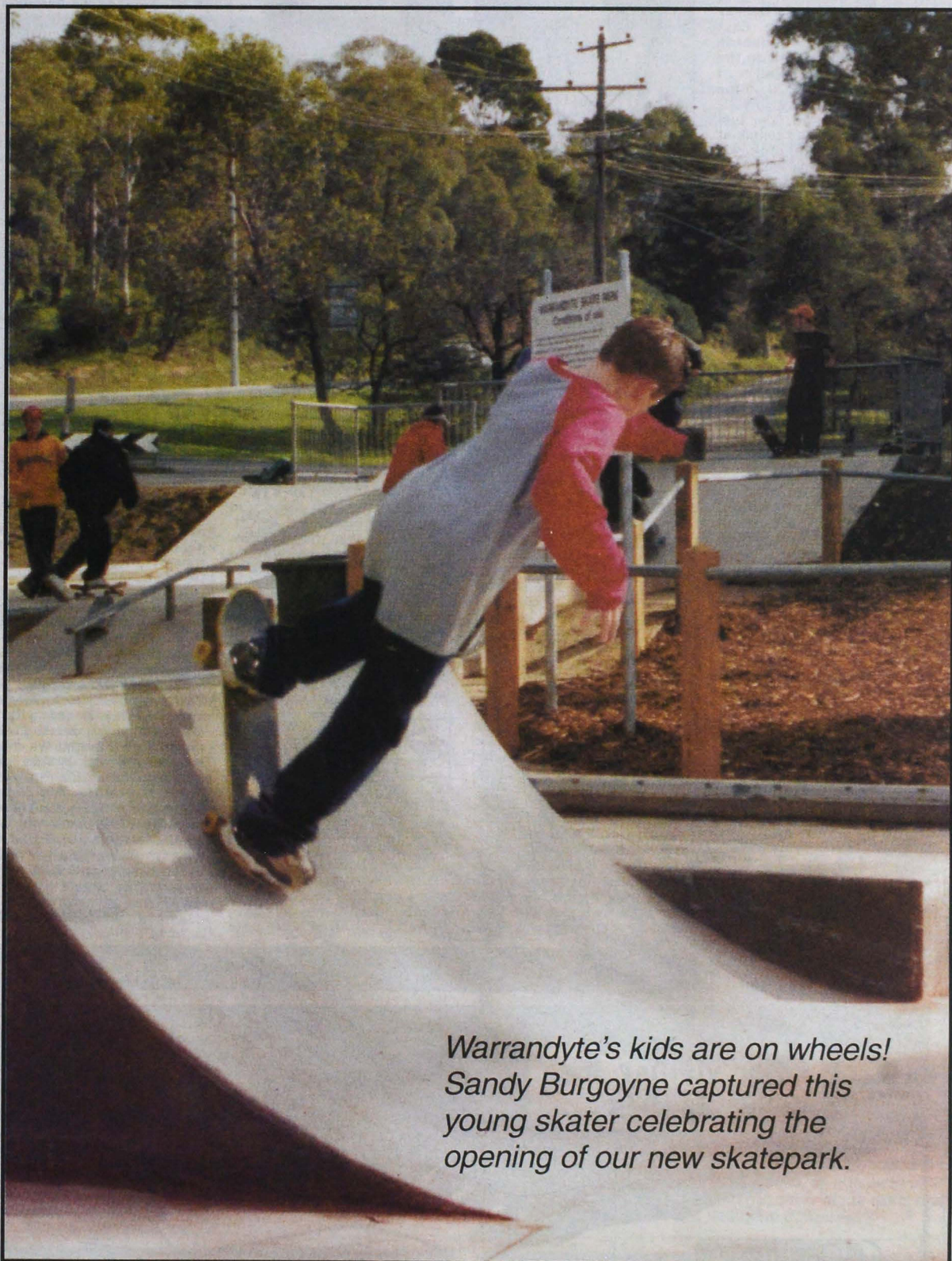


Green Wedge probe



Warrandyte's kids are on wheels! Sandy Burgoyne captured this young skater celebrating the opening of our new skatepark.

By CLIFF GREEN

Manningham council has formed a "Green Wedge review committee".

Locals are concerned that the committee has been instructed to investigate a number of points relating directly to the "development" of the land.

Mr David Mayor, vice-president of the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association said that it was "difficult to fathom what council is up to".

Council's move follows an application by a group of landowners, styling themselves the Park Orchards Progress Association, to amend the planning scheme to permit the subdivision of 37 broad acre allotments in the Green Wedge into 103 building blocks.

The area affected is bounded by the proposed extension to Reynolds Road and Stintons Road to the north, Pambara Court to the west, Rainbow Valley Road to the south and North Valley Road and part of Alva Avenue to the east.

Council resolved that the primary objective of the committee conducting this review is "the clarification of issues relating to the Green Wedge".

Cr Pat Young told the *Diary* that "the committee has been formed to review and advise on the role and performance of the Manningham planning scheme in its protection and enhancement of the environmental values of the non-urban areas".

The committee has been instructed to make a final recommendation to council "with respect to this matter within four months" of their convening and to "make an initial recommendation within one month" on the "precise terms of reference" of the committee.

They are required to:

- Determine "the views and aspirations of all landowners in the non-urban zone";
- Consider "innovative development solutions including those aimed at optimising the integrity of the Green Wedge";
- Consider "innovative essential infrastructure needs and options for the proper development of the non-urban zones";
- Develop "realistic controls and incentives that may apply for the innovative and orderly development of the non-urban zones";
- Consider "any other matter of relevance to the proper development of the land".

"When it looked as if the application to amend the planning scheme would be defeated, Cr Beynon sought to defer consideration of the application for a period of four months," Mr Mayor said. "Cr Allemand then

moved successfully to establish a Green Wedge review committee, deleting all reference to 'subdivision' and inserting 'development'."

When Cr Allemand was asked by co-ward councillor Pat Young, what was meant by the term "development", he replied that this was a matter for the review committee.

"Some believe 'development' is merely code for 'subdivision'," Mr Mayor said. "But this remains to be seen, as the review committee is now charged with writing its own terms of reference."

Councillors Lionel Allemand, Pat Young and John Bruce, and mayor, Cr Julie Eisenbise, along with Paul Molan, director of environmental amenity, will represent council. Council has appointed as community representatives Richard Aumann, Harris Gully Road, Warrandyte; Dr Paul Tauro, Mullum Residents Group, Donvale; Marie Wallin, Alva Avenue, Park Orchards; and John Swaney, Commercial Road, Park Orchards.

"The choice of the four community representatives out of 23 applicants is unfathomable," Mr Mayor said. "No-one was appointed from within the Park Orchards Green Wedge subject area, either for or against the subdivision proposal. Two local Green Wedge residents were appointed from outside the subject area. Forgetting that the Manningham Green Wedge extends out into Wonga Park, there was no-one appointed from Wonga Park."

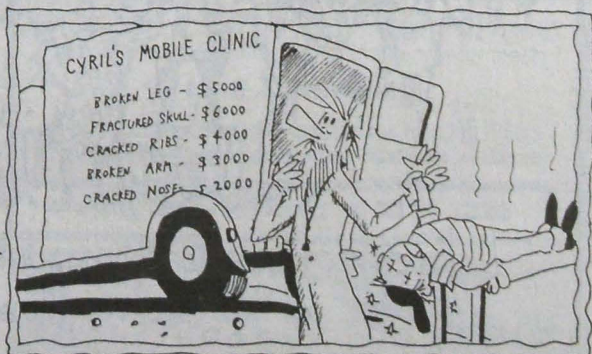
"The Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, with its 34-year proven track record of representing the Park Orchards community at large, was overlooked in favour of a newcomer to the area, and a representative of a residents' group west of the Mullum Mullum Creek was appointed, neither of whom have any track record or community network in Park Orchards, Warrandyte or Wonga Park."

Mr Mayor said that the appointment of Cr Bruce—who works for the state planning department—was welcomed "as the council restriction on the Green Wedge review committee prevents that committee from pre-empting any decision which may be coming out of the state government review of state planning policy".

Mr Steve Graham, president of the Park Orchard Ratepayers Association, said he "remained optimistic that the community representatives on the review committee would reflect the views of the community they have been appointed to represent".

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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Go fishing, Neil, and give your tennis team a break

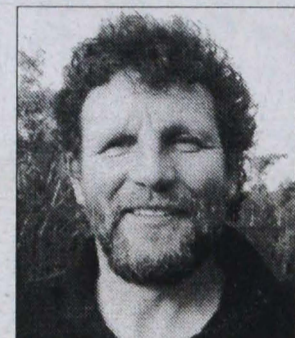
The last time we saw Page 2 anchorman Neil "Bozo" Dusting and begged to know why he was lying so low, he said he was going for Father of the Year by driving his girls to and from netball a lot. And when we asked if that was the state or national award, he said neither, global. Oh, right. Inevitably, though, Bozo was going to bob up here again pretty soon and he's done it by sitting bolt upright in the passenger seat of his mate Ross Thomas' boat as they lapped up the East Gippsland winter sunshine while drowning worms in the Mitchell River, out of Bairnsdale, about 12.30 on the afternoon of Saturday, July 21. "Oh Gawd," he said, "I'm supposed to be playing tennis at Warrandyte at one o'clock!" Fearful of recriminations back home for letting his side down so badly, Neil got on the mobile to his wife, the lovely, long-suffering Pauline, and asked her to round up an emergency — and pronto — to take his place. Told firmly and none-too-politely to find his own replacement, Neil eventually came up with Paul Gilling and while our hero was still nursing a guilty conscience back at the camp at Paynesville that night, his team were celebrating their first win of the season. If Bozo goes fishing again at finals time, maybe they'll win the pennant!

For years now, Kevin Close has been what they call an "advance tactician" or "forward scout" (aka "spy") for various AFL clubs. All clubs use them to suss out the next opponents and report back on their strengths and weaknesses, but when a coach hires Closey, he is signing his own death warrant. Only Brisbane Lions supremo Leigh Matthews has managed to survive the Close connection. Kevin was first seconded by close mate Robert Walls when he took over as Brisbane coach in 1991 and somehow managed to see out five seasons in a job not famous for security at the top. When Walls was appointed coach of Richmond in 1996, swapping jobs with John Northey, Closey went with him, then back into Northey's fold when Walls was sacked at Tigerland in 1977. Northey was also cast adrift midstream in 1988 and replaced in a caretaker capacity by Roger Merrett, who missed out on the

IN RED & WHITE



Kevin 'Kiss of Death' Close: one scalp to go.



Dennis Clark: wonders how he escaped it all.

full-time appointment for 1999 in favour of Matthews. Another casualty of Matthews' arrival was football manager Scott Clayton, who had enticed Closey back on to the Brisbane payroll after Northey's departure. In 2000, after a season under Matthews, Closey was lured to St Kilda by former Hawthorn back pocket Andrew Collins, whom he had coached as a junior at Doncaster Heights and who was now assistant to new Saints coach Tim Watson. And we all know what happened to Timmy, don't we? He went and so did Collins. Closey didn't. He stuck around to work this season under the Saints' million-dollar saviour Malcolm Blight — and we all know what happened to Malcolm, don't we? He got his marching orders last month and his two assistant coaches quit. In the meantime, Blight had removed five of the seven "forward scouts" at St Kilda, but not Closey. Being a retired primary school headmaster, he doesn't need the money, but the Grim Reaper of Milton Close is wondering if he should now return to Brisbane and add the scalp of Matthews to his already crowded belt.

helli he escaped the Close kiss of death. In retaliation, Kevin says Dennis jumped before he was pushed.

It was Smokey who, after many, many rounds of golf with him, nicknamed Jim Harris "Lucky Jim". The grand old man of Pound Bend had an uncanny, almost eerie, knack of stopping a mishit centimetres short of the heavy rough and ricocheting off trees to within centimetres of the pin. And if there was any sort of a raffle going at the 19th hole, you could guarantee he'd win it. Jim's luck ran out the other day, though, when he walked through the home paddock to collect two magnificent mushrooms he'd spotted there the previous day. Overnight, a wombat (or maybe a pair of them) had rendered the mushies inedible by doing the business all over them. "Shit!" said Jim.

Easyrider, our man on the buses, has a novel theory on his pet aversion: mobile phones on public transport. "Counter lunches!" he declared. Counter lunches? How so? "Look," he said, "these business types who wheel and deal on their mobiles all the way home on the bus at night while a man's trying to take a nap, they've all had long counter lunches and they have to catch up after legitimate

working hours on the time they've wasted breasting a bar somewhere in the city! They should take a leaf out of my book by having a sandwich in the office at lunch time, 15 or 16 pots after work and sleeping all the way to Warrandyte or wherever!" Thank you, Easyrider, for your invaluable contribution to the temperance cause.

We owe Grant "Socks" Egan an abject apology — and we hereby abjectly apologise to short-circuit a threatened defamation action (a damages claim of 20 cents had been mentioned and that's way beyond our means). We told last time how Socks had managed to stuff up a big night with the family at the Sofitel in town by failing to distinguish between the MCG and Colonial Stadium, and that's a fact. We also identified him as a dedicated Essendon supporter, which isn't. He is, in fact, a lifelong Western Bulldogs devotee (although recent football history suggests we did him a huge favour). Anyhow, we've sacked our informant and now subscribe to the proposition espoused in The Bill that reliable snouts are an endangered species.

From our stranger-than-fiction files: Page 2 pillar Alan (Coatsy) Koetsveld was actually seen to inadvertently drink a pot of Cascade Premium Light at the local pub on Wednesday, July 25. And without even a grimace. A curious performance from a bloke on record as saying that "drinking light beer is like kissing your sister — there's nothing in it!"

As far as native trees go, the Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) is not just tall timber and a pretty face. It's also koala tucker and, according to our Cathy Willis, who knows all about such matters, will, in about 100 years, develop nesting holes for birds. We don't suggest you stick around for a century waiting for the latter event, but little yellow boxes, which will grow into one of our most graceful eucalypts, are available right now from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend. Give Cathy a call on 0418 142297.

Smokey Joe

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH

After visiting the twelve apostles

...Tourists flock to Warrandyte to experience the natural wonder of the twelve illuminated bus shelters! JCK.

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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 24km 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.

Community group planned

By **CLIFF GREEN**

A proposal for a new community-wide association was launched at a public meeting in Warrandyte earlier this month.

Called as a reporting and information night by the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group, the meeting resolved to explore the founding of a Warrandyte Community Association.

The proposed association is seen as a broadly-based group, encompassing the entire community.

"These days, every time an issue arises in Warrandyte, a new pres-

sure group has to be formed," Mr Jock Macneish, president of the centre supporters group told the *Diary*.

"Look what's been happening with issues like dual occupancy, phone towers, bus shelters, threats to the Green Wedge and—of course—the recent crisis at the community centre. Every time an issue arises in Warrandyte a new group has to be formed. It's like re-inventing the wheel every time this community faces another threat."

Mr Macneish believes that the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association is a splendid example of the

type of organisation we need in Warrandyte. This organisation has been an effective community voice in its area for more than 30 years.

"We have the added complexity of living on the borders of two different municipalities. Some sort of overall community association would give us a powerful voice at all levels of government. I see it covering all aspects of community life: environmental, social, cultural, educational and administrative," Mr Macneish said.

The public meeting charged the supporters group with exploring the formation of such a broadly-

based organisation.

"I see this as a natural outcome of the recent successful campaign to keep the community centre in the community," he said. "The recent emergence of a number of issues concerning the Warrandyte community shows the need for such an organisation."

The public meeting also discussed the steady progress the support group was making in managing the centre.

"In partnership with Manningham council, the support group is embarking on a \$176,000 refit of the centre," Mr Macneish said. Plans in-

clude refurbishing and repainting the building, resurfacing the carpark and improving disabled access.

"The group is working towards taking up Nillumbik council's offer of support. This could include ways in which Nillumbik can use the complex to better serve that part of our community living on the north side of the river."

● *The Diary invites readers' comments on the proposed Warrandyte Community Association.*

Street character strategy

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Warrandyte receives special and sympathetic treatment in a new "residential strategy", Manningham council has drafted for the municipality. It also sets out a range of ideals for residential building in the Green Wedge.

The township is described as "long established areas nestled by the Yarra River and shaped by the steep hill slopes". It is characterised by "informal rustic character in a bush setting", with a "range of building styles dating from the 19th century". The township itself "consists of smaller allotments" ranging from 750 to 1250 square metres.

Council intends that the draft residential strategy should provide "a framework for residential policy in the municipality".

"The principle underpinning the strategy is the need to provide housing that promotes the health and wellbeing of all people living in the municipality," the draft states.

The strategy indicates that issues for new residential development in Warrandyte would include the need for the "retention and enhancement of (an) informal (and) rustic character" with "sensitively designed built form in muted, earthy tones (and) an appropriate use of materials".

It warns against "intrusion of incongruous built form; removal of buildings with identified significance; inappropriate development which doesn't recognise the township heri-

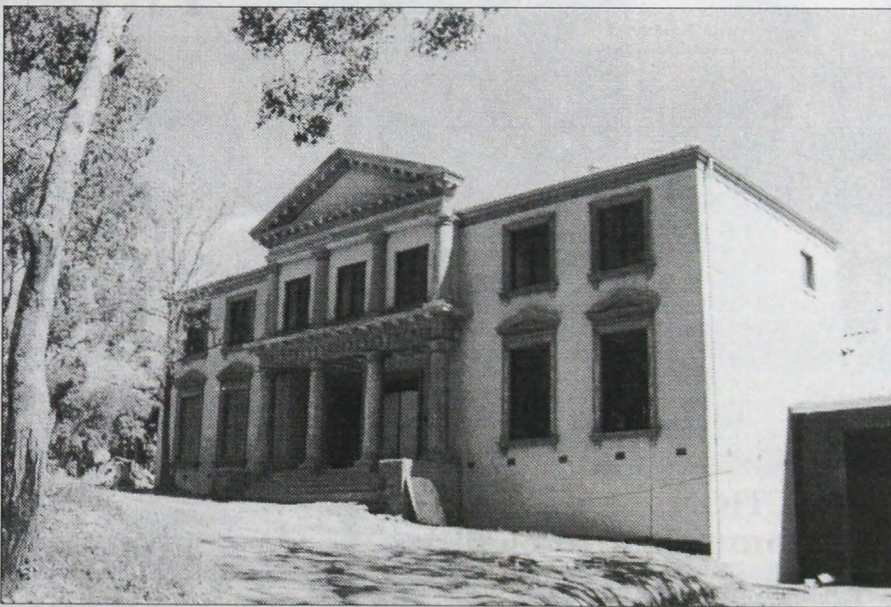
tage and tourism values, topography and vegetation; large buildings that do not step into the landform; extensive cut and fill;" and the "removal of tree canopy and indigenous vegetation".

The strategy describes the "non-urban" (Green Wedge) areas east of Mullum Mullum Creek as being "typified by the very attractive landscapes of undulating topography generally with medium to full indigenous tree cover remaining". It describes the "settlement patterns" as being "generally of a low density with minimum visual impact on the landscape".

It identifies the issues facing the Green Wedge as the "retention of (a) rural, bushland non-urban character" and "continued protection from insensitive settlement activity".

It warns against "intrusion of (an) incongruous built form; large buildings that do not step into the landform (and) which create extensive cut and fill; removal of tree canopy and indigenous vegetation; landscaping and planting using exotic species;" and the use of "reflective, non-muted colours" in buildings.

● *The draft strategy will be on exhibition for a month in August/September this year. A brochure will be sent to every household inviting people to participate in two public forums. Council hopes to finalise the strategy in October/November, 2001.*



Although this eclectic style of housing may be more suited to the larger lots or modern curvilinear neighbourhood character areas, its fails to fit in with the typical built form and Warrandyte setting. The overall height, sheer blank walls and resultant bulk is dominating in the area. (Manningham Draft Residential Strategy)



Developments in Warrandyte generally nestle into the landscape (pictured above), are often single storey, and use a variety of materials, including brick and timber in muted tones. Although the minimum lot size in the area is 650 square metres, vegetation has been retained, enhancing the informal rustic character and bush setting. Design is generally unpretentious and buildings are of a scale and form that is sympathetic to the bushland setting.

(Manningham Draft Residential Strategy)

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In defence of Honeywood

I do not normally read the *Warrandyte Diary* and so can only assume what is at stake here. This is a reply to recent letters.

However I do not believe Phil Honeywood or the environmental groups are fools, and are just creating mischief for the sake of it.

What I do believe is that most people are motivated by self-interest, and this is why we have this constant battle between those who want to retain the Green Wedge for their own pleasure and the pleasure of future generations, and those who want to develop it for money.

In both cases we have self-interest: the smaller view and the wider one.

People come from all over Melbourne to enjoy Warrandyte's unique rural character,

they no longer go to Heidelberg or Eltham; these places are now suburbs and they have lost or have almost lost their rural character.

Most people will almost always put their own self-interest before everything else. The wider view is that the preservation of the environment enables the human race to exist, and so I would say we need environmental groups—not just for the survival of your neighbours' children but for the ultimate survival of your own, and their children's children.

If Phil Honeywood is not a typical Liberal, so much the better, and may we value environmental groups, for without them the human race stands no chance of survival at all.

**Ron Bence
Hawkes Road**

Kakadu report disappoints

I was delighted to see that the Kakadu mural, which was a significant contribution from Warrandyte Primary School children has, at long last, been reported in the *Diary*. I am, however, saddened (given the fact the mural is in its fourth year at Jabiru) that the details of its origin and construction were incorrectly reported.

It was Edward's father, Don Saunders, who suggested the project to Edward's teacher, Sue Reynolds, as a memorial to his late wife. It was Sue who worked tirelessly with the children on this project. To produce a piece of this magnitude requires considerable dedication, motivation and organizational skills. These Sue has in abundance. It was Sue who communicated with Jabiru Area School in 1997 and enlisted the

help of talented local artist, Ron Reynolds who, coincidentally, happens to be her husband.

This project was the culmination of a particularly distressing year for all those associated with 2R and with all due respect should have been reported accurately.

**Lesley Spencer-Hogbin
Mitchell Avenue**

(We reported on the Kakadu mural in 1997. Apologies for the errors in last month's report.)

Is council's committee rigged?

Do I notice a certain amount of experience by our state MP Phil Honeywood when he suggests that the committee for the "Talkfest" could be rigged? Surely he, as our representative, supposedly being democratic and believing in a "fair go" for all types of individuals, would never have been a party to such goings-on—or would he? I hope not. Please, Phil, do you live in our electorate?

Trevor Parker, Tindals Road

Bags of golden memories

On behalf of the Warrandyte 150 Gold Committee I would like to thank the many people who made June 30 the outstanding success it was.

Firstly, Manningham City Council for the generous grant which made the whole celebration possible. To the *Warrandyte Diary*, who backed the event as early as last year and whose pictorial coverage of the day's event was outstanding. To the people of Warrandyte who, as always, rallied behind the event by their efforts in recreating the 1850s and attending the tent city and the gold discovery re-enactment.

To the many vendors who gave authenticity to tent city; the Chinese dragon dancers; the Irish dancers; the poets; the band et al.

To the volunteers, Lions, Rotarians and the SES and many others who gave their time free of charge.

To the Warrandyte Theatre Company, whose stunning re-enactment, with its wonderful script and boundless energy of the cast, made for an unforgettable spectacle.

I would also like to express personal thanks to the Gold 150 Committee who, armed with a germ of an idea 12 months ago, turned June 30, 2001 into a day that will long be remembered in Warrandyte.

**Brian Phefley
Warrandyte Gold 150**

DEAR DIARY

Congrats on centre display

The presentation by the groups at the Warrandyte Community Centre was by far the best that has been seen during any of our celebrations or festivals. I have never seen so many people wandering around and through the centre before.

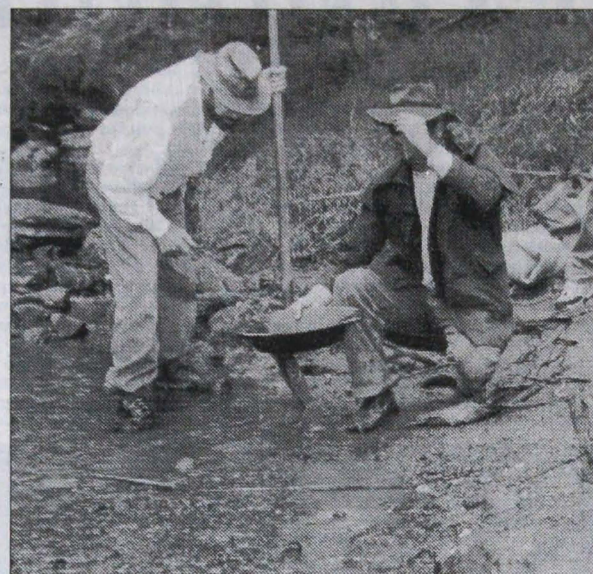
With a working model of a gold mine, set up out the front of the centre and model trains in the courtyard, the model railway was in evidence all day.

Information Warrandyte was handing out balloons and information and displaying gold and mining artifacts.

Michael Willesdorf in his miner's garb did a sterling job of cooking damper in his camp oven out front. The damper was served with butter, honey or golden syrup together with tea (free) by Warrandyte Neighbourhood House volunteers dressed as women of dubious repute, as pictured in last month's *Diary* (front page). One of these volunteers, Judi Hill, was chosen as the person wearing the best costume of the day.

It was good to see so much activity at our centre during the celebration. Congratulations to our Neighbourhood House, Information Warrandyte and the Model Railway Club.

**Jean Chapman
Taroona Avenue**



They found the clickerty! (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

Queen Victoria had a ball

With regard to the winner of the best costume at the golden anniversary bush dance.

Being akin to Queen Victoria is quite something. And choosing a costume for the above salubrious occasion was done in the nick of time, with black being the colour available. However, the cape's lining of shocking pink did lift my spirits somewhat, with other clothing and accessories claimed at various outlets anywhere from Croydon to Warrandyte—together with some home-grown additions.

It was obvious that Warrandyte locals and visitors

alike immensely enjoyed the activities and costume change—there should be more of it! Looking forward to the next clickerty event, albeit in the year 2051!

Thank you, Prudence Truby King, for your account of the event through your telegraphic dispatch, including the Bush Dance, in the *Diary*, July issue—copies of which have already been happily distributed to family and friends.

**Judi Hill
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Greening the Wedge

Not everyone with acres in the Green Wedge is allowing their land to become "degraded" as an excuse for subdivision. Many cherish their properties and are working hard to bring them back to their previous glory. RACHEL BAKER reports.

THE green pastures and rolling hills of the Green Wedge are undergoing a slow transformation. Weeds are being taken out, rabbit-proof fences are being built, cows and horses are going, and indigenous plants are being planted.

Landowners are beginning the long task of restoring their land to what it was like 200 years ago. And Manningham council is encouraging them.

LEAF—Local Environment Assistance Fund—is a council scheme that gives property owners money to restore their land.

Council also offers land management courses, allowing property owners to learn how to look after their land. They can then develop a long-term plan for their property and start work. LEAF will match the amount a landowner spends (providing up to \$800 a year).

Almost 100 people are currently involved in LEAF, which was launched in 1995.

The fund's co-ordinator, Samantha Bradley, told the *Diary* that it has been very successful.

"People's land management practices have completely turned around," she said.

Ms Bradley said that while LEAF is restricted to the Green Wedge area, property owners who have frontage to a stream or environmentally valuable features can apply for funding to restore their land.

While LEAF encourages the current landowners to look after their land, another scheme is working to protect the land when a new owner takes over. The Property Covenant scheme allows property owners to create permanent restrictions on their own land—to prohibit, for example, future subdivision or logging.

Ms Bradley said this scheme will ensure the hard work of LEAF participants will not be lost when the landowner moves on.

Landowners can check out their properties classification and funding eligibility at the Manningham council website, www.manningham.vic.gov.au, or telephone Samantha Bradley on 9840 9307.

These are a few of the unsung heroes who are helping to protect and restore the Green Wedge:

Paul Cenci

Stretching from the valley to the crest of the hill, Paul Cenci's property is densely filled with native bush. But weeds have also flourished on the eight-acre block in Park Orchards. A particular problem has been a tree called pittosporum. Pittosporums are native to Australia, but not to the area. "They really take over everything," he said.

So the first task under the LEAF program has been removing the non-indigenous plants.

"They can grow very big (up to 14 metres high), so I got contractors in to remove a lot of them," Paul said. Another task was to dig up the rabbit warrens and remove fallen trees (the property's previous owners had cleared the top of the hill).

The next phase will include planting native species, such as cassinia. "If I'm taking the pest plants out, I have to put something back in," Paul explained.

Also on the agenda will be a rabbit control program.

Paul believes the LEAF program has acted as a major incentive in restoring his land to its natural state.



Paul Cenci is proud of his South Warrandyte property. (Picture by Jan Tindale)



Jesse Slater and assistant, planting out David Ellis' riverside land in Warrandyte.

"It's easier when you're part of a larger effort, not just doing it on your own," he said.

Paul hasn't yet done a land management course, but he is considering completing one in the future.

David and Jenny Williams

The Williams property, in Wonga Park, ranges from sensitive bushland to pasture for donkeys and a horse.

David and Jenny completed the land management course last year and have started applying the principles to their property.

"We found that there are very rare and endangered plant species in the back corner," Jenny said.

So one of the first projects under LEAF was to build a protective fence around that area. They also plan to build a fence around another bushland area, opposite their house.

Other projects include rabbit eradi-

cation, removal of blackberries and building a causeway.

A large dam on the neighbouring property has resulted in a small creek in the Williams' land, so they plan to cultivate a wetland there. "We'll bring a bobcat in and plant more plants through there," she explained.

The property was recently accredited by Land for Wildlife, a Department of Natural Resources and Environment scheme that recognises landowners who encourage indigenous fauna to inhabit their land. Landowners are offered in-kind support and information.

"We're trying to create a natural habitat here," Jenny said.

Tracey Wood

Tracey and her family moved onto a 10-acre block in Warrandyte South because they wanted to live amongst nature.

"We thought we'd be able to just look at it," Tracey said.

They soon realised, however, that such a large block demands a lot of work. The first step was the land management course. "It taught me a lot about how to look after the land and how to restore it to its natural state," she said.

Tracey then took the cows off her property and stopped slashing the long grasses. "Since then, I've noticed the most amazing regeneration," she said. "We have kangaroos here, native grasses and lilies growing."

The next phase is intensive planting along the property's border; 530 species will be planted in a four-metre wide strip. This will help stop erosion of the retaining wall, which was dug out by the previous owners to make room for the driveway.

As well as providing a corridor for animals to travel through, border planting functions as a barrier against rabbits and weeds. Eventually, Tracey hopes to continue the border planting for the length of the block.

"It should encourage animals up from the creek (a small tributary of Jumping Creek)," she said.

Tracey, who co-ordinates the rabbit control program for her street, said she feels obliged to look after the land. "You've got the pleasure of living here, but also the responsibility," she said.

David Ellis

David Ellis' five-acre block is one of the few properties in Warrandyte with "flat" river frontage.

A large portion of the land is used for David's business, Linton Park Boarding Kennels, as well as pasture for horses. LEAF projects have included rabbit-proofing and poisoning, weed removal, building a drain to divert moisture from the paddock and building a laneway to access the river.

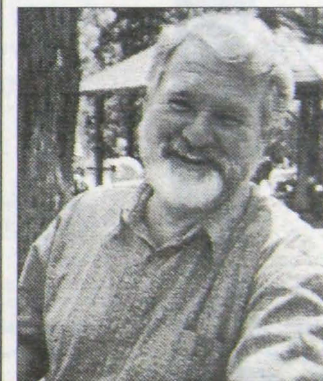
An indigenous planting program, funded by Melbourne Water as well as LEAF, has focussed on the river's edge, where manna gums, silver wattle and black wattle trees are being planted. Native grasses will be planted in stages, so they won't be overwhelmed by weeds and can be built up gradually.

David employs Warrandyte High School student, Jesse Slater, who works at the property on weekends and during holidays.

David said he and Jesse are working on a wombat gate—which can be pushed open by a wombat but not by rabbits—for the fence.

"A lot of native animals come here," David said.

Landcare is profitable



Glenn Martin: up to 30 percent increase in value.

A Warrandyte real estate agent has criticised some Green Wedge landowners, who are allegedly letting their land degrade in the hope that subdivision will become more likely.

Glenn Martin, of Spencer Martin Real Estate, has predicted that subdivision of the Green Wedge will never occur. He claims allowing rabbit infestation and soil erosion to ruin a property could, in fact, reduce its value.

"The difference in price could be as much as 30 percent," he said.

Mr Martin's comments follow claims by Manningham councillor, Patricia Young, that some landowners hoped to reduce the integrity of the Wedge—and therefore give credibility to bids for subdivision—by refusing to look after it.

Mr Martin said property owners knew their land could not be subdivided when they bought it. He said they have enjoyed the bush atmosphere of Warrandyte and believes their desire to now have the Green Wedge undermined for their own financial gain is unfair.

"They're getting greedy," he said.

"Just because they decide they don't want to live there any more, now they want it to be subdivided."

RACHEL BAKER



REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Council has, as part of its commitment to maintaining best value services for the community, developed several planning documents relating to service provision within the City. These documents are now in draft form and have been placed on public exhibition. Council will consider submissions received from the community during the public exhibition stage before adopting the documents.

Your participation in the approval process for the development of these strategic documents is welcomed and any comments you may have on the draft strategy and plan would be appreciated to assist Council in its deliberations on the delivery of the designated services.

Consequently, you are invited to view and comment on the following draft strategy and plan.

Road Safety Strategy (Supplement)

This supplement to the Road Safety Strategy 1998 builds on behavioural aspects of the Strategy to provide a more effective and integrated approach to road safety.

Stormwater Management Plan

Council is committed to providing an ecologically sustainable environment. Developed in consultation with key stakeholders, the Manningham Stormwater management Plan provides a framework for Council and other stakeholders to manage the environmental quality of urban stormwater runoff to protect and enhance waterways.

You may obtain copies of these draft documents and make submissions by contacting Project Management, Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster, Vic, 3108, email: manningham@manningham.vic.gov.au, phone: 9840 9317 or fax: 9840 9351.

Written and oral submissions will be received up to Friday, 24 August 2001.

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Calming the traffic

Motorists speeding in local residential streets will be given a friendly reminder to slow down, courtesy of Manningham council's "Trafficalm" device.

Mayor Cr Julie Eisenbise told the *Diary* that with 50kph zones in residential streets, it is important that motorists slow down.

"There is real concern in the community about the safety of our local streets. The safety of everyone using our streets is at risk from speeding vehicles, whether they are children playing, people riding bikes, walking the dog, jogging or simply out for a stroll."

"One of the problems is that motorists don't necessarily realise that they are speeding. This device will alert them to the fact that they are breaking the law," Cr Eisenbise said.

Trafficalm is designed to modify the behaviour of drivers in areas where speed is known to be a problem.

The Queensland-developed device utilises a speed detecting radar to measure and display the speed as well as giving static advice on speed limits and providing council with statistical information on traffic numbers and behaviour.

"Left in position for a period of time, this device has a dramatic impact on the behaviour of motorists by alerting them to their speed and potential non-compliance with speed limits," Cr Eisenbise said.

Trafficalm will be deployed in residential streets across the municipality from August through to December.

Phil faces landowner angst

I have to say I take great exception to some of the comments attributed to state MP Phil Honeywood (*Warrandyte Diary* July 2001). His disparaging remarks about a group of landholders as "potential profit takers" are typical of the views held by some radical pressure groups and individuals.

Mr Honeywood states that "The overwhelming majority of local residents have indicated—year in and year out—that they want to retain the unique bushland character of our area." But what about the rights of landholders whose land currently supplies the perceived amenity of the so-called Green Wedge?

I would hazard a guess that many of those landholders in Manningham are in a similar situation to those of us in Nillumbik whose land was retrospectively rezoned in the 1971 MMBW Planning Scheme without consultation or notification to key stakeholders—the landowners. Private land has been appropriated as "de facto" public open space, a huge theme park, ideologically known as the "Green Wedge"—"stolen" from its legitimate owners to become part of the "visionary conservation estate".

We know that the Green Wedge is merely a concept. Furthermore, the Department of Infrastructure, in its submission to the panel for the Nillumbik Planning Scheme, acknowledges that it is "a concept not recognised by the State Planning Policy Framework".

No state government to date, (including the previous state government, of which you were a member, Mr Honeywood), has had the intestinal fortitude to define the boundaries of the Green Wedge and legislate to protect it because of the massive compensation to private landholders that would have to be forthcoming.

It seems democracy is a very one-sided affair when landhold-

DEAR DIARY



ers are forced to continue bearing the huge financial burden of providing Green Wedge status without cost to those who reap the benefits of the "amenity". Are you aware of the onerous compliance cost to landholders should they make a permit application in a Green Wedge area?

An application I am aware of to subdivide land into 8ha lots required an estimated 60 percent of the farm to be conserved behind fencing "constructed to a standard to repel livestock". This and other stringent conditions, such as a revegetation program, which must use indigenous planting stock of local provenance, with works to be carried out by a suitably qualified or experienced person. Prescriptive requirements for the placement of trees, shrubs and grasses, even the depth of topsoil and mulch, and the amount of water and fertiliser to be administered, not only represented enormous expense for the owners, but would also render the farm useless. Not surprisingly, the applicants did not proceed.

Those landholders had legitimate expectations prior to 1971, and planned accordingly for their futures. The rights were cast aside by over-zealous bureaucrats who appear to have little idea of the implications of their actions. That's democracy?

More than 30 years on, private landholders are not prepared to tolerate the injustices inflicted on them in the past.

Mr Honeywood, why don't you and that "overwhelming majority of local residents" you spoke of set us all a fine example as a measure of your "dedication to your cause"? Why don't you pool your financial resources and buy the land you wish to protect from subdivision? In other words, to quote an apt saying, "put your money where your mouth is". Everybody will be happy and the land can be maintained in your stewardship, at your cost, for the benefit of the wider community in perpetuity. Senator Bob Brown is already doing this in Tasmania. Why don't you set the same example? By the way, Mr Honeywood, if it wasn't for earlier subdivisions, there wouldn't be too many voters living in your electorate! Think about it.

Anne Stoneman
Hurstbridge

Our Prue acts up!

Diary reporter Prudence Truby King has won the Commonwealth Government's Special Play Writers Award for the International Year of the Volunteer, 2001, with her one-act play, "Visiting Rights".

The award was judged by writer Jutta Goetze and was announced at the Gemco One Act Play Festival in Gembrook, late last month.

Her play "Visiting Rights", was presented at the festival by the Warrandyte Theatre Company, along with "Roulette" and "Tidying Up".

Local director Leanne Lawless and actors Katie Throssell, Mandy Browning and Josh Mitchell received six nominations.

● The three one-act plays can be seen by local audiences on August 10 and 11 at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute.

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New shelters on hold

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

Manningham council has responded to community disquiet by giving notice of its intention to defer the bus shelter installation program in the Warrandyte area, pending the completion of community consultation and the establishment of its final position.

North Warrandyte resident Kerri Boyle is heading a push to prevent what she describes as a "blight upon the landscape"—bus shelters carrying illuminated advertising.

Earlier this year Manningham council awarded a contract for the supply and maintenance of 198 bus shelters throughout the municipality, of which 19 would be on Warrandyte Road between Batskos Drive and Brumbys Road in South Warrandyte. Twelve of these, such as the one near Everard Drive, were planned to carry illuminating advertising.

The council grants advertising rights to the contractor Adshel, in return for maintenance and cleaning of the shelters and 40 per cent return on the advertising revenue.

"Manningham council is contributing to visual pollution by putting shelters in the middle of the bush, all for the sake of the dollar. How does anyone gauge how much Manningham will get out of the revenue? Is it proven income?" Ms Boyle asked, "and will the money they make from it be put back into Warrandyte?"

"Some of these ads in bush shelters carry some suggestive and quite offensive material." Following a hastily-organised petition by Ms Boyle, council has deferred the bush shelter installation program to undertake a telephone survey of the area and is accepting written submissions about the issue.

"Council wants a clearer picture of the needs of the public transport users in the Warrandyte area," Manningham mayor, Cr Julie Eisenbise told the *Diary*.

"Council wants to hear from all the stakeholders. We want to hear from the residents, we want to hear from those who use bus services in the area. What do they want?"



Ms Boyle hopes to get 1500-2000 signatures petitioning against the installation of the new shelters, saying people in Warrandyte are unaware of what council is proposing.

"I'll be talking to schools and public transport users to see what they really need. The proposed shelters aren't servicing a lot of people and they're putting them up in places where there's not an existing stop already.

"These shelters would be like having a billboard in your front garden. They'll be putting in illuminated street signs carrying advertising next."

Cr Eisenbise said council acknowledges that Warrandyte is a unique area of our city with its own character and council is receptive to the wishes of the local community.

"It is also important to keep the bus shelter issue in perspective," Cr Eisenbise said. "The roll-out is providing this city with better designed, well-lit, properly maintained and regularly cleaned bus shelters at no cost to council."

Council estimates each non-advertising bus shelter would cost about \$40,000, maintained and cleaned over a 15-year period.

Bus services cause concern in community

By RACHEL BAKER

Residents have expressed annoyance at recent bus timetable changes, claiming the new level of service is inadequate.

Last month the *Diary* reported that the National Bus Company's 304 service between Ringwood and the city has been cut back. Off-peak services now terminate and originate at The Pines shopping centre, in East Doncaster.

Warrandyte resident, Betty Oke, told the *Diary* that many people depend on the bus.

"I really need it, I go shopping and I visit my children," Betty said.

Route 364, between Ringwood and Doncaster Shoppingtown allows Warrandyte passengers to connect with the 304 via The

Pines during the reduced-service period (9am to 3pm). But Betty Oke has criticised this system.

"There's no seat and no shelter at The Pines," she said.

Betty has also criticised the reliability of connecting services.

"According to the timetable, you haven't got long to wait, but you just don't know if it will come," she said.

National Bus Company has cited low usage as their reason for reducing the service, but Betty has expressed concern about this argument.

"When they cut the services, it becomes less convenient, so people don't use the bus as often; then (the bus company) could cut it back again," she said.

Rotary rolling along

The annual "changing of the guard" at Warrandyte Rotary Club sees Brett Roulston replacing Tony Mooney as president. He will be assisted by Glen Lowther (secretary), Hedley Deacon (treasurer) and Peter McDonald (sergeant at arms).

"Under Brett's guidance, Rotary should continue to be an active club in our area," a club spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"We will be undertaking fundraising for community projects and at the same time involving our members in all sorts of social activities."

The club meets weekly at the Grand Hotel and other venues around town.

Rotary is well-known for its

art show at the Warrandyte Festival in March each year.

"This year was the most successful by far with all the records from previous years overtaken," the spokesperson said.

"The result was a profit of \$6,468. This money will be committed to further community projects."

Brett Roulston has big plans for the future. "I want to strongly promote membership of the club to other people in the Warrandyte area."

The drive for new members will be co-ordinated by Pam Holmes-White who is the new membership secretary. She can be contacted on 9844 2477.

Long trail a-winding

Cyclists, joggers and walkers across Manningham will welcome the news that stage five of the Mullum Mullum Linear Trail is under construction.

Manningham council and Parks Victoria are extending the Main Yarra Trail from Petty's Orchard to meet up with the Mullum Mullum Linear Trail at Warrandyte Road near Beasley's Nursery.

"The \$270,000 project is part of the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park Concept Plan and is funded by Manningham council (\$170,000) and a grant from Parks Victoria," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The project is part of com-

pleting the "missing link" in the Mullum Mullum Trail and is expected to be completed and open to the public before the end of 2001.

"In the 2001/2 financial year, council aims to construct a bridge across Mullum Mullum Creek near Warrandyte Road and a pedestrian/cycle refuge near the intersection of Deep Creek and Warrandyte Roads, to complete the link," the spokesperson said.

"The proposed joining of the Mullum Mullum Creek and main Yarra trails means that Manningham residents will be able to walk, cycle or jog on a shared pathway from Donvale to Southbank."

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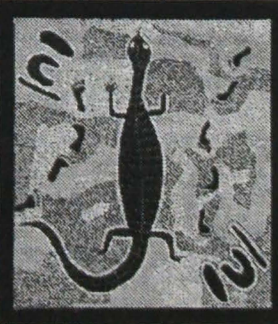
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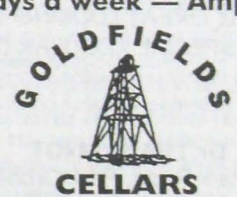
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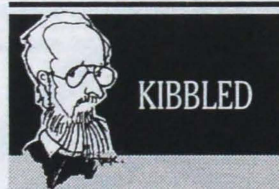
IT'S becoming patently obvious that I'm beginning to suffer from CRAFT disease. A few years ago I would have been able to tell you what the acronym stands for, but lately I can't remember a thing.

Like Post-its that I find lying around on the phone table, on the kitchen fridge and in my bedside drawer. They are all, no doubt, vitally important but it's either my haste in jotting down the phone message or my Interpol training in untranslatable ciphers that has led to my mysterious stockpile of meaningless reminders.

Take, for example, this one. I found it in the top pocket of my sports jacket along with a school photography company comb and what I can only imagine would have to be one of the original Anzac Day badges. In my own handwriting I read: "Don't forget! 2 breasts; 1.00, c/iac, J.O., 184".

I was sitting in a meeting at the time. I had gone to my top pocket to search for my name card. As I said earlier, I have CRAFT and forget even the simplest things. Instead of the name card, out came the mysterious message.

The adhesive strip on the back of the message had picked up enough detritus specimens to satisfy the research papers of innumerable biologists and archaeologists for several years. The edges of the paper were slightly curled, so at first, all I could read was "...easts,



"In my own handwriting I read: 'Don't forget! 2 breasts; 1.00, c/iac. J.O., 184'"

1.00, c/iac, J.O..."

My initial reaction was that it was a reminder and had something to do with Gorgeous Creature whose given name begins with a J. But then, in a flash of paternal brilliance, I realised that Boy Wonder's name also began with J, so that left me with an unresolved conundrum. My further research was halted, however, when through the mists of meeting fug, I heard my name called.

Evidently, at that point in the meeting I was required to cast my vote on the proposition that we should end the world, so I had to put down the message whilst I considered my options.

On the one hand, option one,

to end the world might have all the hallmarks of a positive management decision; the sort of definite action that goes down well with the punters at the coalface. A quick glance around the room assured me that the movers and shakers were leaning towards this first option.

I was just about to go with the strength when, out of the corner of my eye, I caught a glimpse of the undeciphered message. It was then that my voting choice became obvious. If I were to go for the Armageddon scenario, I would gain kudos for incisive management expertise, but if I voted for survival, I would have the time to work out what my message meant. Consequently, I voted with the "nays", thus finishing forever my chance of becoming CEO.

Whilst the rest of the meeting devoted to solving Greenhouse, perfecting nuclear fusion and eradicating congestion on the Warrandyte Bridge during the morning peak hour, I set about solving really important matters.

Once I uncurled the paper, I feared the worst. With the first mention of "2 breasts", I jumped to the scary conclusion that it must be a lover's message; a reminder that I mustn't forget the time and place for a tryst. It was all there. Obviously, I was to pick up J.O. in Room 184 at 1.00 in a Cadillac! The 2 breasts, I hoped, must have had something to do with the purpose of this meeting.

Now forgetting your children's birth dates is one thing, but to forget that sort of professional development is inexcusable! I looked around all the people at the meeting. There was only one J and he was without the message's first prerequisites.

I scoured my memory, hoping that some spark would ignite a repressed memory of hours of abandoned passion, without doubt, in the back seat of a Cadillac. But to no avail. The meeting ground to a close and my memory remained as blank as the looks on the faces of the committee members as they left the room.

Driving home, with the yellow time bomb burning in my pocket, my emotions ranged through pride, frustration and self-loathing. How could I be unfaithful to Herself? Was I any good? Why the hell can't I remember whether it was a pleasant PD or not?

Feeling apprehensive, I entered the front door to find Herself cooking.

"Hi, Rog! I'm making your favourite meal."

"Great!"

Then I noticed the familiar Jamie Oliver cookbook on the bench, opened at page 184. "Fantastic chicken". One kilo of chicken, potatoes, herbs and spices and celeriac. With a sigh of relief, I reassured myself that if I can't even remember affairs, it's quite all right to forget old shopping lists.

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They had always been the perfect married couple—shared everything, never argued. They'd been married more than 30 years—for God's sake—and raised three children. But in recent times she had sensed his restlessness, his slight withdrawal. Now he had gone.

All day she roamed the house in a daze of disbelief, overcome at times with waves of panic and despair, and outbursts of raging and weeping. Only now, as daylight was fading, did she go out into the garden and look to the distant hills for comfort and meaning. She needed flowers and it was wattle time.

Taking a pair of secateurs from the shed, she wandered the one acre property—small property—snipping small branches of flowers. While some of the wattles had been blooming for several weeks and were past their best and others yet to reach their peak, she managed to find on each tree and shrub a sprig of flowering perfection.

There was golden wattle with its sweetly perfumed spheres; the red-stemmed myrtle wattle, the compact gold-dust wattle and her favourite, the scented-leaved cinnamon wattle. To the growing bundle, she added the

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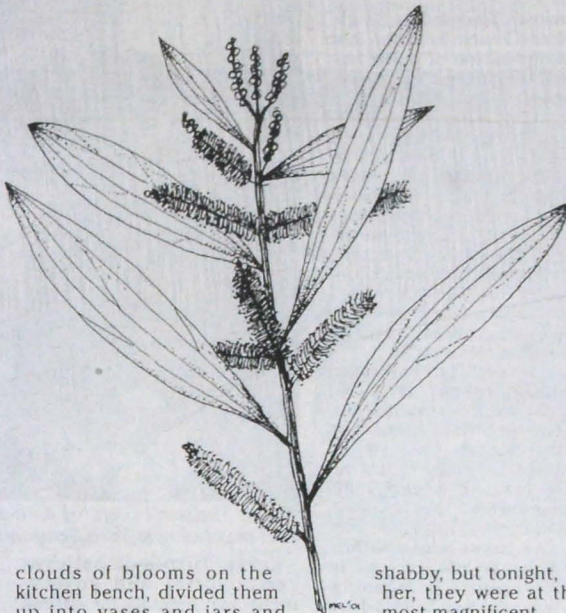
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Drawn by **MELANIE COUPAR**

spiky ones, hedge wattle and prickly moses, taking care to avoid the spines.

At a tall shrub laden with pipe cleaner-like, feathery cylinders of flowers she hesitated, secateurs poised. Did she really want to include this black sheep of the family? Sallow wattle, "acacia longifolia", she knew was a weed of the environment, a problem invader of Warrandyte's native vegetation. Not just Warrandyte either. She remembered reading somewhere that this species was one of several Australian wattles that have become major weeds in South Africa and Florida. Although a Victorian species, she understood it occurs naturally only in the far east of the state. She had been meaning to cut it down, but somehow never got round to it.

Confusion about sallow wattle's status had arisen in the past, because of another narrow-leaved close relative bearing a similar name—variable sallow wattle, "acacia mucronata", which is common in many forests south of the Great Dividing Range, but surprisingly absent from Warrandyte. With a resolve to chop the intruder down soon, she bestowed the last rites on the sallow wattle and added a few sprays of the yellow catkins to the collection.

Back inside, she lay down the



clouds of blooms on the kitchen bench, divided them up into vases and jars and placed them around the room, until every space was filled with flowers.

She showered and dressed, carefully: earrings, make-up—just a little—a dash of perfume—her favourite; his too. Returning to the room, she closed the curtains on the dark night, uncorked a bottle of Pinot Noir and lit every candle she could find.

Surrounded and scented, she stood for a moment among the flickering wattle blooms. Tomorrow their fluffy stamens would be dropping like dust and the flowers faded and

shabby, but tonight, like her, they were at their most magnificent.

Resting back on the couch, she pondered the questions: where was he, what was he doing and what was going on in that multifarious mind of his? She held on tight to the cushions to stop herself floating up to the ceiling. Absorbed by the shimmering room and the blend of wattles and wine she felt hope and strength returning.

This article was inspired by a song by Ralph McTell called "Easter Lilies". The flowers in the song were daffodils—the literal translation of daffodils from Norwegian is Easter Lily.

An old town's history in quilts?

ONLY the children's banners that line Yarra Street remain to tell of the gold discovery commemoration. The impromptu tent village is dismantled, ponies and carts and pennyfarthings gone home, and costumes thrown back into dark corners. Anderson's Creek trickles unheeding over algae-covered pebbles of sandstone and mudstone, skirting around the back of Fourth Hill, ever onwards to the shifting sandbanks that mark its junction with the Yarra. Deep inside Geraghty's tunnel the spooky stillness is broken only by a slow drip, drip, drip.

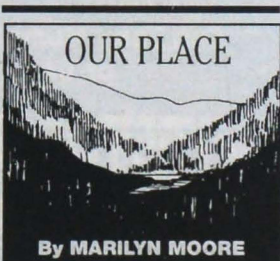
"What will they do with the banners?" asks a teenage backseat driver as we cruise along Yarra Street.

"It's not like they can use them again."

"They could," answers the other from behind the steering wheel, confidently threading the narrow and wavering gap between a cyclist and an oncoming bus. "It would be OK to put them up with the festival banners."

"But it wouldn't be the 150th anniversary any more."

"Only one banner actually



By **MARILYN MOORE**

says '150' on it. The rest are pictures of diggers and shovels and stuff."

"But some people might think that it was the 150th anniversary, when it wouldn't be."

"No they wouldn't. People aren't that stupid. It would show that we'd had the 150th anniversary."

"Yes!" I joined the argument. "The 150th anniversary is now also part of Warrandyte's history. It would be a really good idea to keep the banners. If they didn't want to use them again, somebody could make a quilt out of them and hang it up in the community centre."

"Mu-u-u-um!"

I knew what they meant. Every spare corner of our house is crammed with bits and pieces that one day might be

useful for a patchwork quilt. Cupboards that barely close, shelves, and bulging old suitcases are filled with a mixture of market-bought remnants, Laura Ashley designer shapes and happy memories in the form of strangely bright-and-new-looking leftovers from dozens of well-worn toddlers' overalls, smocked dresses and pyjamas.

The masterpiece was going to be the quilt for our big wooden four-poster. Based on the fabled painted floors of Akhenaton's palace at Amarna (hacked to pieces by an angry farmer who got tired of sightseers tramping across his paddocks from the Nile to gaze in awe at the ancient handiwork), this quilt was going to be a vibrant parquetry of terracotta, blues, greens and straw tempered with the soft ivory, greys and browns of geese and other waterbirds of the fertile riverbank marshes. If only I had spent less time stockpiling the colours and dreaming, and more time with scissors, needle and thread!

Then there was the rustic phase when I bought in bulk, then washed and saved sugar bags, hessian rice bags and stamped calico flour bags.

Tightly stretched over chipboard, these would make a great wall covering. Wall? Whose wall? We don't even have a spare wall. Perhaps they would make good carry bags.

The most meaningful quilt of all was going to hang on my daughter's bedroom wall. Bordered with the timeless flying geese pattern, the background would be a compilation of all her favourite clothes. Long hours were spent designing the feature panels. I can't draw to save myself, so I photographed the most beloved friends of her childhood, being sure to have Dora in her best dress and Baby with her new straw bonnet on. Photocopying and enlarging the photos to the correct size was easy, and from there it was a small step to trace out the designs.

I swear I am still going to make this quilt, but it will now mean more to me than to Rose. After 10 or 12 years of the babies having been loved to death and taken everywhere we went, it's sad and strange to see them gathering dust.

Well, I am sure the banners in Yarra Street won't be left to collect dust. Perhaps they could be framed and auctioned off as a fundraiser. Now there's an idea!

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House tackles gambling

Residents might have thought that when the Grand Hotel became Club Warrandyte and poker machines returned that the local pokie debate was over.

However, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House believes that the proliferation of poker machines and increase in problem gambling remains a vital community issue.

"Problem gambling is seen primarily as a community issue—the community pays through its taxes, and loses more from all that money not being spent in the community," Karen Throssell, neighbourhood house co-ordinator, told the *Diary*.

"The impact is most strongly felt in local economies and on local social services."

The "house" is combining with Gamblers' Help to organise an information session on problem gambling later this month.

"Gambler's Help is not an anti-gambling group," Ms Throssell said.

"Its purpose is informed consent and harm minimisation. The average player loss in poker machines in Manningham last year was \$594, with a total loss of \$51,982. The total Australian poker machine gambling losses for 1999-2000 were \$7.6 billion!

"There is a conscious attempt by gambling venues to be woman-friendly. They are warm, safe, well-lit and there is free coffee—and often very cheap breakfast."



Karen Throssell (centre) with gambling counsellor Tony Lembo and psychologist Vera Semjonov.

Karen Throssell believes communities and governments can regulate the spread of these machines.

"The information session will talk about the Irish model where, since 1956, maximum bets are 2.5 Irish pence and maximum payouts have been 50 pence (about A\$1.50).

"One concern is that as state governments become more and more dependent on gam-

bling revenue—this is approaching 20 percent in Victoria—they lose the will to manage the industry. This is why it is so important that local communities are informed."

Gambler's Help is providing three speakers—a community education officer, a problem gambling counsellor and a financial counsellor.

"There will also be a display

of the resources available in our community for people who need help or want more information," Ms Throssell said. "This session is for all people who are personally affected by gambling or who are concerned about this serious social issue."

It will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Tuesday, August 27 at 7.30pm.

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Sorcerer weaves its spell

THEATRE

By **MARILYN MOORE**



Gilbert and Sullivan's "Sorcerer", first produced in 1877, was recently given a new lease of life by the Diamond Valley Singers and the Diamond Valley and Eltham Community Orchestra. Directed by Graham Ford and Michael Try, the show was produced by Dianne Richter.

Less well-known than the popular "Pirates of Penzance" or "Mikado", "The Sorcerer" is a farce along Shakespearian lines. The plot unfolds around the various successful and unsuccessful love stories in a small town. To prove a point about true love being independent of wealth or position, our happily betrothed hero persuades a visiting magician to concoct a love potion that is drunk by everyone at his engagement party. Upon waking, everybody falls in love with the first person of the opposite sex whom they see, and, of course, everybody falls in love with the wrong person. The instigator, annoyed about losing his new fiancée to the local vicar, demands that the magician reverse the spell. All ends happily as everybody falls in love again, this time with the right person.

Music student Marilla Homes as Raelene House-in-Court in her first lead role displayed a richness of voice and warmth of character which should stand her in good stead for many future productions.

Michael Try as the idealistic Sebastian Ruckstone produced a polished performance, reflecting his wide experience of performing Gilbert and Sullivan, not only with the Diamond Valley Singers but also with the Savoy Opera Company, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Victoria, and the Eastern Metropolitan Opera.

Another very fine voice was that of Gerard Fullarton, playing the part of Reverend Throbbing. Tenor David Cox clearly enjoyed the character role of J. Wellington Wells, the magician, and his antics livened up the stage considerably. The incantation "Sprites of Earth and Air" was particularly notable for imaginative production.

Performances of Sebastian Ruckstone and Reverend Throbbing were shared on alternate nights with Daren Rosenfeld and Paul Dernel. Judith O'Shea (Lady Janet House-in-Court), Malcolm Wilton (Sir Marimaduke Ruckstone), Lesley Walton (Constance Partlet), Robyn Ford (Mrs Dolly Partlet) and Geoff Vaughan (Little John) completed the line-up of soloists.

The small orchestra combined well to make the most of a challenging score and provided a creditable backing under the experienced direction of Ian Lowe.

Perhaps the most notable feature of this

production was the adaptation. Ian Lowe (lyrics) and Lynne Counsel (dialogue) worked with other members of DVS to convert what was originally a fairly dull script into non-stop entertainment. A drab English village became an Australian country town. The magician arrived courtesy of a visiting circus, which provided a lively

opening sequence. Mrs Partlet the pew opener was considerably more interesting as Mrs Partlet the local madam. The original script requires the magician to die in order to reverse his unfortunate spell. In the new version, Wells does not die but reverses the dramatic incantation, which delivers a much more positive climax.



Joy Flanagan, Ian Craig, Liz Long and Bill Mitchell are waking Eve.

Laughing to death

By **ADRIAN RICE**

Warrandyte Theatre Company's next production, "Waking Eve", is "funny—no doubt about it", according to director Brian Laurence. "Eve's husband Ben dies prematurely and she suffers so badly from separation anxiety that every man she is subsequently introduced to seems like her Ben".

Sounds like a bundle of laughs so far, Brian. How did he die?

"He had a coronary—sudden but not totally unexpected. Ben was 'working' at the time."

That Robert Hewett's play "Waking Eve" is so funny is a tribute to the talents of the playwright. Those who enjoyed WTC's previous presentation, "Gulls", also by Hewett, will be as rewarded by this play too.

Eve is shocked by her husband's death, but also by his philandering. So too are

their friends, who then aim to fill the gap in Eve's life with a string of well-intended introductions. But it takes more than good intentions. Eve is unable to let go of Ben.

Undaunted, the friends press on and the results give us an insight into relationships, friendships and suburban values. Again Hewett allows us to go inside the heads of his characters through clever writing techniques and delivery direct to the audience.

The play is brought to life by Olivia Pianezze, Ken Virtue, Bill Mitchell, Liz Long, Ian Craig and Joy Flanagan.

Brian Laurence, a seasoned Warrandyte director, stirs the pot, pulls the strings and rattles the perches

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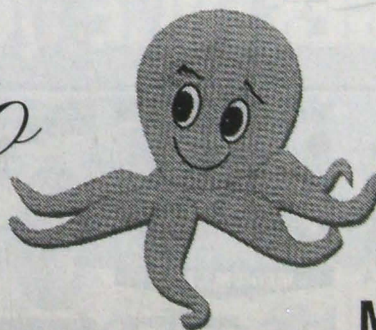
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Chicago

Warrandyte High School's production for 2001 will be "Chicago", opening on Wednesday, August 29. Tickets are available from the school. Please phone 9844 2749.

Information

This year's Annual General Meeting of Information Warrandyte will be held on Tuesday, August 28 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, commencing at 7.30pm. Guest speaker will be Mr John Russell, financial counsellor at the Berry Street Family Centre. All welcome.

Dance

The South Warrandyte social dance will celebrate their 52nd birthday on Saturday, August 11 at the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road. Old-time and new vogue dancing to an excellent band will be featured. Cost is \$6. For information contact 9723 3892. The September dance will be on Saturday, September 8.

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Legacy

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Yarra

The Yarra Catchment Implementation Committee in association with the municipalities of Banyule, Booroondara, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash and Whitehorse invite representatives from interested groups to participate in the upcoming Southern Yarra Environ-

mental Forum. It will be held in the Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, Nunawading on Thursday, August 16 from 7 to 10pm. For further information or to RSVP ring Brad Roberts on 9785 0130.

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Seminar

The next Green Wedge seminar to be held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room, Reynolds Road, Doncaster East is entitled "Getting to Know Weed Weakness". The session will be conducted by Randall Robinson on Thursday, September 7 at 7.30pm.

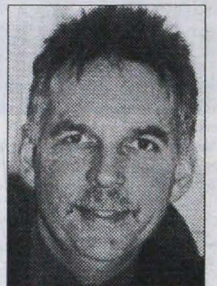
Neighbourhood

The Annual General Meeting of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House will be held on Wednesday, September 5 at 7.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. All welcome to attend.

New principal at High

By SIGURD HOWARD

Warrandyte High School has a new principal, Mr Terry Twomey, replacing Mr Michael Blake who recently retired.



Terry Twomey

Mr Twomey now lives in Montmorency, but was previously in Warrandyte and remembers the school opening in 1978. "At last we had our own high school and children no longer had to travel out of Warrandyte each day.

"My overall impression of this school is very positive, with all students thoroughly engaged in learning."

He is especially impressed by the school's enrichment program and its leadership in sports, drama and art.

The school's links to all parts of the community "are a real success story and show the support the community gives to the school, and the

high quality of education the school gives back to the community," he said.

Mr Twomey emphasised the need for the school to give each individual a chance to express their full potential in both learning and personal character. Along with that, he hopes to further broaden leadership opportunities within the school.

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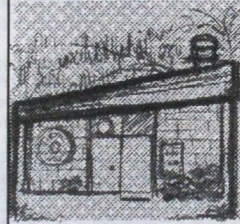
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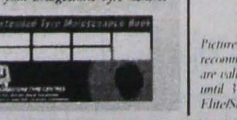
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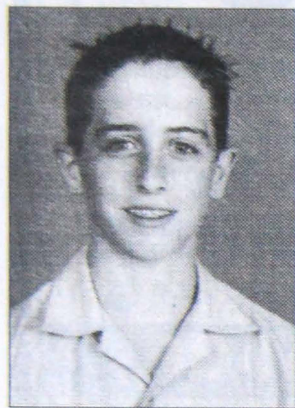
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Good sports join elite



Rhys Hanna

By KARA WILLIAMS

Warrandyte High School student Rhys Hanna has joined a host of our young sports people to win interstate honours.

And local kayaker Cameron Gee has taken Warrandyte's contribution to Australian sport beyond our shores.

● Rhys, 15, of East Doncaster, will represent Victoria in the Under-16 section of the School Sport Australia Hockey championship in Perth from August 11-18.

He joins local girls Rachael Lynch, 15, Lauren Brook, 16, and Georgia Hancock 16, as state hockey representatives. The girls are currently playing Under-16s in their Australian championship in Sydney.

Rhys was always going to be a hockey player — it runs in the family and he grew up watching his father and older brothers play.

"My whole family played hockey, so I started playing young," he said.

Sixteen boys from throughout Victorian were chosen for the state squad in selection trials held in May. They have been training together two nights a week since, improving their fitness and developing teamwork.

Rhys, who plays centre-half or right-half, previously made the Victorian School Sport side in 1998, playing in the Under-13 competition.

● Cameron, 17, of Bradleys Lane, finished 23rd out of 40 competitors in the Junior Pre-World Kayaking Championship in Poland last month.

Cameron, who took up the sport as a Year 7 student at Ivanhoe Grammar, was selected in the Australian trials at Sydney's Olympic venue in February.

He spent more than a month training with the national team in Germany and Prague, in the Czech Republic.

The championship was run on a man-made white water course near Nowy Sacz.

Cameron describes kayaking as a "fun sport which requires skill and determination". "It's a lot of fun, but it's challenging," he said. "The white water courses are so amazing."



Cameron Gee

Going for gold again

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Warrandyte's premier tennis tournament returns next month with a \$1000 winner's cheque the lure for some of the state's top pennant players.

The 16th Goldtown Open, to be held from September 8 to 16 at Warrandyte Tennis Club's Tarooona Avenue courts, has a history of attracting rising stars of the circuit.

Todd Woodbridge, Jason Stoltenberg, Darren Cahill, Richard Fromberg, Nicole Bradtke and Annabel Elwood are just some of the names to have played in the event since it began in 1984.

"We're hoping to get quite a few of the top pennant players from around Melbourne," club president Mark Bence told the *Diary*.

"It's a three-star Tennis Victoria-sanctioned event which is excellent for us. It means we can get more promotion with Tennis Victoria."

"The tournament is being run just prior to the start of the satellite circuit. We're hoping to pick up some of those players who want to use it as a warm-

up leading in to the satellite circuit."

Tournament director Ruth Rankin said the quality of the field would not be known until closer to the August 26 entry deadline.

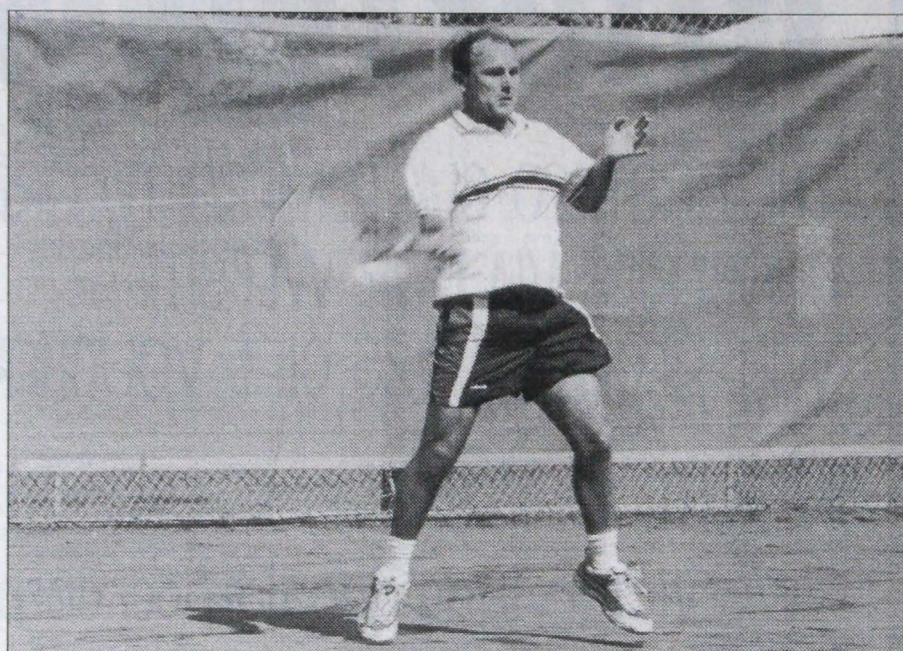
"We'd love to have a field of 64," she said. "It's been 40-odd the last few years but used to be 60. It's a very strong tournament. We're hoping to encourage local people to come out and watch."

Last year the tournament was won by Lee Holland, who was also a winner at his first trip here in 1992. Holland could stay around to celebrate as he had to fly to Japan to compete.

While the club are expecting a strong field there will again be no women's competition.

"We've made the decision to go with just the men again this year," said Bence. "We are putting out feelers and hopefully next year we'll be able to have a women's event as well."

Real estate agents Philip Webb and Reece Irrigation are the tournament's major sponsors.



Last year's Goldtown Open winner Lee Howard

Redbacks rolling on

By TONY OLIVER

Round 14 of Friday Night Junior Championship Basketball was completed on August 3, with Warrandyte sides faring well.

A number of the Redback teams were wearing black armbands as a mark of respect for schoolmate Josh Martin, who died in a recent road accident.

Warrandyte's Under-16 girls, currently ladder leaders, took on fifth-placed Sunbury at Mill Park. The Redbacks were weakened by the absence through illness of forward Emma Razzi, but overcame a slow start to lead 11-3 at the break.

The second half was much like the first, with Warrandyte calling the tune without being able to dominate. Sunbury staged a comeback late in the game, but the Redbacks were never seriously challenged and won 25-15.

A far better game was put in by Lorraine Parfitt's Under-14 girls playing Werribee earlier at Mill Park.

A tight first half had the Redbacks ahead 10-8 at the break and their teamwork was starting to tell, with Jessica

Salty, Julie Rennie, Andrea Peters and Narelle Peterson all prominent. Werribee scored on full time but Warrandyte claimed the game 26-16.

The highly-fancied Under-18 girls were at home to the Sandringham Sabres, who led 8-4 early.

A three-point shot by Stef Smith narrowed the margin and allowed the Redbacks to get back into their stride.

Warrandyte led by seven points after a low-scoring first half, but coach Tristan Messerle had expected more from his charges and they produced it in the second half to lead 40-24 late into the game.

Other results from the girls pools included a 25-15 win to Emma Wood's Under-12 girls in a crossover game against Eastern Conference side Western Port at Ringwood.

Warrandyte were well in control, leading 14-4 at the break and comfortably withstanding an improved Western Port showing in the second half.

The second Under-18 girls played Melbourne at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and were expected to trouble the home

side. But the Redbacks started slowly and were 12-2 down at the break.

In the second half, they turned it around, led by topscorer Breanna Thomas (10 points) and Jessica Kemp (7) to take the lead.

Warrandyte had only five players, condition was starting to tell and Melbourne came back to equalise at 21 with 20 seconds to go. The Redbacks had possession but a static offence was not able to penetrate. Melbourne got the turnover to score and were able to hold out Warrandyte in the dying seconds.

The result was a significant setback for Warrandyte, who still hope to take part in the finals.

Malcolm Anderson's Under-12 Metro 3 boys played Keilor away, were expected to win and led by 18-14 at the interval.

The second half was equally tight, with Michael Whittingham and Ian McLeod manning up well on the tall Keilor centre and guards David Gibson and Tyson Barber applying plenty of pressure.

Highlight of the game was guard David Wood cutting in-

side to score over the Keilor centre. Whittingham finished top scorer on 12 points as Warrandyte held on to win 35-26.

Although making solid progress, Anderson's charges need to get over the line against higher-placed teams if they are to feature in the final series.

The Under-11 Metro 1 boys of Damian Arsenis had a regulation if uninspiring 34-15 win over Nunawading. After a low-scoring opening period, Warrandyte lifted but were still missing too many scoring opportunities.

The finished off strongly, however, to give Arsenis a positive platform on which to build for their finals campaign. Scoring was shared around with good contributions from Troy Ratcliffe, Andrew Clough and Julian Beltramin.

Gavin Whitmore's Under-14 boys tasted victory against Whittlesea in a rare appearance at home. With a comfortable lead late in the game, the boys eased up and Whittlesea narrowed the gap to 20-17 with five minutes to go.

But the Redbacks — particularly Matthew Camm, Shane

Holloway and Joseph O'Mara — responded to Whitmore's encouragement, steadied the ship and ran out winners 32-19 to keep their finals aspirations very much alive.

Luck was not with Whitmore when his other side, the Under-16 boys, came up against Broadmeadows.

Warrandyte led 16-11 at the break but could not sustain the effort and for most of the second half were playing catch-up basketball.

Warrandyte had a shot with 2.8 seconds to go to grab the lead, but missed and Broadmeadows won 40-39.

Norm Dunn's Under-18 boys had a big 63-35 win over Doncaster at Leeds Street. Both teams started slowly and it was nearly 10 minutes before either scored.

Unfortunately for Doncaster, they had the bare five players with no substitutes and lost one to injury late in the first half.

Warrandyte led 36-9 at the interval and the second half saw both teams scoring well, but Warrandyte drew away. Doncaster lost players with five fouls and their effort to contest to the end had to be admired.

Finals squarely in their sights

A number of Warrandyte Redbacks teams are making their moves on next month's Eastern District Junior Basketball Association finals.

They include the top-age Under-19 boys of Nora Elliott, who produced some heroics to defeat the fancied Balwyn at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre on July 28.

The visitors opened up strongly, their game built around their tall centre, who was scoring well from under the basket and keeping the Redback boys at bay in the defensive key.

Balwyn held a tidy eight-point lead at the interval, Warrandyte reduced to four players by the absence of forward Brian Elliott, who reinjured his his ankle and was forced from the court.

The half-time break gave coach Elliott time to reorganise and revise strategy. The second half opened with Warrandyte moving to a close zone defence and Simon Arsenis playing tightly on the Balwyn centre to nullify this height advantage.

Jason Bowen was starting to dominate under the ring with strong drives capped off by accurate shooting.

The Redbacks were able to turn it around and establish a 10-point lead

midway through the half. Although injured, Brian Elliott returned to take a number of three-point shots.

But the comeback had taken much out of the Redbacks and Balwyn lifted their work rate to level and establish a narrow lead going into the last three minutes.

Warrandyte, however, were not to be denied. In a tight finish, they regained their lead and ran out three-point winners in a high-standard game.

The result left Warrandyte a clear second on the ladder behind Whitehorse.

At the other end of the age scale, Damian Arsenis' Under-9s played the Nunawading Vikings in a battle for second place. The baby Redbacks flew out of the blocks to run to an 8-1 lead, but Nunawading steadied and drew level late in the first half.

Warrandyte increased their work rate in the second half to come away to a 25-17 win, Jordan Beltramin leading the scoring with support from Andrew Clough and Rhys Malcolm.

The Under-9s have now defeated each team in the competition at least once.

Malcolm Anderson has his Under-11 boys sitting comfortably in third place

after accounting for Koonong 38-30. However, their immediate future will be difficult as they play the three other teams in the top four.

In other results, Martin Clark's Under-13 boys lost to Eltham 39-29. This has just tipped them out of the top four, but the road home will be slightly easier.

Ian Wood's Under-17 boys had a frustrating away encounter with third-placed Eltham at Eltham High School. Eltham took control early and maintained it until well into the second half. But Warrandyte outscored Eltham 18-8 in the last 10 minutes, making the score a respectable 40-25. A top finals berth, however, is beyond the boys.

Warrandyte's Under-19 girls, fielding just four players, scored a stunning win at home over the top Bulleen Templestowe side. The first half was even with the Redbacks going into the break with a two-point lead.

The effort paid off in the second half, with Warrandyte extending their lead to 10 points. Despite having their full complement of seven players, Bulleen lost their composure, conceding a number of technical fouls, and Warrandyte went on to record an im-

probably 44-30 win.

Although mathematically still in finals contention, the girls may pay for their slow start to the season.

Better news comes from Emma Wood's Under-17 girls, who are sitting two games clear on top of the ladder in A-grade. A regulation 28-12 win over Eltham followed a victory over third-placed Bulleen.

The Under-13 girls were embroiled in a controversial situation against Bulleen. With a minute to go, Warrandyte were leading on the scoreboard by 19-17 and scored again and the Redback girls were celebrating a comfortable win when a correction came through from the score bench. The scoreboard was wrong and the result was a 19-all draw.

The girls now look like missing out on a place in the finals.

In other results, Lorraine Parfitt's Under-9 girls had a strong 19-14 win over Balwyn to be sitting third and very likely to be seeing finals action.

Carole Bisetto's Under-11 girls accounted for Doncaster 21-11 and the Under-15 girls pushed the top-graded Eltham side all the way before succumbing to the pressure in the last few minutes and going down 26-16.

All Bloods and guts!

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club playing coach Scott Hunter didn't have to raise a sweat to bring about the demise of lowly Kilsyth at Kilsyth on August 4.

Hunter, who did not take the field, did it with words.

"We got feedback at training on Thursday night that Kilsyth were questioning our courage, that they regarded us as soft," he said immediately after Warrandyte's 35-point win over a team struggling to avoid relegation to EFL Fourth Division.

"I threw that back at our guys — that Kilsyth had no respect for us — and they responded to it."

Hunter also read the game right at quarter-time, with the Bloods trailing by seven points after having first use of the breeze, when he predicted the big, beefy home side would run out of legs.

That came to pass in the final term when Kilsyth failed to score with a strengthening breeze while Warrandyte kicked 3.2 into it. And there was any amount of "ticker" shown all day by the visitors.

The win, albeit against mediocre opposition, ended a four-game losing streak for Warrandyte and restored their respectability on the Third Division ladder. Although out of finals contention with seven wins from 16 games with two home-and-away matches to go, the Bloods are aiming for the next-best thing — fifth place in the 10-team competition.

They are lying sixth, with league leaders South Croydon, who have lost only once, to be faced at home on August 11 and eighth-placed Norwood away on August 18.

We win battle of Kilsyth — and a war of words as well

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Hunter urged his troops after the Kilsyth game to give it their all — on the training track and in battle — until the end of the season.

And of our prospects of upsetting South Croydon, he said: "This mob (Kilsyth) beat them — there's no reason why we can't!"

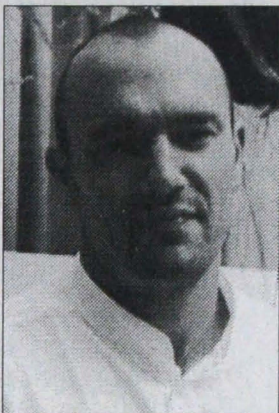
Warrandyte performed very creditably away to South Croydon in the season's previous encounter, going down by just 10 points.

But back to Kilsyth. It was never going to be a stroll in the park against a team who had improved sharply to win four of their last six after losing their first nine, but Warrandyte were quick off their mark with goals to Matt Treeby after a minute and full-forward Craig Evans with a snap five minutes in.

Already it was a scrappy but physical game, befitting the respective standings of the combatants — one aiming for at least a mid-ladder finish, the other fighting for their Third Division lives.

Having made an early impression on the scoreboard, Warrandyte unfortunately took their foot off the pedal and Kilsyth kicked the next four goals — at 11, 12, 15 and 23 minutes.

The home side were tackling fiercely, playing in front and winning the free kick count as a result.



Scott Hunter: you gotta have heart!

Michael McCormack stopped the rot at 28 minutes when he snapped a great goal for a quarter-time scoreline of 4.4 (28) to Warrandyte's 3.3 (21) — meagre enough return for the visitors when kicking to the scoring end

of the big ground.

The second quarter was a dead-set arm wrestle. The Bloods managed two behinds before Treeby produced the play of the day, streaming upfield on a solo run and finding Andrew Jacovou unattended in the goal square for our fourth and a one-point lead.

It was all square again before young ruckman Craig Dick, who had been dominating the hit-outs, pulled down a screamer at 11 minutes and kicked truly to give us a one-goal advantage.

Again, it was to be short-lived. Kilsyth responded with a breath-taking mark and goal of their own at 14 minutes to tie it up again, but Evans snapped one for us three minutes later after a near tragedy of errors.

The rest of the term belonged to Kilsyth, who ran the ball the length of the field for their sixth at 19 minutes and converted a free right in front five minutes later.

Warrandyte were stiff when Craig Evans took a strong mark and copped one for his

troubles. It deserved a penalty which would have produced a certain goal, but none was forthcoming and a behind was the result.

At half-time it was Kilsyth 7.6 (48), Warrandyte 6.8 (44).

The third quarter, the so-called "professional" quarter, was going to be crucial to the outcome of this game. The Bloods were favoured by the scoring end, but you wouldn't have guessed it as Kilsyth booted the first two goals of the quarter, at one and five minutes, to run to a 16-point lead.

Matt Blagrove, who, as usual, had been in everything, pulled one back at seven minutes with a mark and a long goal, but Kilsyth nullified that with a straight kick on the run five minutes later.

It was maybe at this point that the courage we weren't supposed to have really shone through.

Matt Wood was freed a long way out and split the middle at 15 minutes and followed up five minutes later with a clever snap. And when Jacovou ran into an open goal three minutes on, Warrandyte were back in front.

Treeby kicked his second at 27 minutes, threading it through from the boundary, but Kilsyth responded almost immediately to reduce their deficit to a point.

But there was more to come for the mighty Bloods. Liam Riley marked sensationally and found Evans for his third at the 28-minute mark and the irrepressible Blagrove bobbed up again right on the siren to mark

and goal and give Warrandyte a 15-point lead — 13.11 (89) to 11.8 (74) — at the last change.

Bearing in mind a freshening wind which would be in our faces in the final term, it was by no means a match-winning advantage. But no one had any way of knowing Kilsyth would not be troubling the scorers again.

It was frantic football by both sides, Kilsyth desperate for the first goal and Warrandyte equally if not more so.

Something had to give — and fortunately it was to be the home side.

Wood to Jacovou, who eventually untangled his feet in the goal square, broke the game open at the six-minute mark for the Bloods, who were doing most of the attacking.

And Kimberly O'Connor to Evans for his fourth at 14 minutes put the game well beyond Kilsyth's reach with half a quarter to go.

But Warrandyte hadn't quite finished yet and a magnificent Wood goal 19 minutes in put the seal on a fine Bloods team performance.

Warrandyte's goalkickers were Evans 4, Wood, Jacovou 3, Treeby, Blagrove 2, McCormack and Dick.

Their best were Blagrove, Wood, Liam Riley, James Riley, Evans and Warren Ruehland.

● Warrandyte's Reserves won their sixth game of the season, defeating Kilsyth 10.11 (71) to 7.14 (56). Their best were Brendan Smith, a former seniors regular who came out of retirement to play, Heath Decker and Campbell Holland.

Club on shopping spree

Warrandyte Football Club are going shopping in a big way on Saturday, September 15 — not for recruits for next season but for clothing, shoes, manchester and all manner of other things.

The Bloods are running a shopping tour of Melbourne factory outlets and the bus trip promises bargains galore.

It's not just for the ladies, either. The chaps are more than welcome to go along and share in the loot.

Bookings can be made — there's a strict August 18 deadline — with Barbara Evans or Narelle Murphy on 9722 1111.

The club's annual Trivia Night will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday, August 11. Bucky Rodgers (0411 519671) is handling bookings.

Warrandyte's juniors rise to new heights

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club are enjoying their best season ever. The club have six of a possible seven teams in the Yarra Junior Football League finals series.

The Under-10s, 11s, 12s, 14s, 15s and Under-17 Colts will all be tasting finals action when the series gets under way on Sunday, August 12.

"The level of success is due to the hard work of the committee, the coaches and, of course, the players," WJFC president Matthew Matheou told the *Diary*.

"This unprecedented success is a magnificent tribute to a club and community which, while small in numbers in comparison to some of the other clubs in the league, is large in spirit and talent."

The Under-9 Tackers, who do not play finals, have been magnificent under the leadership of coaches Clem Misud and Gavin Costin. "These little people are our club's future and they have had a great year," said Matheou.

"Wayne Moore has really developed the Under-10s and we will be hearing a lot more of players like Beau Gordon, Parish Taylor and Tristan Valentino."

The Under-10s faced a must-win situation in the last game of the home-and-away season on August 5 and came through with flying colours.

The Under-11s recently highlighted their season by kicking a record score — 11.10 (76) to 0.1 — against old rivals Hawthorn Citizens.

"This result and a few others season reflect the talent in the squad," said coach Steve Blakey. "What has been pleasing about all the games played this year has been the increasing level of skills as well as the fine spirit displayed by all the boys to their opponents."

The Under-12s went into the last round on top of the ladder and are undeniable chances for the premiership. Coach Syd Saunders has developed a strong team with such players as Tyson

Fitzgerald, Tom Maddocks, Luke Saunders and Nick Crosbie consistently among the best.

The Under-13s have worked hard in the latter half of a difficult season for them in a difficult grade and have put some strong wins on the board. Rick Curtis, Paul Burgoyne, Dion Mullet-Treloar and Scott Allwood have all attracted attention for their skill and determination.

Players such as James Singh, Dylan Matheou, Liam Telford and Cameron Horvat have led the way in the Under-14s under coach Tristan Messerle to clinch a finals spot. "These boys have the potential to bring home the flag as they are playing well as a team," said team manager Bill Christopher.

The pressure was on the Under-15s as they clung to fourth spot, but prevailed. "A recent tough win over Greythorn saw the team probably do enough to be competitive in the finals," said coach Kevin O'Mara.

Consistent Under-15s performer John Burgoyne recently played his 100th game for the club and typifies the season-to-season improvement the WJFC coaches produce from their players.

The Eric Houghton Colts finished third on the ladder and go into the finals quietly confident of the ultimate prize.

"The type of football these boys play is exciting to watch," said team manager Anthony Mirabella. "They have been rewarded with some great wins and some of the boys recently achieved individual honours by being selected in representative teams."

"The feel around the club is excellent, with a high degree of involvement by parents and supporters," said president Matheou. "We wish all the boys the very best for the finals and congratulate them on an excellent season."

Presentation day will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 16, and everyone connected with the club — and even those not connected — is urged to be there.



Warrandyte contributed one third of the players — and the coach — to the Yarra Junior Football League Colts team who beat their Waverley counterparts in a representative match last month. Five of the six players are pictured here with coach Matthew Matheou. They are (back, left to right) vice-captain Tommy Naughton, Michael Savoia, Josh Eyre; (front) Michael Morello, Rene Pidgeon. Absent is Ben Mason. Rick Bourke was also selected but could not take his place because of injury. Yarra won 12.10 (82) to 5.8 (38).

Young gun shoots for 69 and history

Young Warrandyte sharpshooter Michael Morello will be kicking for history in the first round of the Yarra Junior Football League finals on August 12.

Morello needs just two goals to break Warrandyte Junior Football Club's Colts goalkicking record of 68 in a season.

He'd hoped to get it out of the way in the Colts' final home-and-away game, under lights at Bulleen on August 3.

He went into that match needing seven — and with bags of 10, eight and eight at his last three outings, he was rated every chance of making it. He finished with five and hit the post once.

"Michael is a fine kick and a great team player," said WJFC president Matthew Matheou, "and if he achieves the 69 it will be a magnificent accomplishment for him."

David honoured posthumously

Warrandyte Junior Football Club has awarded life membership posthumously to dedicated supporter David Clifton.

The award was accepted at the club's annual dinner dance last month by David's parents, Trisha and Stephen.

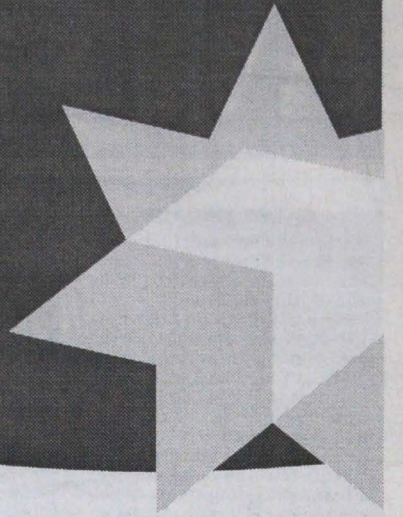
"David had been a long-time supporter of this club," said WJFC president Matthew Matheou. "He was always around the club doing what he could to ensure all the players were able to play and enjoy their footy."

"He filled many roles around the club, especially as time-keeper for many of the teams. His association with the club started through his relationship with the Houghton family and he was just one of those people who was a delight to be about and that clubs like ours need to survive."



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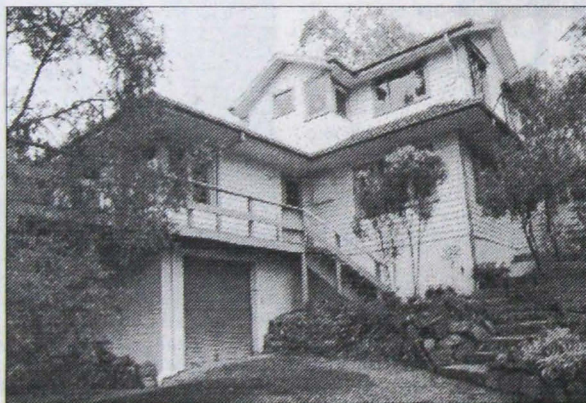
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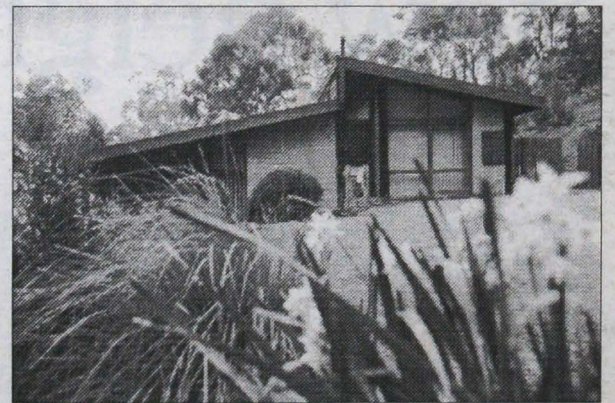
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