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Reporting the Community Meeting to save the Sherbrook Shire Offices - to become a Cultural Centre for the region

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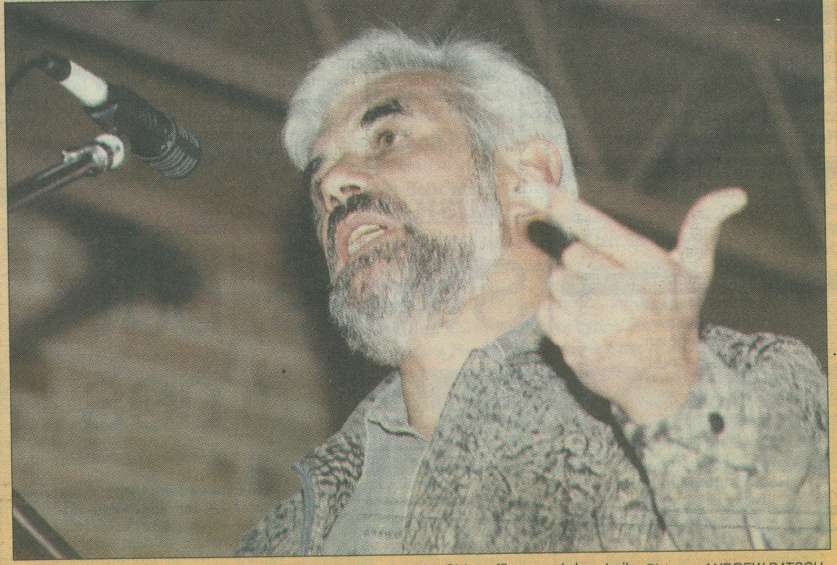
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Calling on the community: speakers Louis Delacretaz (left) and Lin Onus urge residents to support the campaign to retain the former Sherbrooke Shire offices and depot site. Pictures: ANDREW BATSCH 717AB372

# SHOW OF STRENGTH

**PEOPLE** power is alive and well in the Dandenongs.

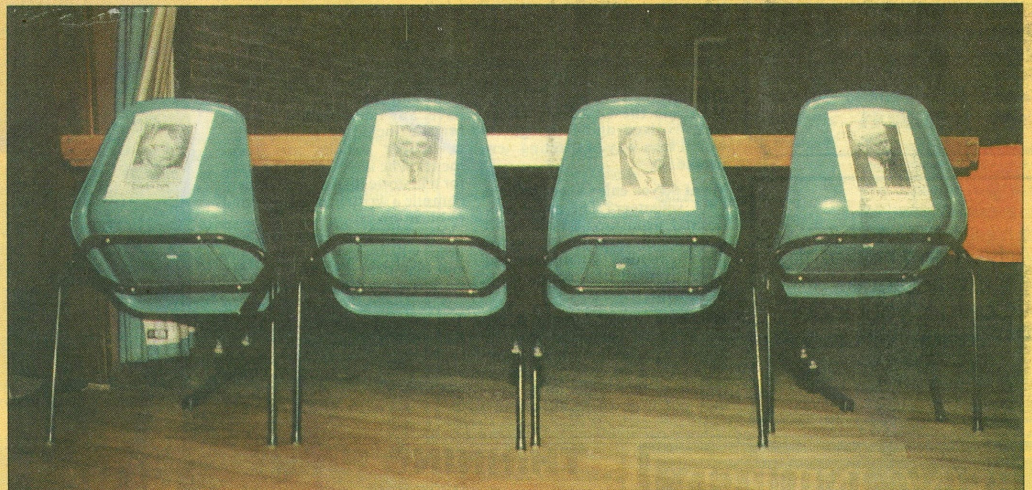
Last week hundreds of hills residents vowed to join together to save the former Sherbrooke Shire offices and depot from being sold.

More than 300 packed the Upwey Community Hall to voice their disapproval at Yarra Ranges Council for selling the site.

In a strong show of opposition, residents supported seven motions – including a vote of no confidence in the council.

Many residents don't want anything done to the site until councillors are returned in March.

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Conspicuous by their absence: shire officials Christine Fyffe, Jim Ramsey, Wally Elms and Eric Howard stayed away from the meeting.