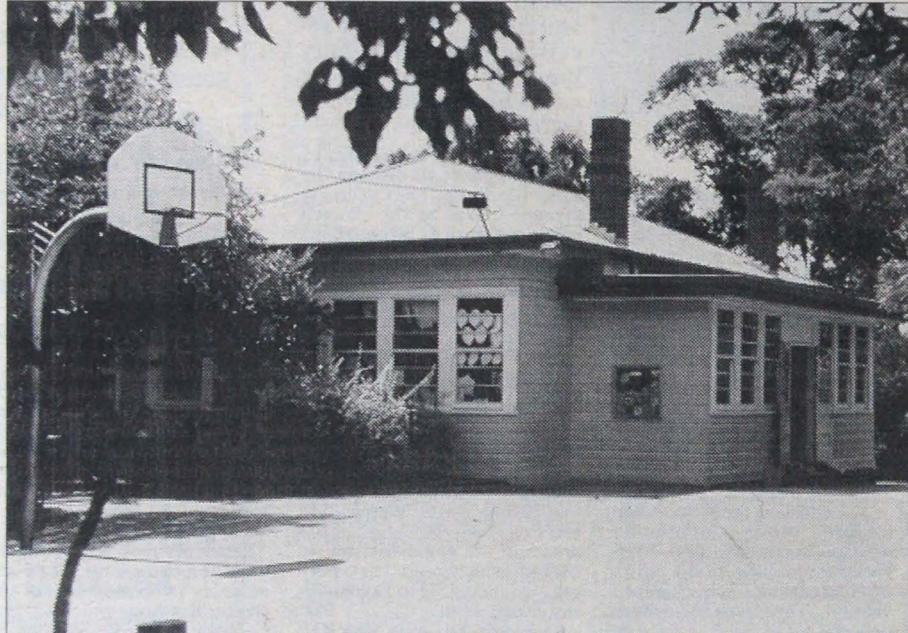
At Box Hill he initiated the development of the Diaconal outreach ministry of Reverend David Webster and has made a contribution to the proposal to join the present Box Hill and district parishes into one congregation.

He has nurtured the establishment of the Hanbit Korean congregation, who share facilities at St Andrews, and has supported the Evangelical Formosan Church during its early years. Both Trevor and wife Ann have been actively involved in the Box Hill Inter-Church Council.

Ann is a librarian working part-time at the senior campus of Heathmont College. They have three children, enjoy a game of golf and are looking forward to making a positive contribution to the Warrandyte community.



Trevor Williams



## A fond farewell to her old school

I am writing in response to the closure of South Warrandyte Primary School (March *Diary*). This 92 year-old school has literally been forced to close due to the 380 students that are attending this year. With 87 preps and 16 grade 6s the school is too small for the number of students attending.

In this caring old school they have a fabulous nature reserve that has many different types of plants. There is a plaque commemorating the death of a past principal placed in the nature reserve—that means quite a lot to this school. What happens when the school moves? If they take the plaque to the new location

of the school it won't mean anything, so, is it going to stay?

This tiny school was like a second home for myself and many other pupils who have been there. I am very upset about this closure.

Melissa Cooper  
Warrandyte High School

## In defence of basketball club

The Warrandyte Basketball Club committee was disappointed to read the letter from Mr Michael Blake (principal of Warrandyte High School) that appeared in the April edition of the *Warrandyte Diary*. Mr Blake makes some rather disturbing statements on the use of the school's single basketball court by the Warrandyte Redbacks Basketball Club.

We take issue with several of the comments raised but, unlike Mr Blake, the club does not believe that the *Warrandyte Diary*

is the correct forum to discuss issues which arise from the contractual agreement that currently exists between the club and the school. Suffice to say, a meeting has been arranged between Mr Blake and the president and secretary of the Warrandyte Basketball Club to discuss a range of concerns, pertaining to the agreement, that have not been satisfactorily resolved to date.

Of the seven issues that Mr Blake raises in his letter the club, does however, fully en-

dorse Nos. 5 and 7. We too agree that "this is not the time to bicker and argue (especially in public), but rather one for building on existing relationships" and "...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."

Bruce Macdonald  
President  
Warrandyte Basketball Club

## LETTERS

### Dogs frighten kids

I write to report a dog attack on myself and my two children at 4pm on April 23 at the Yarra River walking track, near Forbes Street in Warrandyte.

At the said time I was walking west on the south bank of the river with my two boys aged two-and-a-half years and five years.

A German shepherd dog suddenly came bounding up to us from behind. I put myself between my younger child and the dog and motioned it away. The dog then hunched back, growled and bared its teeth. I held my foot up as a barrier to the dog at which point the owners started yelling out not to.

I told them to restrain their dog and put it on a lead. They refused, claiming that the dog can legally run free in a public place. A short argument then ensued with me claiming that children had right of way and they claiming the dog's right to freedom.

My children were stunned and frightened by the incident and I was also shaken, as much by the owners' aggressive attitude as their dog's.

I did not get their names but they were a blond woman in her 30s and a man in his 50s. They also had a second small white dog of non-aggressive nature.

We often walk along this track and have had several unwelcome incidents with dogs. This one is the last straw.

I request the law prevent unrestrained dogs in this public place and signs be erected along the track informing dog owners of their responsibility to keep dogs on leads.

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Yarra Street

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## Advice for parents

Local parents struggling with adolescent children will benefit from a new help project which begins later this month. The Parent Support and Resource Program will start its second six-weeks term on May 22. Program co-ordinator Kaye Ward said: "The program operates through Warrandyte and Manningham Youth Services and is funded through the Office of Youth Affairs. It aims to support families with adolescents."

The course will be held at the Tunstall Counselling and Resource Centre in East Doncaster. Registrations can be made through the Tunstall centre on 9842 8466.

## Young actors grapple with contemporary problems

By LISA SANTAMARIA

Young local actors, members of the Warrandyte Youth Services group, have been very busy lately. They've been rehearsing a play, soon to be performed at the Warrandyte High School.

The play, *Juvie* (short for juvenile), by American playwright Jerome McDonough, is a drama with elements of comedy, set in a juvenile detention centre. It delivers a powerful message on such issues as drugs and crime, so relevant to many young people today.

*Juvie* is being performed by about 15 young actors, with others involved in lighting, sound and other similar production roles. Social workers from the

youth group also lend a hand, playing adult roles in the production.

The play is directed by Yvonne Morey, who is donating her services. A self-described "semi-professional", Yvonne has been involved with WAA drama group for around 15 years.

She was asked to direct the play after she conducted a number of drama workshops with the Youth Services group last year.

This is the first time Yvonne has directed such a young cast, and she describes the experience as "very challenging".

"I'm very impressed with the talent of this cast," she said, "they've put in a lot of effort.

Some of the kids have improved in leaps and bounds and I'm enjoying sharing my knowledge with them."

The high school is donating the use of their theatre for this special production.

*Juvie* will be performed over two weeks, opening on Friday, May 10 and continuing on Saturday 11, Friday 17 and Saturday, May 18. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available at the door and from Warrandyte Youth Services in the community centre. For bookings and enquiries phone 9844 2985.

The youth group hopes to continue producing plays as a regular part of its many activities.

# EVE EVANS

## A true pioneer

A woman who played a unique role in the history of Warrandyte died on April 10, aged 87. Arriving in Warrandyte in 1940 as a young lone parent with two small children, she was later to write *The Wooden Bridge*, a moving, often humorous account of a quarter of a century of life by the Yarra River.

**E**VE EVANS was born Evelyn Cave in Ireland in 1909. She lived in South Africa then came to Australia in 1917. She married and had a daughter Louise, who died as a child, and two sons, Peter and Tony. She later adopted a daughter, Rosalind.

Peter and Tony suffered badly from eczema and on medical advice Eve sought a healthier environment for them. And so in July 1940 they came to Warrandyte to live. The boys were two years and nine months old at the time.

Initially Eve rented a house at the end of what is now Glynn's Road. The land is now part of the Warrandyte State Park and the house is occupied by one of the rangers. The section of Glynn's Road that runs past the North Warrandyte fire station was once called Evans Road.

The boys' father came at weekends, but these visits grew less and less frequent until they finally stopped. He also ceased sending money.

To survive, Eve grew vegetables, trapped rabbits and caught fish. When the boys got older they shot an occasional wallaby to add to their food supply. She collected and cut firewood, dragging it up the steep hills with a rope. Again, the boys took over as they grew older.

The house had no electricity or telephone and their only means of transport was walking.

A journey into the village meant a long walk by road or a scramble down the steep hill to the river, then a crossing by punt. This was hauled by a cable that had once been part of Pearson's suspension bridge, destroyed in the 1934 flood. Then followed the walk along Everard Drive to Yarra Street.

At first the boys crossed the river and walked to school, but later Eve obtained a horse which they both rode. When it rained they sheltered beneath a ground-sheet. Fortunately the horse knew the way and when it stopped they emerged from beneath the sheet and slid off.

Eve often bartered with Jack Moore the storekeeper for supplies, swapping vegetables and jams, as well as butter and cheese, which she made by separating milk.

Jim Moss, Eve's half-brother, built Riverview Motors in Warrandyte after World War II. Later Tony began work at the garage and was paid 15 shillings (\$1.50) a week.

As well as rainwater collected in tanks they also pumped from the river. Carrying fuel down to the pump was a major feat as the hillside was so steep that in



Eve Evans

places the only way down was to sit and slide.

The pump was so temperamental that starting could take up to three hours cranking. Occasionally, by the time they had climbed back up to the house, it had stopped again!

Good soil for the garden was carried from the riverbank in buckets. In these unlikely conditions Eve developed an abiding interest in gardening. She later became a member of the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

She discovered a new grevillea during a trip to the Grampians. This was named *Grevillea Evansii* in her honour. She set up the second native plant nursery in the entire Melbourne area, at Potters' Cottage.

One day the noted horticulturalist Edna Walling was brought to see Eve's garden. So impressed was she that she encouraged Eve to study horticulture and later invited her to work with her.

She studied at Earnest Lord's School of Landscape Architecture for some years and wrote a weekly column for one of the Melbourne dailies and contributed regularly to the Ringwood Mail. She eventually became a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, London.

Ultimately Eve bought a house nearer the township, just across the bridge in Research Road. She later purchased artist Jo Sweatman's cottage, adjoining the new house. The cottage, now classified by the National Trust, owed its survival during the 1962 bushfires to the Evans family.

Eve was invited to join the Soroptimist Society (an organisation dedicated to help-

ing people) and she represented Victoria at a world-wide conference in Rome in 1971.

It was here she met Inge Lems from Holland. They became close friends and finally Eve went to Holland to live. She stayed 14 years, sharing a house in Dordrecht with Inge.

Eve learned to speak Dutch and Inge encouraged her to write *The Wooden Bridge*. They travelled widely in Europe and shared many adventurous trips, including one behind the Iron Curtain.

Meanwhile her son Peter had come to Europe and was running luxury barge tours on the canals and rivers. During winter, when the waterways were frozen, he lived in Dordrecht with Eve and Inge.

Finally Eve moved back to Australia, buying a home at Cape Patterson. After a long battle Inge was allowed to migrate to Australia. She died of cancer soon after her arrival.

Eve lived alone at Cape Patterson, but after a number of falls, resulting in broken bones and visits to hospital she moved into her final home at Templestowe Gardens, where she enjoyed an active life, indulging her love of gardening.

The *Diary* was privileged to publish *The Wooden Bridge* as a serial from May, 1991 through to October, 1993.

Eve Evans is survived by her two sons—Peter and Tony—a daughter, Rosalind, and five grandchildren, Michael, Paul and Kirsten and Chris and Kellie.

• This tribute is based upon material written by the late Bruce Bence in 1991.

## Memories of a famous family

Kangaroo Ground will celebrate the life of two of its more famous citizens on Sunday, May 19 with their first ever Furphy Day. Joseph and John Furphy were Kangaroo Ground residents who made quite an impression in the late 1800s, one a noted author and the other an inventor of the well-known water-cart.

Their parents, Judith and Samuel Furphy, were employed by James Anderson of Andersons Creek when he arrived on the ship Argyle on its arrival in Port Phillip from Plymouth on March 1, 1841. After working for him for a year they moved to Yering before settling in Kangaroo Ground in 1850.

Their sons carved their own niche in Australian history. Joseph Furphy was the author of three great novels and other yarns and poems. He has long attracted the attention of literary critics around the country for the games he played with language.

With an almost encyclopaedic memory, Joseph, in his major work, *Such is Life*, transports the reader into the hurly-burly world of the Riverina bullockies of last century among whom he toiled. And his *Vignette of Port Phillip* still has the capacity to provide marvellous insights into the Yarra Valley of the 1840s when its black and white worlds

clashed with such disastrous results.

His brother John used imagination to good effect by conjuring up his marvellous water-cart. It was a machine the farmers of the driest continent on earth came to welcome with open arms.

During World War I the Australian army shipped hundreds of these overseas to supply the troops in the field. At Gallipoli, the gossipy news their drivers passed on to front-line troops saw the term "furphy" accepted into the Australian idiom as the colourful alternative for "a rumour of doubtful repute".

The formal part of Furphy Day

commences at 2pm on Sunday, May 19, at the Andrew Ross Museum. An address will be made by Professor John Barnes, the leading authority on the literary work of Joseph Furphy, and the winners will be announced of the Furphy Poetry Award. Roger Furphy, the great grandson of the inventor of the water-cart, will unveil a plaque.

Central to the day will be an exhibition of rare Furphy memorabilia, including Joseph's books and letters, photographs and plaques, water-carts and restored machinery. For more information contact Bruce Nixon on 9730 1649 or Mick Woilwood on 9712 0563.

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# How they survived the fiery holocaust

**W**HEN Mel came back from Perth the other week she brought with her a bunch of Banksias. The woody-stemmed flowers, although dried, had retained their perfect cone-shaped symmetry, only the colour had faded and lost its lustre.

Banksias, like their South African relations Proteas, are renowned for their remarkable keeping qualities and therefore make excellent dried flower arrangements. They last forever.

I fingered the bristly skirt of one of the flowerheads, and closing my eyes placed its domed top against my cheek. It felt sumptuously soft and furry like a wool carpet. I tried to visualise the flat sandy heathlands of the West where these uniquely Australian plants grow. I have been to Western Australia only once—12 years ago—and like most people was suitably impressed by the wildflower display. Now with my greater knowledge and passion for plants I would find the scene, for want of a better cliché, 'mind-blowing'.

It's not that we don't have Banksias in Victoria. We do. Not, however, in such numbers or variety. Of the 75 species found in Australia, WA has 58 of them while Victoria has only six. Warrandyte has just one, the Silver Banksia, but like so much else in Warrandyte it is very special.

The species itself is not unusual, in fact it is the most common and widespread Banksia in the state—it is also the most variable, ranging in size from a low bushy shrub to a sturdy-

**NATURE**  
 By PAT COUPAR  
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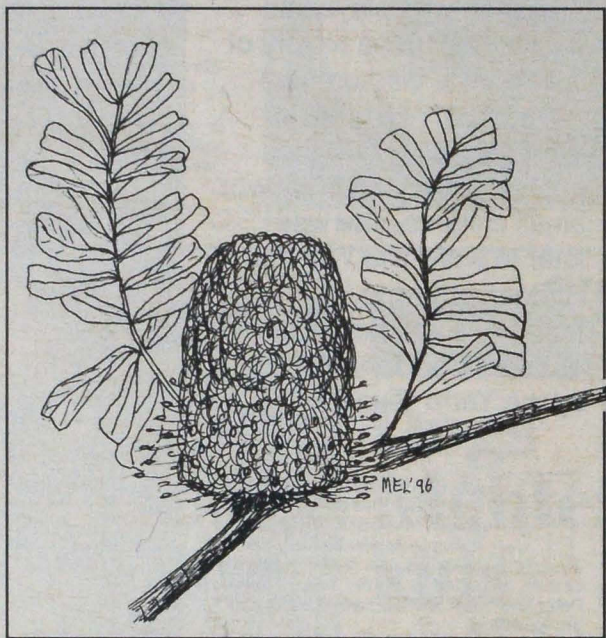
trunked tree. In the Melbourne area, plants of tree proportions are extremely rare, but they do grow here in our bushland oasis. Chances are, however, most people will never see Warrandyte's majestic Banksia trees. They will certainly not be encountered while strolling through the forest or along the river bank. The illusory trees are best viewed from the water itself, by canoe, and then only by scouring the rocky cliffs of the gorge escarpment.

At the present time, two populations of this king-sized Banksia are known. The largest, both in numbers and dimensions of individuals, occurs near the very start of the gorge on the north side of the river.

The other group, also on the north side of the river, is several kilometres downstream near the end of the gorge at Pound Bend. During the 1991 bushfire most of this small population were burnt, only two trees escaped the blaze.

Following the fire, three of the seemingly dead trees resprouted from underground lignotubers. These woody swellings which occur near the base of the trunk have evolved as an adaptation to fire, they contain dormant buds which when stimulated by fire produce new shoots.

Sadly and somewhat surpris-



ingly no seedlings appeared after the fire. Most Banksias, after flowering, hold their seed inside tightly closed follicles embedded in the woody cone. Only when the plant dies in a bushfire or through other causes do the follicles open like the gaping beak of a hungry bird to release the seed. A few species, and Silver is one of them, shed their seed on maturity. This may account for the lack of post-fire germination of the Banksias at Pound Bend.

During my literature search for this article I came across an in-

teresting quote from a J.E. Brown, 'Conservator of Forests for the South Australian government'. He says "As a member of our forest flora, Silver Banksia does not possess any natural characteristics which would entitle it to conservation".

This statement was made in 1882. More than 100 years later, thankfully, views on conservation have changed, particularly in Warrandyte where out mighty Silver Banksias have been awarded one of the highest significance ratings of all our local flora.

## History comes out of the closet

By LISA SANTAMARIA

**Y**OU just never know what might be found sitting at the bottom of an old wardrobe. It was during a recent clean up that Croydon resident, Allan Day, came across three pieces of Warrandyte's history.

He found the original minute books of the Mechanics Institute, dated from 1927 to 1933, the Baby Health Centre, from 1939 to 1946, and the Warrandyte division of the Australian Comforts Fund, 1940 to 1941.

Allan Day, an ex-Warrandyte resident, said the books originally belonged to his aunt, Mrs Schultz, who lived her whole life in Warrandyte and was a devoted committee member for the three organisations.

Allan Day has kindly donated the minute books to the Warrandyte Historical Society. "It's the rightful place for them," he told the *Diary*, "where they can

be looked after and viewed by everyone." They are currently on display in the museum.

A far cry from the computer age, each book contains detailed handwritten notes recording the proceedings of meetings held by the three organisations respectively. Considering their age, each well-used book has remained in very good condition with all information legible.

As many residents will know, the Mechanics Institute and the Baby Health Centre are organisations that still serve the Warrandyte community today. Lesser known is the Warrandyte division of the Australian Comforts Fund. This was an organisation principally comprised of the wives, mothers and girlfriends of locally enlisted men serving during World War II. Their role was to provide useful goods such as cakes, knitted socks, gloves, scarves and the like, which were distributed to men from the district.

The information in the minute books provides an insight into the issues that were

of concern to the community at the time and would be particularly interesting to those whose relatives were involved with the organisations. According to historical society member and life-long Warrandyte resident, Murry Houghton, "Warrandyte has an important history, pioneers have made a contribution and the historical museum is a way of remembering those contributions and the heritage they built up."

"If people are interested in the change and development of the Warrandyte community, they should come for a look," he said.

The historical society welcomes donations of books, photos or any other items of historical significance to Warrandyte. Donations can be left at the museum, opposite the hotel, any Saturday and Sunday between 1pm and 4pm when it is open to the public. Entry is free with donations accepted. The society meets each third Sunday at the community centre from 2pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer for occasional duty during museum opening hours should contact Andy or Gina Bevan-Jones on 9844 3662.

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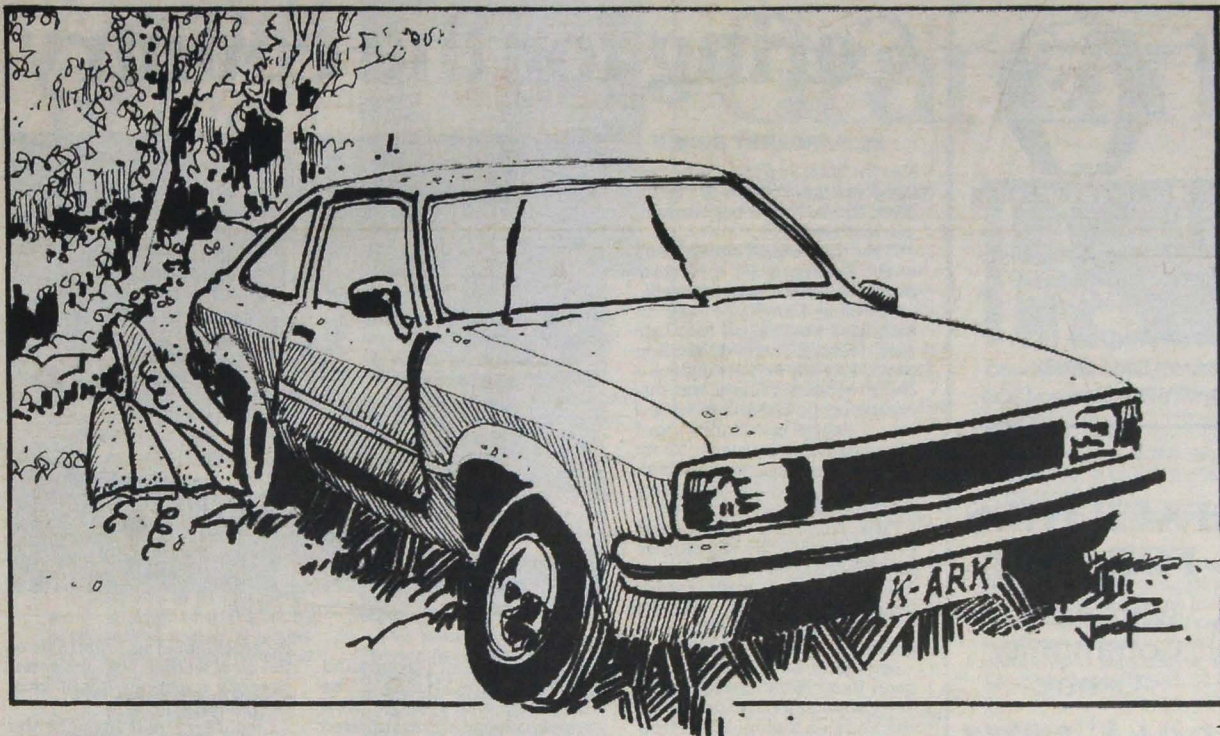
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# 'Sprung' for gross vehicular disloyalty

I THINK the term panel beaters use is "spring". By this they mean that the car has had a collision and part of the framework has been realigned and doesn't work. I "sprang" the door on ARK the other day.

Excuse me a moment whilst I wipe away a tear from the page. I do apologise for such public wallowing in my private grief, but if it's good enough for Bob and Malcolm...

You see, finally, eventually, irrevocably, I have had to say goodbye to my beloved old car, ARK.

Over the years I've shared with you the joys and despairs we have experienced. I've told you my innermost secrets and fantasies about other cars but always, always I came home to ARK. Others laughed at my fidelity and tried also to embarrass me into giving up ARK.

"C'mon. It's time to get something more appropriate for a man in your position and stage in life," they'd taunt.

Ironically, I always thought that's what I had—a rather plain, fading, chipped, duco-greying sort of metaphor of me. They could hardly envision me in a sporty sleek number or an expensive roller. I thought an unremarkable Sunbird was about where I sat. Or should I say where I should have sat. And herein lies the sad part.

I could cope with the windscreen wipers needing the pre-



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**"... knocked both the gear shift lever and the hand brake... Both my life and the car moved slowly backwards..."**

cision of a surgeon to have them stop at the nadir of their downstroke rather than in mid-vision—the self-rectifying gizmo having given up long ago.

I could also just about manage the lack of heating in the cabin of the car. I remember driving home one day when I felt the reminiscent warmth of liquid trickling down my ankle into my shoes. The garage mechanic as-

sured me it was the heating core that was leaking and that it would require the removal of the entire dashboard and the gross national product of Australia to have it fixed so I made do with freezing feet and foggy windows.

I was beginning to have doubts when I stepped into the car and the driving seat frame broke. Unlike Victorian politics my torso had a decided twist to the left and I found that I had to prop up my backrest with a milk crate and a wicker cat's basket, these being just the right width to fit between the back of my seat and the back seat backrest. Again ARK and I had patched it up.

"This is getting ridiculous, and unsafe," Herself had the insensitivity to suggest. "It's become a 'thing' with you now hasn't it—it goes with the eccentric image you're trying to cultivate."

"No, no! This is only temporary. I'm getting a new seat during my holidays." In my heart of hearts I rather liked the basket and crate solution.

The holidays arrived and I began ringing and visiting wreckers. I had trouble finding "wreckers" in the Yellow Pages. I eventually discovered them under "Auto Parts Recyclers".

Having toured the suburbs of Melbourne I found a lovechild driving seat for ARK. It was the same colour and totally velour, unlike the existing vinyl and fabric version I had.

I wondered why the salesman put the money in his top pocket and not the till but decided he

probably rang up a lot of sales at once, later, to save time.

As I drove home I rehearsed my responses to Herself and all the other doubters who had maligned my proud beauty.

"As good as new. Why waste money on a new one when I can fix this so cheaply? She's never run better." We'd show them all.

I went out to the carport armed with the knowledge that there were only four bolts between me and a renewed seat. Half an hour between having a 'has been' and a 'will be'.

I must have knocked both the gear shift lever and the hand-brake as I was tugging it out of the cabin. Both my life and the car moved slowly backwards. Out of the corner of my eye I saw Gorgeous Creature's car downhill and as I wrestled with the car door, the wheel and the sinking feeling that all was not well, I heard the crunch as the back wheel "sprang" my new seat.

ARK came to rest, teetering on a mound of dirt, just like the maroon Falcon opposite Dr Bayly's surgery in Yarra Street.

I yelled for help, then extricated myself from between the driver's door and the tree.

After the tow truck rescued ARK I tried to close the door, but it was sprung. I don't know if it was the pain in my leg, the destroyed new seat or my grief about ARK's undoubted fate that hurt most.

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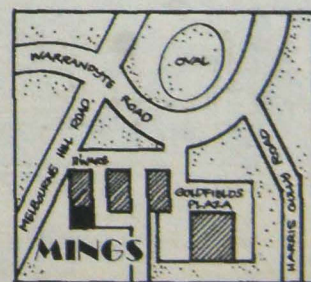
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# Caring for the country

By MARGARET BURKE

North Warrandyte Osborne Landcare and Friends of Pigeon Bank Creek had a big working bee last month.

They then joined the Friends of the Koornong for a celebration lunch and discovery walk.

Osborne Landcare had 15 members working on the state park riverbank behind Hamilton Road. English Ivy, strangling a clump of Manna Gums, was disintegrated, pulled and parcelled up. Forget-me-nots and Monbretia, escapees from nearby gardens, were hand-weeded carefully and bagged for state park rangers to collect.

Two hundred indigenous plants, supplied by Warrandyte State Park nursery, were planted and protected with rabbit guards. Plants for the roadsides in Hamilton were delivered, grown by Landcare members.

At Pigeon Bank Creek, 16 Pigeon Bank members laboured. They were aided by Glen Terry, the Shire of Nillumbik Environmental Works Manager, and all worked on a major construction activity.

The result? A small bridge now crosses the creek parallel to the derelict dray track rail bridge. This extends the new trail which the group has developed, winding in from the bottom of Pigeon Bank Hill. Areas around the trail will be replanted with plants grown by both groups at the Osborne Landcare Nursery. Works have been done with the help of a grant by Melbourne Parks and Waterways grants



The new bridge on Pigeon Bank Creek

program.

At lunchtime both groups and members of the Friends of the Koornong met for the well earned sausage sizzle supplied by the Shire of Nillumbik. Marg Burke of Osborne and Koornong groups led a Discovery Walk of the Koornong area. She pointed out all the works done by the Friends group, and explained plans for the future. Friends of Pigeon Bank's leader Linda Bromilow then took over, showing off the delightful little bridge which had just been completed. We all explored the nature trail which links beautifully to the Koornong's historic lower track. Glen, who actually lives in Warrandyte, made the day a treat.

He entertained us with tales of the local wildlife, and answered people's questions about local land management.

Glen Terry had brought the environmental works trailer, equipped with every possible tool needed by a group. We enjoyed a guided inspection. The trailer can be booked for use by all local groups (a small deposit is all that is required). Ring Parks and Environment office at the Shire of Nillumbik on 9433 3111.

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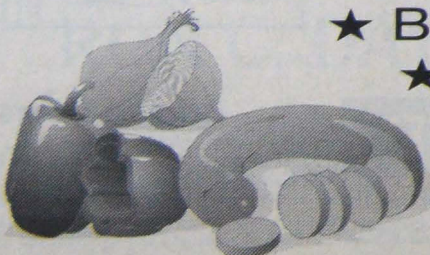
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By PAT COUPAR

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The nursery, complete with polyhouse, shadehouse and a large hardening-off area, is run by the Friends. Plants are grown for revegetation work around the park as well as for community plantings.

In addition to the nursery work, a range of revegetation projects and research is also carried out by the Friends at the depot.

After lunch in the undercover Friends-built 'folly', warmed by a cosy pot belly stove, it is time to get to know the park. A range of activities is planned for the afternoon.

In addition the Friends hold

family days on the last Sunday of each month. The next one is on Sunday, May 26, from 10.30am.

One of the most popular areas of the park is the tunnel at Pound Bend Reserve. Not so long ago this rather degraded, weed-infested area was fenced to exclude rabbits. The weeds were smothered with carpet underlay topped with mulch. Some replanting was carried out inside the fence, but natural regeneration is also starting to occur.

This family Sunday is a chance to see the remarkable transformation and to learn about the history of the area as well as its future. A barbecue lunch will follow the activity.

For more information phone Pat Coupar on 9844 1650 or the park office on 9844 2659.

## Open Day at school

Warrandyte High School will open its doors on May 27 for its now annual Open Day/Night. The school will start proceedings at 12.45pm and conclude at 7pm to enable working parents to see the school in operation.

Principal Michael Blake said last year's success prompted them to continue the format. "It gives parents a chance to

see their children at work at a time when they can attend, and enables those people interested in the school to see it in action. "The huge attendance and positive response last year is testimony to its success."

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Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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Mandy Stevens: Her stirring rendition of Celebration! is available on cassette.

Bradleys Lane, North Warrandyte. A local dentist will talk about caring for children's teeth. At 10am on Wednesday, May 29, the monthly coffee morning will be held at 8 Caloola Drive, North Warrandyte. All mothers interested in breast feeding, childcare and parenting are most welcome. Phone Andrea on 9844 1112 or Jenny on 9844 4730 for further information.

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## Maifest

The annual Luther College Maifest fete will be held on

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## Dance

The next South Warrandyte social dances will be held in the South Warrandyte Hall on Saturday, May 11 and June 8. Enquiries to 9723 3892.

## Mums

The next evening meeting of the Warrandyte Nursing Mothers group will be held at 8pm on Tuesday, May 14 at 31

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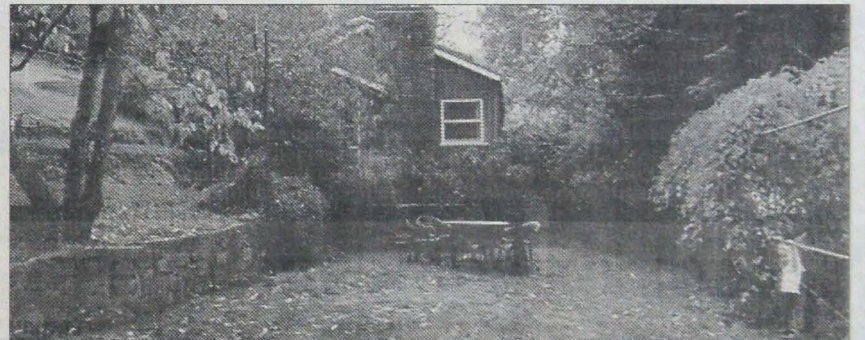
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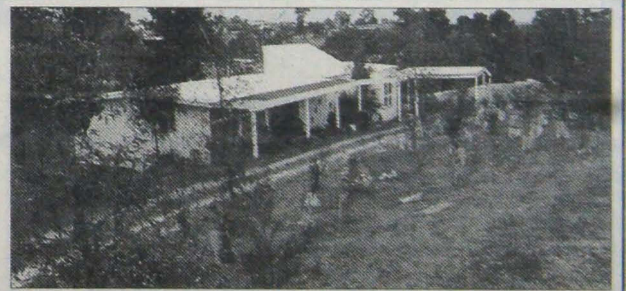
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Best: B. Valentine, D. Comrie, M. Grybas

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J. O'Brien 2, B. Valentine 2.

Reserves: 8.11.59 13.22.100

Best: A. Schafer, A. King, T. Ryan

Goals: C. Withers 3, A. Schafer 2.

U/18's: 9.10.64 11.6.72

Best: J. Edwards, B. Yarwood, L. Riley

Goals: D. Nightingale 3, A. Brown 2, N. Raby 2,

J. Dick 1, J. Bonarus 1.

### 21st April Warrandyte vs Croydon

Seniors: 16.2.99 22.19.151

Best: M. Grybas, M. Clarkson, D. Vitoritti, C. Day

Goal: B. Valentine 5, D. Murphy 4, C. Day 3,

J. O'Brien 2.

Reserves: 2.2.14 19.16.130

Best: A. King, C. Springet, T. Ryan.

Goals: J. Logan 1, A. Rogers 1.

U/18's: 5.5.35 7.8.50

Best: A. Brown, N. Rybalko, L. Bennett

Goals: J. Laing 3, A. Brown 1, N. Raby 1.

### 27th April Warrandyte vs Mulgrave

Seniors: 19.9.123 16.12.108

Best: D. Vitoritti, B. Christiansen, M. Clarkson.

Goals: B. Christiansen 5, G. Pearce 3,

B. Valentine 3, J. O'Brien 2, D. Vitoritti 2.

Reserves: 4.8.32 29.19.193

Best: J. Logan G. Creeber

Goals: B. Hose, D. Purcell, R. Dalli, C. Stucken.

U/18's: 9.10.64 9.6.61

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A. Schafer.

Goals: B. Mc Kellar, M. Finnocchiaro.

### 21st April W'dyte vs Doncaster Heights

U/13's: 2.3.15 8.7.55

Best: P. Dickson, W Padgham, B. Weaven,  
A. Gordon.

Goals: L. Barnes, P. Dickson.

### 21st April Warrandyte vs Doncaster

U/11's: 10.9.69 0.2.2

Best: B. Finnocchiaro, D. Rush, B. Mason,  
M. Morello

Goals: M. Morello 3, D. Rush 2, M. Sazenis 1,  
T. Naughtin 1, B. Naughtin 1, M. Savoia 1.

### 28th April

U/15's: Bye

### 28th April Warrandyte vs Park Orchards

U/13's: 9.7.61 6.5.41

Best: P. Dickson, A. Gordon, S. Guerin,  
L. Mc Knee.

Goals: L. Barnes 4, P. Dickson 2, R. Parry 2,  
Hamilton 1.

### 28th April Warrandyte vs Bulleen Temp

U/11's: 17.9.111 1.1.7

Best: R. Bourke, B Finnocchiaro, T. Naughtin,  
J. McKellar.

Goals: A. Wilson 3, D. Rush 2, D. Naughtin 2,  
B. Mason 1, D. Mirabella, S. Ruts, R. Pidgeon,  
J. Mc Kellar, W. Rodgers, M. Morello, H. Wall,  
R. Bourke, B. Finnocchiaro

## EDFL JUNIORS

### 14th April Warrandyte vs South Wantirna

U/16's: 9.14.68 5.3.33

U/14's: Bye

### 21st April Warrandyte vs Bayswater

U/16's: Forfeit

U/14's: 2.5.17 33.16.214

Best: J. Riley, S. Vickery, S. Garrett

### 28th April Warrandyte vs Lilydale

U/16's: 5.2.32 25.12.162

Best: A. Marshall, D. Johnson, G. Carle,  
L. Bottomley.

U/14's: 3.4.22 27.6.168

Best: R. Pollard, L. Naughtin, S. Garrett, S. Vickery.  
Goals: R. Pollard 2, J. Riddell 1.

U/12's: 4.4.28 11.1.67

Best: M. Tricarico, C. Hill, B. Tobin, J. Ashworth.  
Goals: D. Briffa 1, B. Tobin 1, C. Hill 1, A. Briffa 1.

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# Red and white heroes

## Bloods defy logic, the odds and North Ringwood to grab glory

By LEE TINDALE

Those privileged enough to witness it will recall it as being among Warrandyte Football Club's finer hours.

The May 4 away encounter with North Ringwood was something special, an event which left Bloods supporters as emotionally drained as the players were physically spent.

It was Warrandyte's second come-from-nowhere victory in as many games. And if there can be a complaint with that it's simply that the local fans might like to see us do it another way occasionally and lead from go to whoa!

But there were no complaints as coach Ralph Jones called his players to the boundary after a frenetic last quarter to share their elation with their supporters.

The Bloods had come from five goals down at half-time, 34 points down midway into the third quarter and 28 in arrears early in the last term to score by seven.

"There was a lot of character shown out there today," said WFC president and senior runner Lex Munro. "A lot of character today and last week, too," he said, referring to Warrandyte's dramatic recovery from an awful start to down Mulgrave by 15 points at home on April 27.

The win over North Ringwood squared the win/loss ledger after the season's openers against Montrose and Croydon had been lost.

"We won because we just never give in," said coach Jones.

"We're 2-2 now and looking for a prize scalp. That will be The Basin (EDFL Second Division pacesetters) at home next week (May 11)."

The first half at North Ringwood gave no indication of the Warrandyte heroics that were to follow. Indeed, it looked very much like being a stroll in the park and four premierships points on a platter for the home side.

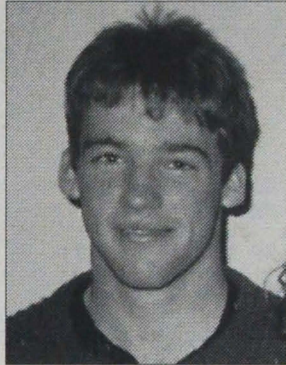
Darren Murphy made it first blood to the Bloods when he goaled within the opening minute, but North responded two minutes later and made it a bit of an early procession, doing all the attacking and looking very ominous up forward.

Ten minutes in they led 4.1 to 1.0 and the home crowd at Quambee Reserve was on splendid terms with itself.

When Warrandyte managed to get some sort of teamwork going they were frustrated by a Murphy miss and two long bombs touched right on the goal line, but Greg Pearse edged us



Darren Murphy



Brad Valentine

### SPORT

back into it with a big goal at the 18-minute mark.

Cam Day followed up two minutes later and when Chris Sharp snapped cleverly a minute after that, Warrandyte were back in front, 4.3 to 4.2.

Ruckman Dale Comrie goaled from a mark and penalty at 24 minutes and when Day struck again two minutes later, the visiting faithful were back in fine voice.

North Ringwood goaled from a free close to the siren, but as Jones told his players in the huddle, they had won the first quarter. "Now go and win the second," he said. Maybe the Bloods didn't hear that bit because their second term was an exercise in football ineptitude.

North Ringwood made their seven-point deficit just a point after three minutes, levelled the score and goaled immediately after. The floodgates had opened.

The home side had loose men everywhere and one Warrandyte supporter facetiously suggested a count of heads because "they seem to have 25 or 30 blokes out there". Goals at the 11, 13 and 15-minute marks stretched North's lead to 24 points before the Bloods managed to bother the scoreboard attendant at all, and even then with a mere behind.

Brad Valentine, one of the few Warrandyte players making any impact at all, stemmed the tide momentarily with a goal at 19 minutes, but North went into the interval five goals clear and looking forward to the resumption of hostilities.

The Bloods pegged one back seven minutes into the third quarter, when Murphy was freed in front, and held their own until North goaled twice in quick

succession to run to a 34-point lead at halfway. But Warrandyte refused to sky the towel.

Murphy sprinted—yes, sprinted—into an open goal at 18 minutes and Glen McCartin lifted the side with a superb solo effort to goal three minutes later. Murphy did it again at 22 minutes, Valentine threaded one from the pocket at 25 and when Day made amends at 32 for missing a sitter, there were just nine points in it.

North put one through seconds before the siren, but the Bloods had sniffed a most unlikely victory.

Jones stressed the "pride and respect" angle in his three-quarter-time address and his boys got the message—but not before North Ringwood had goaled twice in the first four minutes to give themselves a 28-point buffer. It was then that key forward Brad Christianson, one of too many Warrandyte players performing below their best, put his hand up.

Christianson goaled at six, 13 and 14 minutes and the margin was just 11 points. A behind to North made it two clear goals and when Terry Ryan kicked a beauty on the run and Christianson marked and kicked truly again the game was all tied up with 18 minutes of the quarter gone.

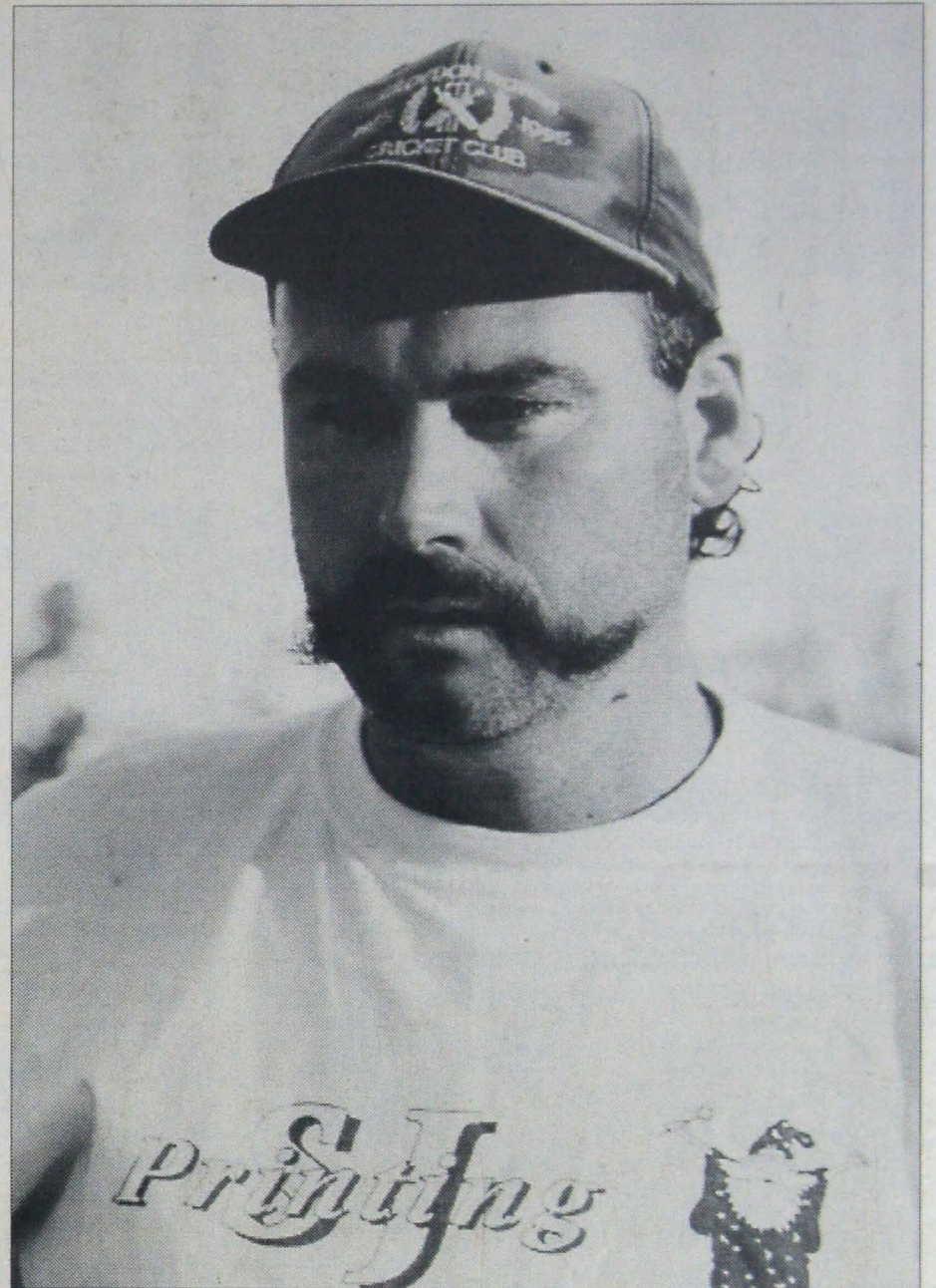
Sharp put the Bloods in front with a magnificent running goal, North counter-attacked for two behinds and Murphy extended the lead to 10 points with his fifth goal of the afternoon—a gem on the run.

That was the signal for North to launch their final onslaught.

Warrandyte defended desperately, thumping the ball out of deep defence and conceding rushed behinds when all other avenues were closed.

A forced behind at 28 minutes was to be the last hurrah.

Such had been the excitement of the final several minutes that there was doubt about the winning margin. Officially, it was seven points—20.8 (128) to



Ralph Jones: 'We won because we just never give in.'

18.13 (121). And that was good enough for Warrandyte.

Best of a very gutsy Bloods bunch were Comrie, Day, McCartin, Valentine, Tony King and Murphy.

The reception for the victors when Jones took them across to the Warrandyte support base on the boundary was something usually reserved for premierships.

And the coach was heard to remark as he observed the vanquished licking their wounds in the centre of the ground that "a lot of other teams will look like that when we've got through with them".

Our Under-18s had lost by 15 points and the Reserves by 52. But who remembered that as they drove home?

### The season so far

Round 1: Warrandyte 14.14 (98) lost to Montrose 16.20 (116)  
Round 2: Warrandyte 16.3 (99) lost to Croydon 22.19 (151)  
Round 3: Warrandyte 19.9 (123) defeated Mulgrave 16.12 (108)  
Round 4: Warrandyte 20.8 (128) d North Ringwood 18.13 (121)

### Visit from champs

Warrandyte Basketball Club juniors celebrated the end to their season in fine style last month with a visit by two Australian Olympic basketballers to their presentation day.

Tony Ronaldson and Sam Mackinnon from South East Melbourne Magic both visited the stadium to hand out trophies to the 95 Redbacks who took part in recent grand finals.

The new winter season has commenced with the club welcoming 35 new players.

### Tennis flags come home

Two Warrandyte club teams were successful in finals of the Tuesday night Lilydale & District Night Tennis Association competition. Vegies (David Termorshuizen, Neil Dusing, Ian Rice, Michael Greve, Roland Bachelor) took out section 4 and Radicals (Vic Grybas, Nick and Mark Radovic and Ashley Tibbett) won section 11.

The club's annual meeting re-elected Frank Waites president, Pauline Dusing secretary and John Roberts treasurer.

A team from Warrandyte Uniting Church took their grand final in section 4 of the Baptist and Church of Christ summer tennis competition. This team (John and Bev Hanson and Andrew and Tania Curwood) has been promoted to section 3 for winter season.

## Nothing but the ages have changed at all!

They're in the "bigger league" now but Warrandyte Junior Football Club's all-conquering Under-10s of last season are already making quite a name for themselves as Under-11s.

Now playing in the Doncaster competition as part of a club expansion program, the Under-11s, coached by Aldo Savoia and Tony Mirabella, are undefeated in three games so far.

At their latest outing, on May 5, they defeated last year's premiers St. Damians by 44 points.

It looks like being another big season for the boys who set new standards last year.

The very young brigade showed the way in the latest round of matches, with the Under-10s, 11s and 12s successful and the Under-13s, 14s, 15s and 16s lowering their colours.

"It has been a satisfactory start to the new season," WJFC president Malcolm Eyre said. "We are particularly pleased to have been able

to fill the three new teams—the Under-11s, 13s and 15s. At one stage it looked as if we wouldn't, and that would have been very disappointing."

The club entered teams in the Doncaster competition as well as the EDFL this season to cater for all age groups from Under-10s upwards and to guarantee a game for all players in ranks swelled last year largely by the outstanding success of the Under-10s.

Eyre said Warrandyte were still seeking players for the Under-13s, 14s, 15s and 16s and invited inquiries on 9867 8166 (BH) or 9719 7587 (AH). Junior training is on Wednesday nights at the recreation reserve.

The club are also looking for a coach or assistant coach for the Under-16s.

"Eric Houghton is coaching the boys at the moment but he could certainly use some help," Eyre said.

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We've turned the area upside down searching for properties to sell. If you've been thinking of selling, give us a call.

**WARRANDYTE \$95,000**



**"FOR LOVERS OF TRANQUILITY"**

A lovely 1/4 acre allotment in a prime sought after location. Together with a quaint mudbrick studio constructed of pole and reclaimed timbers, together with an inground pool. This property would ideally suit a mudbrick extension.

**WARRANDYTE \$165,000**



**"WORK FROM HOME"**

Well maintained brick home set amongst beautifully landscaped gardens. Formal entry, large lounge, 3 BRs and new bathroom with corner spa. Downstairs you could work from home in 2 good sized rooms, separate entry, all services connected.

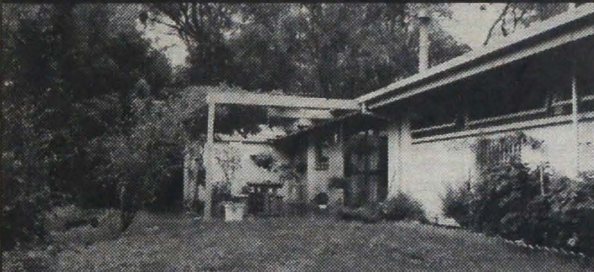
**WARRANDYTE \$175,000**



**"WHERE POSITION IS PARAMOUNT"**

Oozing character, this 2 storey home is set on a fully usable allotment and surrounded by well established gardens. Comprising 3BRs, 2 bathrooms, lounge with OFF leading to private courtyard. All within 5 mins of schools, shops & transport.

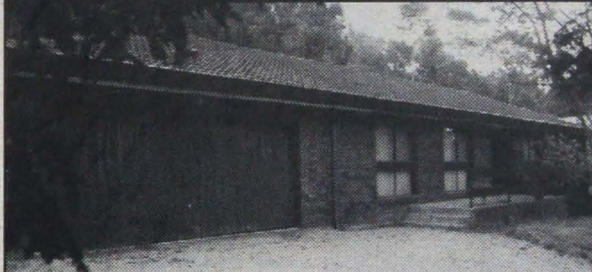
**WARRANDYTE \$167,000**



**"A FINE FASHAM"**

Privately situated on a large allotment this contemporary home captures natural light and offers generous accommodation. With individual style including lounge & dining room with wood fire, roomy kitchen meals, master (full ensuite) and 3BR all with BIR's.

**WARRANDYTE \$169,000**



**"A LOT FOR A LITTLE"**

Located in one of Warrandyte's better streets and surrounded by homes of similar quality, this four bedroom residence offers excellent value for money, with the opportunity to improve and enhance to your own taste.

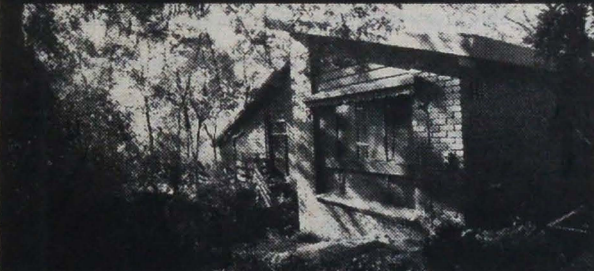
**WARRANDYTE \$177,500**



**"CHARACTER WEATHERBOARD"**

Family home with character and charm. 3BRs plus study, new baltic timber kitchen with dishwasher, large lounge opening onto deck, family room with OFF, solar heated IG pool, double carport, bitumen driveway. Adjoins 50 acres of vacant land.

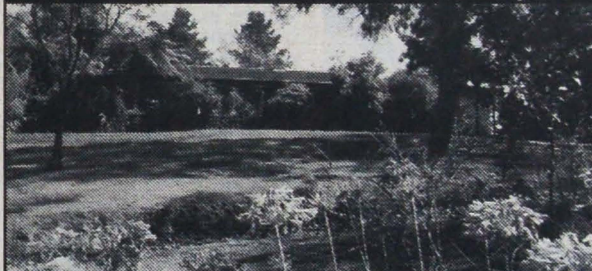
**WARRANDYTE \$195,000**



**"THE BIG PICTURE"**

Large character laden family home comprising 4 double BRs, spacious lounge, renovated kitchen, meals area. Downstairs a self-contained rumpus room complete with wet bar, study area and shower room. All within walking distance to the local village.

**WARRANDYTE \$239,000**



**"CLASSICAL HOMESTEAD"**

Set on a landscaped acre, refurbished quality residence. Large lounge, separate dining, master with ensuite and 2 generous sized children's bedrooms. Exterior paving, fenced IG wine cellar, stable, dog compound. Minutes walk to the Yarra.

**WARRANDYTE \$245,000**



**"POSITION, POSITION, POSITION"**

Set on a fully usable 1.25 allotment (appx) with blue chip location. Backs onto state park, walking distance to river, comprises 3BR and study, master with ensuite, kitchen with slate meals area and large lounge with OFF.

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