

Baguley Family

Frank Baguley

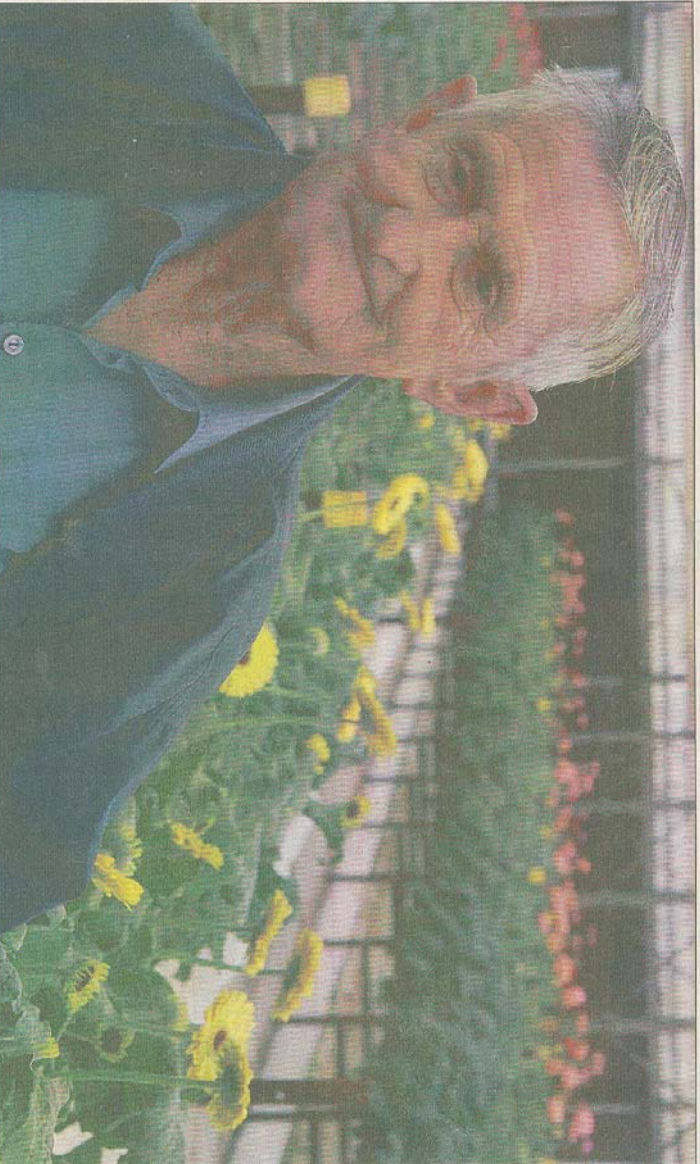
Market Gardener, Heatherton Rd Heatherton

Business from 1946 to 2005 (Flower growing)

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Market gardener Frank Baguley contemplates the closure of his business of 59 years.

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Thriving flower business withers and dies

ONCE a thriving family business, Baguley Flower and Plant Growers has turned into a floral graveyard. Heatherton landowner Frank Baguley, owner and operator of the business, has decided to shut up shop after 59 years in operation.

The business started in 1946, growing

and selling flowers along with other plants at a 20ha property in Heatherton Rd, Heatherton. "But it became too hard," Mr Baguley said.

He said most of the equipment had been auctioned, but the glasshouse was proving hard to sell.

The property was to have been sold for

sub-division but that became impossible after the State Government passed legislation last May that protects green wedges.

Mr Baguley said the uncertainty about appropriate land use made it difficult to find a buyer. He said the shopfront would trade as normal until it was sold.

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Poor farmers

AS A bystander Irving in Mordialloc it looks like Cr Rosemary West is having a private war with the very people she was elected to represent.

That is, those farmers who have worked the land and endured all kinds of hardship and who now find themselves unable to survive as times have changed and they can no longer compete with the big country farms.

The so-called green wedge in Heatherton where these small farmers have operated for generations has become a disgrace and it is time to move forward and allow the farmers to leave the land which they have cared for and loved, with dignity.

It is time to rezone the area and release the land for much needed housing where infrastructure services already exist, chain of parks and a revitalised vibrant area, financially sound and well managed.

The appropriate place for a farm is in the country, not the suburbs.

I do not know what Rosemary's hidden agenda is and why she is fighting with all her might against the same people she was chosen to represent.

Let us all support the farmers.

**Ronit Basiri,
Mordialloc.**

Too pessimistic

WE were most interested in the report by Sally Spalding (Leader March 19 2008) re Mr Baguley's

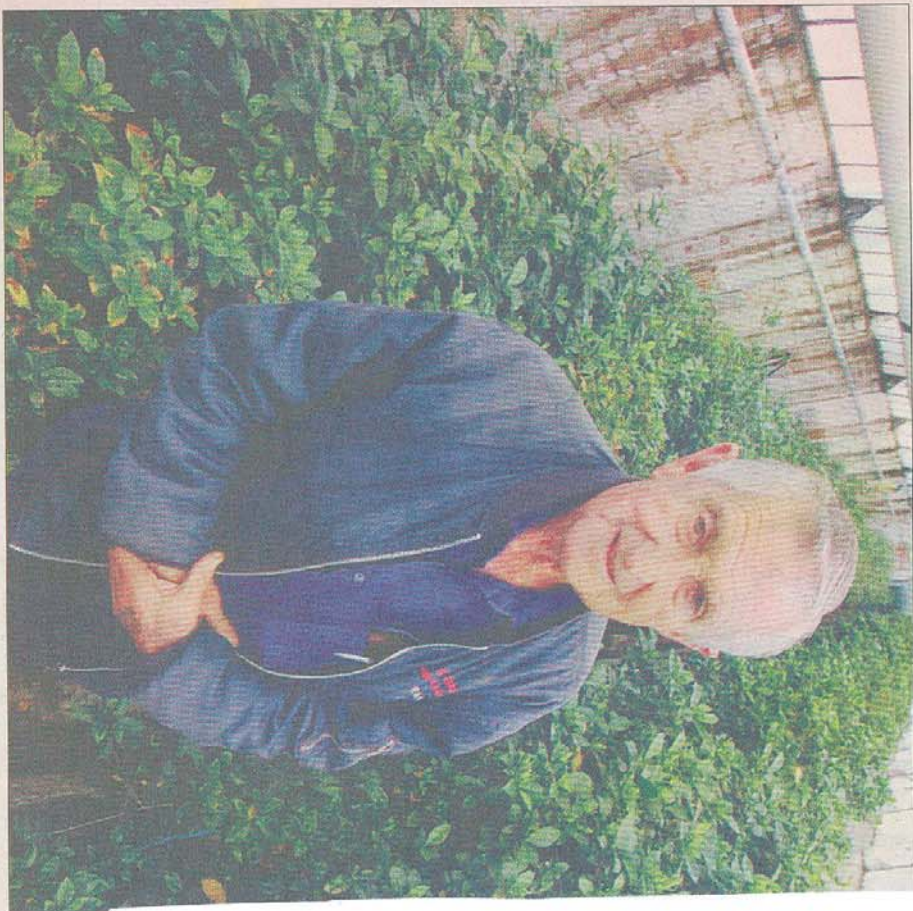
Clayton property. Recently the DVCA sponsored a seminar to review, criticise, rethink, consider, reconsider Kingston Council's Northern Non-Urban Area Frame-work Plan and we had hoped that some of the Heatherton landowners would attend - sadly none did. We think we erred in not specifically inviting some of them and certainly in light of Mr Baguley's comments we erred in not specifically inviting him.

It is our earnest desire to include all citizens in considering what is best for the Kingston non-urban area. Obviously people such as Mr Baguley have years of experience and most importantly direct experience of the use of the land in the green wedge.

Where we seem to be in conflict with Mr Baguley is his evaluation of the prospects for the future use of the land. We agree our council could have been of more direct help in seeking solutions for the landowners that would have satisfied both landowners and the urban neighbours like us. But let it be said the council has proposed doing a land capability study of the area and Cr West is an enthusiastic supporter of such a study. We believe it has promise for mutual satisfaction to be achieved.

So its our opinion that Mr Baguley's assessment of the situation is too pessimistic and with goodwill on the part of all a win-win solution can be found for the non-urban area.

**Brian Pullen,
Dingley Village Community
Association**



Frank Baguley in one of his garden beds.