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ownship at risk

Warrandyte township faces a very serious threat to its current and unique status as a dual occupancy-free area.

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Under new zoning and municipal regulations, Manningham council had sought to maintain the town's ban on dual occupancy by creating a new zone in its new planning scheme.

But the Minister for Planning, Rob Maclellan, does not support the new zone and has asked council to use one of the new state zones, none of which will prevent dual occupancy in Warrandyte.

Fears that the Green Wedge would face a similar threat with subdivision have been averted by a change in the regulations in the new state zones which will cover non-urban areas (see story this page).

Manningham council, in order to maintain Warrandyte's ban on dual occupancy, had planned a Low Density Residential Zone (known as Special Use Zone No 3) to "discourage development of land with more than one dwelling or with a high site coverage in areas with environmental constraints, particularly in Warrandyte".

The Diary alerted residents to the dual occupancy threat in our March issue this year. "Major threat looms" was the headline. New zoning regulations announced by the government in its Victoria Planning Provisions would leave Warrandyte township wide open to dual occupancy.

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leave Warrandyte township wide open to dual occupancy.

Again, in the June issue, we pointed out the battle facing Manningham council to maintain the ban on dual oc-

Manningham council planning officers have tried hard to hold the line for Warrandyte and other development sensitive areas in their Municipal Strategic Statement, an excellent though complicated document.

A local expert close to the planning process told the *Diary* that the unique character of Warrandyte was "definitely threatened" by the new zoning regulations. (The government has reduced the number of zones throughout the state from 2971 to 25.)

"Warrandyte residents need to get fired up on this issue," he said. "They need to study the Municipal Strategic Statement, talk to the council about it and then put their case strongly, individually and collectively, to their councillors, the council and the minister.

"I am surprised that councillors covering this area haven't alerted residents to the threat."

The Minister for Planning is establishing advisory panels to consider the Municipal Strategic Statements of all councils and it is thought, given the past experience, that he would not accept a recommendation for a special new zone to protect Warrandyte township.

Council's proposed Special Use Zone

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Council's proposed Special Use Zone
No 3 sought to "protect and enhance
the bushland settling, low density character, landscape quality and flora and
fauna habitat of Warrandyte and the
Wonga Park township".
It also sought "to protect and enhance sites of botanical and zoological significance, and buffers to these
sites".

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While the new government planning requirements provide many overlay controls to add to zone regulations, none of the overlays control the use of land.

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of land.
Now, it seems, Warrandyte has yet another big battle on its hands to preserve its very special environment.
Residents have until December 29 to inspect the new Manningham Planning Scheme which can be viewed and discussed at council offices, Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm.

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Green Wedge safe in planning change

The Green Wedge appears certain to be maintained as it is now.
Fears that the state government's new planning provisions would allow subdivision of properties have been averted by changes in the zoning regulations by planning minister, Rob Maclellan.
Now it appears that the Green Wedge will be covered by the new Environmental Living Zone or the Rural Living Zone. These are nonurban zones which now don't allow construction of a second house and subsequent subdivision.

Manningham council and Green

Wedge supporters had been concerned by a clause in these zones which allowed a small lot to be excised from a property of any size for housing.

The minister has amended the planning provisions to remove this small lot excision clause, which was a major concern of Manningham council. It is known that council is now confident that the government's new non-urban zones will retain the Green Wedge with its subdivision controls.

DAVID WYMAN



Will orphan koala Cory—and his relations—survive if Warrandyte township suffers the tragedy of over-development? ● The full story of Cory's dramatic rescue is on Page 5. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

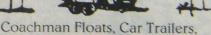
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Gus does Europe—in true McLaren style!

Gus McLaren is not so much a local character much a local character as he is a local treasure. Gus, who celebrated his 74th birthday on November 7, is or has been a master potter (he was a founder of Potters Cottage), much-respected animator, newspaper cartoonist and artist. And that's just among other things. He was also quite fathings. He was also quite fa-mous many moons ago as host mous many moons ago as host of the annual and memorable ALP wine bottlings at his place in Bradleys Lane. Multi-talented, to be sure — and if he cared to pursue it, we believe he could carve out quite a career in a new field: travel writing with a difference. Gus is recently returned from Europe with a difference. Gus is re-cently returned from Europe with his partner, Denise Farran. It was his first overseas trip since World War 2, when the Australian armed forces made him an offer he couldn't refuse, and it reunited him with daugh-ter Kirsty now a London-based and it reunited nim with daughter Kirsty, now a London-based freelance photographer. On return, Gus sat down and handwrote the highlights of his trip with the idea of giving them to the Warrandyte Arts Association for its newsletter. Then he thought they might deserve wider exposure, so he gave them to us. We make no apol-ogy at all for allowing Gus McLaren's Travel Tales to domi-nate Page 2 this month. Take it

We drove up to west Scotland, where we were to catch the ferry to Belfast, via York, the Dales and the lakes district. York, a Roman fortress district. York, a Roman fortress city, has a marvellous cathedral and a fascinating area of old shops, dating back centuries, called The Shambles. And shambles they were, buildings leaning out over the street almost touching the buildings opposite, also leaning. I, as a leaner of some note, felt absolutely in tune with the place.

In Belfast we were nearly arrested when we stopped outside a police station protected by steel grilles and razor wire and Kirsty began taking photographs of it. The next minute, an unmarked police car pulled up and we were surrounded by plain-clothes police. Kirsty talked her way out of that potential disaster and in fact was invited over to the station, where she said the surveillance screens were so clear she could see Denise and I picking our noses.

Kirsty and I decided to go and hear the Reverend Ian Paisley preach. Denise discreetly bowed out of this one. As we entered the church, one of the elders approached us and asked where we were from. Inside, we sat about six rows from the pulpit and after a while I realised nobody was going to sit in front of us. I also roticed that the four rows be noticed that the four rows be-hind us were also empty, with nind us were also empty, with the congregation sitting in the back and far side pews of the church. Disconcerting, to say the least. When the Rev Paisley started to preach I could under-stand why his congregation sat so far away from him. The man has a huge voice and even when

IN RED & WHITE





Gus McLaren and his new-found buddy, Protestant Irish firebrand the Reverend lan Paisley. 'I hear ye from Australia!' Photo by Kirsty

he dropped it to a whisper it could still be heard quite clearly throughout the large church. After the sermon he came down from the pulpit and, to my horror, strode straight towards us. Grabbing my hand, he boomed: "I hear ye from Aus-tralia!" Outside the church, Kirsty asked the reverend it she could photograph him. Sure, he said. Then, of course, she had to get me into the act.

Leaving Belfast, we travelled south and near the border we went through the town of Armagh, where we were totally intimidated by the sight of troops kneeling at every sight of sight of troops kneeling at ev-ery corner, with automatic weapons at the alert. That weapons at the alert. That night, after we had crossed the border, we learnt that some-body had blown up the police station in Armagh just two hours before we passed through.

We spent three days in Paris and travelled there on the Euro Star, a mag-nificent train that hits 300 kilometres an hour and travels under the English Channel. We were amused to find that our travel agent (not our friends at Harvey) had booked us into a hotel right smack in the centre of the red light district.

We also travelled to Cornwall, where at Portlo, a small fishing village, much to Denise's disgust I stayed up until well after midnight getting pissed with the local fishermen."



If only he could talk, this little bloke could tell us who dumped him and 12 of his mates at Pound Bend.



It happened last summer, but the mystery is still no nearer solution.
Who dumped 13 garden gnomes in the Pound Bend picnic area? And why? The culprit(s) left a substantial calling card, a noster-sized messculprit(s) left a substantial cali-ing card, a poster-sized mes-sage that read: "Another gnome hostage release by the GLF." GLF? Gnome Liberation Front, suggest the Warrandyte State Park rangers. The gnomes were taken to the local police station but returned unclaimed to the rangers a few months later. New homes have since been found homes have since been found for all 13 (ah yes, homes for the gnomes), but the episode begged a question: do garden gnomes dumped in the wild pose a threat to the environ-ment? "They are a big worry," ment? "They are a big worry," said Margaret Humphries, of the park office. "They may pro-liferate and go feral!"

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Survival expo fires up locals

The Fire Survival Expo, held recently at the Warrandyte Community Centre was "a huge success".

"We estimate more than 3000 people went through during the day," local CFA community support facilitor Jeff Adair said. "Given that it's always difficult to forecast the level of interest and numbers attending, the roll-up exceeded all our expectations.

"This reinforces our firm belief that the local community is thirsty for information. This was evidenced by the great interest shown in the display of aerial photographs, illustrating people's homes and properties.

"These photographs placed in context the district's vulnerability to fire. They brought home the level of risk we all face, especially this summer."

The expo featured displays by firms and authorities covering such aspects as building design, care of pets, parkland management, personal safety and firefighting equipment.

Special interest was created by local architect and Diary artist Jock Macneish's remarkable easy-cleaning roof gutter system.

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At-risk streets off limits

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte Fire Brigade is targetting high-risk local streets this summer.

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This follows the revelation in the Diary a year ago of the local brigade's reluctance to enter high fire-risk streets, leading to considerable media interest and community debate.

"There are a number of streets and areas in Warrandyte the brigade would hesitate to enter because of the direct risk to the lives of fire crews," brigade captain Robert Kilkenny told the Diary. "These streets carry heavier fuel loads and offer difficult access and exit.

"The decison whether or not to enter these streets will be made according to the conditions at hand. These include weather conditions—specifi-

cally wind, temperature—fall of the land and aspect.

"Recognising that a decison may be made that a fire truck may not enter certain streets, we will rely on residents being as well prepared as possible."

sible."

The brigade intends to focus on de-

The brigade intends to focus on developing wide community awareness of this season's high fire risk.

"Over the coming weeks we are offering householders the opportunity to have a free house and property risk assessment," Captain Kilkenny said.

"This will enable local residents to develop, with our assistance, their own fire management plan. This service will be conducted by Jeff Adair, the brigade's recently-appointed community support facilitator."

As well as offering advice on a houseby-house basis, the brigade is keenly



promoting their Community Fireguard

program.

"Fireguard gives local residents the opportunity to plan their fire safety program on a neighbourhood basis," Captain Kilkenny said. "One of the

strengths of Community Fireguard is

strengths of Community Fireguard is that it taps into the strong sense of community that already exists in Warrandyte.

"The success of the recent Fire Survival Expo (see story this page) has confirmed our belief that Warrandyte is desperate for solid information on techniques available to counteract the fire risk."

fire risk."

"Three Fireguard groups have been formed to date, as a direct result of the expo," Jeff Adair said. "These will cover about 25 households in Warrandyte.

"We would really like to see as many Community Fireguard groups as possible. The reality for this summer season is that there may not be a fire truck outside everyone's front gate and we

outside everyone's front gate and we need residents to be as self-sufficient and self-reliant as possible.

"Community Fireguard is designed and functions to suit the needs of specific neighbourhoods. The groups can be organised as simply as the residents feel is necessary. From one meeting, through to as many as are required to give everyone the knowledge and confidence they require to protect their family and their environment from fire. "We know that residents will use the information gained through the program to make an informed decison to evacuate or not, prior to a fire emergency; simply stated, to stay or go."

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• Jeff Adair is available for house or least verse assessments or least verse assessments or least verse assessments or least verse least vers and property risk assessments or Community Fireguard information during the week and in the evenings. He can be contacted on 9844 3375, mobile 0419 877 574

Club hits 'time out' on basketball stadium

Manningham council's lack of action on a new court for Warrandyte Basketball Club is causing its top players to leave. President Bruce McDonald said WBC couldn't dedicate enough court space for training and competition. "Senior players need to practise for at least 60 minutes on a full court but they're lucky to get 45 minutes on half a court", he told the *Diary*. "A number of top players have

already left and the Under 14 team has basically disbanded. With the summer season started, as well as Saturday juniors and a new Friday competition, there just aren't enough training spaces to develop the top players' skills."

A Manningham council consultant's recommendation of a new court facility at Andersons Creek Primary School is just the latest review of future basketball needs for Warrandyte players, according to Mr McDonald.

"For six or seven years the club has been trying to get another court and it's fallen on deaf ears", he said.

"If it hadn't been for Phil Honeywood we wouldn't even have got that far."

Phil Honeywood secured a \$3000 grant from the state government towards the \$9000 cost of the proposed stadium, on the understanding that the balance would come from council.

"Natural attrition may be a

'Natural attrition may be a part of losing our top players," Bruce McDonald said, "but all the consultants' reports and reviews of basketball facilities say the same thing—Warran-dyte needs another court." Bruce McDonald said the club

Bruce McDonald said the club has had no comment from the council but is writing a letter to find out what's happening.

"The club can see the council's concern over ownership of the land at Andersons Creek Primary School and we understand the problem in dealing with a third party, the Department of Education.

"Why pay a consultant if coun-

"Manningham's answer has been total and absolute inactiv-ity. The longer this drags out the less likely things are going

the less likely things are going to happen."

Local Manningham councillor Patricia Young responded, pointing out that council is still committed to building a basketball stadium at Andersons Creek school.

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But they require "the proviso that as it would be built on Edu-cation Department land (they)

should enter into a written agreement that if, in years to come, the department decided to close Andersons Creek school, then the land it is on should revert to council/community land, as the major share of the cost will come from the community.

"To date we have not received written confirmation, but with the help of Phil Honeywood, MP, we are hopeful that council will receive this paper before November 14, the date set by council in July," Cr Young said.

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residents concerned with their environment to read the Mu-nicipal Strategic Statement (MSS) booklet produced by the Manningham council. A display and booklets are available at the council chambers. A new Victorian Government

A new Victorian Government act requires all councils to pre-pare an MSS. The act provides that the MSS must include: a) details about a council's strategic planning land use and development objectives

b) the strategies which it in-tends to use for achieving these objectives

c) a general explanation about the relationship between the objectives and strategies and the controls on the use and de-velopment of land in the planning scheme

The problem the Victorian Government is trying to over-come is to make zoning throughout the state more uni-form and reduce the complex zoning rules between different councils.

In doing so, it works to eliminate the Special Residential Zone which residents in 1988 fought so hard and won. That proposed planning amendment



stipulated dual occupation 'as

A survey of township residents at the time conducted by the then Doncaster-Temple-stowe Council, who sided with Warrandyte, indicated an over-whelming 86% opposition to dual occupancy. Over 1,000 people signed a petition and 80 submissions were received. Now we are back to square one

The Manningham council in the MSS have proposed a Spe-cial Use Zone where all the present controls are maintained, but the Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Maclellan is not in favour of this.

Manningham council needs

Manningham council needs your support in this matter. A simple letter (submission) sent to Mr Roger Collins, Manningham City Council, P.O. Box 1, Doncaster 3108 stating your views, should be received by him by December 29, 1997.

John and Bev Hanson Webb Street

get off his bike

My name is Gabriel Lawry. I

am a Year 10 student at the Rudolph Steiner School. As a pastime I ride BMX and mountain bikes with my mates Jamie and Jared. We off-road cyclists are rather annoyed at the lack of places to ride. All the state parks have banned mountain bikes but continue to let horses in. Horses cause 10 times more environmental damage than a bike. The local BMX club,

a bike. The local BMX club, which is a boring track anyway, have banned all riding except for racing. We would like the council to give a spot to build a track of our own. I'm not just talking for myself. I have the Warrandyte Cycles bike shop and its club alongside me, plus many local BMXers.

Gabriel Lawry Rudolph Steiner School Warranwood

Zone action He won't Garden remembers a mother's sad passing

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

A magical garden, initiated by Trish Dewhurst who died last year, has been completed and was opened recently at Yarra Warra Pre-school. Ms Dewhurst led a drive by

the kindergarten community for permission to use the council easement, which adjoins the kindergarten in North Warran-

Bronwyn Ventura, a parent at Yarra Warra, said the garden was a special place for children.

"The memorial garden is very peaceful, overlooking the river and the flats beyond," she said. 'It's planted with over 100 lo cally indigenous plants which should mean they can grow without too much care. storytime, nature study and bush adventures away from the

usual play equipment."

Trish Dewhurst was one of four Warrandyte women of similar pre-menstrual age who have died of cancer in the last 18

months.

But Vicky Thursfield of the Anti-Cancer Council said the statistics don't suggest anything but a horrible coincider.

'Common factors such as age family history, age at first child-birth and incidence and duration of breastfeeding are far more relevant to cancer than geographical location", Ms Thursfield said.

"Where a cancer sufferer lives at time of diagnosis is not the

Ms Thursfield used the example that three people being killed on a particular road did not mean to say another person would die on that road the next

day.
"The fact that these four around 40 women were aged around 40 and lived in Warrandyte is probably irrelevant to the course of

"You do get variations within areas but our latest figures show new cancers diagnosed in the old City of Doncaster and Templestowe are slightly lower

than for Victoria as a whole.
"It's like the weather—some times you may have a whole week of rain but that doesn't mean to say the sunshine will never happen again."

Vo move on carpark

Plans to formalise the car park-Plans to formalise the car park-ing area on the riverside just-east of the Warrandyte bridge have been shelved for the time being by Manningham council. The council had proposed a bitumen surface, red gum-kerbed carpark, similar to those opposite the hotel and the com-munity centre. But concerns

munity centre. But concerns about the loss of car parking spaces and provision for canoe trailers have forced council to further study parking needs and design more throughly.

Some traders in the area be-lieve the carpark should remain as it is now, providing spaces for about 60 cars, compared to the council's design which would have catered for only 35 to 40 cars and eliminated parking on the road opposite the

Jan Voller, proprietor of the Claypot Gallery, said that while, as a resident, she was condesign of carparks in Warrandyte, businesses could not afford to lose car parking

'I can't see any advantage in formalising the carpark there. It's better to leave it the way it she said

Lyndon Webb, Manningham director of city development, told the *Diary* that council had "put the brakes on the project" because problems were loom-ing that were going to cause concern. The chief problems were that the carpark had to conform to appropriate stan-dards, which would reduce parking spaces, and the reloca-

would also impact on the parking area available.

"There are a number of groups, apart from shoppers, who use the carpark and their needs will be considered," he

"Our urban designer and traf-fic people are having a further study of their needs." Asked if the Warrandyte com-

munity would be consulted in the future about formalising the carpark, Mr Webb said he "had not got into the consultation process, but we are very strong on adequate consultation" and this would take place in the fu-

ture.
"I am sure we'll give people plenty of opportunity to have a look and consider what we come up with in the end."



Brent and Sophie care for new plants in the Trish Dewhurst Memorial Garden at Yarra Warra Pre-school. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

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MANNINGHAM PLANNING SCHEME NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF PLANNING SCHEME

Manningham City Council has prepared the Manningham Planning Scheme to replace the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme and the Lilydale Planning Scheme as it related to Wonga Park. This is required by the Planning and Environment (Planning Schemes) Act 1996. It is in a new format which contains selected State standard provisions from the Victoria Planning Provisions, a municipal strategic statement, state and

local policy frameworks, standardised zones, overlays, particular provisions relating to use and development, and a number of administrative provisions and definitions The Manningham Planning Scheme incorporates a number of documents and contains new maps applying the standardised zones and overlays to all land within the City of Manningham.

The new Planning Scheme can be viewed and discussed with Council staff from 25 September 1997 until 29 December 1997 the:

Manningham City Council Offices

Koonung Room 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

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• the Municipal Strategic Statement and local policy framework; and

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made by the Minister for Planning and Local Government. Any interested person may make a submission about the Planning Scheme. ubmission must be in writing and addressed to:

Roger Collins

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Fur further details please contact Economic and Environmental Planning, Environmental Planner on 9840 9307 or 9840 9338

Garden grows \$10,000

The Warrandyte Community Garden at the police station has received \$10,000 from the state government's VICsafe youth crime prevention program.

"Over the next three years the government has committed \$1 million per year to a campaign aimed at youth", MP Phil Honeywood told the Diary.

The program focuses on encouraging attractive and structured alternatives to direct young people away from antisocial behaviour by providing them with sporting and recreational opportunities.

"I am delighted that local young people will assist with the landscaping of the grounds, construct a gazebo, and plant and maintain a garden", Mr. Honeywood said.

"Many local businesses and organisaitons have realised the value to the community of this exciting project and have given their support. The project is expected to cost around \$34,133, and this funding grant will provide a tremendous boost to all those who have worked so hard to bring this project to reality", he said.



A backpacker koala on a big adventure

By JULIE MURRAY
In the rhythm of life there are mishaps of nature. The exact details of this one we do not know, however it called into force the services of the SES, the state park rangers and the Warrandyte Fire Brigade.

A koala baby was found at the base of a large gum by the side of the Gospel Chapel on Friday evening, October 24 by three teenage boys and rushed to the local vet, Derek Fairley.

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It was unknown whether
the baby had fallen while the
mother was going between
trees or from what height,
but after a health check by
the vet, wildlife carer Julie
Pryor was called in. Time
was limited, because the
mother rejects the baby if not
returned within 24 hours.
After numerous phone

After numerous phone calls, a cherrypicker was

Foster mum Kerri with baby Cory (and friend). Picture by Jan Tindale

located at the State Park but no driver could be found.

It wasn't until Saturday

It wasn't until Saturday morning, with the help of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade and two state park rangers, that an attempt was made to reunite baby with mother. And those gums by the chapel are very tall.

Two koalas were spotted high in the trees. Colin, one of the rangers, was sent up the ladder with the command, "Make sure it's female". He reached the first koala and, after checking the scent glands, came the reply, "Father not mother".

The second koala was right at the top, it was just too

The second koala was right at the top, it was just too high, dangerous and out of reach. The safest thing was to resort to human nature.

To the rescue came Kerri Fairley, wife of our local vet. For the next 10 days, while the wildlife carer was on holidays, Kerri nurtured Cory, the now-named seven month old koala, giving him plenty of rest as he recuperates, and imitating nature as

closely as she can.

Kerri said, "He is settling down well with a minor setback one night when he needed fluids and a light sedative because he was quite agitated".

Weighing in at 650 grams and about 13cm long, Cory is on three-hourly feeds, still under close veterinary attention, and as all good weaning mothers know, Kerri said, "must have his special milk formula before his gum leaves".

To imitate the pouch and the motion of his mother, Kerri has him wrapped in a blanket, on a heat pad, and is carrying him around in a small backpack wherever she goes.

Because he is nocturnal.

she goes.

Because he is nocturnal, Kerri has taken him out for

Kerri has taken him out for a 5pm walk, treated him to gum leaves and showed him how to climb a tree. And one of the biggest dilemmas that all mothers face—whether surrogate or not—yes, she woke him up for a feed!

Can planners resist our missing link?

For more than two years the controversial ring road has been debated throughout Warrandyte and Eltham. ARRO (Anti-Ring Road Organization) has led the campaign against the proposed "missing link," a six-lane freeway joining Greensborough and Ringwood. So far the route of the ring road remains undecided, although notional maps released by both VicRoads and the state government show the route passing through Park Orchards, Warrandyte and Eltham.

Professor Ken Ogden is a key figure in the ring road debate. He helped write the state government's policy blueprint Transporting Melbourne, is policy manager at RACV, and strongly believes a ring road "would make Melbourne a better place to live and work".

But some of Professor Ogden's own

work".

But some of Professor Ogden's own statements lend weight to ARRO's fears that a ring road through Warrandyte and Eltham would mean destruc-

tion of the Green Wedge.

For instance Professor Ogden doesn't like the term ring road. He prefers "metropolitan orbital transport corridor", because, as he explained, the ring road will be much more than just a road

the ring road will be much more than just a road.

"It will act as a magnet for development," Professor Ogden said. "It will link industrial areas to each other and attract such facilities, that would otherwise occur in a scattered pattern, to the corridor."

Professor Ogden also said that there were no figures in the public domain

were no figures in the public domain to show there was any need for the ring

road.

Not everyone in the community is against the ring road. Some will welcome being able to drive their cars all the way to either Altona or Frankston on a six-lane freeway, without one traffic light or crossroad to slow them down.

Other people would like to see the

The spectre of a ring road freeway still hangs over our community. *Diary* writer FIA CLENDINNEN examines the history of this proposal and its implications for our area.

ring road built because they hope it will take the traffic out of Warrandyte, the way the by-pass section of an in-terstate highway does for a country

town.

However, there is no evidence to support the proposition that the ring road will reduce traffic in the Green Wedge.

Most cars at peak hour are "centre seeking"; moving from the outskirts of Melbourne towards the CBD. For the majority of commuters the ring road would not provide an alternative route.

Nick Low, local resident and senior lecturer in planning at the University

the ring road would relieve local con-gestion as "a complete misconcep-

gestion as "a complete misconception".

"The ring road would be a massive generator of traffic, because in the first place the ring road is designed to attract development. There will have to be feeder roads onto the ring road at

tract development. There will have to be feeder roads onto the ring road at every intersection and these will generate increasing traffic in the surrounding areas. The ring road will not alleviate the traffic which the present pattern generates," he said.

Mr Low also warned the community not to feel lulled by recent government statements that the ring road was not on the agenda and no investigations were being carried out. "The entire ring road is part of government policy," he said.

"VicRoads is planning to build it the

ring road is part of government the said.

"VicRoads is planning to build it, the only question is where. When the link is removed from government documents then I will be reassured. But so

far that hasn't happened."

Some people say that if the ring road is ever built, it won't be for years, and so it's not worth worrying about now. ARRO counters these arguments by pointing out that it's precisely in the planning stage that the ring road can be defeated. By the time government surveyors are drawing lines on the map it may well be too late.

As Jason Torrance, the British antifreeway activist said, "Lying down in front of bulldozers gets great media coverage, but when you have to resort to that sort of direct action, basically you've lost".

you've lost". In 1981 Rupert Hamer, then premier In 1981 Rupert Hamer, then premier of Victoria, announced his government was axing the controversial proposed freeway from Diamond Creek to Ringwood. He said "a freeway would have a major impact on the area" and "had little community support". Sixteen years later, how much has changed?

The sorry story of a ring road's rocky route

February 1995: Nick Low, local resident and senior lecturer in planning, told the Diary that bureaucratic planning for the ring road freeway through Warrandyte was "going ahead at full steam". He pointed to the state government's strategy Linking Melbourne released in 1994 which identified the "need for and desirability of building a new link between Ringwood and Greensborough". February 1995: Nick Low, local

April 1995: Phil Honeywood, state member for Warrandyte, stated his opposition to the proposed ring road. "If that road ever comes through Warrandyte there will be a huge fight from me," he said.

June 1995: Local residents de-termined to fight a ring road free-

way coming through Warrandyte held their first public meeting. The group called itself ARRO (Anti-Ring Road Organization) after the original group that de-feated the same proposal in 1981.

August 1995: Nick Low, speaking at an ARRO public meeting, said the ring road would bring unprecedented change to Warrandyte, leading to more traffic, demand for road widening and more intensive building development. "I think it would really mean the end of the Green Wedge," he said.

September 1995: Wayne Phillips, state member for Eltham, said he needed more informa-tion on the proposed ring road freeway before he could take a position. "I will not oppose some-thing until I know what I am opposing," he said.

October 1995: Eight councils, including Manningham, joined together to call for construction of the ring road and to lobby for Federal funding. Bill Baxter, then Minister for Roads, in a letter to ARRO, stated "there are no investigations being carried out or contemplated at this time".

December 1995: Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Bend of Isles Conservation Association, Christmas Hills Preservation So-ciety and the Green Wedge Pro-tection Group announced their opposition to the ring road.

September 1996: The state gov-ernment reaffirmed its support

r the ring road. Transporting Melbourne, a newly released document, indicated the benefits of "a continuous corridor fully circumscribing the metropolitan

January 1997: Economic And Urban Impact Of A Ring Road, a VicRoads-commissioned document completed in September 1995 is released. Economic projections within the report assume that construction of the northeast link (through Eltham, Warrandyte and Park Orchards) will start in January 2003.

March 1997: Fleeted councillors

March 1997: Elected councillors are returned to Nillumbik and Manningham councils. Those representing Warrandyte (Patri-cia Young and Lionel Allemand in Manningham and Robert

Marshall in Nillumbik) pledged to oppose the building of the ring road.

April 1997: At a public meeting at Montsalvat, ARRO called on Nillumbik and Manningham councils to vigorously oppose the construction of the ring road free-way through the Green Wedge.

July 1997: Nillumbik Council formed the Outer Ring Road Committee to establish the shire's position on the proposal to build the road through

July 1997: Transfield (the parent company of Transurban which is constructing City Link) expressed interest in the \$1.3 billion proposal for a metropolitan ring road. "Private ownership of

September 1997: VicRoads con-September 1997: VicRoads con-ceded that, in joining up the ring road from Greensborough to Ringwood, it would meet with massive community opposition. "This is probably the last section of the freeway where we will be treated as heroes," Mr Rob Gilpin, ring road construction manager said.

October 1997: Phil Honeywood, October 1997: Phil Honeywood, at a public meeting at the Nillumbik shire offices, again stated his personal opposition to the ring road but could not guarantee that at some future time the ring road will not be built through the Green Wedge. "We cannot lock future ministers in position," he said.

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Students honoured at school year's end



WHS council president Glenn Martin congratulates Karlis Atvars on winning the VCE Achievers Medal, made by the Board of Studies and open to all students in the state.

Warrandyte High School's valedictory night for Year 12 students was held in the school theatre late last month. A school spokesperson told the Diary that the year's "social cohesion, sense of fun and theatricality was perhaps best summed up in the final moments of the night when they performed three separate musical items as a finale".

Earlier in the evening, guest speaker, "people's poet" Raymond J. Bartholomew from Hey Hey It's Saturday, set the tone with an entertaining talk. The school's outstanding student for 1997 was Katrina Guerin who won three special awards for citizenship, sport and scholastic excellence. "At this stage Katrina is hoping to start a combined commerce-science degree at Melbourne

University next year," the spokesperson said.
Karlis Atvars, whose fine work in the school musical Les Miserables brought high acclaim, won both the school's artistic excellence award and the inaugural VCE Achievers Award.
Jorja Williams' fine academic record and contribution to the school community was recognised

contribution to the school community was recognised in her winning the All-Rounder Award, while the Juliette Arnott and Lane Bossard Endeavour awards were won by Tara Moore and Trent Masenhelder respectively.

"This has been a great year for Warrandyte High School's Year 12 students," the spokesperson said.
"They have the talent, energy and desire to make a positive contribution to the whole community for years to come."

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Still awaiting Eltham decision

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Rob Maclellan, Minister for Planning and Local Government, announced late last month that he would be making a decision in a couple of weeks on the controversial Shell-Hungry Jack's development in the main street of Eltham.

The battle over the site of the former shire offices has dragged on for 18 months. While state governmentappointed commissioners originally approved the proposed 24 hour petrol station, Hungry Jack's and video store at a highly emotional council meeting in October last year, one of the first actions of the newly-elected Nillumbik councillors was to oppose the develop-

ment.
Since then the developer, Dallas Howgate, has threatened three Nillumbik councillors with personal legal damages of \$10 million; EGAG (Eltham Gate-\$10 million; EGAG (Eltham Gateway Action Group) have raised \$25,000 in their fight against the development; Minister Maclellan has appointed not one but two independent advisory committees to prepare detailed submissions on the proposal, both of which have recommended that the minister reject the Shell-Hungry Jack's proposal; and Greg Burgess, the architect who designed Eltham library, at the invitation of Nillumbik council, submitted an alternative schematic plan.

Jenni Mitchell, EGAG president, said her group had tried

every possible avenue and the decision now rested solely with the minister. "All we can do is sit back and wait and see," she

said.
She told the *Diary* she had no idea why the Minister had appointed a second advisory committee or why he was taking so long to make up his mind.
"Who knows what Mr Maclellan is thinking? I can only assume there must be more to it than meets the eye.
"It must be a highly political decision."

decision."

Ms Mitchell reaffirmed her

Ms Mitchell reaffirmed her group's support for the Greg Burgess concept although she said it needed some fine tuning. "We believe it's an appropriate type of development but we think it is trying to cover too

much," she said. "But we very much want to see something along those lines go in. Something that will have multi-community use, that people from all walks of life can receive from and give to."

Mr Burgess's concept is in two stages. Stage one includes a multi-purpose community hall, meeting rooms for the senior citizens, gallery space, three or four retail shops, a dozen studio and workshop spaces that would be leased out to artists, a cafe-restaurant and a wine a cafe-restaurant and a wine

bar.
Stage two would be built to the north of the vacant site towards the existing CFA building. This would consist of three art house cinemas totalling 600 seats, and extra meeting rooms.

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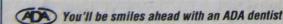
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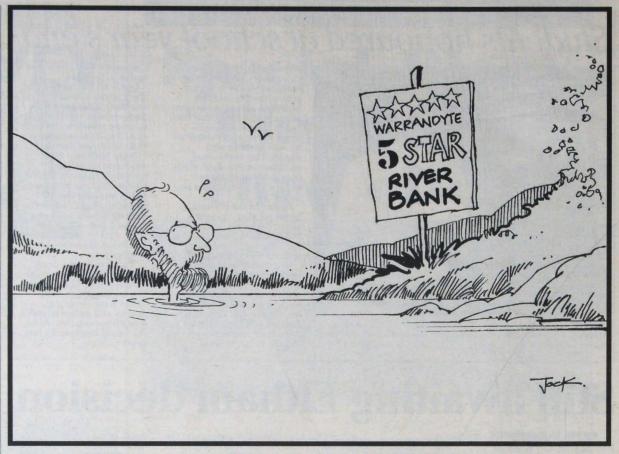
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Rolling down that rocky river of life

CAN'T die yet. There are far too many rivers I still haven't seen!

Now I'm generally not a morning person. I like to take time to reconnoitre the dif-ficult bridging passage between sleep and wakefulness. I like to snooze, in that half-world that's not quite terrifying nightmares, wish-fulfilment lascivious dreams and the grating cheerfulness of Tonya Roberts discussing yet again how in the age of post-deconstructed femilism we can explore in a hunism we can explore, in a humorous way, the differences between males and females.

So, it was with some confusion and consternation that

Herself's pronouncement about rivers took me totally by sur-

prise.
"I mean, we've seen the Rhine, the Seine, the Thames, the Yel-

"—And the Yarra," I offered.
"Now don't be stupid, Roger.
You know what I mean!"

"No I don't! At this hour of the morning I'm finding it difficult to contemplate the shower let alone bother about the world's drainage systems. Anyway, we'll see the Mekong this Christmas."

'But there are many more. I've just been doing some calcula-tions and given the number of important rivers in the world. in all the different continents, we'll have to plan an overseas trip twice every year for the next 15 years if we're going to see them before we're too old to bother!" I could feel Herself's



commute from

nature..."

anguish.

It was at this point that Tonya changed the topic from the humorous and different ways men and women use salad spinners to the rivetting topic of the role of sheng fui in modern separations.

Not knowing which was more difficult to deal with, middle-class dabbling with Asian mysticism or terminal river syndrome, I clambered out of bed and staggered to the shower.

I have always lived in awe of Herself's enthusiasm, drive and intellect and I have coped, as reasonably well as a man is able, with her shifts of topic, obsession with remembering things I should and her instinctive delight in contemplation. Issues like imagining how in-

Issues like imagining how in-teresting the sight would be if you scraped a metre of topsoil from the earth. Just think, all those wires, pipes and drains. I've grappled with keeping up with her energy and her ability to switch from one preoccupa-tion to the other but when I get

tion to the other, but when I get into the shower and looked down at the river trailing off to the plug hole, I admitted defeat. I was left dripping and wonder-ing about holidays and why some people achieve things and the rest of us stand in the

when we get out.

With holidays, for most, the issue is relatively simple. There are those who pay an enormous sum of money to travel thousands of kilometres to sit by a pool and read polytique of the pool and read, oblivious of the world outside the resort or the hotel. In fact, the closer the environment is to home comforts the better. They return home browner and with new cocktail

Then there are the adventur-ers who drive thousands of kilometres in an attempt to find a spot for their tent where no other homo sapien has trodden before. Once there, they commune, not with other people but with Nature. Having done this, they return to Warrandyte to commute from Nature.

Then there's us We don't

Then there's us. We don't seem to fit into either category. Not quite the four-wheel drive and backpack brigade, we're also not at all interested in vegeing out in a five star for a

fortnight. Hence Herself's pre-occupation with rivers.

occupation with rivers.

For us, a satisfying hol is one in which we have our preoccupations and experience challenges but in a measure of comfort. And this creates trouble when we go to the travel agency.

agency.

Having some idea about where we would like to go, we

where we would like to go, we are always far more interested in the things to do and places to see than the fact that the hotel has a fully-equipped gym, a macrobiotic immersion tank and a nude disco.

We constantly fall into that hinterland between five star and filth. In the tropics, a pool is wonderful but it doesn't have to be the size of the Ord River Scheme with floating casino. We're not over-fussed if it has sides to the pool instead of the sides to the pool instead of the nil horizon, end-of-the-earth productions that are so popular today.

And this is why Herself is so

concerned, not with resorts but with rivers. Rivers have long been the cradles of civilisations and as such are wonderful holiand as such are wonderful holiday destinations. Just think of the famous river valleys of the world—the Nile, the Danube, the Tigris and Euphrates, the Amazon and the Congo.

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Of hidden highlights beyond the burgan

T WAS probably getting on for a year since I'd walked these tracks. They looked so very dry, but then I'd never seen them look anything else. I was on a ridgeline in Yarra Brae, a low-profile, 118 hectare hunk of the Warrandyte State Park at Wonga Park.

The vehicle management track I was following entered the park through a gate marked "no standing anytime", near the end of Clifford Drive. The drive itself continued on through another gate into Clifford Park Scout Camp, the site of the 1956 world jamboree and still used regularly by scout groups.

Yarra Brae's popularity is with the horse riders, as scores of tell-tale hoofprints along the dusty track confirm. Riders and walkers alike are both rewarded with extensive views across the river to forested mountain ranges that appear tantalisingly close, but in reality are so far away.

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To say that this reserve has little to offer in the way of flora and fauna would be unfair. Superficially, though, it doesn't look good. The ground cover is sparse, the middlestory a monoculture of burgan and the overstory is suffering severe dieback. Many of the eucalypts are in poor condition. With their crowns all but gone, bare branches are showing through branches are showing through like the bones of a teenage

norexic. From barren branches,



By PAT COUPAR Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

clumps of mistletoe in the shape of teardrops hang as if in sorrow. But this sad spectacle is not the fault of these parasitic plants with their eucalypt lookalike leaves. The demise of these trees is more likely to be a combination of disturbance, drought, disease and insect attack

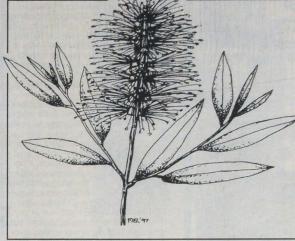
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The track divided. I had the choice of continuing over the ridge and descending to a huge 25 acre open paddock—a rabbit's playground, which only last year was fenced prior to the release of the calicivirus. The rabbits are still there, but monitoring will be a long process.

I took the second option and strode down the sandstone track towards the river. The vegetation changed very little. The burgan was as thick as the eucalypts were thin. What a pity burgan doesn't suffer from dieback. Quite the reverse, disturbance and fire actively encourage the growth of this prolific regenerator which seems immune to disease.

Burgan, a member of the teatree family, is an indigenous plant of the area although some people, myself included, think of it more as a weed. My anti-

people, myself included, think of it more as a weed. My antiburgan feelings stem partly



from the fact that, like pines, almost nothing grows beneath them. Little light penetrates the dense foliage of these shrubby trees. In such perpetual dimness all sense of direction is lost.

I broke through eventually and scrambled down what must have been the old bank of the river which had carved a new course several metres away. I

river which had carved a new course several metres away. I entered an enclosed, waterless, rocky backwater that was unusual both geologically and botanically. Amongst exposed, abandoned, water-worn rock shelves grew a mix of river bottlebrush and swamp paperhark both species sporting

similar flowers composed of

similar flowers composed of creamy stamens in the shape of a bottlebrush. Those of the river bottlebrush, a declining plant along the Yarra River, were shyly tinged with pink.

These are not Yarra Brae's only hidden highlights. I know of others, discovered by chance while walking these tracks which I do not walk often enough. Walking is an underestimated pastime. It is so much more than just the mode of transport we are designed for. Walking invigorates the body and soothes the mind and besides, Yarra Brae will only yield its secrets to those who walk.

They're racing! Big run up to family Christmas handicap

HE arrival of Melbourne Cup weekend clangs the bell for the countdown to Christmas. It's the signal for everything to start happening at once. At this time of year you can either sit back and enjoy the roller coaster, or panic.

Preparations for the festive season ought to be well in hand. Cup Day is the traditional deadline for having the cake happily maturing in the pantry. Cards should have been ordered, lists drawn up, overseas goodies posted, shopping well underway, and most of the Big Family Decisions (like Whose Turn) agreed on. In fact, we could be basking in a self-satisfied glow of Yuletide anticipation. A glow enhanced, perhaps, by a little quality control survey of the wine list.

But we all know the real story:

wine list.

But we all know the real story:
hundreds of end-of-year
hurdles still to be clambered
over between now and the big
finish line on Christmas morn. Hurdles jumbled so thick on the ground that it's difficult to see past them, or to arrange them in any kind of facilitatory sequence. Not that there's much room for manoeuvring. Most of



them are firmly nailed to the track.

At present, a typical Warrandyte family would have one child catching up on some commando training on a school camp (a week of huge fun followed by a week of huge washing), a school play or concert in progress, a multitude of sporting fixtures and training sessions, meetings galore (think of a number and triple it), speech night around the corner, school formals, overdue dental checkups, an annoyingly persistent spring virus, special checkups, an annoyingly persis-tent spring virus, special church services, a bundle of overdue library books, a block of land knee deep in seeding grass and noxious weeds, hayfever, and children growing out of their clothes faster than

you can buy new ones.

Sporting fixtures have to be juggled around car servicing, babysitting, exams, reams of paperwork, end-of-year deadlines and running a family taxi service.

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service.

It doesn't seem to matter how
early we rise and shine of a
morning. Showers (must fix
that leak), breakfast (there's almost enough milk in the fridge),
and a load or two of washing to
put on. A sports shirt still soggy
from last night's wash absolutely has to be worn to school
today. Somebody needs a picture of a gargoyle. Somebody
else can't find their bathers.
There's not quite enough bread
for lunches, and that coot Nobody has put an empty peanut
butter jar back on the shelf.
More panic about unfinished
homework. A couple of letters
to print out and post on the way
to school. Feed the budgies,
round up library books and sort
out which library they came
from and which are overdue.
"What about giving your shoes
a bit of a clean?" Hanging baskets to water. Negatives to order reprints from a school
project due next day, Medicare
receipts, prescription repeats,

list of topics to borrow books on from library.

The phone rings for at least the third time. "Well, if you've brushed your hair and cleaned your teeth, then do some piano practice for ten minutes." A collection of paperwork and other bits and pieces to drop off at various locations on the way to school. Money to find for an excursion. Beds to make. Dishes to clean up. Washing to hang out. Realisation that the sun is actually shining, and I'll boil if I don't get changed into something more spring-like. Somehow we eventually get out the door.

Of course, that's just the warm-up. The day gets more and more hectic as it progresses. And there's barely a pause to regroup at dinner time before launching into the evening line-up. Dinner time? What's that? Our fresh food policy is looking a bit ricketty lately as we hit the fish and chip shop more and more often.

We must be mad, but I

sately as we hit the fish and chip shop more and more often.

We must be mad, but I wouldn't miss all this excitement for quids. And Christmas?

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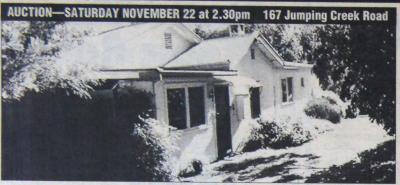
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Map to the past

By RICHARD WARWICK

T IS hard to imagine finding your way around the metropolitan area without the use of a trusty Melway street directory. However, there hasn't always been a street directory of the style of the Melway. In the 1950s the most common directory was a pocket-size Morgans or Collins. But neither included the rural area of Warrandyte. In those days the Broadbast Official

But neither included the rural area of Warrandyte. In those days, the Broadbents Official Road Guides Company published local maps of various areas of Victoria, and their map number 220 covered the Warrandyte area.

The map I am writing about was published in 1964, and whilst at a quick glance, may appear to be just another map of the area, it shows a surprising amount of detail and insight into the history of Warrandyte.

The first point noticed is the imperial distances quoted to neighbouring areas: miles and fractions of miles. Also, the price of the map was a humble one shilling.

The map gives the long-lost locations of many of the gold mines in the local area. Such names as Caledonia, North Caledonia, Growlers Hill, Black Swan and so on. Also, there are mining reserves and timber reserves which have now been absorbed into the Warrandyte State Park.

There were camping grounds dotted along the riverbank between Anderson Street and Stiggant Street, at Pound Bend Reserve, on the north side of the river near The Boulevard, and at Jumping Creek. A lot of the present Warrandyte residents will no doubt have been told by their parents that in the old days it was very common for Melburnians to have a camping holiday at Warrandyte. No-one would even think of such a thing these days.

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The only roads that are shown to exist north of the river are Blooms, Somers, Floods, Glynns, Valias, The Boulevard, and a short section of Bradleys Lane leading to Bradley Flat.



On the south of the river, most of the current roads are shown. But there are a couple of items of interest. Harris Gully Road is only shown going as far as Beauty Gully Road with no connection to Tindals Road. It would appear that the main obstacle to this connection was that there was no bridge over Harris Gully Creek.

The main road to Heidelberg did not follow its current route. In those days, Melbourne Hill Road was the main road. It included the hairpin bend at what is now Leber Street. If you walk along the present main road, you can see where it has been realigned in a number of locations over a period of time; for example, opposite Blair Street. Also shown are the long-lost titles of various hills in the area

titles of various hills in the area that were undoubtedly named during the gold rush. Such names as First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Growlers, Selby, Common, Scotchmans, Flagstaff, Pigtail, Spion Kop and Blairs Lookout, many of which do not seem to be much used these days.

On the river behind the then post office, diagonally opposite the Grand Hotel, a stretch of river is designated as a "swimming pool", no doubt extensively used by locals in summer. In times of low flow in this area you can see stumps of timbers which were placed in the river in the mining days and which may have helped form the swimming pool. Look through the pages of old newspapers and you will find records of swimming regattas that were held at this location each New

and you will find records of swimming regattas that were held at this location each New Years Day.

At "The Island", near the Stonehouse, stepping stones are marked on the map. These obviously gave access to the island in those days. It is not known whether this access still exists, but if you now attempted to cross this way in summer, you would have to fight off the snakes!

● Interested in local history? Then call in at the Old Post Office museum in Yarra Street any weekend afternoon, or phone the Warrandyte Historical Society on 9844 3662.

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Funds for neighbours on the Internet

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House has been granted \$10,000 by the state government to provide community Internet access and training.

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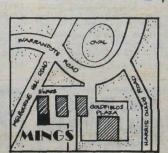
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Win for young boffins

Parents of some Warrandyte Primary School students have had quite a lot to put up with lately.

Months of collecting and hoarding unusual objects has put quite a strain on bench space in a few kitchens. Requests for off-beat information has led to hours of searching libraries and extended phone calls. Favourite spots on the garage workbench have disappearead beneath incipient contraptions dangling wires and components of all descriptions. Perhaps worst of all, computers have been tied up for hours as little fingers painstakingly plodded across creatively spelled lines of type.

But it's all in a good cause, and very worthwhile, according to Mr. Robert Rowe, President of the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria (STAV).

Speaking recently at the Presentation Day for prizewinners in the 46th Science Talent Search (STS) at Latrobe University, Mr Rowe said that promotion in schools of investigatory activities was an important role of the STAV. "It's important for people to realise that science is fun and interesting," he said.

Quite a few Warrandyte students had ob-

he said.

Quite a few Warrandyte students had obviously realised that already. "All our students who entered are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and effort," said Kaye Jones, the school's science co-ordinator. "Entering this competition is a great experience. It gives students with widely different interests and abilities a chance to pursue a scientific activity of specific interest to them."

The projects undertaken by this year's prizewinners were certainly varied and in-teresting, and two delighted students were

ranked equal first in the state in their respective categories.

Andrew Boyle (Grade 4) won a gold medal and major busary for his detailed working model of "A House for the Year 2000", a project which took nine months to complete. "I got the idea from the central locking device on cars," he said.

"It would be great if everything electrical in the house worked from a remote." Wasn't this rather an ambitious project for Grade 4? "Oh no, I really enjoyed building the electronics," he enthused.

Second-time gold medallist and major bursary winner Rosalyn Moore (Grade 5) impressed the judges with the amount of detail and evident enjoyment in her project on macro-invertebrates.

"The most exciting part was doing the stream sampling," said Rosalyn. "I never knew what would turn up. Sometimes there were big macro-invertebrates like hydras or dragonfly nymphs. At one spot I found more than 500 tiny water snails in one scoopfu!!"

And did this piece of research prove any-

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And did this piece of research prove anything? "Oh yes! There is a definite relationship between stream habitat and the types of macro-invertebrates you find. Drawing the graphs was so amazing."

Minor bursary winners Alex Phelan and Kate Buskes (both Grade 6) together invented a gorgeously presented board game called "The Web of Life", which demonstrated a lot of fun and hard work researching marine food chains.

Christopher Henderson and Jack Pekel (both Grade 4) also won a minor bursary for their carefully constructed wind-back car. This project taught them a lesson that probably applied to all the entrants: things



Warrandyte winners in 1997 Science Talent Search competition.

don't always happen according to plan.
"It was a great experience," they decided,
"but harder than we expected."
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The debutantes were pre-Arriving in white limousines,

The debutantes were presented to the Hon Bob Halverson OBE MP, Member for Casey, Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament and his wife

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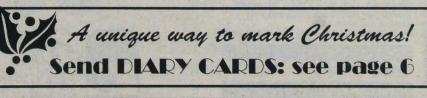
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Garden again

Following the successful recent open days at the Van Der Haar family garden at Albatross Pools, 226 Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte, a further open weekend will be held on November 22 and 23. The garden will be open from 10am through to 4pm. Admission is \$5. The 400 rose bushes in bloom should make a wonderful display.

Carols

Warrandyte Primary School's annual Carols by Torchlight will be held at the school on Thursday, December 11. The program will include Australian Christmas carols as well as the old favourites, instrumental and choral performances and the bush band groups. The school will welcome everyone to their open air stage. Bring a rug to sit on. Admission is free.

The next morning coffee meeting of the Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Association will be held at Warrandyte Maternal and Child Health Centre in Taroona Avenue, Wednesday, November 19 at 10am. On Tuesday, December 16 at 8pm there will be a session entitled Breast-feeding During the Holiday Season. For further information call Andrea on 9844 1112 or Jenny on 9844 4730. The 7-daysa-week Breastfeeding Helpline can be reached on 9885 0653.

Farewell

Lorraine Borley is retiring after more than a decade teaching at Andersons Creek Primary School and after 40 years of service. Past parents, friends, colleagues and adult past students are invited to attend a farewell gathering in the school's multipurpose room on Thursday, De-





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cember 11 between 5 and 7pm. Cost is \$20, covering gift and re-freshments. RSVP to Helen Godden on 9844 2757 by No-vember 20.

Words

Marion Winton and Paul Haskings would like to hear from people interested in participating in a public reading to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Saturday, March 21 in conjunction with the 1998 Warrandyte Festival. Anyone interested in reading or performing original work, or introducing prose or poetry which has had a special impact on them, should contact Marion on 9844 2971 or Paul on 9884 1182. If required, assistance with musical backing can be given. be given.

Waste

Manningham council has issued new times for the Warrandyte Apex and Rotary clubs paper collection. The next kerbside collection will be on Friday, December 19, followed by another on January 23. They request that newspapers, magazines and leaflets be bundled together, with cardboard and other paper products in separate bundles.

Warrandyte Historical Society has produced a calendar for 1998, with historical photos from their collection illustrating each month. The calendar is available at their museum in the old post office, or from their stall at the Warrandyte Market. Cost is \$10. Only a limited number have been printed, so if you wish to reserve copies, call Gina on 9844 3662 or Jo on 9884 3694.

Exhibition

Warrandyte Arts Association will be holding their annual exhibition of paintings, pottery and crafts at the Mechanics Institute Hall on the weekend of December 5, 6 and 7.

Bushland

A series of bushland management seminars is being held at Currawong Bush Park in Reynolds Road, Warrandyte. The next session is on land management with Alan Noy of Indigenous Design. It will be held on Thursday, November 27 from 7 to 10pm. Bookings are essential and can be made by ringing Donna Stoddart on 9840 9307.

Foxes

The next Green Wedge Environ-ment Seminar will be held at the

Linton Staples on the subject of

Panto

Panto
Mr Muddle And The Magic Rabbit is the title of this year's Christmas pantomime by the Warrandyte Theatre Company. They will be presenting it in the Mechanics Institute Hall on Friday, November 28 at 7.30pm, Saturday, November 29 at 2.30 and 7.30pm and Sunday, November 30 at 2.30pm. Tickets, costing \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families, can be booked with Rae on 9844 3819 or purchased at the door.

History
Warrandyte Historical Society is seeking new members. Annual fee is \$10 or \$20 for a business affiliate. Membership benefits include quarterly newsletters, monthly meetings (some with guest speakers) and discounts or free entry to a number of places of interest. The society, which operates the museum in the old post office in Yarra Street, is also seeking volunteers to staff the museum on an occasional Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Ring Gina on 9844 3662 for further information.

Fundraisers

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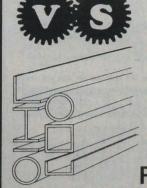
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As if you didn't know, the Grand Hotel Phantoms women's basketball team re-turned this month from the Healthpact Masters Games in Canberra bearing gold.

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"Congratulations Phantoms
— go for gold!" screamed the
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mphant team.— Alison named the members of the tra-namen and the members of the tra-lation and the members, Sally Jackson, Anne Marie Reid, Marie Mahoney, Kim Mulcahy and Katie Robinson, coach Narelle Urli and team manager Lynette Howard.

The girls took gold in the 30-plus Masters Games competition, winning two games and losing two in the first four days, blitzing their semi-final and winning the grand final on November 1.

It was the culmination of months of hard work for the Phantoms and the result of a lot of support from local busi-



The Grand Hotel Phantoms proudly sport their gold medals after the Masters Games presentation ceremony.

nesses and residents, partners and friends

"One of the main reasons for such dedication and commitment was to bring more attention to the presence and popularity of senior basketball in Warrandyte and the need for more facilities to encourage the locals to enjoy a healthy and community-oriented sport," Alison Aldenhoven told the Di-

"This kind of success goes to show that generosity and com-munity spirit is still alive and well in our fabulous Warran-

dyte. "The team would like to espe-

By DAMIEN ARSENIS

It was a case of so near yet so far for Warrandyte Basketball Club in the finals of the VJBA Friday Night Championships. Five of the Redbacks' 10 boys teams made the finals — mak-ing it one of the club's making it.

ing it one of the club's most suc cessful seasons — and three of those reached the grands finals. But none was able to produce the goods when it mattered most.

Gavin Whitmore's U14 Metro 2 boys turned in a remarkable performance to reach the big one after finishing fifth in the final eight.
They advanced to the knock

They advanced to the knock-out semi-final against third-placed Templestowe and in a great display of skill and cour-age fought their way to a very creditable win against a taller and physically stronger outfit. Matched against East Bur-

wood—a team they had not beaten—in the final, the Redbacks played spirited bas-ketball but went down 68-54 to a better team

Hayden Wall topscored for the Redbacks with 20, while game MVP Joel Macdonald contrib-uted 19.

The unluckiest team of the year were Jerry Pearce's U12 Metro 2 boys, who went through the regular season undefeated, their only blemish being a draw.

Their first-up encounter with third-placed Mornington, the

third-placed Mornington, the eventual premiers, was a beauty, the Redbacks getting home by a point.

After cruising through their semi-final they again faced Mornington in the decider. Warrandyte started slowly but were able to put Mornington in early foul trouble. Down by four

Appointment in paradise

SEVEN girls will represent Warrandyte Basketball Club in the second annual South Pacific Junior Basketball Champion

Junior Basketball Champton-ships in Fiji next month. Ellie Parfitt, Kelly Pollard, Danielle Feldman, Dee Arsenis, Phillippa Bottomley, Jo Tonnison and Daina Klunder will be de-fending the title won's convincingly last year by the under-15 girls coached by Gavin Whitmore.

This year's outfit is coached by

Lorraine Parfitt and the girls are determined to keep intact the Redbacks' undefeated record in

international competition. Both players and parents have been working hard raising funds for the trip and the coffers were

for the trip and the coffers were given a huge boost recently by a \$2300 cheque presented by councillors Patricia Young and Lionel Allemand, from Manningham's Mullum Mullum Ward.

The money will be spent on uniforms and equipment for the Fiji trip, which runs from December 7 to 14

"The players and parents sin-cerely thank everyone involved with the fundraising," a Red-backs spokesman said.

points with six minutes left in the first half, the Redbacks narrowed the gap with a Myles Pearce three-pointer and the game was all tied up at 11-all heading into the second half.

Mornington resumed with

style, taking advantage of turn-overs to break away to a nine-point lead. The Redbacks clawed their way back, but Danny King fouled out with 2.37 left on the clock and Pearce quickly followed him out of the

game.

A Mornington basket with two minutes to go spelt the end for Warrandyte, a late three-pointer to Jordham Canham lending repesctability to the fi-

nal scoreline, 39-29.
Whitmore's U11 East boys also made it through to the grand final after finishing in second spot on the ladder.

They met arch rivals Nuna-wading in the semis and played inspired basketball to win in overtime. They were quietly confident of downing Nunawading again for the blue flag,

but went down 29-19, after trailing by just a point in the second half, in a tight, low-scoring contest dominated by the de

fences.
Hawley and Tristan Macdonald topscored for the Redbacks with six apiece.
Whitmore's third team, the U18 Metro 2s, were extremely unlucky not to reach the main game. They finished the season on top of the ladder and lost by a point to Greensborough in a knockout semi-final, a desperknockout semi-final, a desper-ate shot on the buzzer tanta-

lisingly rimming out.
It had been a game of missed

It had been a game of missed opportunities and interesting refereeing decisions.
Graham Drake's U16 East 3 team were also unlucky not to advance to the grand final. They qualified in third position but were hit by injuries and a late form share.

late form slump.

They played extremely well, however, in their final game against Thomastown before succumbing to a better team on



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By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte's cricket season, on an even keel after two matches, has taken a nasty and embarrassing turn for the worse.

The Bushrangers were beaten outright at home by Wantirna South, mustering just 140 runs in two innings — 64 in the first and 76 in the second — to go down by an innings and 60 runs. It was the Chandler Shield eleven's worst defeat in recent memory.

eleven's worst defeat in recent memory.

"Disappointing and embarrassing" were the words of Warrandyte Cricket Club captain-coach Paul Montgomery as he reported back to the other Bushrangers teams in the clubrooms after the game on November 8.

"In our first innings were were 3/8, 8/30 and 64 at the end, off 38 overs. Wantirna South passed us at two wickets down and were 6/152 overnight. They declared at 9/200.

"We were 136 behind and didn't apply ourselves very well at all in the second innings. All out for 76. Very disappointing, very embarrassing — but we're trying to stay positive."

One player who could hold his head high after the debacle was pace bowler Gerald Walshe, who figured in a minor

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A Dytes debacle!



Wantirna flogging embarrasses coach

recovery at the end of the first innings and took 5/49 in South Wantirna's only occupation of the crease.

In an unfortunate adherence to the tradition of the past few seasons, the Bushrangers' batsmen are letting their bowlers down.

'In our three matches so far "In our three matches so far we've been bowled out three times for under 100," Montgomery, "and we were 6/79 in our uncompleted second innings against Kilsyth in the first game.
"Our bowling has been thereabouts, but it's very difficult for the bowlers to perform at their best when the batsmen are setting such low targets."

The good news for the Dytes is the impending return to action of talented and free-scoring young batsman Steve Bell. Bell's work commitments with the Victoria Racing Club have restricted him to just one game this season — for a century for the second eleven against Wonga Park.

He was expected to play for

Wonga Park.

He was expected to play for the Chandler Shield eleven in the fourth round.

Despite the lamentable showing against Wantirna South, Montgomery has by no means written off Warrandyte as finals contenders.

contenders.
"It is an 11-game season and I believe you can sneak into the

finals with seven wins," he said.
"We're 1:2, so we'd need to win six of eight."

The Bushrangers started their season with a 79-run defeat by Kilsyth, but the batsmen found touch in the second game, amassing 5/257 to beat Wonga Park by 80. Greg Tregear topscored with 80, Tony Sturesteps contributed 51, Nick Fazzolari 50 and David Mooney 31. Last season's club champion, paceman Chris Snaidero, destroyed Wonga Park, taking 6/52).

The second eleven are undefeated and putting healthy pres-sure on the firsts for places in the Chandler Shield side. Veteran off-spinner and former club president Mark Davis Mark Davis is having a huge season, following up 6/60 (off 20 overs) against Kilsyth with an amazing 6/15 (13 overs) against Wantirna South.

The thirds have won one of three but the fourths are really struggling, having managed just 21 and 28 runs in two recent innings.

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The new fifth (one-day) eleven broke through for their first win in four games by easily defeating Mooroolbark on November 8.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 97 and 6/79 (D. Mooney 34) lost to Kilsyth 6/176. Warrandyte 5/257 (G. Tregear 80, T. Sturesteps 51, N. Fazzolari 50, D. Mooney 31) d Wonga Park 177 (C. Snaidero 6/52). Warrandyte 64 and 76 lost outright to Wantima South 9/200 dec. (G. Walshe 5/49).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 197 (J. Edwards 45, M. Chapman 33) d Kilsyth 168 (M. Davis 6/60). Warrandyte 215 (S. Bell 113, C. Day 65 n.o.) and 7/114 (C. Day 35 n.o.) d Wonga Park 135 (P. Sharp 4/53). Warrandyte 172 (D. Vitiritti 51 n.o.) d Wantirna South 124 (M. Davis 6/15 G. Gidley 3/49) and 84 (S. Pascoe 4/28, D. Gidley 3/10. Warrandyte 132 (D. Vitiritti 59) lost to Wonga Park 8/314 (A. Beardall 4/11). Warrandyte 148 (B. Baker 65) lost to Wantirna South 196 (A. Beardall 4/55). FOURTHS: Warrandyte 151 (J. Cloke 64, A. Gay 26 n.o.) and 4/59 lost to Kilsyth 157 (R. Sutherland 5/37). Warrandyte 77 (J. Close 33) and 21 lost to Wonga Park 3/371. Warrandyte 28 and 5/126 (D. Watts 62) lost to Wantirna South 7/237. FIFTHS (one-day games): Warrandyte 28 and 5/126 (D. Watts 62) lost to Wantirna South 7/237.

237.
FIFTHS (one-day games): Warrandyte 135 lost to Aquinas 2/138 (A. Vitiritti 2/25). Warrandyte 92 lost to Croydon Hockeyers 5/97 (K. O'Connor 2/8). Warrandyte 68 (A. King 32) lost to Heathmont 8/166 (T. Reid 3/34). Warrandyte 1/127 (N. Fazzolari 51 ret., L. Revell 50 ret.) d Mooroolbark 122 (N. Fazzolari 3/20, A. Vitiritti 2/6).

Munro takes over the Bloods

President until a little more than 12 months ago, Lex Munro will coach Warrandyte Football Club next season.

next season.

Munro, 40, "put up his hand" during a discussion with Jeff Evans, the man who succeeded him as club president last year, at the Bloods' presentation night on August 30.

"We had been seeking a highprofile playing coach for 1998 and we'd interviewed several people," Evans told the Diary.
"As a senior selector, Lex had been involved in the interviews.

"The people we talked to either did not want to come down to EDFL Third Division or had been made better offers elsewhere.

We were very keen to finalise

where.

"We were very keen to finalise the coaching position as early as possible and Lex and I were discussing the situation at presentation night. That's when he put his hand up for the job.

Munro told the Diary: "Yes, Jeff and I were talking about the coaching job and I mentioned that I'd been approached by two or three other EDFL clubs. He said: 'Why don't you put in for ours?'

"I thought it over for a while, and I did."

Munro has been extremely active off the field since he came to Warrandyte in late 1992 with his brother Brett and their good mate Darren Peters, who

good mate Darren Peters, who coached the Bloods to the



Lex Munro

He was on the selection committee that season, was assistant coach to David Purcell in 1994, president in 1995-96 and back on the selection committee last season. He is extremely popular at the club.

Munro's playing career included almost 200 games with East Burwood in EDFL First Division and two seasons with Third Division club Forest Hill. He was a member of Forest Hill's premiership team in 1984, played for Upwey-Tecoma and coached their reserves side in the Yarra Valley Mountain Districts Football League and later coached Yinnar, in the Gippsland.

coached Yinnar, in the Gippsland. Munro will start the Bloods' pre-season on December 8. "We'll train on Monday and



Wednesday for two weeks before the Christmas recess and we'll be resuming in mid-January." he said. "I'll be setting the players a training program for the holiday period."

Munro said it was important for Warrandyte — back in Third Division after a very disappointing 1977 — to maintain their youth policy, retain their existing on-field personnel and recruit perhaps half a dozen players.

"Our recruiting will be aimed at key-position players," he said. "We seem to already have the on-ballers."

Asked how many of the 18 home-and-away games he would envisage the Bloods winning next season (they won only one in 1997), Munro said:

"Hopefully, all of them — but I'd be setting a target of at least 12 or 13 wins to consolidate a place in the finals. I'd like to think of 15 wins as realistic.

"It depends on the players — whether they're prepared to totally commit themselves or be prepared to just roll along and hope it will happen.

"The committee have been great and we need the full commitment of the players, our sponsors and the people of Warrandyte to make it happen."

Evans said Warrandyte would now be looking a playing assistant coach to eventually take over from Munro "and we have a couple of guys in tow".

"Recruiting for next season is already under way," he said.
"About six players have been interested in joining us but they would not commit themselves until the coaching job had been settled. until the coaching job had been

while the coaching job had been settled.
"We will also be appointing a football development officer—a new position—to coordinate the development of the juniors up to under-18s.
"The development officer's

up to under-18s.

"The development officer's job will be to plan ahead and ensure the upcoming juniors do not 'drop off' the game before they reach uner-18 level."

The club's annual general meeting will be held at the clubrooms tonight (Wedneday, November 12), starting at eight. A Meet the Coaches day (BYO barbecue) will be held at the home of Terry and Lisa Ryan, 57 Croydon Road, South Warrandyte, on Sunday, November 23, starting at noon.

Council weighs in for oval lighting

The Warrandyte recreation reserve will be completely floodlit before the start of the 1998 football season in April.

Manningham council has agreed to contribute \$20,000 towards the project, which is expected to cost \$30,000. Warrandyte Football Club will pay the balance.

The club has long campaigned for lighting, which has been restricted to the pavilion side of the ground. This has meant that football training has been very largely restricted to that side, taking a heavy toll on the playing surface, particularly in the wet.

"The navilion side has been

"The pavilion side has been like a cow paddock and the outer side like the MCG," said club president Jeff Evans.

"The new lights will allow us to utilise the whole ground. The cricket club will also appreciate it because they will no longer have to repair the damage done to the pavilion side before the start of their season.

"You can see the amount of sand they have had to use to patch up the ground on that side.

side.
"It will, in fact, benefit the community as a whole. I can envisage a whole range of events being held under lights at the reserve."

The club are seeing donations to help finance their share of the cost of the lighting. Contributions can be sent to

butions can be sent to Warrandyte Football Club, PO Box 151, Warrandyte 3113. Re-ceipts will be issued.

Cats grab local star

Outstanding young
Warrandyte footballer Tim
Finocchiaro has been picked
up by Geelong in the AFL
draft.
Finocchiaro, of Beauty
Gully Road, played his junior
football here and was the
outstanding player in the
Teal Cup, the Australian
under-18s championship, in
Melbourne in July.
He captained the victorious
Victoria Meltropolitan team
— coached by Warrandyte's
former Carlton premiership

player David Dickson — in his second Teal Cup series

player David Dickson — in his second Teal Cup series and won the Larke Medal as the championship's best player. Understandably, he was named in the all-Australian team after the event.

"We're delighted to see Tim make AFL ranks," said Warrandyte Football Club president Jeff Evans. "We congratulate him and we'll be following his league career with a great deal of interest."

Geoff the new tennis ace



New Warrandyte Tennis Club champion Geoff Ryan.

By JUDY GREEN

By JUDY GREEN

Warrandyte Tennis Club has a new club champion. Geoff Ryan defeated previous titleholder Robert White in the championship finals held in October. He also teamed with Damien Wallis to win the open doubles title.

Ryan plays for Warrandyte in the Eastern Region Tennis and Tennis Victoria Pennant competitions.

The men's B-grade singles was won by Adrian Caspersz, who defeated Hadyn Waterham.

The womens open and B-grade singles finals and the B-grade doubles final have been held over until later in the year.

Junior players also completed their championships, with new winners in both the boys and girls events. The boys championship for the under-18 age group was won by Hadyn Waterham. Hayden, who was runner-up in 1996, played in the club's Grade 10 Pennant team last season and reached the finals there.

The girls championship was won by 13 year-old Katrina Sochacki, who defeated 12 year-old Tamara Valentino. Katrina also won the 13-and-under girls singles and mixed doubles events and, teaming with Tamara, won both 18-and-under and 13 and under girls doubles.

Chris Chapman, a 14 year-old junior, featured

in the senior finals, where he and Robert White were runners-up in the open doubles.

The Oriander Family Perpetual Trophy for the most improved junior was jointly awarded to Chris Chapman and Katrina Sochaki. Trophies were presented by club president Bruce Bence.

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

Mens Open Singles: Geoff Ryan d Robert White 6-2, 6-3. Open Doubles: Geoff Ryan-Damien Wallis d Robert White-Chris Chapman 6-2, 6-1. Mens B-Grade Singles: Adrian Caspersz d Hayden Waterham 7-5, 7-5.
Juniors: 13U—Boys Doubles: Rod McCutcheon-Joel Drew d Richard Moore-Josh Casey 8-0; Boys Singles: Alex Thomson d Rod McCutcheon 8-4; Girls Doubles: Tamara Valentino-Katrina Sochaki do Kirsty Moegerlein-Linda Stanzel 8-2; Girls Singles: Katrina Sochaki d Tamara Valentino 8-5; Mixed Doubles: Rod McCutcheon-Katrina Sochaki d Joel Drew-Tamara Valentino 8-4.

18U—Boys Doubles: Justin Edwards-Jamie Gray do Hayden Waterham-Luc Pelich 6-1, 7-5; Boys Singles: Hayden Waterham d Liam Mulcahy (walkover); Girls Doubles: Katrina Sochaki-Tamara Valentino d Lucinda Thomas-Rebecca Thomas 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; Girls Singles: Katrina Sochaki d Tamara Valentino 6-2, 6-4; Mixed Doubles: Justin Edwards-Rebecca Thomas d Hayden Waterham-Esther Waterham 6-1, 6-2.



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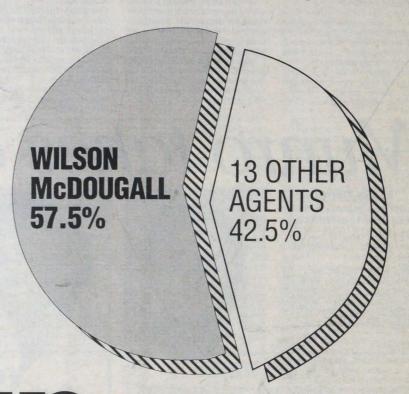


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