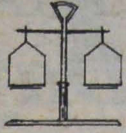


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Are two too few?

By DAVID WYMAN

Concerns about adequate representation of residents in the proposed large east ward of Manningham City Council have been expressed by local council watchers.

The Manningham commissioners published a review of four options for the future electoral structure of the municipality in April, and on May 15 announced that their preferred option was four wards with two councillors representing each ward.

In the previous council, Warrandyte ward was represented by three councillors. The east ward proposed by the commissioners is larger, including Wonga Park, yet only two councillors are proposed to represent it.

The Manningham commissioners say that "two councillors to represent the interest of the eastern part of the municipality" is a good reason to opt for four wards each with two councillors.

Residents had until June 11 to comment on the preferred option for Manningham's future electoral structure.

Former Warrandyte councillor, Val Polley, said the proposed east ward was a very large area for just two councillors to cover.

"The roles and responsibilities of councillors will have to be very different to what it was before, otherwise they will never cope," she told the *Diary*.

"In the old council the three of us in Warrandyte ward, a slightly smaller area, were stretched to our limits.

"You also stand a very good chance of having Warrandyte not represented. Park Orchards and Wonga Park could put councillors up and we could be left out," Mrs Polley said.

"There are two problems for councillor representation in the area—you go from an urban area to a totally non-urban area like Wonga Park. You've also got a large area to cover geographically.

"There are a diverse range of planning issues in the area, a formidable task for two people, but we don't know the role and responsibilities of the new councillors."

The secretary of the Wonga Park and District Residents Association, Philip Glenister, said the association supported two councillors per ward but was not happy with the area. "Coun-

cil is in fact now reviewing the boundaries of the east ward because we suggested that the western boundary should be moved towards Templestowe to remove the urban areas," he said.

"I don't think we'll ever get direct representation of Wonga Park. In population, Wonga Park is so insignificant that, really, we've got no say whatsoever. We'll never have a chance of getting a councillor up.

"We would have preferred 12 councillors but the commissioners have obviously decided that's not on," Philip Glenister said.

Mark Tansley, a member of Warrandyte Advisory Committee, a planner and local resident, said that all four ward options by the commissioners had "Warrandyte intact".

"I didn't mind one way or the other so long as Warrandyte was within one ward," he said. "I think it would be preferable to have a larger number of councillors per ward. The eastern ward is a large area for just two councillors.

"As long as Warrandyte remains intact in one ward and has reasonable representation—that's the most important point."

Police house handed over to crisis people

By DAVID WYMAN

The controversial police house has just become Warrandyte's second house for people in crisis.

The keys were handed over to the Warrandyte Housing and Support Service committee by local MP Phil Honeywood on June 12. Mr Honeywood was instrumental in bringing the house under government ownership when it was due to be sold.

The house joins another crisis house at the west end of town. Both are close to schools, shops and public transport.

Earlier, a group of local interested people formed the WHSS which will be responsible for managing crisis housing in Warrandyte,



Phil Honeywood

including material aid and the food bank.

The WHSS committee of Alan Alder (chairman), Stephen Grubb, Margory Lapworth and Carole Coulter can be reached on 9844 4495.

The committee expects the two houses will be open for business towards the end of this month.

Tenants of the WHSS will have to be homeless people in crisis, 26 years of age or older, and sole parents, singles or families. Preference will be given to Warrandyte people.

Furniture, equipment and linen for the houses have been donated by local people and all local service groups. "This project has obviously become an interest to the whole community," a committee spokesman said.

The crisis housing project is being conducted in conjunction with the Inner East Housing Council and the Office of Planning and Heritage.

Last call for arts award

Applications for the fifth Warrandyte Youth Arts Award close at the end of this month. Valued at \$5000, the award is a joint project of Warrandyte Lions Club, the *Diary* and the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust.

Offered each two years, the award is open to any young artist who usually lives in Warrandyte, aged between 18 and 25.

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 been won by a jeweller, two painters, a dancer, a singer and a theatre designer.

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 and the winner will be announced immediately prior to the Warrandyte Festival in March 1997.

Further information and entry forms are available at Information Warrandyte at the community centre, or by writing to the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113.



Staff numbers may be dwindling at Warrandyte State Park—to the point of it being seriously undermanned—but at least those who are left are looking a lot smarter. Our rangers are now wearing the distinctive new uniforms of the National Parks Service—Australian designed and made bottle-green trousers or skirts, oatmeal-coloured shirts, green jumpers and eucalypt-green Akubra hats. They are shown off here by rangers (from left) David Nugent, David Van Bockel and Steven Anderson. See 'New head ranger soon', Page 5.

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Apart from that, how was your Mum's Day?



Mother's Day, by all things traditional, is a family day. Right? An annual celebration of a very special lady in your life. A day of devotion to the lady who brought you into this world with only marginal assistance from your dad and made you the wonderful person you are today. Right? Right. So in this fine tradition, Jan Laing's family (hubby John and two of the three kids, anyway) took her to the footy this Mother's Day, to see Richmond play Footscray at the MCG. Which was a bit odd because Jan hates football. John's crazy about it. He's a rabid Richmond fan, hence his nickname Tiger. It took a deal of persuasion, sugared with tickets into the members, to get Jan along to Jolimont and she took two books—one for the first half, one for the second. And son Josh showed just what an adherent he is to the spirit of Mother's Day by immediately abandoning her for a seat he'd wangled in a corporate box. It might have developed into a tolerable, albeit boring, afternoon for Jan had not Footscray led early and been awarded a free kick which good old Tiger John deemed, well, questionable. And as he ranted, raved, bellowed, tore at his hair and swore terrible vengeance on all men who wear white and carry whistles, a few Warrandyte pals who'd gone along with the Laings turned, smiled sweetly and chorused: "Happy Mother's Day, Jan!"



Hey, don't go away, Tiger—we've not finished with you yet. John Laing is one of a multitude of men on the Warrandyte Tennis Club bar committee (we think it is a perk of office) and on the Sunday after Mother's Day he opened up the clubrooms as usual to audit the till. His first mistake was to stuff up the code on the alarm system, sending out shrill shrieks which even managed to drown out the cockatoos and galahs which tend to mass at that end of town of a Sunday morning. His second was to overly stoke the wood heater, which sent out enough smoke to raise the fire alarm and send the brigade on full alert to the clubhouse door. It just wasn't Tiger's day. But then again it hadn't been Tiger's month. And if his beloved Richmond don't lift their game it won't be Tiger's year.



We have this wonderful idea for improving EDFL football as a spectacle. Women umpires. Boundary umpires at the very least. The chaps who watched the May 11 home game against The Basin were much taken by the cute young thing, her blonde hair done fetchingly in a pony-tail, running the white line. Did a darned fine job, too—which was more than Bloods supporters were prepared to concede about the two blokes out in the middle. It was worth crossing the ground between quarters so she'd be on your side for the full 120 minutes. We thought we saw a girl boundary-umpiring the reserves game, too, but on

IN RED & WHITE



Joy and Greg Hildebrand ... back to school at Minhamite.



closer inspection it was a long-haired young man.

will make sweet music in the Western District.



It was something quite different last month for Friends of Warrandyte State Park—a walk on the fungal side of life. And leading them among what the uninitiated would broadly term mushies and toadies was one of the foremost authorities on Australian fungi, Bruce Fuhrer, of Ringwood. News of the walk (which Pat Coupar reports elsewhere in this issue) moved your columnist to a rare flash of phonetic brilliance. "And this Bruce Fuhrer," he asked, "is he a fun guy?" An exasperated Friend lady merely sighed and said Mr Fuhrer was a very nice, learned gentleman who had no doubt heard that one before.



Bruce Fuhrer has written several beautifully-illustrated books on his subject and as we browsed the latest, A Field Companion To Australian Fungi, we were drawn to the *Coprinus atramentarius*, commonly known as the Inky Cap. "Although this species is edible," writes Mr Fuhrer, "it produces severe allergy-like symptoms if consumed with alcoholic drinks." Faced with the terrible choice of giving up Inky Caps or the booze, we swore off the former.



It's a fond farewell to Joy and Greg Hildebrand, of North Warrandyte, who are going back to school—literally and permanently. The Hildebrands, both professional musicians, have bought the old school and teacher's residence at Minhamite, and there they will live. Where, you ask? Minhamite, on the Hamilton-Warrnambool Road. The school dates back to 1919 and closed in the mid-1980s. The residence was built in 1935. We're sure Joy and Greg



And a big welcome to the world to Talia Van Bockel, first child of Warrandyte State Park ranger David and wife Bronwyn. Talia weighed in on June 3 at 9lb 13oz. When we said a big welcome, we meant very big.



No names here because he has already suffered enough, but we know a bloke who nodded off against one of the posts while goal-umpiring a local junior footy match in which his son was playing. Obviously there wasn't much action at his end of the ground. Anyway, when hoots and hollers failed to snap him from his slumbers, someone suggested buzzing him on the mobile phone he religiously wears. Did the trick, too. We suggest that maybe a quarter or two running the boundary would keep him awake.



If you happen to see a strange set of bright lights in Webb Street, don't bother calling Mulder and Scully of X Files on the shoe phone and reporting a UFO landing. It'll just be Geoff Feltham's carport. Geoff had long recognised the need for some sort of lighting there, but it wasn't until he backed in the other night, missed the carport by that much and broke a tail light that he was moved to act. He called his electrician mate Greg Dawson who, in his own words, has "rigged it up like Luna Park".

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'Tall storey' protests

4-decker home gets the go-ahead

By LISA SANTAMARIA

Angry West Warrandyte residents have accused Manningham Council of ignoring the local environment in approving the construction of a 12-metre-high four-storey house in Flannery Court.

Five official complaints were received from neighbouring Glamis Street residents opposing the plan, which was approved by council on May 14. They are concerned with the size of the proposed building, the detrimental effect to the local environment and the privacy of neighbouring residents.

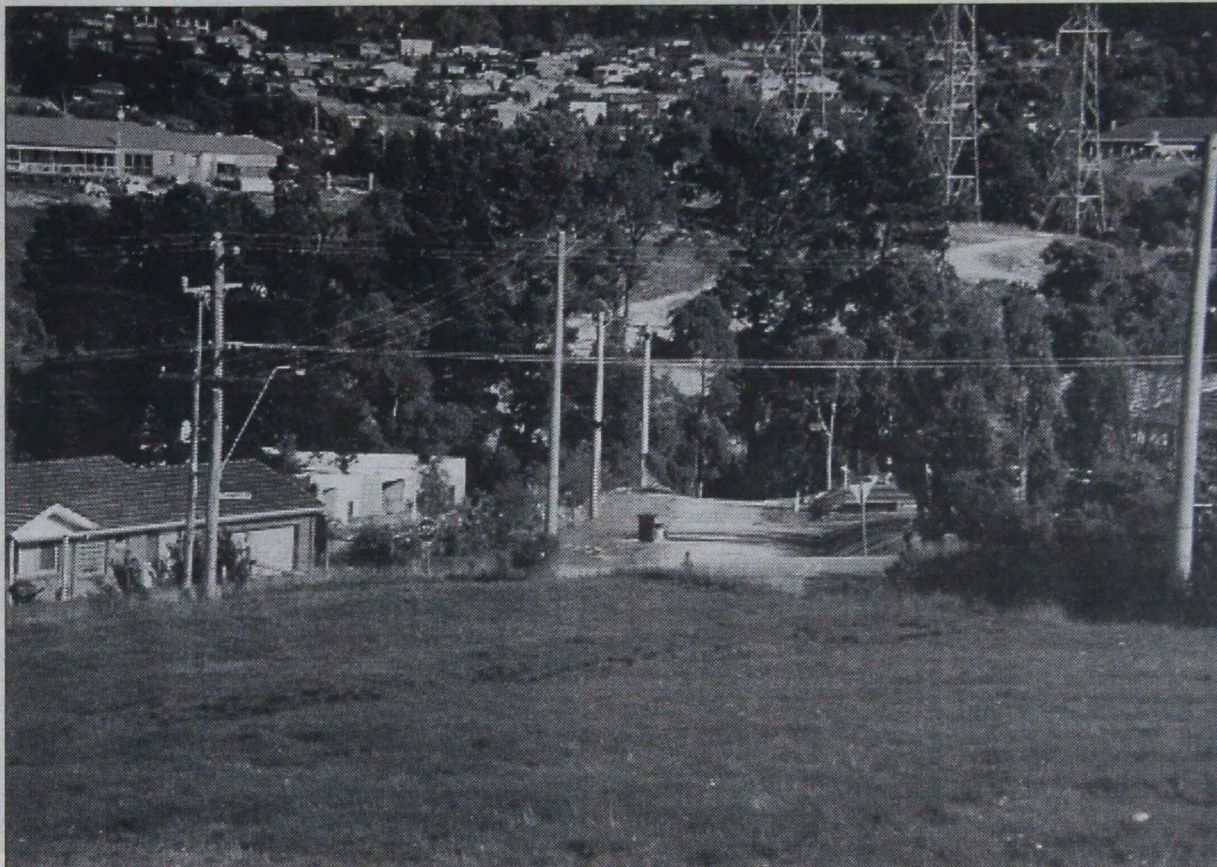
One resident, who wished not to be named, told the *Diary* that environmental issues were her greatest concern.

"But I'm also worried about the effect the house is going to have on our views," she said.

Concerns have also been raised to council in regards to the style of the house, believed to be inconsistent with the appearance of neighbouring dwellings.

"The other houses in the street have been built in an environmentally conscious manner. They hug the ground and are typical 'Warrandyte houses'. This one will stick out like a sore thumb," one resident said.

The issue of privacy is also at the forefront of the objections. Another resident is particularly concerned by plans for two bal-



The site (foreground) of the proposed four-storey home in Flannery Court. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

conies which will ring the third and fourth storeys of the "mansion". The balconies will directly overlook a recreation and barbecue area on his property.

The residents claim their official objections have been ignored by council, which they believe does not consider their environmental and privacy issues important.

"We were simply told that there are bigger houses in Warrandyte," one said.

Council's Chairman of Com-

missioners, Adam Kempton, said this was not the case. "The council gave careful consideration to the application and the views of the residents."

A Council spokesperson told the *Diary* that in considering the application, "Council took into account the five objections received, recognising that the location of the building as proposed by the applicant was inappropriate due to the scale and impact it would have on adjacent properties as raised by ob-

jectors.

"Having regard to these issues, council resolved to grant a planning permit subject to modification of the plan."

The modification requirement includes conditions such as ensuring the house is set back a minimum 18 metres from the northern boundary (the original proposal was for it to be set back 11 metres) and that the finished four levels be reduced by two metres.

According to council the appli-

cant must also abide by a number of other conditions, including having a suitable landscape plan to fit the existing environment and painting the outside structure an "appropriate" colour.

"Residents who are not happy with the council's decision have the right to lodge an appeal with the administrative appeals tribunal," Mr Kempton said.

And, according to one of the Glamis Street residents, that's exactly what they intend to do.

End of road for our buses

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte community workers have sadly farewelled the two local buses.

Warrandyte Transport Group decided to sell the buses recently after the closure of the South Warrandyte Primary School in Hall Road. In addition, the group felt that the buses had reached the end of their working lives and that they were becoming too expensive to maintain.

The group is pleased that the 45-seat bus will continue working for a community. It has been purchased by a Lions Club in Queensland to assist a community in Taiwan.

It will be loaded with medical supplies and shipped to Taiwan.

The community transport project started some 10 years ago with Colin Bentley actively seeking some method of providing transport in and around the town, particularly for people living in outlying areas.

The first community bus was loaned on an ad hoc basis by Doncaster-Templestowe council but after canvassing for donations from service groups, businesses and councils, Mr Bentley obtained enough funds to purchase a 19-seat bus. This was operated by voluntary drivers who mostly transported children to school, particularly the South Warrandyte Primary School.

The need for a larger bus became apparent in 1992 and the 45-seat bus was bought.

Secretary of the transport group, Margory Lapworth, paid tribute to the volunteer bus drivers and the many people who had assisted in the purchase and maintenance of the buses over the years. "They deserve special thanks from our community," she said.

Sports clubs await debates

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club could be forced to share a new stadium with Park Orchards while Warrandyte Tennis Club's new courts will not be built at Warrandyte Reserve if met with opposition from local residents.

This is the message from Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, who has arranged two public meetings for this month to try to thrash out a solution to the clubs' crippling court space worries.

Manningham council commissioners Adam Kempton and Hector Davis, together with Mr Honeywood and council's Manager for Cultural and Leisure Services, Wendy Dunstan, will be at the meetings to hear what the two clubs and Warrandyte

residents have to say.

The meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 18. While the venue was yet to be confirmed when the *Diary* went to press, it is likely to be at Warrandyte Community Centre.

The issue of a new court for the basketball club will be discussed at 7pm while discussion on the new tennis courts will follow at 7.45pm.

Mr Honeywood said the best chance the Redbacks had of getting a new facility in the immediate future may be in a shared arrangement with Park Orchards.

"A recent council consultant draft report has suggested that Park Orchards may be the best place for a large facility to be located.

"This could be the best option for the club rather than

having to wait years for their own facility," he told the *Diary*.

A new stadium in Park Orchards could only be located at Domeney Reserve or Stintons Reserve, where there is a bicycle track and a rarely-used football ground.

The Warrandyte club, which has a greater need than Park Orchards for court space, would share the venue with them.

The Redbacks have not given up hope, however, that a new venue could be built in Warrandyte.

The developing of a plan for a new court near Goldfields Plaza is in progress while an addition to their present single court at Warrandyte High School could still occur.

Council has all but abandoned plans to build a major

multi-purpose stadium at Rieschiecks Reserve in Doncaster, and is instead considering purchasing the twin courts at the former Mullauna College site in Donvale, where many Warrandyte teams currently train.

New courts for Warrandyte Tennis Club at Warrandyte Reserve could only be built at the site of the former Whitehouse, according to Manningham commissioner Kempton.

"We have examined a number of options but the only option which looks possible is the original proposal to have the courts built near the oval pavilion," he told the *Diary*.

"Council still believes that this is not a good option as it will affect the amenity of the site for other users.

"Since we are concerned about the amenity of other users it is important that we hear their views which is why we have organised the meeting."

The meeting invites users of the reserve and local residents to attend and have their say.

"I don't want to advocate it as the location if people are against it," Mr Honeywood said. "If the majority opposes it we may have to go back to the proposal to use the Lions courts near the bridge, which takes away the centralisation for the club."

"There is no other space at Warrandyte Reserve for two courts except at the old Whitehouse area.

"If people have concerns with that they can raise them at the public meeting."

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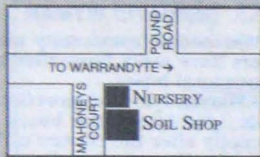
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Subdivision battle looms again!

By LISA SANTAMARIA

Local environment groups are bracing themselves for a new fight to prevent a 27-lot subdivision of 20 acres of land near Currawong Bush Park.

The planned subdivision, for land off Amersham Drive near Tindals Road, was originally refused by Manningham Council on December 27 last year. The refusal, backed by considerable community support, was issued in the interest of protecting the natural environment of the area.

But the subdivision plan has resurfaced following a new round of discussions between the applicant and council and an application to relodge the submission.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park is one environmental group which lodged an objection to the initial proposal. They point to the significant damage to the local environment and the loss of vegetation and flora as being of great concern, along with other less obvious repercussions.

"The houses will not be able to run on a sewerage system," spokesperson Cathy Willis said. "The land is too steep and with septic tanks there is always leakage. This leakage will go straight into Mullum Mullum Creek where there are breeding platypus, which is special for Melbourne and would be a disaster to lose."

The group will object if the application for subdivision is submitted again. "I think council should buy the property and extend Currawong Reserve," Mrs Willis said.

Also intending to object again is Wonga Park Environment Group, according to member Flora Anderson. "The area is part of a wildlife corridor," she told the *Diary*. "It's an integral



A subdivision plan has resurfaced for this land near Currawong Bush Park. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

part of a larger area of native bushland."

The council document which cited reasons behind the refusal of the application last year included the botanical and zoological significance of the site, the intense slope of the land

(mainly in regard to drainage) and the detrimental effect the removal of native vegetation would have on the natural environment.

The *Diary* was told by a council spokesperson that "The applicant is aware of the sensitiv-

ity of the natural environment of the Currawong Bush Park area."

In light of these realisations from both council and the applicant the environment groups are uncertain what agreement, if any, can be reached on the issue.

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So what's in it for the Warrandyte Festival?

By CLINTON GRYBAS

The Warrandyte Festival Committee is nervously waiting on a response from Manningham Council to its submission for increased funding for the 1997 festival.

Festival committee president John Boyle said a return to the \$15,000 budget allocation from council was essential for next year.

"While they realise that we do a good job in running the festival they are pretty tight-fisted with the purse strings," he said.

"Two years ago we received \$15,000 from them for the festival but last year that was cut to \$10,000 which made it a bit tricky. We feel that we are a good chance of getting the \$15,000 restored for next year."

He said the festival committee spent \$1000 more than had been budgeted for on the 1996 festival. Without a funding

increase many of the committee's larger ideas will not be realised.

"With less money we have to be far more conscious of how it is spent. It prevents us doing anything spectacular like the Sound and Light Show of three years ago."

"Ten to \$15,000 isn't a big deal in council's budget. But after 20 years we have now become accustomed to working with a tight budget."

He said that should the committee ever be forced into an "embarrassing financial situation" he felt confident the service clubs would help them out.

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL

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"I always feel that if it ever came to it the local clubs would be supportive and come to our rescue. For many of the groups it is their big fund-raiser and best social event for the year."

The committee recently held its annual meeting to elect office bearers for next year's festival, to be held on the weekend of March 22 and 23.

Mr Boyle said it is easier to approach people for help when everyone was doing their work voluntarily. "It's easier to call on people when they know you are doing the work without pay. It has a snowball effect and we get new people each year."

The committee still welcomes people to help for the 1997 festival, particularly in the areas of publicity, parking and the festival program. And it welcomes ideas or suggestions on how to make the festival better. Those interested should contact Mr Boyle on 9844 3120.

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Now here's a man who really knows his mushies from his toadies

By PAT COUPAR

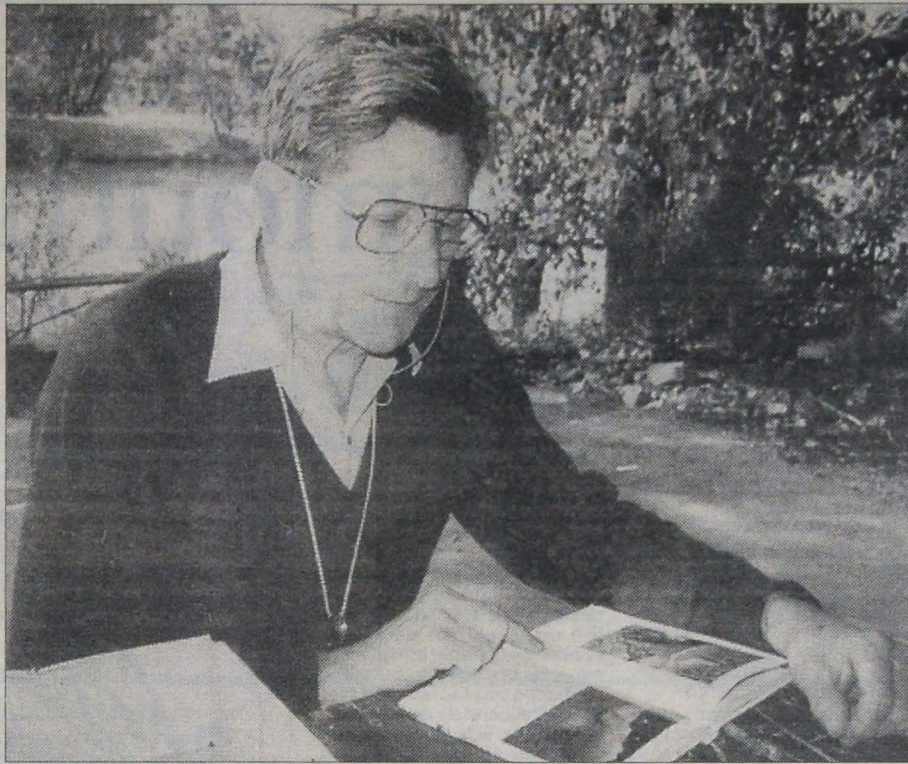
The Friends of Warrandyte State Park turned out in force last month to discover the delights of Warrandyte's fungi in a walk led by Ringwood naturalist Bruce Fuhrer.

Forty people attended the walk at Jumping Creek Reserve under the guidance of Mr Fuhrer, who is a well-known authority on fungi and has written several books on the subject.

Although he is officially retired from his job at Monash University where he worked in the Department of Botany and Zoology, he continues to work as a research associate for Monash and the Melbourne herbarium.

For many years he has visited Warrandyte, studying and photographing the enormous variety of fungi in our local bushland.

Before the walk Mr Fuhrer



Bruce Fuhrer and his latest book, "A Field Companion to Australian Fungi".

gave an introduction to the Fungi Kingdom—no longer considered to be part of the Plant Kingdom. He warned the group that, due to the sequence of early autumn rain followed by a warm dry spell, the fungi had been off to a slow start and they would be lucky if they saw 20 species. But the group recorded

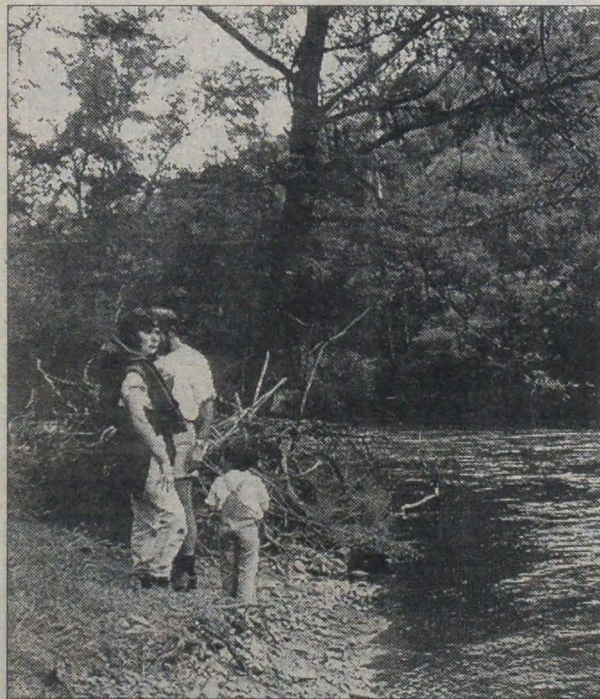
76 species including several that had never before been recorded.

So special is Warrandyte's fungi that Mr Fuhrer has formed a small working group with some of the Friends to help with his study of the local species. The group would like to apply for a grant of money to publish a booklet on the fungi of Warrandyte State Park, which it is hoped will stimulate interest and help draw attention to the conservation value of these fascinating living organisms.

Judging by the number of people that went to the walk there is certainly no lack of interest in these beautiful, ethereal gems of the forest.

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New head ranger soon, Friends told



Our state park. New ranger-in-charge promised 'soon'.

By DAVID WYMAN

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park have been told that a new ranger-in-charge will be appointed to manage the park in the near future.

This follows the relocation by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of the former ranger-in-charge, Matt le Duc, to a position at Woori Yallock as a wildlife officer of the division of flora, fauna and fisheries. No reason has been made public for his relocation but he had the full support of the FOWSP.

A meeting between FOWSP representatives and officers of the department on May 9 exchanged views on the current status of the park, the work of the FOWSP and the policies of the department.

Ian Christie, from the department, said that under current circumstances a minimum of four rangers, with a possibility of five, would be allocated to Warrandyte.

(The number of rangers in the park has recently fallen from six to three.)

There are no plans to restore the number of construction and

maintenance people in the park, now reduced to two. The department indicated more of this work would be done under contract.

The FOWSP representatives at the meeting tabled the state election promises of adding Mount Lofty and Scotchman's Hill to the state park with considerable—\$400,000—funding for improvements to these areas and the existing park.

The FOWSP group put the case that extra staffing over and above four to five rangers would be required to manage these extra areas of park.

The FOWSP and the department representatives agreed that they should "ask the government how their plans are proceeding".

Meanwhile, newly planted areas such as along the Yarra are becoming badly weed-infested and urgently need careful eradication measures.

And no announcements have followed the March 18, 1996, commitments by the government to include and fund—yes \$400,000—Mt Lofty and Scotchman's Hill in Warrandyte State Park.

Our say on tourism

Warrandyte residents will get a chance to have their say on a new Regional Tourism Development Plan being laid out for the Yarra Valley, Dandenongs and the Ranges.

The plan is being coordinated by Tourism Victoria which considers it a high priority project to help develop and expand tourism in this region.

As part of the process a series of focus groups will be held to discuss issues in regards to the plan.

The Warrandyte leg will be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 7pm at Warrandyte Community Centre. Those

interested in attending the focus groups must register their interest by Thursday, June 13 to Robin Peters at Michael King and Associates on 9272 1402.

A background paper and agenda are available on request.

The key issues to be discussed in the focus groups include the role of local tourism associations, operators and government in the tourism industry and its future development, the identification of the key target markets and industry needs and aspirations for tourism development.

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What do you say to a frogmouth?

NATURE

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



I WAS being watched by a pair of tawny frogmouths. Immobile, they thought I couldn't see them, but I could. The pair were squatting on a dead tree one above the other, their grey and brown flecked feathers merging into the weathered trunk like a charcoal drawing in a shower of rain.

These were the very birds whose photograph appeared in a recent issue of the *Warrandyte Diary*. They had been captured on film by a sharp-eyed ranger who first discovered them several months ago. On and off since then the birds have returned to the same perch.

The tree, without giving away its exact location in respect for the frogmouths' privacy, is situated close to a popular picnic area in the state park. It is a busy place where the frequent scrunching of wheels on gravel announces the arrival of picnickers, walkers and canoeists. Unaware that they are being observed, they all pass by without a second glance at the dead tree with its living cargo.

I had chosen mid-morning on a mid-weekday to visit the birds with my camera. Even then the car park was half full, but as there was no sign of anyone I surmised that the cars must belong to a group of bushwalkers.

Thankful to be alone, I approached the birds sitting just above eye level on their dead tree throne. Their reaction to my cautious advance was an imperceptible tilting of the head skyward and a slow opening of a single slit eye. I took my photos. As a still life subject they were first class.

I stood for a long time looking

at the birds. There was no further movement from either of them, or from me for that matter. Just as I was about to retreat, the lower of the two birds suddenly swilled its head to face me full on. A pair of dark gold hooded eyes stared intently into mine. I was riveted to the spot.

What do you say to a wild bird that is deliberately making communication with you? I started muttering softly—anything to keep the birds attention but not to frighten it. By acknowledging my presence the bird was giving me its trust. I found myself having to resist the very human urge to reach out and stroke the soft grey plumage only an arms length away.

Watching them I was reminded of Pod, a young tawny frogmouth reared by a friend of mine. Pod, short for the birds scientific name *Podargus strigoides*, had been found as a two week old chick lying on the ground beneath its stick nest. All attempts to reunite him with his parents failed—little Pod was rejected. It was up to my friend and his family to take custody of the foundling. On a diet of insects and dog food, finally graduating to mice, Pod thrived.

After three months the young frogmouth was released, but seen as an intruder was immediately attacked by his parents. It was not until he was 15

months old that Pod left his surrogate family on his own accord. He stayed around the property for about two weeks and then he disappeared. It wasn't long before he was sighted again—Pod had developed the habit of turning up at barbecues in the local area. As for his present whereabouts? He is said to be comfortably installed in someone's car port!

My attention returned to the birds in front of me. Could they have chosen this site for the barbecue leftovers, or was it that, confident in their cryptic camouflage, they actually enjoyed the close proximity of people? Only they know the answer.

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HAROLD V. BAIGENT

A man to whom the play was the thing

By **JOAN GOLDING**

WARRANDYTE Drama Group lost an old friend earlier this year when Harold Baigent passed away.

It was in 1959 when the fledgling group lobbied the Council of Adult Education to send them a director.

They sent Harold Baigent, who was exactly what was needed.

He swept through the drama group like a new broom, firing them with his fervour and enthusiasm. Shakespeare, whom

the group had never dared attempt, became a familiar friend. Within 10 years of Harold's arrival the group had tackled *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night*, *Othello* and *Richard III*.

Harold attracted many accomplished actors from other companies to Warrandyte, such as Irving Reid, the aesthetic Oberon, who is still a distinguished member of the community.

Later the group was encouraged to conduct a competition for original dramatic works.

From this the group performed *Shadow of the Crab* in the presence of the author while the musical *Salad Days* was also performed under Harold's direction.

Like many directors who came to Warrandyte to work with the group in its early years, "Baige" was bewitched by the town's beauty and he brought his family to live here in 1960. Like most residents who have lived here for some time the family experienced the many vicissitudes of life, including the burning of their house in the 1962

bushfires.

After his children Simon, Jennet and Donald, had grown up, Harold went to live near Heathcote.

But it always brought a flush of pride and pleasure for locals when they heard Harold's gravelly voice on radio or to see him play some "old codger" in the many television commercials he did until very late in his life.

When he died on March 9 at the age of 79, Harold left Warrandyte with many happy and enduring memories.

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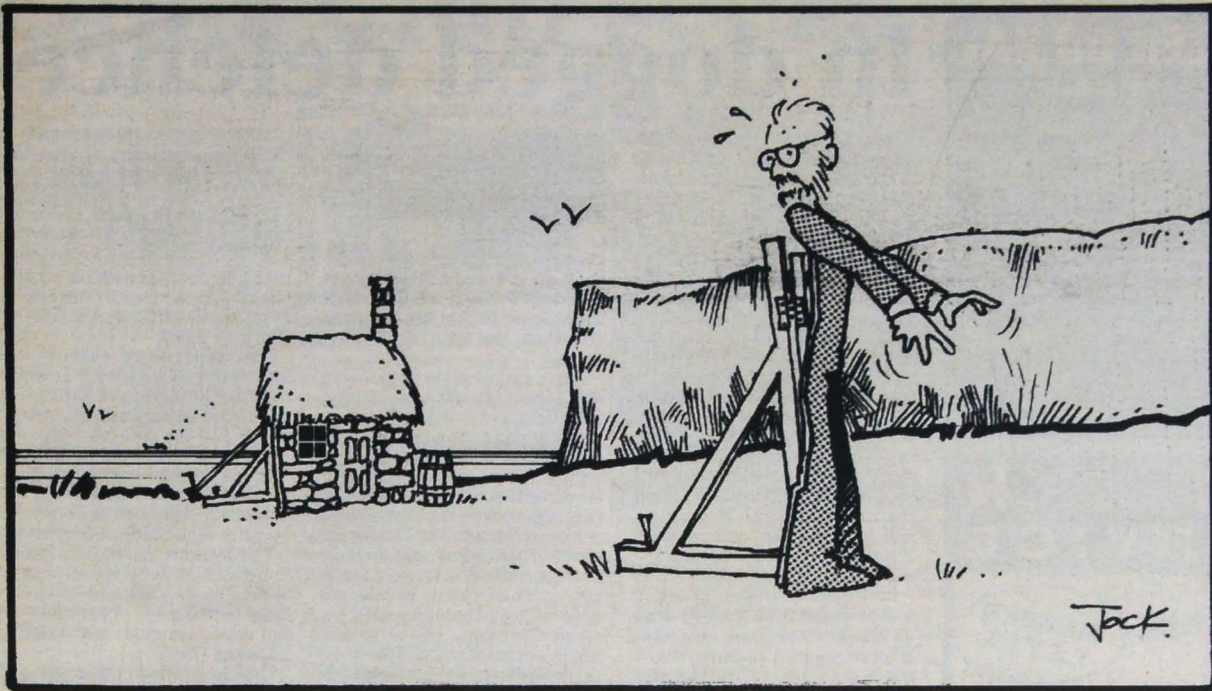
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Whose fault is it? Jock's or Socks'?

I'M A QUIET, good natured equable sort of guy. I don't get too upset if things go wrong or if someone else has "stuffed up".

It was a strange feeling, therefore, that crept over me when Jan Tindale, the *Diary's* Chief of Staff, rang to ask where this month's article was.

"What do you mean 'Where's your article?'" I asked, quite bemused that she should be asking such a pointless question.

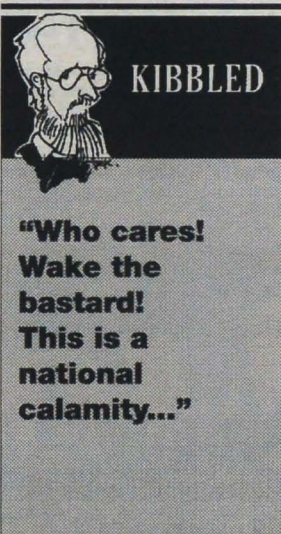
"Well, we've got Jock's cartoon but we don't seem to have the article that goes with it. We thought it was a bit funny, I mean how could Jock draw the cartoon unless he had the article for inspiration!"

At this stage I had the sneaking suspicion that all was not well. My mind raced. It's still in Jock's office at home, I mused. I went and talked to him about his trip overseas and his new architectural project. I distinctly remember at the time stressing that he needed to be sure not to lose the article as there wasn't a copy. Jock gave me that 'trust me I'm an architect' look and we continued our discussion about 'things'.

By this stage my normal unflappable self was starting to show stress signs. My palms became sweaty, my pulse began to race and my famous easy going demeanour was beginning to fracture.

The phone rang.

"Hello, Roger, it's Jan." My spir-



KIBBLED

**"Who cares!
Wake the
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its soared.

"You've found it?" I interjected.

"Ah, not quite. I've located Mrs Jock, Di, and she's going to ask Jock where it might be. You see 'Socks' Grybas opened the envelope and there was nothing there but the cartoon."

"Oh well, if Di's going to ask Jock it'll all be solved in a few hours." Life for me was beginning to regain its equilibrium.

"Uhm! Not quite. You see Jock's in Scotland at the moment and it's the middle of the night."

"Who cares! Wake the bastard!" I crooned. "This is a na-

tional calamity. We're talking about the Fourth Estate having its wings clipped by an incompetent globetrotting architect."

As soon as the words left my mouth I regretted them. How illogical panic had made me. Jock is anything but a globetrotter.

"Who else might have had anything to do with Warrandyte being deprived of my literary genius?" I was really clutching at straws.

Jan was remarkably patient. "Well, Cliff, our beloved editor, probably opened the envelope in the first place and left it for Socks to deal with."

Stress was getting the better of me. "Then if Cliff opened the envelope why don't you just ring him up and ask him where it is?"

There was a pause, an intake of breath and a very hesitant Jan offered what I can only assume was a line from a Monty Python script. "I think I have his number somewhere..." I interrupted her musings.

"Of course you've got his number, it's 9844..."

"Oh I know that one, but he's not there."

"Then where the hell is he!"

"He's in Scotland, with Jock, playing golf... right now."

I looked at the telephone as if it were a Dick Tracy wrist TV receiver. I was sure I could see Jan wincing at the other end of the line. I lifted the earpiece to my ear to hear the ominous words "... if we can't contact them you might have to write it again."

Instantly my steel trap mind went into operation.

"Give me Socks!" When the going gets tough you need someone with colourful footwear to see you through a crisis.

"Now, Socks, are you sure you've looked everywhere? It's not mixed up with your 3LO script is it? I mean I wouldn't want to tune in one morning to hear you drift into 'Kibbled' by mistake."

"No I've looked everywhere." I could tell, however, by the tone of his voice that the idea appealed. I could see the prospect of a gig on the Sunday morning Clive Stark program was flicking through his mind.

"What about I fax you the cartoon and you can take it from there?" Socks suggested.

"Well, I suppose I'll have to make the whole thing relevant to the cartoon," I offered, never one to state the obvious.

So here goes.

It was a fine warm day on the headland. There were four birds in the sky and a ship on the horizon. I felt something tugging and looked around to see I had wooden things on my back. So too did the cottage.

PS. Keep the cartoon for next month's article.

ROGER KIBELL

● Editor's footnote: A late fax from Jock in Scotland assures us he gave the hand-written copy of Roger's column back to him. Your move, Mr Kibell.

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LETTERS



View from abroad

Yesterday I read the letter from Bruce Jackson in the May issue of the *Diary*. Today, on a beautiful cold, sunny morning, I walked my dogs along the Yarra path—off their lead.

I took careful note of what I saw. Several people were walking on their own, or in groups. There were six dogs being walked off the lead and I saw two dogs being walked on a lead.

As is my usual custom, I watched carefully for people approaching and kept my dogs within a couple of feet of me until the people had passed. My dogs are responsive to voice commands and I feel confident that under usual conditions they will do as they are commanded. They stopped and socialised with the six dogs off the lead, as I did with the owners. They did not socialise with the two dogs on the lead, as those two dogs were barking and scrambling to reach my dogs, as their owners attempted to restrain them. Although we do often see dogs being walked on leads very happily.

The socialisation of dogs at a very young age with other dogs and with people is vital for their later good behaviour, and so is good, firm obedience training. With those two components, most dogs will be reliable and valuable additions to our community.

I cannot adequately exercise my dogs on a lead. They are two very fit, active labradors who are exercised daily without ex-

ception. If I walk them on a lead, they do not even break into a trot, and I would need to walk for at least two hours a day to give them the exercise they require.

I am a responsible dog owner, and I feel I should have access to various areas locally to exercise my dogs off a lead—areas where I, as a woman, can feel secure. People who dislike being faced with dogs off a lead know they can walk in any of the state parks in Warrandyte, many of which don't allow any dogs at all. The river walk is one of only two or three places in Warrandyte where people can fully exercise their dogs. I have walked there frequently for nearly 18 years and have never witnessed a dog fight, or anyone being chased or bitten. I don't doubt the incident Bruce Jackson described, but I hope it would be an atypical experience for visitors to the river walk.

I have received many compliments from people, both with and without dogs, on the behaviour of my dogs. I am very proud of their behaviour, condition and temperament.

Please don't take away one of my, and my dogs', greatest pleasures in life.

Doreen Burge
Diane Court

Being an overseas visitor with family connections in Warrandyte, I read with interest the *Diary* for April.

I find Warrandyte a very interesting and pleasant town, the river and areas of natural unspoiled beauty and also the shops and the reserve.

I do hope that with all these "improvements" pending that the real township will not be submerged and become just another man-made showpiece.

The idea for the Warrandyte South school area; it's all very well to house the aged and have facilities for "University". But we do get older and what happens then?

I live in warden controlled flats in England. The entry age is 60 years and we have activities, but we do get older and our average age is now about 80!

I am hoping to revisit Warrandyte for the third time in two years, when I will be 82 years young!

I very much enjoyed the company of the pensioners, especially at the clubhouse and swimming on Mondays.

With best wishes for Warrandyte's future.

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Kids bring Streetlife to life

Warrandyte Streetlife's planting projects began last month with students from Warrandyte Primary School planting 150 trees in Forbes Street. The planting was co-ordinated by Bev Hanson, who donated the plants with Manningham Council and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

Council also provided mulch which was spread by students from the local Landcare Environment Action Program.

The second planting on May 25 was at the Quarry Disaster site in Webb Street. The plants are designed to hide the fence surrounding the new houses and to beautify the area. Webb Street residents also helped in the plantings.

The Quarry Disaster site was established after an accident in a gravel quarry in Hussey's Lane on June 27, 1934.

Two local men working for council at the quarry were killed

when a layer of mudstone collapsed and buried them. A third man was buried up to his neck but survived and was in pain for the rest of his life.

Even though the people of Warrandyte were suffering in the midst of the Great Depression they formed a Quarry Disaster Trust and held many functions. They raised enough money to buy some land and build two houses in Webb Street for the widows of the men killed.

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Rocking

The CFA will benefit from two fund-raising rock nights at the Grand Hotel next month. On July 5 it's country rock and line dancing (tickets at \$12 include supper). And on July 12 it's a Tribute to Elvis, with floor show and dancing. Book early for this one—two forerunners have been sell-outs.

History

Warrandyte Historical Society will hold its annual general meeting on Sunday, July 21, upstairs at the community centre, starting at 1.30pm. Immediately after the meeting, art historian Andrew McKenzie will give an illustrated talk on Warrandyte's



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Art/craft

Warrandyte High School's annual art and craft show will open with a champagne supper at 8pm on Friday, June 21. The show runs until the Sunday and will feature the works of local artists (these works will be on sale) and students. There will also be demonstrations by professional artists and music provided by students. Inquiries: 9844 2749.

Kilograms

The T.O.K.E.N Club (Takes Off Kilos Every Night) invites dieters and would-be dieters to join the self-help weight-loss group. Joining fee is \$10, with a weekly charge of \$2 and a piece of fruit. Wednesday morning meetings are planned to put fun into dieting. Inquiries: 9844 4102.



There was no shortage of willing subjects for Jan Tindale's camera at Warrandyte Primary School last month when the swimming pool was officially reopened as part of Education Week activities. The ceremony was performed by Phil Honeywood, the Member for Warrandyte and Minister for Tertiary Education and Training. Two days earlier, Warrandyte High School had celebrated Education Week with its second annual Open Day/Night, giving parents an insight into the everyday running of the school.

Dance

The next South Warrandyte Social Dance is on July 13, at the Halls Road hall. Old-time and modern dancing to a top band. It's BYO drinks and supper, with tea and coffee provided. Admission \$5. Inquiries: 9723 3892.

Enterprise

The first NEIS (New Enterprise Incentive Scheme) Course has just been completed at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Participants worked over nine weeks for a certificate in Small Business Management and to develop a viable business plan. For information on the next course, in October, call Meredith on 9844 4503.

Feelings

Windows On Craft P/L will this month present "Feelings For Australian Forms, Flora And Figures", an exhibition of watercolours by Carol Bonny, oil paintings by Tim Ealey and hand-blown glass by Lucas Salton. The exhibition runs from June 29 to July 14 (Mondays excepted) from 10am to 5.30pm at 274 Yarra Street.

Doubles

Warrandyte Theatre Company will present something quite different next month—double productions of the one play. Appropriately called Double Double, the clever comedy whodunit will be directed by Brian Laurence

and Sam Marston, each with his own cast. The two versions of the play will be staged at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on alternate nights, starting on Thursday, July 25. A special "double offer" of \$18 is available for two different nights, or it's \$12 for a single booking. Enjoy pre-show drinks and supper with the cast afterwards. Special discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Inquiries: 9844 3819.

Concert

A concert featuring everything from rock to poetry to classical violin to old-time singalong will be held in the Mechanics Institute Hall on Saturday, July 20. It's in aid of Information Warran-

dyte, it's cabaret-style (make up a table), tickets are \$10 (\$5 concession) and it's BYO drinks and supper. Inquiries: 9844 3082, 9844 3600.

Donations

Warrandyte Market committee has made donations totalling almost \$3000 to local groups. Beneficiaries are Warrandyte Youth Services (\$1000), State Emergency Services Warrandyte (\$300), the three local fire brigades (\$300 each) and Tarroona Avenue Pre-School (\$600).

Barbecue

The barbecue area near the Lions tennis courts adjacent to the bridge is getting a facelift. Manningham commissioner Adam Kempton said the area will benefit under the Council-Service Club Co-operative Scheme. The scheme was announced in September last year with service clubs across the municipality submitting proposals for advice or funding.

Fire laws

The Shire of Nillumbik has issued a reminder to residents of the fire restriction laws adopted by council on December 12, 1995. The law says no incinerators can be used at any time. Burning off on properties of less than 0.4 hectares is also not allowed, except with a permit between October 1 and the beginning of the declared fire danger period. On properties from 0.4 hectare to one hectare burning off is allowed with a permit. No permit is needed for properties greater than one hectare.



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4th May Warrandyte Vs Nth Ringwood

Seniors : 20.10.130 18.12.120
 Best : D. Vitiritti, C. Day, A. Murray.
 Goals : D. Murphy 5, B. Christianson 4, G. Pearce 2, C. Day 2, D. Comrie 2, C. Sharp 2, B. Valentine 2, T. Ryan 1, G. Mc Cartin 1.
Reserves : 10.8.68 18.12.120
 Best : P. Mastro, J. Hassall, D. Purcell.
 Goals : C. Evans 3, J. Prangley 2, D. Mc Cartin 2, D. Purcell 2, J. Hassall 1.
U/18'S : 7.5.47 9.11.65
 Best : A. Brown, B. Yarwood, S. Millson, J. Edwards.
 Goals : A. Brown 3, L. Dyring 3, N. Raby 2.

11th May Warrandyte Vs The Basin

Seniors : 20.9.129 25.17.167
 Best : M. Grybas, B. Saaksjarvi, D. Purcell.
 Goals : D. Murphy 5, B. Christianson 3, J. O'Brien 3, D. Purcell 2, D. Vitiritti 2, B. Valentine 2, G. Pearce 1, M. Grybas 1, C. Day 1.
Reserves : 6.6.42 24.18.162
 Best : A. Rodgers, T. Ryan.
 Goals : A. Rodgers 2, T. Brogan 2, J. Logan 1, J. Johnson 1.
U/18'S : 15.15.105 14.5.89
 Best : B. Yarwood, L. Riley, L. Bennett, S. Millson.
 Goals : B. O'Gorman 5, L. Dyring 2, B. Yarwood 2, B. Munro 2, D. Nightingale 2, M. Embury 1, A. Thompson 1.

18th May Warrandyte Vs Lilydale

Seniors : 18.24.112 23.22.160
 Best : D. Murphy, A. Murray, M. Grybas.
 Goals : B. Christianson 6, D. Murphy 5, D. Purcell 2, G. Pearce 1, B. Valentine 1, B. Smith 1, C. Day 1.
Reserves : 4.6.30 19.20.134
 Best : T. Ryan, P. Meehan, J. Rought.
 Goals : T. Ryan 2, C. Withers 2.
U/18'S : 2.8.20 12.10.82
 Best : L. Riley, B. O'Gorman, L. Bennett, S. Millson.
 Goals : L. Dyring 1, J. Edwards 1.

25th May Warrandyte Vs Mooroolbark

Seniors : 12.10.82 25.21.159
 Best : G. Pearce, T. King, D. Murphy.
 Goals : B. Christianson 5, D. Murphy 2, C. Day 1, G. Pearce 1, J. O'Brien 1, B. Valentine 1, D. Jones.
Reserves : 16.10.106 4.12.36
 Best : A. Rodgers, C. Sharp, A. Schaffer.
 Goals : A. Grybas 3, J. Logan 3, S. Warr 3, C. Evans 2, R. Dalli 1, T. Brogan 1, T. Ryan 1, C. Sharp 1, C. Renfrey 1.
U/18'S : 9.8.62 7.10.52
 Best : J. Edwards, A. Brown, B. Munro, R. Anderson
 Goals : A. Brown 3, J. Edwards 2, B. O'Gorman 2, L. Dyring 1, L. Bennett 1.

1st June Warrandyte Vs Blackburn

Seniors : 15.8.98 20.19.139
 Best : B. Valentine, B. Saaksjarvi, J. O'Brien.
 Goals : B. Valentine 5, B. Christianson 4, C. Day 2, D. Murphy 2, J. O'Brien 2.
Reserves : 9.10.94 24.26.164
 Best : A. Grybas, T. Ryan, B. Hose.
 Goals : J. Rought 2, C. Evans 1, D. McCartin 1.
U/18'S : 14.10.94 7.9.51
 Best : L. Riley, L. Dyring, B. O'Gorman, J. Edwards.
 Goals : D. Nightingale 3, A. Brown 2, J. Edwards 1, M. Imbury 1, B. Munro 1, D. Bullen 1, S. Millson 1.

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15th JUNE
Warrandyte Vs Kilsyth
TRIVIA NIGHT

29th JUNE
Warrandyte Vs Croydon
PAST PLAYERS LUNCHEON

6th JULY
Warrandyte Vs Mulgrave
BLACK TIE NIGHT

EDFL JUNIORS

5th May Warrandyte Vs Coldstream

U/14'S : 3.10.22 17.11.113
 Best : R. Pollard, J. Riley, L. Maiden, L. Naughtin.
 Goals : L. Naughtin, S. Sauvarin, J. Riddell
U/12'S : 11.10.76 2.2.14
 Best : J. Ashworth, J. Mc Donald, B. Demick, M. Marcello, M. Triciacio.
 Goals : A. Mc Laren 2, J. Ashworth 2, B. Tobin 2, O. Redfern 1, D. Morrison 1, J. Gibson 1, C. Trim 1, A. Whittington 1.
U/10'S : 5.3.33 2.6.18
 Best : J. Burgoyne, J. Singh, J. Barret, T. Mc Donald.

12th May Warrandyte Vs Chirnside Park

U/14'S : 0.2.2 27.26.188
 Best : R. Cucia, S. Garrett, R. Pollard, L. Naughtin, J. Riddell, L. Maiden.
U/12'S : 11.20.86 1.1.7
 Best : D. Reece, B. Tobin, J. Ashworth, J. Brougham
 Goals : D. Reece 3, B. Tobin 3, J. Brougham 2, J. Ashworth 2, M. Marcello 1.
U/10'S : 12.8.80 1.2.8
 Best : R. Morello, A. Briffa, T. Mc Donald, J. Singh.
 Goals : T. Mc Donald 4, A. Briffa 3, J. Canham 2, J. Burgoyne 1, J. Taylor 1, A. Robb 1.

19th May Warrandyte Vs Kilsyth

U/14'S : 12.13.85 7.4.46
 Best : L. Naughtin, J. Riley, L. Maiden, A. Griffiths, S. Garrett, S. Sauvarin
 Goals : R. Pollard 4, J. Bowen 3, L. Naughtin 3, J. Riley 2.

26th May Warrandyte Vs Montrose

U/14'S : 2.7.19 8.10.58
 Best : L. Naughtin, A. Griffiths, J. Riley, S. Sauvarin.
 Goals : J. Riley, S. Garrett.

2nd June Warrandyte Vs Mt Evelyn

U/14'S : 10.14.74 8.2.50
 Best : J. Riley, L. Naughtin, B. Rutz, J. Powell, S. Garrett.
 Goals : S. Garrett 4, A. Jenkins 2, R. Pollard 2, L. Naughtin, S. Barrass.
U/12'S : 5.7.34 3.6.24
 Best : J. Gibson, J. Ashworth, J. Brougham, D. Rees.
 Goals : D. Morrison 2, J. Ashworth 1, B. Dimech 1, J. Brougham 1

DONCASTER LEAGUE

5th May Warrandyte Vs Macleod

U/15'S : 4.2.26 24.17.161
 Best : A. Schaffer, B. Mc Kellar, H. Davey, D. Luxon.
 Goals : C. Swain, L. Mc Donald.

5th May Warrandyte Vs St Damians

U/11'S : 8.8.56 2.0.12
 Best : B. Mason, T. Naughtin, M. Savoia, M. Morello, R. Bourke.
 Goals : M. Savoia 3, D. Mirabella 2, D. Rush 1, B. Finnochiaro 1, H. Wall 1.

12th May Warrandyte Vs Banyule

U/15'S : 4.5.29 6.10.46
 Best : H. Davey, R. Pearson, D. Luxon, C. Swain.
 Goals : C. Swain 2, A. Schaffer 1, B. Brown 1.

12th May Warrandyte Vs St Francis

U/13'S : 3.4.22 2.4.16
 Best : Barnes, Mc Adam, Weaven, Padgham, Gordon.
 Goals : Barnes 2, Morello 1.

12th May Warrandyte Vs Ivanhoe

U/11'S : 10.5.65 1.1.7
 Best : B. Naughtin, A. Wilson, J. Bowen, C. Bawden, J. Mc Kellar, H. Wall, M. Morello, B. Mason, D. Rush.

Goals : D. Rush 4, J. Mc Kellar 3, B. Mason 1, A. Wilson 1, M. Morello 1.

19th May Warrandyte Vs Donvale Heights

U/15'S : 14.17.101 4.9.33
 Best : L. Mc Donald, A. Schaffer, B. Mc Kellar.
 Goals : L. McDonald 3, A. Swain 3, D. Luxon 3, C. Swain 2, B. Dyring 1, B. Mc Kellar 1, A. Holyoak 1.

19th May Warrandyte Vs Bulleen Temp.

U/13'S : 9.8.62 3.4.22
 Best : Weaven, Parry, Mc Adam, Dickson, Guerin.
 Goals : Barnes 4, Bawden 3, Barrett 2.

19th May Warrandyte Vs Beverley Hills

U/11'S : 9.8.62 5.6.36
 Best : R. Pidgeon, H. Wall, D. Rush, B. Mason
 Goals : D. Mirabella 2, B. Mason 1, R. Bourke 1, M. Morello 1, A. Wilson 1, D. Rush 1, W. Rodgers 1, J. Mc Kellar 1.

26th May Warrandyte Vs Park Orchards

U/15'S : 5.11.41 13.8.86
 Best : B. Mc Kellar, S. Irvine, J. Brougham, A. Davey, A. Kennedy.

26th May Warrandyte Vs Bundoora

U/13'S : 4.1.25 6.1.37
 Best : Guerin, Walker, Weaven, Mc Adam.
 Goals : Parry 2, Barnes 1, Barrett 1.

26th May Warrandyte Vs St Mary's

U/11'S : 13.7.85 2.4.16
 Best : B. Mason, D. Rush, M. Morello, H. Wall, A. Wilson.
 Goals : B. Mason 4, D. Rush 2, M. Savoia 2, M. Morello 1, T. Naughtin 1, D. Mirabella 1, H. Wall, W. Rodgers.

2nd June Warrandyte Vs St Marys

U/15'S : 7.6.48 7.11.53
 Best : Schaffer, Irvine, Mc Donald, Grant.
 Goals : Schaffer, Mc Kellar, Bellinger, L. Mc Donald.

2nd June Warrandyte Vs Beverly Hills

U/13'S : 9.5.59 1.4.10
 Best : Weaver, Guerin, Johnson, Dixon, Mc Kee.
 Goals : Barnes 3, Barrett 2, Bawden 2, Dawson 1, Dickson 1.

2nd June Warrandyte Vs Macleod

U/11'S : 10.12.72 1.10.16
 Best : A. Wilson, M. Morello, M. Savoia, D. Rush.
 Goals : D. Rush 3, B. Finnochiaro 2, A. Wilson 2, D. Mirabella 1, M. Morello 1, B. Mason 1.

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Booze blamed for junior football fracas

Warrandyte Junior Football Club blames drinking visiting supporters for ugly scenes and the abandonment of the Under-16s home game against Mt Evelyn on June 2. The game ended in uproar after Mt Evelyn supporters—who had been warned at least twice that drinking was outlawed at junior games—became physically involved with the players. Marcus Meade, son of Warrandyte Under-16s team manager Phil Meade, was taken to hospital for stitches to facial wounds sustained

after play had resumed. Phil Meade was reported by the umpire for entering the playing arena and at an independent tribunal hearing on June 7 was found guilty without penalty. In a report to the EDFL he said he had run on to the field after seeing two players—one from either side—in distress. One of them turned out to be his son. Meade said he told the umpire to "For God's sake stop the play" and was told he was reported for being on the ground.

The game was then abandoned. The independent tribunal will now report to the EDFL on whether the game should be further investigated. The trouble started with about five minutes to go in a match which had been played hard but without malice. In his report, Meade said that a Warrandyte defender had strongly contested the ball over the boundary in a forward pocket at the Warrandyte Road end of the ground. Some pushing and shoving had ensued and at least one Mt Evelyn supporter had become physically

involved. The skirmish escalated to involve other players and when play resumed Meade, who had been remonstrating with drinkers in the car park beside the boundary, noticed the two injured players and ran on to the field. WJFC president Malcolm Eyre told the *Diary* that visiting supporters had been warned by an EDFL official and a Warrandyte official that drinking was not permitted at under-age games. "We also have signs up at the

ground reminding people of that," he said. "If visiting supporters had not been drinking and interfered, these unfortunate events would not have happened." "Warrandyte does not condone it and I have never had any trouble with local supporters." ● When the game was abandoned, the scoreboard had Mt Evelyn in front by four points. However, it is believed the board was in error and that Warrandyte was leading by two points.

Bloods in diabolical!

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club approaches the halfway mark of the 1996 season with just two wins from eight games and finals expectations in tatters.

The Bloods' 41-point defeat at Blackburn on June 1 was their fourth straight loss and left them stranded on the second-bottom rung of the EDFL Second Division ladder.

Hopefully, the suspension of EDFL fixtures for the interleague game on June 8 has given the club breathing space to regroup.

The two wins so far have been come-from-behind performances out of character with the Bloods' otherwise general failure to finish their games off.

"Our second halves have generally been poor," WFC president Lex Munro told the *Diary*, "and that could be the result of a lack of dedication to training."

"And we have not been able to consistently get the ball out of the centre. Our forwards are kicking goals but are not getting the full share of opportunities."

Coach Ralph Jones said his players were "too soft, too willing to accept mediocrity."

"It's a great social club—but we are looking down the barrel of relegation," he said.

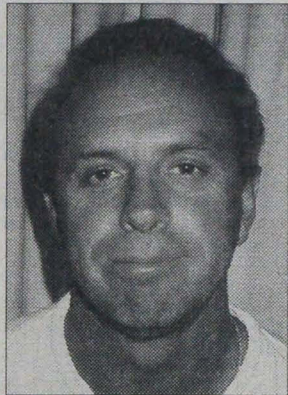
"If the players don't smarten themselves up they will find themselves back in Third Division and then maybe even in Fourth Division."

"I'm losing patience. I want to get the Anzac spirit back. I want to get the passion back. I want us to be feared."

Jones said he had now divided 1996 into two seasons.

"Our first season ends against Kilsyth on June 15 (the halfway

We're too soft, says the coach



Lex Munro



Ralph Jones

25, but they were brought right back to earth with a loss by precisely that margin to Blackburn the following week.

The Under-18s, however, continue to hold their heads high and have won four of eight. They will be going for a winning hat-trick against Kilsyth.

● The club will hold a black tie night at the Athenaeum Hall in Doncaster Road on July 6. It promises to be a great night, with a three-course dinner and top music.

Tickets are limited to 200 and are available from Lex Munro (9726 5339) and Jeff Evans (9722 1111).

● Tireless WFC worker Anne Drew has launched a drive to recover property which has been "souvenired" from the club over the past several seasons.

"What we mean is jumpers, socks, shorts and boots which have disappeared from the club—at both junior and senior level—and may now be lying forgotten in a trunk or worn in the garden at weekends," Mrs Drew said.

"We lose the best part of a set of senior jumpers every year and we could certainly put some returns to good use."

Anyone who has any such property is invited to drop it in at the clubrooms on training nights—Tuesday, Thursday (seniors), Wednesday (juniors)—or when senior or junior games are on at the recreation reserve.

At other times, there will be a box at the clubrooms door.

Mrs Drew can be contacted on 9844 3565.



mark). Our second season begins the following Saturday against Montrose.

"Our first season has been pretty piss-poor—yet this side is capable of winning the premiership."

"We have 13 new blokes and we are playing a different brand of football. We're fourth in Second Division in terms of goals scored and eighth overall in the two top divisions."

"But we are not winning games. Because of that support has dropped off—but don't abandon us yet."

"Warrandyte people must stop living in an elitist world and get the working-class ethic back.

"The lifestyle is too easy here. It's a great environment, a great community and a great footy team and the community can make it happen."

"Let's put Warrandyte on the map. Let's make it great because of its sporting teams!"

The home game against Kilsyth, who were promoted to Second Division this season but have yet to win a game, is particularly important to Warrandyte—to restore the winning feeling and to increase the space between itself and the cellar-dweller.

Victory would put the Bloods three games and percentage points clear of Kilsyth and considerably ease relegation fears.

Warrandyte's Reserves are having another bleak season, with just one win on the board. That was a 70-point demolition of Mooroolbark at home on May

North Ringwood Hooters sound new Cup warning

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte basketball's senior teams are gearing up for their traditional winter finals this month as the Greyburn and Grand Hotel Cups come to their conclusion.

In the men's open section the North Ringwood Hooters are vying for their third straight title. They won 12 of 13 games in the regular season to finish in first place.

The team they have beaten for the last two seasons, the Warrandyte Hitmen, were second with a 10-2 record.

The teams met just once in the regular season, in the final round, where the Hooters scored the last six points of the game to win 46-40.

Led by Scott Snowball (21 points per game average) and Brad Dean (17) they have been as impressive as in their past two Cup wins, suggesting they have the capacity to win another title.

The Hitmen played without their leading scorer for the final game, Chris McIntosh (26), who

was overseas but will be back for the grand final, should the Hitmen set up the much-anticipated rematch.

David Thwaites (22) has provided the Hitmen with some extra drive this season but the team will have their work cut out if they are to return to the winners' circle.

Hoping to get hold of the Cup for the first time are the Haris and the Dennis Dazzlers. The two teams also met in the last round with the Haris sneaking home by two points for an unlikely win.

They ended the season 7-5 while the Dazzlers were 7-6.

These two will meet in the elimination final, sparking an exciting contest between arguably the competition's best long-range shooters in John Moore for the Dazzlers and Corey Nightingall.

The grand final will be held at 8.30pm on Wednesday, June 26, at Warrandyte High School stadium.

In the over-30 section, Warrandyte (10-2) finished three games

clear of the second-placed Plastics. The defending champions have been too good and with Graeme Pollock (16) and Scott Morison (14) scoring well they are almost certainties to keep the Cup.

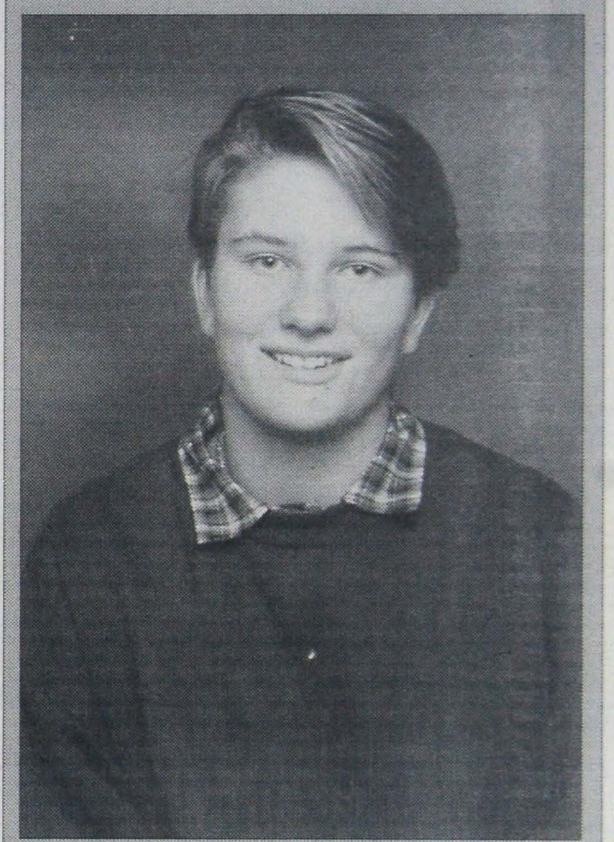
While Steve Doyle and Paul Sleeth continue to dominate the rebounds for the Plastics, injuries have hit them hard this season.

New team Ballistyx will claim one of the other finals berths while the last place was to be decided the night before the finals got underway, when a decider was needed to see if Andersons Creek or the River Rats would take fourth spot.

The grand final precedes the open section finale from 7.30pm on June 26.

In the women's Grand Hotel Cup, defending champs the Sneakers will meet the PP Champs in the grand final on Thursday, June 27, from 8.30pm.

The two still have to work their way through the minor rounds of the finals but that appears to be little more than a formality.



Making a splash

Warrandyte's Jemima Coates (above) represented Victoria in the All High Schools Swimming Championships in NSW last month.

Jemima, a Year 12 student and house captain at Warrandyte High, forced her way into the team by winning gold in the 100 metres backstroke and bronze in the 50 metres freestyle at the state finals. She was named eastern zone senior girls' champion at that meet.

Fellow students and staff at Warrandyte High recognised her outstanding achievements by holding a fundraising activity to sponsor her for the national championship.

Jemima competed in five events. Her best result was third in the 50 metres backstroke—a great effort against world-class competition.

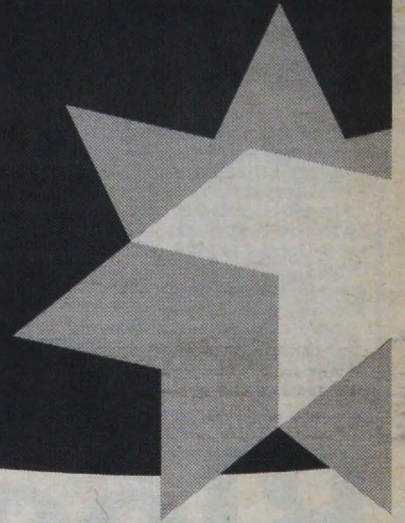
She is quite the all-round athlete, competing at interschool level in sports including cricket and football.

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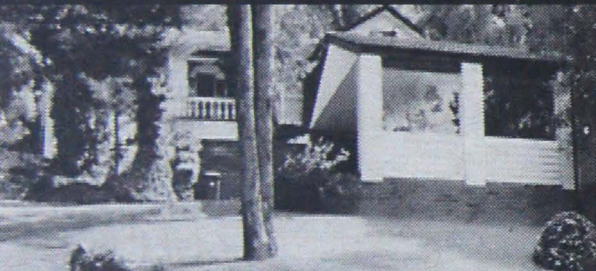
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