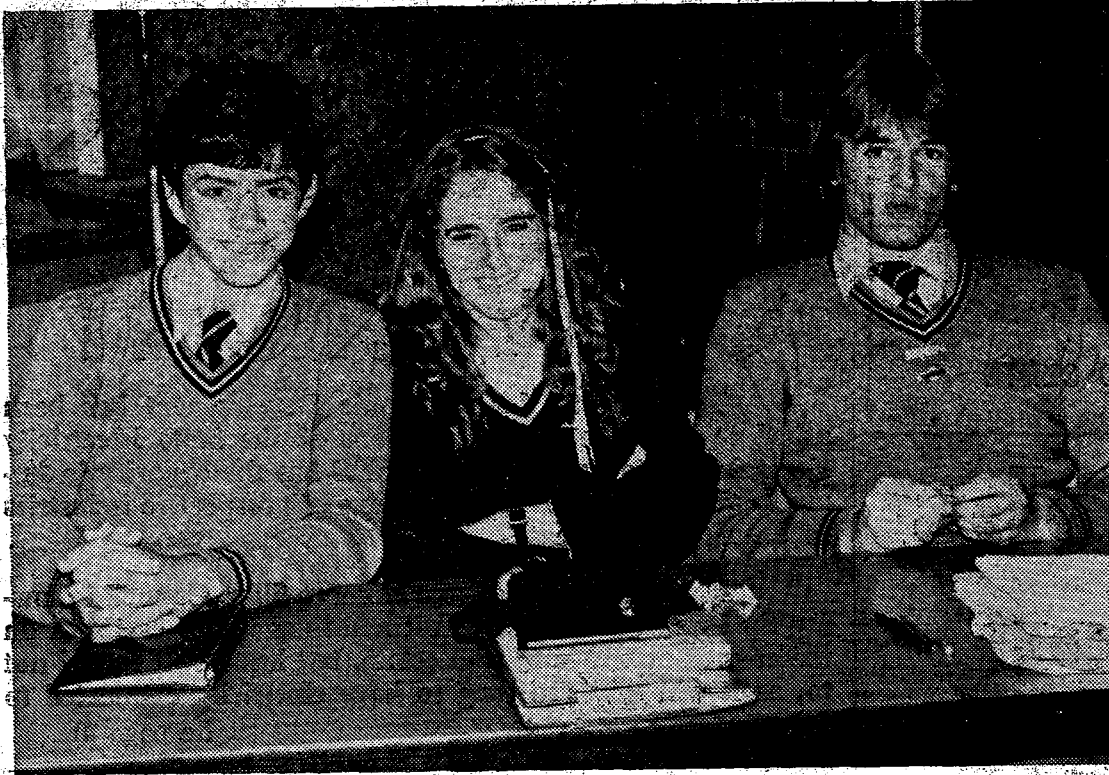


They're Still on Top!



the Broadford team; also to their tutor, Mr Noel Butterfield, other staff members, and research officer Alison Ross.

Members of the Kyneton High School team were Jeremy Buttolph, Andrea Strawhorn and Helen Franklin.

The Kyneton debaters all wore roses in the buttonhole of their school blazer . . . but their Broadford counterparts refrained from wearing cabbages.

Broadford High School's senior debating team added further success to their already impressive record when they defeated Kyneton High School in the district final of the Apex sponsored State-wide competition.

To get into the final, Broadford had previously defeated teams from much larger schools, including a number in the Bendigo area.

Topic of the debate for the final was: "It is better to plant a cabbage than a rose".

*Pictured above is the winning Broadford team (left to right): Stuart Tennant, Melissa Bruce and Peter Smith.

The Broadford team took the affirmative. All speakers were allowed eight minutes each to put their case.

Final result was Broadford 255 points, Kyneton 252, in a unanimous decision by the three adjudicators.

The debate turned out to be a real 'field day' for the use of quotations — some of which the audience of senior students, teachers and parents in the

Broadford High School Assembly Hall were not aware even existed.

But it was obvious speakers of the two sides had researched the subject matter thoroughly, and all were well versed in the pros and cons of both cabbages and roses.

Announcing their decision, the adjudicators remarked that they had been captivated by the high standard of the debate, the quality projection of voices, and outstanding use of the English language by both sides.

Adjudicators were Mr David Paton, Principal

of Broadford Primary School; Mr Keith Pike, President of Broadford Apex Club; and Mr Mark Walters, of Mt Macedon, a professional musician with the "Bush Telegraph" band.

The Kyneton side congratulated the winners and wished them all the best in future debates.

On behalf of the Broadford team, Peter Smith congratulated Kyneton on the magnificent effort of the visiting speakers to make the result so close.

He expressed thanks to fellow members of

Debating Team Makes Impact

Although debating is a relatively new activity for Broadford High School the team representing the school is really making its presence felt.

In the recent round of the 1981 Apex Debating Competition, Broadford's senior debating team travelled to Assumption College, Kilmore, to compete against the college team.

Topic of the debate was "Co-education is desirable", with the BHS representatives debating the negative viewpoint.

The BHS team comprised Stuart Tennant, Melissa Bruce and Peter Smith, while Assumption's speakers were Bernard McMahon, Elizabeth FitzGerald and James O'Kane.

Chairman was Assumption College teacher, Mr Bernard Ryan, and the three adjudicators were Messrs Kevin Williams (Principal, Kilmore Primary School), Lloyd Cope-land (Assumption teacher) and Trevor Campbell (BHS teacher).

Assumption had the "home ground advantage", and Broadford speakers received an unexpected setback when they discovered they had prepared their speeches for a five minute time limit, when in fact the limit was eight minutes.

They rallied strongly and in a very close judgement, were declared the unanimous winners by a margin of 220 points to 214.

There was not a large audience, but it was appreciative of the thoughtful points of view expressed.

Perhaps a greater show of enthusiasm and support by those associated with BHS and its students would boost this relatively new activity within the school?

Both teams put up a very worthwhile performance, although it was the second speak-

er, Melissa Bruce, who really "swung it" for Broadford.

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Broadford High School's senior debating team is going from strength to strength in the Apex Zone 7 inter-school debating series.

Last week the team won its way to the semi-finals stage of the contest with a convincing victory over a team from St Joseph's, Rochester.

The topic for debate was "That Trade Unions hinder national progress" and the debate took place at Heathcote Holy Rosary primary school.

The Broadford team, comprising Stuart Tennant, Melissa Bruce and Peter Smith, won by 253 points to 228 from their opponents.

Broadford will contest a semi-final against either Assumption College or a Bendigo High School team.

High School Debaters Reach Grand Final ★

Broadford High School's debating team has won its way into the grand final of the Apex Secondary Schools' Debating Competition.

Broadford advanced to the grand final with a clear win over Assumption College's No. 2 team last Wednesday.

The third round debate was the second occasion on which the two schools had competed in the current series. Broadford defeated the ACK No. 1

team last Wednesday. Spokesman for the adjudicators, Cr Paul Fleming, said in his summing up that the debate last week was of a very high standard, and had obviously been well-researched by both teams.

Broadford's team of

Stuart Tennant, Melissa Bruce and Peter Smith advocated that "Nationalisation of Essential Industries is Not Desirable".

The trio are quite experienced at putting forward the negative side of a debate, having been on the Opposition benches in all contests this year.

The competition involves schools in Central Victoria, and teams are sponsored by their local Apex clubs, which arrange transport and assistance with adjudication and venues.

In the final Broadford expects to be up against a team from the strong St. Mary's College, Bendigo.

Broadford Apex Club would like to congratulate the local team and coach Mr Noel Butterfield on progress made so far — good luck in the final.