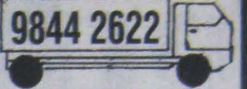
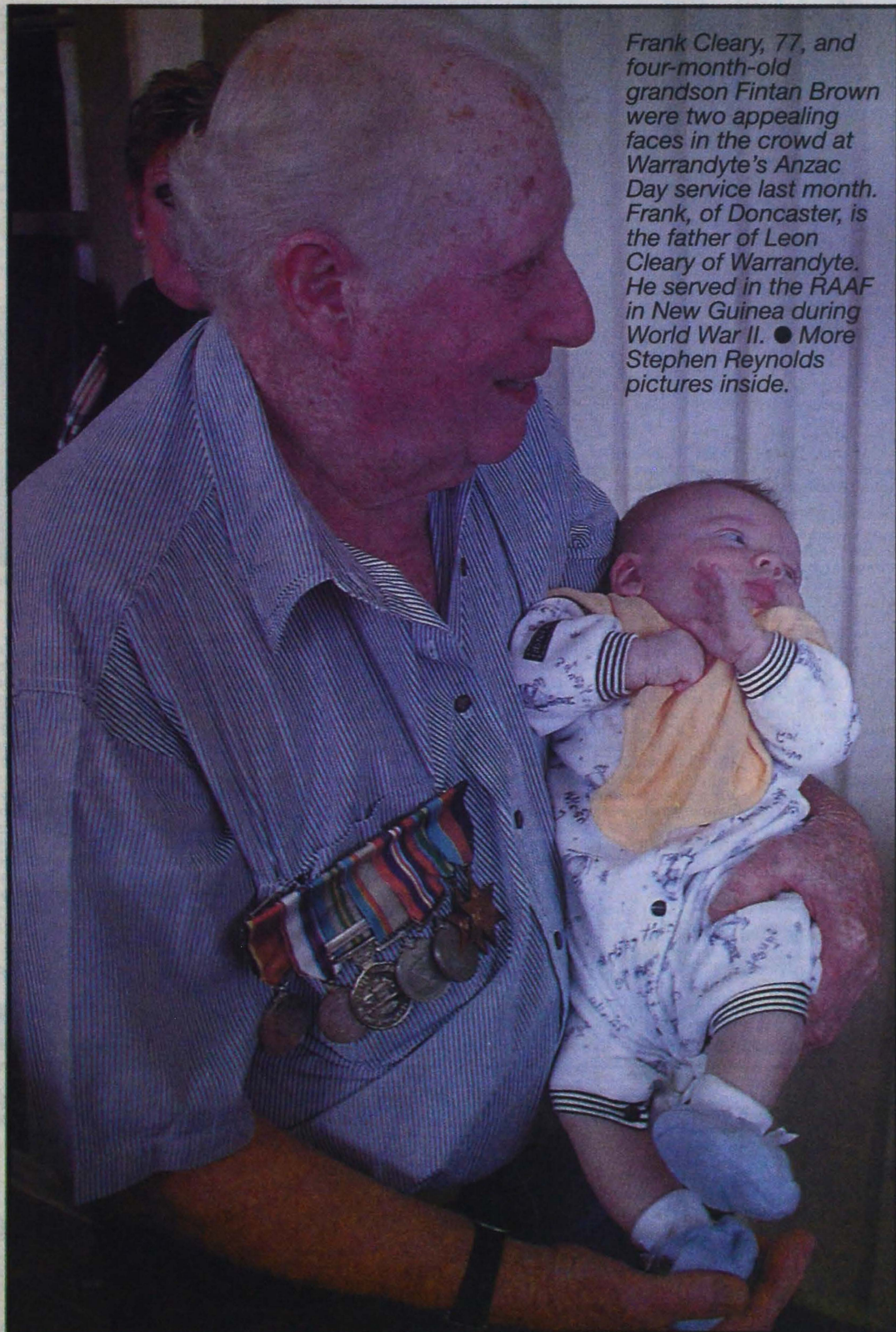


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Playground 'to go'



Frank Cleary, 77, and four-month-old grandson Fintan Brown were two appealing faces in the crowd at Warrandyte's Anzac Day service last month. Frank, of Doncaster, is the father of Leon Cleary of Warrandyte. He served in the RAAF in New Guinea during World War II. ● More Stephen Reynolds pictures inside.

Safety concerns

by PRUDENCE TRUBY KING and CLIFF GREEN

Manningham council is removing the adventure playground at Stiggants Reserve, claiming it does not conform to safety standards.

"Children will have to be more creative and use sticks and dirt in their play," council play space co-ordinator Joey Boothby told the *Diary*.

Ms Boothby said the mainly wooden play equipment has deteriorated and its site on the slope of the reserve would make it difficult to bring the facility up to safety standards.

However, Maree Jackson of Yarra Street, who lives opposite the reserve, believes the playground should be updated and maintained in good order "to serve the community".

"On market days, during the festival and many other scheduled events this playground is used extensively," Ms Jackson said. "During the recent April market day I observed more than 20 children having fun at the playground."

"It is a very popular venue for a family outing. Its demolition would affect our community negatively." She is appealing to local residents: "If, like me, you are concerned, please write to Nancy Stokes, Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster 3108."

Agreeing that closing the playground could be "an issue", Ms Boothby said the reserve will become a natural playing area rather than "structural". Council had concerns about environmental damage so close to the river as any new site would need a large cut-and-fill to level the ground and placing new equipment amongst existing trees would also be difficult.

Ward councillor Patricia Young said the Stiggants playground was very steep and was "not good for littlies".

"I've got five grandchildren under

nine and it's very hard to let them run around at Stiggants," she said. "The equipment is all wooden with high maintenance costs."

"With more than 300 playgrounds in the municipality the cost of upkeep is huge and council has only got so much money to go round. But that's not to say that something else couldn't be done there in future."

Cr Young said the new Federation play area further upstream by the bakery adds a mining town character to Warrandyte "on a lovely flat block".

Costing over \$60,000, the playground will have tunnels, a water wheel and miner's hut, plus a swing for disabled users with rubber surfacing for wheelchair access. Year 9 students from Warrandyte High School have been helping with fencing, planting and signage.

Doncaster council's proposed building of the playground at Stiggants Reserve in 1982 provoked heated debate in the community. A local committee was formed to develop the idea, and controversy raged for several months, with many letters to this newspaper expressing opposing views.

Some people felt the proposed site was an inappropriate use of limited open space and parkland in the village, others believed Warrandyte, with its old mine tunnels, river and State Park was "one big adventure playpark for kids" and the proposed playground was unnecessary. Others defended the proposal, seeing it as a safe place for children to meet and play. Council proceeded with their plans, the playground opened and the children enjoyed their new facility.

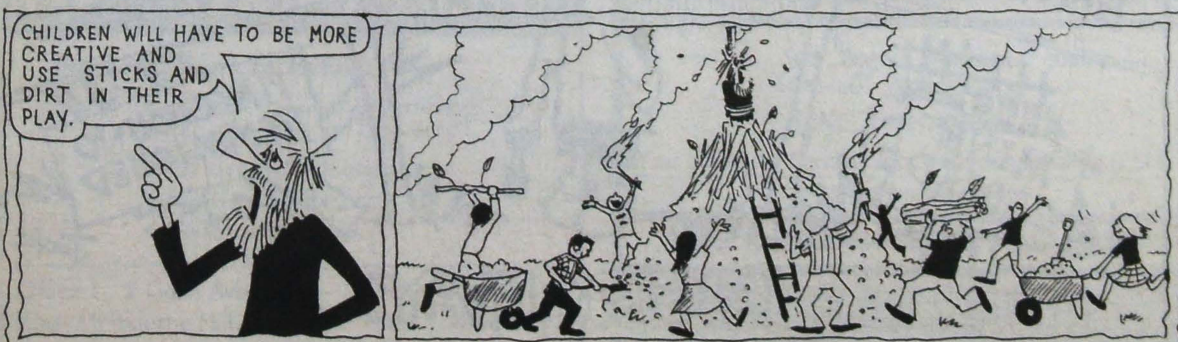
● A Manningham council spokesperson said the community will be consulted over a Yarra River frontage management plan during the next two years.



Playground at Stiggants: "doesn't conform" (Picture by Jan Tindale)

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By PAUL WILLIAMS




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Say hi to Anderson, our South African connection



We get all kinds of letters and e-mails here at the *Diary* from all kinds of people and places — but few so appealing as this one, from one Anderson Nwachukwu, of Johannesburg: "Dear Sir, I am writing to ask for assistance on two or more issues of your daily newspaper. I am still in school here in Johannesburg, hence my inability to pay for subscription fee. In my home village a new library was established through community efforts and wilful donations or pledged was made by citizens towards providing one book or the other to improve the library. So it will be great and exciting when I come home and give them a newspaper from overseas. So I'm appealing in the name of God for you to send me any issue of your newspaper, no matter whether it's one or two months old, so that I can take it to the village and give it to them. Never mind about the language different as it will be more exciting. I promise it will remain in the library and not be wasted or torn away. Your help will be highly appreciated. Yours sincerely ..."



Gee, we never knock back an opportunity to expand our readership and a hot-off-the-press copy of this edition, plus a few recent back numbers, are on their way to young Anderson.



Geoff Feltham, your friendly neighbourhood tiler, reckoned the chaps at his tile wholesaler were getting a bit slack on the job and he thought he'd enliven things a little by tossing a fire cracker among them when next he visited for supplies. Which he did — or tried to. Unfortunately, he had tile glue on his hand and there the banger stuck! A quick count after the explosion revealed four fingers and a thumb — but Geoff swears he shan't be playing Guy Fawkes again.



Also dabbling in pyrotechnics — and with results potentially even more disastrous than a lost finger or two — was Robert "Noddy" Ireland who, as a professional fireman, should have known better. Noddy dropped workmate Arthur Dean off at home the other day and, ever the

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Noddy Ireland: big bang, but body parts intact.

prankster, tossed a cracker out the car window in the direction of his departing passenger. Or tried to. Unfortunately, the window was closed and the missile fell into Noddy's lap. A quick post-explosion check revealed all body parts intact. Lucky it wasn't a hand grenade, eh Nod?



Robin Batty, of North Warrandyte, had waited damn near eight years to get square with wife Julie. And get square he has! In June 1994, Robin spent a night in hospital for tests after complaining of feeling off-colour and a staff bloke there made Julie's day when she visited by telling him his daughter was there to see him. Robin passed all the tests with flying colours, but the psychological scars remained. Square-up time came late last month when the Battys were doing a spot of partying at a Warrandyte Cellars music night with John and Jo Pearson. As Jo danced, a woman unknown to either couple remarked how nice it was to see her enjoying the same sort of music as her mother! Gotcha, Julie. Robin's feet still haven't touched the ground.



Just when you thought it was safe to move on to Page 3 without a reference to Alan "Coatsey" Koetsveld, up jumps

the Devil! The latest victims of his recurring foibles are a well-known local couple who shall be nameless here because if they care to shower together that's their business and half their luck — to say nothing of the water they conserve. Anyhow, in the process of doing a bit of work on their house, Coatsey managed to pull the plug (quite by accident, he insists) on their hot-water service. So there was madam shivering under a cold shower in the wee small hours while sir was under the house with a torch, pulling and replacing plugs, tapping on the floorboards and shouting, "Is it getting any warmer, darling?" Boy does that Coatsey know how to throw cold water on passion!



Neil "Bozo" Dusting is much more than just a pretty face and a Page 2 superstar. He's also vice-president (or president in charge of vice, as he prefers to put it) of the local tennis club and his reports to the annual general meeting on May 3 were Bozo-esque. His bar report: "Thanks to all the guys who have helped lug up the slabs of grog. It seems like a waste of time, lug full stubbies upstairs and lug empty stubbies downstairs and wake up in the morning with a hangover! Brian Dunn has two specialties: stacking the bar with soft drink and emptying the bar of beer." His maintenance report: "It is disappointing at times, after we have repaired and resurfaced the courts, that some members prefer to wear \$200 joggers that look cool but stuff up our hard work than purchase a pair of tennis shoes for a quarter of the price." Bozo got a lot of giggles, but was criticised from the floor for the brevity of his reports.



Devotion to a sporting club can be fraught with hazards, to the point of being marriage-threatening. Don't take our word for it — ask Warrandyte footy club stalwart

Terry Sloan. Apart from being the most rabid supporter and outspoken Terry has for yonks run the Friday night club raffle at the local pub and did so the other week with brother-in-law Jeff Evans, former Bloods president and current treasurer. The raffle run, Terry phoned home and his wife, the lovely Barb, said they were having pizza for tea and would he pick it up at 7.30 on the way home. His hearing perhaps impaired by the sound of his own voice on the terraces over many years, Terry took that to mean Barb was going to order the pizza by phone at 7.30, which gave him time for a couple more sherbets with Jeff. Bad mistake, Terry. When he eventually arrived home with a very cold pizza, Barb hit the roof. "Mummy wasn't pleased," he confided. "She even called me a footballhead!" Relations were still pretty cool the following day when Jeff picked Terry up to go to the away game. And Jeff did nothing to improve them when he asked: "How was the pizza last night, Barb?"



Unfortunately, we don't have a picture of Terry Sloan. Will brother Lawrie do?



It's commonly known as Dusty Miller, but won't your friends be impressed when they ask what shrub is that in your garden and you reel off *Spyridium parvifolium*. It grows to about 1.5 metres and, according to Cathy Willis, who knows all about such things, is an ideal complement to a native garden. The main attractions are small white flowers, silvery foliage and dense, rounded habit and it's available right now from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend. Give Cathy a call on 0418 142297.

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A SPECIAL PLACE

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.

OVER THE HILLS



By **JOCK MACNEISH**

RISKY PLAY...

Mine tunnels closing

By SAM DAVIES

Some of the mine tunnels in Warrandyte State Park are to be closed to the public.

The tunnels, on Fourth Hill, are at Geraghty's Mine, Victory Mine and Johnson's Mine. They will have gates fitted at their entrances and will only be accessible to guided tours conducted by the Warrandyte Historical Society and Parks Victoria rangers.

This move appears to pre-empt promised consultation between Parks Victoria and the Warrandyte community.

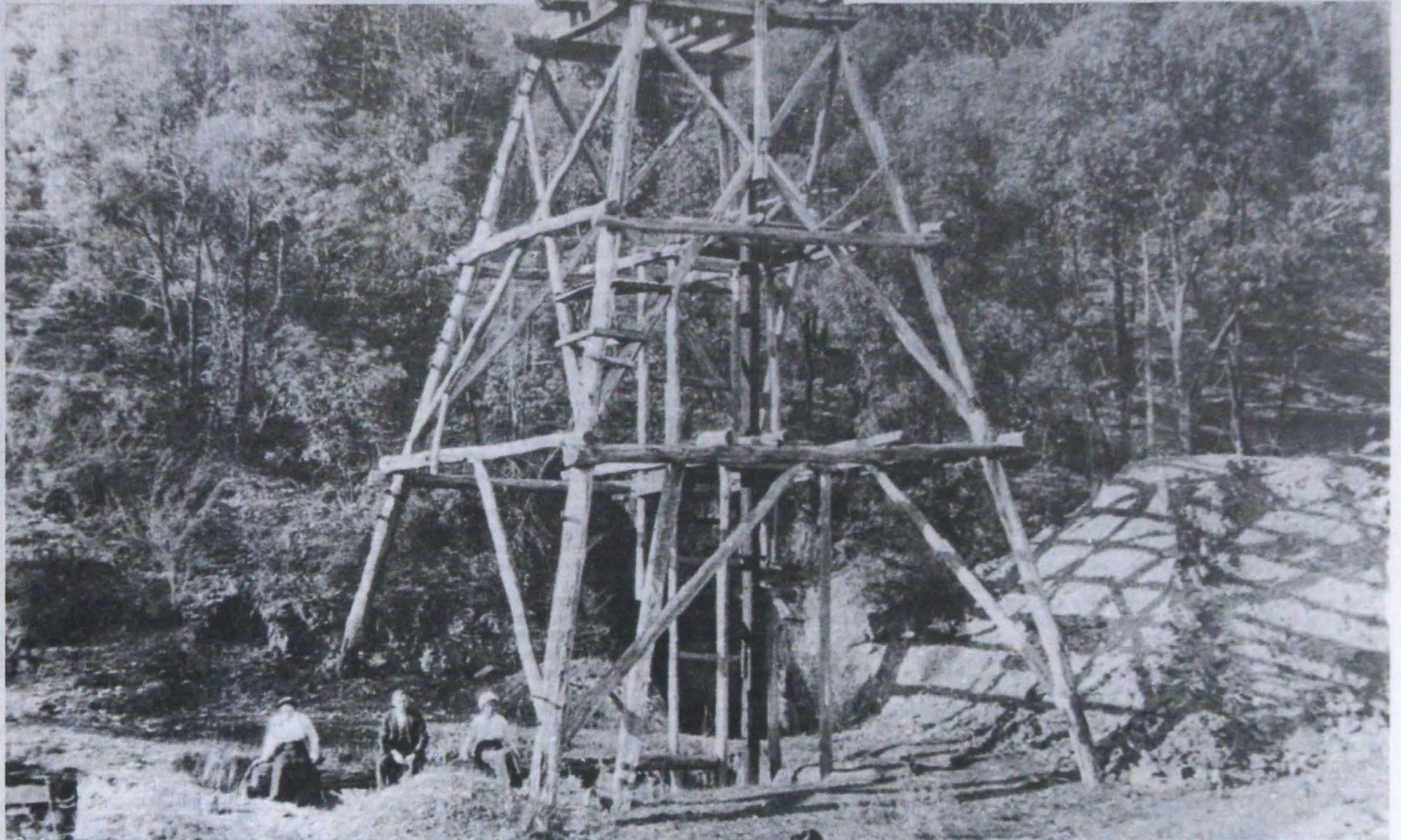
A Parks Victoria spokesperson told the *Diary* that following a risk and safety assessment of the mines by Parks Victoria staff and mines inspectors from Natural Resources and Environment, recommendations were made for safety works to be undertaken, and for some tunnels to be "securely gated".

"The safety of park visitors is always an important consideration of Park Victoria when providing nature and heritage experiences for our visitors," Warrandyte chief ranger Andy Nixon said. "With this in mind the proposed works will ensure significant improvements in visitor safety whilst maintaining, and in the long-term enhancing, the educational experience."

Heritage Victoria has approved the proposed works and have made some additional recommendations.

The Warrandyte Historical Society, local mining enthusiasts and the State Emergency Service at Doncaster have all protested against the mines being closed. WHS is appealing for local residents to challenge the decision. (See letter, Page 4.)

Friends of Warrandyte State Park have set up a sub-committee to look at mine closure. According to Geoff Speedy, they believe Victory and Geraghty's mines should continue to be open to public access. "These mines have



They had no problems with safety in those days: picnic party at the site of the Victory mine in Whipstick Gully.

heritage value and we believe there are no safety problems." He did agree that other mines in the Black Flat area should be closed for safety reasons.

Parks Victoria is reviewing the 12 year-old management plan for the Warrandyte State Park.

The review process will examine the existing plan, which dates to 1990, and decide on management directions and

strategies for the future.

Heading the review is Yarra District's Planning Program Manager Garry French. He has employed a steering committee, including Warrandyte State Park chief ranger Andy Nixon.

Mr French says that it is time to review the plan to determine "what is still relevant and what is not". Warrandyte is one of four state parks currently up for

review.

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park welcomes the review. FOWSP's Geoff Speedy says the review is a "good idea," and he hopes the plan will address staffing issues. "The park has grown over the past 10 years, while staffing has been reduced."

However, Mr French says levels of staffing won't be dealt

with in the plan. Rather, the plan will look at the "thrust and direction" of the park's management. He does not expect much to change from the original plan which was conceived after extensive community consultation. "The existing management plan is still pretty good," he said.

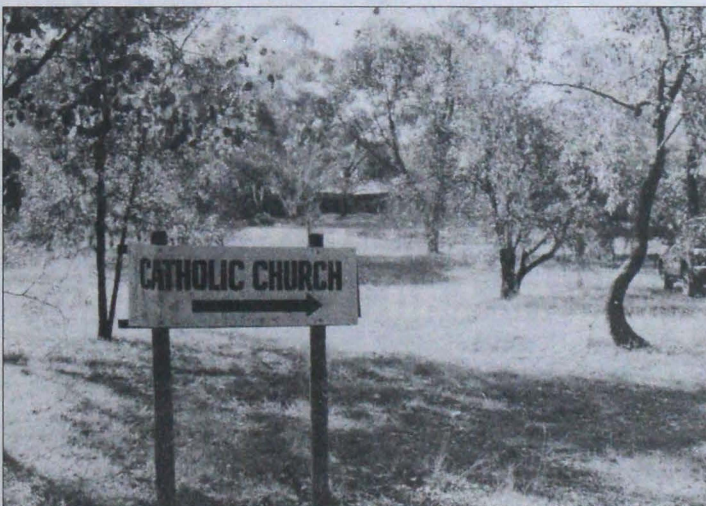
The reviewed plan will be open to community consult-

ation in July, the final draft subject to approval by Minister for Environment and Conservation, Cheryl Garbutt.

Mr French would not be drawn for comment on whether the closure of popular mines in Warrandyte State Park was to be discussed in the management plan review. He admitted that the risk associated with the mines was "a bit of an issue".

Still looking for last resting places

By SAM DAVIES



The Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust is still seeking more space, with the current cemetery likely to be filled in two or three years.

The issue became public in December last year, when residents in Tindals Road grew alarmed when they discovered that the trust was "looking at" a broadacre site in their area.

This site, being considered as a potential annexe to the existing cemetery, is now unlikely to go ahead. The trust is now concentrating on a site adjoining existing cemetery land, owned by the Catholic Church. Trust chairman John Chapman told the *Diary* that to date they had not received a response from the church to their offer.

The cemetery began on a three acre

block on its present site, granted by the Crown in 1862. A second three-and-a-half acre block was added from Crown land about 15 years ago.

If a new suitable site is found, the trust must apply for council to rezone the land for cemetery use. Mr Chapman describes this process as "reasonably laborious". The trust has had several meetings with Manningham council to discuss the situation.

"We had a meeting (in February) last year to find out whether they would or would not support us," Mr Chapman said. "They didn't do either, and basically said if we find a suitable piece of land they might look at rezoning it."

A number of Tindals Road residents opposed the proposal. Richard English said the environmental pollution caused by cemeteries is of considerable concern.

Mr English was especially vocal in December, when he raised concerns about the visual pollution of a

cemetery in Tindals Road. However, he is also worried about the unseen damage done by cemeteries. "They destroy the land. It is like putting in nuclear waste," he described "tooth fillings" as particularly nasty pollutants.

The trust's John Chapman scoffs at suggestions of environmental damage. "Maybe if a person died from having too many tooth fillings, then it might be a problem, but they are six feet under!"

Mr Chapman points out that if an additional site cannot be found there will be no new burial plots. "Do you try to fill up a bucket more than once, or do you find a new bucket?" he said.

Whether or not a new bucket is found does not concern Mr English. The final outcome will be of little consequence to him. "I plan to become fish food," he says. "I'm a yachtie, and there's a good chance I'll go on the water."

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Margaret Fankhauser and grand-daughter Mish

Garage sale clear-out helps cancer sufferers

It was a simple dinner conversation with family friends that led Margaret Fankhauser to organise a garage sale that raised more than \$1800 towards an accommodation centre for cancer patients and their families.

Ms Fankhauser, who lives in Wonga Park, said she had a shed full of bits and pieces that belonged to her late husband who died of bowel cancer nine years ago.

She was looking for a good way to get rid of them when friends Allan and Judy Marshall, of Mooroolbark, whose son died of leukaemia, suggested collecting more used goods from the area and having a sale. They decided the proceeds should go to the Bone Marrow Donor Institute's new accommodation centre project.

"With the help of my friends and family and the local community, it was a great success," Ms Fankhauser said. The sale took place on April 20. "The Bone Marrow Donor Institute and the new accommodation centre seemed like a good charity for us to help," she said.

The Bone Marrow Donor Institute is a registered charity

that supports patients suffering from leukaemia and other blood diseases. They noticed the growing problem of families from outside Melbourne struggling to find a place to stay while their loved ones were in hospital.

BMDI is now raising money to renovate a newly-purchased building, minutes from Melbourne's hospitals, that will become a 13-family unit accommodation centre for anyone who needs to be near a loved one who is fighting for their life in hospital.

"It is the help we get from people like Margaret which will make the accommodation centre a reality," BMDI chief executive officer, Jane Hill, told the *Diary*. "That is what is going to make it such a special place."

Margaret Fankhauser said she was happy to help such a worthy cause, but couldn't have done it without the help of the community, including the Wonga Park scouts, Warrandyte Rotary Club, Warrandyte Professionals Real Estate, Eagle Hire Toilets and the Mooroolbark Fundraisers.

● For further information on the Bone Marrow Donor Institute, please call Louise Surette on 9342 7888.

Threat to heritage

Is it the end for Warrandyte's gold rush?

It is rumoured that plans are being considered by Parks Victoria to close any access to Warrandyte's goldmines on safety grounds. On behalf of the Historical Society we wish to object most strongly to any such action.

Warrandyte's goldmines are an integral part of the historical fabric of this community and have engendered the character of the township and its residents to the present day, one of a strong, close-knit and caring community.

The Warrandyte goldmines and their history continue to

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generate an enormous amount of interest among visitors from all around Australia. Guided visits to the mines have been conducted for many years and have provided a meaningful part of many school projects, a service delivered freely by our society and one very much valued by the schools and other groups involved.

Safety during these visits has always been a priority and to date have remained incident

free. A guided tour during the festival weekend and on other special occasions has also been enjoyed by many hundreds of visitors to Warrandyte over several years and again without incident.

We believe that to close off access to the mines would sever forever a vital link to our famous gold history.

We urge all those who share our view to lodge their objection to Parks Victoria at PO Box 61, Warrandyte 3113.

Andy Bevan-Jones
President
Warrandyte
Historical Society

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"Don't go down the mine, Daddy, you mightn't get out again!"

Lowest denominator dominates

Good for Bob Stubbings for doorknocking every Street in North Warrandyte (but I'm glad he didn't interrupt me.) And yes, rubbish and traffic congestion are concerns.

But perhaps we need to have a broader vision of what's going on.

Did he ask about that? I think he should have, if he is now to be a community leader, and not just a slavish follower of the lowest common denominator of people's selfish concerns.

What do we want to bequeath to the future? Would we like to see a hard rubbish collection six times a year? (Do we want to see the earth's resources plundered freely,

then chucked into toxic landfill sites?)

What long-term transport policies do we need? (More freeways—clogged and obsolete in 10 years—bulldozed through irreplaceable bush? Or a strategy for public transport that will reduce our need for cars and roads?)

I enjoy a wonderful "quiet life" as he puts it, and I certainly want to keep it that way. But I think to maintain and even enhance our privileged little corner of the planet, we all have to think beyond our own backyards.

Shan Shnookal
Kangaroo Ground

Don't make it a dogs' dunny

Given recent comments in letters regarding the Stiggants/Warrandyte River Reserve Management Plan committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 22, I would have liked to have attended to express my dismay at the obvious use of the river walk as a dog toilet by dog owners.

As a family, our regular walk along the river has, in the past, been an enjoyable experience. However, we are appalled and

concerned at the amount of dog (and horse) excrement on, and beside, the path.

We have observed dog owners blithely looking on as their animal relieves itself and walking away, having no attempt to collect "the deposit" using, for instance, a plastic bag.

Using the example of the Gahan Reserve on the corner of Greville and Gahan streets in Prahan, which provides bags,

scoops and a bin expressly for this purpose, I am writing to Manningham requesting that a similar system be installed in Warrandyte. I would urge those who use the river as part of their dogs exercise routine to be more considerate and to stop regarding such an important public area as a convenient communal dog toilet.

Trish Lincoln
Trezise Street

What's in a name?

As a regular contributing artist to the Rotary Art Show during the Warrandyte Festival, I was thrilled to win third prize this year. To my dismay, the *Diary* published the third prize as awarded to June McIntyre instead of June McIntosh.

I am particularly sensitive about this error as I have recently changed my name and am now trying to establish recognition of my art under that new name (a difficult task in itself!). The purpose of my email is to urge the *Diary* team to aim for accuracy in reporting in future.

The spelling oversight will certainly not deter me from reading the *Diary* in future, for I enjoy reading about the local happenings in Warrandyte. I particularly enjoy Pat Coupar's regular literary contribution and appreciate her descriptive writing. I was delighted to receive her book as a gift recently...insightful and delightful!

June McIntosh
by email

The *Diary* published festival results as received.

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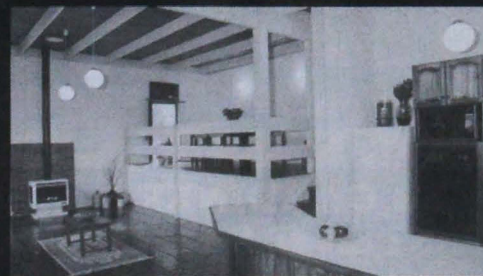
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Conserving the Wedge

State safeguards vital

By FIA CLENDINNEN

Practical advice in caring for their broadacre properties was offered to landowners at a public meeting held in Warrandyte last month.

Organised by the Warrandyte Community Association, the meeting was addressed by Michael Looker from Trust for Nature, who outlined the trust's covenant process.

"A conservation covenant is an agreement between a land owner and the Trust," Mr Looker told the meeting. "It protects and enhances the natural, cultural and/or scientific values of the land. The covenant is registered on the property title and binds all future land owners."

Mr Looker discussed other environmental aspects and how they were relevant to such Warrandyte issues as impending development, revegetation, and working with local councils and developers.

"Working with others in the community and in council you can achieve great things. I have seen many communities around Australia and the USA overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to achieve an outcome that future generations will continue to appreciate."

He described the community association as "a fantastic start for the people of Warrandyte to get together and make a real difference".

● For further information about Trust for Nature call 9670 9933.

Robert Marshall, an ex-councillor from Nillumbik, has openly denounced the current state government for its refusal to act to safeguard the Green Wedge.

"I am very cross with the Bracks government," he told the *Diary*. "They have had the opportunity to legislate to protect the Green Wedge and instead they sit on their hands and remain silent."

Mr Marshall, a St Andrews resident and an architect, was a councillor for 20 years on both the old Shire of Eltham and the existing Nillumbik council. He represented wards that included North Warrandyte.

Mr Marshall has always been a passionate supporter of the Green Wedge. As well as his work as a councillor, he has also served on numerous committees. But he said the current situation, where residents take it upon themselves to campaign to protect the Green Wedge from developers, was no longer sustainable.

"It's extremely unfair to expect a handful of individuals to take all that flak and abuse to protect the Green Wedge," he said. "It's the responsibility of the government and not of individuals."

Council elections in Nillumbik have a reputation for being vigorously contested. One increasing trend is the huge number of applicants who nominate. As reported in the March issue of the *Diary*, 107 candidates stood in this year's council elections, a record number across Victoria. Most of these are "stooge" or "dummy" candidates, with no genuine desire to win office,

instead their whole reason for standing is to direct preferences.

Also, large sums of money are spent by some candidates on advertising, billboards and leaflets. Some of the election material which is distributed contains disparaging and personal remarks about other candidates.

"Elections in this area are always nasty and hard fought," explained Mr Marshall. "And the reason they are so very nasty is because those who want to make money turn desperate, they see the big pot of gold if they can subdivide."

He said he believed the current situation caused enormous divisiveness between residents, and this was unhealthy and should not be allowed to continue.

"One reason I am cross with the Bracks government is that their silence and inaction on this matter leads to enormous hatred, nastiness and viciousness in the community. It is incumbent on the government to ensure, as best it can, harmonious relations in any community. The Bracks government is abrogating their responsibilities by remaining silent on whether Melbourne should retain its Green Wedge."

The Liberal government under Dick Hamer created the Green Wedge in 1971. The Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) designed a growth plan for greater Melbourne, with Green Wedges between urban growth corridors. This allowed for Melbourne's unlimited expansion but it also meant that those living within the urban corridors had ready access



"...disappointed with Labor, who had done absolutely nought"

ROBERT MARSHALL

to open space.

"The Green Wedge is not about 'no growth', Mr Marshall added. "It's about directing that growth into urban corridors. I can't stress that enough."

As a further refinement of this master

plan, the Kennett government in 1995 created the Shire of Nillumbik as "a conservation shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus."

Mr Marshall said he believed that whichever political party was in government should now take the next logical step and pass legislation to protect the Green Wedge, so the matter was settled once and for all.

But he remained deeply disappointed with the Labor government who he said "had done absolutely nought".

Mr Marshall was also pessimistic about the newly elected Nillumbik council and their attitude towards the Green Wedge.

"I firmly believe that the current council will make significant attempts to irreversibly alter the Green Wedge, so that in 10 years it will bear no resemblance to what we now know," he said.

He believed the council would begin by granting permits for "inappropriate developments," such as 300-seat restaurants or, on a smaller scale, mansion-style houses with complete obliteration of the tree canopy, but he predicted that ultimately there would attempt to change the current planning scheme.

But Mr Marshall said he "welcomed" the debate that he believed was certain to come.

He said, "It's only when people see the loss of amenity and the loss of their community as they know it, that there will be an outcry. Then people will speak up and force the state government to act."

Danger in council 'freedoms'

By CLIFF GREEN

As Manningham council's current review of planning and development issues "grinds on" increasing alarm is being expressed among conservation supporters about the possible threat to the Green Wedge.

Local MP Phil Honeywood believes that the policy of the state government to vest more autonomy on key planning issues to local government may adversely affect the Warrandyte and Park Orchards area.

"People who get seduced by the ideal of having more say in the character of their own neighbourhoods need to understand that this can be a double-edged sword," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*.

"It is all well and good to leave crucial planning zone decisions to local municipalities if the particular council has an agreed approach that reflects the views of their ratepayers."

"Unfortunately, in the case of Manningham we have a council that is structurally focussed on three urbanised wards that

often dominate the single non-urban ward ratepayers of Warrandyte, Park Orchards and



Cain, Kirner and Kennett state governments, planning powers were very much at the behest

"...Manningham is virtually split down the middle on what should occur with the Green Wedge"

PHIL HONEYWOOD

Wonga Park.

"So vexed has the situation in Manningham become that the council is now virtually split down the middle on what should occur with the Green Wedge and other Manningham non-urban planning matters."

Mr Honeywood pointed out that under the previous Hamer,

of the minister for planning of the day. "While some local residents would regard it as ironic, having an all-powerful minister for planning has actually worked in favour of the Green Wedge and the no dual occupancy policy in our local area," Mr Honeywood said. "Some local residents will

recall that my main campaign theme in 1988 was retention of our unique non-urban zones. In support of this policy Jeff Kennett visited Warrandyte and promised that a Liberal government would put an end to dual occupancy and unit development in our area and uphold the Green Wedge. Subsequently, planning minister Rob Maclellan was consistently reminded of this commitment.

"While I can understand that in other areas of Melbourne there was a genuine reaction to planning policies that were controlled by one minister, there was never a threat to retaining our unique bushland character. Nevertheless, in the run-up to the last state election the Labor Party gained great mileage in advocating the transfer of most planning powers to local councils."

Mr Honeywood believes that given the history of open planning warfare in our particular corner of Melbourne, "it may well have been more beneficial if genuine local residents' groups had been given a formalised local planning advisory role instead of the state government shifting most planning powers to the local council."

"Resident groups, such as the new Warrandyte Community Association and the long-standing Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, are far more in touch with the views of the majority of residents in the two townships than the local council could claim to be."

Mr Honeywood is especially concerned about Manningham council's current review of planning and development issues in the non-urban areas.

"In this context, as the latest Manningham-inspired salvo to development interests, the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge working party, grinds on, from one time extension to the next, genuine local resident groups need to brace themselves."

"Because, if the working party's deliberations encourages further meddling with our non-urban zones, then we should all lobby the government to override their ideal notion that all elected local councils will support the will of the people all of the time."

"If this Green Wedge were to be abandoned now then it would be lost forever..."

During April-May, 1995, a state government panel announced the findings of their hearing on the Manningham Planning Scheme. Their decision to maintain the prohibition of subdivision in the Wedge was approved by the then minister for planning, Rob Maclellan, on November 9, 1995.

In part, their report stated:

● The Panel notes that council has pursued an exhaustive planning scheme review inclusive of public participation over nearly a decade. Council has set up advisory community groups, held public meetings, has commissioned and released reports and discussion papers, and has ultimately placed on exhibition a planning scheme amendment which it believes best balances the competing interests of submitters. There is no doubt in the Panel's mind that Amendment L76 is a well considered and well researched planning document.

● According to many of the landowners in this area, they have no further interest in using this land other than in determining whether it has subdivision potential. But what of future landowners and future generations who may be attracted to the area in pursuit of small, well located non-urban lots with the potential for a wide variety of pursuits ranging from the aesthetically passive to the agriculturally active? If this Panel acceded to the request to liberalise subdivision, this area would

be lost forever as a Green Wedge and be little different from any other part of the metropolitan area.

● The Panel agrees with the fundamental principle that the land is a community commodity and the landowners are the present stewards of it. Future landowners may have vastly different objectives than the present ones.

● The Panel believes that if ever there is an example of the importance of orderly and proper planning it was the decision in the late 1960s to permanently reserve wedges of non-urban land between growth corridors. It was good planning then and it is good planning now. It is nowhere near its "use-by-date" in planning terms. Indeed, the importance of that decision is only going to become more evident as time passes and as the urban "breathing spaces" become more appreciated by the community and by the landowners. If this Green Wedge were to be abandoned now then it would be lost forever; there would never be any prospect of resurrecting the Green Wedge again in the Warrandyte/Park Orchards area. This is a prospect which the Panel believes cannot be contemplated.

● It is therefore the Panel's strong view that the principle of the Green Wedge should not be tampered with at all. Planning studies for nearly 30 years have consistently repeated this same message and the Panel acknowledges the most recent announcements in the metropolitan strategy review which reinforce that principle.

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The Green Corps team will work with Parks Victoria staff and the community, planting more than 20,000 plants, monitoring rare fauna, maintaining existing revegetation sites, undertaking bat trapping, implementing fox monitoring programs, weed control and mapping, estimating kangaroo populations and evaluating areas for future revegetation.

Corps members, aged between 17 and 20, are more correctly "trainees" who volunteered for selection to Green Corps. They are well known in Warrandyte, having worked on previous projects with local Landcare groups and Friends volunteers.



Green Corps ready for action in Warrandyte.

Council cuts greenhouse emissions

Manningham council has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by a massive 30 percent; and plans are afoot to cut emissions even further.

"The bulk of the savings have come through using electricity for street lighting that is more environmentally friendly," a council spokesperson told *Diary*.

"Half the electricity used for street

lighting in Manningham now comes from a mix of solar, hydro, wind and biomass electricity generation."

The council has also started to install stand-alone solar lights that generate their own electricity. Annual running costs are halved and excess power is fed back into the grid.

Manningham councillor John Bruce said, "We're committed to ensuring

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Banking on the future of this special place

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

Warrandyte's bid for a community bank is forging ahead, with more than 50 new accounts being opened in the first week of business at the Bendigo Bank agency at Riveresque in Yarra Street.

"It's a very good response and well above budget for funds into the agency," steering committee chairman John Provan told the *Diary*. "Businesses have transferred their accounts, clubs and churches have been very supportive and the two local primary schools have indicated their support. We're now talking to larger businesses and clubs."

Although "still looking for more", Mr Provan said more than 400 pledges totalling \$646,000 had been made, which means a formal feasibility study canvassing households and businesses on their day-to-day banking will go ahead. The two-month, \$15,000 study will be funded by Manningham and Nillumbik councils.

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Bendigo Bank, the community bank agency opens three days a week and will shortly expand to five and a half days. Mr Provan said a possible venue for a Warrandyte bank would be in the community centre because of its main street frontage.

The steering committee called a public meeting last month to report back to the Warrandyte community. The Mechanics Institute Hall was filled to overflowing. Newly-elected Nillumbik councillor, Bob Stubbings, took the opportunity to announce the shire council's promise to commit \$7500 to the cost of the feasibility study.

"With the opening of a community bank in Warrandyte, profits can stay in the community," Cr Stubbings said.

Manningham councillor Patricia Young is very supportive of the push for a community bank in Warrandyte, saying Warrandyte is "out in the middle of nowhere" as far as the big banks were

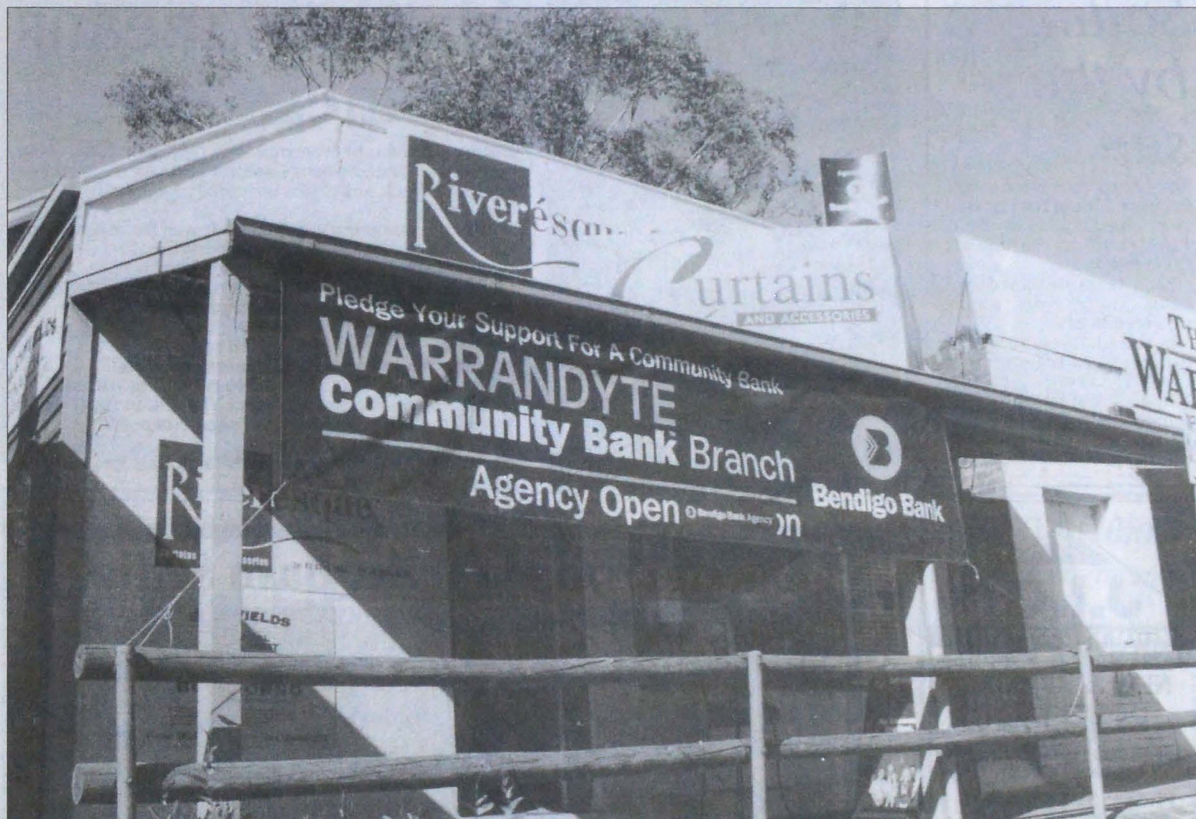
concerned.

"Not having a local bank penalises businesses and makes it quite dangerous for older people," she said. "Warrandyte is just a rural country town as far as the banks are concerned and they just don't care. It's quite outrageous as far as I'm concerned."

"But I hope they (the steering committee) walk softly, softly, as I'd hate to see the community losing money. Some community banks are just breaking even. It's got to be viable—not just to get a bank here but to be able to sustain it."

"Perhaps the real estate agents could place their bond money into the new bank, and the cemetery trust and residents too. Some of my money's in there as well."

The Warrandyte agency of the community bank, located at Riveresque, is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am and 2pm and from 3pm to 5pm. The bank has indicated that all banking facilities will be available.



Temporary home for our very own bank. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Heart of the community

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte community has been running its own centre for almost 12 months.

"It's been a success," president Jock Macneish told the *Diary*. "We've achieved our first major objective. All our permanent spaces are occupied by community groups."

The supporters group was formed out of a perceived Manningham council threat to the centre. The groups feared they would be evicted if they couldn't afford commercial rentals.

"Everyone now has security of tenure, the centre is

financially viable and relations with Manningham council staff are splendid."

Mr Macneish pointed out that the major refurbishment, promised as part of the community takeover, is now well under way. The exterior of the building has been repainted and repaired and the balustrades have been replaced.

"Painting and recarpeting of public areas inside is almost complete. A number of the tenancies have also been recarpeted.

Workmanship is superb and the level of co-operation between tradespersons,

community users of the building and the support group committee has been excellent.

"The community has supported the centre by rolling up to working bees—particularly the Lions Club—and hiring spaces and making much greater use of the facilities."

At the supporters group annual general meeting last month, two additional members joined the committee. These were Pat Abbott and Judy Green.

Mr Macneish told the meeting that public spaces in the centre have been named

after old gold mines in Warrandyte. They include: Victory Hall, Caledonia Foyer, Growlers Hill Room (formerly meeting room 5), Evelyn Room (formerly Book Exchange) and Geraghtys Room (formerly Model Railway Club).

Jock Macneish appealed to the Warrandyte community to continue their support for the centre.

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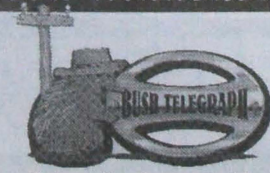
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When magnetic personality equals the chaos principle

MY life's been thrown into chaos. Not the world's-come-to-an-end level of disaster but more of a "For God's sake, how do you expect me to function as efficiently as normal if you do this without telling me!" type of crisis.

Now, throughout my married life, I've suffered chronic and dismissive criticism from Herself about my alleged inability to keep two things in my mind at once. Naturally, I have pooh-poohed the charge and with caustic insight, instead of proving her wrong, I have charged her with being a scatterbrain; the sort who skims the surface of a myriad inconsequential nothings, whereas I prefer to adopt the "significant and focused" approach.

In discussion with other men, I have discovered that the above scenario is not altogether unfamiliar. I have also discovered that, in the same way, the confusion appears to stem from a female lack of understanding about the complex way we work.

It's comparable to their inability to understand the methodology of "the shed". Herself's comments about lack of order and what appears, to her, to be a total lack of management, is in fact, "management in progress". She believes that the shed should work the way she does, by having everything in its place so that a lot of activities can happen at once. An interesting, but dull approach!

Instead of seeing the shed's complex interrelationships between all the elements, all



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she can see are the disorganised fragments. For me to accommodate her approach, I would need to break concentration on the specific task at hand.

For example, I may be working on shaping a piece of wire to be used to attach an extension ladder to the side fence in order to prevent it from rusting. This type of assignment takes dedication, time and creativity. To interrupt that in favour of picking up all the equipment

from my last assignment, just to store it, would be a shameful waste of time and energy. I maintain that it's better to leave all where it is until I need it next time. Which is why I was both shell-shocked and disapprovng when I discovered that the fridge door had been cleared.

For years, I have worked on the fridge door method of management. And, in this, I am sure I am not alone.

"Why don't you deal with things when they come in?"

"But I'm dealing with the gas bill at the moment!"

"Surely you can manage the gas and the electricity bill at the same time. After all, it's the same phone call to B-Pay."

"Nah! I've already got the gas bill next to the phone so I'll pay it and just put this new bill on the fridge door. I'll do it later when I haven't got so much on my plate."

So, you can imagine my dismay when I went to get the milk only to discover that my filing cabinet had been trashed. Well, not literally trashed, but relocated to "a more sensible filing location". I was just about to enter negotiations about who runs things around here when my attention was distracted by the array of unused fridge magnets.

For years, bills, invoices, invitations, post cards and "to do" lists have papered the fridge door. I had forgotten all about our collection of magnetic messages but here they were, lined up waiting for a reprieve.

My first reaction was one of surprise. Some looked familiar, but there were others that must have crept in during the night.

There were the predictably boring council magnets, providing phone numbers for economic or environmental disasters. The local vets vied for attention; one pandering to those who prefer the formal, professional bedside manner whilst the other went for the cartoon cutie, appealing to those who think Bambi should be our next prime minister.

The mini skip magnet was just that and the local pizza shop screamed in Italian colours. I must have deliberately erased the memory of all our broken windows because there were three advertising a company that I've never heard of. The computer company advertised in Olde English script whilst the carpet cleaning company preferred the restrained, discreet approach as befits the service they offer. It's a bit like rodent exterminators. They're both services one discusses behind raised, open hands. One doesn't want the neighbours to know that you run a midden!

As for the magnets advertising welding rods and a bloodstock agent, I can only wonder!

I was preoccupied by the magnets until Herself spoke.

"Isn't it much better now? It's not so messy and you'll be able to be more efficient with your time."

"Miles better. Where have you put it all though?"

"In the spare bedroom. Come and have a look."

"OK. Hold on, I've just noticed that the fridge hinge is a bit wonky. You go ahead, I'll have a look tomorrow."

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Hideous hairy horrors haunt highly hysterical humans

At the Warrandyte festival this year, in the Parks Victoria tent, there was a live animal display. It attracted considerable interest, especially the Children's Python. The amenable snake was petted and prodded, and draped around willing necks, taking it all with a gentle, investigative tongue-flicking.

I watched the people for a while, coming and going. The python was undoubtedly the centre of attention, although not everyone was willing to touch it. Nonetheless the fascination was there.

Among the other live displays was a large, female huntsman spider in a glass case, complete with dozens of newly-hatched babies. I wondered if the people holding the snake would feel as comfortable holding the spider.

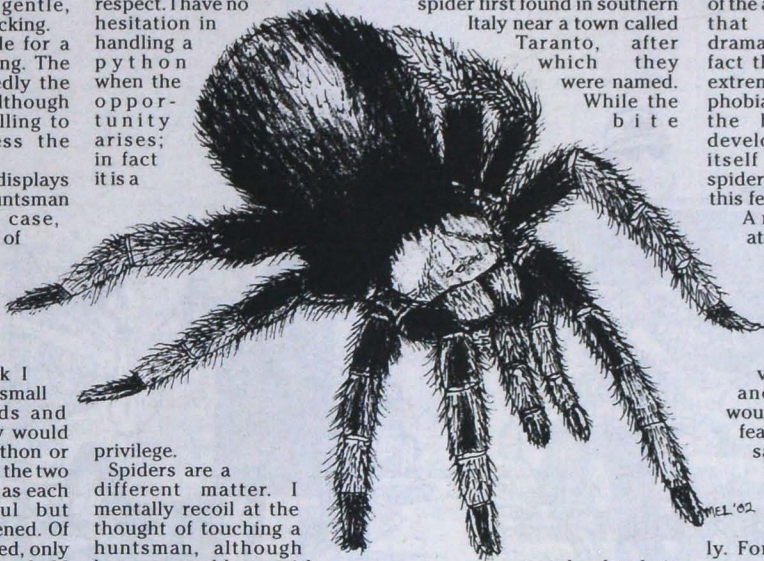
The following week I decided to carry out a small survey, asking friends and colleagues which they would prefer to hold—the python or the huntsman. I thought the two were a fair comparison as each can inflict a painful but harmless bite if threatened. Of the 30 or so people asked, only two said they would rather hold the spider, both of them having had a frightening experience with a snake when young.

Speaking personally, snakes generally don't frighten me. In England where I lived until I was 24, poisonous snakes are rare and I can only recall seeing a small adder (viper) on one occasion. However, I have encountered various venomous snakes in the bush around

NATURE

By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

Warrandyte many times, treating them with caution and respect. I have no hesitation in handling a python when the opportunity arises; in fact it is a



privilege.

Spiders are a different matter. I mentally recoil at the thought of touching a huntsman, although have no problems with caterpillars, beetles and other creepy crawlies—a behaviour that is replicated in my two children. There are no poisonous spiders in England, but...

But the idea that spiders are scary was put into my head at an early age with nursery rhymes like Little Miss Muffet. Later television and movies enforced the notion that

spiders are repulsive, hateful, hairy creatures and their tangled webs dirty and sinister.

American movie-makers often mistakenly use huge bird-eating spiders to portray man-killing tarantulas. Though monstrous, these docile spiders have a bite no worse than a bee sting. True tarantulas are a species of wolf spider first found in southern Italy near a town called Taranto, after which they were named. While the bite

the danger posed, it becomes a phobia. Females have a substantially higher rate of phobias than males, although males are less likely to admit to such fears.

In the 1960s a study into spider phobia was carried out. As expected females were shown to have a greater hatred of the arachnids than males and that difference increased dramatically with puberty—a fact that led to some rather extreme theories of arachnophobia. One suggestion is that the body hairiness that develops with puberty is in itself frightening and that spiders are an embodiment of this feeling.

A more reasonable explanation is that spider fear is a lurking remnant from our primeval past that haunts the brain. Maternal protection of young from poisonous species was of survival value for our African ancestors. This theory would be more acceptable if fear of spiders was universal. But it appears to be dominant in present-day western societies. Past civilisations viewed spiders quite differently. For the Romans, spiders were a favourite mascot. Images of them were carved on stones and arches as protection against bad luck. Ancient Greeks viewed spiders as the manifestation of the female spirit and many myths and legends grew around the spinning skills of spiders.

So where does our disproportionate fear of spiders come from? Perhaps you have your own theory.

can be fatal, it was thought in the 15th century that frenzied dancing to the point of exhaustion would rid the body of the poison. The whirling dance became known as the tarantella.

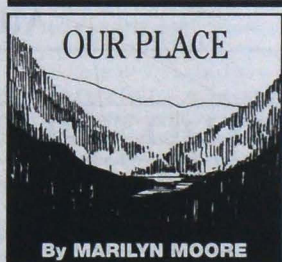
Most people simply do not like spiders, making little distinction between venomous and non-venomous species. But when dislike turns to fear and the fear is out of proportion to

Not the thought behind the gift

The autumnal equinox brings Easter holidays and a load of seasonal lifestyle renovations, not to mention birthdays.

The seasonal lifestyle renovations never amount to much more than a pile of good intentions. In theory, the holidays provide the opportunity to launch these, but we all know what happens in school holidays—a lot of talk about long-held plans to clean up the encroaching wilderness or to index a shoe-box full of negatives—but not a lot of progress. The vision, ingrained from childhood, of the long empty days of school holidays is, as ever, a mirage.

That leaves birthdays. Back in the olden days, when primary school and the thrill of reaching double figures were not such distant memories, birthdays were marked by a distinct feeling of excitement. Older was definitely better. You only had to look at the line-up of younger siblings (or all the duds in Form 2) to be certain about that! Parties got more serious and grown-up. Long dresses, silky fabrics, lace trims...days spent running between Croydon market's fabric stalls and the



OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

sewing machine. When the big day finally arrived, a table load of edible treats magically appeared, crowned by a candle-infused cochineal-frosted culinary artefact.

You didn't need to prove that 17 was better than 16, or that 22 was better than daggy old 19. Even 30, marked by the acquisition of a baby or two and a splendid new house in Warrandyte, was right out there.

But floundering through the fulsome 40s, something seems to have changed. The birthday often buries itself mid-week, and the thing to do is to skip over it with as little fuss as possible. Even better, if it falls on a weekend, you don't even

have to tell anyone at work, much less bake a cake for afternoon tea.

"I'll simply kill you if you mention the word birthday", threatened one dear friend last week, as we snuck out for a joint celebration. "It gets people wondering how old you are." True. It probably also inspires them to get down to the gym at daybreak, before they get any older themselves.

So, in the end, last week's birthday seemed rather like any other day. Early morning fog and traffic congestion on the road to school were pretty much par for the season. The hockey match passed without incident. Bike and car got booked in for a service, a printer was collected from a repair shop in Camberwell, a tourte mute for a violin was located and purchased, and the supermarket shopping done (more or less).

Considerable time was wasted looking for sports socks in a particular shade of gold, and even more time was devoted to the non-purchase of a loafah component whose technical specifications were no doubt superseded years ago. Half the family was laid up, so we cooked dinner at home,

generating the usual unholy amount of dirty dishes. "Where's the cake?" they cried. What cake?

Don't get me wrong, it wasn't as though anybody forgot what day it was. The house glowed with gifts: lilies, roses, proteas and potted cyclamen. My beloved had cleverly tracked down a hard-to-get book that I'd been after for a while, the kids got creative in the card-making department, and my ever-reliable Mum arrived to join in the fray. No, it was the missing feeling of excitement at adding on another year that made me feel a bit of a fraud.

Maybe I should have indulged in a spot of Feng Shui, faced east and aligned myself with the rising sun. Or meditated peacefully in an empowering yoga position over a candle-lit pile of myrrh-polished pebbles. The nearest I got was three seconds of peace and quiet in the loo. Three seconds, that is, before a piercing cry raised the lid on the latest emergency.

"Mum! Mum!"
"What?"
"Quick!"
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for one night
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really

Very old car—
battered already
Did they do it
because it wouldn't matter
ancient as it was
Got some pleasure
from the act
of finishing it off

or

Were they very angry
at the time?
We all have
violence within us
We can smash
inanimate objects
(usually our own)
to vent our fury
Smash, bash, shatter, crash
Better than hitting
someone

or

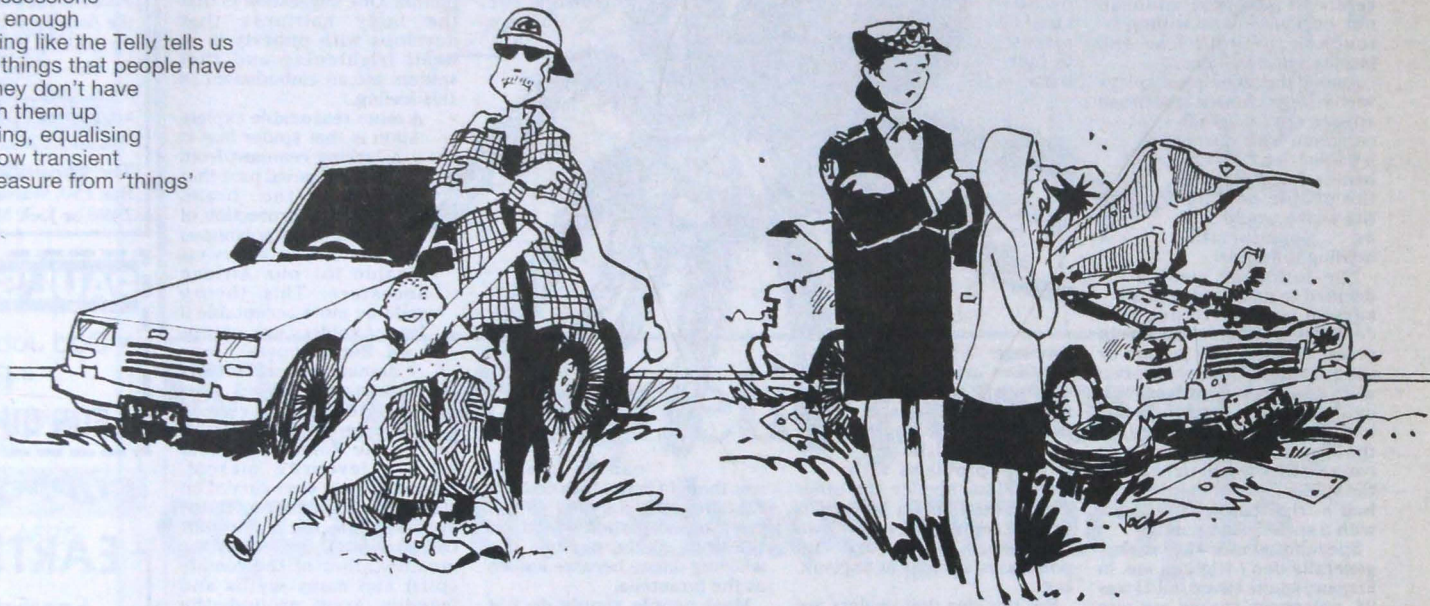
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the control they had over
their lives?
Smash them up
Show how little
they matter
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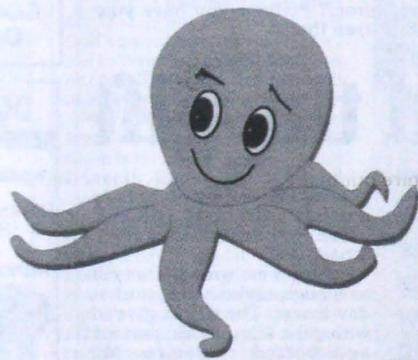
Were they unspoiled brats
No possessions
or not enough
Coveting like the Telly tells us
those things that people have
that they don't have
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See how transient
the pleasure from 'things'

See how
vulnerable
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A community faces its crises

THE first locally representative, governing bodies in the colony of Victoria were the District Road Boards. These boards were instituted as a result of the colonial government's 1853 *Act for Making and Improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria*. Settlements in outlying districts like Manningham were generally linked to each other, and to Melbourne, by rough bush tracks—dusty and rut-riddled in summer, impassable quagmires in winter. The 1853 Act provided for the annual election of members of a district road board and empowered communities to have local representatives on their local board.

The forerunner of a local governing body for Manningham, which was then described as a "roads district", was the Templestowe Road Board. It was formally proclaimed on September 19, 1856, with local identity Sidney Ricardo as chairman. The roads district covered the present-day suburbs of Templestowe and Doncaster; it was not until June 1, 1873 that the Warrandyte Ward transferred from the Upper Yarra District and was incorporated into the Templestowe District.

In the early 1870s the conversion of the road board districts into municipalities began; on May 3, 1875 the Templestowe Road Board was supplanted by the Bulleen Shire Council. The first entry in the minute book for the Shire of Bulleen is dated Thursday July 1, 1875 and reads: "The Election of Six Councillors for the newly constituted Shire of Bulleen took place on the above date at the shire office Templestowe, the Doncaster Hotel Doncaster and at the Court House Anderson's Creek". Councillor Edward Tatham was elected the first shire president. The estimated European population of the shire around this time was 1,600 persons. Prevailing attitudes amongst Europeans meant that the Wurundjeri people

were not counted as part of the population—they were a people rendered invisible in statistics and silent in politics.

The fledgling council no doubt began with great hopes but harmonious relations did not last. Changes in population numbers and distribution created an imbalance that caused dissension in the shire council. Until around 1860 the majority of newcomers to the Shire of Bulleen had settled in the districts of Warrandyte and Templestowe, but thereafter, with the growth of orcharding in Doncaster, increasing numbers moved into that area. In 1875 the ratepayers of Bulleen and Warrandyte sent a petition to the Roads and Bridges Department. The petition claimed that, as the councillors were mostly from Doncaster and Templestowe, those two districts received preferential treatment. Although the council repudiated this suggestion, the Bulleen and Warrandyte residents did win the increased representation they sought. Prior to elections held in August 1876, the shire was divided into the ridings of Doncaster, Templestowe and Warrandyte.

By 1890 the larger population of the Doncaster Riding meant that it was contributing more to the revenue of the shire than the ridings of Templestowe and Warrandyte combined. In addition, Doncaster found it had even less in common with Templestowe and Warrandyte and consequent council deadlocks finally resulted in Doncaster seceding to form its own shire, with inaugural elections held in August 1890.

The Shire of Bulleen retained its name only until 1892, after which it became known as the Shire of Templestowe. The fortunes of this shire, with its small revenue, were somewhat straitened from the start. The situation turned really

BYGONE DAYS: 6

By BARBARA PERTZEL and FIONA WALTERS

grim in 1906, when the council secretary was found to have embezzled "the greater part of a year's revenue". Despite their best efforts throughout the next nine years, the near-insolvent council was eventually reunited with Doncaster (which had suffered troubles of its own) by order of the Minister for Public Works in 1915.

The shire was renamed the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe in 1926. That same year is also notable for the election of the first woman to council, Angela Booth, who represented the newly-made Warrandyte Riding. As in the previous century, population growth in Doncaster was far larger than in the other two ridings. According to a shire survey in 1965, Doncaster had a population of 18,293, which constituted more than Templestowe (13,588) and Warrandyte (4,141) together. Again Doncaster Riding, with its three councillors, keenly felt the unfairness of contributing more revenue to the shire but being unable to carry the vote against Warrandyte and Templestowe combined, with a total of six councillors, when disputes arose in council. It was suggested in 1964-65 that Doncaster should once again secede, an idea supported by the ratepayers in two polls. This view was not supported by the Minister for Local Government, Rupert Hamer. He ruled instead, in May 1966, that Doncaster Riding would be split in two, East and West, each with three councillors. With an increase in population and rate revenue, the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe successfully petitioned to become a city, which was proclaimed on February 28, 1967. In 1980 a major redefinition of boundaries created four new

wards. The next major council reorganisation was prompted by local government amalgamations imposed by the Victorian Government in 1994. Already a large municipality, Doncaster-Templestowe was extended to include Wonga Park, which had orchards, hills and open space that all seemed to match the image that the new City of Manningham projected.

The natural beauty of Warrandyte, familiar for a long time to tourists and a number of artists, writers and artisans, also began to attract young Australian families looking for a special environment in which to raise their children. Jan and John Laing came across the site that has been their family home for over 25 years thanks to their friends Neil and Margaret Harrington: "Neil had said, 'We've been over to this place Warrandyte. Sensational! Absolutely fantastic!' We were living in Mitcham at the time. Jan and I went for a drive to Ringwood to buy some fruit and veg this day and we saw Warrandyte Road. I said to Jan, 'Let's go down and see what this Warrandyte looks like' and that's how we found our way to Warrandyte."

Individuals who made their way to Warrandyte now live in a place where a lively sense of community thrives. This account celebrates the elements that make a community and gives a voice to the people at its heart.

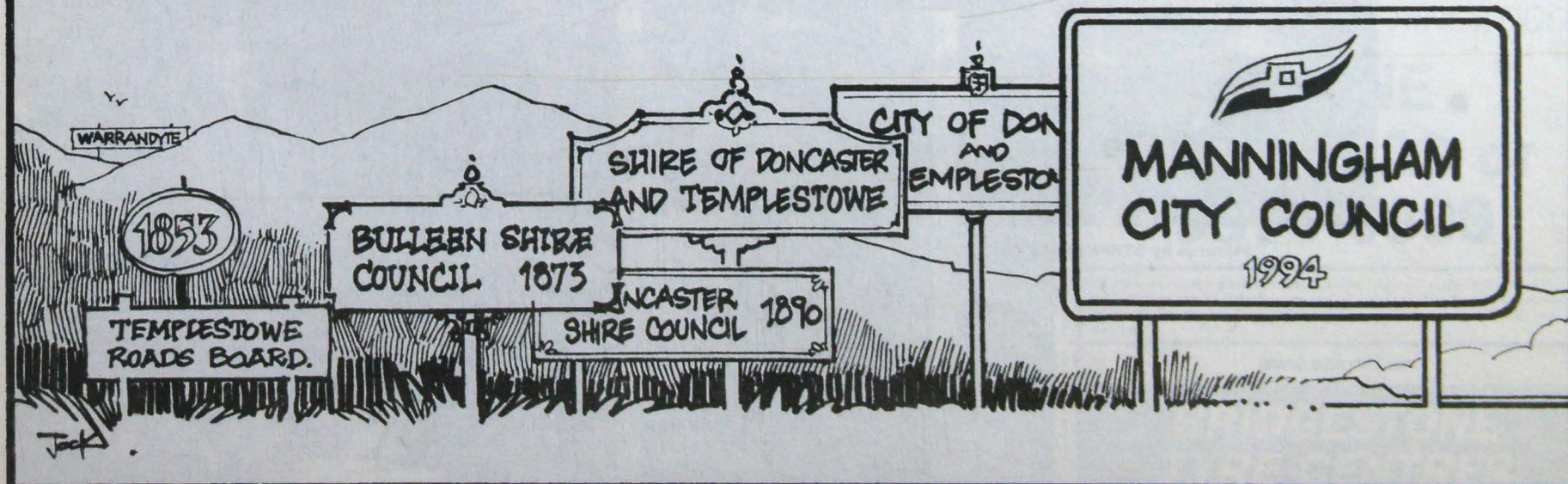
On Friday January 13, 1939—"Black Friday" in Victoria—when bushfires raged through the district, the community was tested. At Warrandyte a volunteer fire brigade had been formally established in 1938 but it could do little in the face of such fury. "We lost our house as did hundreds of others. My brother spent the time of the fire with one of my aunts in

the Warrandyte Hotel where a lot of people had gathered. I don't know whether the drinkers had rushed there to save it from being burnt but they were there anyway so they were safe. I'd been taken with the Houghtons to the river and I can still see to this day the flames jumping over trees above me as I stood on the riverbank. The Houghtons, my grandparents, had a cave and they put a lot of their precious things down in it when the fire was coming, and that was an advantage, but we lost everything—precious photographs, mementos! The community was wonderful after the bushfires. Donations came from all over the state and in the hall they set up a sort of reception area where people who were disadvantaged by the fire came and were given clothing and supplies and so on. I was only nine years old. I was absolutely devastated by the fact that our house had burnt down. Our cockatoo was burnt. Our dog was burnt—my parents absolutely loved that dog. Everyone was devastated."

Dulcie Crouch also vividly remembers the events of Black Friday: "When the 1939 bushfire went through Warrandyte our fruit was ruined, the house was alight three times. The phone lines were down but J.J. (Tully) and his nephew Bunty arrived at 3am, the earliest they could get through, as J.J. was concerned about us and wanted to make sure we were all right."

● To be continued

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The day we remembered

ANZAC Day attendances were up throughout Australia last month and some commentators attributed that to a reawakening of our fighting spirit by our involvement in events which followed September 11.

Whatever the reason, Warrandyte was certainly no exception to the trend.

Our march and memorial service on April 25 attracted the biggest crowd for many years.

"Yes, it was one of the biggest in living memory and it tested our resources and preparations to the limit," Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch president Dave Parker told the *Diary*.

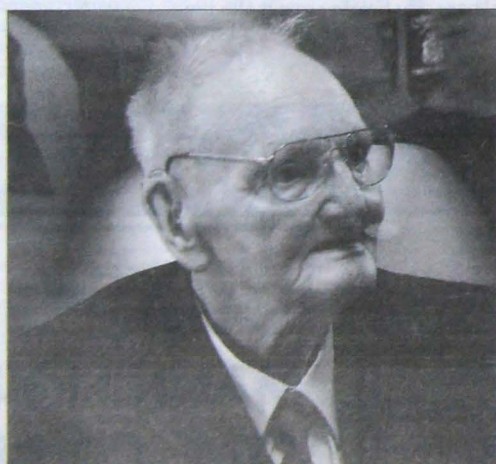
"We appreciated the efforts made by our members to present the grounds and facilities in the best condition yet.

"The staff and their assistants on the day worked tirelessly to cater for around 200 people and did it beautifully," he said.

"I warmly thank all the members of our community who turned out in such numbers for the march and service."

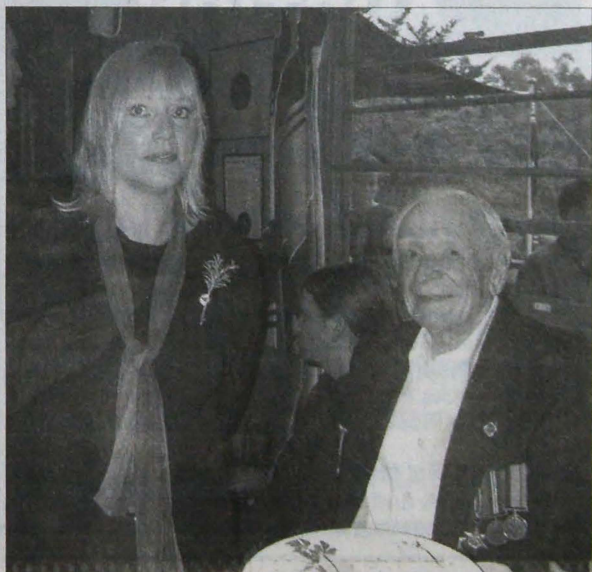
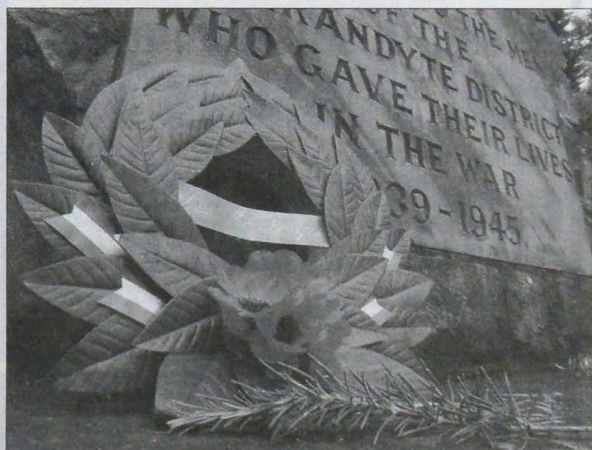
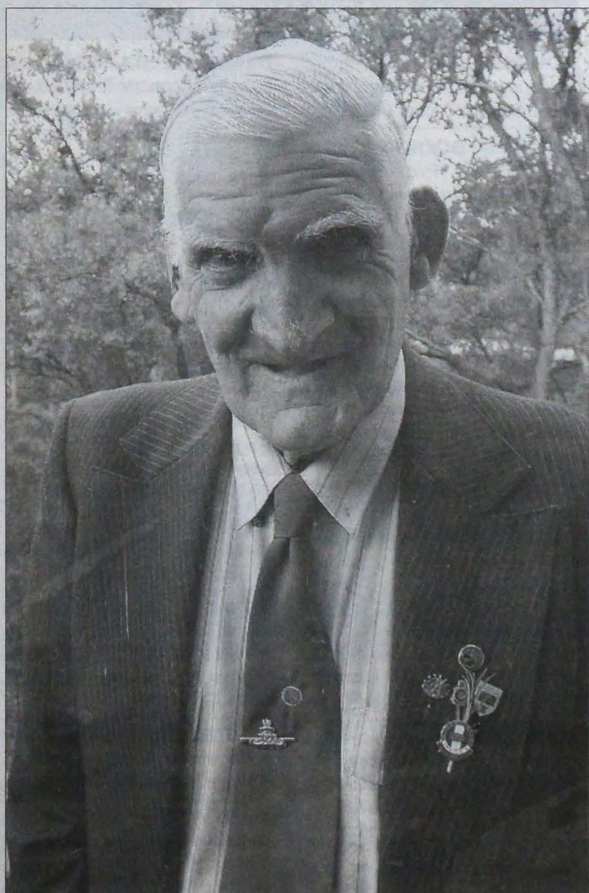
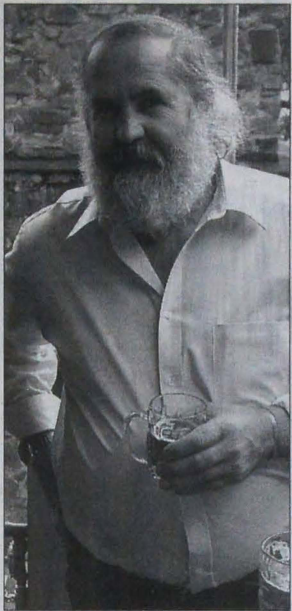
The service was conducted by the Reverend Ros McDonald of the Uniting Church, who was assisted by the 4th Combat Engineers Regiment of Ringwood, the Bellbird Singers, Lachlan McSwain on bagpipes and bugler Tom Reynolds.

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Auction

North Warrandyte CFA, in conjunction with the Warrandyte Lions, is conducting a charity auction at the Warranwood Primary School, Wonga Road, Warranwood, on Sunday, May 19, commencing at 9.30am. Items can be inspected between 12noon and 4pm on Saturday, May 18, or from 8am on the day of the auction. Items for sale include building materials, antiques, tools, household furnishings, boats, holidays, sports memorabilia, etc. Part of the money raised will go towards the replacement of the brigade's fire truck. Donations of goods gratefully accepted. Further information from Barry Fogarty (9844 3989), Lauri Hilakari (0419 594 366) or Kate Murphy (0419 878 637).

Prayer

Warrandyte churches are combining to present a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be held at St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm.

Seminar

The next Green Wedge Seminar will be held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room in Reynolds Road, East Doncaster, on Thursday, June 6, commencing at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Randall Robinson, from the Victorian University of



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Bands

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Dramas

Readers are reminded that the Warrandyte Theatre Company is hosting a drama festival in the town over the weekend of June 14, 15 and 16. Further information from Sue Dyring on 9844 4594.

Biology

VCE Biology Exam 1 revision lectures will be held on Sunday, May 26 from 9.30am to 3.30pm in the Box Hill Institute Building 4 Auditorium, 465 Elgar Road, Box Hill. Booking is advised. Call 9873 1984.

Dance

The next South Warrandyte social dance will be held on Saturday, June 8. The fun begins at 8pm in the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road, with old time and new vogue dancing to a live band. Enquiries to 9723 3892.



Chris Hughes: blowing his own trumpet in "Hot Mikado".

Local singer Chris Hughes will be performing in "Hot Mikado", latest production from Cloc Musical Theatre.

Chris's stage career began at Warrandyte High School in productions of "Penzance", "Grease" and "Joseph". He went on to study at the Melba Conservatorium of Music and has since appeared in a wide range of productions.

Another local in the team is Alan Green of Kangaroo Ground, who is audio designer for the show.

"Hot Mikado" is described as a "fabulous, sizzling, jazzed-up version of the Gilbert and Sullivan original".

Cloc are presenting it at the Alexander Theatre, Monash University, Clayton from May 10 to May 25. For bookings call 9592 2897.

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Concert

Glee Club Rhapsody, a concert of "symphonic rock" will be performed by the Eltham Concert Band on Sunday, May 26, commencing at 3pm, at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre. The concert will be conducted by the composer, well-known Warrandyte musician Barry McKimm. It will include songs and music from the last two decades, including Metallica, Santana, Queen, Led Zepellin, Supertramp and Otis Redding. Artists will include David Strudwick, Peter Smith and Chris Schurmann. The artistic director is Brian Laurence.

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Redbacks make the grade

Winners really are grinners. Tall forwards Bianca Walker (left, with 10 points) and Laura Sleeth (12 points) after winning their Under-15 D-grade match 37-24 against Eltham at WCSC on April 27.



By TONY OLIVER

Round 2 of the grading phase of the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association winter championships were completed on April 27, with strong results for Warrandyte.

Clash of the round was the Under-19 B-grade boys game between the top Banyule team and the top Redbacks side.

A number of the Warrandyte boys were playing up an age group, as ranks are sometimes thin in the older divisions.

The action was fast, with sharp attack and quick counter-attack the order of the day, and despite incurring a penalty for incorrect uniform, the Redbacks led by 28-17 at half-time.

Jarrod Gibson and Jake Templeton were showing the way, and a three pointer to Martin Heuser late in the first half was the icing on the cake.

The second half mirrored the first, with all Warrandyte players involved in the scoring. Strong forward Hayden Wall was proving a handful under the basket and Tim Given's height was a constant menace.

The final score was 53-31 in Warrandyte's favour and the boys are justifiably looking forward to a successful season.

In a later match at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre, the top Under-17 A-grade Redback girls took on Bulleen.

Coach Emma Wood, who led the Under-18 A-grade girls to a premiership last season, had retained a number of players from that side, but expectations were dented the previous week when the Redbacks went down 35-23 to Balwyn.

The team were weakened for the Bulleen game by the unavailability of

Chelsea Ransom and Tori Oliver, while Jess Kemp was making a slower-than-expected return from injury.

Warrandyte started slowly in a low-scoring encounter and Bulleen led 14-7 at the break. Such usually strong players as Anna Middleton and Simone Gemmel were having off days, but the ever-reliable Kim Singh was keeping the Redbacks in touch with two three-point shots.

Bulleen and no reserves on the bench and were starting to tire in the second half and Warrandyte slowly gained the upper hand to lead by three points going into the last minute.

Bulleen went to the free throw line but could only manage one from two and Warrandyte held on to win 24-22.

They faced Eltham on May 4 in what for some members of both teams was a replay of the Under-18 summer competition grand final and triumphed

29-15 in a very tough game.

In other sections, the Under-15 boys coached by Ian Wood are clearly wrongly graded in B-grade, having won both their games so far with a combined margin of 190 points to 15. Robert Illingworth alone has scored 68 points and Josh Collins 45.

The team will likely end up in A-grade, which will test them.

Gavin Whitmore's Under-11 boys are going well in A-grade with wins against Bulleen and Eltham. Whitmore is happy with the team balance, with no single player hogging the limelight.

The Under-13 boys coached by Nick Peters are finding the going harder with two narrow defeats, the latest a 26-24 loss to Ivanhoe. Guards Matthew Clough and Mitchell Smith are playing well, with strong support from Alex Beltramin.

The Under-15 girls of Lorraine Parfitt

are on the borderline of A-grade. Their opening game produced a narrow win in A-grade over the Doncats and the second was a romp against a lower Balwyn team in B grade, winning by 48-13.

Unfortunately for Parfitt, this game put the girls under no pressure, and it is unclear where they will end up. The team have been relatively stable for the past few seasons and have been strengthened by the inclusion of Sarah Bensch and Danielle Curavic, but they need to be challenged to show their potential.

The Under-13 girls face a different challenge, coach Ross Allison having to blend players from four teams. A first-up narrow defeat by Ivanhoe followed by a 30-11 loss to the Doncats means this team will need to settle in quickly to maintain their place in A-grade.

Basketball club spreading their wings

Round 3 of the junior championship competition was special for the Warrandyte Redbacks Basketball Club, with two stadiums being used simultaneously for the first time.

The Redbacks had moved their games from the local high school when the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre at Andersons Creek was opened in early 2000 but now have sufficient teams to make use of both stadiums.

It is further evidence of the steady build-up of the local club.

This round was notable for the return to form of a number of the local sides, while other teams stumbled.

Coach Lorraine Parfitt had her two Metro teams in action at the sports centre.

The Under-12 girls were surprisingly beaten the previous week by Diamond Valley in a controversial game with a number of apparent irregularities in scoring. The girls were eager to get back on the winning track and came up against Eltham.



Tom Fitzpatrick ... crucial basket for the Under-14s

The first half was close and there was little in it for much of the second stanza. Centre Kirra Soltz was doing hard work under the basket and being rewarded for her efforts with several trips to the free throw line, scoring four from eight attempts.

A solid team performance, with the goals being spread

around, enabled the Redbacks to come away to win 29-19. Top scorers were Courtney Petalas and Nicolette Prior with six apiece.

The Under-16 girls played Ringwood Hawks in a later game. The Warrandyte girls had started the season slowly, losing both their early games, and an extra training session was programmed to improve sharpness.

Strong forward Emma Razzi was unavailable because of illness and Sarah Bensch was moved in to fill this spot.

Warrandyte had defeated Ringwood in an earlier grading match and were favourites, but the Hawks opened the scoring. However, the Redbacks soon asserted their authority to lead 21-3 at the break.

The second half was more even, Warrandyte easing off while Ringwood stuck to their task. Unfortunately, the game deteriorated in the last minutes when some calls by the referees were disputed.

Libby Lavery and Sarah Bensch topscored with eight apiece and it is hoped that

Bensch will be available for future games.

The undefeated Under-18 girls coached by Emma Wood scored a regulation win over Craigieburn, who were never really in the game. While the second half was more even, the Redbacks ran out easy winners 48-25.

The team are still suffering from the slow recovery from injury of Jess Kemp and were without star guard Simone Gemmel. However, Jenna Hardy made a welcome return from injury and, although goalless, this athletic forward will be a strong contributor in the future.

Top scorers for the game were the ever-reliable Kim Singh (13) and Anna Middleton with 12.

Highlight game at WCSC on the night, however, was the Under-14 boys' encounter with Sunbury. Redbacks coach Ian Wood was confident after a strong showing the previous week, but the scores were locked at 14-all at half-time.

Sunbury opened up a lead with just 10 minutes to go, but the Redbacks were slowly

coming back and had their noses in front by two points as the clock ran down.

A basket each way maintained the status quo, but a free throw to Sunbury narrowed the gap to just one point with less than a minute to go.

Warrandyte prevailed when Tom Fitzpatrick sank a basket right on the bell for a 34-31 final scoreline.

Fitzpatrick, along with Josh Blakey, were top scorers for the Redbacks, each with 10 points.

In a surprising form reversal, the Metro 1 Under-12 boys of Damian Arsenis came back to reality with a 35-23 away loss to Doncaster.

There was just three points in it at half-time, but the Doncaster shots were going in while Warrandyte could not get the rewards for effort.

Strong play by Andrew Clough and Julian Phillipou was not enough to get the Redbacks over the line.

Arsenis was disappointed not so much by the loss itself but the way it happened. On their game, his boys should be able to defeat teams like Doncaster,

but they will have to perform more consistently to maintain their place in the top five of Metro 1.

The court at Warrandyte High School was in action on a Friday night for the first time since the new Andersons Creek stadium was opened.

The honour of this first went to Jarrod Gibson's Under-14 North West boys, playing Coburg. But the fairytale was not to be as Coburg were much too strong and won 64-22.

More success came the way of the Redbacks in the later games with easy wins to the second Under-12 boys side (29-26 over Broadmeadows), the Under-18 boys (74-39 over Craigieburn, Tim Given outstanding under the boards with 17 points) and Gavin Whitmore's Under-16 boys romping in 80-17 over Sunbury. Robert Illingworth, Josh Collins and Hamish Hosking led this scoring onslaught with 26, 22 and 20 points respectively.

This team unfortunately missed out on Metro 3 grading and may not be challenged in the North West competition.

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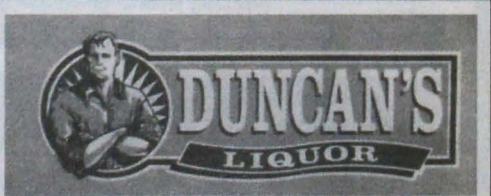
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Oh for a win – any win!

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club's threadbare 2002 EFL Third Division campaign improved only marginally at home to Doncaster East on May 4.

The Bloods have lost their first five matches — but there was hope, as they gave second-placed Doncaster East one hell of a fright, that the drought was about to break.

They came from 35 points down midway through the third quarter to trail by just two midway through the last. But a couple of crucial umpiring decisions which brought howls of indignation from the home fans stalled the charge and the visitors hung on to win by 16 points, 16.11 (107) to 12.19 (91).

The immediate hope for some sort of redemption was the upcoming away game against Mooroolbark, who had won only one game, on May 11.

"I think we turned the corner today," said WFC president Noel Taplin after the Doncaster East match.

"We've had a lot of injuries, but you can't blame them. We stand by our coach and players — we've got to hang in there."

Warrandyte's early season has indeed been beset by injuries. They lost much-decorated veteran John O'Brien with a serious knee injury in the first quarter of the opening game and he will take no further part in the season.

In Round 2 they lost star recruit Stuart Wynd with a serious shoulder injury. Wynd had been "burning" against the Waverley Blues — a game we should have won — kicking two goals and giving off another before he went down, also in the first quarter. He is expected

2002 Bloods yet to break the ice



to return to action in the next couple of weeks.

Among a host of others on the casualty list was brilliant youngster Liam Riley, who resumed on May 4 and was one of the best afield.

"We dig ourselves into a hole that we can't dig our way out of," said coach Scott Hunter after the encounter with Doncaster East.

"We gave them six goals start today — as we did (against Kilsyth) last week — and nobody can afford to do that.

"The boys are shattered, but I can't fault their intensity." "We are making too many turnovers and kicking too often to the opposition."

The early signs against Doncaster East were anything but good. The visitors goaled after just two minutes and had 2.2 on the board before Warrandyte opened their account six minutes in, Craig Dick bombing it into the square and Aidan Davey sharking the crumbs and snapping truly.

Already Doncaster East were looking very threatening, using smart handball to carry the ball forward and creating loose men as they went.

They ran the ball out of defence and snapped a goal at 12 minutes and a chain of

handpasses produced their fourth after 21 minutes.

Kimberly O'Connor led out, marked and goaled a minute later, but Doncaster East responses at 25 and 27 minutes had them 25 points clear at the first change, 6.5 (41) to 2.4 (16).

"They're not outplaying us — they're getting the ball through our mistakes," Hunter told his players in the huddle.

Last year's best and fairest Matt Wood drew first blood for Warrandyte in the second term with a long set shot from an acute angle at four minutes and second blood when he repeated the dose from the opposite flank two minutes later.

But that was to be it for the Bloods for that particular quarter.

While still grabbing our share of the ball, behinds were our best and the visitors' running game and smarter footy suggested we were living on borrowed time.

Doncaster East goaled at 14 minutes after marking in the square and again at 20 and 28 minutes from frees which the Warrandyte faithful deemed very debatable.

At half-time it was 9.8 (62) to 4.10 (34).

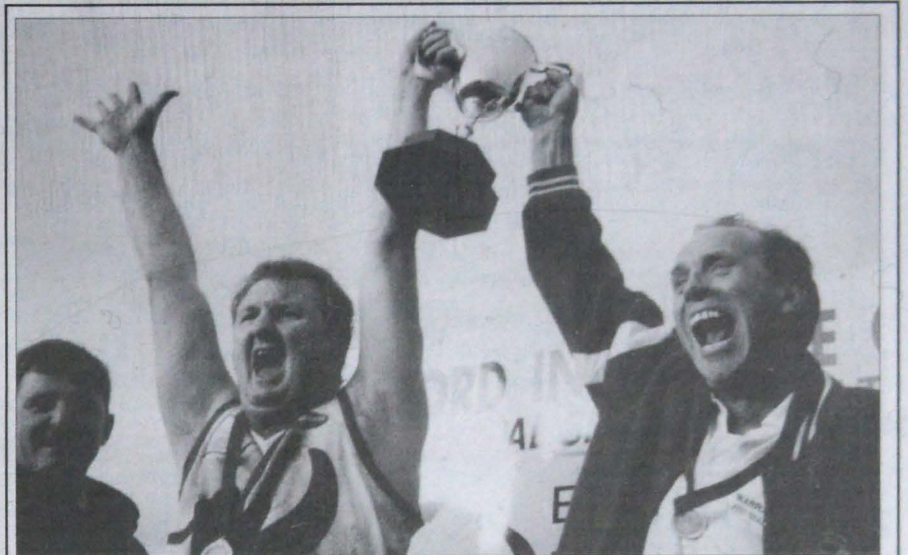
Just as they had done the previous week, the Bloods came out all fired up for the third term but despite doing most of the attacking were unable to make an impact on the scoreboard.

While a skirmish was under way on the grandstand wing, Doncaster East rushed the ball forward to goal, but Matt Blagrove pulled that one back two minutes later after a great mark.

A grubbered opposition goal at 16 minutes put more space between the two sides and another major at 22 minutes blew Warrandyte's deficit out to 35 points, the highest of the game.

But the Bloods were far from beaten yet. Ruckman Andrew Schaffer, who is not famous for his kicking, marked and goaled at 26 minutes and when Mark Gasparotto booted another half a minute later, we were right back in this game.

Just 20 points in it at the last change, 12.8 (80) to 7.18 (60). Had we kicked straighter we



His finest moment. Premiership skipper John O'Brien holds the cup aloft with coach Lex Munro after the one-point 1999 grand final win over Knox. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

The end of an era

The illustrious career of one of Warrandyte Football Club's favourite sons, John O'Brien, is apparently over.

O'Brien, a 321 senior game player, premiership captain and three-time club champion, has bowed to a serious knee injury suffered just 13 minutes into the season's opener at home on April 6.

He tore a cruciate but bravely returned to football three weeks later.

"The knee needs a reconstruction," said O'Brien, 35, after watching the Bloods' latest game on crutches.

"I tried to play last week, but it didn't work. I lasted about one-and-a-half quarters."

And what about next season? "Next season is a long way away," he said, "and

I'm not getting any younger."

O'Brien returned to the Bloods as playing assistant coach this year after a one-season stint in a similar capacity with EFL Second Division club Knox.

His long-term ambition had been to coach Warrandyte and although his on-field career with his beloved Bloods may be over, his future contributions from the other side of the white line could be invaluable.

"In my role as assistant coach I believe we've got to build on what we've got and keep the juniors coming through and developing," he said.

And of Warrandyte's winless start to the 2002 campaign: "We're not far away. We've just got to stick-together."

One for the smarties

Warrandyte Football Club's annual Trivia Night will held at the clubrooms on May 25, after the away game against Upper Ferntree Gully.

This is always a fun night and your opportunity to prove to your peers that you are only half as dumb as you look.

Bookings with James Logan (0411 223418).

The past players will host a luncheon the following week before the home game against Coldstream on June 1. Bookings for this with Bucky Rodgers on 0411 519671.

● The club will present up-and-coming goal umpire Ross Brown with a 14th birthday cake at training on Thursday, May 8. Young Ross has been attracting a lot of attention with his polished and stylish technique with the flags in the seconds and has a very bright future.

● Warrandyte's regular Blue Light Discos have been relocated from the Mechanics Institute Hall to the recreation reserve clubrooms.

Disco dates for the remainder of this year are June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18 and November 15.

might even have been in front.

Coach Hunter called for "passion" in the last quarter. "We're going to smell them getting scared!" he said.

And there may indeed have been a whiff of nervousness in the air over the opposition camp as the last quarter unfolded.

Blagrove to Wood just two minutes in produced a goal from a tight angle. A 14-point ball game.

A screamer pulled down by Chris Quinlan a minute later. Goal. An eight-point game.

A free to Dick and a resultant behind made it seven points, but a freak snap from Doncaster East blew that out to 13 eight

minutes in.

Bloods skipper Chris Cornell grabbed that back with a great goal on the run and Davey to Wood to Riley to Dick at 13 minutes made it two points the difference.

A behind to Doncaster East, a Blagrove bomb which sailed out on the full and a disallowed mark in front by Dick preceded a free to the visitors in the forward pocket with 20 minutes gone. Goal. Bugger. Nine points in it.

Gasparotto into the goal square and a sensational mark to Riley. Goal. Three points in it with 25 minutes elapsed.

But that was it for us. Doncaster East were freed in

front at 26 minutes for a goal, kicked a behind three minutes later then marked in front and booted the absolute sealer with seconds on the clock.

Warrandyte's goalkickers were Wood 3, Davey, Cornell, O'Connor, Blagrove, Schaffer, Gasparotto, Quinlan, Dick and Riley.

Our best were Dick, Davey, Riley, O'Connor, Wood and Quinlan.

The Twos have been surprise packets. Despite errant kicking for goal, they made it four out of five with a 27-point win.

Their best were Mick McCormack, Guy Taylor, Brad Giampietro and Ben (Noodles) Gaylard.

Juniors do it in honour of our Anzacs

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club have dedicated their recent efforts to the Anzacs — and it's producing results.

After a slow start to the season, president Mathew Matheou asked all players to raise their commitment as a way of paying homage to our Anzacs.

Now all teams have had big wins or are on the verge of doing so.

Leading the way are the two Under-17 teams, Colts 1, coached by Matheou and Shaun Wilson and Colts 2 (by Oliver Dodelien and Taylor Wolfe).

Renee Pidgeon, Glen Mullens and Paul O'Mara are setting a fine example in the 1s, with Andrew Biffra and Patrick Rose maintaining last season's good form.

"The 2s recently had a one-point win over last year's premiers and with the right attitude are capable of achieving big things this season," Dodelien told the *Diary*.

Matheou and Wilson have been appointed to the Yarra Junior Football League's coaching panel and will be

preparing the B team in the Football Victoria Under-15 Smoke Free Championship.

Bruce Corrigan's Under-15s recently got their monkey off their back by defeating Bundoora, who'd had the wood on them in the past six encounters.

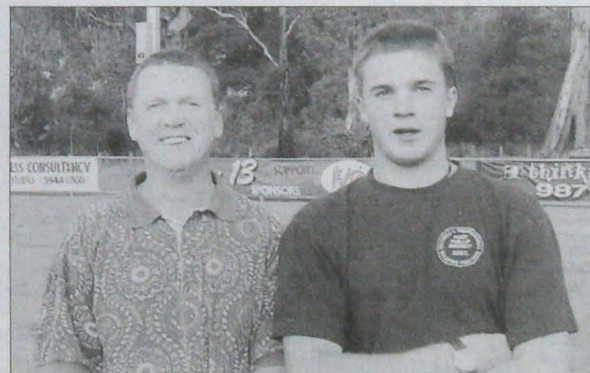
"The boys worked hard together, took the play up to the opposition, made opportunities and had a handsome win," Corrigan said.

"It was an important psychological step for a very, very talented team. Rob Illingworth, new to the club, is settling in well and making a significant contribution, as is the ever-reliable Nathan Vernon."

Craig Lincoln has the Under-14s firing, with Luke Ebzery and David Wildsmith playing some of the best football of their careers.

Lincoln, a senior Warrandyte player, has brought to the boys new ideas building on the last couple of seasons. "A very tight group" is how the coach describes this team.

An early indication of the success of this squad is that Jack Bullard, Hamish Hosking



Under-12 coach Jim Riddell (right) and assistant coach and team manager Steve Blakey.

and Beau Tobin have been invited to try out for representative honours.

"Regardless of the results, these boys will bring back new skills that will benefit the entire team," Lincoln said.

The Under-13s, under new coach Frank Tellegrino, have suffered narrow defeats in the early rounds.

"The boys are training hard and are learning to play in new positions," Tellegrino said.

coaching relationship at the club and a sign of the developing culture and tradition of the juniors.

"I am really enjoying myself as coach and thank Steve Blakey (team manager and assistant coach), the parents and the boys for making me so welcome," said Riddell junior, who identified Tyson Barber and Patrick Eddy as talent typical of his squad.

Outstanding full-forward Nick "Pluggie" Moore and David Beasley are leading the way in the Under-11s, who were on the credit side of the win-loss ratio after three rounds.

Coach Wayne Moore has the boys working hard on teamwork and skill levels. "These boys nearly played in the grand final last season so there is plenty of motivation to take the extra step this year," said Moore.

The Under-10s, under new coach Greg Edwards, were 2-1 after three rounds. "These boys are coming together nicely," Edwards said. "They are getting used to competition rules and playing positional football. Team spirit is high, with players like Andrew Eddie displaying a

fine attitude to teammates and opponents alike."

Darcy Jones continues to set all kinds of records for smiling in the Tackers (Under-9) competition. "Each mark and kick is greeted with a smile, which is always great to see," said coach Adrian Mifsud.

"Other players such as Johnnie Dobbie are setting a great example of what the game is all about — being part of a team, playing as one, having a great time and singing loudly after every game."

● WJFC has launched a new range of club attire. "The junior footy club's jumper is a regular fashion item on the streets of Warrandyte and this range of caps, shirts and jackets will add to the colour of the place," said president Matheou.

While sponsorship is up from last year, the committee still welcomes anyone who'd like to support this community-focused club.

For more information about the activities of the club, contact Matheou on 0418 542434 or secretary Kevin O'Mara (9844 2964).



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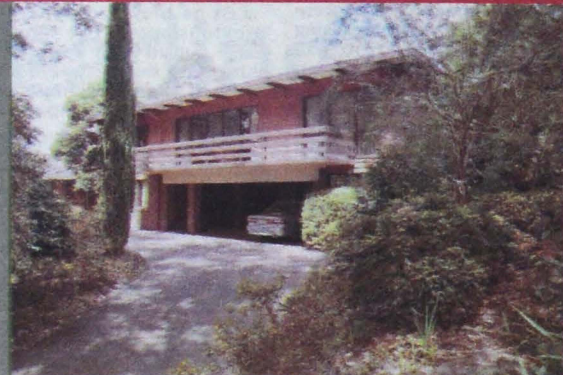
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