

CSFs 'threatened'

Fire brigade believes volunteers' role could be diminished

By CLIFF GREEN

Local fire brigade officers are deeply concerned at recent developments in the ongoing dispute between the United Firefighters Union (UFU) and the CFA.

The Warrandyte brigade is angered by forced changes to the Community Support Facilitator (CSF) program.

"This restructure erodes a current system that is working well within the community," Captain Robert Kilkenny told the *Diary*.

The role of the CSFs will be divided into either an administrative, brigade-based position—with no educational role—or an "area educator", who will service a number of brigades and be based at an area office at Lilydale.

With the introduction of two career staff at Warrandyte CFA, the role of the CSF is "threatened", Mr Kilkenny said. "We are unsure as to whether the union will allow career firefighters to co-locate at the same station as either the administrator positions or the area educators."

The union claims that when this happens, "vital community education programs will again be delivered by professional firefighters and will not be undermined by the ideological agenda that was allowed to prosper under the Kennett government".

As previously reported, the UFU believes that the CFA, with the support of the previous government, created the position of the CSFs with the deliberate intention of undermining the role of professional firefighters.

The appointment of CSFs was contracted out to Skilled Engineering. This contract has now been terminated, with CSFs employed directly by the CFA as from September this year. The state government is injecting approximately \$30million into the CFA, and will provide additional career firefighters over the next few years.

"I applaud the introduction of more career firefighters," Mr Kilkenny said. "However, under the proposed enterprise bargaining agreement currently

being negotiated, the UFU could gain control over volunteer brigades."

The UFU believes its members—career firefighters—are better equipped to carry out the educational role now fulfilled by CSFs.

"All the work that a CSF does, a professional firefighter has always done. On top of that, you have the added ability of the firefighter to respond to fires," the UFU spokesman said.

"The agreement sees the return of work back to where it belongs—with professional firefighters."

Captain Kilkenny believes that brigade domination by union-controlled daytime staff could lead to a reduction in local volunteers.

"Morale will plummet," he said. "Volunteers will be inclined to say, 'Well, if these blokes are being paid to do this, why should I sacrifice my time and risk my life if they are under union influence and won't work co-operatively with the brigade and its volunteers?'"

"Without enough volunteers, CFA brigades in the outer urban areas are going to be weakened. They could lose touch with their communities and no amount of government-injected money could replace the value and collective experience of community-based emergency services during a time of major disaster.

"It is well-known that rehabilitation and recovery—following such a disaster—works much better with local ownership. What will become of Warrandyte's extremely successful community fireguard groups?" Mr Kilkenny said.

Jeff Adair, Warrandyte's community support facilitator, is concerned that the level of service, consistency of information and relationships with local residents and other agencies will be interrupted.

"I do not know what these proposed changes will mean to my job," he said. "I will be forced to make a decision between an administrative position or area educator. I will no longer be permitted to volunteer my services as a firefighter and will have other restrictions on the work that I do."

Jeff Adair may need to evaluate his future: whether he should remain loyal to this community, or consider his future career within the CFA.

"For me to have restrictions placed on what work I can deliver in my own community, after having enjoyed the confidence and trust of the people of Warrandyte, will be enormously frustrating and difficult to accept," Mr Adair said.

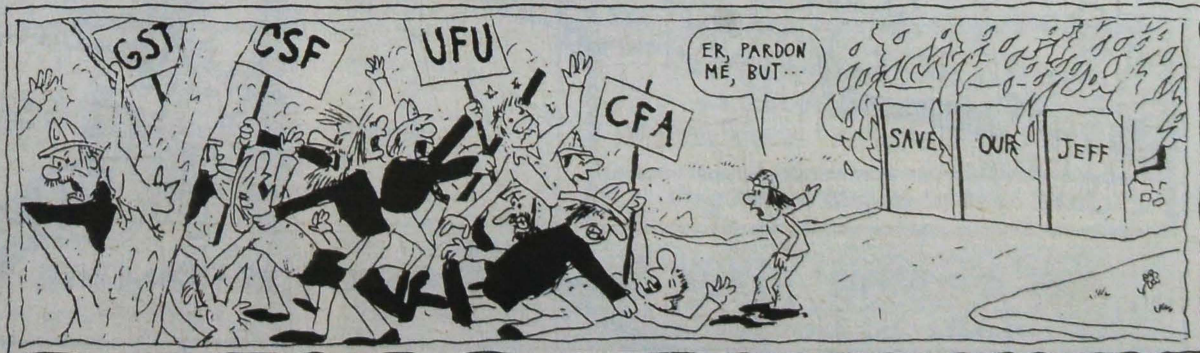
"I do not like, nor approve of union-based agendas determining local community needs."



Hey, you! Where's yer licence?" Trooper Cadeyrn Stonehouse (left) challenged miner Steven Pindo during a digger hunt at Warrandyte Primary School. (Picture by Mandy Dunn)

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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 35km from Melbourne. The site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria—in 1851—it soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Although now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.


But you're never too old, Jimmy — only too lazy



Jim Harris, of Pound Bend, took a phone call the other night and had a bit of trouble getting the gist of the message from the bloke on the other end. The caller turned out to be a representative of a condom manufacturer who'd dialled the wrong number. That didn't seem to bother him though because he identified Jim as the winner of a competition. "You've won a 60-pack of condoms," he announced. "That should last you for a while!" To which Jim tartly replied: "At 82, a lifetime!" That convinced the caller that he was on the wrong tram here. "Oh shit! Sorry," he said. And hung up.

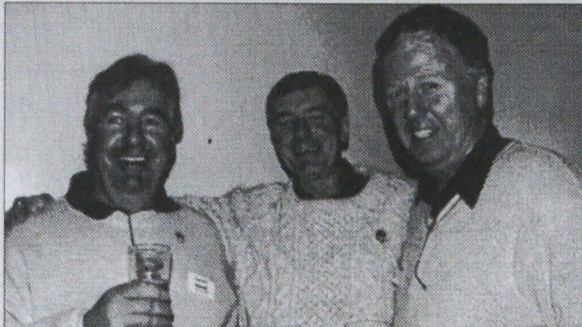


The bravest man among a lot of fearless fellows from Warrandyte's footballing past at a grand reunion at Club Warrandyte on June 18 was a bloke named Ken Beruldsen. Ken, 56 and a tough-as-nails full-back of the '70s, has only a few months to live. He knows it and so did just about everyone at Warrandyte Football Club's "Teams of the Decades" presentation that day. Ken has mesothelioma, a terminal, asbestos-related illness dating in his case back to late 1963 when he was 19 and heavily exposed to asbestos while doing a summer holiday labouring job. He learnt a couple of years later of the link between asbestos and mesothelioma. About two months ago he was diagnosed with the illness and has been given six to eight months to live. But you wouldn't have guessed it at the Club Warrandyte function last month as he and old teammates shook hands, slapped backs and undoubtedly told a few lies. There were special ovations, though, when he was named Warrandyte's full-back of the 1970-79 era and an emergency in the All Stars team of 1950-99. Ken Beruldsen was a great player for the Bloods and in retirement, although living out of this area, has been a club stalwart, particularly at past players functions. More than that, though, he is a great guy. Three days after the Teams of the Decades afternoon, the Victorian Supreme Court awarded him a record \$1.125 million damages for his illness. Ken, a solicitor, told the media immediately after the award: "My last case was a winner."




Ken Beruldsen was never really proud of this, but we don't think he'll mind us telling you

IN RED & WHITE




Ken Beruldsen is flanked by old clubmates Laurie Warr (left) and Alan Cornhill at the Teams of the Decades presentation.


that he was probably the first footballer in Australia convicted by trial by video. Ken played it hard and managed to escape the umpire's attention when he clobbered a bloke behind play during an away game one day. Unfortunately, an opposition supporter was videotaping the match and caught the incident on candidcamera. In groundbreaking procedure, Ken was charged and given a little holiday.




Being dysfunctional in all things economic, Smokey is reserving his decision on the GST until it's available on video. But one instance of bureaucratic lunacy that grabbed our attention and had us rolling in the aisles in the run-up to the tax that Little Johnny had sworn would never happen under him was the bit about bones. If you buy a soup bone — as we sometimes do at the local supermarket to make our ageing golden Labrador's day — and give it to your dog, GST applies. But if you actually toss it into a pot and make soup, it doesn't. But what if you make soup and feed your dog a bowl of it? Do you pay just five per cent tax, or what? And will the check-out chicks at Harry Heaths' celebrated supermarket — or whatever they call it now — put you on the lie detector if you dare attempt to carry a contraband bone through. Or will a solemn oath on a stack of Bibles suffice?




Warrandyte footy club treasurer Stormin' Norman Carrington is not at all averse to a punt, but he's going about as well lately in his racing endeavours as his beloved Bloods are faring on the field. Normie has raced a few hayburners — and with a modicum of success, too — and he was doing all right with a thing called La Goussi, which was winning and running places around the provincials. His mistake was to turn La Goussi out for a spell, because when he resumed, Norm could have beaten him on foot — and we can assure you the big fella's not all that quick. So he sold the critter off at a fraction of the purchase price to South Australia — where he's just won four in a row! But hang about — we've not quite finished with Mr Carrington yet.




Normie diversified his racing interests, see, into pigeons. He was one of a syndicate of 10 blokes — including local fireman Greg Kennedy — who invested \$100 apiece to buy a pair of racing pigeons (a pigeon pair, if you'll pardon the desperate attempt at humour). Having done so, Normie sat back expecting riches to fly in the window. When they didn't he phoned the syndicate mastermind, who said, "Gee, sorry about that, Norm. Meant to phone you. The birds both died." Norm felt quite a galah.



We love a happy ending and we're chuffed to report that possum-plagued Irish Les the car salesman has found a new friend — a goat. We told you last time that Les was looking for such a beast to subdue the growth on his rented, four-and-a-half acre country estate in KG Road, an appeal read by the lovely Melissa Van Bergen, of North Warrandyte. Yes, she and hubby Han had a spare goat which they would lend to Les. Naming his borrowed pet was a cinch to Irish — NG (for nanny goat). But their introduction was not without mirth. Han delivered and tethered NG one morning before Les had got out of bed and, being somewhat plump and woolly, he believed her at first sight to be a sheep. He is Irish, you know.



Bill Youngs and Alec Crossland, 75 and 78 respectively and respectively president and vice-president of the Mt Evelyn RSL Sub-branch, drove down on the frigid night of June 13 for a district league board meeting at the Warrandyte club. Unfortunately, they arrived a week late — to the minute. Yes, the meeting had been held on June 6. And did that faze either of these grand old Diggers? Not a bit. "Gee, I was a week late for last month's meeting at Yarra Glen as well," said Alec. We wonder how they cope with tricky things like daylight saving up at Mt Evelyn.



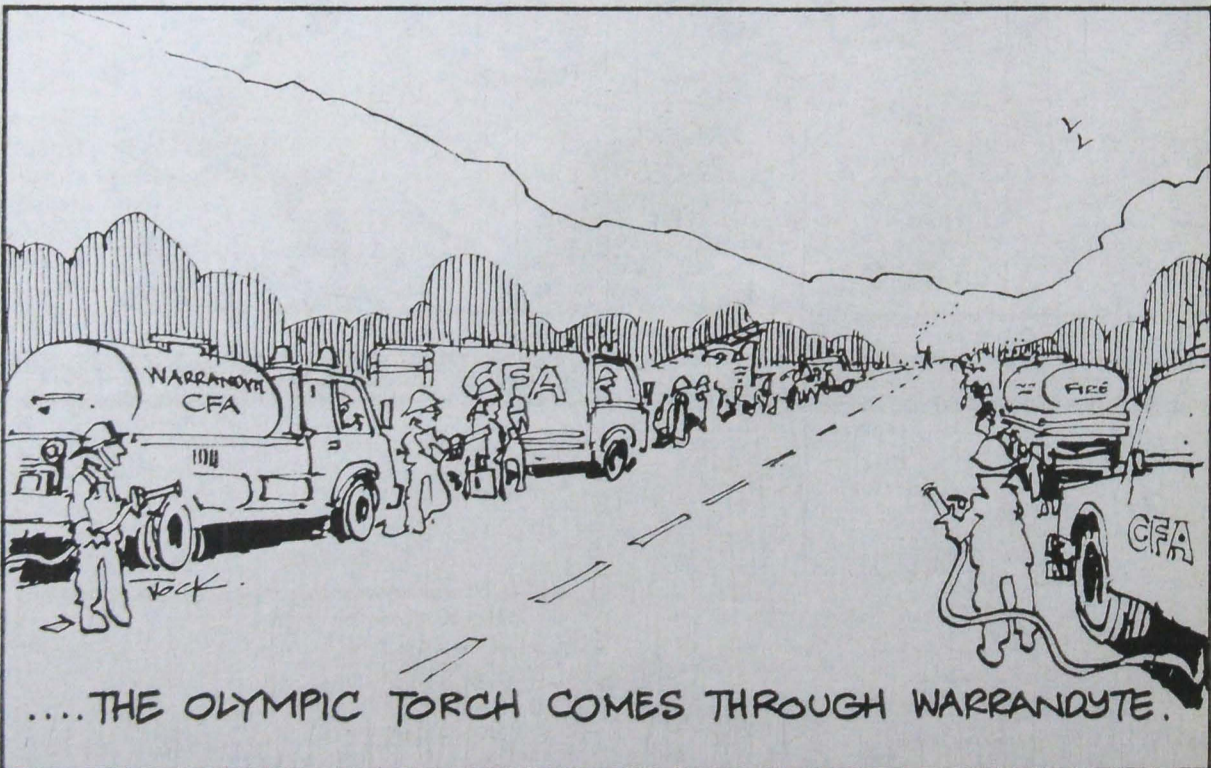
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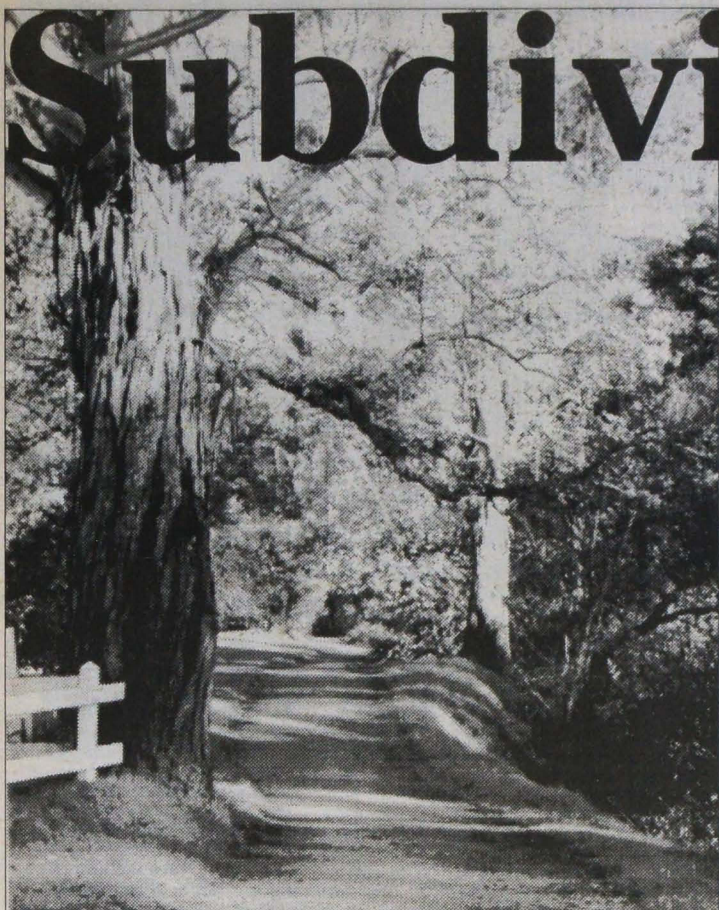
OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



....THE OLYMPIC TORCH COMES THROUGH WARRANDYTE.

Subdivision moves



Crowning glory: Warrandyte's trees must be nurtured and protected

Landowners ask council for Green Wedge changes

By **CLIFF GREEN** and **DAVID WYMAN**

The Park Orchards Landowners Association is active once more, pressing for subdivision in the Green Wedge.

It is understood that the landowners have made their point for closer settlement to Crs Patricia Young and Lionel Allemand, Mullum Mullum Ward councillors.

The *Diary* believes that they are again pushing their argument that their many acres should be subdivided into one acre lots—or smaller.

A recent meeting of the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association was attended by the two councillors. A ratepayers spokesperson told the *Diary*: "We confronted the councillors about what was happening in the Park Orchards Green Wedge. Cr Allemand said that nothing was official and that ratepayers could come to councillors with a prospect or proposal because the planning scheme was not static and could be amended at any time."

The *Diary* sought a comment from Cr Allemand (who is also mayor of Manningham) on this issue, but he failed to respond. However, a council spokesperson confirmed that the landowners "have made contact with council with respect to a proposed subdivision of land."

"Council will deal with this proposal, if and when details are made available," he said. "The normal planning

processes will be adhered to."

The ratepayers spokesperson said they asked "what sort of subdivision the landowners were seeking, but Cr Allemand inferred that the landowners had been sent away to do more work on their subdivision proposals."

The *Diary* believes the landowners could be pushing for subdivision in a pocket of Green Wedge land that lies between Tindals Road and Rainbow Valley Road. Much of this area is traversed by steep gullies.

"I've got the impression that cluster developments are proposed on the higher land in the area," the ratepayers spokesperson said.

Cr Patricia Young did respond to our request for comment. After confirming that the meeting between councillors and landowners took place, she said "there are other landowners, in the Donvale area, also pushing for subdivision."

"Council will always protect the Green Wedge," she said. "This area's boundaries need to be defined. Council considers all proposals in conjunction with development guidelines and the Manningham Strategic Statement. "No decisions will be made, one way or the other, in the near future on these new proposals."

Ratepayers are concerned about the "re-emergence of the landowners association and fresh attempts to secure closer subdivision in the Green Wedge in Park Orchards".

"The reality is that you have to move on in life," the ratepayers spokesper-

son said. "When you're young and got kids you can enjoy Green Wedge land, but when you're older you can move to a smaller lot. It's not right to expect subdivision as your superannuation."

The Park Orchards Landowners Association has a long and chequered history of attempts to subdivide the Green Wedge.

As long ago as 1987 they argued that much of the land in question was deteriorating and "destitute of native trees and shrubs and wildlife".

The only solution, as they saw it, was to allow smaller lot sizes so that the land could be properly cared. The landowners took their fight into the municipal arena and their president, Daryl Cox, stood for council in the Warrandyte Ward on four occasions. Each time he was defeated by a candidate pledged to protect the Green Wedge.

Inspired by a full complement of anti-subdivision councillors from Warrandyte Ward, council threw out all proposals for rezoning the Green Wedge.

Following a recommendation by an independent panel appointed by the Kennett government in 1995, then planning minister Rob Maclellan confirmed this stand, declaring that the Warrandyte-Park Orchards-Wonga Park Green Wedge should remain as it is now. This has been enshrined in the Manningham Planning Scheme.

But such recent developments as the landowners push have caused concern among local conservationists and other residents in Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park.

The Park Orchards ratepayers spokesperson said: "The push for subdivision has been going on for over 30 years, but so far all governments—Labor and Liberal—have supported the Green Wedge."

"We are worried that not all of the present councillors are committed about the Green Wedge, whereas a little while back we thought it was a unanimous view that council would support it."

Spare that bushland

By **DAVID WYMAN**

Residents of Manningham and Nillumbik should contact their council if they are contemplating removing native trees or shrubs—or if they suspect someone may be destroying native vegetation illegally, without a permit.

Both councils have recently successfully prosecuted people who have cut down native trees illegally, with fines of thousands of dollars.

Manningham and Nillumbik councils are covered by the statewide government provision which requires owners of properties of 0.4 hectare (1 acre) or larger to apply for a permit to remove native vegetation.

In addition, the new planning schemes of both councils contain specific controls over the preservation of native trees and shrubs on properties of all sizes.

A spokesman for Nillumbik council told the *Diary* that in the North Warrandyte area there are a number of zone overlays which protected native vegetation. "In the residential area of North Warrandyte there is a landscape overlay which puts controls on native vegetation removal," he said.

"Along and around the Yarra River, there is an environmental significance overlay which requires landowners to apply for a permit for removal of native bushes and trees."

"There is another environmental significance overlay which applies to areas of wildlife habitat and faunal values, such as watercourses like Stony Creek, many ridges and wildlife corridors," the spokesman said.

"All these overlay controls apply in the North Warrandyte area and anyone contemplating removing native veg-

etation must contact council."

Nillumbik council does not have an after hours enforcement service to apprehend people who may be illegally removing vegetation.

"We recognise that people don't just cut down trees illegally between 9 and 5 and council is now contemplating an after hours service," the spokesman said.

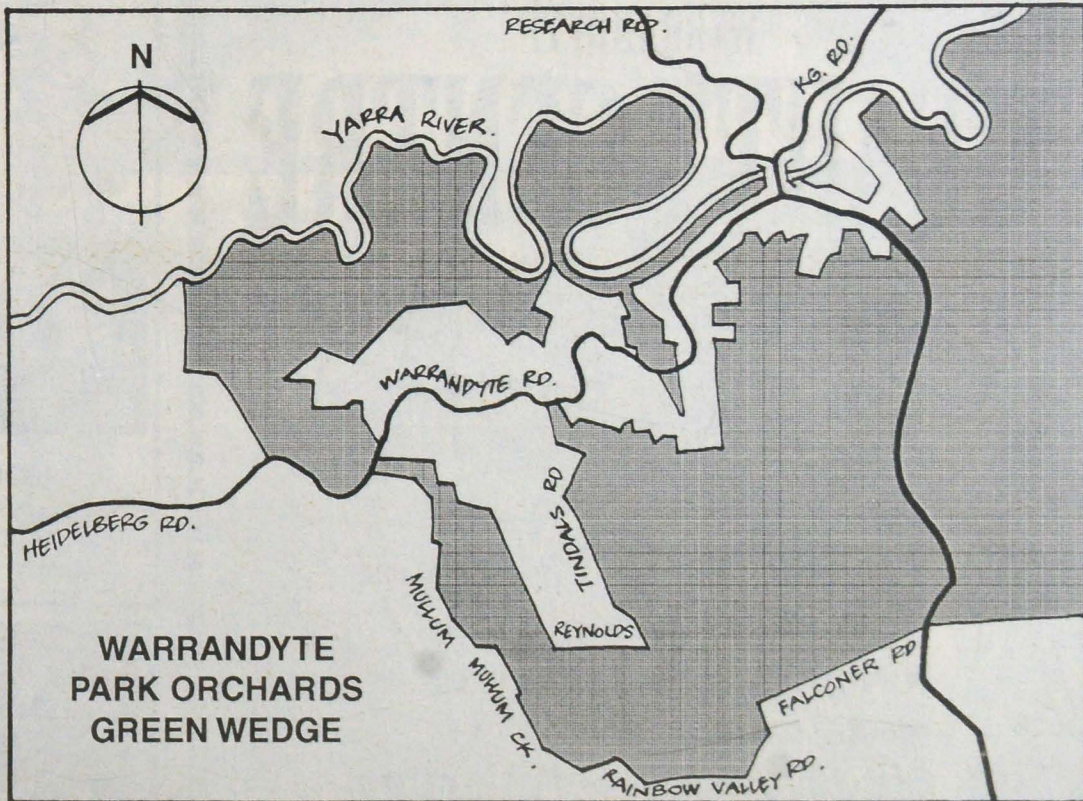
Manningham council, however, does have an after hours enforcement service and residents who see what may be illegal removal of natives trees should call the council's normal telephone number—9840 9333.

Manningham has very similar overlay controls to Nillumbik enshrined in its new planning scheme which has now been approved by the planning minister. A spokeswoman said a vegetation protection overlay and an environmental significance overlay covered a lot of Manningham council's area.

"These controls are particularly common in Wonga Park, Warrandyte and Park Orchards and residents should contact council if they are considering removing vegetation or if they suspect others may be doing it without permission from council," she said.

Manningham council recognises that there are several threatening processes which continue to impact on indigenous flora and fauna. These include inappropriate development and clearing of vegetation.

The new Manningham Planning Scheme contains an indigenous flora and fauna policy which sets out objectives to protect and enhance indigenous vegetation and to promote the revegetation of cleared areas with local species.



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Blair Smith married my cousin Judy, whose father, Frank Nankivell, took over the garage (now the community centre) from Len Retchford in 1936.

Blair was two grades ahead of Judy and me. We are looking forward to the Warrandyte Primary School reunion on November 18. We were at Sunday school together. His aunt Hazel was the organist at St Stephen's Anglican Church.

Blair's father, police constable Archie Smith, was tragically killed on duty. His mother Ida raised Alwyn, Blair and Noel, of whom Blair is the surviving child.

Blair worked in the customs section of Speed it Through Stephens, later taken over by Mayne Nickless. After a redundancy retirement, Blair took an early morning job sorting mail with Australia Post at Doncaster until he turned 65, when he volunteered to deliver meals-on-wheels.

For many years Judy worked at the chemist shop, near where she grew up at "Akuna", now the village car park. Nankivells built a new home, also called "Akuna," in Yarra Street. There Judy celebrated her 21st birthday and engagement party. Her mother died in the late 1950s. They built their first home on Blair's land in Cemetery Road, later building in Keen Avenue.

Their elder son, Christopher Blair Smith, lives with his Kiwi wife in Christchurch. Blair and Judy love spending time in New Zealand with young grandsons, Blair and William.

Robert, the younger son, trained as a horticulturalist. He worked on conservation projects in the Wilsons Promontory National Park. He took a great pride in the rose beds when he was employed by the trustees of the Andersons Creek cemetery. Robert now lives in Albury.

All their relatives and friends realise how traumatic it was for this much-admired couple to leave their beloved Warrandyte.

We wish them both better health.

Audrey Drechsler
Sedgwick

Would the real Wayne Phillips please stand up?

In the last month's *Diary* article, "Ring road closed", I was very surprised to see the quotes attributed to the MP for Eltham, Mr Wayne Phillips, stating, "We have no plans to build it. I have said that many times. It was us that scrubbed (the ring road) in the first place, being a Liberal government."

Was this the same Wayne Phillips who spoke at a meeting called by the Anti-Ring Road Organisation at Montsalvat during last year's state election campaign?

It's hard to imagine there are two Wayne Phillips, MP for Eltham, but it appears there may be.

When asked in that meeting what he would do should a ring road through Warrandyte and Eltham be actively considered by the Kennett government, all this Mr Phillips could commit to was to consult with his constituents and then relay the

DEAR DIARY

Thank you,
Warrandyte

I wish to thank the many people in the Warrandyte community who have conveyed their condolences to us on the death of my mother, Mavis Garratt. She had lived in Warrandyte since 1947 and was a familiar figure to many over those years.

Jo Laurence
Kangaroo Ground Road

concerns he heard to the appropriate minister.

This Mr Phillips did not state at the meeting that the Kennett government had "scrubbed" the ring road; this Mr Phillips did not voice his opposition to the ring road.

If Mr Phillips had announced at this meeting that his government had abandoned the ring road project, it certainly would have been very positively received. In fact, he would likely have received a standing ovation—a great way to end a community meeting in the middle of a state election campaign.

So, why was Mr Phillips's position on this key issue last September in sharp contrast with what he told the *Diary* last month?

Will the real Mr Phillips, MP for Eltham, please stand up?

Jonathan Upson
Broglie Road

Gridlock Gully

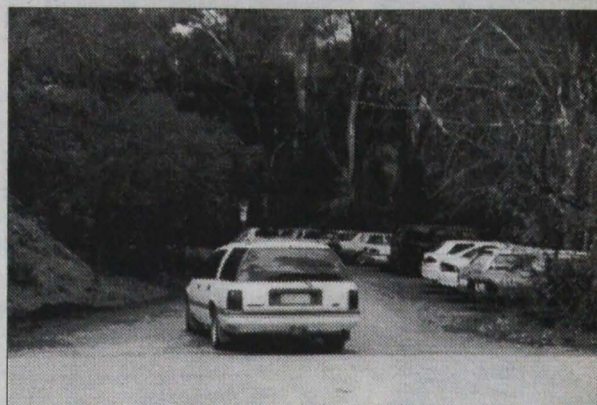
I am writing to express concerns over the traffic situation in the vicinity of the Yarra Street and Whipstick Gully intersection. I fear that unless some action is taken to change the current chaotic situation, somebody is likely to be killed or injured.

The problems of this area are numerous, especially in peak periods, which are at school pick-up time, during the afternoon when people are returning home from work and as people go out for dinner and pick up evening videos.

Yarra Street narrows opposite Whipstick Gully and causes difficult traffic restriction. This is compounded by the fact that parking is allowed directly opposite Whipstick Gully. When cars travelling from the west wish to enter Whipstick Gully, they cause a complete blockage of Yarra Street. Turning in becomes even more difficult because of the careless parking of some people in Whipstick Gully. Many do not even use what has been described as a sub-standard and informal car park at the Yarra Street end of Whipstick Gully but park illegally on the left side of the road near the corner.

I understand the need for parking when going to the shops, the hotel and the restaurant in this area, and I realise that parking in close proximity to these places is hard to find.

However, I have observed cars illegally parked on the left of Whipstick Gully with engines still running and toddlers still inside, parents parking randomly and staying in their cars while sending their young children, in the dark, to run to the video shop to make returns and a whole raft of other dangerous parking practices.



Whipstick Gully-Yarra Street intersection; a "chaotic situation". (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Pedestrian access in Whipstick Gully and along Yarra Street from the bus stop towards the shops is non-existent. Those who walk along here, particularly at night, are at great risk from the hapless drivers turning into Whipstick Gully who are faced with a multitude of hazards, including turning across the Yarra Street traffic as quickly as possible because they are conscious of the line-up of traffic they are causing.

A further cause of concern is the horse riders who use the gully and need to cross Yarra Street to access the river track.

I have been in touch with Manningham council about my concerns and have been pleased with the courteous response and helpful suggestions for improving the situation.

Suggestions which may help alleviate the situation so far suggested have included:

- restriction of parking in Yarra Street opposite Whipstick

Gully;

- tidying up of the car park area in Whipstick Gully;

- improving the sight lines by judiciously trimming trees near the corner of Whipstick Gully;

- encouraging the use of the existing car park between the tourist information office and the antique furniture building (the former Gospel Chapel). I believe that improved lighting in this car park would encourage more people to use it;

- encourage parking behind the community centre;

- improve pedestrian access at the Whipstick Gully intersection;

- discourage illegal parking by issuing infringement notices.

I am seeking the support of others who have similar concerns to those I have expressed and who may have other possible solutions to a difficult problem.

Gail Carlton
Whipstick Gully

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Out in the cold...

"...five desperate days and five freezing nights before she was rescued..."

By RACHEL BAKER

While most of us were curling up on the couch on the Sunday night of that first, bitterly cold week in June, drinking hot chocolate or chatting with our families, one Warrandyte woman was not. Dora Stubbs, of Kangaroo Ground Road, was trapped outside, trying to work out what to do.

It would be five desperate days and five freezing nights before she was rescued.

Late on Sunday night, June 4, Mrs Stubbs had been in her living room and had noticed the garage light was on. She went outside to turn it off and, on her way out, slammed the laundry door shut. She knew she was never supposed to do this. The door is fitted with a deadlock. The keys are always kept inside. Mrs Stubbs, an elderly widow who lives alone, was trapped in her own backyard.

"The first moments were just panic," she said. "I was crying." She told herself to stop crying. "You have to think, crying is not helping," she said.

It was very dark and she decided to attempt to find a solution in the morning.

She went into the garage and sat on a chair, where she was to sleep for the next five nights. She had no blankets, but covered herself with newspaper.

"I remembered people in the war used to put newspaper in their shoes to keep themselves warm. It works," she said.

After a long, cold, largely sleepless night, Mrs Stubbs considered her options. The garage door, which led to the front yard, was locked. "The key was inside, everything was inside," she said. She considered climbing the fence, but the five-foot-high cyclone fencing was insurmountable for her.

"If I had been just a little more agile, or stronger, I could have done it," she said.

Mrs Stubbs tried to get in touch with her neighbour. The neighbour's house is set well back from the road, but the driveway runs close to Mrs Stubbs' property. As the neighbour's car drove past, Mrs Stubbs leaned against the fence and shouted. But no-one heard her.

"Perhaps my voice just didn't carry," she said. "I did that for three days."

Looking back, Mrs Stubbs can see the best thing to do would have been smashing a window and climbing inside. "But I was scared. As well as hurting myself when I smashed it, I would then have to climb through the jagged glass. I could have wounded myself, then I would have been in even more trouble."

So for the next five days Mrs Stubbs was in her backyard. She had no food. She had only water from the outside tap.

"Every day I was exploring,

thinking what to do," she said.

Mrs Stubbs said that after a while she didn't notice the cold. "You get used to it if you have to."

Friday June 9, Mrs Stubbs' fifth day in the backyard, was her weakest. She was tired. She had been sleeping on the chair in the garage, huddled over with her arms crossed. Luckily, she was wearing shoes and long pants. She wasn't wearing a watch, so she wasn't sure how long she had slept and couldn't keep track of the days.

She woke up frequently. As soon she drifted off to sleep, she would begin to fall off the chair and suddenly awaken. "I think I slept for, at the most, half an hour at a time," she said.

Her body was stiff and weary. She was beginning to feel desperate.

Trixie Clarke lives in Osborne Road. On Friday, June 9 she was driving down to the village. She hadn't been there for a few days and, as she was driving along Kangaroo Ground Road, she noticed newspapers piled up in a driveway.

"I assumed something was wrong," she said. "It just didn't seem right."

Mrs Clarke thought of going to the newsagency, to see if someone had gone on holiday and forgotten to cancel their delivery. Then she thought of the police. The officer at Warrandyte police station said North Warrandyte was the domain of the Eltham station.

"But I said it's just over the bridge," Mrs Clarke said.

She didn't know who lived there and she wasn't even sure if there was a problem.

Sergeant Keith Walker and Senior Constable Noel Wilson went to check out the house.

On Friday morning Mrs Stubbs heard a man's voice over her backyard fence.

"He said 'who are you?'; I said 'who are you?'" Mrs Stubbs recalls.

Senior Constable Wilson got into the house and went into the backyard. He let Sergeant Walker in.

"I kissed him! I didn't know what to do," Mrs Stubbs said.

Sergeant Walker asked Mrs Stubbs questions: her date of birth, her name. "He was testing my brain," she said. And, she said, she passed with flying colours: "Oh, yes! I was fine, I was absolutely OK."

Mrs Stubbs went inside. "Heaven. It was heaven to be inside," she said.

The police called an ambulance and Mrs Stubbs saw a doctor. She remembers the doctor's astonishment: "He said it was amazing. He said if I had been outside for another two days, it would have been dangerous."

At first, Mrs Stubbs didn't think her experience was amazing. "But looking back, I suppose it was," she said.

Senior Constable Wilson believes Mrs Stubbs' survival was remarkable. When he found her she was "as good as gold".

"It's surprising that someone so slight didn't become ill—no food for five days," he said.



No escape: Dora Stubbs (left) and her rescuer Trixie Clarke stand by the fence that imprisoned Mrs Stubbs in her own backyard. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

He doesn't believe people getting into trouble the way Mrs Stubbs did is a particular problem for isolated areas like Warrandyte. "I think it could be a problem anywhere," he said.

Senior Constable Wilson said alert systems, so residents can contact friends or family in an emergency, are a good idea. Mrs Stubbs plans to have an alert system installed.

While incidents like this can highlight the isolation of modern society—more people live alone, community bonds are weaker, the

nuclear family is less common—Senior Constable Wilson said we should not dwell on social changes and feel that the current system is hopeless.

"We just have to realise that's how it is," he said.

"She does see her family. It's good that other people, like that neighbour, keep an eye out."

Mrs Clarke, the woman who noticed the newspapers, was telephoned by the police to tell her how Mrs Stubbs was going. She said, "I was very pleased that she was fine.

It just goes to show that it doesn't hurt to be a sticky nose!"

A week after her ordeal, Mrs Stubbs was still feeling stiff.

"Like when you've done a whole day of gymnastics," she said.

But otherwise she is "as good as gold". She said those five days were like a nightmare.

"I'm just so happy to be here," she said in her living room. "To be anywhere other than that backyard. If it hadn't have been for Trixie and the police I don't know what would have happened."



Young love: Event Photographers caught a tender moment at the VCE formal.

'Vulgar and fast moving' comedy

The fast-moving, "side-splitting comedy", *Habeas Corpus*, by Alan Bennett, is Warrandyte Theatre Company's next presentation. It opens at the Mechanics Institute on Thursday, July 27 and continues on July 28 and 29 and August 3, 4 and 5.

Habeas Corpus? It sounds rather serious, and indeed the original meaning is. This was the name given to an Act of Parliament in England that required that anyone thrown into prison had to come before a judge within a certain number of hours, so that it became public knowledge that they were imprisoned, and couldn't be detained indefinitely. This play has nothing to do with this Act, but plenty to do with bodies being exposed!

When *Habeas Corpus* opened in London in 1973 it was an immediate West End hit. No wonder. As a critic of the time wrote: "Bennett starts out with a set of comic stereotypes: lecherous GP, unscaleably mountainous wife, celibate canon, flat-chested spinster, cantilevered sexpot, invertebrate hypochondriac and arrogant colonialist."

"He then sets the puppets in motion by assuming they are all in the grip of some overriding physical obsession with the body coporate, (*Habeas Corpus*). Identities are mistaken, wires crossed and, typical of Bennett's method, a false-fitter, fresh from a crash course, stumbles into the proceedings, aiming his prehensile fingers at all the wrong bosoms."

The plot abounds with sub-plots and sub-sub-plots!

Bennett is one of England's leading playwrights—astute and observant.



"Trust me, I'm a doctor!" Joy Flannagan (left), Mandy Browning and Jack Stringer rehearsing *Habeas Corpus*. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

A theatre company spokesperson said that the "great cast of Warrandyte actors—including Sue Dyring, Jack Stringer, Mandy Browning, David Frazer, Kerryn Wood, Bill Mitchell, Joy Flannagan, Joan Quagliana, Adrian Rice and Chris Shaw—are thor-

oughly enjoying the rehearsals. "This comedy will laugh away the winter blues, it will be a performance to remember."

Tickets are available by calling Joan on 9844 1744. The show begins at 8pm.

Glitz and glamour as school days finish

By KARA WILLIAMS

Last month saw the top event in Warrandyte High School's Year 12 social calendar—"the formal". Books were set aside and studying for the dreaded VCE was postponed for a short time as more than 60 students, their partners and a handful of teachers gathered at the Karrylyka Convention Centre in Ringwood.

They arrived in limousines, stretched Cadillacs, even Jaguars. All chauffeur-driven, of course!

Although the banquet room was beautifully decorated in pink, purple and silver, all eyes were on the students,

whose attire ranged from elegant evening gowns and formal suits, to a traditional Scottish kilt.

Everyone danced to a disc jockey's selection of music—including a number of classics from the 70s and 80s—the food was fantastic and the guests all posed for the official photographers. But, all too soon, it was over.

Like every other VCE formal before it, the glitz and glamour of the 2000 Year 12 Formal will always be remembered; as the social culmination of a magical year and a fitting finale to six happy years together at Warrandyte High.



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Border trouble at Kangaroo Ground

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Controversy over realignment of boundaries in Nillumbik shire has spread to Kangaroo Ground where angry residents have formed an action group demanding council rescind the changes.

More than 60 locals have formed the No Boundary Changes Action Group after discovering their addresses have been changed. Included in the dispute are parts of the original settlement of Kangaroo Ground, which is now in Research.

"We think we've been duped, raped, pillaged and purged," said Andy Avard, who organised the group's first meeting. Mr Avard lives near Wellers Restaurant.

"They want me to be in Research now. Me and 20 people around here, including the house where original settler Mr Donaldson lived more than 150 years ago. That's the hub. They have drawn a line down the middle of that and called half of it, including his old house, Research."

The dispute was brought upon by the Registrar of Geographic Names with the Department of Natural Resources conducting an Australia-wide project to define boundaries. As reported in the *Diary* earlier this year it left some North Warrandyte residents with a new Research or Kangaroo Ground address.

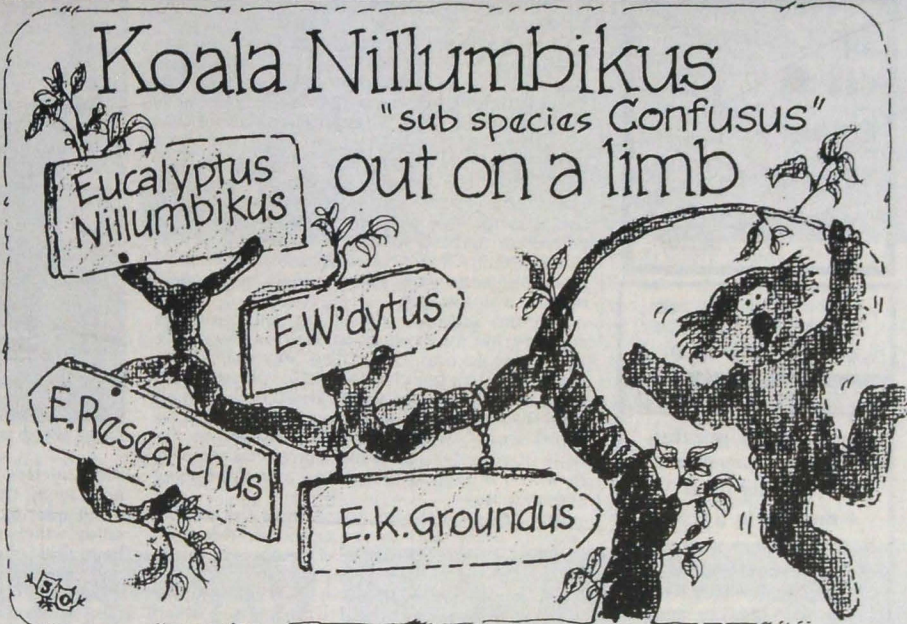
"Our main course of action is to try and prove council haven't followed the necessary procedure and the whole thing is null and void," Mr Avard told the *Diary*.

"Council failed to follow the guidelines that the Registrar of Geographic Names has laid out. Our first knowledge of the boundary changes was receiving our rate notices with a different address."

"This is rather rude when the criteria that they are meant to follow is to consult with the public and make it extremely obvious to all of the historical groups and so on that they intend to do something like this."

SO —!

By SYD & ONA



Angry residents at the meeting, which was attended by Cr Alex Rosovick, local MP Wayne Phillips and the council's administrative co-ordinator, were told that not only had addresses been changed but that Melways directories had been altered and other services notified of the changes.

The action group has received verbal assurances from council that some of the changes will be withdrawn, including one to change the Melways.

"But they have already produced one with the wrong things in it," Mr Avard said, "which devastates anybody who is operating a business."

Nillumbik council told the action group that on November 19, 1997 they had advertised that "in accordance with the survey co-ordination act, 1958, council is currently reviewing place names."

But the group argues the advertisement was difficult to find and offered no further information.

"If you could find this you would be a genius. The typeface is so small you can barely read it," Mr Avard said.

It wasn't just those in Kangaroo Ground or North Warrandyte affected by a change in boundaries. Some people in Eltham became Diamond Creek residents overnight, others in Hurstbridge were moved into Pantom Hill while there was some swapping between St Andrews and Smiths Gully.

"They have had a lovely little time, but when you ask them why they did it they say they don't really know. It just looks tidier. That seems to be their criteria. It's been this way for 160 years—they must have some time on their hands."

The action group is now interviewing each person in the area. Of those affected "90 to 95 percent" are objecting to the changes.

Despite the campaign, and verbal assurances of some changes, the group was told the issue will not be back on council's agenda until September.

"It doesn't appear to have any urgency at all with them. It's just the ultimate in rudeness."

But Mr Avard remains confident the changes will be annulled and he will again live in Kangaroo Ground.

"It's just got to. On my title it says I live in Kangaroo Ground and who's going to change that? I came and bought in Kangaroo Ground because of the historical things that are here and what interests me and there's just no way they're going to turn off the tap."



Ready and able: high school students learn the finer points of fire fighting.

High school kids ready for fire emergencies

Some of Warrandyte's future firefighters demonstrated their skills at the local CFA station recently.

They were Warrandyte High School students, studying fire fighting as a Year 9 elective subject.

"The school successfully applied to be a part of the program, believing it to be an excellent opportunity for students to learn potentially life saving skills," teacher Christo Ferguson told the *Diary*.

The subject is funded by the Victorian Youth Development Program and is run in conjunction with the CFA.

The 22 Warrandyte students who make up the "CFA youth crew" have all successfully completed the first semester of a two-year course in fire fighting. The course combines fire prevention, fire suppression, first aid, occupational health

and safety and other key aspects of CFA work. "The most popular part of the subject so far has been the training drills organised by Jeff Adair and the brigade at Warrandyte CFA," Mr Ferguson said.

"The students have already learned a range of skills, from fixing a hydrant to understanding the vital tools of the trade, including the popular 'hooligan tool', a bizarre cross between a crowbar and a Swiss army knife."

It has also been a great opportunity for students to get to know the volunteers who make the CFA such a valuable organisation.

"Hopefully in the future, many of Warrandyte's volunteer fire fighters will have risen up from the ranks of the high school's CFA youth crew," Mr Ferguson said.

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Dog's poo on the nose

By **DOREEN BURGE**

Most Warrandyte residents who walk regularly along the river from Stiggants Reserve to the Stonehouse will have noticed the new signs which were placed a few weeks ago. These signs are, I think, less obtrusive than many of the other signs in the area and have been placed to show that it is a dog off-lead area.

Other discs placed on the low green (recycled plastic) bollard base indicate that dog faeces must be removed; that it is a shared path for cyclists and walkers; and that bicycle helmets must be worn.

There are spaces for two more discs and the suggestion has been made that the alcohol-free symbol could be fitted to one space so that the tall ugly poles along the path could be removed. Let the council know what you think about this idea.

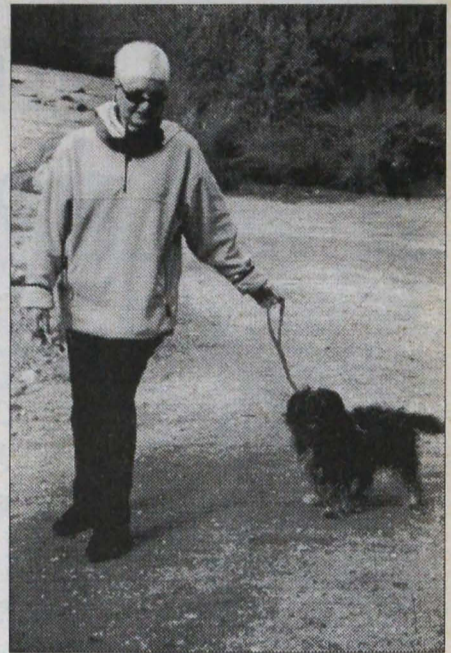
Manningham is running a faeces collection trial throughout the municipality at present. The council has learnt from neighbouring councils that it is not wise to "jump in" with installing a collection method without considering all options carefully. Some collection methods require an employee to work almost solely on restocking and maintenance.

Malcolm Scheele, who is implementing the strategy, has two collection methods available for people to trial. One is the "enviro-lead"—a dog lead with a pouch attached for plastic bags. Once a bag is used it can be carried in the pouch until the nearest bin is reached. The other is an "oops-scoop", which is a plastic hinged receptacle (it operates a little like a large clothes peg) in which a bag can be placed and the faeces scooped up.

Depending on the response from the people trialling these, and on the economic decision, either of these two pieces of equipment might be provided with the dog registration.

Another option for the river reserve is to have plastic bag dispensers fitted to the posts to which the black bins are attached. As the bins are already in place this would be a fairly unobtrusive solution. Hopefully there will be one more bin placed along the path, probably near the Forbes Street entrance, and we hope the bins that have been placed right onto the riverbank will be moved to a less obtrusive position.

Other options under consideration include specially constructed worm farms and the use of



Thea Webb waits expectantly.

dung beetles. The worm farms will probably be used along the Mullum Mullum Creek path. The dung beetles would require an urban impact study, which unfortunately does not seem to have been carried out anywhere.

So, Warrandyte residents, it is up to you to encourage and assist council to come up with the best solution for our beautiful and well-used river reserve.

If you would like to trial one of the faeces collection methods referred to above, or if you have any comments on the issue, please contact Malcolm Scheele at the council on 9840 9333. Meanwhile, remember dog faeces must be removed and disposed of in the bins.

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Revealing a secret corner

By JENNY BROWN

For decades it has been Warrandyte's "tut-tut" site. The environmental eyesore that is, quite literally, the eastern gateway to Nillumbik shire, one of the most environmentally progressive councils in Victoria.

The "tut-tut" site, just over the bridge from Warrandyte township was the place, according to local Landcare mover and shaker Margaret Burke, that everybody drove past and said "when's somebody going to do something about that!"

Well, on a recent Friday, a whole lot of people started to do something about the weed-choked banks of the Yarra River and a potentially pretty but hidden creek called "Halfpenny Creek".

The ranks of the resident Green Corps group, who have been working in Warrandyte for several months now, were massively augmented when three other Green Corps teams gathered to lend a hand to the task of beginning the Nillumbik gateway site clean-up.

Crews from Darebin, Pantom Hill and Ferntree Gully meant there were 36 young workers on site felling the self-seeded fruit trees and hand-pulling the tangle of blackberries, bridal veil vine, honeysuckle and ubiquitous English ivy that had made the riverbank inaccessible to all but a few hardy wombats and brush-tailed possums.

The idea of the massed effort was suggested by Warrandyte Green Corps supervisor David Robinson who felt it would be a big moral boost for all the crews "to realise that there are other teams out there doing the same things in the same conditions."

"At any time around Australia," he says, "there are 100 crews working on different



Clean-up: Green Corps at work on Halfpenny Creek. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

projects and too often they feel like they're the only people working on such tasks."

Marg Burke suggested the riverside site which has been so neglected because it is virtual "no man's land", an "unattached" site that no authority has responsibility for. "That's why it's never been tackled before."

While the initial work was dedicated to removing the worst of the weed species, the most prolific of the weeds, angled onion weed, will be sprayed at a later date.

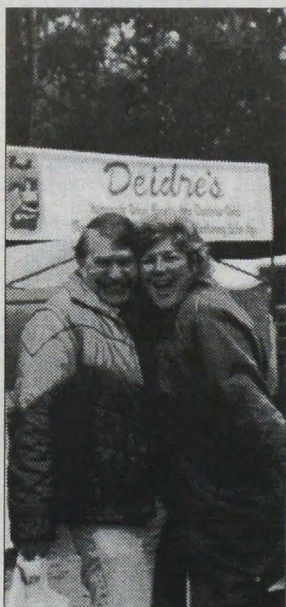
Marg Burke is hoping that a degree of natural regeneration will occur, but next

year, she has further plans for replanting the native species that would once have included maiden-hair and tree ferns under the spectacular overstorey of manna gums that have managed to survive the onslaught of garden escapes.

With its permanent creek and gently undulating terrain running down to the river, the site could one day soon be a very pretty feature of Warrandyte.

"Can you imagine," muses Marg Burke, "a nice little picnic park with a table and seats? It could be a beautiful place to visit."

Love that market!



Words by KARA WILLIAMS
Pictures by SARAH JONES

It's a chilly, winter morning as we make our way down to the Warrandyte Community Market. It's early, yet. Mist hangs low along the river, but the stallholders are all set up and ready to go, drinking coffee and rugged up in blankets against the cold.

Every stall is full of exciting treasures, from fresh fruit and vegetables to homemade scones and colourful plants.

The market has been a feature of Warrandyte life for 18 years. Held on the first Saturday of every month—except January—by the Yarra River below Stiggants Reserve, it operates between 9am and 1pm.

Administered by the Warrandyte Housing and Support Service, there are approximately 150 sites for stalls; 90 of them permanent.

Profit from rentals reaches \$25,000 a year.

"We support organisations



that need finance, and a little help," committee member Margory Lapworth told the *Diary*. The market committee allocates the money and regular recipients include the fire brigade and the SES.

The committee is keen to assist young people. They have helped finance the Blue Light discos and often assist young aspiring athletes to attend competitions.

"Anyone is able to ask the market committee for finance," Mrs Lapworth said. "We want to help."

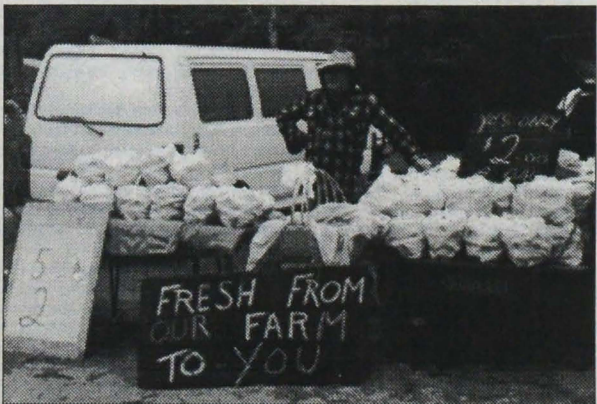
Fruit and vegetable stall holder, Peter Dale, has been coming to the Warrandyte Market for five years. He visits more than 30 markets each month. He agrees that Warrandyte has a "good market" and there is plenty for

everyone to do.

"People who come to this market don't just come to look, they come to buy," he said.

Peter grew up in Croydon and has a soft spot for Warrandyte. Our market brings back childhood memories. "The chirping of the birds and the sound of trickling water remind me of when I used to swim in the river as a kid," he said. "It really is a tranquil setting."

No-one is complaining about the cold. Warrandyte Market is a friendly, neighbourly place. Everyone enjoys the fresh, crisp air, the good produce and craftwork, and the delightful setting. Most of them will probably be back next month.



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The planning scheme replaces the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme and the Lillydale Planning Scheme. The Planning Scheme affects all of the area of the municipal district of the City of Manningham.

A copy of the planning scheme can be inspected free of charge during office hours at:

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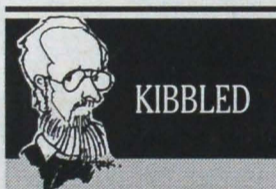
I never promised you an unpruned rose garden

IT is a truth universally acknowledged that a man in possession of a motorised brush cutter, whipper-snipper, mulcher or chain saw cannot be trusted. Or should I say that it is a truth acknowledged by Herself.

It really is a matter of perception. What starts out as a quiet, civilised discussion over the dining table about the advantages of some necessary but judicious pruning of plants about the homestead, becomes a fully-fledged tirade about mass destruction, despoilation of nature and of the stupidity of males when the actual pruning takes place. And it's here that we run into the different mind sets between men and the other.

Her interpretation of pruning involves the long and involved process of artistically examining each branch with the possibility of snipping off the occasional few millimetres of unattractive foliage.

Mine, quite correctly, is that if I own all of these wonderful labour-saving, mechanised cutting implements, then it behoves me to use them appropriately. After all, scissors were invented for the odd snip of cotton thread or for cutting up perfectly good sheets of decorative paper. Secateurs were invented with more serious cutting in mind; things like flower stalks, twigs and thin branches. Powered cutting equipment, however, was designed for pruning. This is their appropri-



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"...there was a reflected glint from the secateurs in Lillian's eyes."

ate use. However, again, it is this word "appropriate" that still causes such misunderstandings especially as Herself and I have just had another civilised discussion about the need to prune the roses. Not only is there a problem about the definition of the term, but there also seems to be a genetic obstacle to overcome.

Centuries ago, when Herself and I were courting, she and her mother lived in a house with a garden full of rose bushes. They had only recently moved to the house and had been attracted to it by the beauty of the garden. Much of the beauty was derived from the roses. Dorothy, Herself's mother, was ner-

vous about the pruning of the roses as she had been accustomed to a native garden, having lived in Eltham for most of her married life. Rather foolishly, she mentioned her pruning plight to my mother who quite enthusiastically offered her services.

Now Lillian was not what you'd call a gardener. We did have a large house block and we did have bushes and a few annuals but it was not the Botanic Gardens. Nor was it the Werribee Rose Garden. In fact, I am hard pressed to remember if we had any roses at all. However, Lillian did have a pair of secateurs and a lot of goodwill. Unfortunately, her goodwill completely outstripped her knowledge about the intricacies of rose pruning.

The day arrived and we all gathered in the middle of the rose garden. We were all smiles. The task was ahead, the sun was shining and there was the reflected glint from the secateurs in Lillian's eyes. We left her to it.

Now all the gardening programs assure us that pruning is not to be feared. In fact, they argue, it is impossible to kill a rose as they are extraordinarily hardy and will spring back with vigour and bloom profusely no matter what you do to them. Just snap off a 15 centimetre length of rose bush, bung it in the ground and within 35 minutes you'll have the Rose Society beating down your door in their attempt to learn your

secrets about how to grow lush and prolifically blooming plants.

Obviously, expert gardeners have not met Lillian. At home, I was asked how the roses were going and I had to say that they were fine. When I was with Herself, I had to tread a dangerous path between loyalty to my mother and in reassuring Herself and Dorothy that the new rose plants would not take all that long to grow. Anyway, the old roses weren't that rare and the newer forms were sure to be tougher than the last lot.

So "pruning episodes", Herself claims, are an inherited cause for concern. The addition of modern electrically and petrol-driven pruning equipment merely worsens my natural tendencies. Of course, this sort of silly statement leads us to further civilised discussions around the piles of prunings and the 30 centimetre sticks left in the ground.

So, it is with a sense of duty, but a large measure of trepidation, that I'm going to close down the computer, dust off the pruning gear, fill them with petrol, plug in the power lead, sharpen the teeth and head off to the rose garden.

But deep down I know I'm right. The council has planted massed groundcover roses on the nearby road verge. Each year, a council gardener arrives and prunes the roses with his chainsaw. I know Lillian would approve.

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All up a gum tree, naming the monarchs of the forest

WHEN is a gum tree not a gum tree? The answer is when it's a stringybark or a box tree.

Gum trees are part of Australia's natural heritage and folklore. Part of this country's image, particularly overseas. We all know what the Aussie gum tree is, colloquially speaking. So does it matter then, that not all eucalyptus trees are gums? Probably not, it's just one of those irritating inaccuracies, like calling koalas, bears.

If, however, you want to get to know eucalypts at a more personal level, grouping the trees according to major bark type is a useful starting point. True gums are those with smooth creamy-white or silky grey trunks. The bark is thin and shed, totally or partially, in long ribbon strips. Some gums, like manna, do retain a sock of bark around the base of the trunk.

Stringybarks are quite different. They have thick, often furrowed bark covering the whole trunk and upper branches. It can be peeled off in short strands. If these strands are rubbed between the palms of the hands some fibres will always remain. The bark of box trees is much thinner and flaky and can be reduced to a fine dust when rubbed between the hands. Box bark is often, but not always, persistent over the whole trunk.

To go a step further and identify a particular eucalypt, it is helpful to know which species occur in your area. Such information can be obtained through plant lists from councils and parks and local knowledge. This immediately reduces



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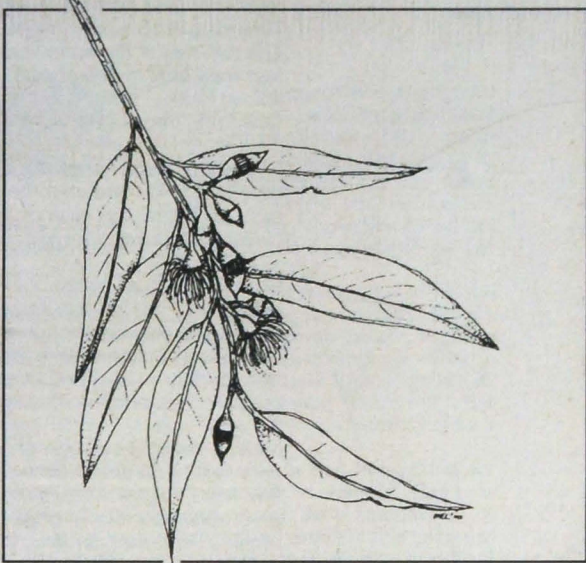
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Drawn by **MELANIE COUPAR**

the number of possibilities from around the 800 species found in Australia down to a handful. Warrandyte, for example, has only nine, which is small in comparison to other major plant groups recorded for the locality, like the 67 species of orchids; 53 daisies; 44 grasses; 20 lilies and 17 wattles.

Knowing the habit of each eucalypt also narrows the field. Manna gums, for instance, grow along the banks of river and creeks. Juvenile leaves, the number, shape and arrangement of the fruit—gum nuts—and flower buds, will all help to confirm the tree's identity.

The flowers themselves, while less useful for identification purposes, are worth a closer look. Sometimes called "brush blossoms", they are composed of a ring of stamens (male parts) around a central stigma and style (female parts). Petals and sepals are absent. Or are they?

Detailed examination of the flower buds reveals a thin line, like a ring, around the middle or upper portion of each bud. As the bud swells with the developing flower, a separation occurs. The top part or cap, resembling a pixie's hood and known as an operculum, is comprised of the embryonic petals and sepals fused together. While the petals of most flowers drop off as the flower is dying, eucalypt flowers discard their petals and sepals as they



are opening. It is the function of this operculum that gave rise to the genus name: eu—well, kalyptos—concealed, from the Ancient Greek.

The eucalypt made its debut on the planet's stage around 34 million years ago as an unrecognisable rainforest tree, and slowly rose to fame with a supporting cast of mosses, ferns, orchids, vines and mistletoes. Not forgetting its co-stars: the birds, insects and mammals.

The trees belonging to this almost exclusively Australian genus of plants have evolved devices to enable them to survive fire, flood and drought. Eucalypts are now the dominant tree of the Australian continent. They grow in almost ev-

ery condition, from the extremes of desert heat to alpine cold. They flourish in the impoverished sands of the mallee and in deep, damp forest loams—home to the king of eucalypts, Eucalyptus regnans mountain ash—the largest flowering plant in the world.

We love our sunburnt country, are proud of the red earth, the wide brown landscape. But that's not where most of us choose to live. We prefer the softer, more gentle environments, the coastal fringe. We like colourful flowers in our gardens and lush ferns beside trickling water. We sing of "a home among the gum trees". But in Warrandyte shouldn't that be, "a home among the box trees"? Red box, of course.

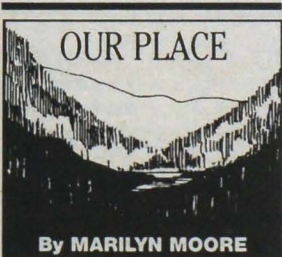
No place like home (almost) alone

THERE'S an element of the unexpected in most things we do. Like leaning against the wall to prise off a mud-encrusted gumboot, and discovering a large and ugly black house spider clinging tightly to one's big toe. Unexpected, spine-chilling and painful, in that order.

The unexpected is one reason I've resisted leaving offspring home alone for very long. The obvious dangers are bad enough. What if the house catches fire? What about intruders? What if a tree falls on the house? What if a sharp knife slips?

A year ago, leaving B1 and B2 home alone during the evening would have been unthinkable. That dinner-to-bed timeslot was the time when they most needed at least one parent on deck. Looking after themselves was not a problem, but going to bed without Mum or Dad around seemed like something you just didn't do. Besides, if there was a trip going down Yarra Street for some REAL food (pizza, for example) then they were definitely on board.

Funny how things change. "Do we have to come?" Only if



By **MARILYN MOORE**

you want dinner. "Couldn't you bring some home?" At 9.30? You'll starve! "No we won't, we've got heaps of Fruity Bix and muffins." But we're going with friends. Don't you want to see them? "Yes, but can't they come over here?" No, tonight, we're eating out. "Not if we have to get dressed." It's half past flamin' six; it won't exactly hurt you to get out of your pyjamas! "Please, can't we just stay home?"

Eventually we took the path of least resistance and relented.

The first night the troops were left holding the fort, we ran through the list of fire-escapes, emergency phone numbers, first aid procedures (this is a joke, since both kids have life-saving qualifications far beyond

anything I'm capable of) and (bringing experience to the fore) how to deal with such uninvited house guests as possums and tiger snakes. We drove off feeling guilty at first, but then quickly forgot any misgivings as we tucked into a rather scrumptious fettucini pescatore.

The mobile didn't ring for nearly two hours. When it did, the voice at the other end sounded very small and lonely. "Mum?" Yep. On way. "The power went off just after you left." Oh. "It's still off."

The one candle they'd managed to ignite was nearly burned out. No TV, no lights; they were bored (so bored that they were huddled over the kitchen table doing maths homework) and cold. It seemed even colder inside the house than outside. They were hungry too. No electricity meant no Milo, no muffins, no cheese on toast. And on such a wet night they would never venture outside in search of firewood.

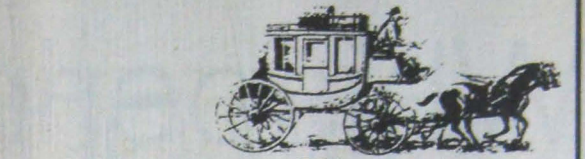
I tried to tell them it was a positive educational experience, but it's hard to sound convincing when you're wracked with guilt.

Not to be deterred, when friends invited us to join them at the Mechanics Institute for the regular monthly music night, we happily set off once more minus offspring.

This time, knowing I wouldn't hear the mobile phone above the lively rhythms of Texicali Rose, I promised I'd check it regularly for messages. By 10.30pm, no news was good news, everybody was probably safely tucked up in bed, and we sat back, forgot the phone and enjoyed the music. After all, being dutiful is one thing; being paranoid is another.

I should have known better. It turned out that around 10.31pm the police had phoned with an urgent message, and two worried little people tried desperately and unsuccessfully for over an hour to attract our attention via the mobile.

Maybe next time will be third time lucky, and the older half of the family will enjoy a relaxing night out with no more hidden dramas. Then again, maybe not. One must never forget the Warrandyte version of Murphy's Law: wherever there's a gumboot, there'll probably be a spider lurking in the toe.



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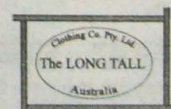
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Through the morning veil, rain falls in silken grey sheets.

Across a river valley, an echoing chamber of wind chimes stirs.
Decking to decking, silver-tongued,
chilly wisps of air whisk and whirl, striking chimes hauntingly.
Whispering echoes—soulful, melancholy,
they resonate a sonorous song of yesterday.

Quiet and alone, human voices gone, nature's song remains.
A single bird sings solo through chords of riverbank rain.
Through the filter of hanging creepers dripping in mist,
shimmering, quivering leaves drip like shining rain maccs.
Singular, suspending globules of rain
splash on blades of grass and pathway pebbles;
some drop into the river's rushing current—
moving on, moving on...

Bookshop's bubble window bulges over gurgling river;
rhythm of river gabbles: a stream of words running into one another.
Timeless, in obscurity, treasured second hand book pages turn.
The minutes of the antique clock tick...
feet walk past on the street—
voices fade ... further, further away.
Oblivious, pages turn, the clock ticks on.

Bookshop, baker, pottery, gallery, candle cornice, antique corner,
doorbells tinkle one after the other—street closing chorus.
Light switches click click click click
blinking windows stare vacantly into the dusk-encroaching sky.

Car engines purr across the Yarra road bridge,
evacuating Warrandyte's evening-draped town.
Rising and dipping through woodsmoke trails and across hills,
above the treeline clouds part.
from earthly valley dark, headlights beam—
outglared: expanding, heavenly Mercurial sky.

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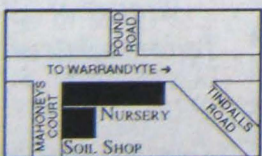
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Halcyon days by the river

ALL in all, life in Warrandyte was good. We had our half acre of ground, a house (and eventually electricity) and an easy comfortable life.

I especially loved the tunnel which had been driven through the rock at Pound Bend. At this point the river's great two-mile twist came back to within a couple of hundred yards of itself. Many years ago, David Mitchell, Dame Nellie Melba's father, had formed a syndicate to mine gold from the river. In fact, Warrandyte beat Ballarat by a day or two for the distinction of yielding Victoria's first gold.

The tunnel was devised in conjunction with a diversion dam built just downstream of the upstream entrance to the tunnel. Its purpose was to channel the river's flow so that it could conveniently be treated for alluvial colour. The scheme had very little success and was abandoned after a year or two when floods destroyed the diversion dam. But it did leave a picturesque feature on the landscape.

On hot summer afternoons I used to take Ann—and Ngaire and Michael, too, when they were old enough—to the tunnel when they returned from school. The river itself was risky for non-swimmers because of sudden deep holes. In fact, Ann, on one occasion, rescued someone who had been swept into one of these holes and Jim Pike the policeman had the onerous job of pulling out the corpse of a man who had drowned near the tunnel some time after he had disappeared into a deep hole.

But the tunnel's waters rippled out of its tube and cascaded over rocks into a shallow and safe pool, separated from the river by a reef of rocks. The cascades were a delight, especially in one section where by sheer brute force one could drag oneself through the pressure of water and wedge oneself into a cleft of rock. Here the pounding of the stream provided a marvellous massage so that one emerged glowing all over.

Regrettably, after we left Warrandyte, the tunnel was vandalised for the making of a TV commercial in which the cars being publicised were reversed into the tunnel and, with cameras rolling, drove out through a curtain of water being pumped up to pour down above the tunnel mouth. Obviously the floor of the tunnel had to be prepared and all that marvellous cascade was destroyed to get the cars up there. We never heard whether or not the vandals had official approval. But the tunnel has never been the same and never will again have the charm it had in our time in the village.

Jim Pike, the Warrandyte policeman, was a perfect model of what a village policeman should be. He seldom wore his uniform except on Sundays, and then only for long enough to show himself along the river and down by the tunnel. It was

OF DAYS GONE BY

By **ALLAN ALDOUS**

a quiet hint to visiting louts that the law was not far away should they consider making nuisances of themselves.

We did have another policeman in Wally Walsh, the baker's son. Actually, Wally drove a bus earlier on but later joined the Victoria Police as a traffic cop. Wally, too, had the easy-going attitude of the true villager.

Warrandyte had its share of characters, understandably perhaps in view of its art associations over a great many decades. Russian-born Danila Vassiliev was to become possibly the best-known of the artists living in the area when we were there. I was never enamoured of the cossack or his art and I was personally repelled by his posturing.

One morning, at Jimmy Moss's garage, Jimmy gave him a newly arrived wall calendar, which featured Tom Roberts' *Shearing The Rams* in colour. Vassiliev carefully tore the calendar in two, put the actual calendar in his car and ostentatiously threw the coloured illustration on the ground. Since his death, Vassiliev has been given a high profile, to use the cant term, by the pretentious art establishment, but every time I see the name I see his petty and spiteful attitude to a great artist.

Another artist-cum-writer was Adrian Lawler, a likeable modern but never an arrogant poser. I always had the impression that he was sincere in all he did but was worried by uncertainty as to his talents. I recall sitting with him going into the city by bus one morning. He was going in to record a talk for the ABC which proved that Shakespeare was really the Earl of Oxford. I quoted to him Drummond Hawthornden's reporting that Ben Jonson, a contemporary who should have known, attested to Marlowe's talent but added that "Shakespeare is the sweeter singer". The quote was unfamiliar to Adrian and, I'm afraid, rather unsettled his theories about Oxford. But he recorded his talk nevertheless.

A frightening incident occurred at Jimmy Moss's service station. I was in a far corner of the garage filling our kerosene tin from the big drum when I heard Jimmy scream. I looked up and saw him running into the garage in flames. I have absolutely no recollection of anything at all from the moment I saw him until I was kneeling beside him dousing the flames with a pair of overalls. God knows where the overalls came from. But the flames were out in seconds, although not before Jimmy was so badly burned that he was carted off to hospital where he remained for many weeks.

Jimmy had been using a welding torch. A customer arrived. Jimmy

put down the torch and went to fill the customer's tank. The petrol blew back and gave him a fairly good soaking. He thought nothing of it, took the customer's money, and walked towards the office for change. As he did so, he passed the torch, still burning on the garage floor. Then POOF!

Warrandyte meant more to me than I realised at the time. But its real focus was our house, high on Melbourne Hill, looking out over the valley and distant hills. I worked in the house, having converted what was meant to be a laundry into a study.

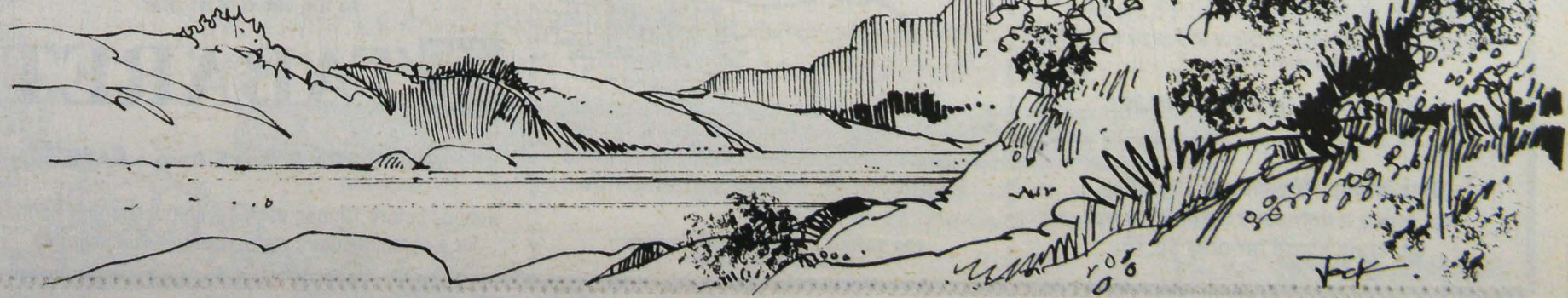
And it was in this house that we were together as a family. Here I experienced the deep satisfaction of watching our young family grow up. Ann was in her later years at school and would soon have a boy friend. Ngaire and Michael began their schooling there. They were among the more fortunate youngsters around Melbourne in that there was plenty of natural bushland for them to play in.

The old gold diggers' track to Melbourne ran past our front fence with the modern road on the other side of it. On the far side of the road the land dropped away steeply to a dam which was home to yabbies and made me jealous that such an amenity had been denied my own youth. Ngaire and Michael must have had their imaginations nurtured by their circumstances because they made friends with the "Gitches". We never met the Gitches but on one occasion Jean was told to be careful, she had nearly trodden on a Gitch.

The two younger children made use of our steep hill in late summer when the long grass was dry and slippery; they had found somewhere the enamelled cover of some appliance, probably a gas heater, and would use it as a sled for sliding down the hill at a rate of knots. Michael had a pedal car. He had already become interested in motor racing and would rattle down the path beside the tanks, taking the step down to the courtyard outside the front door in full flight, turning suddenly and rolling over. This game was called Stirling Moss Having Prangs.

I loved Warrandyte and was reluctant to leave, even though it was a shade cooler and damper than the city. This aggravated Jean's asthma. But the primary reason for our leaving after 10 happy years was the exigencies of education. In those days there was the primary school so delightfully sited on its hill, and nothing more. Ngaire and Michael would soon have to move to something higher and that would have meant commuting to a high school closer in, with added expense and added worry. So the decision had to be made.

(Taken from autobiographical notes written by Allan for his family.)



Pioneer potter remembered

By JO LAWRENCE

The Australian pottery community and many of his friends and family mourn the passing of one of our country's master potters, Reg Preston, who died on June 9.

Reg was born in Sydney in 1917, and later was a student at Geelong Grammar. From an early age, he had wanted to pursue sculpture as a career and he exhibited work with The Plastic Group at Cheshire's bookshop in Melbourne in 1937.

The following year he went to London to study at the Westminster School of Art and the Royal Academy. However, with the outbreak of the war, he returned to Australia.

Sculpture was not the easiest way to make a living, especially at that time, so Reg decided to try making pottery as well. In 1944 he spent a short three months working at Melbourne Technical College as a student of Klytie Pate and Jack Knight, mainly learning how to throw.

Thus he always considered himself a self-taught potter.

In 1945 he established his workshop at Warrandyte, while working at Cooper and Cooke's Pottery for a couple of years. Two years later he began full-time production as a professional potter, working in earthenware, sometimes doing slipware as well as thrown pots.

It was during this time that Phyl Dunn became Reg's apprentice. The pots they produced were sold at the Primrose Pottery Shop in Melbourne and by Margaret Jaye in Rowe Street, Sydney, during the early 1950s. Reg also held annual pottery sales from his studio in Kangaroo Ground Road during those years.

Reg and Phyl were founding members of the Warrandyte Arts Association, which began in 1955. They were active in the painting group as well as the pottery group, and Reg also led sculpture workshops for the WAA in the late 1960s.

In 1958 they joined forces with Arthur Halpern, Charles Wilton, Gus McLaren and John and Betty Hipwell to establish Potters Cottage at Warrandyte as a co-operative to promote their work.

It was about that time when Reg and Phyl began exhibiting their work in Craft Association shows and many travelling exhibitions. By 1967 they shifted from earthenware to stoneware and porcelain, which improved their repertoire and paved the way for the development of the impressive large pots with richly coloured glazes that became Reg Preston's forte.

Both Reg and Phyl taught at Potters School, which they helped set up at Potters Cottage in 1969. There are many now well-known potters who started out with tuition from Reg Preston and his wife, Phyl Dunn. When the potters' co-operative sold Potters Cottage to John and Margaret James in 1982, Reg and Phyl left Warrandyte

and set up a new home and studio at Woolamai, where they continued to work until the early 1990s.

They were a very devoted couple and when Phyl's health deteriorated, Reg dedicated all of his time to caring for her every need until her death last October. He did not manage to get back to potting, but did work with a local painting group in recent times.

The exhibitions that Reg participated in throughout Australia and overseas from 1958 to 1993 are too numerous to list here. His work is represented in more than 30 galleries, museums and institutions throughout Australia as well as in the Australian embassies in Paris and Washington. There are many private collectors who cherish their Reg Preston pots.

He was one of our country's pioneering potters who gladly passed on his knowledge to other aspiring potters, and paved the way for many others.



Reg Preston, as many remember him.

Great mate moves on Jim goes back to the sea

By LEE TINDALE

Keith Shields, who lived in Warrandyte for more than half a century, died on June 24. He was 80.

Mr Shields came to this town with wife Hazel and baby daughters Dorothy, Kay and Margarate in 1946 and settled at Pound Bend. There were to be two more children, Marie and Keith junior.

Keith Shields was a quiet, unassuming man, a plasterer who could turn his hand to just about anything.

A talented sportsman, he played both football and cricket for Warrandyte and became a life member of the local football club. He was also a keen golfer.

Keith was born in East Malvern on March 22, 1920. He joined the AIF in 1941 and was in camp at Balcombe, on the Mornington Peninsula when he met Hazel Holland in a café where she worked.

She was a little wary of "this guy with a broken nose", but when she went home to Carward on a holiday Keith got leave and followed her.

They married in Mildura in 1942. Soon after, Keith was posted to the Middle East for nine months. He spent



Keith and Hazel Shields

time in New Guinea after coming home.

Keith had two sisters — June (deceased) and Elizabeth (Beth), who married Devan Christenson and moved to Pound Bend about 1945.

He leaves 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. "They all loved him," said Hazel, recalling that on his 80th birthday he was "in his element", with family congregated from as far away as Queensland.

Keith's life ran parallel with that of his best mate, Jim Harris, 82, who read the eulogy at the funeral service on June 28.

The Shields arrived in Warrandyte the year Jim and Lorraine Harris arrived back at Pound Bend from six years in the Western District. The Shields were married 58 years. The Harris have been married 58 years.

Two years ago, Keith and Hazel moved to Mooroolbark, into a home roughly a kilometre from where Jim lived in the 1930s.

The parallels extend to the grandchildren, with Kurt Percy (on the Shields side) and Cam Donald (a Harris grandson) currently racing together and against each other on the Australian 600cc motorcycle circuit.

Jim remembers Keith as a great mate who rarely raised his voice.

The rare exceptions were when the two would go to the city twice a year to watch Keith's beloved South Melbourne play Jim's equally-beloved Hawthorn.

"We would leave home at nine in the morning and arrive home at nine that night," Jim said.

"In the course of a game the umpires might occasionally induce a cross word from Keith.

"He was a very placid fellow, never one to intrude but always there and willing to lend a hand. He was a true friend.

"Lorraine and I met Keith and Hazel a few months after they arrived in Warrandyte. He knocked on our door one day to introduce himself and our two families began a friendship that has lasted for more than 50 years."

By BOB COX

Long-time Warrandyte resident Jim Girvan died on June 6, 2000, aged 83 years.

Jim was born on July 15, 1916 at Kew in Victoria. His parents were Estelle Marion and James Alexander Girvan. Along with his younger sister he was raised in Darebin. As a lad he worked as a paper boy and joined the Sea Scouts as soon as he was old enough, so beginning his great love of the sea.

After his primary school days he was privileged to be educated at Scotch College for a further two years. When the Great Depression came, Jim was forced to leave Scotch and join the work force.

In 1935 Jim met Paula Christmas and they were married in Ivanhoe on June 15, 1940.

Like most young men, Jim had the urge to serve his country when Australia was threatened. His chosen service was, of course, the Royal Australian Navy. He was soon on his way to England where he joined HMAS Nepal on submarine patrol in the North Sea. In very rough seas Jim was unfortunate to suffer a serious back injury which hampered him for the rest of his life. He was invalided back to Australia and discharged medically unfit in 1944.

Jim and Paula, as Paula reflects, "set up our home at 90 Locksley Road, Eaglemont and welcomed Malcolm and Brian into our family".

From Eaglemont the family moved to South Warrandyte where, on 21 acres, they planted cherry trees and looked after some 2000 head of poultry. Jim worked full-time away from the farm and helped out with the poultry and cherry trees whenever he could. They made a good team.

In the late 1950s the family moved to 11 Brackenbury Street. Jim continued to work as a representative for General Motors refrigerator division where he stayed until about 1980, when he retired.

He loved gardening and the natural surroundings of Warrandyte but time

was passing and Jim's back was playing up. Every morning commuters would see Jim stepping out at 130 paces to the minute along Yarra Street, pushing himself as far as he dared. Not many would try to keep up with him. He was often a topic of conversation, commuters saying things like, "Saw Jimmy this morning, he's looking as fit as ever".

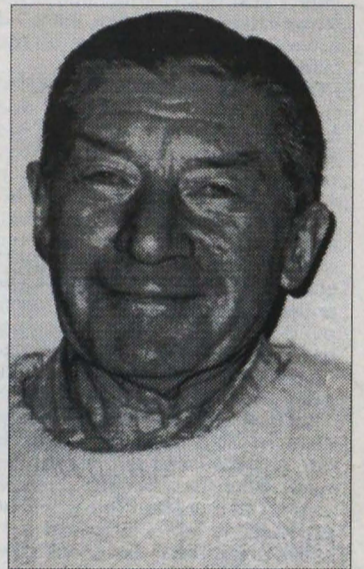
They were right, of course, but they didn't know what "as ever" was. Jim's step began to shorten and Paula and he decided to pull up stumps. They moved into a retirement home in Donvale about 10 years ago. For a while Jim could be seen "stepping out" along Springvale Road but, even with his guts and tenacity, he finally had to give in.

Jim received virtually nothing in recognition of his contribution to the defence of his country. He was awarded the Australian Service Medal and the War Medal. Had he survived another month in the North Sea before being injured he would have been entitled to three additional medals, the 1939-45 Star, the Atlantic Star and the Defence Medal. Jim did not receive one cent of disability allowance for his injuries.

When asked why he didn't apply for compensation when he was discharged in 1944, he replied, "There were plenty of blokes worse off than me. At least I'm alive". That is the Jimmy Girvan we knew and respected.

About 15 years ago Jim got the idea he would go to Tasmania on the Princess of Tasmania. He loved the sea and there was a deal going whereby four people could go on the Princess, with five nights accommodation and free car hire, all for \$99 a head.

He was aware that in olden times the British Navy used to collect drunks and coerce them into signing up for service in the Navy. This was called "press-gang". When the drunks sobered up they would be at sea, signed up, sealed and delivered. Jim was very persuasive and soon he had his crew: Peter Norman, Max Magill and myself.



Jim Girvan

Jim didn't have to get us drunk at the RSL, where he presided as bar manager. The three of us respected his great desire to go to sea once more and signed up readily.

Jim and I shared a cabin. He spent most of the time on deck in the darkness, looking at the sea. I pulled his leg by asking how many submarines he had seen. He just smiled.

Some time later I suggested that we could have a similar holiday by staying in Warrandyte and getting a taxi each day to different pubs. It wouldn't be any dearer. Jim disagreed, he only wanted to go to sea once more and the cheapest way was to press-gang a crew he could control. He'd done that.

At his request, Jim's ashes were returned to the sea by his family on June 15, 2000, the 60th anniversary of his marriage to Paula Christmas. Bon voyage, Jim.

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Due to lack of support, Warrandyte High School has had to cancel its VW Beetle car raffle. "We want to thank all those who bought raffle tickets," a spokesperson said. "All those who purchased tickets will have their money refunded as soon as possible. The school thanks you for your interest and hopes you will continue to support them in the future."

Information

Information Warrandyte will be holding its annual general meeting in the community centre on Tuesday, August 22 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The guest speaker will be Christine Durham, author of *Doing Up Buttons*, a book describing pain and almost insurmountable difficulties she experienced during slow recovery from a serious car accident.

Musical

The "rock musical of the 70s"—The Whiz—will be performed by Warrandyte High School from August 30 to September 9 in the school theatre, Alexander Road, Warrandyte. Book on 9844 2749.

Genealogy

Guest speaker at the Warrandyte Historical Society museum on Sunday, July 16 at 3pm will be David Weatherill, president of the Genealogical Society of Victoria. Admission is free. Further information from 9844 3662.

Weeds

The next Green Wedge seminar will look at weed ecology. The speaker will be Geoff Carr, director of Ecology Australia. Geoff has an extensive knowledge of Victorian flora and the processes that threaten our precious bushland. The seminar, sponsored by Manningham council, will be held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room, Reynolds Road, Doncaster East, commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday, August 3.

Gondoliers

Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers* will be performed by the Park Players at the Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road, commencing Friday, July 21. Tickets may be obtained by calling Pam Hutchinson on 9876 1189.

Dance

The next social dance at the South Warrandyte Hall will be a "birthday dance" on Saturday, August 12. Contact 9723 3892 for further details.

Cycling

Manningham council has prepared detailed guides with maps for four cycling routes in and around Warrandyte, Templestowe and Doncaster.



Leanna Francis, Neighbourhood House co-ordinator.

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House have announced their term 3 program of activities. They include:

- MONDAY—Yoga, Men's Support Group.
- TUESDAY—Knitting, Craft Group, Tarot Reading, Creating Your Future.
- WEDNESDAY—Time Out For Women (singing, dancing, relaxing), Creative Memories, Introduction to Meditation, Cooking.

- THURSDAY—Tassel Making, Porcelain Doll Tassel, Belly Dancing, Walking, Growing and Using Herbs, Photography, Basic Budgeting.
 - FRIDAY—Patchwork, Adult Day Activity Support Services, Book Keeping.
 - SATURDAY—Help With Grieving.
- The House also run an Occasional Child Care Centre and Book Exchange. They can be contacted on 9844 3662 for more information.

Writers

The Judah Waten Writers Week is being held at public libraries across the municipalities of Whitehorse and Manningham, commencing Friday, July 21. A number of Australian writers of plays, poetry, short stories, novels and the screen will be participating in the program which will include readings, debates, workshops and interactive presentations. For a program contact Sarah Poole on 9890 1005 or pick one up from the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Visitors

The Visiting Friends program of the Community Care branch of St John Ambulance is in desperate need of more volunteers to visit residents in your area. The volunteers help greatly to keep the older generation motivated and ensure the maintenance of their physical and mental faculties. Further information from Jim Humphrey on 9736 2130.

Paintings

The current exhibition at the Manningham Gallery, Doncaster Road, Doncaster, will finish on July 16. Abstract oil paintings by Nelson Riquelme are on display.

Montsalvat

The Montsalvat Arts Trust is currently presenting an exhibition in celebration of the human form. A wide range of Australian artists are represented in sculpture, etchings, drawings, pastels, jewellery and paintings. One of the indigenous artworks in this exhibition tells an Aboriginal cultural story about the love rituals of men and women. Another, by a prominent Anglo-Australian artist, tells his mythological story of man and woman within a contemporary environment. Montsalvat is at Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham and is open between 10am and 5pm daily. For further information call the curator, Shane Pugh, on 9714 8553.



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Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, fax it to 9844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113, by the last Friday in the month.

Manningham BUG (Bicycle Users Group) will be featuring one of the rides each month, starting with a 14km tour (easy standard) on Sunday, July 16. The ride starts from the Adventure Playground car park in Victoria Street (Mel 33 J10). Please ring Alan Ellery on 9850 3524 for more details.

Exhibition

Danuta Bieber, who lives in Warrandyte, is completing an arts course at Box Hill TAFE. She is holding her graduating exhibition of prints and drawings at the Steps Gallery, 62 Lygon Street, Carlton, commencing Saturday, August 5. She is exhibiting with fellow student Nadia Craig. Call Danuta on 9844 2921 for more information.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi Australia will be conducting a free introductory lesson at Eltham High School, Withers Way, Eltham on Friday, July 14 at 7.30pm.

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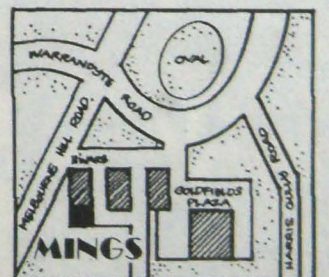
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Rats beat finals jinx

By CLINTON GRYBAS

A recent history of grand final jitters was cast aside last month as the River Rats won the Over-30 section of Warrandyte basketball's Greyburn Cup.

Losers of the last four title deciders by an aggregate 19 points, the Rats finally broke through to claim a third trophy, beating The Spurs 39-23.

For a while it looked as though the curse was going to continue. The Spurs scored the game's first six points and, powered by Mark Lawrence (10 points), held a 17-14 half-time lead.

But the Rats turned things around. Max Summers (10) got involved early after the interval to help provide a four-point lead with 10 minutes left.

With Gerald Walshe and John Skidmore (seven points each) contributing from the free throw line, the Rats pushed clear in the closing minutes.

"They certainly took it up to us early," triumphant captain Mark Bensch told the *Diary*. "They got off to a bit of a flyer which I was worried about, but we calmed down. It feels excel-

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lent, I'd forgotten what it was like."

In the open section, newcomers the Ostrich Farmers struck success in their first season, beating perennial contenders the Hitmen 57-42. With Corey Nightingall leading the way Hitmen took a seven-point lead, with 13 minutes remaining but were outscored 29-7 in the run home, primarily in the last three minutes.

Farmers captain Callum Anderson engineered the revival, scoring 15 points, while the "Twin Towers" — Craig Dick and Ben Walsham — shared 23. And Anderson had a parting shot for the beaten opposition.

"In the first half they (the Hitmen) were playing as individuals. They opened the game up at the start of the second half and then went back to being the same again," he said.

Familiar champions held aloft the women's Grand Hotel Cup. The PP Champs collected a

ninth trophy in 13 seasons of the competition with a 54-16 blitz of the Sneakers.

The injury-hit Sneakers were badly undermanned, but a Jo Yarwood three-pointer gave them the opening score. Thoughts of an upset were quickly dispelled, however, as the Champs peeled off the game's next 35 points.

Cathy Lynch led the onslaught with 14, sister Melissa had 13, Suzi Edwards 12 and Amanda McLellan 11. Karina Reid led the Sneakers with 10.

There was a first-ever tie in the Most Valuable Player award for the men's open section. Adam Borwick and Matthew Lynch shared the honour with 19 votes, two ahead of Robert Johnston.

Mark Bensch pipped Shane Johnson by one vote to win the Over-30 award while Melissa Lynch was best of the women's section.

The new season gets under way shortly with men playing on Wednesday nights and women on Thursday nights. Contact Steve Doyle on 018 370 389 for entry details.



Captain Mark Bensch holds the trophy as the River Rats celebrate their elusive victory.

Mozzie Fleet is all abuzz!

By DAMIAN ARSENIS

The future of basketball in Warrandyte is in very good young hands, judging by the response to the resurrection of the Redbacks Mosquito Fleet.

With Nunawading Spectres ABA and former Redbacks junior Kathryn Hay at the helm, up to 60 children have been flocking to the clinics each week at the new Warrandyte Community Sports Complex.

Program director Hay, a former WNBL player with Bulleen, was overwhelmed by the attendance at the first two sessions. She believes the Mosquito Fleet — aimed at introducing basketball to children aged four to 10 — is the ideal way for them to learn the skills of the game before they actually play. The program also allows families to decide if the children would like to play before committing themselves to a full season (which begins in the fourth school term, starting at Under-8 level).

The current program has exceeded all expectations, so much so that Hay has agreed to continue it through to the end of September. The clinics are run on Thursdays, from 4pm.

"We were not prepared for the number of children who turned up for the first session," said Warrandyte Basketball Club president Karen Pearce. "As a

result, we had to organise another session so everyone could participate."

Since the program was devised in 1998, the Redbacks have seen a steady increase in junior participation. The current EDJBA competition has seen Warrandyte field seven boys teams in the Under-9 competition, which is almost comparable with big clubs Eltham and Nunawading.

By taking part in the Mosquito Fleet during term three, the youngsters will enjoy a smooth transition into competition basketball, with the 2000-2001 EDJBA season beginning in term four.

The competition offers an Under-8 section in which children as young as four and five are playing. There are also a number of grades available to ensure they are playing against similar-aged children with similar abilities.

Bookings for the Mosquito Fleet clinics are essential and can be made with Pearce on 9844 1214. Once the two sessions are booked out, a third may be considered to ensure no child misses out.

Redback boys scorch courts

By DAMIAN ARSENIS

Warrandyte can lay claim to having the best team in the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association.

After narrowly losing last season's grand final — and therefore "bragging rights" — to Balwyn, Malcolm Anderson's Under-19A boys are looking untouchable, unbeaten after eight rounds of the current competition.

Their long winning sequence has included a "sweet revenge" victory over Balwyn in the grand final replay.

Coach Anderson has high expectations of his charges. He admits there is a long way to go, but that the signs are promising.

Promising indeed, as the boys displayed against Banyule with a 97-32 demolition job in round five.

A last-gasp three-point attempt by the Redbacks failed to connect, denying them a rare triple-figure total.

The game was packed with highlights, including an amazing 13 Warrandyte points — including three triples — in the final two minutes.

Brothers Brian and Trevor Elliott led the Warrandyte onslaught with 27 and 26 points respectively and Craig Dick — who is also making a name for himself as a senior Warrandyte footballer — was unstoppable in the paint.

These young men are exciting to watch, with their uncanny passes, three-point bombs and occasional slam dunk. They are great role models.

You can see their home games for free at the Warrandyte Community Sports Complex. For game times contact Sue Anderson on 9844 2774.

Juniors sit pretty

By TONY OLIVER

All Warrandyte teams are well placed for finals berths at the halfway mark of the Friday night junior championship basketball competition.

A number of teams are putting some good form together, showing the benefits of hard work and tournament experience. A mid-season slump is affecting other sides, who will need to get back to basics.

The Under-16 boys bounced back from two unexpected losses for an exciting 36-32 win over Broadmeadows 3. The victory was particularly creditable because Warrandyte finished the game with only four players, and some of those on four fouls.

The boys have drawn on their experience in the recent Mill Park tournament, in which they reached the semi-finals, to consolidate second position on the ladder.

The Under-16 girls are going through the mid-season blues, with consecutive losses to the fancied Seymour team and a forfeit to Sunbury which cost them top spot in Division 1.

They are certainly missing injured key player Kim Singh.

Lorraine Parfitt's Under-14 girls rebounded from a loss to a more committed Diamond Valley side with good wins against a full-strength Altona and Keilor.

They lead the ladder and if the improvement rate is maintained must be favourites for grand final honours.

After patchy early-season results, Martin Clark's Under-14 boys are putting good form on the board, beating Craigieburn 32-25 and snatching a come-from-behind draw. They are fourth on the ladder and aiming for a top-two finish.

This is another team reaping the rewards of tournament experience, the standard of team play lifting significantly since competing in the Mill Park Queen's Birthday event.

Warrandyte's Metro 3 side, the Under-14 boys coached by the experienced Gavin Whitmore, found the early going hard but may have turned the corner with consecutive one-point victories over higher ranked teams McKinnon and Mount Waverley.

The other Warrandyte team, Malcolm Anderson's Under-11 boys, have also recorded good recent wins against lower-placed teams, downing Westernport 19-5 and taking the points against Sherbrooke on forfeit.

This followed a stunning 44-16 victory in a cross-over game against Under-12 Metro side Caulfield Balwyn—a result which highlighted inconsistent grading standards between the lower Metro sides and the Under-11 Eastern qualifying division.

Tournaments turn up trumps

By TONY OLIVER

Tournament play benefits teams by providing challenging games over a short time frame against varied opposition. A number of Redbacks teams have performed well in recent tournaments and then delivered improved results on court back in their normal competitions.

The experienced Under-14 girls entered the Melbourne Tigers tournament held this year at Dandenong. After easily winning their lead-up games they were matched in a semi-final against Traralgon, who reached this game in controversial fashion.

Confusion over player eligibility in an early round meant the two stand-out teams in this grade were matched in the semi. Warrandyte were disadvantaged by the absence of key attacking player Emma Razzi, who was unavailable at game time, and desperate attempts to reschedule the match were unsuccessful.

An undermanned Redbacks unit went down 29-20, but coach Lorraine Parfitt was full of praise for her girls, with the younger players performing strongly.

These players will put pressure on the more experienced campaigners and the team will be stronger for it.

An Under-10 boys side coached by Damian Arsenis also competed in this tournament and played off in the consolation final against Malfra.

Warrandyte played a great defensive game and restricted their opponents to a low, but poor shooting cost them their chance of victory and they went down by a few points.

Arsenis said he believed the boys had learnt a lot from their first tournament experience and would continue to improve from there.

"Tournaments enable the kids to improve their basketball and play stronger teams," he said. "They get to play four or five games within two days, which

allows them to improve at a faster rate."

Arsenis' boys are currently playing U9 BS on Saturdays and are undefeated. They are hoping to take what they learnt from the tournament and continue to dominate.

Two of Warrandyte's junior championship boys teams competed in the Mill Park tournament over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The Under-16s coached by Tristan Messerle benefited enormously from the experience, improving with each outing. They won two of their three lead-up games to move into the semi-finals against a strong Darebin outfit.

The game was played at a furious pace, but Darebin were just a little too accomplished and won by seven points.

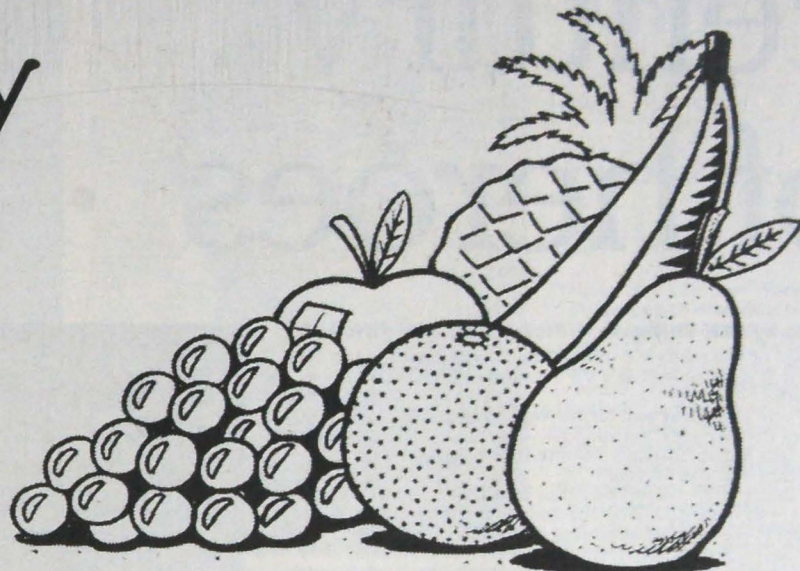
Martin Clark's Under-14 boys lost all four games, but the improvement in the youngsters was significant and this team have gone from strength to strength.



A Redbacks Under-9 girl (left) does battle with the Doncats. The Redbacks won this match.

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Half a century of heroes

The All Stars

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 Centres: Warwick Blair, Denis O'Brien, John O'Brien
 Half-forwards: Peter Banks, Robert Stewart, Darren Peters
 Forwards: Bill Haines, Ron Wilson, Tom Kerkhof
 Rucks: Colin Bawden, Mark Brenchley, Robin Golding
 Interchange: John McCartin, Brian Day, Kimberly O'Connor, Bob Green
 Emergencies: John Knight, Phil Taylor, Ken Beruldsen, Frank Schubert

Decades of champions

1950-1959

Backs: Bob Haines, John Crooks, Bruce Miller
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 Forwards: Jack Reid, Bob Green, Graham Mawer
 Rucks: Brian Day, Don Daniels, Bill Haines.
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1960-69

Backs: Ken Sergeant, Bob Haines, Brian Day
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 Centres: Bill Valentine, Brian Thomas, Joe Read
 Half-forwards: Ron Tomlinson, Robert Stewart, Geoff Beatt
 Forwards: John Knight, Laurie Warr, Tom Kerkhof
 Rucks: Keith Rockow, Brian Tomlinson, Bill Haines
 Interchange: John Smith, Reg Edwards, Toby Thomas, Gary McDonough

1970-79

Doug Stevens, Ken Beruldsen, Daryl Valentine
 Half-backs: Lance Williams, Frank Schubert, Alan Cornhill
 Centres: Bob Haward, Warwick Blair, Vin Thornton
 Half-forwards: Barry Magann, John Tuckwell, Alan Ferguson
 Forwards: Tom Kerkhof, Pat Curtis, John McCartin
 Rucks: Colin Bawden, Brian Tomlinson, John Knight
 Interchange: Nick Day, Casey Merbis, Geoff Beatt, John Kornacki

1980-1989

Backs: Mick Hassall, Simon Rogerson, Wayne Pattison
 Half-backs: Brad Day, Gerald Walshe, John Major
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 Half-forwards: Robert Moon, John O'Brien, Peter Banks
 Forwards: Len Halley, Ron Wilson, John McCartin
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1990-1999

Backs: Trent Ferguson, Tony Sturesteps, Ashley Grybas
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Words by LEE TINDALE • Pictures by JAN TINDALE

The cream of Warrandyte's footballing talents over the last half century was represented at a VIP reunion at Club Warrandyte last month.

They came from near and far for Warrandyte Football Club's "Teams of the Decades" on June 18 — a tribute to the best of each decade since 1950 and a salute to the "best of the best", the All Stars of those 50 years.

A four-man panel chaired by Brian Tomlinson, one of the greatest players to have pulled on the boots for the Bloods — spent more than three months agonising over team selections.

The panel — Tomlinson, former player, reserves coach and now EFL umpire Bruce Onken, former player, coach, club president and umpire David Mitchell and 1983 premierships hero John McCartin — met seven times after exhaustive preliminary opinion-seeking.

They came up with names to rekindle memories of great deeds of the distant, not-so-distant and immediate past.

Names like Alby Padley and Peter Todd from the '50s, Ken Sergeant and Laurie Warr of the '60s, Daryl Valentine and Warwick Blair of the '70s, Gerald Walshe and Peter Banks of the '80s and Dale Vitiritti, Mack Clarkson and David Purcell of the decade just past.

Two highly-decorated current players — joint season 2000 captains John O'Brien and Kimberly O'Connor — made the All Stars team.

O'Brien (three best and fairest awards), was named on a half-forward flank and O'Connor (four) on the interchange bench.

Best and fairest awards were not a criteria for selection, but 21 of the 26 All Stars chosen had been club champion at least once.

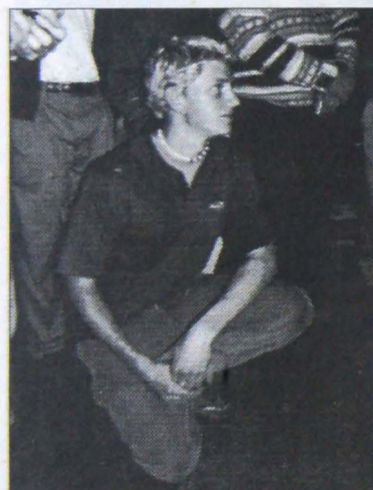
The team included all five Warrandyte premierships captains — Bob Green (1958), Tomlinson ('66), John Major ('83), Darren Peters ('93) and O'Brien (last season).



AND here they are — Warrandyte Football Club's All Stars, the best of the best — or some of them at least — from 1950 to the turn of the century. Left to right: Brian Day, Mick Hassall, Guy Taylor (representing his father Phil), Peter Banks, John O'Brien, Kimberly O'Connor, Alan Cornhill, John McCartin, Brian Tomlinson, Tom Kerkhof, Ken Beruldsen and John Knight.

The footy life of Brian

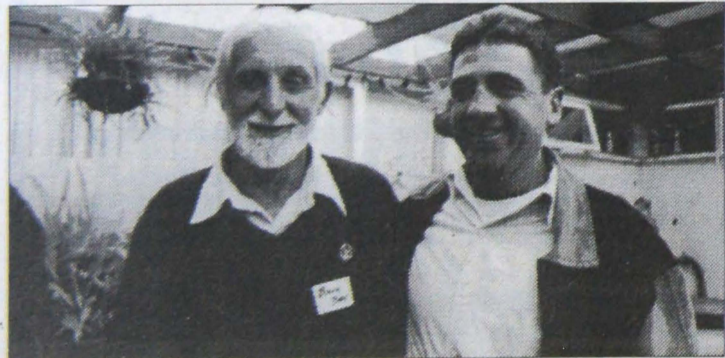
Brian Tomlinson. A long and distinguished career with Warrandyte broken by two years with South Melbourne in the VFL.



Guy Taylor, standing in for Dad.



Catherine O'Connor and her much-honoured husband Kimberly.



Father and son Brian and Brad Day came down from the bush for the occasion. Both were selected in the teams of their respective eras.

The team of the '90s men, including last season's club and competition best and fairest winner Mack Clarkson (fifth from left).



A Warrandyte All Stars team missing the name Brian Tomlinson would have been unthinkable — to say nothing of illogical.

Tomlinson, 59, was in the embarrassing position of chairing the selection panel while realising that his own name would inevitably come up for discussion.

The same would apply to John McCartin, so the ground rule was laid that any panel member whose name arose would excuse himself from consideration of that name.

Tomlinson and McCartin were given their dues in absentia.

The panel named Tomlinson at centre half-back in the team of the 1950s, as a follower in the teams of the '60s and '70s and at centre half-back in the All Stars.

McCartin, who kicked the goal that got the Bloods home by two points in the grand final of 1983, made it as rover-forward pocket in the '70s and '80s teams and as an All Stars interchange.

Brian Tomlinson played 265 games for Warrandyte, umpire seasons wrapped around two years at the elite level with South Melbourne in the then VFL.

He was 15 on debut here and in the end had racked up three club best and fairest awards. He



names those among his career highlights, along with representing the league (then the Croydon-Ferntree Gully Football League) and playing on the half-back line for South Melbourne.

But captain-coaching Warrandyte (he coached the Bloods for eight years) to the 1966 flag was the biggie.

"As far as I know we were the only Warrandyte side to win a premierships without being paid," he said.

"They'd sooner a fight than a feed, but they loved their foot-

ball!"

Another much-selected player was Alan Cornhill.

Cornhill played his first senior game at 16 and got the selection panel's endorsement for a half-back flank in the teams of the '60s and '70s and the All Stars.

Father and son Brian and Brad Day were there from Merton and Beechworth respectively for Teams of the Decades. Brian was named first ruck of the '50s and a back pocket of the ensuing decade and an interchange for the All Stars. Brad, one of the gutsiest half-back flankers this town has seen, very rightfully won that spot in the '80s side.

Fate dealt Phil Taylor a cruel blow in the 1983 preliminary final. He broke a leg and looked on seven days later as the Bloods won a glorious premierships in the mud at Doncaster.

He couldn't make it down from Mansfield for last month's presentation to receive accolades for his selection on a wing in the team of that decade and as an All Stars emergency, but was represented by his very talented 20-year-old son Guy.

Young Taylor, who came to Melbourne to study civil engineering, joined Warrandyte mid-season and has made an impression as an on-baller.

Upper Gully or bust!

Ringwood debacle sets up desperate do-or-die struggle

By LEE TINDALE

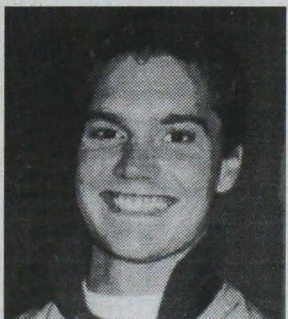
Warrandyte's forlorn hopes of surviving in EFL Second Division for more than one season were dealt another demoralising blow on July 8 by hiding at home from Ringwood.

Gee, do Ringwood love our style of football! At their ground in round five they whipped us by 145 points — 25.12 to 2.5. They didn't quite match that in the return bout, scraping in by just 106.

But if you take our home-ground advantage and so-called improvement into the equation, it was just as bad.

Fortunately, the Bloods' only lifeline to another shot at Division 2 next season was kept plugged in by joint cellar dweller Upper Ferntree Gully's defeat at The Basin. Warrandyte and Upper Gully have each won two games (although our percentage is considerably poorer) and it sets up a potential blockbuster for survival at home on July 22.

A good deal will depend on ruckman Kimberly O'Connor's recovery from a hamstring injury sustained in the third quarter against Ringwood. O'Connor said after the game that he hoped to "run the injury out" at



Rocky Armstrong, best of a badly beaten bunch.



training the following week.

The Bloods also lost livewire rover Justin Edwards early in the second quarter with a season-ending knee injury. Edwards had been a very good player to that stage.

But why do Ringwood love us so? Because we consistently pick them out with dumb footpasses or kick the ball high into a contest in which we are outnumbered both in the air and on the ground.

Ringwood are a very professional outfit who make us look silly.

As he berated his players at three-quarter time, exasperated coach Lex Munro strongly suggested that heads would roll at the selection table and he would be looking at Under-18 players to replace them.

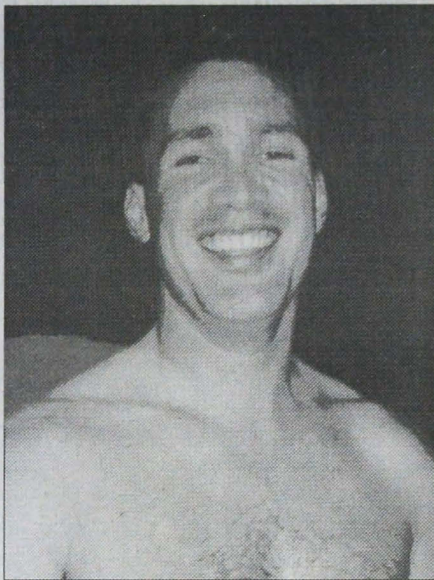
Munro invited any player not committed to putting in a big last quarter to join the wounded on the bench. "At least we'll finish with 15 real triers," he said.

Perhaps there was a lift in commitment in the final term, but it certainly didn't show on the scoreboard, Ringwood outscoring us six goals to one to finish with a 23.20 (158) to 7.10 (52) scoreline.

For a while there early in the match it really looked as if the Bloods were going to make a game of it.

Edwards kicked the first goal from a free and a couple of penalties four minutes in and those who had witnessed the Round 5 slaughter remembered that it had been almost half-time that afternoon before we saw two flags waving at our end.

A bad blunder in defence allowed Ringwood in for their first at seven minutes, but a great intercepting mark by Mack Clarkson and goal three minutes later put us back in



KIMBERLY O'Connor (left) and Justin Edwards, two Warrandyte casualties against Ringwood.

front, albeit briefly.

Ringwood responded almost immediately and hit the front at the 17-minute mark when loose defence again opened the door.

Even at this early stage the visitors were looking ominous, particularly adept at freeing the ball from the clinches with slick handball and creating loose men. Still, Warrandyte were giving as good as they were getting.

Ringwood struck again at 20 minutes, but Aidan Davey pulled that one back with a clever snap three minutes later, only to see the opposition again answer almost immediately to lead by 11 points — 5.3 to 3.4 — at the first change.

Munro told his players he believed they should have been in front and called for extreme pressure to be applied in the next stanza.

Ringwood blew the game open with three goals in as many minutes after an inconclusive resumption. With 11 minutes gone, they had run to a 23-point lead and Warrandyte were never going to threaten thereafter.

Sam McLaughlin put a momentary stop to the rot from a free and accompanying penalty four minutes later, but Ringwood were really starting to put it together and goals at

24, 26 and 28 minutes saw them rush to a 41-point advantage.

John O'Brien cut that to six clear goals — 11.6 to 5.6 — when he threaded one through from a free on the boundary right on the siren, but the damage had been well and truly done.

Ringwood stretched their lead with a goal six minutes into the third term, but Craig Dick briefly kept the lid on a total blow-out with one of his own two minutes later.

All the signs were there, though. Ringwood players were everywhere and the visitors monopolised the attack without taking full toll on the scoreboard. Something had to give, however, and it gave at the 14-minute mark with two Ringwood goals in as many minutes, followed by another at 20 minutes, another at 28 and another at 29.

It had been a six-goals-to-one term and Munro implored his players to "kick six or seven" and win the last.

"If you've got one quarter of football left in you, can you give it to us now?" he asked.

They couldn't, but they certainly tried. They held Ringwood out for 14 minutes, but three goals in the ensuing three minutes provided the last rites.

O'Brien kicked our only goal for the quarter, from a free and penalty at 21 minutes, but Ringwood responded in triplicate and the final siren was blessed relief.

Warrandyte's goalkickers were O'Brien 2, Edwards, Clarkson, McLaughlin, Dick and Davey. Their best were Rocky Armstrong, Brendon Smith, Glen Carle and Clarkson.

Munro said after the game that the Bloods would now be fully focused on July 22 and Upper Ferntree Gully.

"Hopefully we'll be getting a few players back from injury next week, players like Andrew Brown, David Bien and Adam Borwick.

"A few of our players are just not performing."

The day had started promisingly enough for Warrandyte, with the Under-18s winning their third game of the season, finishing strongly to beat Ringwood by 25 points, 8.10 (58) to 5.3 (33). Their best were Matt Treeby, Tim Andrews and James Riley.

The Reserves were outclassed, best served by Adam Burbidge, Craig Evans, Nick Rybalko, Brad Giampietro and Jarrod O'Connor in their 59-point defeat, 14.15 (99) to 6.4 (40).

Where In the world is Ian?

Where are you, Ian World? If you happen to read this, please give Brian Tomlinson a call on 9876 2178. He wants to invite you to a very exclusive lunch.

World, who gave Warrandyte Football Club great service as a player in the 1960s and '70s, is the only name unaccounted for on a list of 32 invitees to a life members luncheon at the clubrooms on August 5.

It will be the forerunner to the Bloods' last game of the season (against The Basin), one which could save them from relegation to EFL Third Division next year.

"We've managed to trace all the other life members and we have a couple of people looking for Ian," said Tomlinson, who is organising the function. "We'd dearly like to find him to ensure that all life members sit down together on the day."

The select diners will assemble at 12.30pm for an o'clock luncheon.

Another game crucial to Warrandyte's survival in Division 2 — at home to Upper Ferntree Gully on July 22 — will be preceded by a past players luncheon at which Gary "Madge" Allsop will be guest speaker.

Tickets are \$25 and bookings can be made with Bucky Rodgers (0411 519671).

Allsop will also host a Trivia Night at the clubrooms on Saturday, July 29. Again, contact Rodgers for bookings.

Club Kilsyth is the venue for the club's First Annual Ball on Saturday night, July 15. Tickets are \$50 all inclusive and it will be a gala affair. The fun starts at 7.30 and a bus will be leaving the clubrooms at seven.

Brendon Smith and James Logan are handling bookings.

Young Bloods counting on five Yarra finalists

Warrandyte Junior Football Club continue to excel in the strong Yarra junior league.

After 11 completed rounds, the young Bloods expect to have five of their eight teams in this season's finals — the Under-10 (Green), Under-11 (Brown), Under-12 (Brown), Under-15 (Gold) and the Colts.

"This is a great credit to the club, especially the players, coaches and team officials," said WJFC president Mathew Matheou.

"A tremendous amount of work has been invested by the players and coaches and we are starting to see really encouraging results.

"We also expect our other teams to seriously challenge in their divisions. Of course, as long as the players are having fun, learning team and individual skills and growing as individuals, we don't really care what the results are — even though the current situation is extremely pleasing."

Matheou said a number of



the juniors had played milestone games — 50 and in some cases 100 — with the club.

"This is another positive sign for us," he said, "as it means that when players join our club, they stay."

"We must be doing something right."

The club will hold a dinner dance on Saturday, July 22, at Dorney Reserve, Park Orchards. It is an important

fund-raiser and all supporters are invited.

"Dinner will be provided, an auction will be conducted and there will be plenty of dancing and plenty of laughs," said Matheou.

"If last year was any indication it will be a great time for all."

Supporters who would like to attend the function should contact club secretary Dennis Hoiberg on 9722 1091.

• Meanwhile, the scene is set for The Great Moo Poo for Cash Raffle at the No 2 oval at the recreation reserve at 1pm on Saturday, July 15.

Number corresponding to \$10 raffle tickets will be randomly placed on the oval area and a well-fed cow released to find a \$2500 cash winner.

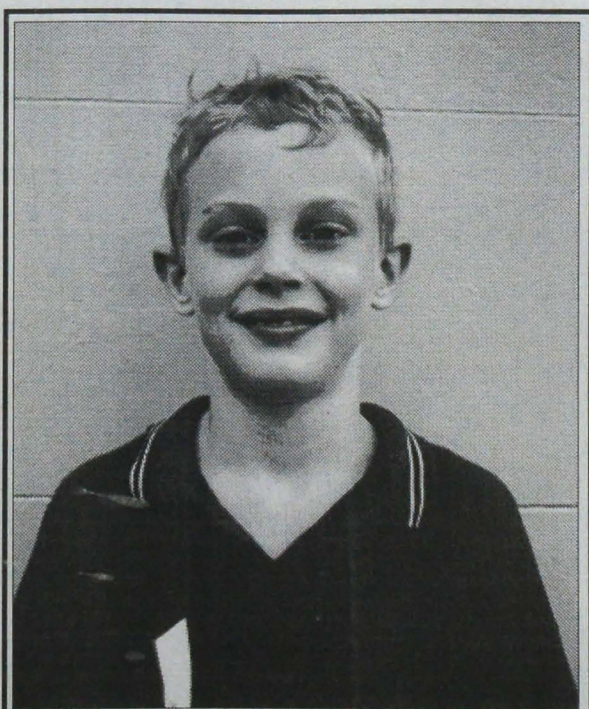
At the first cowpat dropped, the judges will measure to the closest ticket number and declare a winner.

The result will be published in the *Diary* and the winner notified by phone if he or she is not there for the exciting event.

Moo Poo for Cash is a fundraising venture by the WJFC and the Skateboard Park.

The joint committee urges local folk to be there for the fun and maybe enjoy a "snag" or two from the barbecue.

Moo Poo tickets are still available. Phone Tony Morrello (9844 2618), Bryan Handson (9844 3047) or Tom Fitzpatrick (9844 3883).



A star in the long run

Warrandyte may had a long-distance running champion of the future in its midst.

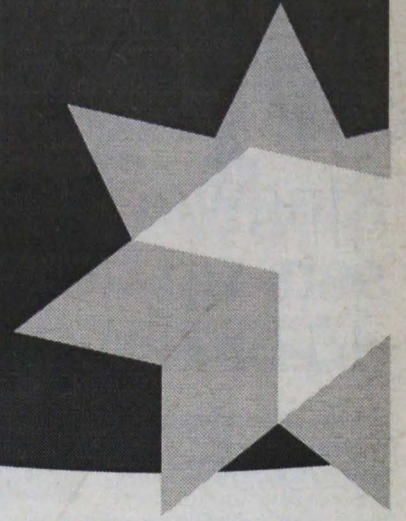
Rowan Mullett-Treloar, a Warrandyte Primary School student, competed in the recent Victorian Cross-country Championships and finished 16th out of the 90 best nine and 10-year-olds in the state.

Asked after the race how he felt, Rowan said: "Very tired." But he was also very proud to represent his school.



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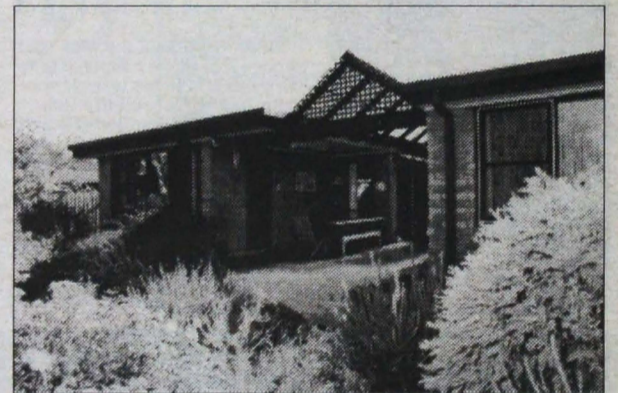
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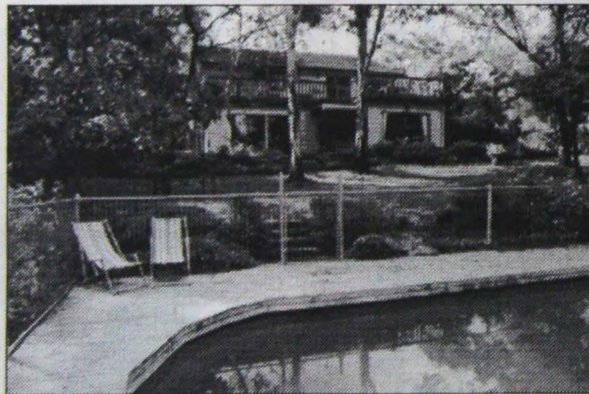
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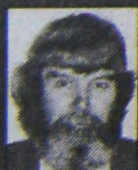
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