

Roll back the cable!

We won't say 'yes'

CLYDE & OCKER



"We'll roll out the barrel when Manningham rolls back Optus, Ock."

By DAVID WYMAN

Community spokespersons in Warrandyte and Wonga Park are "very concerned" about the possibility of Optus installing above ground pay TV cables in the area.

However, council has been quick to assure us that local communities in environmentally-sensitive areas would be consulted.

Adam Kempton, chief commissioner of Manningham Council, told the *Diary* this amid growing local concerns about the visual impact of TV cables on the rural environment.

While much of Park Orchards has already been "cabled", there are no cables yet in Warrandyte or Wonga Park.

Manningham Council has reached an agreement with Optus which includes a clause that there be no further deployment of the above ground cable network without reaching agreement with council on the method.

Mr Kempton said that as of October 2 there were "no proposals on the table" to have cables in Wonga Park or Warrandyte.

"Indeed, it might not happen," he said. "I think Optus' concern is that because of the sparse spread of population out there, it may not be viable for them. So—query—'when will it happen?' and—query—'in what mode will it happen?'"

"They may be able to use some other form of technology which doesn't require cables."

Mr Kempton said if residents wanted pay TV then they would have to signal their view to Optus and then Optus, if they wanted to proceed, would have to come to council.

Council would assess the request according to proper planning considerations and there would be heavy emphasis on putting the cables underground.

"Community consultation would be part of the process. I can't be precise about the format of that process because we haven't worked through it," Mr Kempton said.

"But there is no question there will be consultation and we would be very welcoming of community feedback about how the matter is to be handled. There would be heavy emphasis on undergrounding."

Mr Kempton said the "saga of cabling" would go on. Next year, there would be deregulation of the carriers and as a consequence there may be other carriers wishing to erect their cables between power poles.

Telstra's cable TV system would not be a big issue in the City of Manningham, he said. Most of their cables were underground and they had indicated to council that they would only want to erect a minimal amount of cable.

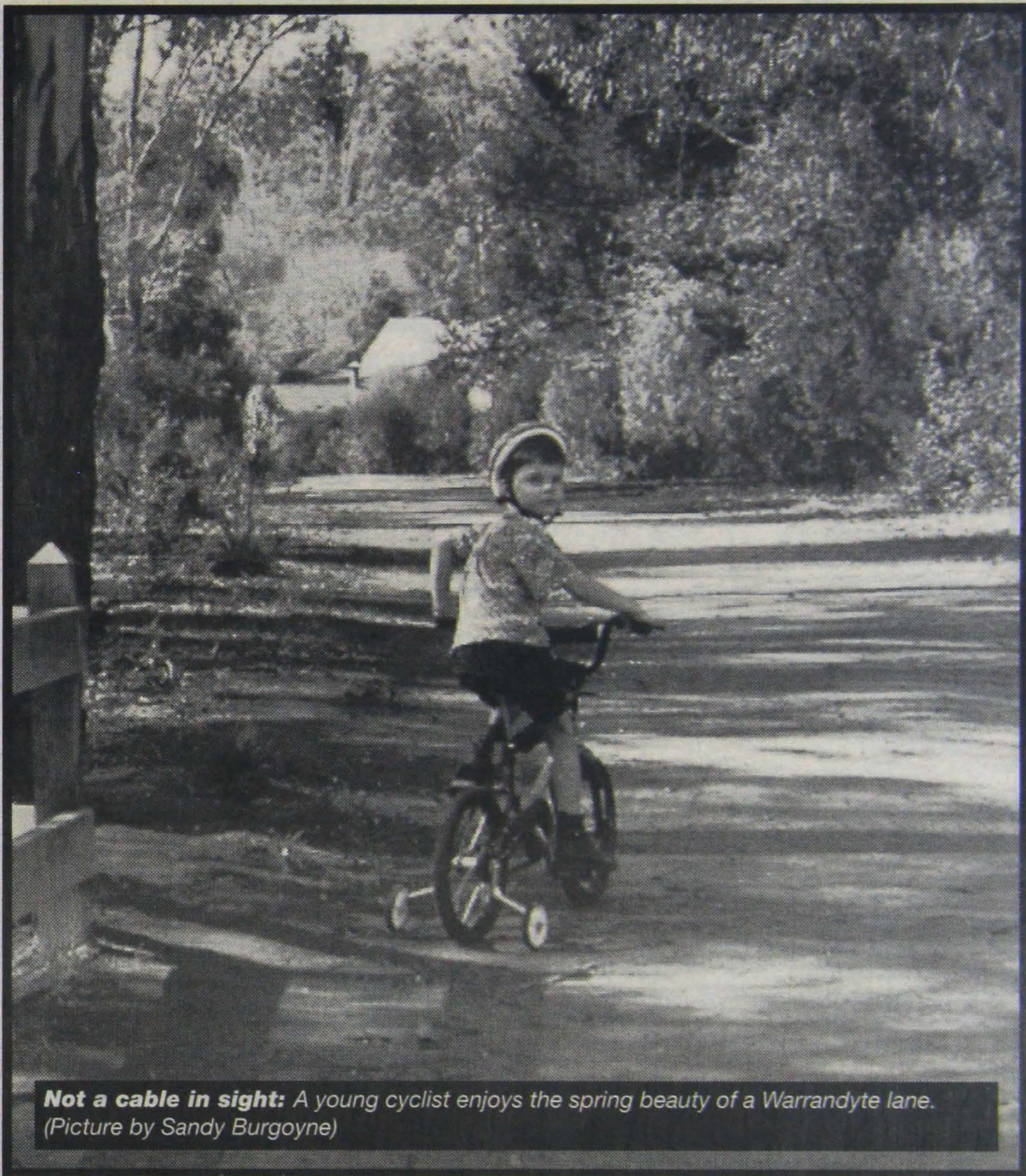
Mr Kempton emphasised that Optus could not go into Warrandyte and Wonga Park without council's consent, and any application from them would be treated as a planning matter and would be dealt with under Manningham's planning controls.

"From a position of being very critical of the federal legislation and the power it gave the carrier, but recognising that it is a fact of life, council has sought the best possible solution in an agreement with Optus, in a bad circumstance," Mr Kempton said, referring to the payment by Optus of \$320,000 to council over four years and the agreement about control over how Optus will install further cable.

A member of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, Alan King, said he felt the local community would prefer not to have TV cables strung between power poles.

"All I've been told by council is that the sensitive areas of Warrandyte would somehow be treated differently, but that didn't necessarily rule out overhead cables," he said.

Philip Glenister, secretary of the Wonga Park and District Residents Association, said: "I know that a lot of residents would be opposed to above ground cables. We would be very concerned about it because there are no guarantees about the methods that would be used."



Not a cable in sight: A young cyclist enjoys the spring beauty of a Warrandyte lane. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

Manningham increases festival funding

Warrandyte Village Festival is to receive an \$11,000 grant from Manningham Council. This is \$1000 more than it received last year.

Commissioner Hector Davis told the *Diary* that the Warrandyte festival "is one of the premier festivals in Manningham and the grant reflects the council's continued support for the community festival."

"The success of the Warrandyte Festival is a tribute to the organising com-

mittee and the support of the Warrandyte community," Mr Davis said. "Over the past 21 years this festival has grown to become a major event which attracts more than 10,000 people."

Mr Davis said that in addition to the grant, council will discuss with the festival committee the idea of providing a perpetual trophy to recognise the value of the festival. "Council has been a strong supporter of the Warrandyte

Festival for many years and the proposed perpetual trophy reflects an ongoing commitment to the event."

Council's decision follows doubts earlier this year that festival funds would receive a much-needed boost from Manningham Council. At the time, Chairman Adam Kempton told the *Diary* that in the long term, community festivals should be self-funding with organisers attracting funding from sources other than council.

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A bouncing baby boy before the bounce!



It's full points for timing and determination to longtime South Melbourne/Sydney Swans supporter Jenny McDonell, of North Warrandyte. Jenny had made it quite clear to all those around her that she would be having her baby (due on September 21) in the morning, so as not to miss the telecast that night of the preliminary final between the Swans and Essendon. With no medical intervention whatsoever, she and husband Brian headed off to Monash Medical Centre at 6am on the day and baby Kieran weighed in, as if by arrangement, at 11.10am (a whopping 10lb 11oz). That gave Jenny plenty of time to bond, snooze and hire a TV set for the game which, of course, her beloved Sydney won after the siren by a point.



Remember John "Tiger" Laing, who gave his wife Jan (who doesn't give a hoot about football) a big treat on Mother's Day by taking her along to the MCG but at a hotel in Honolulu! Tiger, holidaying with Jan in Hawaii, phoned his mate Kevin Close on Grand Final eve and said you'd better get yourself over here because there are heaps of Australians in Honolulu and me and my mate Little Richard have organised a big screen for the big game. Little Richard? Surely not THE Little Richard of '60s rock 'n' roll fame? Yeah, same guy, said Tiger. Great bloke. Kevin wonders if Tiger's new-found friend belted the ivories and sang Long Tall Sally and Tutti Frutti as half-time entertainment.



And the prize for the most bizarre ensemble worn to Warrandyte RSL Club's Grand Final barbecue went to Greg Lawrence, who went along looking like an aged bikie. Greg wore jeans, T-shirt and, to shroud his true allegiance in mystery, one red-and-white sock, one blue-and-white sock. And yes, he does have another pair just like it at home.



If anyone needed the just-finished school holiday it was Warrandyte Primary sixth-grader Joel Macdonald. His third term had been just one thing after another. Quite apart from playing a leading role in the school production of Roll And Rock. Joel was selected in the Victorian primary schools football team. And quite apart from that, he was a member of the Victorian team who won the Australian primary schools basketball championship in New South Wales. A very busy boy is young Joel Macdonald.

IN RED & WHITE



Smokey's a great admirer of the local Lions Club and, indeed, of the Lions movement in general. So much so that he hesitates to point out the spelling mistake on the side of the bus our chaps presented to an entirely worthy cause last month (see story elsewhere in this issue). Another reason for hesitating was the fear of readers seeking revenge on behalf of the Lions by combing this column for misspellings, literals and punctuation atrocities which have a pesky habit of cropping up here. So please be kind. Your columnist is a sensitive soul.



Joel Macdonald



A woman phoned Warrandyte RSL Club treasurer Peter Norman a little while back asking about monuments. Her daughter was doing a school project on them, see, and she wondered if there were any in Warrandyte and, more specifically, did the RSL have such a thing. Yes, said Peter, we have one in our memorial grounds right opposite the bridge. Well, it must be very small, said the woman, because I live in North Warrandyte and I cross the bridge at least a couple of times a day and I've never seen it. Peter said it was actually quite large and when the woman phoned back a couple of days later she said you must think I'm an idiot and how could I possibly have missed it all these years? Anyhow, she and everyone else will have no trouble seeing it now if they cross the bridge by night. The monument has been floodlit from the ground by Manningham Council and looks a treat. The floodlighting will hopefully deter vandals and other assorted yahoos who

have so often made the monument their target and may even come in very handy as a beacon for lost souls.



Carl and Wendy Hammond, of North Warrandyte, were approaching Yarra Glen on their way home from the snow when the lovely Wendy remarked what a big football ground that was, and what a big grandstand. Carl barely had the heart to tell her it was the Yarra Glen racecourse.



Despite an exhaustive witch hunt, we are unable to sheet home the blame for the blunder in last month's Out Of The Box column which had St Stephen's Anglican Church in Tarroona Avenue. Everyone (except the mystery culprit) knows the Uniting Church is in Tarroona Avenue. St Stephen's is in Stiggatt Street—and that's where you're urged to be on Saturday, October 19 for the church's fete. More about that on Page 13.



They don't muck about here at the Diary office. No sooner had Smokey punched a piece into the Apple Mac last month extolling the literary merits of Marilyn Moore than Cliff Green, our founding father, was on the blower signing her up to write a regular column. It's called Our Place and it's on Page 9. You're very welcome aboard, Marilyn.



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NOVEMBER 1987

Uniting church retirement housing project mooted. Nothing happens.

SEPTEMBER 1988

Dual occupancy banned in Warrandyte.

FEBRUARY 1992

Diary launches campaign for retirement village with support of Phil Honeywood, MP.

APRIL 1992

Local councillors pledge support. Later a committee is formed and search for a site begins.

DECEMBER 1993

Extensive survey confirms community need and support.

OCTOBER 1994

Doncaster council pledges \$370,000 for land and business study for project.

MARCH 1995

Council commissioners order further study into project.

JULY 1995

Commissioners place project "on hold" as ratepayers' fund could be "at risk".

NOVEMBER 1995

Local property developer promises a feasibility study.

MARCH 1996

Committee refuses to talk to Diary.

JULY 1996

Committee chairman declares project "at crossroads".

Don't grow old in Warrandyte

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte's older generation has been betrayed. After nine long years of hoping and praying for suitable accommodation among friends and family, they are still being forced to leave the place they love.

The story of Warrandyte's struggle to obtain housing for its elderly residents is a sorry saga. A tale of high hopes dashed, of council promises broken, of surveys, proposals and plans that went nowhere, of a community that seems to have lost heart.

In November 1987, the *Diary* reported a proposal for a retirement village in Warrandyte. Reverend Stan Fishley, then Uniting Church minister, envisaged 30 single-storey self-funding units built on a fairly flat central site. But that is the last we heard of it.

No-one would deny the urgent need for such a village.

In 1988, Warrandyte was the only community in Victoria to beat the then State government's dual occupancy planning scheme, a developer-driven idea that would have transformed our hills township into just another dormitory suburb.

The elderly folk of Warrandyte joined in that fight with as much vigour and conviction as everyone else in this community. But they are the ones who have paid a high price for our victory.

Dual occupancy offered them a chance to sell their large gardens and rambling houses, have units built upon them and buy back one of the units for their own use. Minimum garden maintenance, a new, compact, convenient residence—and the opportunity to stay at home.

But they willingly forfeited that solution to their problems in order to save the character of the township they love.

In February, 1992, the *Diary* began its long-running campaign to have suitable land bought and a retirement village built. We were supported by local MP, Phil Honeywood.

"There is no doubt that we now have a generation of Warrandyte residents who are finding it difficult to continue to live independently," he said. "In many cases they live in labour-intensive houses on large sloping allotments. They are now looking for more compact accommodation on level land, close to shops and public transport."

"Due to a shortage of suitable housing for the aged, residents are forced to move to other sub-

-You won't have anywhere to live

urbs. They lose their proximity to friends and family support networks." Mr Honeywood called for a committee of residents, council, churches and others to be formed as soon as possible.

Two months later, in April 1992, all three councillors in the Warrandyte Ward of Doncaster-Templestowe council had thrown their support behind the campaign. "Our local residents have the right to stay here and we want to keep them here," Mayor Val Polley told the *Diary*.

Several months later a committee was formed under the umbrella of Warrandyte Uniting Church, and the search for suitable land began in earnest, with the need for a site large enough to include a hostel as well as units being stressed.

By December 1993, the church-led group, now titled the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project Committee, had launched a survey to ascertain the need and test the market. The first *Diary* for 1994 reported an overwhelmingly positive response to the survey, which was distributed to every household in the 3113 postal district. Only one of the 118 returns was negative. By May we were reporting that the committee was negotiating to purchase land and the deal was "close".

And then, joy of joys, in October 1994 we announced the granting by Doncaster council of \$350,000 for the purchase of land, with a further \$20,000 being set aside for a "business study".

But by March 1995, the elected councillors had been sacked and three government-appointed commissioners were in place. They announced that a consultancy firm had been ap-

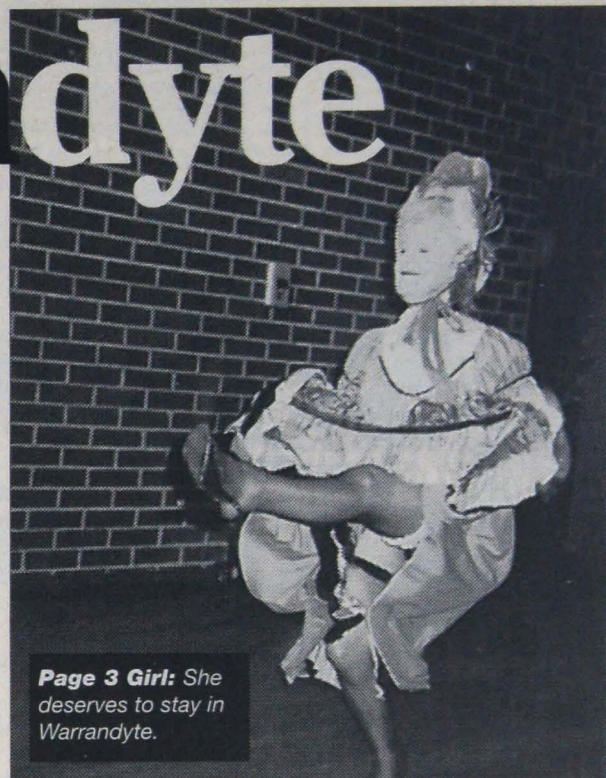
pointed, with the \$20,000 promised, to conduct the business study. But instead of working out how to bring the project to fruition, the consultant was charged with recommending whether or not the village should be built at all!

It was not recorded what the so-called business plan—which finally cost \$23,000—recommended, but by July 1995 the project was "on hold" with the commissioners declaring they were not prepared to put ratepayers' money "at risk". Council pledged "expert advice on siting, planning and subdivision, as well as helping with re-zoning".

A month later, council were saying they might agree to lend the money to purchase the land to a local consortium or co-operative to be formed to construct the village and sell the units. "We are still trying to retain the Warrandyte community roots of this project," committee member Bruce Williamson told the *Diary*. "We are very disinclined to turn it over to an external property developer. The terms and conditions (of the council loan) are very unclear."

In November 1995, Ray Dawson, a local property developer, offered to prepare a feasibility study for the project. The committee was reported as stating that after three years they were extremely disappointed the project was "back to square one".

In March this year the committee refused to comment when asked what was happening with the project, and in July, chairman Syd Smale told us the project was "at the crossroads". Meanwhile, many of Warrandyte's older residents are still being forced to live among strangers.



Page 3 Girl: She deserves to stay in Warrandyte.

Home away from home

Further to your story on the development of seniors' housing on page three of the May issue. How I wish something like this was thought of sooner.

I lived in Warrandyte for 37 years. My husband went to school and grew up there. After he died I had to sell our property as I could not cope on my own.

How I wish I was back in Warrandyte—being able to keep my pets and the daily feeding of the magpies and kookas. I do miss Warrandyte.

I'm in a retirement village now. Letter to the *Diary*, June 1994.

It's very nice but it's not Warrandyte. I hope something comes of the units for senior citizens. I'd like to remind anyone who is against this proposal to look to the future—they too are getting old.

Don't kid yourself too much—families are nice to have but when you are old sometimes you are a hindrance. Not always, but sometimes. It's sad to be alone—I know.

If I can help in any way towards getting this village started please contact me.

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Market profits go a long way...

Warrandyte Basketball Club's Under 15A grade girls team has been given a fundraising boost by the Warrandyte Community Market Committee.

The girls, who are raising money to cover travel costs to attend the South Pacific Junior Championships in Fiji in December, will benefit from a \$1500 donation from the committee. Market chairperson Charles

Scorgie said the money will "supplement the enormous fundraising efforts of the girls, their families and the club. "It gives us great pleasure to be able to help the team as it is

essential that young people and groups such as this have the opportunity to gain experience of sport in other countries and other cultures," he said. "We wish the team every success."

The girls will represent Victoria against teams from around Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and other South Pacific countries. The championships will be held at the National Stadium in Suva.

Team manager Con Arsenis said the girls and coach Gavin Whitmore were ecstatic at the response to their trip.

"The community has really got behind the team and this donation from the market committee tops it off," he said.

Others groups to receive funding from the market committee this month include Warrandyte Festival Committee. They were given \$500 to be put towards the organisation of workshops in street theatre and performance for local young people.

Warrandyte Youth Services were granted \$500 while the SES received \$600. The three local CFA brigades all received \$300.

Meanwhile, agreement has been reached for drainage work to start on the market site at Stiggants Reserve immediately after the December market. The market committee has been negotiating with Manningham Council to fix drainage problems at the market during winter.

"This work will ensure the long-term viability of the site, not only for the market but for visitors and the community," Mr Scorgie said.



One of the many stallholders who support Warrandyte market each month. Their fees help lots of local causes. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)



A right really affair: Lovely Leanne Dean, property manager at Wilson McDougall, married Wayne Highmore earlier this year. Bride and groom pose with Leanne's workmates Peter McDougall, Bianca Merrington, Catherine Selby, Andrew Wilson and Graham Porter.

Council probes transport

A new public transport hotline established by Manningham Council will give Warrandyte residents the opportunity to voice their opinions about the local transport network.

For many years a lack of buses running to town has angered locals, forcing commuters to use their cars to avoid lengthy delays in an archaic system.

Council's chairman Adam

Kempton said the study would investigate all forms of public transport including buses, trains, trams, light rail and taxis.

"An objective of the corporate plan is to support and contribute to a safe, efficient and accessible public transport system."

Callers to the hotline will contribute to the development of the strategy. "The strategy will examine ways to improve and

integrate services, meet the needs of travellers and make the best use of existing transport infrastructure."

People can make comment up until November 1 by phoning the Public Transport Study hotline on 9840 9492. Written submissions marked "Public Transport Study" can be made to Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster 3108.

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No park link with Kinglake



By DAVID WYMAN

While the management of Warrandyte State Park continues to remain unstable, plans to link it with Kinglake National Park have been abandoned.

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park have been told that the park will in future be separately managed, as in the past.

FOWSP committee member, Mike Coupar, told the *Diary*: "Our park, at least in the short term, is going to continue to have its depot, and four promised rangers, including a ranger-in-charge."

The Friends were told in July that an option for the future management of Warrandyte State Park was to include it in a corridor of parks and public land between Kinglake and Warrandyte. This move was supported by the Friends as it recognised a greater area of conservation significance which could possibly improve the status and funding of Warrandyte State Park.

"At the same time we were worried that such a move could take the managerial focus away from Warrandyte," Mike said. "We were

worried that they could have removed rangers, even closed the depot, and use Kinglake as the centre.

"We didn't want the show being run out of Kinglake with not many people looking after Warrandyte.

"But now Andrew Nixon is the temporary ranger-in-charge at Warrandyte, until such time as we get a permanent RIC. At the moment, there are three rangers looking after the park and we have been promised a fourth.

Meanwhile, plans to incorporate the Mt Lofty area along the Yarra

into Warrandyte State Park are proceeding. The Friends have received a letter from the Minister for Conservation and Land Management, Marie Tehan, stating that Melbourne Water, which owns Mt Lofty, was "managing this commitment and are currently obtaining a valuation report from the Valuer-General".

The proposal to incorporate Mt Lofty goes back to 1988.

"We are encouraged by recent developments," Mike Coupar said, "but we feel the situation will need to be monitored on a regular basis."



Locals admire the minibus donated to Australian Teenage Cancer Patients' Society by the Lions Club of Warrandyte. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Lions' generosity helps cancer kids

Warrandyte Lions Club has handed over the keys of a minibus to CanTeen, the Australian Teenage Cancer Patients' Society. The club made the presentation at Lions Club Park, near Warrandyte bridge, last month.

Lions purchased the Toyota Commuter bus after raising \$22,000 at their charity ball and auction on June 26.

CanTeen is a support group for children with cancer. It organises day trips, camps, outings, hospital visits and peer-support gatherings.

The Lions bus will assist CanTeen with much-needed transport to and from these events and as an emergency carrier should any of the patients suddenly take ill.

Lions secretary Julie Bedwell

said the club was delighted to be involved with the fund-raising project.

"Our association with CanTeen has been truly inspirational," she told the *Diary*. "We held a fun day at Eildon for them earlier this year and hosted 50 CanTeen teenagers for a day of water sports on the lake. Many of these kids were quite obviously very ill but even the sickest of them got right into anything they could."

"The vehicle is second-hand, but in good condition. We spent six months planning the ball and enlisted the services of Daryl Braithwaite to sing, comedian Elliot Gobbett to act as master of ceremonies and Bob Franklin and Shaun Micallef to do comedy spots. The Song and Dance

band provided entertainment," she said.

A large selection of goods was auctioned to help raise funds, including a trip for two to the Gold Coast, several autographed football jumpers and other celebrity-signed memorabilia.

The club also secured a two-year service contract from Car City Ringwood for maintenance of the bus.

"As CanTeen receives no government funding we are anxious to ensure that they are not disadvantaged in any way by having to spend their slim budget maintaining their new vehicle," Mrs Bedwell said. "We want to ensure that the kids get the use of that money for the support of their illness."

Youth services battling to avoid takeover

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Youth Services is once again fighting to maintain its independence in the face of a municipal-wide restructuring of facilities for young people.

A reference committee proposal to hand over control to Manningham Youth Services will be voted on by council at its meeting on Tuesday, October 29. If the plan is adopted it could mean a dramatic change in the operation of Warrandyte Youth Services.

Warrandyte's representatives on the reference committee, Cathy Adamson and Tim Joy, both disagreed with the committee's recommendation to council. They are arguing for the current structure to be maintained.

"The plan they are proposing would put all the burden on volunteers trying to maintain what we presently do," Tim Joy told the *Diary*. "But they will have fewer decision-making powers."

"They have said to us that nothing will change. That's laughable."

The 11-member committee making the recommendation was established in April this year. It involved representatives from Manningham and Warrandyte Youth Services, Shire of Nillumbik, Wonga Park Youth Group and Advisory Committee, Manningham's Directory of Community Services, a member of the Commissioners' Advisory Committee and two youth representatives.

The new plan is dependent on a significant funding increase to gain approval.

Warrandyte has been allotted five minutes at the October 29 meeting to put their case to the

commissioners and plead for the retention of the present structure.

Manningham's commission chairman, Adam Kempton, told the *Diary* the review was prompted by council's desire to deliver cost efficient and effective youth services across the municipality.

"A key objective of our corporate plan is to facilitate the equitable distribution of quality youth services and facilities," he said.

"The review will assist in how best to structure council-funded youth services to ensure our young people have access to services and programs."

"It would be premature to comment on the committee's report

and recommendations before it comes to the council meeting."

He said the aim of the review was not to reduce access to youth services and programs.

Also of concern to Warrandyte is the future of the Shire of Nillumbik's \$7000 funding. This could be in jeopardy if the sweeping changes take place. Between 35 to 40 percent of users of the Warrandyte centre are from north of the river.

Tim Joy and Cathy Adamson reported to the review committee that Warrandyte Youth Services "has grown dramatically in the past three years. Any amalgamation could impact on the capacity of Warrandyte Youth Services to provide effective services to young people."

Not the last supper for Gospel Chapel

Manningham Council has received an application for a planning permit to convert the old Gospel Chapel building at 103 Yarra Street into a restaurant.

The notice on the fence says the applicant is D J Dawson and that council will not act on the application before October 10.

A Warrandyte resident, who reported the notice to the *Diary*, pointed out that she understood any further commercial development between the road and the river would be restricted to "environmentally friendly" projects.

"The Warrandyte townscape statement of about six years

ago—supported by council and the community—stated that public open space was the future for that area," she said. "Now there is a potential project that will fill up the adjacent car park."

Meanwhile, the *Diary* understands that council has deferred a decision on an application to use part of the Stonehouse extension as a 40-seat cafe.

Council has also received an application for a planning permit to use the building which formerly housed the business of Pigeon Bank Lane Studios in Yarra Street as a restaurant.

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Threat of fire brought home

Despite heavy rainfall during a winter and early spring period which has brought floods to many parts of Victoria, the spectre of fire will again loom large over Warrandyte during the height of the summer months.

Following annual concern about the community's lack of awareness of adequate fire prevention, a Fire Survival Expo has been arranged for Sunday, October 27. It will be held from 10am to 4pm at Warrandyte Community Centre.

Steve Pascoe, a Community Fireguard Facilitator helping to organise the expo, says it is a day of vital importance for all local residents.

"The aim of the expo is to create an understanding in the community of the importance of fire protection and raise awareness of the range of equipment and services available," he told the *Diary*.

"This is a vital aspect of community fire safety and requires and deserves widespread exposure."

The community centre and surrounds will feature many displays of fire prevention and safety. These will include fire fighting pumps, hoses and hand tools, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors, personal safety clothing and equipment and sprinkler systems for bushfire protec-

tion. Fire resistant paints and water storage systems will also be demonstrated.

Local CFA brigades will have displays while Eastern Energy, the main sponsor of the expo, and community fireguard groups will have stalls providing tips and advice for fire protection and safety. Both Manningham City Council and the Shire of Nillumbik have thrown their support behind the expo.

Mr Pascoe said the proliferation of the community fireguard groups, several of which already operate in Warrandyte, is essential to the overall prevention of fire.

"Community Fireguard itself is a community-based initiative of the CFA," he said. "The aim is to reduce the loss of life and property in bushfires. It is about small groups of people, generally neighbours who live in high fire risk areas, taking an active role in their own fire safety."

"By working together, with the assistance of a CFA facilitator, these groups are able to access the latest information and develop personal, family and community survival strategies which suit their particular situation."

Once such group, which has excelled since starting last year, is the Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group. A sub-

group of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, these Osborne Road residents care for their area in consultation with the CFA and the Shire of Nillumbik.

They hold working bees every month to maintain what they say is a "special corner" of Warrandyte.

Fire chiefs believe residents are becoming complacent. Five years have elapsed since the last major fire here. That came on February 25, 1991, when more than 70 hectares of bushland were razed. It was the first major fire in Warrandyte in 22 years and took more than five hours to bring under control.

Such was the gravity of the situation that 360 CFA volunteers and more than 60 conservation department and emergency services people were called to fight the blaze, which began near Pound Bend and quickly crossed the river.

Fire chiefs are urging residents to clear the areas around their homes and put in place an adequate fire plan to avoid a more serious repetition and dire consequences this summer.

Mr Pascoe can be contacted at the CFA Regional Office on 9735 0511 for more information about Community Fireguard and the Fire Survival Expo at the community centre.

Pictures painted in moments of fear and excitement

By **JULIE MURRAY**

An exhibition of local artist Reg Cox's works is being held at Rivergum Gallery next month following the release of two of his most recent paintings.

Mr Cox, who has a passion for the Warrandyte environment, has painted two large watercolours exploring the rapid transformation of fire and how it can take hold.

"It's something I've been trying to get out of my system for a long time," Mr Cox told the *Diary*.

"The bushfire season will shortly be upon us. We live in a volatile area where on a total fire ban day you can very quickly be in a situation which is out of your control.

"These paintings were borne out of a mixture of fear and excitement. Fear perhaps because I reside in Warrandyte—a high fire risk area each summer. Excitement in having witnessed the evolution of many bushfires while

travelling through Queensland and New South Wales in 1994."

Mr Cox believes that, as an artist, it is his role and his responsibility to record a natural event. "It is nature's apocalyptic way of transforming our environment without our say.

"To feel the heat, smell smoke, see flame, sense anguish and despair without becoming personally involved requires the mind to store it all up in a mental picture. The actual painting acts as a release valve for the complex emotions felt at the time."

The two paintings, Victorian Apocalypse and Warrandyte Wildfire, will be on public view this month to remind people of Warrandyte's fragility.

Mr Cox's exhibition, to be held at Rivergum Gallery, 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, will run from Sunday, November 10 to Sunday, November 24. More details can be obtained by phoning 9844 3948.



Kevin Andrews, Federal MP for Menzies, launches the LEAP booklet at Warrandyte Youth Services last month.

Art, music at centre

The foyer of Warrandyte Community Centre will be transformed into an art gallery this month for a contemporary art exhibition.

The exhibition, organised by a group of local artists, will feature both two and three dimensional works. Music will be a highlight at the three-day exhibition.

The opening will take place from 6.30pm on Friday, October 18 with live entertainment provided by local three-piece band Loose Change. The exhibition will continue over the

weekend of October 19 and 20.

Artists who will be on show include Nerina Lascelles, Paul Waight, Bradfield Dumbleton, Justin Purser and Chelsey Reis. Musicians Scott Wallace (piano), John Byrne (drums), Bronwyn Ventura (saxophone) and Danny Khazam (bass) will play throughout the weekend.

Admission to the exhibition is free. It will be open from 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday, October 18 and from 10am to 5pm on October 19 and 20.

High school students in tune

Several Warrandyte High School students played at the Melbourne Concert Hall last month. The occasion was the South Eastern Regional Concert.

Students from all schools in the region were invited to participate in the various instrumental and choral ensembles. Year 12 student Hayley Cooper, who is leader of the high school concert band,

played the flute in the symphonic band. Robert Colvin and Elise Hodgson were both invited to be members of the concert band.

Robert, a Year 8 student who plays first alto saxophone in the school band, played the baritone saxophone in the regional band. Elise played excellent percussion.

Bridal Song

Warrandyte in spring—
A bride in white
Lacy blossom,
Golden wattle band,
Orchids and correas weave
A delicate wildflower posy,
While magpies and miners pipe
A joyful wedding march.

Maidenhair fern dripping
In river's rushing passion,
Each mated pair exalts
In Earth's sweet bond;
And lifeblood warms
As sunny spirits soar,
Past creamy gumblossom clouds
Into the pale fresh sky.

Strange then:
That this glowing beauty,
Sight's delight
And listening's pleasure,
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JANET FOOTE



Reg Cox "felt the heat and smelt the smoke" as he painted this large watercolour, Victorian Apocalypse.

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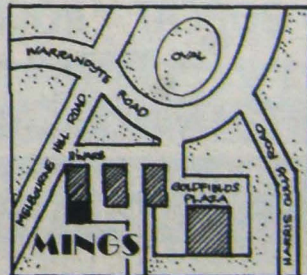
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When it all comes out in the wash

PERHAPS I've just noticed it, or perhaps it is that life has become more difficult. Now, I don't mean in a struggle-for-survival sense, although there are far too many of us who face that appalling prospect, but I mean it in a knowing-intuitively what-you-should-do mode. Take washing for instance.

Herself seems to have been born with a gene that informs her how bundles of dirty clothing should be sorted into appropriate piles before they are sacrificed to Agitatus, the goddess of washing.

Evidently, Agitatus is a severe goddess. If due observance is not done, she wreaks vengeance on all transgressors of her lore. Unwanted lint, ripping, bleeding of colours and impossible tangling are just some of the punishments she metes out. Consequently, Herself devotes a lot of time and laundry space to the allocation of washing to innumerable piles; this one for whites, this for darks, this for delicates, this for linty things, this for woollens, this for those that need handwashing, each stipulated by years of close study of the writings and signs of Agitatus.

I, on the other hand, am Agitatus-gene deficient. I find it hard to understand how all this is necessary. For centuries, women washed all their clothes in the same way and in the same water. A bundle of dirty stuff would be battered into cleanliness on a riverside rock with never a worry about piles, sequencing and the fear of retri-



"Agitatus is a severe goddess. If due observance is not done, she wreaks vengeance on all transgressors of her lore."

bution. If it was good enough for all those generations then I reckon it should be good enough for softies like us today.

My philosophy of washing is, for Herself, too much like atheism. For me, if there is no goddess dictating how things should be done, then there's no

problem about shoving all clothes in together. As long as its cold water and you cross your fingers, throw salt over your left shoulder and touch a piece of wood as you leave the laundry, all should be well.

And then there's washing dishes. "Simple," I hear you cry. Wrong!

I foolishly believed that the object of the exercise was to clean enough residue off the plates so the next meal had somewhere to go. It wasn't until we went away on holidays with some friends that I realised that Herself was not a maverick but was just one of an underground of sudsy washing devotees.

Being a sensitive, well-educated, helpful person of the male variety, I offered to wash up. My offer was graciously accepted.

"Then I'll dry!" offered Julia. I created a cappuccino sink and was just about to launch into a washing fest when the attendant High Priestess cooed, "You're not going to start with the glasses then?"

"Um, I hadn't planned really. I just thought I'd start with this pile so I'd make a bit of room."

"Oh, I just thought that everyone started with glasses, then the cutlery, then the dishes, then the pots and pans, the dirtiest last. It probably won't matter this time but I was just a bit taken aback, that's all."

Out of the corner of my eye I saw Herself glare at me. In one fell swoop I had shown myself to be an outsider and Herself to be a poor teacher. I hurriedly covered.

"Oh, you mean the normal or-

der of washing dishes! Oh yes, normally; never vary, usually a stickler for that sort of thing but, you know, a change is as good as a holiday and we're on a holiday! But... if you'd rather... " I trailed off into embarrassment and incompetence. Herself stormed out of the room to dry the clothes, awash with anger.

Examples like the one above happened when I was but green in years. Nowadays, I've become ecumenical. I realise that people need to express beliefs in different ways—even if they're wrong. Pegging out clothes, for example. I know the correct way but am prepared to tolerate Herself's less-than-satisfactory style because that's what comes with maturity.

But not everyone in the world's so tolerant, especially those of the wife-person variety.

Spring cleaning. It's that time and I thought I'd be helpful by commencing before being asked.

In the approved fashion, I made piles of all the stuff that we no longer need. I arranged things into "definite", "maybe" and "on-pain-of-death" piles. I used decades of training and male know-how when deciding which objects needed heaving.

It was with some apprehension therefore, and might I add a tinge of deja vu that I heard Herself ask, "Have you seen my new prescription sunglasses—the \$300 pair I got last month?"

As I rummaged through the bin, the vision of an unpleased sun goddess floated before my eyes.

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A fiery threat that blights our trees

IT'S called Fireblight, although fire plays no part in the destruction of these trees. Fireblight is a term used to describe the damage that certain trees suffer at the jaws of little green grubs known as Fireblight Beetles.

The attacks, which occur every year at about the same time, are almost always on Black or Silver Wattles. Armies of beetle grubs align themselves along the leaf veins and systematically strip every shred of ferny foliage, leaving the tree a botanical skeleton of bare stems.

It is the reddish-brown colour of the stems that remain like glowing embers, as much as the total defoliation, that gives large stands of these trees the semblance of having been burnt.

Fireblight Beetles belong, quite appropriately, to a group of insects known as Leaf Beetles—the Chrysomelids. The adults, which appear in summer, are small and rotund with a sparkling iridescent sheen to their body which would be the envy of any jeweller.

When disturbed, the beetles fall to the ground, feigning death. A predator-proof ploy to avoid being eaten by marauding birds.

Female Fireblights lay their eggs firmly attached to the feathery leaves of the wattle trees. Like caterpillars, the larval or grub stage of beetles is the main feeding and growing stage of the life cycle and is accompanied by several moults as the larva ma-



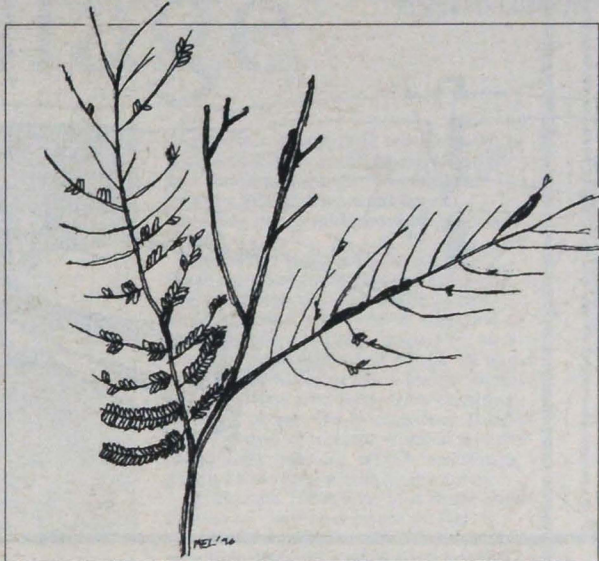
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tures. Even when fully grown, the elongated olive green grubs only measure about eight millimetres in length. For something so small they produce an exceedingly pungent odour, rather like a highly acidic rotten lemon, which increases in obnoxiousness tenfold if the grub is squashed.

Once the problem of Fireblight has been identified what can be done about it? Spraying with insecticide will certainly kill the troublesome little grubs but it will also annihilate all other insects, including beneficial species such as ladybirds.

If nothing is done the trees usually recover. In fact, the act of grazing stimulates the plant to produce new growth. However, when there is an extended period of cold, wet, wintery weather such as we have just had, new leaf growth is inhibited and recovery is slow.

Insects and plants have had a close association for a long time. Fossil evidence shows that insects have been eating plants and using them for shelter for at least 250 million years. Many insects have become specialist feeders, sometimes choosing a particular genus of plants and



even, like the Fireblight Beetles, showing preference for certain species.

In a balanced ecosystem, plants and insects can co-exist harmoniously. Only if the natural equilibrium is upset do problems arise. It is no surprise then that the wattles affected by Fireblight are generally those growing in disturbed areas or ones that have been planted. Rarely, if ever, do Fireblight Beetles inflict such devastation in bushland that is intact and undisturbed.

One question that baffles me is why the beetles' grubs remain

on the trees long after every scrap of green leaf has been consumed? While investigating a totally denuded wattle in search of an answer, I made a surprising discovery. Along one of the bare stems, nose to tail between two Fireblight grubs, was an olive green caterpillar.

Looking further I found several more in a similar pose. Instead of finding the answer to the question I had, it seemed, stumbled on something equally perplexing. The grub, the caterpillar and the wattle: was it coincidence or design that brought them together?

Roll 'n rock-'n gravel!

MY excuse for not turning up at the tennis club working bee was the mountain of gravel on our driveway. A couple of hours on my own, a bit of much-needed exercise, sunshine warm on my back. Soon there would not be a mud puddle in sight. Golden wattles bowed, heavy with blossom. An idyllic prospect for the first day of spring.

The male half of the family dutifully disappeared in the direction of the tennis courts while I turned, shovel poised, to the gravel pile. Freakishly, it was a miniature replica of the Dandenong Ranges. But four tonnes? It looked barely a trailerful.

The shovel plied energetically. Arc after arc of screenings sailed purposefully through the air. Sweat and dust mingled as the shovel bit again and again into the gravel. Off came one shirt, then another. The old blue barrow creaked and squeaked, and a carpet of screenings crept slowly outwards.

From inside the house, the insistent ringing of the phone provided a welcome interruption, while a familiar rhythmic scrunching and skidding up the drive heralded the return of the



OUR PLACE
By MARILYN MOORE

working bee. Struggling out of muddy boots to get to the phone before the dreaded answering machine took over, I noted with sinking heart the boys' rapid circumlocution of the gravelworks to the safety of indoors, each laden with bakery-shaped treasure in brown paper bags. Not much prospect of help there.

Back to work, and a more measured approach this time, to placate aching shoulders and a blister. One, two, three. After each sweep of the blade a satisfactory thump hit the barrow, a puff of dust drifted towards the golden exuberance of the wattles.

The barrow nearly capsized on its next journey. Tipping out the gravel was getting to be more and more of a struggle. But overwhelmed by the stark reality of dust, gravel, stinging blister,

warm sunshine and lorikeets screeching in some sort of domestic bliss in the tree overhead, I allowed my thoughts to mercifully wander.

The school concert, which had dominated so many lives for weeks, was fast becoming a fading jumble of phrases and images, eddying in and out of the dust-climbing broad shafts of sunlight. The magnificent fruit bowl on Aunt Lily's head. Sheer amazement at finding suit and fancy shoes to fit an eleven-year-old in our own op shop. Shoo Bop a Wow Wow all over the house.

Fiona yelling, pleading, relentlessly directing, "Deep trouble if I haven't got braces by tomorrow!" Decisions, decisions about shades of make-up. Trying to coax nervous young actors into eating a little specially-cooked dinner.

Such a difference between pale, bleary 11am faces and the brilliant glow each night when the heavy velvet curtains finally parted. Eager young faces, acting with incredible aplomb and maturity, yet more childish than ever atop adult clothes. Images at once tightly knit, unforgettable, yet refracted and dispersed so that their echoes could but dimly veil the harsh scrape of metal on stone.

Echoes linger longest for the actors themselves. Our own grade sixer is still pretty spaced-out. Mind you, that didn't stop me begging him to lend a hand with the rake for a bit when he eventually poked his nose outside. He did stay for a while, until he ran out of steam on his latest invention, a gravity-propelled (that is, boy swings from tow-rope on tree) gravel-spreading pendulum. At any minute I expected him to come down to earth in more ways than one.

Down the hill, other echoes were ringing out long and loud. Baby Victoria, a quirky little songbird swathed in flounces of lace and floral voile, delightfully paraphrased the now-famous Aunt Lily as she tripped the boards of the wood heap:

"I-uv-my NEW dress
My tutti-frutti BEW-tiful NEW dress
Huv-EVrything abOUT it
Never, never dOUBT it
Cannot live wifOUT it, cos I've-got-a NEW dress
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Further down the hill a chainsaw revved into action. That wonderful spring sun kept on shining down. And the number of shovelfuls in a barrowload remains one of life's little mysteries.

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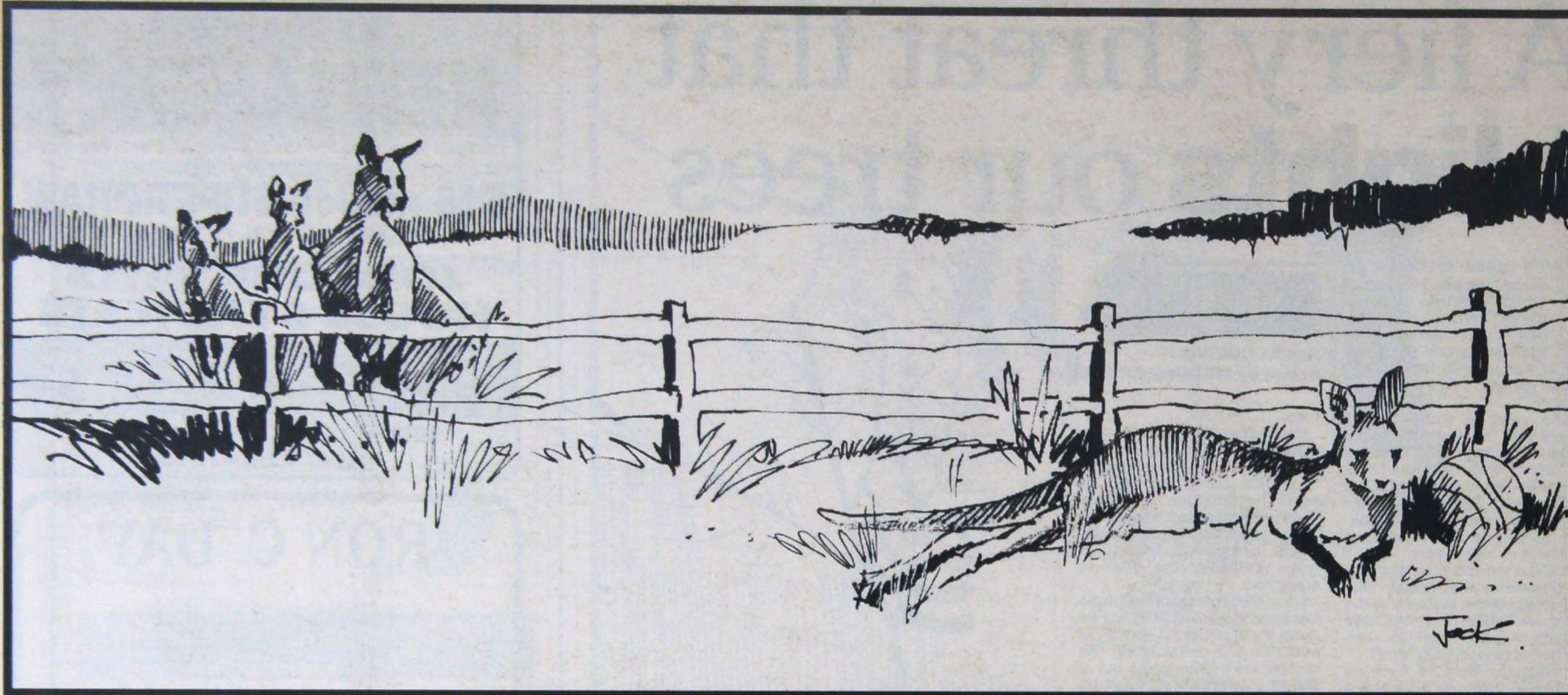
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Vengeance for Longleap

STORY BY GLEN JAMESON • ARTWORK BY JOCK MACNEISH

A pair of rogue domestic dogs had devastated the Glynns kangaroo mob that roamed the Yarra Valley parklands. A previous victim was Longleap, a young female who had sought the protection of her adoptive family the Frickers.

A HIGH degree of co-operation was necessary amongst the males as they defended the Glynns mob and they put aside any competitiveness between the smaller mob leaders to defend the bigger mob. Current research suggest that co-operation is more of a biological feature of the flora and fauna that have evolved in Australian than in other regions of the world, due to the low levels of nutrient availability and general poorness of the eco-systems.

Co-operation between species in the re-cycling of nutrients and resources enhances survival possibilities of all involved. The dog's relentless and undue pressure on the kangaroo mob would have created friction amongst the roo leadership and forced disputes and leadership challenges that otherwise may not have eventuated.

All Australians would vouch the ben-

efits that are the gift of a bloody conflict free environment. Many can vouch for the success gained by the co-operative arrangement known as mateship.

At the peak of the onslaught by the dogs during September, Longleap camped in the yard of the Fricker family home exclusively, a good indication that the dogs were then present in the sanctuary at Glynns for days on end. Later we had confirmed that the dogs were virtually living there. Despite efforts of Yarra Valley Parklands staff to catch them, they remained an elusive and virtually an impossible target to get.

There were times when we were so close, we could feel their growling anger, but they would evade us in the Burgan thickets that covered the rocky, steep country of the north-western section of Glynns. These efforts diverted a considerable amount of human resource away from the day-to-day management of Yarra Valley Parklands and required specialist professional skills for their capture.

The dogs had returned to their natural station in life as a carnivore at the top of the local food chain. They ere relearning all the old skills of eating only wild food and living on their natural cunning and resources. Humans have been the very top carnivore of this food chain for thousands of years.

Dogs have only been in Australian for around 5000 years during which time the dingo significantly contributed to the extinction of the Tasmanian Devil

and Thylacine on the mainland. Over the past 30 years we have seen a vanishing of the small carnivores, the Phascogale, Antichinus and other small ground dwelling mammals from



Longleap camped in the yard of the Fricker family

our local area. The Eastern Quolls had long gone into extinction across the state. The role of the dogs was to exert a carnivorous pressure upon the roos, which became far too intense due to the isolated nature of the sanctuary. The

kangaroos had to find new places to go as the sanctuary had changed to a prison that provided the feeding place for the carnivores who wanted to enter the local ecologically based food chain.

During this time Longleap would lie on the grass in the Fricker backyard. The top of her pouch was still floppy and loose from the use that her joey had been giving it. Her face was haggardly drawn in disconsolation and grief, her coat unkempt. She was probably still in shock. Each movement seemed laboured and pained. She had run with death, losing extended family and her last joey.

Then one day in October, 1995, eight months after the initial dog attacks, the yellow and black dogs stopped coming, almost as mysteriously as it began.

Longleap felt the change and in the Fricker's yard she was observed busily cleaning her pouch, head stretched earnestly inside, front paws methodically collecting, examining and discarding the debris of the previous occupant. A spring cleanout, a sorting of a toy box after the children had grown to the next stage.

The dogs' foray ended when a photograph of a freshly killed female kangaroo, her hairless joey ripped from her body, made the front pages of the local weekly along with a description of the offending dogs.

The final reality of the situation dawned on the owner of the yellow

dog, the leader. The yellow dog was euthanised. Although the owner was aware of the dog missing from home for days at a time, and often coming home bloody and scarred after battles with kangaroos, the decision was put off until the description left no doubt or room to move.

Once the lead dog had been removed, the black dog also ceased to come as dog packs need a leader to urge them on. It was through co-operation between Yarra Valley Parklands, local newspapers and Nillumbik Shire staff that the saga was finally brought to a close.

Then one bright summer's day, Longleap was in the Fricker's yard having hopped up with the mob from the splendours of the restored bushlands and wetlands of the sanctuary at Glynns.

A large dominant male and the rest of the mob stared bug-eyed, swaying on their hindlegs in utter disbelief, as Longleap lay down near the house waiting for humans to come out and get close to her.

When Mary-Helen, Tom, Kate, Bernadette, Denise and Patrick assembled around her, they noticed that she looked in much better condition, fresh and smart.

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LOCAL identity Keith Gedge, the founder of the scouting movement in Warrandyte, passed away at Knox Private Hospital on August 23. Better known as Ken to most locals, he was aged 87.

Born in 1909, Ken moved to Mildura in 1936, during the Great Depression and established his first pharmacy. In those times pharmacists made most of the medications and mixtures from base chemicals.

In the early 1940s Ken met Dulcie Rowe—a granddaughter of one of the early pioneer families of the Sunraysia district. They married several years later during the war in the chapel of Scotch College at Hawthorn.

The couple's two children, Bruce and Ian, were both born in Mildura. As they were growing up, Ken recognised the need for the establishment of an organisation, especially for young people in less fortunate circumstances, such as those living with their families in humpies by the banks of the Murray River.

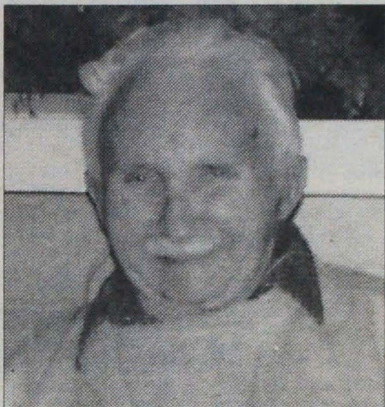
Ken started the Buronga Scout Group, which met under a tree by the light of a pressure lantern or, in the depths of winter, in a borrowed shed. Ken often spoke of how these kids taught him more about bushcraft than he could teach them. They were used to living off the land—catching fish and hunting rabbits.

Ken and Dulcie visited Melbourne in the late 1940s. They had lunch in tearooms in Warrandyte where some locals told them that Warrandyte was in need of a chemist shop.

The pair made their decision immediately—selling their Mildura pharmacy and opening the only pharmacy and doctor's rooms in Warrandyte. The Ringwood doctors came to practice in the rooms twice a week. Their residence was attached to the building and backed onto the Yarra River—their water supply being pumped from the river into a holding tank.

Dulcie assisted Ken in the pharmacy and, in later years as Warrandyte grew, they were able to employ more staff.

Ken soon decided it was time to start



Ken Gedge

a scout group in Warrandyte, especially as his two sons were at the cub scout age. With the help of some locals, the First Warrandyte Scout Group was established. Ken was their first leader.

They met under a gum tree on the riverbank behind the pharmacy using lanterns and the tree as a flagpole. With the willing help of some local families they soon raised enough money to build the scout hall in Yarra Street, where the scouts still meet today.

Both Ken and Dulcie were involved in local community activities. They were foundation members of Warrandyte Arts Association and were involved in producing a successful scout concert called Cornflakes during the 1950s. It helped raise money to build the hall.

Ken attended the Scout World Jamboree at Clifford Park in Wonga Park in the 1950s as a leader. He later became the Assistant District Commissioner of the Nunawading Scouting District.

He also served on the Mechanics Hall committee for many years and was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, having been a Past Master of Lodge Mindari, a scouters' lodge. He was also a member of Baden Powell Lodge.

During the devastating bushfires which blackened Warrandyte in 1962 Ken and Dulcie used their rumpus room as a first

aid station. There they worked with a Ringwood doctor and nurse throughout the day and night, washing the eyes of firefighting volunteers, dressing burns and providing refreshments.

Ken asked Hoover to lend some washing machines. They obliged and the machines were installed in the Baby Health Centre which was next to the pharmacy in those days. Ken and some helpers organised a pick up and delivery laundry service for the burnt out residents who were now camping on their properties in caravans. Dulcie and a group of women worked a roster to do their washing, which was strung along Yarra Street among the trees.

By the late 1960s Ken and Dulcie had moved to their new home in Webb Street. By this time a full-time doctor's practice was well established behind the pharmacy. Ken sold the business to Sue Jones in the late 1970s and in his retirement enjoyed establishing a new garden. They also travelled around Australia and overseas.

Ken was a widely-read man and made a study of religions, spending years putting his thoughts and ideas onto paper in his research into the meaning of life. He often drew on the Aboriginal dreamtime and their way of life. Although he also enjoyed reading science fiction he was very interested in science fact and interpreting the Bible. His hearing impairment made it progressively difficult in the later years to communicate effectively.

He was a very family-oriented man. He lived for his family. He loved it when all of the family was together. After Bruce married Sue and Ian married Wendy, Ken and Dulcie soon became the proud grandparents of Duncan, Libby and Joe, and Robbie and Lee. Ken was a wonderful Pop to them and was keenly interested in their lives and what they were doing. He was proud of their achievements.

Ken passed away peacefully. In accordance with his wishes, a private family service was held, followed by a gathering at Ian's home.

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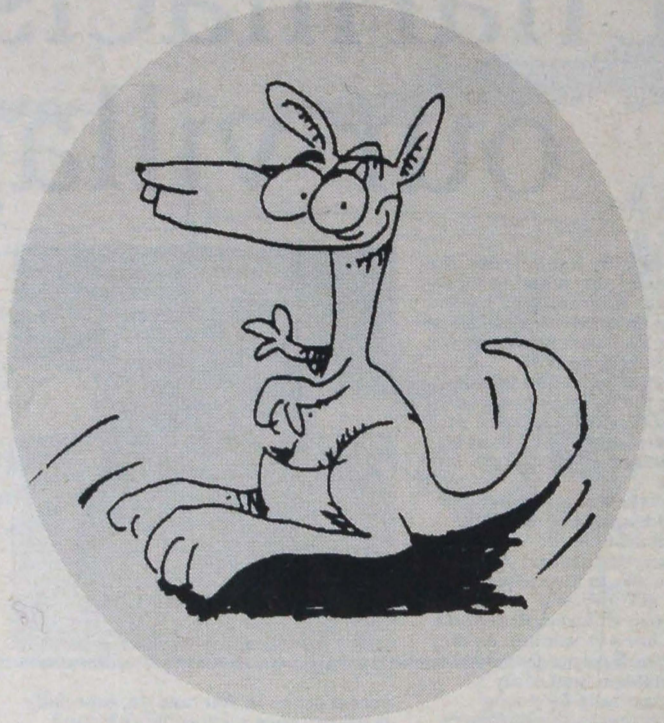
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November 10, 10am
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SUNDAY MORNING

November 10, from 11am
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November 10, from 11am

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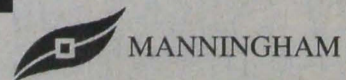
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Wonga Park and District Residents' Association

All enquiries to Matthew Harrington.
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Fishing for fun and prizes

A family fishing competition and carnival, organised by the Rotary Club of Warrandyte, will take place at Stiggants Reserve on Sunday, November 17. There will be prizes valued at more than \$7000. Fishing registration commences at 5.30am with the carnival commencing at 10am. Registration and further details from Phillip Nutbean on 9722 2025. The event is being sponsored by Jarvis Walker and K Mart.



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Seniors

Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club will be celebrating their 34th birthday at a concert on Thursday, November 7 at their clubrooms in Taroon Avenue, commencing at 1pm. Everybody is welcome. Further information from Maisie Temple on 9844 1411.

Fete

St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street is holding a fete on Saturday, October 19 from 9am to 2pm. There will be a white elephant stall as well as stalls selling plants, cakes, toys, books and lots more. There will also be games for the children.

Museum

Warrandyte Historical Society is holding a working bee at their museum in the old post office in Yarra Street on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17, from 9am. Anyone who would like to help is most welcome. The society's next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, October 20 at 2pm in the commu-

nity centre. It will be a "show and tell" with interesting items brought along. Information from Gina Bevan-Jones on 9844 3662.

Museum again

The Andrew Ross Museum in Kangaroo Ground has recently achieved accreditation under the accreditation program of Museums Australia. Registered museums reflect intense interest, lively imagination and diligence in preserving, presenting and learning about our cultural heritage.

Birds

As part of Bird Week 1996, Warrandyte State Park is holding an early morning bird walk on Sunday, October 20. The walk, through Pound Bend Reserve from 6.30 to 9am, will be led by local expert, Bob Winters. At the halfway point there will be a breakfast of pancakes and billy tea. Bookings are essential. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 children and



These Warrandyte primary students are getting into the spirit of the school's annual trivia night to be held on Saturday, October 26. The theme this year is "Hats".

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Olympian

Local sportswoman, Anne Marie Roberts, who took seventh place in the women's trap shoot at the Atlanta Olympics, is to speak at the Warrandyte Lions Club dinner meeting on Thursday, October 24. The club was a minor sponsor in assisting Anne Marie with her travel expenses to the USA. Lions welcome visitors to their dinner meetings, which are held at Kellybrook Winery in Wonga Park. Call Terry Oakley on 988 4501 (AH) or 9873 2700 (BH) if you are interested.

Retiring

Dr Roger Brenchley, who has

practised at his Melbourne Hill Road surgery for the past 18 years, is "phasing into retirement". Dr Brenchley has practised as a solo GP with wife Ann as receptionist. He previously worked in a group practice in Ringwood. He currently works in the mornings only, with Dr John Dunning taking evening surgery. Dr Dunning will take over the practice at the end of January.

First aid

Park Orchards Community House offers an 8-week first aid course, commencing Monday, October 14. Classes will run from 7 to 10pm at the community house. A certificate in first aid, levels 1 and 2, will be issued on completion. Cost is \$130, which includes a first aid workbook. Call 9876 4381 to enrol.

Seminar

The Warrandyte Business Association and Streetlife are holding a small business breakfast seminar on Tuesday, October 15 at 7am at Potters Cottage Restaurant. Cost is \$20 per person, including breakfast. Guest speaker will be Tom O'Toole from the well-known and highly successful Beechworth Bakery. Phone Meredith Thornton on 9844 4503 for details.

Bookkeeping

A basic bookkeeping course will commence on Saturday, October 19 at the Park Orchards Community House. Cost of this course, which will run from 10am to 12noon for eight weeks, is only \$20. Ring 9876 4381 for your enrolment form.

Paradiddle

The legendary Paradiddle bush band will be playing at the Grand Hotel on Friday, November 1 and Friday, November 15. These are fundraising nights for Warrandyte High School. Tickets, at \$12, include supper and can be purchased from the hotel (9844 3202) or the school (9844 2749) and should be collected one week in advance. Arrival time is 8.30 to 9pm.

Council

The next meeting of Manningham Council to be held in Warrandyte will be on Tuesday, November 19 at the community centre. Residents are invited to attend. Further information on 9840 9230.

Irish

The Warrandyte Festival Committee is holding an Irish night with "Riley's Boot" at the Grand Hotel on Friday, November 8. Tickets (\$12) include supper and can be booked at the hotel on 9844 3202. They must be collected a week in advance.

What is it?

Friends of Warrandyte State Park have leaflets available at their stall at the Warrandyte Market to help you identify local eucalypts, wattles, sedges and other indigenous plants.

Business

As part of Manningham Council's business seminar series, two courses will be held offering training for small business managers. The first, "Monitoring Business Performance", will run for five weeks on Wednesdays, commencing October 16, and will cost \$40, plus \$25 for the training manual. The second, "Effective Marketing" will run for two evenings—Tuesdays, October 29 and November 19. Both courses will begin at 6.30 pm at the council offices. Call Carol or Maria on 9213 6710 for further information.

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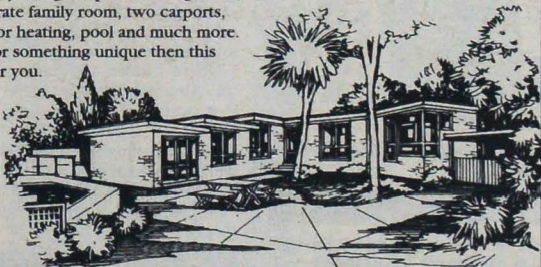
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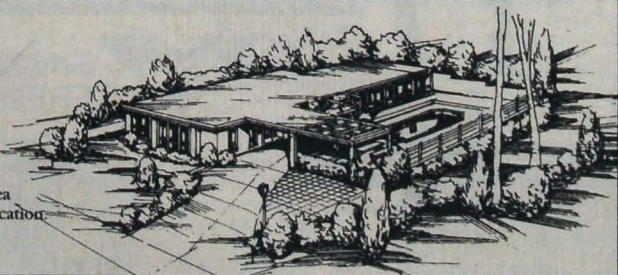


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Redbacks' finals spree

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte Basketball Club continued their winning spree last month with the grand finals of both the domestic and championship competitions.

The culmination of the eastern districts competition saw 11 Redback teams take top honours with eight sides falling short on grand final day.

Again the club reached new heights with their top-ranked teams.

The under 15A boys coached by Jarrod Dick led all day against Eltham to win 48-40. With an even scoring spread, Warrandyte were crowned the best team in the region. It is the first time the Redbacks have won the 15A perpetual trophy.

The boys will join Gavin Whitmore's 9A boys in the Victorian championship play-offs on Anzac Day next year. Whitmore's boys were too good for Bulleen to win Warrandyte's first 9A title.

The girls also got into the act with several top-ranked teams winning. Whitmore coached the 15A2 girls to a 12-point win over Eltham, with Jazmine Borella playing an outstanding game.

Lorraine Parfitt's 13A2 girls also excelled when it mattered, beating Eltham by seven points.

The 13AR2 boys of Damian Arsenis squeezed home against Bulleen by four while Melinda Anderson's 17BS girls hung on to win in a dramatic finish.

Maree Vincent shone at either end, but the girls

looked in trouble with several minutes to go with just four players on the court and two with four fouls. However, cool heads prevailed.

Rowan Leigh (14 points) and Evan Giosis (10 and the Most Determined Player award) inspired the 17CS boys of Graham Drake to a come-from-behind win against Ivanhoe, beating the Knights 44-38.

Another team to win at the opposition's court were Gerry Pearce's 13CC boys, who took the local derby against Park Orchards by eight points.

It was all local in the 11D2/2 girls section, with Warrandyte's fourth and fifth teams meeting in the grand final. In the end it was Graham Bellinger's fifths defeating Ann Mulcahy's fourths.

The Redbacks netted two premierships in the supplementary finals. In the 11BB section Graham Drake's boys came from 12 behind for a stirring 37-31 win against Balwyn. Renee Pidgeon led with 16 points.

Another all-Warrandyte contest was in the 9D final, in which Robert Hawkes' fourth side edged out Peter Gigliotti's sixth team.

Gigliotti's luck didn't improve when his 11DS boys met Balwyn. After leading all game he called a time-out with his team in front by three with a minute to play. One referee awarded the time-out while the other issued a tech foul to him for walking on the court.

Despite protestations the foul stood and Balwyn

made both free throws and scored from the side ball to steal the final 22-21. Gerard Gigliotti was the game MDP and scored eight points.

Gerry Pearce's 11AR boys were pipped by Bulleen by five points, Anne Cutler's 11D1/3 girls found Marcellin too strong and Ned Wallis' 15D2/1 girls were defeated by Balwyn.

In the supplementary finals, Tony Bullard's 13DD boys lost to Park Orchards while Duncan Frosts' 9BS boys went down to Eltham.

Three Redback teams were successful in the elite Friday night championship finals.

The 12B1 girls coached by Wendi Hawley were too strong for Frankston, winning 50-40. Sharni Carroll (15 points and MDP) was brilliant while Casey Hawley (15) and Kimberley Singh (eight) both made significant contributions.

Hawley was delighted with the girls' efforts. "It was something we had worked all of the 12 months for, to play off in a grand final," she said. "It was just rewards and a pretty emotional time for us."

Gavin Whitmore's 12B1 boys dominated the season and won their final 53-46 against Healesville. Hayden Wall scored 24 points while Michael Morello (16) also did well.

Luan Yen scored 17 points as the 14B1 boys, also coached by Whitmore, thrashed Manningham 65-40. Deane Kropp and Joel Macdonald both scored 14 for the Redbacks, who led 36-13 at half-time.

Whitmore's third finalists, the 16B1 boys, were not so lucky, losing a thriller to Diamond Valley 38-40. Ben Walsham scored 10.

The other runners-up were Peter Wynne's 16B2 boys, who could not overcome a taller Bulleen team and went down 21-31. Greg Zielke led the scoring with 10.

"We just missed a few chances in the last three minutes which cost us," Wynne said.

All players from grand final teams will receive a trophy at the club's special presentation day and barbecue at the high school stadium on Sunday, October 13, starting at noon.

The club had further success at the Waverley tournament with Whitmore coaching another two premiers. His 12A boys, with Hayden Wall scoring 22 points, beat the Snowy River Raiders 47-26 in the final. The 16A boys, inspired by 25 points from Craig Dick and 19 from Callum Anderson, beat Eastern Suns 76-33.

Lorraine Parfitt's 14A girls scored a 37-21 win over Melbourne Tigers, with Dionetta Arsenis (18) and Philippa Bottomley (14) making the shots.

Whitmore's 14A boys lost to Eltham 32-33, despite Luan Yen's 18 points.

● The club will hold a special Melbourne Cup fun day at the high school stadium from 12.30pm on Tuesday, November 5. Details from Lyn Templeton (9844 2787).

The top seeds prevail in Open

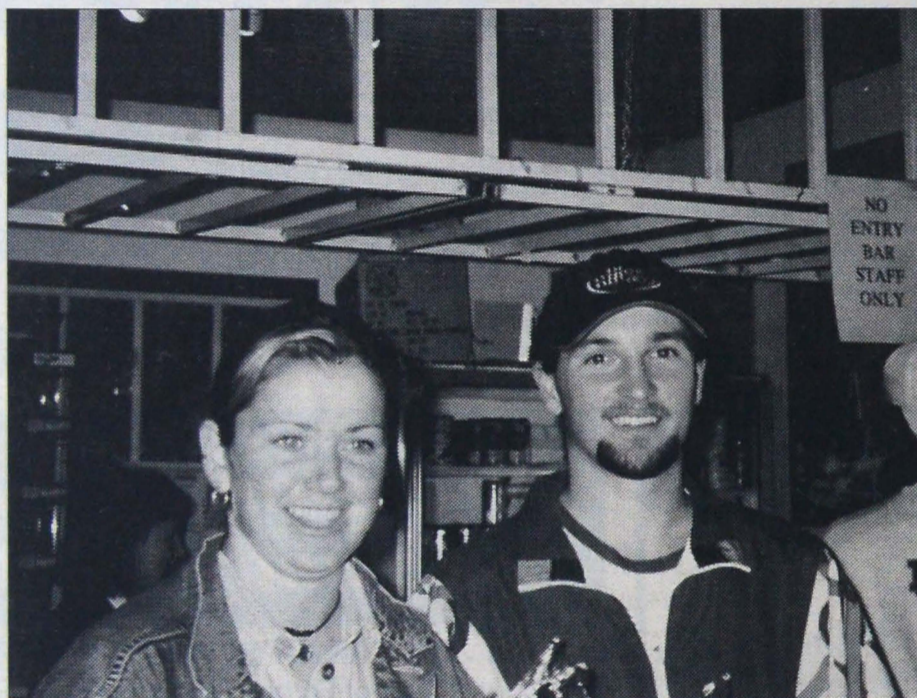
By JUDY GREEN

Top seeds took both the men's and women's singles titles at the Warrandyte Tennis Club's Goldtown Open tournament last month.

In the men's event, Alan Belobradjic defeated Lee Pearson in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Belobradjic, from New South Wales, also won the title in 1993. He had reached an ATP ranking of 220 before being sidelined for some months with a shoulder injury.

In the final of the women's event, Joanne Limmer defeated Sarah Stone, 6-4, 6-2. It was a follow-up to her success in the grand final of Tennis Victoria's State Grade Pennant where, as number one player for the winning Caulfield Recreation team, she won both her singles and doubles in straight sets.

Runner-up Stone, 14, is the daughter of past circuit player and TV commentator Alan Stone. She is a scholarship holder at the Victorian Institute of Sport, where her father is head coach, and plays State Grade Pennant for



Joanne Limmer and Alan Belobradjic, winners of the Goldtown Open titles.

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Warrandyte player Vincent McHugh reached the third round of the open singles and, teamed with Nathan Hude, lost a hard-fought semi-final in the open doubles event.

Tournament director Tom Kerkhof told the *Diary* that this year's event had been a great success. Despite numerous rain delays over the two weekends, matches were completed on schedule.

He indicated that while the number of entries in the

lower grades was down this year, entries in the open were much the same with the usual very high standard prevailing.

"Players described the tournament as the strongest in Victoria, outside the satellites and the Australian Open," Kerkhof said.

The Goldtown is a Tennis Victoria five-star event with prizemoney and trophies to the value of \$5000. Prize money for the men's singles open is \$1000.

The club are seeking a

major sponsor for the 1997 event.

DETAILS

OPEN: Men's singles: Alan Belobradjic d Lee Pearson 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: Joanne Limmer d Sarah Stone 6-4, 6-2. Men's doubles: Lee Pearson-Joe Sirianni d Clinton Snell-Matthew Nostro 6-1, 6-2. Women's doubles: Sarah Stone-Kristy-Ogle d Amanda Dundas-Julie Downs 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. A-GRADE: Men's singles: Peter Luczac d Agim Kurli 6-2, 7-6. Women's singles: Betty Sekulovski d Caroline Szafranski 6-2, 6-3. B-GRADE: Men's singles: Ken Snell d Luke McConnell 6-2, 6-0.

Believe them, it's Stephanie

One name stood out on the long list of trophy winners at Warrandyte Junior Football Club's 1996 presentation day last month month. Stephanie Simpson.

Stephanie? Stephen, surely. No, Stephanie is right.

She's the only girl in the local Under-10s and she won the coach's award. She also won an accolade from team manager David Halliday in the club's annual report.

He said: "Stephanie Simpson, our only female player, not only deserves a bravery award for joining a team of boys who regard the sport as a boys' domain but also because she demonstrated on many occasions she could kick and mark as well as any player on the ground."

Other names very prominent on presentation day were Liam Bottomley, Shaun Irvine, Luke Naughtin, Peter Dickson and Joel Ashworth, who added club perpetual trophies to their best and fairest awards in the Under-16s, 15s, 14s, 13s and 12s respectively.

THE WINNERS

UNDER-16: Best and fairest: Liam Bottomley 1, Glen Carle 2, James Russell 3. Most improved: Campbell Peberdy. Coach's award: Andrew Marshal. Most determined: Luke Wilson. UNDER-15: Best and fairest: Shaun Irvine 1, Adam Schaffer and Ben McKellar 2. Most improved: Rory Pearson. Coach's award: Tim Conn. Most consistent: Lachlan McDonald.

UNDER-14: Best and fairest: Luke Naughtin 1, James Riley 2, Andrew Griffiths 3. Most improved: Luke Maiden. Coach's award: Scott Vickery.

Most consistent: Steve Garrett. UNDER-13: Best and fairest: Peter Dickson 1, Ben Weaven 2, Andrew Gordon 3. Coach's award: Warwick Padgahm. Most consistent: James Johnston. Most determined: Simon Guerin.

UNDER-12: Best and fairest: Joel Ashwork 1, Jerrod Gibson 2, Matthew Marcello 3. Most improved: Brendan Dimech. Coach's award: Blake Tobin. Training award: Andrew Whittington. Most consistent: Mark Tricarico.

UNDER-11: Best and fairest: Ben Mason 1, Rick Bourke 2, Tom Naughtin 3. Most improved: Adrian Wilson. Coach's award: Josh Eyre. Most consistent: Daniel Rush. Most determined: Hayden Wall.

UNDER-10: Best and fairest: John Burgoyne 1, Andrew Briffa 2, Richard Carroll 3. Most improved: Josh Barrett. Coach's award: Stephanie Simpson. Training award: Robert Morello. Most consistent: James Singh.

Scott Bellinger Memorial Shield: Joel Ashworth. Len Woods Perpetual Shield: Luke Naughtin.

Lions Club Perpetual Shield: Liam Bottomley. Gary "Madge" Allsop Best Clubperson Award: Robyn and Neil Riddell.

Under-13 Perpetual Shield: Peter Dickson. Under-15 Perpetual Shield: Shaun Irvine.

Eddie Houghton Memorial Trophy: Glen Carle.

Number of games played (club record): Marcus Meade (131). Hundred-game medals: Aidan Davey, Glen Carle, Damien Johnston.

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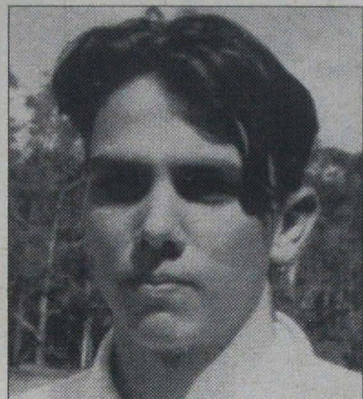
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A washout again—but Dytes buoyant



Steve Bell ... back in the fold.

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Rain has washed out the first two rounds of the 1996-97 RDCA season but has failed to dampen Warrandyte Cricket Club's enthusiasm after some last-minute recruiting coups.

The Chandler Shield eleven has bolstered its depleted batting stocks significantly by signing Chris Bambury. Bambury, 28, opened the batting for Ringwood in District cricket last season and scored 700 runs.

His recruitment came on the back of a remarkable about-face by young batting star Steve Bell, who ditched pre-season training with Sub-district club Ivanhoe to rejoin Warrandyte.

Club president Russell Dorning was delighted with the sudden injection of batting talent, boosting expecta-

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tions for what had looked like being a difficult year.

"It's absolutely fantastic news for us—we're itching to get out there," Dorning said.

"We played Vermont in a recent practice match and thrashed them so we can't wait to get started."

RDCA officials cancelled the first two rounds of matches—one-day games to be played on October 5 and 12—after it was obvious that few grounds would be playable.

It continues the competition's shock-

ing run with first round-matches, all opening games having been washed out for more than five years.

"Our ground is one of the better ones," Dorning told the *Diary*. "A lot of turf has been laid around the pitch and run-up areas. We could have played on it. All we need is some wind and sun on it and it will be in good condition."

Warrandyte's season will now start with a two-day game at home starting on Saturday, October 19.

The first two rounds will be played later in the season, controversially using the two rest days which were set aside for the semi-final. If the semi-finals are washed out the top two qualifiers will move straight into the grand final.

Bell's re-signing with the club came about after several senior players, including captain Tony Sturesteps, pursued him with phone calls and at two meetings at the club.

Bell had already started training with Ivanhoe and had written to Dorning informing him he would not be playing with Warrandyte this season.

Dorning suggests reigning premiers Ferntree Gully and other finalists Croydon North and Wantirna South will again be the teams to beat this season.

● Warrandyte will hold a "welcome to the new season" wine-tasting at the clubrooms on Sunday, October 20. It starts at midday, the entry fee is \$5 and everyone is welcome.

Jones case reopened

League honour for young Bloods star

By LEE TINDALE

Outstanding Warrandyte football prospect Justin Edwards has been named best and fairest player in the EDFL Second Division Under-18s competition.

It capped an outstanding season for the 17-year-old rover, who shared the Warrandyte Under-18s award with Lucas Dyring and captained the senior Eltham College team.

"The league award is certainly the highlight of my football career so far," Justin told the *Diary*. "I've won and been placed in club awards, but nothing like this."

A young man with a very level head, he does not see himself automatically taking the big step up to senior football in 1997.

The Bloods tried out a number of his Under-18 teammates in the seniors this season as part of a long-term development policy based on home-grown young talent, but Justin won't be rushing it.

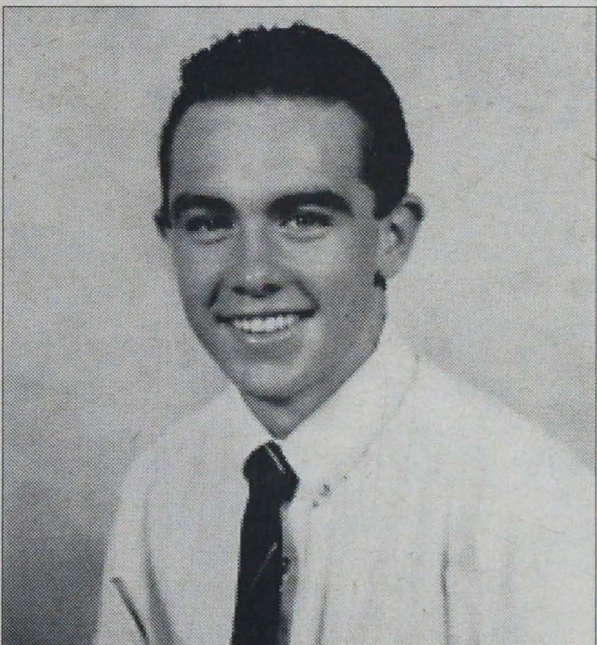
"I haven't played senior football yet," he said. "I'm a fairly little bloke. I'd love to be up there, it would be very challenging, but it's up to the club, I guess."

Justin played all his junior football here, starting with three seasons in Vic Kick (now Auskick) before graduating to the Under-10s in 1989.

He was second in the best and fairest in his only season at that level and the following year won the Under-12s award. He was also a premiership player for Fitzroy in the AFL Little League.

Justin again won the Under-12s best and fairest in 1991 and followed that up with consecutive seconds in the Under-14s.

He was third in the Under-16s in 1995 after missing five games with a broken collarbone, but won the best junior club player award and received his 100-game medallion.



Justin Edwards ... 'I'm a fairly little bloke.'

Justin hopes to train next season with Eastern Ranges in the VSFL Under-18 competition as the next step in his progression.

An otherwise great 1996 season for him was tarnished at AFL level by Fitzroy's merger with the Brisbane Bears.

"I'm a Fitzroy supporter and it has been a pretty traumatic year in that way," he said.

And would he be supporting the new Brisbane Lions combine?

"No, I don't think so," he said. "Corey McKernan works for my dad at Commerce Press in North Melbourne and I've become a bit of a North supporter."

John O'Brien, who this season won his third Warrandyte seniors best and fairest award, also polled very well in the EDFL voting to finish equal fifth.

Life memberships were conferred on club stalwarts Eric Houghton and John Ryan at Warrandyte's presentation night on September 25.

Both have been long-time tireless workers for the club.

AWARD WINNERS

SENIORS:
Best and fairest: John O'Brien 1; Dale Vittritti 2; Cam Day, Dale Comrie, Brad Valentine 3.

Coach's award: Kimberly O'Connor.
Most improved: Andrew Schafer.
Most determined: Matt Grybas.
Most courageous: Brendon Smith.
Best first-year player: Adam Murray.

RESERVES:
Best and fairest: David Purcell 1; Terry Ryan 2; Chris Sharp, Rod Valentine 3.

Coach's award: Travis Brogan.
Most improved: John Rough.
Most determined: Andrew Rodgers.

UNDER-18s:
Best and fairest: Lucas Dyring, Justin Edwards 1; Andrew Brown 2; Brett Yarwood 3.

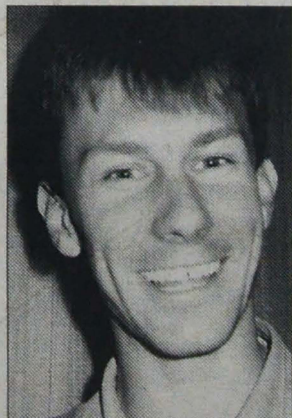
Coach's award: Liam Riley.
Most improved: Ross Anderson.
Most determined: Scott Millson.

CLUB AWARDS:
Life membership: John Ryan, Eric Houghton.

President's trophy: John Ryan, Julie Ryan, Terry Ryan, Lisa Andrews.

Best clubman: Craig Evans.
Appreciation awards: Shirley McCartin, John McCartin, Steve Walker, Dawn Bellinger, Anne Drew, Govan Butcher, Julie Ryan, Jenny O'Brien, Vic Grybas, Pauline Murphy, Alan Vittritti, Dale McCartin, Lisa Andrews.

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Matt Grybas... the most determined of our seniors.

By LEE TINDALE

The Eastern Districts Football League last month reopened the Ralph Jones case and called Warrandyte Football Club senior coach before an independent tribunal.

At an earlier hearing, the league had suspended Jones for two years and fined the club \$2000 over an incident before the home game against Blackburn on August 10.

Both Jones and the club had said they were unaware that charges had been laid. The club had sought legal advice.

When this edition of the *Diary* went to press on the eve of the new October 8 hearing, the Bloods were "quietly confident" Jones would be exonerated.

Jones, a non-playing coach, "bumped" a Blackburn player after taking the field with his team before a match Warrandyte had to win to avoid relegation to EDFL Third Division.

In a letter to Jones, dated September 24, EDFL general manager Craig Braddy said:

"In view of the seriousness of the events of 10 August 1996 the Executive Committee of the EDFL has resolved that it will not enforce the penalties on Mr Jones or the Warrandyte Football Club resolved on 21 August 1996.

"Instead, the executive has resolved to refer your conduct to the Independent Investigation Tribunal and the conduct of the Warrandyte Football Club will be considered following the Tribunal's determination."

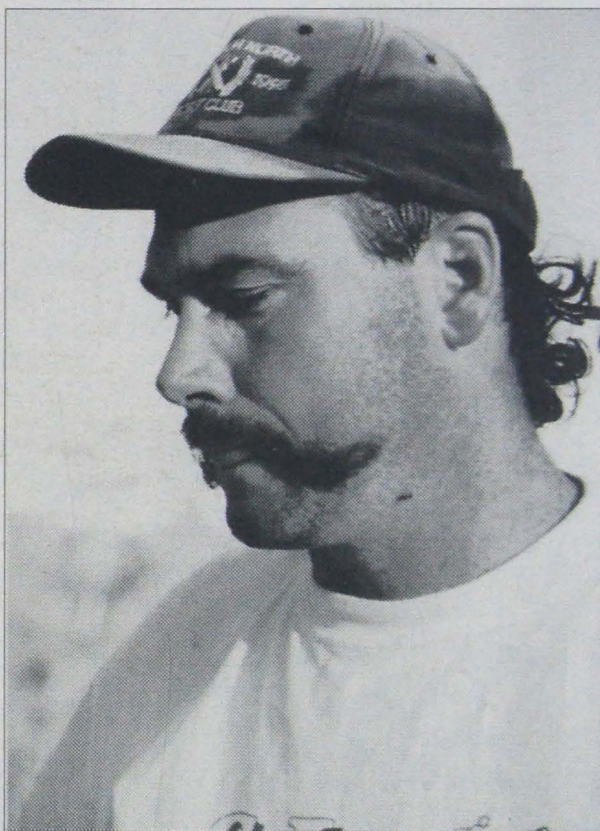
In a letter to the tribunal, also dated September 24, Braddy referred for determination the following charge:

"That Ralph Jones as an official of the Warrandyte Football Club, namely the Coach of the first 18 senior team, did on 10 August 1996 commit the following acts of misconduct...

"(a) prior to the commencement of the first 18 senior game against Blackburn Football Club, he did change into a playing uniform of the Warrandyte Football Club and did present himself to the umpires conducting the pre-match equipment check as a player without disclosing to the umpires that he did not intend to play and that he was not a registered player.

"(b) prior to the commencement of the first 18 senior game against Blackburn Football Club, he did change into a playing uniform of the Warrandyte Football Club and ran on to the playing field and lead (sic) the Warrandyte first 18 team members through the pre-match warm-up exercises of the Blackburn Football Team and made contact with a Blackburn player after which a melee ensued and he later changed into casual clothing and coached the first 18 Warrandyte Football Club team for the ensuing match."

Jones had told the *Diary* that he had gone on to the ground in a tracksuit top (later clarified to



Ralph Jones ... called before independent tribunal

be a WFC jacket), short, boots and socks to "keep up the momentum of the pre-match address".

"I was on the ground with the players because I wanted them to know I was in the trenches with them, that this was a game we had to win to avoid relegation and I was in there with them," he said.

Jones said he had bumped a Blackburn player who "walked into my path".

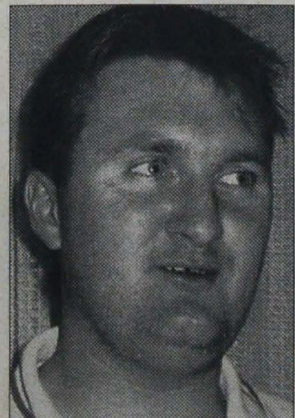
WFC acting president Jeff Evans said just before the new hearing that it would allow the

club to present all the facts and introduce witnesses.

"It is something we weren't able to do previously because we were totally unaware charges had been laid against Ralph Jones or the Warrandyte Football Club," he said.

"We are quietly confident that Ralph will be exonerated, thus ensuring the EDFL takes no further action against him or the Warrandyte Football Club.

● Warrandyte's annual general meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Thursday, October 24, starting at 7pm.



John O'Brien ... equal fifth in EDFL best and fairest voting.

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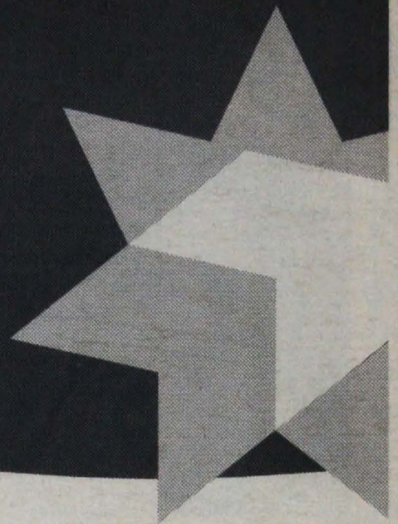
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