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# No-win situation in Battle of the Bulge!



When the average mortal stacks on a bit of weight over the festive season, he or she is deemed to have "run to fat". When an athlete or former athlete does it, he or she is described as having "developed a bit of summer muscle". The summer muscle of former Melbourne league footballer and Warrandyte coach Dennis Clark, of Lynette Avenue, had developed quite substantially—and his expanding girth wasn't lost on the strong and jolly Warrandyte contingent of holidaymakers he was among at Ocean Grove. They gave a consistently bad time. Cheryl Arsenis was at the forefront of his tormentors and was treading on pretty dangerous ground really because she's no Twiggy herself. Anyhow, things came to a head one night at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club, a most hospitable institution where Dennis had taken to spending a goodly amount of time. Cheryl called him "Tubby" or something similar and Dennis responded with a like insult. By the time the dust had settled a challenge was in place. A weigh-out would be conducted next morning and a weigh-in two months hence to see which of the two had been able to shed the more pudding. Unfortunately, in the feverish excitement of it all, Dennis left himself on a hiding to nothing. If he wins, he gets nowt save the satisfaction of perhaps poking his tongue out at Cheryl and saying "Nadee nadee na na!". If he loses, he must accompany Cheryl to her church on three consecutive Sundays. We think going to church might be a new or long-forgotten experience for him, but we've no doubt he'd be a better man for it. The moment of truth comes later this month and both contestants are hard at it. Dennis is running like a man repossessed and we hear a whisper that Cheryl is going to Weight Watchers. Stand by for a thrilling second and final episode.




Jeff Riddle, of South Warrandyte, was driving along Springvale Road, heading for Sandown, during the heatwave when he was stopped by a traffic cop, one of two directing affairs at a major intersection where the lights had failed (or probably boiled). Jeff's in the mobile sharpening game these days and was driving his BladeMaster van, his recently-acquired doberman Sally beside him in the front seat. The cop was hot and a touch irritable. "You're not wearing a seatbelt!" he said, to which Jeff replied that he'd had a serious spinal injury several years ago and was exempt from wearing a belt in vans or trucks. "Hmmp!" said the cop, just as Sally fondly licked Jeff's ear. "Well, having a dog sitting beside you licking your ear could amount to dangerous driving!" "I agree," said Jeff, "and if I were you I'd take away her licker licence." The cop exploded into laughter and sent Jeff on his way. He was still cracking up when Jeff last saw him in the rear vision mirror.

**IN RED & WHITE**





The heat overcame the natural shyness of this tawny.


You know it's damned hot when a tawny frogmouth, the shyest of our bush birds, comes down from his tree in which he is the master of disguise and sits under a dripping tap in your garden. It happened in North Warrandyte during that sustained blast from Hell late last month and when the lady of the house arrived home her newly-acquired feathered friend made no attempt at all to "freeze" and become invisible as tawnies do so well. No, he just sat there playing it cool and probably wishing she'd offer him a gin and tonic or something else with lots of crushed ice.



One of the victims of the February scorches was Neil Dusting, a name not unfamiliar to faithful readers of this column. Neil and his three lovely daughters were at the river below their place in Osborne Road on one of those unbearable days and his engineering genius came up with a grand idea. He would build the girls a little river spa by creating a rock pool. So Neil and the kids set about collecting rocks and pretty soon the job was near done. Just a couple of medium-sized rocks—or one biggie—to be lifted into place. Being a man of action, Neil went for a biggie. He lifted it out of the water okay, but that's when one of Archimedes' principles—the one about things being lighter under water—took over. He dropped the rock on the big toe of his right foot, flattening it and escaping a fracture by something akin to a miracle. It was not a pretty sight, but at least Neil now knows a little more about Archimedes.



And so do we. We looked up the old gent in the encyclopaedia and were astounded by the entry immediately below his: ARCHIMEDES, SCREW OF. Reading on, we were much relieved to find the Screw of Archimedes was a machine he invented for raising water. Relieved because we didn't even know he had a girlfriend.



An insurance bloke phoned Ian Brimmer, of Wonga Park, querying a motor accident claim. "You're Mr Ian Brimmer, of such-

and-such a road, Wonga Park, and you say your car collided with a car being driven by a Mrs Brimmer, of the same address, and that she is your wife and that the collision occurred in the DRIVEWAY of your home at that address?" Well, yes, that's exactly what happened. Don't ask us how. Never mind, the insurance bloke accepted Ian's explanation that this was not your run-of-the-mill suburban driveway. It was quite long and bendy.



Jim Pleasance, the skips man of Houghton Road, made the mistake of leaving his truck running after dropping off a bin at the Grand Hotel, involuntarily inviting some mischief from his mate Steve Walker, who dropped in for a cleansing ale. Steve switched off the ignition and hid the keys on the floor of cab. Then he stood back in the bar with some other mates and gleefully watched Jim reappear, scratch his head a number of times, turn out every pocket and stand there in deep and puzzled thought. The silent comedy went on for several minutes—until Steve called Jim on the mobile from just a few metres away and said: "I want a skip delivered and I want it now." "No chance," Jim replied, "I've lost the keys to the bloody truck." "Then I suggest you look on the floor, under the seatbelt," said Steve. Amazingly, they're still mates.

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# Wedge wins candidates' poll

By CLIFF GREEN

The Green Wedge appears to be the winner in forthcoming council elections on both sides of the river, if candidates' responses to a survey conducted by the *Diary* are to be believed.

Nine of the ten candidates responded with a "yes" to questions asking if they would oppose development in the Green Wedge. Mullum Mullum ward candidate Matthew Harrington refused to commit himself, saying he would need to "consult with the community".

Ross McDonald, a candidate in Nillumbik, qualified his response, suggesting approval "where development is in accordance with the environment".

Summing up two years of non-democratic rule in Manningham, Warrandyte residents would be inclined to mark the government-appointed commissioners' card with a large tick for their role in protecting the Green Wedge and an equally large cross for their failure to translate into action the previously

electd council's financial commitment to a retirement village. But compared to a tumultuous sequence of events across the river in Nillumbik (see story this page), Manningham has been comparatively stress-free.

Marking the return to democracy in Manningham, and as a how-to-vote guide to its readers, the *Diary* polled all candidates in the Mullum Mullum Ward on the issues which have figured most prominently on the news pages of this paper; issues which we believe vitally interest people living in Warrandyte.

These include the Green Wedge, dual occupancy, protection of the character and environment of the township, provision of a retirement village, building of a basketball stadium and consultation with the Warrandyte community (see Page 5).

Almost all candidates answered "yes" to all questions. However, the following qualifying statements were made:

On the dual occupancy issue, Paul Dakis commented: "In principle I would oppose any moves to re-introduce dual



occupancy housing in the Warrandyte Residential Zone, but reserve my final judgement pending examination and consideration of (the proposed Planning Act). (See Page 1, this issue.) Again Matthew Harrington indicated he would consult.

Paul Dakis said he "would oppose the

building of the Eastern Ring Road through Warrandyte, however, in principle I am not totally opposed to the concept of an Eastern Ring Road". Matthew Harrington indicated he would need to see studies before opposing it in "surrounding areas".

David McNiff believes these "sur-

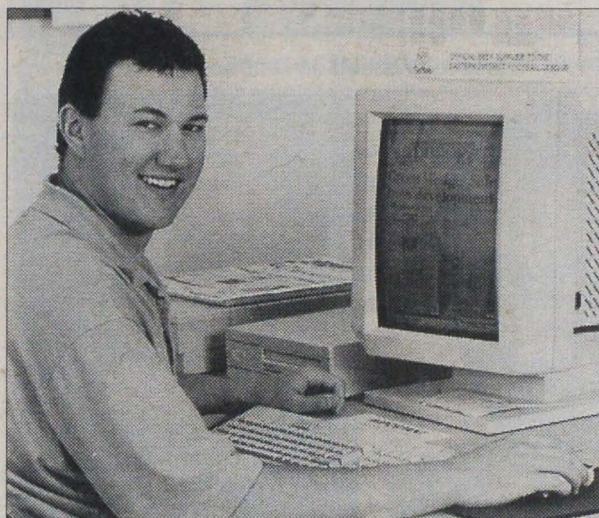
rounding areas need definition" and Lionel Allemant commented that he doesn't "know where it is proposed to go".

David McNiff would support a retirement village in Warrandyte, but believes "a plan needs to be prepared, supporting the previous survey". Regarding a new basketball stadium for Warrandyte, Lionel Allemant asks: "The question is 'where?'"

Whilst the *Diary* believes it will be difficult separating the candidates on the basis of this overwhelmingly positive response to these issues, some differences might be gleaned from the qualifying statements above.

But whichever two candidates win this historic poll on March 15 and go forward to represent us in the newly democratised Manningham council, we feel sure the Warrandyte community will hold them to the pledges they have made.

Voting is compulsory. Postal ballot papers must be returned by Friday, March 14 and the poll will be declared on Saturday, March 15.



Our man Clinton, at a *Diary* computer.

## Thanks Clinton, and best of luck

This is the first issue of the *Diary* for six years in which a Clinton Grybas byline does not appear. Clinton left Melbourne—and Warrandyte—last month to take up a position as an ABC sports broadcaster in Perth.

He began writing basketball reports for the *Diary* in June, 1990, whilst in Year 10 at Warrandyte High School. He also started editing the club's Basketball News around the same time. His talent as a budding sports journalist was soon evident. Accuracy, a dramatic, racy style and a deep understanding of the sport being reported have always been his outstanding attributes.

Soon sports editor Lee Tindale had him covering local cricket and he also began writing general news stories.

His body of work with the *Diary* helped win him a coveted place in the prestigious journalism/public relations course at RMIT, which he successfully completed at the end of 1995. Meanwhile, the *Diary* had appointed him sub-editor, preparing copy for publication and di-

rectly assisting the editors in the design and production of the paper.

Voluntary work with the community radio station in Lilydale led to work with ABC Radio and soon he was describing Friday night AFL football at the MCG on 3LO, as well as contributing regularly to their early morning sports report, winning the praise of top sports commentators.

He described basketball on Channel 10 and compered "major highball clashes" (as Clinton would say) at Melbourne Park.

His work in Perth will involve radio and TV commentary on a wide range of sports, including Shield cricket, AFL football and international tennis. The ABC is already grooming him for overseas sports casting and we look forward to his work as a featured commentator at the 2000 Olympics.

Here at the *Diary* we are already missing his bright and breezy personality, his talent and his prodigious energy.

Best of luck, Clinton, and well done. We're very proud of you!

## Nillumbik—a battleground

By FIA CLENDINEN

Campaigning on the north side of the river is reaching a crescendo for the March 15 council elections. On this historic date Nillumbik residents will be able to restore democracy to local government, after more than two years of rule by state government-appointed commissioners.

In the Sugarloaf Ward (which includes North Warrandyte, Kangaroo Ground and Research) five candidates will be contesting the seat.

Since replacing elected councillors in late 1994, the Nillumbik commissioners have been at the centre of one controversy after another. In municipalities across Victoria commissioners have made radical decisions, but in Nillumbik the atmosphere has been especially troubled.

For example, Nillumbik was the only shire in the state where council staff went out on strike. Advisory committees were closed down. Question time at council meetings was abolished. Council assets were sold. Many of the shire staff, with years of experience and commitment, took redundancy packages. Compulsory Competitive Tendering was implemented for many services. The environment department was closed. These changes have caused widespread debate.

With the recent selling and demolition of the old shire offices and approval of the Eltham Hub development (a 24 hour petrol station, Hungry Jack's and video store), the controversy reached strident levels. In every one of these issues, local residents have been angered by a lack of community consultation.

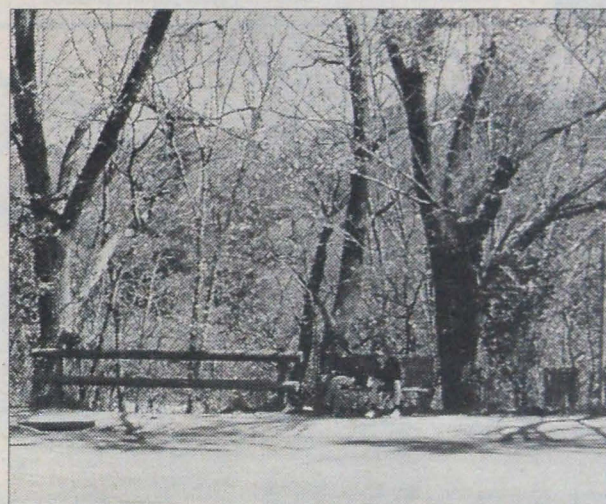
The new Shire of Nillumbik, created by council amalgamations, was designated by the state government as an "envi-

ronmental shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus". Previously the Green Wedge had been divided up amongst four different shires and many conservation groups were thrilled at the new council boundaries. They were optimistic about working with the commissioners. However, over the last two years the relationship between many local spokespeople and the commissioners has soured. The Nillumbik commissioners maintain that the "silent majority" is well satisfied with their restructuring work, and that their critics are no more than a "vocal minority." The results of these council elections will test this hypothesis.

Twenty-six candidates will be contesting the five Nillumbik wards. There are only two polling booths for each ward and residents must vote within their own wards. For Sugarloaf these are the Kangaroo Ground Emergency Operations Centre and the Warrandyte North Community Centre. They will be open from 8am to 6pm on election day. Postal votes can be obtained by phoning 131 832. Voting is compulsory.

The *Diary* polled the five Sugarloaf candidates with questions extracted from a survey conducted by the Yarra Plenty Greens and the Jagajaga Democrats (see Page 4). Each candidate, except Ross McDonald, responded with an unqualified "yes" to all questions.

With regard to public access to council information, Ross McDonald commented, "yes, where it is necessary that the community be informed". He opposed development in the Green Wedge, unless "in accordance with the environment". He declined to answer the question on the ring road, commenting, "this depends on more information, which we don't have".



Yarra Street trees: victims of the Dutch elm beetle.

## Elm trees at risk

By RACHEL BAKER

Damage to Warrandyte elm trees has sparked concern about their health. The blackened, decayed and falling leaves are not caused by the current heatwave, but an exotic pest known as elm leaf beetle.

The beetle, native to Europe, was first found in Australia on the Mornington Peninsula in 1989 and has quickly spread through to the city and beyond into Gippsland. Destruction occurs when the beetle feeds and breeds on the tree, damaging leaves and bark, then leaving its larvae to continue feeding on, and skeletonising, the foliage. Repeated infestations weaken and eventually kill trees.

A concerned resident alerted Manningham council to the problem in early February.

"We've been down and inspected the trees which are infested with the beetle," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "We've contacted the Keith Turnbull Institute (a government research centre) to provide us with some advice on the elm leaf beetle and how to control it."

"Unfortunately the cycle of

the elm leaf beetle is past the stage where we can do some effective control. That normally takes place in November or December, so we'll be taking control measures at that time, to make sure the beetles don't appear this time next year."

Experts advise that "it is important to distinguish between elm leaf beetle and Dutch elm disease. The beetles carry the disease which has wiped out almost all the elms in western Europe. But fortunately we don't have the disease in Australia, so elm leaf beetle is the main threat."

Due to the nature of the elm leaf beetle's life cycle, the beetles won't appear again until late this year, so the condition of the trees should stabilise. Manningham council plans to check the elms to detect any changes in their condition.

"We'll be monitoring the trees throughout the year and start spraying in November or December to prevent further infestation."

If residents have any concerns about the elm leaf beetle, or believe there may be an infestation on their property, they should contact the council for further information.

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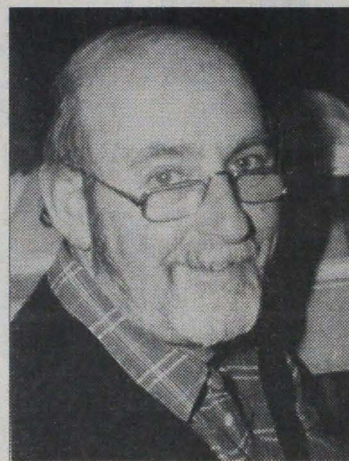
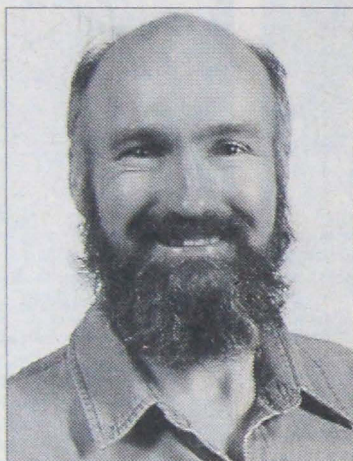
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# Sugarloaf election form guide

Where they stand	SANDRA DEAN	GEOFF SPEED	ROBERT MARSHALL	ROSS McDONALD	BARRIE BRADY
<b>1</b> If elected to council would you make public all information about the shire when it is legal to do so?	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES
<b>2</b> Would you limit development so as to preserve the Green Wedge?	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES
<b>3</b> If elected to council would you vote for the shire to actively oppose the building of the Ring Road Freeway between Greensborough and Ringwood?	YES	YES	YES	—*	YES
<b>4</b> Would you oppose the selling of any further substantial assets of the Shire until a proper process of public consultation and evaluation has taken place?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

\*WITH QUALIFICATIONS: See story Page 3

Questions based on Democrat-Greens survey



## SANDRA DEAN

### 'A new era for Nillumbik'

The return of elected councillors will be the start of a new era for Nillumbik Shire and it's vital that the new council regains the confidence of the ratepayers. To achieve this end, major projects should be put on hold until meaningful consultation has taken place, and achievable long term goals established.

The efficient delivery of services and economic responsibility will be my immediate priority, including a careful examination of the place of C.C.T. in local government. I believe that local council should operate with a minimum of outside interference; it ceases to be relevant if it is seen as a branch of state government.

As a long-term resident in Nillumbik with no ties to any political party or pressure group, I feel I am well placed to be an effective local councillor.

## GEOFF SPEEDY

### 'Where I want to live'

I want to live in a place where it's not too far from undegraded native bushland, where I can see koalas, wombats and echidnas.

Now take a walk along Diamond Creek from the Eltham community centre to the road bridge. You'll see the creek is full of car parts, plastic and fast food packaging, and the banks are full of weeds and weed trees.

The previous council and commissioners have had their chance. Elect me to revive Nillumbik's bushland heritage, resist development and retain Nillumbik's differences from the built-up surrounding suburbs.

The only way to protect our bushland lifestyle in Sugarloaf Ward is to have our values appreciated by all Nillumbik residents.

## ROBERT MARSHALL

### 'Community aspirations'

We can choose either the dollar-driven moderate development of some candidates (i.e. township expansion, increased subdivisions and commercialism of rural areas), or balanced enhancement of community facilities, lifestyle and environment.

The vision of an environmentally based shire requires firm financial management, a stable staff structure and reliable, secure planning. Planning and budgetary decisions must be based on long term strategies. It is imperative that councillors have the experience, expertise and commitment to ensure these strategies truly reflect community aspirations.

Councillors must engage in meaningful consultation with residents, to ensure people services are in tune with community needs.

With both visionary planning and people issues I have the score on the board with 19 years experience in successfully representing the community.

## ROSS McDONALD

### 'Time to move forward'

It is now the time to move forward—a new era and new representation. In a five-person council and a revenue base of \$30 million, sound management and planning skills will be required.

Not only will I be able to bring my business experience to the council, but also common sense and good judgement.

I have lived in the Sugarloaf ward for 16 years and have been active in community affairs. The Nillumbik community values the shire's natural landscape, rural character and tourist cultural heritage.

I can contribute to broader leadership in balancing the diversity of interests—enhancing the environment which the community values and handling economic development which meets the needs and well-being of the shire. Above all we must work together to create a spirit of community in Nillumbik.

## BARRIE BRADY

### 'We must preserve it'

We live in Nillumbik because we appreciate the rural environment. We must preserve it. I am the only candidate standing with experience designing and implementing people programs which involve the transition from the traditional culture of them and us to one of participation, co-operation and involvement.

I will bring to the council a balanced view and willingness to work with all residents on environmental issues. Professional expertise and leadership skills in strategic planning, a view that the citizens are the primary stakeholders, a common sense approach to local issues, and an expertise for developing effective community consultative processes.

As an independent candidate with no involvement in party politics but with an understanding of the needs of residents, I ask for your vote of support in this election. I know I can represent you professionally with honesty and integrity.

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# Mullum Mullum guide to form

Where they stand	PAUL DAKIS	MATTHEW HARRINGTON	PATRICIA YOUNG	DAVID McNIFF	LIONEL ALLEMAND
<b>1</b> Would you support the retention of the Green Wedge and oppose any moves for its subdivision?	YES	—*	YES	YES	YES
<b>2</b> Would you oppose any proposed insensitive and inappropriate developments in the Green Wedge?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>3</b> Would you oppose any moves to re-introduce dual occupancy housing in the Warrandyte residential zone?	YES*	—*	YES	YES	YES
<b>4</b> Would you work to protect the Warrandyte streetscape and the historical and natural environment of the Warrandyte area?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>5</b> Would you oppose the building of the Eastern Ring Road through Warrandyte and/or surrounding areas?	YES*	YES*	YES	YES*	YES*
<b>6</b> Would you support direct council financial assistance towards the development of a residential complex for elderly citizens in Warrandyte?	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES
<b>7</b> Would you support direct council financial assistance towards the building of a basketball stadium in Warrandyte?	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES*
<b>8</b> Would you be prepared to communicate with the Warrandyte community and consult with the Warrandyte Advisory Committee?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

\*WITH QUALIFICATIONS: See story Page 3

Questions compiled by Warrandyte Diary.



**PAUL DAKIS**  
**'Ability to manage'**  
 The role of councillor requires the ability to manage and adapt to the community's changing needs. Decisions made today need to meet those challenges faced approaching the year 2000. I have an extensive business background and strong personal commitment to community matters. These qualities allow me to formulate non-biased, non-political decisions on behalf of all the community.  
 I am 41 years of age (family man with a wife and son), state manager of a finance company, and possess strong organisational and leadership skills. I am a good listener and can soundly analyse information ensuring positive outcomes. I offer the community solid, committed service.  
 Community involvement: president Bulleen Cricket Club, treasurer Milgate Primary School Council, committee member Doncaster Saints Little Athletics Club (1995/1996), member Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club. Priorities: quality sporting and cultural facilities for children; recognise and address aged residents' needs; protection of natural/semi-natural areas.

**MATTHEW HARRINGTON**  
**'Balanced consultation'**  
 My commitments: consultation with the community; wise financial planning; a balanced approach to issues; encouragement of small businesses; support sporting and community groups; improve public transport system, roads and traffic signs; increased facilities for our young and senior citizens. A great effort will be required to keep our special environment.  
 My wife Christine and I have lived and worked in the area for 15 years and have enjoyed raising our two children. Our community involvement with the local community festival, Community Cottage, Apex International and Manningham Business Cluster has been enjoyable and challenging.  
 These activities have increased my community awareness and strengthened my endeavour to see sensitive issues handled correctly. As a small business owner, I can represent a balanced view of the needs of families and businesses throughout the ward and have the time and energy to do so.

**PATRICIA YOUNG**  
**'A little bit of heaven'**  
 My name is Patricia Young, known to some people as Patricia Cox. I have lived in Doncaster for 20 years and for the last 11 years have been a resident of Warrandyte. I think of it as a little bit of heaven. I am married with a grown family. I have held office in a number of community organisations. I am employed as the Development Manager for a not-for-profit organisation. I am a member of FIA and AIM. I am not a member of any political party.  
 I am concerned with the lack of recreational facilities for our youth, the need to preserve our heritage, wildlife and the Green Wedge, to encourage small business development and make Mullum Mullum drug free and safe for our children. My interests include golf, tennis, super kart racing and family.

**DAVID McNIFF**  
**'Issues need resolution'**  
 Issues affecting Mullum Mullum needing resolution: pressing need for basketball courts, aged accommodation, public transport study, regional roads study, Dorney Reserve construction, Wonga Park heritage, flora and fauna studies, plus many more issues.  
 My commitment to local community includes being a voluntary bail justice since 1989; president of Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association for three years with wins including construction of Milne Road after many years of council deferral and the relocation of a mobile phone tower from the centre of Park Orchards; member of Aged Accommodation Hostel Building Committee 1994-1997; member of Dorney Reserve Committee; resident of Park Orchards for 10 years. I am a commercial builder, a small businessman, with 20 years computer industry marketing.  
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**LIONEL ALLEMAND**  
**'Maintained an interest'**  
 I am married with children, live in McGowans Road, Donvale and have been a resident of the city for 20 years. I am a policeman by occupation with 37 years' service. A former councillor, I was the last mayor (before amalgamation) of a council which was among the top three performing councils in Victoria.  
 Since amalgamation I have maintained an active interest in council activities and am chairman of the Manningham Municipal Emergency Planning Committee, vice-chairman of Manningham Youth Services, Fire Prevention Committee and Manningham Recreation Association. I am a representative on the Kevin Heinze Garden Centre. I have regularly attended meetings in my own time and at no cost to the city.  
 I am chairman of a credit co-operative with assets in excess of \$230 million. This, I believe, gives me an understanding of financial matters. I have no political affiliations and stand as an independent candidate. I offer good representation, commitment and experience.

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# Noises annoyed visitors

## DEAR DIARY



During a three month stay in beautiful North Warrandyte from November to the end of February, most evenings were spent in the open air. Introductions to neighbours, friends, schools, and local shops encompassed us in true hospitality and a warm welcome.

All over the country we have been impressed with the deep yearning of Australians to protect, preserve and promote their environment.

There is however one aspect in which serious violation is taking place—excessive noise. The impression gained is that most plots around are of one and a half to two acres purchased about ten to 15 years ago—ideal spots to build dream homes, develop an oasis and plan family life.

This feeling of space seems to

trigger the idea that one can blast the neighbours and bell-birds out of their tranquility. We have experienced: unnecessary revving of engines and 'wheelies' on dirt roads; two households with promising drummers, sometimes accompanied by discordant instrumentalists but always at full watts on the amps; loud music—sometimes classical, often hard rock; howling dogs—noticeably not weekends (do owners know the distress dogs and neighbours suffer?); engine mechanics who wring as many decibels and revs they can out of an old banger; floodlit tennis, sedate enough

but pump in the offensive loud expletives—not so pleasant.

All these sounds waft or thump across the valley and we feel most readers will agree, civil liberties are being violated. Police and local authorities are limited in their response and ability to lessen this nuisance.

We soon return to the UK and assure you that even in our overpopulated suburban environment, the kind of ear-bashing you are experiencing is not tolerated and offenders are pursued and made to toe the line.

Anne and Richard Field  
Tunbridge Wells, England

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

## No fire siren?

What has happened to our fire siren? In my early days in Warrandyte there was a system signalling the direction of the fire by the number of blasts. We have progressed to a series of long blasts, leaving us to work out the direction for ourselves. Now we have nothing.

If people are to be encouraged to look after themselves to a certain extent in a bushfire, surely it is in everyone's best interests that they be made aware that there is a fire in the vicinity.

The siren does not need to be blown for every car accident, but for bush or house fires which could lead to bushfires in summer, wouldn't a siren to please people be helpful?

We accept the risks, but please, CFA, give us back our siren.

Jean Chapman  
Tarroona Avenue

# Home-occupation business annoys neighbour

Warrandyte residents should be alerted to the fact that Manningham council is prepared to allow "Home-Occupation" businesses to operate in private dwellings in the special residential zone and heritage area of Warrandyte.

In one such instance, an application has been lodged to operate a business, at 74 Yarra Street, five days and evenings during the week, also during the days of the

weekends. An application for permit notice attached to an electric light pole simply states "Home Occupation—Consulting Room."

Signboards, parking signs and the noise from the many cars associated with "group sessions" will be a constant source of annoyance and disturbance to local residents, plus the visual impact of many vehicles parked on

an unfenced property affecting the entire area.

The entrance/exit to the proposed business is Anderson Street, the access to Warrandyte Primary School, posing a danger to local children.

Residents need to be vigilant. This particular property was recently advertised for lease by a prominent local real estate agency and subsequently let.

A house for rental next door or opposite your property could become a large business operation, changing the environment of Warrandyte and your way of life.

One wonders why council has 'business' and 'residential' zones if they are prepared to amalgamate one with the other.

Dorothy Bale  
Anderson Street

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# Ring road concern

By FIA CLENDINNEN

The Warrandyte community is again concerned that the state government is considering building the Ring Road through this area.

A report recently released by Vic Roads, The Economic and Urban Impact of a Metropolitan Ring Road, reveals details such as: a construction schedule for the Ring Road (work would begin in 2003 and finish in 2010), a map clearly showing the route of the Ring Road through Warrandyte and Eltham, and an estimated budget of \$850 million.

VicRoads has disclaimed responsibility for the report. Spokesperson Fiona Powell told the *Diary*, "this report has not been considered by the government and has no official status."

However Nick Low, a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at Melbourne University, dismissed this disclaimer as "absolutely meaningless. It is government policy to have a Ring Road,

there's no getting away from it. The only doubt is the route, no one can be sure of where it will go. Undoubtedly VicRoads is continuing to work on strategies for joining the link from Greensborough to Ringwood." Mr Low has lived in North Warrandyte for 14 years.

Ms Powell said, "the route (between Greensborough and Ringwood) is undefined. There is no commitment whatsoever to any particular route or corridor."

But Mr Low is not reassured. "Warrandyte is definitely in danger," he told the *Diary*.

ARRO (Anti Ring Road Organization) member Helene Paizes, said she was also concerned by the FDF report, and unconvinced by VicRoads' disclaimer. "The Ring Road is definitely a threat," Ms Paizes said. "Planning for such roads is so-long range that it has to be fought in the planning stage. If you wait until you're told where it will be built, it could well be too late."

Ms Paizes said she was particularly worried by the projected figures on population density as revealed in the FDF

report. "It actually states that without the Ring Road, by the year 2011 Eltham's population density is forecast to be 13 persons per hectare. With a completed Ring Road there would be pressure to develop to a population density of 45 persons per hectare. As a comparison, Caulfield's population density in 1991 was 44 persons per hectare."

Another spokesperson from ARRO said, "there is no definite government policy that the Ring Road won't go through Eltham and Warrandyte. We need government policy to protect the Green Wedge."

Phil Honeywood, local MP for Warrandyte has stated publicly, "if that road (the Ring Road) ever comes anywhere near Warrandyte there will be a huge fight from me." The *Diary* reported recently that Phil Honeywood and local federal member, Kevin Andrews, had refused to sign a petition from politicians calling for the Ring Road.

Mr Low told the *Diary* he was very pleased that Mr Honeywood opposed the Ring Road. "I

congratulate him. But Mr Honeywood requires the support of the local people. It's very important to say we don't want the Ring Road. If we don't give him that support he will be seriously weakened. One local member cannot hold out against cabinet."

Ms Paizes said, "We want to fight to stop the Ring Road altogether. The community needs to be informed and have a say, an informed say. The Ring Road can be stopped."

Spokesperson for Friends of Warrandyte State Park Mike Coupar said he was also concerned about the Ring Road. "We're horrified to think the Ring Road could go anywhere near the park," said Mr Coupar. "It's unthinkable, terrible. We thoroughly oppose these plans. We're listening out for whatever developments are occurring."

Mr Coupar said he was pleased to have the support of Mr Honeywood. "Our politician doesn't want this freeway," said Mr Coupar. "He is our local representative, so this is very relevant."

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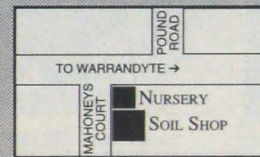
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### FESTIVAL NEWS

Warrandyte eagerly awaits the appearance of banners along Yarra Street, signifying festival time is here.

Children in Grades 5 and 6 at Warrandyte Primary School (pictured right) have designed new banners on this year's festival theme—"Clowning Around". Eight designs were chosen, with the winning designers enlisting a team of classmates to create the finished products.

Now, after weeks of designing and painting the new banners are ready to adorn our town during festival time.



## The follies of Pauline

Warrandyte Theatre Company is famous for its annual *Festival Follies*. This year's production will be the hilarious *revue, The Perils of Paulines*.

Directed by Phyl Swindley, this is a variety show of song, dance and comedy sketches with a slightly political bent.

Audience members will undoubtedly recognise the witty writing styles of such talented locals as Roger Kibell and Jock Macneish, to name but two.

The show will run at the Warrandyte Mechanics Hall on March 13, 14, 15 and 19, 20, 21 and 22, commencing 8pm.

BYO drinks and supper. Be there by 7.45pm to get the eating and drinking underway before the fun begins.

Tickets, at \$12 each, can be booked through Laurie Shaw on 9844 1376.

## Heavyweights will tug for top spots

The famous Tug o' War at the Warrandyte Festival started many years ago as a contest between fire brigades, and more recently included a team from the Grand Hotel. In the past few years the trophies have been hotly contested between the Grand Hotel and the combined fire brigade teams. The festival committee believes it's time they had some decent competition!

"Form up a men's or a ladies' team, and your group could win a magnificent trophy to be held for the next year," David Hogg told the *Diary*. "This contest does not require competitors with a large sumo wrestler build. To ensure fair play and avoid injury, there is a weight limit of 500k per team (both men's and ladies), and a maximum of six people in the team. That's an average weight of 83kg per person."

There is no entry fee, no bookings. Just form up a team (or two) and enter on the day. It all happens at 3pm on Sunday, 23 March 1997 in the Circus Arena at Stiggants Riverbank Reserve. Enquiries: Bob Bird, 9844 2069.

## Punch 'n Judy at the museum

Warrandyte Historical Society is presenting traditional entertainment for children during festival weekend. Professional puppeteers will be performing two separate versions of the time-honoured Punch and Judy show in the grounds of their museum at the old post office in Yarra Street, one commencing at 1.30pm and the second at 3.30pm on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Cost is 50 cents for children and \$1 for children.

There will be plenty of audience participation and lots of fun for all.

The museum will be open from 11am to 5pm on both days. The society is seeking help in identifying people and places in photos from the museum's collection. Photos will be on display on the verandah for all who come to test their memories.

Devonshire teas, coffee and cool drinks will be available and plants, home-made goods and historical publications will be for sale. For more information call Gina or Andy Bevan-Jones on 9844 3662.

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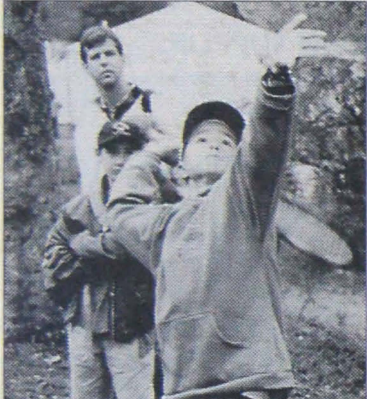
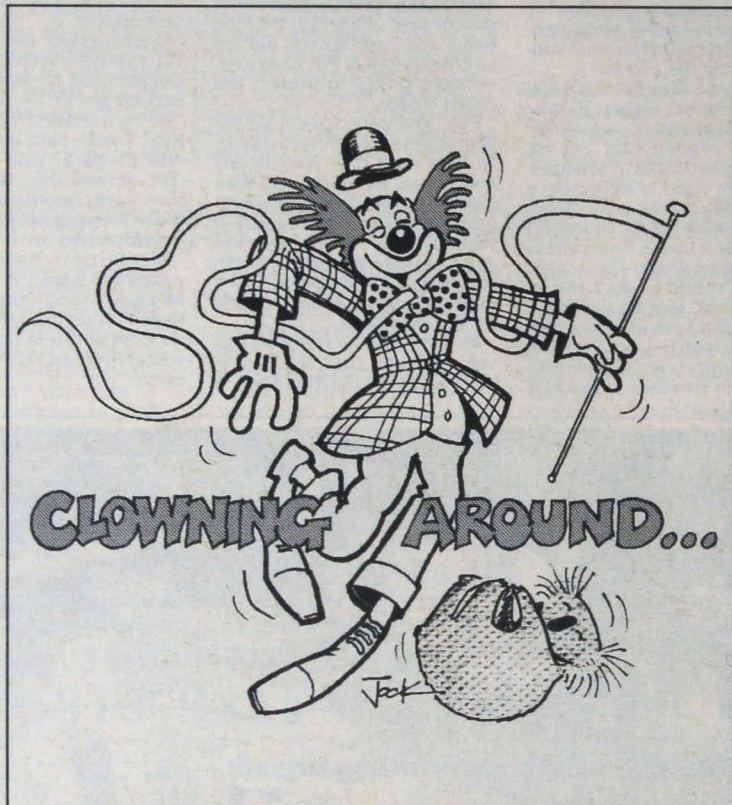
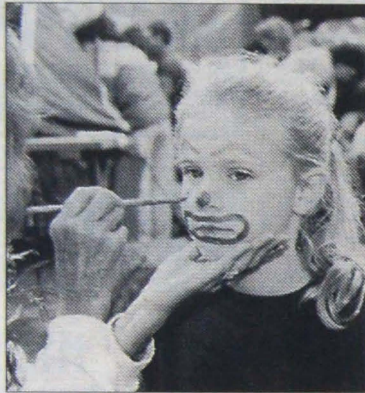
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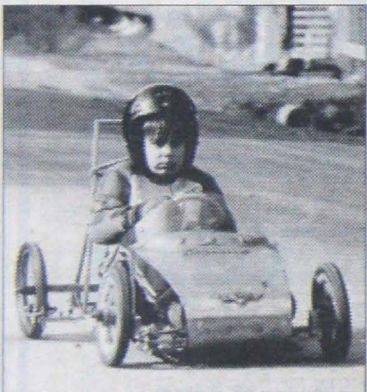
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**THURSDAY 20 MARCH**

**10am-5pm: POTTERS COTTAGE GALLERY.** Ceramic works featuring clowns, jack-in-the-box, performers. Free entry. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea at Potters Restaurant.  
**12.30-3pm: SCHOOLS' ACTIVITY DAY.** Kids and parents at Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools.  
 Enquiries, Luanda Pianta, 9844 2757 (BH).  
**8pm: FESTIVAL FOLLIES.** Warrandyte Theatre Company's annual revue 'Perils of Pauline'. Mechanics Institute Hall. BYO food and drink. \$12 per head. Also March 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22. Bookings: Sue Dyring, 9846 1191.  
**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel. Party on to a live band.

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

**10am-5pm: POTTERS COTTAGE GALLERY.** A Carnival of Colour. Ceramic works featuring clowns, jack-in-the-box, colourful performers. Free entry. Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea available at Potters Restaurant. At 321 Jumping Creek Rd.  
**7pm: FAMILY FESTIVAL FUN NIGHT.** Sausage sizzle, sideshows, games, fun for kids. St. Stephens Anglican Church. Enquiries: Barry Valentine, 9844 3174.  
**7.30-10pm: FESTIVAL ART SHOW OPENING.** Live jazz, chilled champagne, fine food at the opening of Rotary's renowned Art Show featuring local artists. Giant marquee behind Community Church. Admission by ticket only. \$10. Bookings: Rob Edwards 9735 5229  
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**ALL WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 22 MARCH: 9am-5pm.**  
**SUNDAY 23 MARCH: 10am-4pm.**  
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**FESTIVAL INFORMATION** caravan east of Main Stage. All festival information, competition results, lost property, lost children. Buy your ducks here for the Duck Race. Bookings taken for Blues Brothers Night at Warrandyte Hotel on 2nd May - proceeds to Festival Funding (or book with Leigh Hauser 9844 1802).  
**THE WAY WE WERE.** Photographic Exhibition presented by Warrandyte Historical Society & St Stephens. St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.  
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**STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE** static display including local aerial photographs. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.  
**MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL** display. Includes curb waste program, display of worm farms, council InfoLink, dog and cat registration.  
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**WOMEN'S GOLF VICTORIA** display. Putting tips, promotional information. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.  
**ROTARY ART SHOW.** Featuring many of Warrandyte's famous artists. Giant marquee behind Community Church. \$2 admission.  
**BAHAI FAITH** display with balloons and face painting. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.  
**KIDS' GIANT WATERSLIDE.** Starts 12noon Saturday. Run by Warrandyte Scouts. Changing Tent. Bring togs & towel. Small charge for all-day pass. Stiggants Reserve.  
**FARMYARD DISPLAY.** Feed & cuddle farmyard favourites from Leigh's Animal Farm. Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.  
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**SATURDAY 22 MARCH**

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**8am-4pm: TRASH & TREASURE MARKET.** Uniting Church, cnr Taroona Ave & West End Rd. Enquiries: Peter Renn 9844 3691.  
**9am-5pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.** See above.  
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**9am-5pm: COFFEE SHOP** at Community Centre run by Neighbourhood House.  
**10am-2pm: REFRESHMENTS** in St. Stephens Church Hall, Stiggant Street.  
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**12.10-5.45pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS.** Parade acts, local schools, dance groups and community groups. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve. (See panel.)  
**12.30-4.30pm: KOR THE KLOWN** with balloons. Old Rotunda, Stiggants Riverbank Reserve.  
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**9pm-1am: LIVE MUSIC** at the Grand Hotel. Party on to a live band.

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**10-11.15am: PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION.** Combined Churches. Worship, entertainment, music for all ages. Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve.  
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**SATURDAY 22 MARCH**

**12.10-5.45pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS.**  
 12.15pm Wacky Wild Wind Machine.  
 1pm Victorian Baton Twirlers.  
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 1.40pm Warrandyte High School Drama Group.  
 2pm Grand Hotel's 'Total Fire Band' Trad Jazz.  
 2.25pm Eltham College Choir.  
 2.35pm Eltham College Dance Group.  
 2.45pm Drummers.  
 2.55pm Warranwood Primary School.  
 3.10pm Glenden School of Dance.  
 3.25pm Warrandyte Primary Bush Band.  
 3.45pm Nicole Brydon School of Dance.  
 4.05pm Andersons Creek's Marimba Band.  
 4.15pm Andersons Creek Junior Choir.  
 4.25pm Andersons Creek Senior Choir.  
 4.45pm Helen Briggs School of Dance.  
 5pm Nicole Brydon School of Dance.  
 5.15pm Jazz Band

**SUNDAY 23 MARCH**

10am Combined Churches Palm Sunday Celebration.  
 11.30am Warrandyte High School Band  
**12.40-4.05pm SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT**  
 12.40pm The Prairie Dogs (blues/jazz)  
 1.35pm Bradfield Dumphrey (singing in the round)  
 2.20pm Ryth-him and Dance-her (percussion dance & song)  
 3.15pm Lois Dixielanders Jazzmen (Trad Jazz)  
**4.15- 9pm FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT.**  
 4.15pm Chaski (Andes music)  
 5.10pm Blue Bottle (mellow acoustic covers)  
 6.05pm Inka Marka (Sth American music)  
 7pm Rock Wallabies (Irish & Aussie folk)  
 7.55pm Festival Prize Presentations  
 8pm Zydeco Jump (Cajun band)  
**9pm Promptly. GRAND FIREWORKS FINALE.** Finishes 9.15pm

**RIVERBANK CIRCUS ARENA**

**SATURDAY 22 MARCH**

**12noon- 3pm RIVERBANK CIRCUS CAPERS.**  
 12noon Highly Strung (Skills on a tightrope)  
 12.30pm Red the Clown (Clowning around)  
 1pm Up & Down (Acrobatic duo with a twist)  
 1.30pm Highly Strung (Skills on a tightrope)  
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 2.30pm Hermann (Juggling, balancing and magic)  
 3pm Warrandyte Waiters' Race  
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**SUNDAY 23 MARCH**

9.30am Dog Show & Pet Parade  
 10.30am CFA Inter Brigade Competition  
**12noon- 2.40pm RIVERBANK CIRCUS CAPERS.**  
 12noon Ella the Clown (rope spinning & fire eating)  
 12.30pm Gig, Gag & Gobble (knockabout comedy)  
 1pm Offenbach (A dog show with a difference)  
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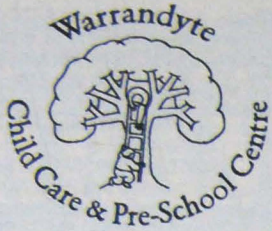
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- ★ 8pm: Pandora's Child ★
- ★ 9pm: N.A.M. ★
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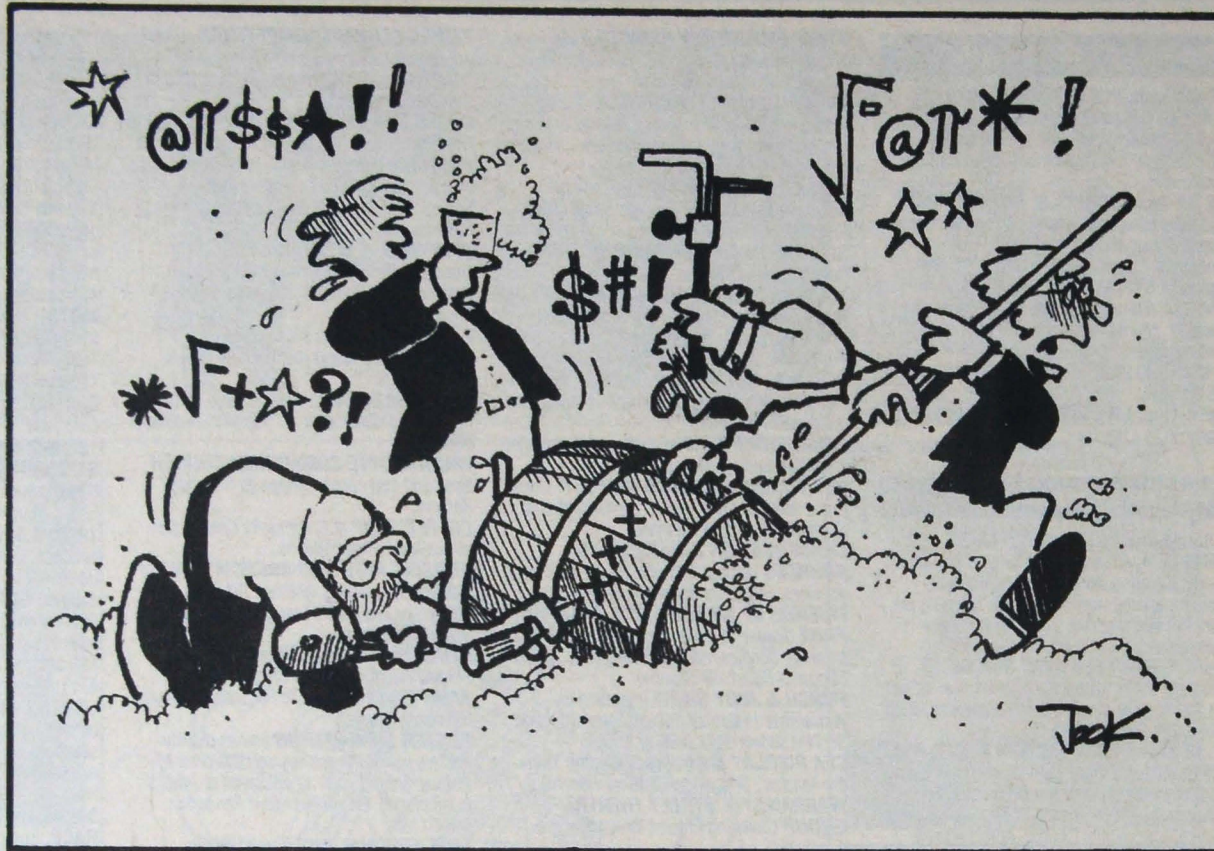
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# When the **keg** was king of the knees-up

I GREW up in less salubrious surroundings than ours and most of the 21sts in my neighbourhood, of necessity, were organised on the smell of an oily rag with food tasting much the same.

A backyard garage with enough space cleaned out for kitchen chairs to be arranged in a line around the walls was the usual venue. A workbench covered with a bed sheet, on which stood the chipped-out glass punch bowl and ribbon sandwiches, was the food supply and refreshment source for the ladies.

The men were usually outside, wrestling with the keg. There was always someone's friend who worked part-time in a pub, who knew how to tap the keg and was supposed to be arriving at 7.30pm. By 8.30pm the friend hadn't arrived and all the men were around the keg with the air blue with frustration and the ground awash with froth.

Inside, the ladies were becoming bloated with too-sweet fruit punch and were wondering what they were going to do for the next three hours before they could discreetly leave—after the speeches.

Once the keg was tapped, the men stayed permanently in its vicinity, got drunk and assured the girls that it had been a great night. The speeches were brief, relatively inarticulate and cliché-ridden; with not a black tie in sight.

Herself experienced life differently. Through her I learned of a different world. I came to see a kind of celebration where ven-



**"...all the men around the keg with the air blue with frustration and the ground awash with froth..."**

ues were hired and people were offered food and a choice of drinks. Everyone dressed formally and the speeches were delivered by urbane professionals or a doting godparent.

That's when I bought my first dinner suit. I hadn't needed one until I started getting invited to so many black tie affairs, not forgetting the university balls that were quite bizarre: a strange combination of Nine Darling Street and an all-in brawl around the keg outside the garage. The black tie and dinner suit came to represent a different way of

looking at life. It certainly didn't reflect more love or compassion or interest, but it did embody the notion that being better off provides you with choices and opportunities.

For a while, back in the 70s and 80s, the dinner suit didn't get much of an airing. We were into the era of dismissing such old values as formal anything. Too restrictive and stuffy, we were told.

Freedom, casualness and doing-your-own-thing were what mattered. We seem to have come full circle and now we have a generation of kids who, like me, are discovering that it's nice to have some structure and formality in life. Hence the increasing number of more formal 21sts we've been attending recently. Not only formal occasions, but all sorts of interestingly different and individual celebrations.

We've been to poolside barbeques, large verandah finger food festivities, a formal, sit-down, catered affair in the decorated pits of a famous Victorian race-track and several marquee parties. Home-based parties are still popular but are very different from those I remember in my youth.

But there's one aspect I find intriguing and that's the innovation of the "roast." There one still has the traditional speeches by the olds, speeches in which the honoured guest is praised. His or Her best qualities are lauded and all assembled share in the joy and pride felt by the parents. But then comes the roast!

Now there are roasts and roasts. The best are those that take a humorous look at the life and foibles of the GOH. School days, friendships, holidays and personal failings are innocently and cleverly exposed. Often the speech is shared by three or four friends who represent aspects of phases in the honoured's life.

The best are well-planned, loving and act as a wonderful foil to the speech given by the 'olds.' The worst are excruciatingly inappropriate.

Real or fabricated horrors are revealed to the delight of some of the youngs and the dismay and horror of the parents. Bad enough for the parent to have to hear such revelations, but even worse that they have invited guests to see themselves publicly embarrassed.

I attribute my incomprehension to my age.

Generally, however, I'm glad to see the return of the dinner suit.

I have my own but it seems to have shrunk in the wardrobe. Nowadays, the wardrobe has a habit of selectively shrinking my jackets across the shoulder blades and my pants around the waist. Strangely, it never affects the length of the strides, although by narrowing my jackets across the shoulders, the arms ride up and I look like Alexei Sayle.

Come to think of it, though, I never had to worry about such life-menacing problems around the keg behind the shed!

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# Sending your possums out to a lonely death

SOME possums held a wild party on our roof the other night. It doesn't happen often, but when it does—what a noise! I lay in bed listening to the coughs, snorts and blood-curdling screams and wondered what it all meant.

Judging by the thundering thuds, it seemed to be a night out on the tiles for the heavy-weight division of the possum family, the brushtails.

We are visited by brushtails and ringtails with more or less equal regularity. A reflection, I suppose, of where our house is situated—close to bush as well as other streets and houses. While ringtails will venture into suburban gardens, especially if rosebuds are on offer, they generally prefer to build their spherical bark-lined nests in dense foliage in the forest.

The adaptable brushtails, on the other hand, have been quick to take advantage of human habitation. In their natural habitat, brushies make their den in a hollow tree. With mature trees and large hollows in short supply, they must look elsewhere for a safe, dry, dark recess and where better than the gap between the ceiling and roof of a house or other building?

But the lodgers have little respect for the owners of their accommodation. Apart from the possums' noisy, nocturnal escapades, there is the problem of their noxious-smelling excrement which fouls the roofs and ceilings.

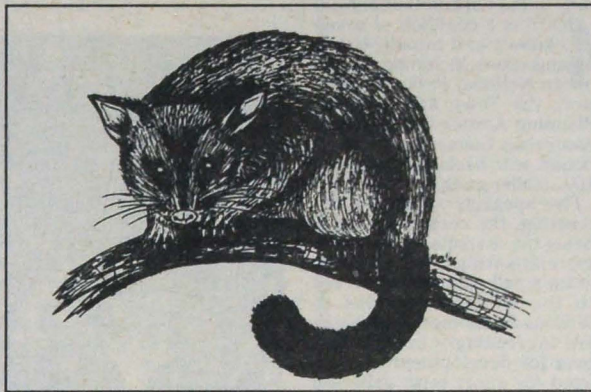
## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

Whereas ringtails can live on a diet of leaves alone, the liver of the brushtail is less efficient at removing toxins from eucalypt leaves and they must supplement their diet with fruit and insects. In the home garden, scrounging brushies will eat unripened fruit, ornamental plants and pet food. They will even scavenge discarded food scraps from garbage bins.

With so much free food and shelter on offer, this opportunistic marsupial is in possum heaven. Trouble comes when the eviction order is sent out. Until recently, removing an unwanted possum has been a matter of ringing up pest control whose job it is to trap the animal and take it to an area of native bushland where it is released. While this may be a happy solution for the householder, evidence has emerged that it is not in the best interest of the possum.

Studies have been carried out on a large number of urban-caught possums, subsequently released at Silvan in the Dandenong Ranges. It was found that 70 percent of the animals died within the first week of release. Cause of death varied from stress, predation by foxes, dogs and cats, and road kills.



The reasons why such a high proportion of the relocated possums died are thought to include unfamiliarity with the release site, and opposition and competition from territorial possums for den sites and food. It was even observed, immediately after release, that the urban possums had difficulty climbing trees with loose bark and spent almost half their time on the ground, compared to forest possums which spend only 10 percent on the ground. The low survival rate of these urban possums can also be attributed to their habituation to people and noise and also pets, making them more vulnerable to predation than their resident forest counterparts.

If we are concerned—as we should be—for the welfare of urban possums, alternatives to

relocation must be considered. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment, now Parks Victoria, supported by local councils, is encouraging residents to find new homes on their property for any possum they trap. Den sites can be provided in the form of nest boxes erected in suitable locations around the property.

Once the possums are out of the roof, entrance points should be blocked. Metal collars can be placed around fruit trees and ornamentals for protection.

For a long time, we have been sending urban possums away to almost certain death. It is important to understand that possums are strongly territorial animals. So if a cheeky brushtail chooses to share our territory we should think again before calling in the removal service.

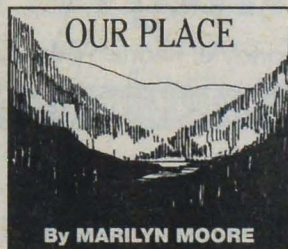
# Super smart recycling bins invade our northern climes

“MAN, that's off!” Yes, there's been more to the exchange of our battered old bin for a couple of those jungle-green plastic transponder-fitted monoliths than you'd have imagined.

For a start, an amazing degree of restructuring has taken place in our kitchen. Furthermore, given that the new garbage collection charges are still something of a mystery, it seems safer to get into the habit of not putting the bin out every week. Which leads us back to the observation that stale garbage has a few whiskers on it, if you'll pardon the analogy.

Don't get me wrong. Greenies from way back, we've always been dedicated composters and recyclers, more or less. It's just that it never mattered before if we had a slack period, like when the compost bin up the hill was full and nobody could be bothered spreading it around the garden.

At first, introduction of the dreaded green whatsits seemed like the end of life-as-we-know-it. No more individuality. No more ingenious dog-proofing devices. No more throwing the



By MARILYN MOORE

bin in the boot of the car for the weekly trek down the hill. No more searching for the lid (or the bin!) on windy days. And what on earth is that strange rumbling noise which drifts up and down the valley each Sunday night? It's in the same realms of bad taste as brushcutters before breakfast.

But now it must be admitted, albeit a tad grudgingly, that there's nothing like a transponder secreted in the curvaceous mouldings of Old Man Sulo to bring on a bout of intensive waste reduction. After each meal, our kitchen sink, formerly host to a lovely sudsy bath for which assorted kitchenware lingeringly queued, now resembles a waste transfer station of military efficiency.

First, there's the recycling fodder to be gobbled up by Old Man Sulo's other half, she of the gaudy lid and cheeky wheels: PET bottles (washed, squashed, re-lidded), steel cans (cleaned, peeled, squashed, sharp corners tucked in), glass jars (washed, de-labelled, no lids), all sorts of recyclable plastic containers (cleaned, stacked), milk cartons (washed, packed into 'bricks') and so on. Do we really devour this much food?

Then there's the pile of squashed cardboard boxes, half-read newspapers, paper bags and letterbox debris for the recycled paper collection (staples and paperclips removed). Two smaller baskets overflow with wine corks and stamps. A puffy white bundle of supermarket bags awaits a lift back to Jewel. The more delectable food scraps are sorted according to whether they're on the menu for possums, goats, budgies or butcher-birds.

The compost itself defies description, but I can promise you that these days even the tiniest biodegradables are dutifully transported up the hill out the back. Often. It didn't take long for us (and the ants) to discover the delights of having dead

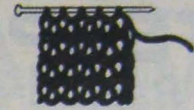
mango skins and rotten strawberries sitting around for more than five minutes, even with the lid on.

All of which leaves the actual garbage bin, the beige and ivory swing-top, sitting bereft and forlorn in its dark hidey-hole beneath the sink. Poor old thing. The odd staple or cheese wrapper doesn't seem to make much impact on its capacious interior. Thank goodness the current heatwave has converted us all to rampant vegetarianism. Meat scraps lurking indefinitely in the byways of a lonely bin liner don't bear thinking about.

It's all working pretty well, really, if one doesn't dwell on the occasion when somebody mistook goat food for compost. Things could certainly be much worse. The farm where we spent our summer holidays had no rubbish collection at all, and recycling was virtually impossible. Can you imagine in Warrandyte, where a crowbar is needed to plant even a tiny seedling, having to BURY the garbage each week?

P.S. Don't let on, but the transponder business doesn't actually take effect until July. Hopefully the family will all be well-trained by the deadline.

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# Going through hoop to save parks

More than 20 members of Friends of Warrandyte State Park joined about 2000 people from all over Victoria to support the Hands Off Our Parks (HOOP) rally in the Carlton Gardens.

HOOP is a coalition of seven well-known and broadly-based organisations, including the Victorian National Parks Association, the Town and Country Planning Association, and the Australian Conservation Foundation, with backing from nearly 100 smaller groups.

Five speakers addressed the meeting, the recurrent theme being the assaults on and commercialisation of our parks. From small suburban reserves to the wilderness areas of Wilsons Promontory, our parks are increasingly being taken over for development or managed for short term gain—all with little or no consultation.

The creation of Parks Victoria, a merger of Melbourne Parks and Waterways and the National Parks Service has caused confusion and doubt about the direction of park management and nature conservation in Victoria. David Wyman's story in last month's *Diary* brought this uncertainty about the future home to Warrandyte.

The rally ended very positively, resolving to call upon the Victorian government to preserve and protect all parklands and that HOOP become a continuing liaison group to ensure that this happens.



Friends of Warrandyte State Park protest in support of the Hands Off Our Parks campaign.

## Scotchmans Hill work begins at last

By PAT COUPAR

Weed eradication work has begun on Scotchmans Hill. This 2.1 hectare block of unreserved crown land is on the brink of becoming part of Warrandyte State Park.

The bill formalising its incorporation should be passed in parliament early this month, saving the area from possible subdivision—a threat which loomed large a couple of years ago.

The hill, which is bounded by Mullens Road, Maggie Lane and Brackenbury Street, is one of the highest points in Warrandyte with extensive views to the north and east.

The reserve has a good cover of eucalypts, mainly red box, but the under-storey is mostly degraded. The weed management program, to be carried out over the next four months, will include hand removal of wandering jew, blue periwinkle, agapanthas and

ivy; spraying of blackberries; felling and removal of pine trees.

In addition, a fuel reduction burn is planned for the site. This will only take place when and if conditions are suitable and all residents in streets adjoining the reserve will be notified prior to the burn.

More information regarding the proposed works on Scotchmans Hill from the state park, on 9844 2659.

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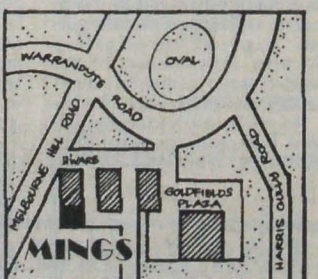
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## Dance

A dinner dance is to be held at Alfred's Homestead on Saturday, March 15 from 7.30pm until midnight, organised by the Warrandyte High School Parents Association and the school music parents. Tickets, costing \$60 a double, can be booked through Sally Fisher on 9431 2271.

## Churches

Combined church functions during the year include an outdoor service during the festival, Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, a week of prayer service in May, a dinner at Kellybrook Winery in late August and the outdoor carols service in December. A new priest, Fr Wayne Stanhop has recently been ap-



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pointed to the Park Orchards-Warrandyte Catholic Church.

## Paradiddle

Legendary local band Paradiddle will be featured artists at the fundraising for Warrandyte Primary School, to be held in the Patrick Geraghty Room at the Grand Hotel on Friday night, April 4. Tickets—\$13 including supper—will be presold.

## Probus

Warrandyte and Park Orchards Men's Probus Club meets monthly at the Grand Hotel on the second Monday, from 10am to 12noon. Membership is open to retired and semi-retired men who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in a similar situation. Further information from Malcolm Rowland on 9876 1041.

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## Health

Warrandyte and other local Lions clubs are banding together to organise a health testing day on Saturday, April 5 between 9am and 5pm at the Athenaeum Hall in Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Free testing will be provided for ambliopia (lazy eye), glaucoma and blood pressure as an indicator to diabetes. Advice will be available on prostate cancer, breast cancer—and other women's diseases—and rubella. Medical specialists in the various fields will be present.

## Opera

The Eastern Metropolitan Opera is presenting Mozart's *Così fan tutte* at the Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road, on April 11, 18 19, 25, 26 at 7.30pm and on April 13 at 5pm (BYO picnic). Tickets, at \$18, \$14 and \$13 can be booked through Christine on 9729 7712 (evenings only).

## Unsung

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"As the music teacher, Deirdre is certainly helping to provide many varied opportunities for children at the school. In addition to regular music lessons, the children have the opportunity in bush band, choirs and recorder. With an extensive background



Deirdre Anderson and Michael Hook

in musical productions, Deirdre is looking forward to the annual school production.

Michael teaches Japanese part-time at the school. "Having lived in Japan for 18

months, and with experience in other languages, Michael is very keen to promote the importance of all children learning a language other than English," Darryl Furze said.

"Michael plans to run a number of workshops for parents in the near future, to help them grasp some of the concepts involved in learning the Japanese language."

## Funds for local conservation projects

Community groups planning conservation projects in Manningham can now apply for funding under the Howard government's \$1.2 billion Natural Heritage Trust, member for Menzies, Kevin Andrews told the *Diary*.

Mr Andrews said community groups working to protect and restore their local environment would be the first to benefit from funding under the trust. The trust will help repair environmental damage and promote the sustainable use of our agricultural resources.

"This is an exciting opportunity for local community groups to participate in an un-

precedented national effort to conserve and restore Australia's natural heritage. Through the grants the Natural Heritage Trust will utilise the commitment, passion and expertise of local people to identify and solve local environment problems.

"I urge any local group which is considering starting or continuing a conservation or natural resource management project in the coming year to obtain a copy of the guidelines for community grants under the trust.

"Many federal government programs they may have been involved with before, such as the National Landcare Program, One Bil-

lion Trees, Save the Bush and Waterwatch Australia, will now be delivered through the trust.

"The government has made it easier for community groups to apply for funding by streamlining the application process. Community groups can now submit project proposals in one submission which address a range of environmental and natural resource issues."

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# Dytes to go it alone!

## Merger not on, but where are all the cricketers?

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Cricket Club, which has just completed its 142nd season of competition, will not be merging. The spectre of amalgamation with another club was emphatically laid to rest at the Bushrangers' annual general meeting last month.

A merger was an option aired by president Russell Dorning in his column in the Warrandyte club newsletter. "Because of our finances, or lack of them ... the club has been looking at a number of options, one of which is amalgamation with another local club," Dorning wrote.

The amalgamation possibility was discussed at length at the AGM on February 20, the meeting eventually instructing the club executive not to pursue that course of action.

Club manager (administration) Steve Pascoe told the *Diary* Warrandyte had struggled financially this season mainly because of commitments and projections made early in the year on the expectations of fuller involvement by players and non-playing members.

"There were simply not enough people around the club for us to meet those projections," he said.

"Social functions were poorly attended and we are looking at making a loss, but we still have a financial base and we are looking optimistically at next year."

Pascoe said the reason for the club's lack of success on and off the field this season (the first eleven finished ninth of 12 in the RDCA Chandler Shield competition) was the shrinking player base.

"Too many guys would not

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commit themselves to play," he said.

Warrandyte fielded just four senior teams in 1996-97. The previous season it had five. A few seasons ago it had six.

"It is the player base we need to expand," said Pascoe. "To make the club viable we feel we must have at least five teams and we are aiming at that next season."

"We will be out to recruit anyone who has played cricket, anyone who can hold a cricket bat, to try out with us. I'd like to hear from anyone who'd like a game of cricket."

Though well out of contention for the finals, the first eleven ended the season on a high note with a swashbuckling away win over Wonga Park, giving them the stats for 1996-97 of four wins, six defeats and a tie.

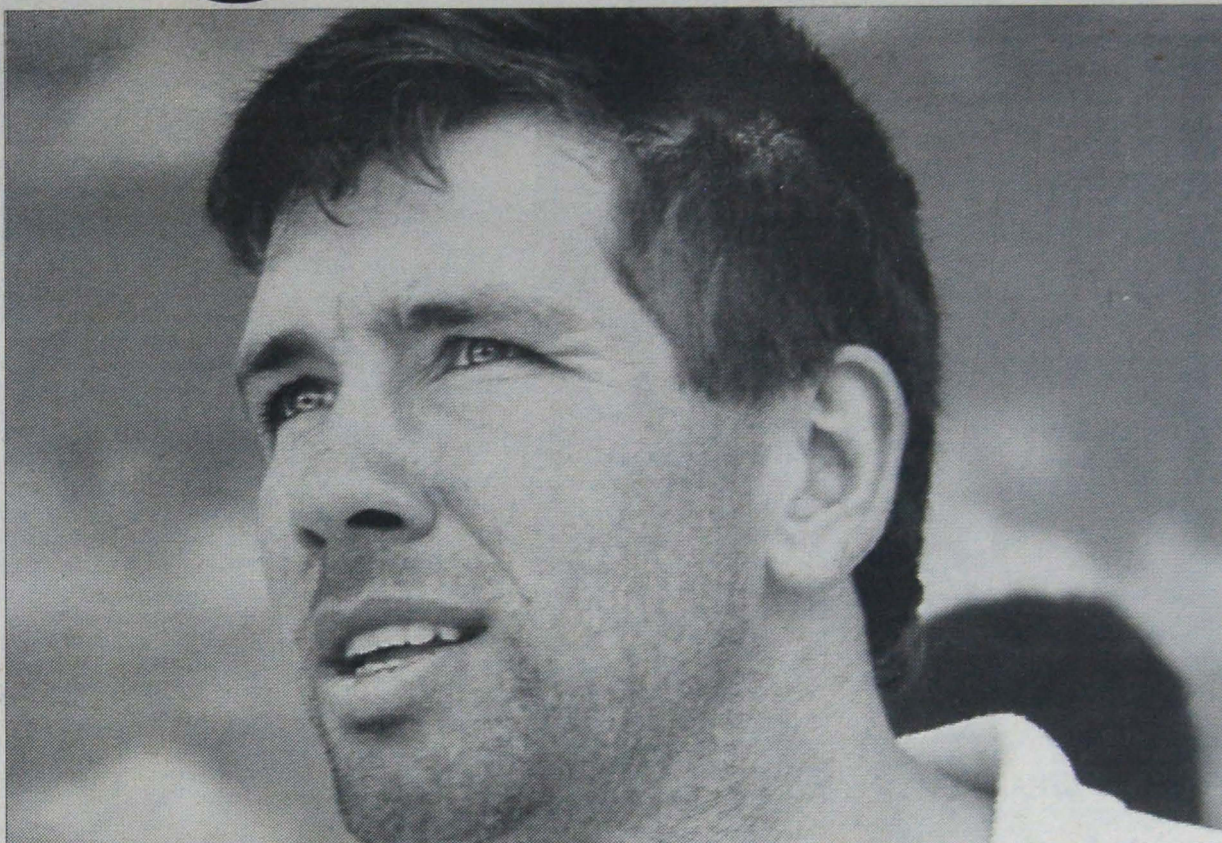
"Neither side had a chance of making the finals, so I think we decided to have a bit of fun," said skipper Tony Sturesteps.

A bit of fun turned out to be a lot of fun, Warrandyte amassing 247, one of their highest scores of the season, in cavalier fashion on the first day. Andrew King and wicketkeeper David Mooney topscored with 53 and 51 respectively and Chris Bambury contributed 46.

Pace pair Gerald Walshe and Chris Snaidero, who had turned in herculean performances all season, had time before stumps on the first day to break the back of the Wonga Park innings.

The Park were 4/81 at the close and were eventually bowled out for 202, Walshe finishing with 3/29 and Snaidero 3/73.

It had all boiled down to a sea-



Gerald Walshe: lion-hearted efforts with the ball, but the batsmen let him down.

son of lost opportunities with the bat for the firsts, who consistently failed to capitalise on the great work of Walshe and Snaidero and the form in both his roles of wicketkeeper/batsman Mooney.

The Bushrangers had to win their last three games to be a chance of making the finals and began their do-or-die thrust by demolishing Kilsyth for 138. Unfortunately, the Bushrangers could manage just 98 in response.

The bats again failed miserably in the penultimate game, mustering a miserable 96 to Wantirna South's 9/179.

The second, third and fourth elevens also finished well down the lists.

### CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 98 (Bradbury 22) lost to Kilsyth 138 (Walshe 4/47, Snaidero 4/34) and 6/232 (Walshe 3/77). Warrandyte 96 (Graf 22, Valentine 21, Bell 21) lost to Wantirna South 9/179 (Graf 3/15). Warrandyte 247 (King 53, Mooney 51, Bambury 46) d Wonga Park 202 (Walshe 3/29, Snaidero 3/73). SECONDS: Warrandyte 166 (Davis 52) and 4/56 d Kilsyth 72 (Raby 4/27, Croft 3/23, Sharpe 3/8) and 149 (Davis 4/61) outright. Warrandyte 130 lost to Wonga Park 308. THIRDS: Warrandyte 270 (Revell 123, Pascoe 54) d Kilsyth 211 (De Leo 211). Warrandyte 167 (Pascoe 49, De Leo 31) and 1/64 (De Leo 35 no) lost to Wonga park 212 (Beardall 7/97).

## Dorning to lead the Bushrangers again

Russell Dorning has been re-elected unopposed at the club's annual general meeting last month.

His executive is: Steve Pascoe (manager administration), David Gee (manager club facilities), Brett Kline (manager cricket) and Tony Sturesteps (manager finance).

A manager of juniors will be

appointed later.

"The meeting had a good response from young players who want to be involved in the administration of the club," Pascoe told the *Diary*.

The Bushrangers will hold their presentation night on Saturday, March 15, at the clubrooms, starting at 7.30.

Tickets (\$15 single, \$40 family) are available from the team captain or from Steve Pascoe (9844 1213).

# Anybody seen Croydon North?

## Dickson to coach young footy elite

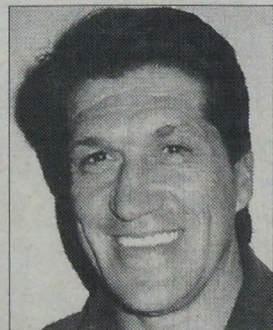
Warrandyte's David Dickson has been appointed coach of the Victorian Metropolitan Teal Cup team—a "nursery" of future AFL stars.

Dickson, a former Carlton premiership player who coached Warrandyte in 1995, was approached last November to take over the reins from Keith Burns, a former Collingwood under-19s coach who had led the Northern Knights to four consecutive VSFL premierships.

Victoria has traditionally dominated the Teal Cup, the national under-18 championship—so much so that it was split a few seasons ago into metropolitan and country divisions.

This year's carnival will be held in Melbourne from July 6-13. The final game, between Metropolitan Victoria and South Australia, will be televised live from the MCG.

Dickson's squad will start training—one night a week at Optus Oval—on April 29. There will be lead-up games against Queensland and the Northern Territory on May 10 and 11 and a training camp at Watsonia on June 7-8.



David Dickson

"Obviously, I'm very happy to have been appointed," Dickson told the *Diary*.

"My football in the past few years (he was assistant coach of the Oakleigh Chargers last season) has been up and down because I've had to combine heavy football commitments with heavy work commitments. Training just one night a week will relieve that pressure."

"The Teal Cup job involves travelling around to look at the various VSFL squads. I've already done quite a bit of that and I'll be doing a lot more."

By LEE TINDALE

It was the Claytons football practice match. The practice match you have when you don't really have a practice match.

Everything was in place for Warrandyte's first serious hit-out of the season, against Croydon North on Sunday, March 2. Two EDFL umpires had been hired, extra supplies of food and drink brought in to cater for the visitors and their supporters.

There were even a couple of cars in Bay 13 and two tea towels had been borrowed from the canteen to substitute for a missing pair of goal umpire's flags.

Unfortunately, Croydon North, from the Yarra Valley and Mountain District Football League, failed to show up. Neither could they be contacted by phone.

So the Warrandyte squad was divided into two—The Jumpers and The Skins (soon to become The Sunburnt)—and a no-beg-pardons intraclub game of six 15-minute quarters played.

New playing coach Greg Cole couldn't have been happier with the workout. "A few people put their hands up out there today," he said.

Cole did not play. "I was itching to get out there, but Dale (reserves coach Dale McCartin 'dragged me')," he said.

"He rightfully suggested that he and I would see a lot

more from the boundary."

There were very encouraging signs for the Bloods from all quarters—from the recruits, the established players and youngsters who will be pushing them hard for senior selection.

Last season's under-18ers Liam Riley and Andrew Brown indicated that they are ready to take the big step up into senior football and three-time club best and fairest John O'Brien, who is putting in probably his most intensive pre-season, was in the thick of things and dominant all day.

New assistant coach Andy Comello, who came to Warrandyte with Cole from the YVMDFL, showed class and on-field leadership qualities directing traffic from centre half-back and Cole's brother Steve, another new arrival, will obviously be an asset.

Another welcome sight was the return of classy wingman Russell Treverton from a stint in the mountain league. And David Grybas, younger brother of defender and club treasurer Matt, also did many useful things.

The only downside to the exercise was a shoulder injury to ruckman Dale Comrie, the Bloods' tallest player and a key man in their 1997 plans.

Comrie left the field in considerable pain early in the match but is expected to be

available for the season opener, away to Montrose, on April 12.

WFC president Jeff Evans expects considerable improvement from the Bloods this season.

"We are certainly fitter than at this stage last year and we also have greater numbers," he said.

The club are seeking players to bolster the under-18 ranks and anyone interested in trying out is invited

to train on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the recreation reserve.

They are also looking for water carriers for the seniors, reserves and under-18 games and any youngster keen to earn a little extra pocket money is invited to contact president Evans on 9722 1111.

Jumper presentation night will be at clubrooms on Thursday, April 3, starting at 7.30pm.


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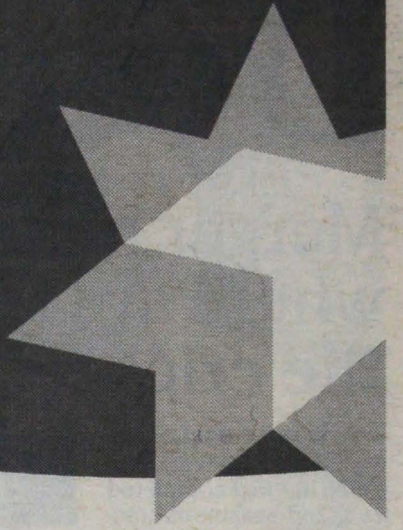
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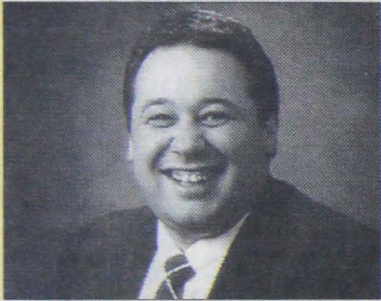
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**Would your Agent get an 'A' for Communication?**

Most vendors evaluate estate agents according to one fundamental criterion—did the property sell or didn't it?

It's everybody's dream to get a quick sale at the "right" price, but for various reasons it doesn't always happen. Vendors who come to the end of an agency agreement with their property unsold say that the real focus for their disappointment is not the failure to sell, but they weren't kept up-to-date with progress. Their basic complaint is that the agent failed to provide them with feedback.

Lack of feedback is inevitably translated into low level of perceived agent activity.

Vendors report that their number one need during this stressful time is up-to-date information that puts them right where the action is. Yet many vendors say they scarcely hear from their agent from one week to the next and have little idea why the property has not sold. They make the not unreasonable assumption that the agent has done very little on their behalf.

We believe that one of the reasons that agents fail to provide adequate feedback is that while it's easy to get top marks for

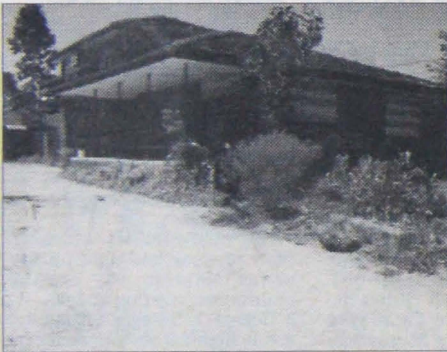
communicating good news, bad news takes courage and skill to convey.

They don't realise that vendors want to know what's going on and they insult them by thinking they can cope with the good news. Too many agents believe that no news is good news and they shrink from communicating information like negative inspection feedback or slow enquiry.

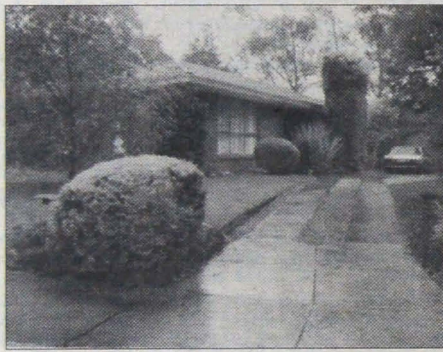
Paradoxically, negative feedback can be an important part of the selling process.

A superior agent sees feedback as a springboard for action either by the vendor who might need to improve the presentation or vary the price, or by the agent who may want to adopt new marketing strategies or diversify the advertising campaign.

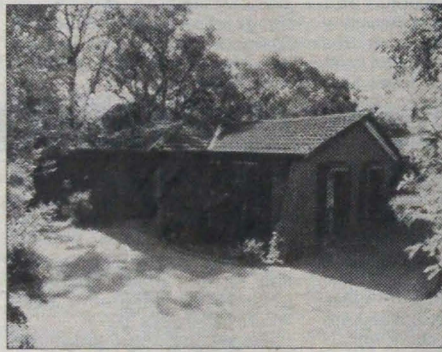
The agent who makes the commitment to communicate with you at every stage of the selling process is the one who will be the most successful at meeting your aims. Don't forget that good communication skills are essential during the negotiation process itself.



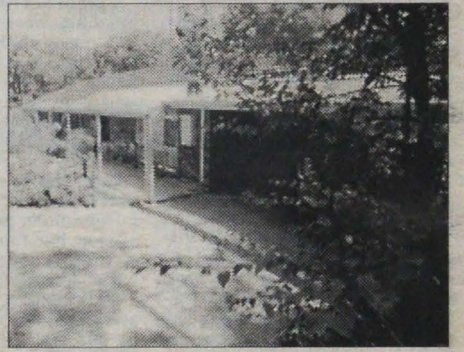
**\$149,000**  
 4 bedrooms, huge block



**\$154,000**  
 3 bedrooms, double garage



**\$184,500**  
 5 bedrooms, 1 acre



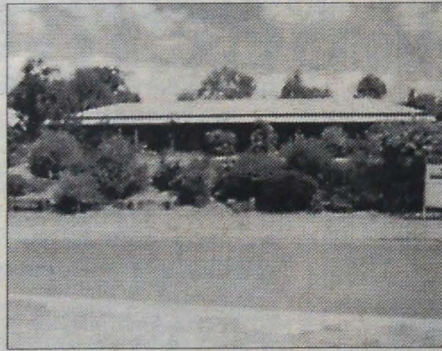
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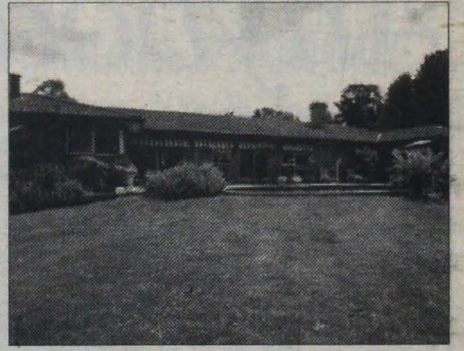
**4 ACRES**  
 Vacant land, river frontage



**\$298,000**  
 4 bedrooms, 3 acres, inground pool



**\$345,000**  
 Australian Homestead Prestige Collection



**\$475,000**  
 40sq, pool, court, 2.5 acres, 4-car garage

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