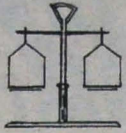


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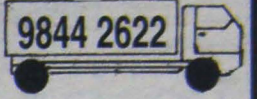
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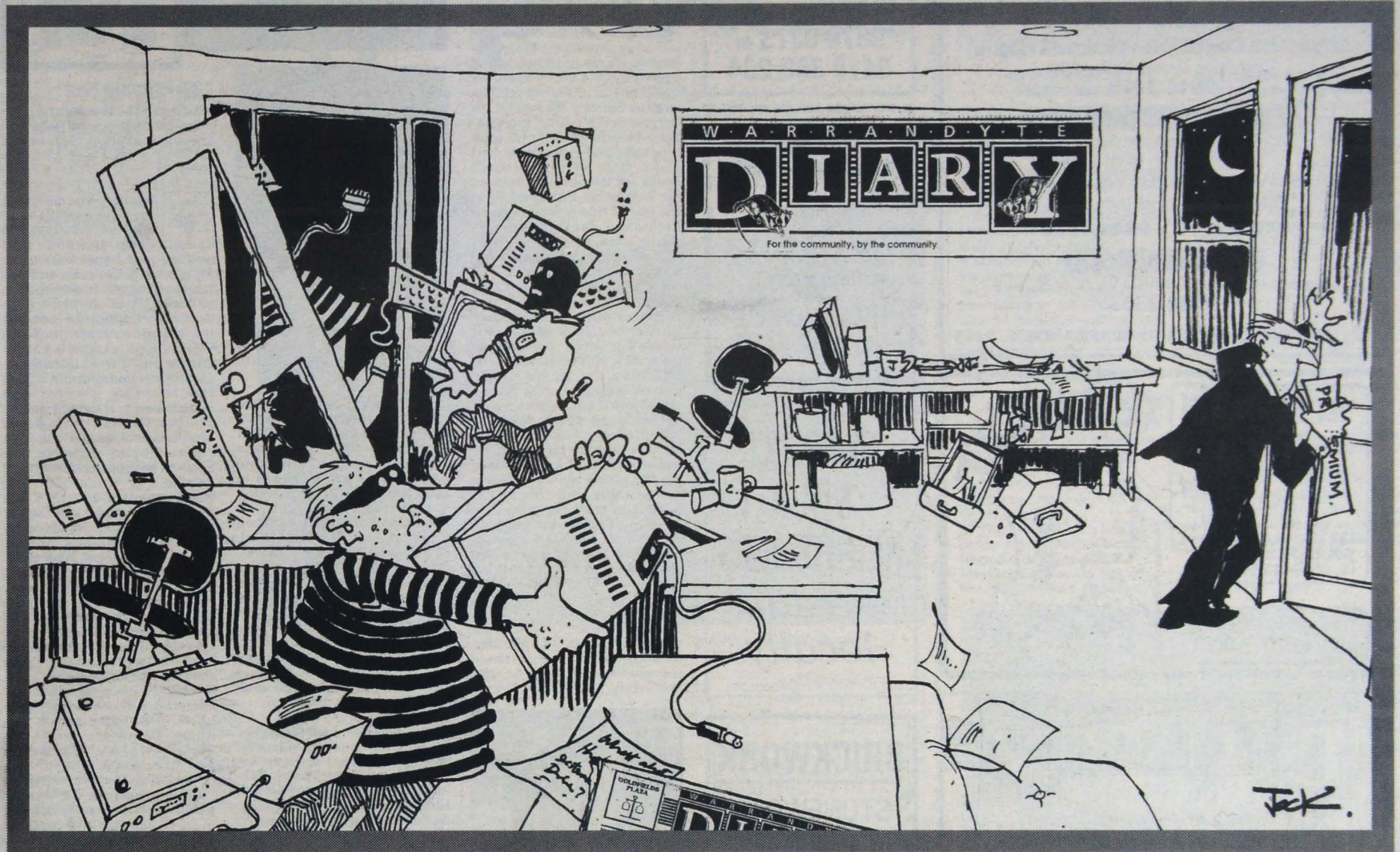


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# We wuz robbed!

By **CLIFF GREEN**

The entire typesetting, picture processing and communications plant of the *Warrandyte Diary* was stolen in a daring break-in at the Warrandyte Community Centre last month.

Items taken from the *Diary* office included two computers, a scanner, a printer, an external hard-disc drive, a combined fax, phone and answering machine and a modem.

Warrandyte Youth Services lost a sound system, two computers and a fax machine. The offices of

Information Warrandyte and the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House were also broken into, but nothing was taken.

The burglary took place late Sunday night or early Monday morning, July 20-21. As no external doors appeared to have been breached, it is believed the thieves may have hidden inside the centre during a function on the Sunday, then broken into the offices after everyone else had left the building.

Although apparently fully insured, "depreciation" means that the *Diary* will receive less than half the replacement value of the equipment stolen.

The *Diary* is not a privately-

owned business. It is a community project, operated by a non-profit trust, staffed largely by volunteers, funded not through government or council grants but from local advertising revenue. It exists only to serve its community, free of all sectional interests and commercial pressures.

We were very proud of our beautiful, hard-won equipment. We produced a fine little newspaper on it over the years. The initial funds were slowly accumulated through the long period when we cobbled the paper together on kitchen tables. To this was added some financial assistance from local Lions and Rotary. In the years

since, we have gradually bought additional equipment, with funds saved from an ever-tight operating budget.

Although we have begun to re-equip, this issue has been largely produced on borrowed equipment. We want to especially thank Jock Macneish and Rachel and Mark Schroeder. They have been generous with their skills and resources and have spent many hours helping us through this crisis.

This issue is appearing a little late. We know our ever-loyal readers and advertisers will understand why.

We are appealing to our

advertisers to please pay any outstanding accounts as soon as possible. The need is urgent. Several of our larger advertisers have already helped in this regard. Our resources have been sorely tested, but the future of the newspaper is not at risk.

Security at the *Diary* office has been greatly strengthened since the break-in. The cost of this has further strained our desperately depleted funds.

Police investigations are continuing.

● Readers can help by ordering our special offer Christmas cards. See Page 6.

**CYRIL**

By **PAUL WILLIAMS**



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# Close-kept secret of the spy in our midst

The whole shocking, sordid story can now be told. The story of the spy among us. We name him as Kevin Close, 53, primary school principal of Milton Close, West Warrandyte. And we know he's not going to sue us or anything because he promised ages ago that when he ceased to be a secret agent we could tell all. Another edition, another Smokey Joe scoop! For the past seven years, Closey has been a football spy for his long-time mate and colleague Robert Walls, first for the Brisbane Bears, for the past two seasons for Richmond. He's quitting at the end of this season because Richmond sacked Walls as coach a few weeks ago. Every AFL club has at least a couple of spies, shadowy figures who scout the teams their mob are going to meet over the next couple of weeks and report all manner of things back to the coach. For Kevin, "boss spy" at both his clubs, it involved watching the games of the upcoming opposition two weeks ahead and their training during the week immediately preceding the encounter. It also involved a lot of interstate travel, ear-to-the-ground stuff and sneaking into the enemy rooms whenever he was able. But this spy is coming in from the cold. "I'm ditching Richmond because they sacked a good mate of mine," said Kevin, who played seconds football for Fitzroy and is a former Warrandyte chairman of selectors. "I agreed to stay on until the end of the season because, despite what they did to Wallys, I felt that ethically I owed it to them to see the season out. Two wrongs don't make a right."



Kevin Close, retiring spy.

Kevin Close's biggest moment as a foxy spy came on an early-season jog around Albert Park Lake with a couple of big-name Melbourne players (who didn't know him from Adam and who had better still be nameless) on a Thursday evening. The Bears were to play the Demons on the Saturday and Closey had turned up at training at the Junction Oval cunningly disguised in tracksuit and runners. He casually teamed up with these two Melbourne guys and in the course of their jog — and without expressing a whit of interest — learnt the precise structure of Saturday's Demons team, right down to the composition of the interchange bench. Jog over, Kevin ran to the nearest phone (which, as luck would have it, just happened to be in a pub) and rang Brisbane.

**IN RED & WHITE**




Wendy Langmaid ... expectant.

Armed with impeccable inside information, the Bears won Saturday's game quite handsomely.

The confessions of Closey begged a couple of questions. How did his wife, the lovely Faye, cope with living all those years on the fungal fringes of espionage? "Oh, she didn't mind me working for the Bears," he said, "but she wasn't too keen on me doing it for Richmond. She doesn't like their colours." Another thing, what happens when a spy changes clubs? Does he spy for his new club on his old buddies? "Not this spy," said Kevin. "I made it quite clear when I accepted the Richmond job that I wouldn't be checking out the Bears." See, there is honour among those who wear cloaks and carry daggers.

Wendy Langmaid, the lovely young lady who dispenses beers, smiles and homespun philosophy at the Warrandyte RSL Club, is having her first baby. Not immediately, you understand, not as you read this, but in early January. When Wendy's gynaecologist confirmed her condition he said congratulations and where would you like the baby delivered, which provided the perfect opening for laconic hubby Stuart. "Oh, to home would be fine," he said.

We got a postcard from itinerant *Diary* distribution manager Peter "Bottles" Norman, who has been wintering all over Queensland with wife Joyce. "Saw the biggest croc you wouldn't believe at Normanton," he wrote. "Shot (in self-defence, we trust, Pete) by a local. Said to be a world record at 38 feet four inches. Weighed about five tons, I believe." C'mon, Bots! You sure it wasn't three or four crocs laid end to end? Or have you gone troppo or what?

Milton Karis, of Warrandyte Hardware, is a very busy man, so busy that he didn't have time to shop for a present for wife Cheryl's 45th birthday the other day. So he gave her a

\$200 gift voucher — on Warrandyte Hardware! We suppose that's what you call keeping it in shop. Still, he did give her a very nice party as well.

Son Ben, who catches it five days a week to and from uni, told Kaye and Greg Dawson that nothing ever happened on the Eltham train. But mum and dad tend to disagree. In anticipation of a few drinks on their trip to the Crown Casino, the Dawsons left the car at home in North Warrandyte, caught a cab to Eltham and a train from there. On the trip home, about 7.30 in the evening, they were entertained in their carriage by a bloke with a fiddle, who played one number and asked if anyone objected to an encore or two. Some mean-spirited fellow said yes he did, whereupon the fiddler cracked the sads and moved to the next carriage at the next station, followed by three policemen on a mission. One of the cops had been overheard to say something about someone probably catching a different train. At the next station, four youths got into the Dawson's carriage — one carrying a pistol or an imitation thereof. They looked through to the next carriage, saw the cops, got a fit of the panics and said something about being "gone now". The youths got off in a hurry — but not quite fast enough — at the next station and the long arm of the commuting law was seen to reach out from the darkness of a platform shelter and pluck one of their number into custody. The other fugitives were quickly rounded up and the journey continued. So there, Ben — things sometimes do happen on the Eltham train.

We predict a fine football future for local lad Harvey Brown. We can certainly vouch for his stamina. Harvey, 16 but still eligible for the Under-16s, stepped up to the Under-18s for the home game against Boronia on July 26. Then he answered the call from the Reserves, who were short of numbers, came on at half-time and kicked four of the Bloods' 10 goals. Next day he rucked all game for the Under-16s. Bet he didn't need rocking to sleep that night.

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# Nursing home brings protest

By DAVID WYMAN

A proposal to build a 60-bed nursing home at 54-70 Harris Gully Road has produced a flood of objections from Warrandyte residents to Manningham City Council.

The two-storey building would be set into the side of the hill adjacent to the existing driveway into the property.

Most of the 24 objectors to the project regard the development as inappropriate for the site and the Landscape Interest Zone. The objections state that the building is "imposing" in the area and that it would have an "enormous detrimental impact on the character of Warrandyte".

Most objectors feel the building should not be built in "this semi-rural area in an environment protected zone". Others point out the increase in traffic, light and noise, and the fire risk as the building would be constructed mainly in timber. One objector said the building would inevitably be extended in future with a separate hostel.

Warrandyte Environment League, in its letter to Manningham council, said: "A development of this size is inconsistent with the purposes of the zone, in particular in its inability to 'protect and enhance the existing rural residential character, landscape quality and other natural environmental characteristics in an equitable and sustainable manner (council's words)".

A nursing home is a permitted use in Landscape Interest Zone, but many residents in the Green Wedge believe that council has gone much too far in expanding the



This rural landscape in Harris Gully Road is earmarked for a 60-bed nursing home. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

number of permitted uses in the area.

"If the nursing home goes ahead, then the flood gates will open with other developments on broad acres in the Green Wedge," one Harris Gully Road resident told the *Diary*.

The \$2.8 million project, with a two-level carpark, is proposed by Hillington Valley Pty Ltd. According to their application, "Hillington is the developer, owner and operator of a number of nursing homes in Melbourne". Hillington apparently purch-

ased the property last year and made application for a 60-bed "aged care facility" on January 8 this year, with a view to the principals living on the property and managing the proposed nursing home.

Council documents reveal that Harris Gully Road could be widened at the entry-exit point of the complex. Other comments by council officers note "the size of the building will be a significant visual intrusion in the proposed location" and point out its "large scale pres-

ence on Harris Gully Road".

The development proposes a lower level with 15 two-bedded rooms, each sharing an en suite, and an upper level with 30 single bedrooms, also sharing en suites. Kitchen and dining facilities are on each level.

It is understood that a council planning officer is preparing a report on the proposed nursing home for consideration by Manningham councillors at a council meeting on September 27.

# New tennis court pledged by council

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

The long-promised new court for Warrandyte Tennis Club at the Recreation Reserve would now appear to be a definite proposition, although it will not be built adjacent to the existing courts.

Work on the sixth court will start as soon as a feasibility study is completed by Manningham council. Spokesperson Kim Behringer said \$120,000 budgeted for two courts in 1994-95 will now be used to construct one court, possibly adjacent to the basketball courts.

"Yarra Valley Water's conditions for building the new court next to the existing courts were too expensive and unacceptable to the council, so we are working with the club and the Department of Natural Resources on another site within the reserve," Ms Behringer said.

"The council is committed to the extra court, not only because the money was allocated several years ago, but also because Warrandyte

is one of the few tennis clubs in the municipality with an increasing membership."

Club president Mark Bence said a sixth court was urgently needed.

"There are over 700 members using five courts and with competitive tennis every day there is little opportunity for social players to get a game," he said.

Shortage of courts is forcing the club to use outside courts for competition play. "Juniors are a real problem," Mark Bence said. "Some of our younger members are never playing at Warrandyte because of lack of courts. I would hate to see these youngsters lost to the club because they never feel part of it."

The Warrandyte courts are managed under a licensing agreement where Manningham council builds the courts and the club maintains them. Four courts were recently resurfaced at a cost of \$40,000, while the club financed and built the clubhouse.

● Letter: Page 4.



An extra court at Warrandyte will give coach Fabio Forlano more flexibility.

**CLYDE & OCKER**

"Some of my best friends live in Park Orchards, Ock!"

# New era for Domeney Reserve

BY KAELO OOSTHIZEN

Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards' premier sporting venue, is undergoing a transformation. For years the clubs and groups that used the facility made the best of the red brick walls and solid timber floor.

Well, that's all about to change with both a renovation and an extension of the facility.

The new complex will not only happily house all groups that currently make use of the facility, its new multi-functional design will make it suitable for other clubs and organisations to hire.

Domeney Reserve Manage-

ment Committee and users have contributed to the design. Current users include the Park Orchards scouts and cubs, the Park Orchards-North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club, Yarra Valley Old Boys Senior Football Club, Park Orchards Cricket Club and the Ringwood Dance Academy.

Additions to the building include:

- Multi-purpose room for the scouts, cubs, dance group and cricketers
- A den and storeroom for scouts and cubs
- Two separate change rooms for cricketers and footballers
- Internal and public toilets.

New services and facilities will include child-minding, an office area, play area for children, improved car park and an

**"...multi-functional design will make it suitable for other clubs and organisations..."**

extended canopy to cover spectators.

The renovations follow years of agitation for upgraded facilities. Many meetings

between council representatives and the Domeney Working Party have finally resulted in the new plans being drawn up.

Manningham mayor, Cr Bob Beynon, announced earlier this year that the redevelopment of the pavilion will provide Park Orchards residents with a new community centre.

"The complex at Domeney is among one of the most used community facilities in our city," he said. "The proposed redevelopment will greatly improve the existing facilities for the benefit of existing and new users".

To fund the redevelopment,

Manningham City Council allocated \$800,000 while Sport and Recreation Victoria contributed a further \$200,000.

Along with work to the main buildings, new septic and drainage systems are being installed, designed so that water is dispersed at various places in the 100 Acres rather than spilling down onto the oval as happened in the past. Work on this system has already started. Council hopes this will not interfere with groups using the facilities.

Work on the building is planned to begin in November and is expected to take six months to complete.

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# A toast for all seasons

So long, Tess and Graham, of Food For All Seasons.

During the past two-and-a-half years Warrandyte has been home for two colourful, creative and hardworking people. Their influence has impacted on many people's lives—some have been greatly offended, others have been highly supportive of their efforts. Without doubt they have stirred the imagination and given the town something to talk about.

Graham's entry to Warrandyte was most memorable. His passion for his horse Rusty and his hayrides along the Yarra at Warrandyte brought a new liveliness to the area and tons of joy for the kids and their parents. Then his meeting and subsequent marriage to Tess

from Food For All Seasons precipitated the lively and colourful awakening of the east-end shops in Warrandyte.

They had a vision of a restaurant serving not only food but entertainment as well. They worked hard to create a great atmosphere, with music for Sunday breakfasts, poetry readings and, of course, yummy food.

Amongst other projects, I had the pleasure of working with them to create the tourist map and locality guide for Melbourne's Valley of the Arts. In conjunction with the WBA, we decked the town in yellow balloons and gold wrapping to celebrate Wattle Day. Always they wanted to create a lively atmosphere, to bring entertain-

ment to the people, and a joy in the environment in which they worked and lived. The wonderful packed gathering in the restaurant to farewell them and welcome the new owners, Anna and Veronica, showed the huge support they had gained from Warrandyte people.

We welcome the new owners who will no doubt bring their own flavour to the cafe. Veronica's comment has been, "Why try to mend something that's not broken".

Now we wish Tess and Graham heaps of success in their new B & B venture somewhere over the hills out of Omeo.

**Jenny Grinlington  
Melbourne's Valley of the Arts Tourism Association.**

## Waited in vain for readers

I would like to reply to Mr Cliff Green's article regarding the desperate need for a library in Warrandyte.

A few years ago Lynne Reddie, Monica Lutteck and myself thought this was the go. We were given two rooms at the community centre and with a bit of help, especially from Marjorie Lapworth and Basil Holland, with shelf building and collecting of books—and numerous cups of tea provided by Marjorie and Basil—we opened a library.

For about six weeks we turned up every day, and we sat and we sat and we sat but nobody came. Finally we packed up, gave the books to the Op Shop and

## Carpark capers

I write representing most shops in the village.

Since May 28 this year when the car park was first scarred by heavy machinery scraping and digging, and a busy bobcat scurrying around, customers at the milk bar have commented on the slow progress and the inconvenience of having to drive past the shops to find available parking so that they can pop in and pick up their bits and pieces; a lot of the time they just keep on going.

Now the car park has taken some shape, I am constantly

stayed at home.

At that time we thought it a good idea. Now I do not. All schools have fantastic libraries with computers and all mod cons. There is a library at The Pines and at Eltham. It is a waste

of money. I suggest that the money is spent on the needy and homeless.

What is needed is the return of the library bus.

**Rob Buckworth  
The Village Milk Bar**

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**Shirley McCartin  
Melbourne Hill Road**

## DEAR DIARY

# No-one for tennis?

Regarding more tennis courts. Why? I do not see the need for one tournament per year. Each Saturday when I am at football and also on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights nobody is playing tennis.

The courts in the village are not used enough. The tennis club believes the football and cricket clubs have too much; not so, the WFC and WCC have the use of the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve in their respective seasons. So also do every school in the area have the same use. Do the schools have the use of the tennis courts and their facilities?

I think it's about time the tennis community realised they are only a small part of the community's need to share. Neither the basketball nor the netball clubs have any facilities at all, so Mr Honeywood why don't you do something for these children and adults who are in more need of facilities than anyone else and Mr Honeywood, come one Saturday and see the amount of children using the little oval for VicKick in the winter and cricket in the summer.

Let's share what we have and not become little cliquy groups who only think of themselves.

**Shirley McCartin  
Melbourne Hill Road**



# Filial fang gang

By RACHEL BAKER

Warrandyte Consulting Rooms recently welcomed Drs Raneer and Shirani Thevarajan, a mother and daughter dental team, when they moved into the centre on July 14.

Raneer, Shirani's mother, was qualified and employed in Sri Lanka, and has since worked in Nigeria and the United Kingdom, before coming to Australia 11 years ago. They live in Templestowe.

Shirani received her education in Melbourne at Fintona Girls' School, and after experiencing dentistry through her mother, decided that she, too, wanted to become a dentist.

Shirani has a particular interest in promoting oral health and hygiene throughout the community. "I plan to go around to schools and groups and explain the importance of oral health, and make people more aware of it. I really believe that it's very important for everyone."

Mother and daughter are thrilled to be working in Warrandyte. "We're hoping to be here for life. Warrandyte's just such a beautiful place, we've always loved it. The surroundings are so natural, and there's a great community atmosphere. This surgery is our life investment."

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Over the last six years, groups of Warrandyte Primary School students have been doing such exciting things. These are typical of the challenges that are taken up by primary students from across Victoria in Monash University's Tournament of Minds.



Teams of seven year 5 and 6 students from Warrandyte Primary School will compete again this year. The team will have six weeks to work on their "long term problem"—this year there is an English literature problem whereby "quotations" battle "slang" in a bid to save the English language and a maths/engineering problem to make a "ruby" glow for exactly one minute without using any commercial switches. The teams then present their response to the challenge at Monash University during the first weekend of September.

As if that is not enough to strain the brain, the teams then go behind locked doors to answer some creative spontaneous problems. These can be things like "name five consequences of having no sun". An answer of "your surname would die out" scores higher than "it would be dark all of the time"! In all of the challenges

children are encouraged to think critically and creatively as individuals forming a team.

Tournament of Minds is just one of the many extra-curricular activities offered by Warrandyte Primary School to broaden the skills and experience of the students. Fiona Wells co-ordinates Tournament of Minds at Warrandyte Primary School.

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# Panel backs local action

By FIA CLENDINEN

The State Government-appointed advisory panel's rejection of the proposed 24 hour petrol station and Hungry Jack's development is a vindication for the Eltham Gateway Action Group.

Rob Maclellan, Minister for Planning, appointed an independent advisory panel to prepare a report on the controversial development planned for the Main Street of Eltham by Dallas Price Homes.

The panel's report released last month unequivocally recommends that the minister refuse the planning permit. "A development of the style and scope proposed is totally inappropriate for this land," it says.

The report is also critical of the design of the proposed development. "The proposal verges on awful," it says. And "sadly, some of the advantages attributed to this design move into the realm of being offensive."

Shire president Robert Marshall, told the *Diary* he was delighted by the panel's report. "I am very pleased indeed. It's extremely strongly worded. Many such panel reports use moderate language. But this report was emphatically opposed to the development."

EGAG president, Jenni Mitchell, is also very happy with the report. "It's a better result that I could have hoped for," she told the *Diary*, "because it identifies the cultural heritage as-

pect of Eltham. It takes into account the uniqueness of Eltham."

The report states, "Eltham holds a special place in the social and artistic place of Melbourne which must never be lost...it has an import which is beyond itself."

But Ms Mitchell is quick to point out that the battle is not over. "Since the release of the panel's report people have been ringing me continually and stopping me in the street to congratulate me. But I am finding it difficult to celebrate until the ink is dry on paper. We can't be sure of victory. EGAG is now waiting for a decision from the minister."

EGAG has been fighting this development for 12 months and their campaign has raised a huge amount of money. "Through memberships, concerts, auctions, raffles, donations and the hard work of all our volunteers, we have raised and spent \$25,000," said Ms Mitchell.

She also said that if the minister decides to approve the proposal EGAG will have to admit defeat. "There is no other avenue open to us. But we are quietly optimistic given that the report is so strong."

Sigmund Jorgensen, vice-president of EGAG and chairman of the Montsalvat trust fund said that he hoped that the minister would respect the findings of the panel. "It would be totally irresponsible of the minister to ignore the expert panel report

and the wishes of the community," Mr Jorgensen told the *Diary*.

Mr Marshall said the three Nillumbik councillors who voted to oppose the development (Crs Marshall, Graves and Jennings) had a meeting with Mr Maclellan and the minister suggested they talk to the developer. "We've met the minister and we got a good hearing. We have been having talks with the developer and they are proceeding very amicably. We discuss all options, every one we can possible think of. We're trying to find common ground."

In the May issue of the *Diary* it was reported that Crs Marshall, Graves and Jennings have been threatened with personal legal damages of up to \$10 million dollars by the developer.

Mr Marshall said solicitors acting for Nillumbik council and Dallas Price Homes were continuing to exchange letters but Mr Marshall told the *Diary* he is not worried. "We voted to oppose the development only after very careful legal advice. We were advised that no claim could be successfully made against us. We're feeling very secure."

A spokesperson for Dallas Price Homes declined to comment, on either the panel's report or the threatened legal action. "There's nothing to say," she told the *Diary*. "It's all up to the minister. We will be willing to talk after a decision has been made. But at this stage we're not in a position to comment."

## LATE NEWS Council extends contract

As the *Diary* went to press Nillumbik council announced it had extended Shell's contract on the site by two months.

"I am surprised and disappointed by this," said EGAG president Jenni Mitchell.

"If a permit was not granted by August the 30th then both parties (Nillumbik council and Shell) could walk away gracefully."

But Cr Margaret Jennings defended the step. "It's given both of us a breathing space," she said. Cr Jennings told the *Diary* that when the three councillors who opposed the development had met with Mr Maclellan they had been told "not to frustrate any attempts which will aid negotiation. We didn't feel compromised," she said.

Cr Jennings said that the minister also wanted them to consider community ideas for use of the site.

Nillumbik council has allocated \$5,000 to Greg Burgess to develop a sketch plan for possible building development.

Mr Burgess is the award winning architect who designed the new Eltham library.

"The community has lots of ideas," said Cr Jennings. "We've sent them all to the architect. The development proposed by Dallas Price Homes would have created 15 full-time jobs and a number of part-time jobs."

"We've always got to think about job losses. The main thing is to get some other sort of possibility that will have a low car impact. We're completely against intensive traffic use."

## Wheeled his way to the top



Nick Morris (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Ann and Trevor Williams, of Warrandyte Uniting Church, would like to introduce you to their nephew Nick Morris, "a very special and inspiring member" of their family.

"He grew up in Wangaratta, and by the age of 16 was in the Victorian Junior Cricket Squad, an outstanding footballer, and had great potential as a future Australian sportsman—his aim to play Test Cricket at the M.C.G."

"Tragically, at 16, he was thrown from the pillion seat in a motor cycle accident and after six months in the Austin Hospital was discharged to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair. The words from his doctor, 'Nick, you can do anything in life except walk', together with his own courage and positive attitude have driven him over the past 10 years to the greatest heights he could ever have imagined."

"He returned to school as school captain to complete HSC and continued his studies at Latrobe University, and also became a coach of junior, and later senior Country Week cricket teams. Having played basketball he took easily to the wheelchair version and was emergency for the Barcelona Games in 1992. With continued training he was selected for the World Championships in 1994 and was a member of the gold medal team at Atlanta in 1996."

"He was chosen to be presented with the key to the City of Melbourne on behalf of the paraplegic team and he finally made it to the MCG in the motorcade procession and celebration on Grand Final day."

"He has also carved out a career for himself, pioneering with Sandy Blythe (captain of the Australian team) a disability management firm where public bodies and corporations are advised on buildings and facilities for the disabled. Their client list to date includes Sydney Olympics 2000, McDonalds, Grand Prix, Hoyts Theatres, Melbourne Aquatic Centre and yes, the MCG. His latest achievement has been a segment on his life in *Healthy Wealthy and Wise*."

"Nick is a living example of what people can achieve in life, triumphing over great odds through courage, commitment and dedication. He was guest speaker at a breakfast at the Warrandyte Uniting Church on Saturday July 27."



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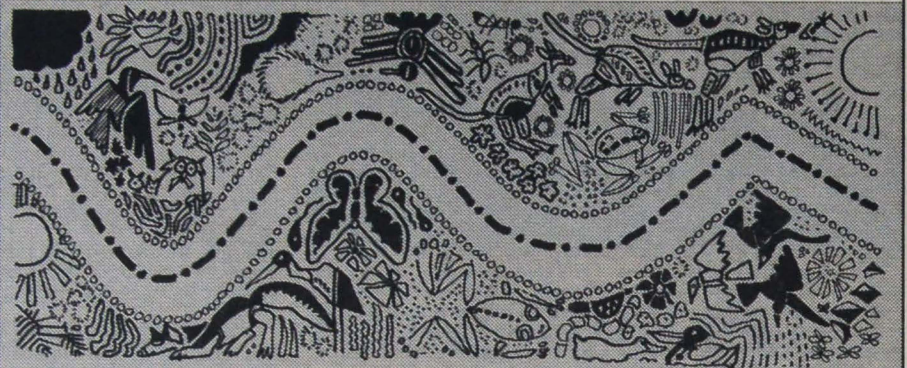
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## Winter Reds

Woodsmoke tapers twisting—  
a ribboning cyclone inhaling rooftops.  
The winter star diffuses into translucent light,  
distilling day into an evening of the ethereal and sublime.  
I stand on the brow of a hill—  
the hill that harbours my home—  
and move with the clouds. Around me, within me,  
I spread my wings and feel the pull of the calls of the wild.  
Across my red cedar cabin roof, the sky spreads.  
I dip down into my house set in its winter chill.

Weighted and jostled; see-through, feel-through  
supermarket dinner burst and strains;  
Golden retriever nuzzles me into the kitchen with soulful, hungry eyes;  
children, like a nest of birds, beak: I want I want I want.  
I stir the soup and light the fire.  
Television flickers as I turn my back, turn the handle, and slip into male attire.  
Corduroy jacket, steel-capped boots; the evening chill surrounds.  
Fireside basket drops, small and alone, by the truck-tipped mound of split red gum.

Boulders of timber shoulder each other, lodge into each other—give me  
the impassive eye.  
Charcoal-daubed, tanbark-coated, exhaling dragon's breath against the cold air:  
I face them head on.  
Solo umpire, I size up a provocative rugby scrum.  
The hand wood chopper goes up: "Out!"  
Lumbering, rolling, the unwilling player is heavy-weighted onto a wooden slab.

Centre-court concentration, double-handed swing...  
a flash through the wooded glade.  
Steel of axe, streaks of sun strike and collide.  
The log still stands.

Under the shadows, a night bird's call cuts, in flight;  
car engines drone down a distant hill.  
Another place, different ways.  
Down the dirt track, workmen's voices hover in the still;  
steel meets steel, a hammer, a drill.  
Mates shove cans around the fire.  
A brazen tower by-passes barren barks,  
exploding sparks meet the stars.

I turn, lopsided, with my heavy-handed fireside basket,  
I feel the splinters sewing the flesh on my fingers,  
but I face a yellowing shine from my home within.  
I smell earthy, nutty, burning bark—  
forests of red gum marching into my fire.  
The family hot pot sits in plastic bags on the kitchen bench. Waiting.  
Waiting for Mother to come.



HELENA ALLAN

## New at our high school

Steve Cook is the new assistant principal at Warrandyte High School, replacing Mr Graeme Doig, who recently retired. A graduate from Melbourne University, Steve has taught legal studies, geography, history, English and sports education. He comes from Highvale Secondary College, and his wish at Warrandyte is to see each student achieve, at the highest level, all of their aims.

Janelle Manley is the school's new music teacher. She has been teaching at Greensborough and St Albans Secondary colleges, and is studying for her Master of Education degree at Latrobe University.

Organ and flute are Janelle's major instruments, and she wishes to introduce more instrumental music to the school. She has already organized guitar lessons and plans to form guitar ensembles and a school rock band as well as maintaining the present traditional ensembles.

Janelle also finds time to help train the school's aerobics squads, who are competing with success in many competitions.

## Head honchos go round and round at Rotary



Warrandyte Rotary, which has been working in the town since 1984, is a very active group of people who meet every Tuesday, upstairs at the Grand Hotel.

Their new president, John Provan (above right) is a long term resident of Warrandyte, as is secretary Peter McDonald (left) who is the national director of the Taxpayers' Association when he is not involved with Rotary.

They lead an energetic group of Rotarians who enjoy their social activities, whilst raising funds for community projects.

John Provan can be contacted on 9844 4916.

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### NILLUMBIK PLANNING SCHEME NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF PLANNING SCHEME

Nillumbik Shire Council has prepared a new Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

The planning scheme affects all of the areas of the municipal district of the Nillumbik Shire Council.

The planning scheme introduces a new Nillumbik Planning Scheme as required by the *Planning and Environment (Planning Schemes) Act 1996*, including a new format containing selected State standard provisions from the *Victoria Planning Provisions*, a municipal strategic statement, state and local policy frameworks, standardised zones, overlays, particular provisions relating to use and development, and a number of administrative provisions and definitions. The new planning scheme also incorporates a number of documents specified in the planning scheme, and contains new maps applying the standardised zones and overlays to land within the area covered by the scheme.

The planning scheme, including incorporated documents and maps, can be inspected during office hours (8.30am-4.45pm) from Thursday 10 July 1997 until Wednesday 10 September 1997 at the following locations.

Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough, or the Department of Infrastructure, Level 3 Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000.

Submissions about the planning scheme must be sent to:

Mr Barry P Rochford, Chief Executive Officer, Nillumbik Shire Council, PO Box 476 Greensborough, Vic 3088 by WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1997.

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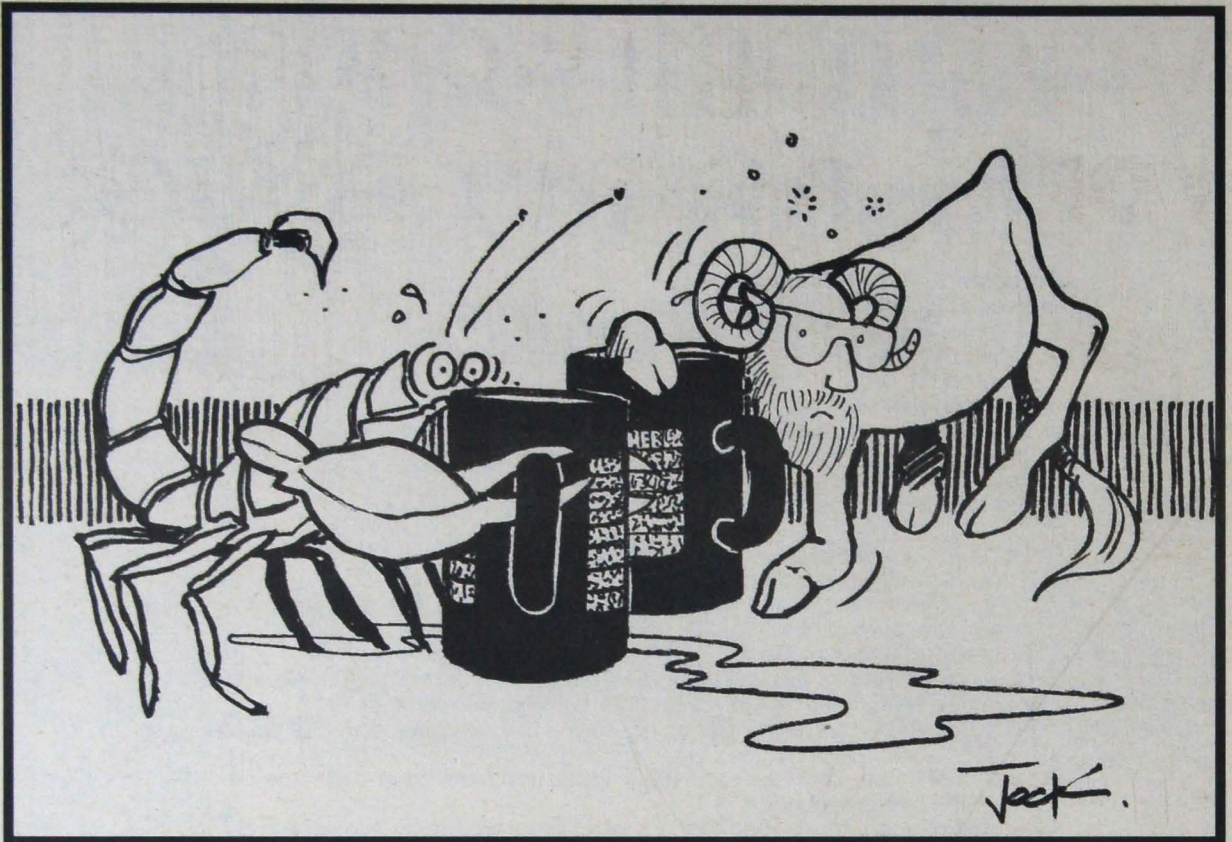


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# Only a mug would believe such tosh

THEY shall be false, envious, full of debate and law. They be great eaters of bread and flesh and they shall have stinking breath."

Now this is not something I'd like to get around, but if it is part of my horoscope, how can I possibly deny it?

A dear friend, who used to live in England, kindly gave our family some Portmeirion mugs. But they are not just ordinary mugs. They are black and the important thing is that they have magic printed in gold on their surfaces.


Now everyone knows that the printed word is truth.

It follows therefore, like night follows day, that the information on our mugs must be correct, not just because it's printed in gold, but because it's 'olde' and we all know that if information about magic or astrology was written in the past it must be true. If not, why would all those people go to the old tomes to find the answer? We do it with the law; just look at all those old leather-bound books and all that precedence.

We also do it for recipes—apple curd and bread and butter pudding—to name but a friendly few.

Because astrology is involved with the non-scientific methodology, it is logical that we go back to what was written before our minds and books were polluted by the sceptical scientific method.

A search through the dusty hand-written texts will reveal



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**"...quarrelsome, fretful, austere, avaricious, envious and a condemner of women..."**

truths we have fought hard to forget whilst worshipping at the feet of our new god—logic.

So, over a cup of magical tea from our mystical mugs, Herself and I pondered the inscriptions on her mug and mine.

For starters, it's not just through luck or love or hard work that our marriage has survived for thirty years but the fact that—Herself a Scorpio and I, a Capricorn—are compatible. I'm also compatible with Gorgeous Creature, a Tauran, which almost places us in danger of becoming a Greek tragedy!

It gets a bit complicated as far as our friends are concerned because I'm likely to be at odds

with an Arian, a Libran or a Cancerian, whilst Herself can be friendly with a Cancerian or Piscian but not with a Leo, an Aquarian or a Tauran—remember Gorgeous Creature? It's just lucky we're anti-social and keep to ourselves, because living in a group larger than two or three would be impossible.

In our normal affable way, Herself and I read out—aloud—mug facts that seemed particularly appropriate.

I was hypersensitive to the dangers inherent in this operation and dismissed the negative aspects of her predestined personality. Things like her being "a prattler without modesty, a lover of murder, thievery, a promoter of seduction and a big heavy thief, as wavering as the wind".

I also pooh-poohed as obviously wrong the information that occupations suited to her are "tyrant, conqueror, generals and all who have command over others". I scoffed at their suggestion that the lower types of Scorpio would be gunners, butchers or hangmen. From the mug, it appears that a successful third-age occupation would be a maker of swords, knives or a spy or traitor.

It was firstly my consideration for her feelings that I kept to myself the facts mentioned about her valour, honour, compassion, eroticism, passion and perseverance.

After we'd made up, dried tears and discussed the whole thing as nonsense mumbo-jumbo, I just let slip that my mug was no less flattering. For

example I am supposed to be profound in imagination, in my words reserved, in labour patient, studious and solicitous, cunning in curing leather, wise in counselling and well able to keep counsel. With occupations I would make a good miner, maltster, shepherd and cow keeper.

I left the room to stony silence. I returned to a grinning Scorpio prattler. She was holding my mug.

"You left out a few facts," she cooed. "For example, with occupations you left out night farmer, scavenger and robber."

"A mere oversight," I retorted. "And what about being heavy, malicious and full of covetousness and...?"

"Rubbish."

"Oo and quarrelsome, fretful, austere, avaricious, envious and a condemner of women."

"I am not a condemner"—what does it mean?

"It means 'to despise or treat with disregard'."

"Nonsense. That's just the sort of thing a Scorpio woman would fabricate. Since when have I ever condemned you? And don't rely on stupid astrology to score cheap points. From now on these mugs are never to be used."

I knew the penny had dropped when after putting away the mugs, Herself, now more herself, said, "Let's leave all that silliness. Now, would you like some bread and meat sandwiches? They might just help fix your bad breath!"

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# Wandering a wonderful world in my dreaming

I WAS lost, wandering without direction in a landscape changed yet somehow so familiar. Eventually, after climbing to the top of a high ridge, I knew at last where I was.

I recognized the massive sweeping bend of the river cradled in the craggy arm of an imposing cliff. This was Pound Bend. I had seen it many times before, but never, never like this.

Sweeping aside swards of head-high spear grass, I made my way downhill through groves of golden-tip bush peas to the river's edge. How wide the river was here and how clear. With cupped hands I scooped up some water and tentatively took a sip. The taste was pure and sweet.

The vegetation along the river seemed different or perhaps it was just that it was so tall and lush.

I ran my hand down the gnarled and twisted trunk of one of the bottlebrush trees. There was no doubt that these trees were very old indeed.

Where the canopy opened the river widened even further. Here, in small residues of sandy soil amongst the maze of rocks, I found forked sundews—a plant I had never seen in Warrandyte before, although there is a record of its existence in the area decades ago.

The narrow two-pronged leaves of these curious carnivorous plants are fringed with sticky glandular hairs to

**NATURE**  
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ensnare small flying insects. The insects, digested by enzymes in the gluey solution, provide the plant with the dietary supplement it needs to survive in such nutrient-lacking soils.

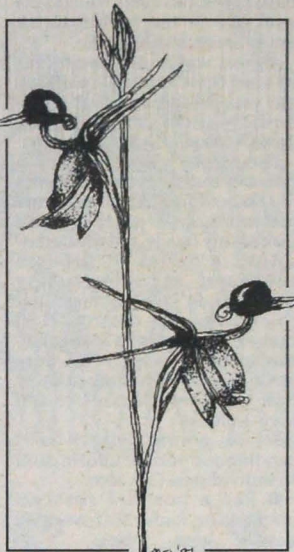
Drawn as if by a magnet, I clambered over rocks to a slender single-stemmed plant with glistening fairy floss pink flowers.

There must have been at least 50 of the tiny flowers spiralling up the stem like some ornate staircase. This was ladies tresses, an orchid teetering on the brink of extinction in the Melbourne area, where it is only known from the Frankston area.

Turning away from the sunlit rock garden, the discoveries continued. Another orchid, this one growing at the base of a eucalypt tree.

It was, unmissably, the flying duck orchid so called because in profile the contorted configuration of its polished marooned petals and sepals resemble a caricature of Donald Duck. The duck-like look is purely incidental, the design of the flower is to attract and trap insects for pollination.

A billabong had formed in a low-lying depression of the



floodplain. A thicket of paperbarks marked its boundary and, floating on the surface of the water like snowflakes, the tissue-thin white flowers of hundreds of swamp lilies. A sight reminiscent of a picture postcard Kakadu wetland. To relieve my hunger, I uprooted a few water ribbons and munched on their fleshy tubers.

Dusk descended. On a bed of soft she-oak needles, I lay down to rest drifting in and out of sleep. Scufflings in the undergrowth heralded a bandicoot closely followed by a

larger cat-sized, brown and white spotted animal with a long furry tail. Was it possible? Could this be the legendary tiger quoll? The animals were curious but unafraid.

Sleep was accompanied by nightmares of war. Warrandyte was being invaded. Armies of weeds had gathered forces and advanced on the bush, overpowering the natives. Troops of rabbits, equipped with powerful incisors and sharp claws, were raiding the land. And the river, muddied and strangled by willows, was held captive at its headquarters by a monstrous concrete wall.

By first light I was on the move again, relieved to find that nothing had changed from the night before. I headed away from the river towards the hills, towards one in particular—the highest on the horizon. The climb was slow and gradual. The view from the top to the mountains of the Great Divide was stunning. Only one hill in Warrandyte offered such a view—Scotchman's Hill. If this was that hill then it was unrecognizable. Where were the houses, the roads, the grotesque tangle of weeds?

As I gazed at the distant mountains seeking an answer to this conundrum, a mist came down like a veil between the sun and the earth leaving me stranded on the tidal zone of dreams. The gentle waves of sleep receded as consciousness returned.

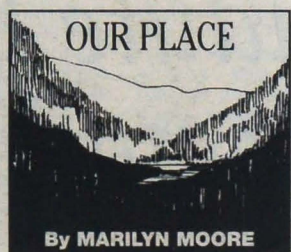
# Playing possum on roofs and around the living room rug

THINGS DO go bump in the night. Mostly we don't give them a second thought. But every now and then there's a real heartstopper. Most of the run-of-the-mill thumpy bumps are comforting reminders that we are not the only possums on the planet.

However there's nothing run-of-the-mill about a large brushtail falling out of a tree. Or his spine chilling Hhaarggggh! as he ambushes unsuspecting passers-by from a low branch in the dead of night. Or the mangled and blood-curdling screams of one of his tiny relatives being mercilessly throttled, probably by somebody's darling pussycat. Occasionally an owl floats softly down to pluck a ringtail from our roof.

The clatter of scabbling claws and squealing bumps skates rapidly along the corrugated tin as the huge bird powers off into the night. Some of nature's sound effects are pretty gruesome.

Once we were kept awake for hours by a loud scraping noise inside the house. Intriguing, but not intriguing enough for anyone to brave the cold and



check it out. Next morning we faced a mound of rubble on the kitchen bench. Bits of brick, woodshavings, ground-up mortar, larger woodchips. What the hell had been going on?

The conical shape of the pile suggested that gravity had played a significant part in its creation. Looking upwards to the ceiling there was nothing to see at first. Then we noticed the hole.

Neatly carved along the line between a solid oregon fascia and a double brick wall, it could have admitted an invading army. An army addicted to orange peel, banana skins (with banana attached), and, as it transpired, Ratsack.

A long-ago midnight visitor was the scariest. I'd sat quietly sewing within an elliptical

swathe of yellow lamplight, while the rest of the house slept deep in inky blackness. The only sound was the muted ticking of the clock.

CRASH! Someone was stumbling about in our lounge room. Terrified, I held my breath, ears straining, but it was difficult to distinguish his muffled thumps from my thudding heartbeat. Boldly I flung open the door and, pretending to ignore the possibilities lurking amongst the shadows, marched bravely into the blackness.

"OK, what's going on in here?" Nothing. No breath, no movement. Eyes gradually adjusting to the dark, I could discern shattered pottery on the hearth bricks. Pottery fragments and glass shards glistened from the carpet. Something awful had spilt on the hearth rug, leaving dark malodorous stains. Someone was hiding in that room and the light switch was on the far wall. Those few steps seemed like one of the longest journeys of my life.

'Someone' turned out to be the most massively enormous brushtailed possum. His equilibrium had been severely disturbed by what appeared to

have been a little trip a la Santa down our chimney. Coaxing him with food proved useless. I tried to shoo him outside. Big mistake. He immediately lost all remaining capacity for rational thought, launched into a high-speed circuit of the room, knocked over anything still standing and avoided the open door for all he was worth.

The clatter caused by his own crashing about only fuelled his frenzy. When a stand of wrought iron fire tools clanged resoundingly onto the hearth bricks, he launched himself ceilingwards and clung there, shakily gripping a wooden post. Something trickled downwards and the penny suddenly dropped in relation to the foul stains on the hearth rug.

Of course, when a neighbour arrived to render assistance, the villain-of-the-piece added insult to injury by taking one look at him and making straight for the open front door. (I probably could have managed to look pretty fierce myself if someone had phoned me at that hour.)

Predictably, nobody believed in this flesh-and-blood phantom's reign of terror. So it looks as though we'll have to keep our real ghost stories to ourselves.

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# Fire safety at Home Show



Learn how to survive bushfires—that's the CFA message to the many thousands who live in the high fire-risk areas around Melbourne.

A great way to get answers is to visit the CFA display—"Fire: are you prepared to live in the bush?"—at the Commonwealth Bank Home Show in August.

The January fires sparked a burning question for residents of the bushfire belt around the metropolitan area: how can I protect my family and my home?

After a series of fire-free summers, the devastating bushfires in late January cost three lives and destroyed 40 homes. There was an immediate avalanche of calls to CFA from anxious people wanting to know how to protect themselves and their homes.

While giving advice and sending out printed information to individuals, CFA also:

- Ran a bushfire survival phone-in on Radio 3LO over two days.

- Held a series of research-discussion groups with residents of bushfire areas—Mt. Dandenong, Tremont, Olinda, Sassafras, Kallista, Upwey, The Basin and Kalorama.

The aims were to continue to get more survival information out into the community, to see if people were alert to the danger and find out what kind of advice people want.

The phone-in raised a wide range of questions and issues such as fire-resistant trees and shrubs; neighbours failing to clear fire hazards; advice on deciding to stay or go when fire is coming, as well as ways of making house and property safe.

"Hills residents in the research groups recognise that CFA can't have a fire truck at every home threatened by bushfire because they know the crews must battle the fire's main front," said CFA director of risk management, John Nicholson.

"Even so, many houses that burn down don't catch alight until after the main fire has been through."

The research shows that most residents clear gutters and get rid of branches, long grass and leaves from around the house, but only when a bushfire is imminent. Many don't want to clear a lot of bush because that defeats the main purpose of living in natural surroundings.

People in the discussions were keen on starting Community Fireguard groups—where neighbours band together in small self-reliant groups. With CFA advice and support, these groups work on fire precautions and plan survival.

Many people in the Ferny Creek district have told CFA that they did not realise they were at risk until the fire arrived on January 21. This is not surprising, as there is a 15 to 20 per cent turnover in the Dandenongs population each year, meaning many residents had not experienced a bushfire.

"There is deep concern because dry conditions so far point to a much higher fire risk next summer compared with last summer," John Nicholson said.

Rainfall in parts of Victoria so far this year is much lower even than in the 1982 drought which was the lead-up to the catastrophic Ash Wednesday

fires in February 1983.

This points to extremely high danger in the next bushfire season, only a few months away. "Winter is no time to be complacent about bushfire," he said.

"We must encourage people in high fire-risk areas to make full use of the few months we have for bushfire preparation and planning. In hilly areas, when you see smoke it means that a bushfire may be only a few minutes away."

"I appeal to people to recognise the risk they face and come to CFA's Home Show display. CFA's display will be a great opportunity to get the information you need and to discuss survival techniques and equipment with CFA people and equipment suppliers.

"We can help you start a Community Fireguard in your neighbourhood even if you don't know your neighbours. And we will support and advise you on how best to take precautions against fire and in working out survival plans."

At the CFA display at the Home Show you can find out:

- How to plan your family's survival.
- How you can start Community Fireguard in your street.
- How garden layout and fire-resistant plants can save your home from fire.

Also at the CFA display you can see fire-resistant steel roofing and house frames, guttering, shutters, roof sprinklers, tanks, pumps and fire-lighting equipment.

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# Fire



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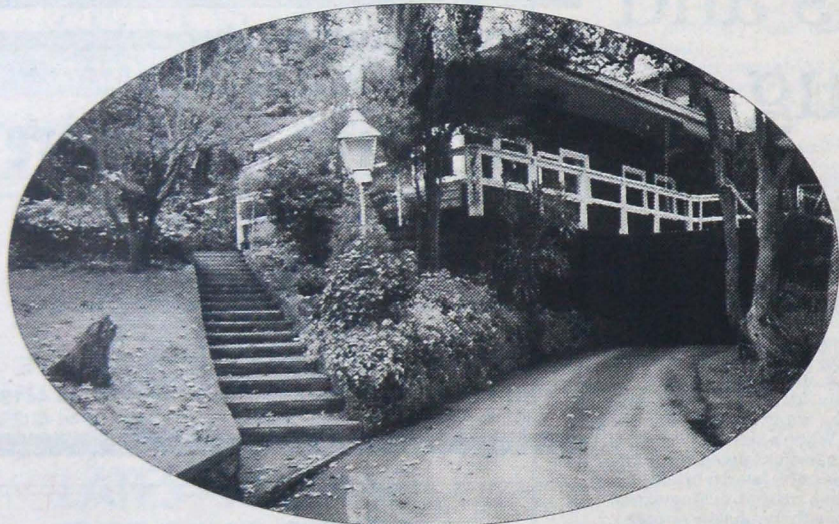
Whether you already live in a high fire risk area or are considering building or moving, CFA's display can provide vital information for your safety. Research has shown that the majority of people living on the outskirts of Melbourne are not prepared to withstand bush fire.

**Be prepared.** Visit CFA at the Home Show and learn how:

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This beautiful house, built in the 1950s, has been tastefully restored and has five spacious bedrooms with ensuites, including one with a spa. The setting is private and secluded, yet it is in the main street, within walking distance of restaurants and a fascinating array of unique specialty shops.

The streetscape still retains much of historical interest which sets Warrandyte apart from many surrounding areas.

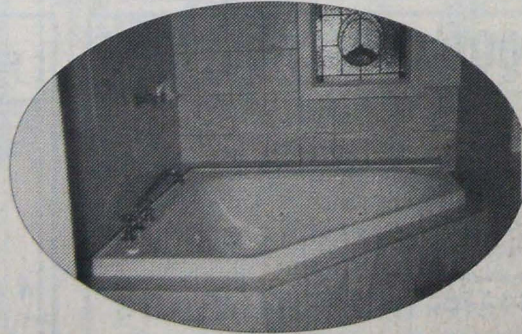
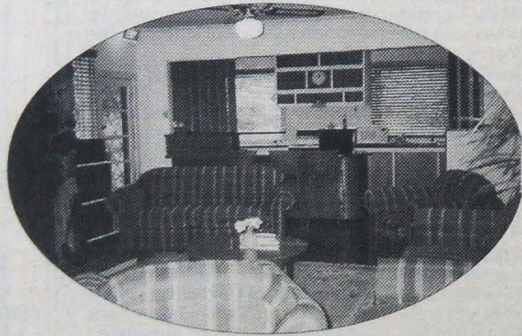
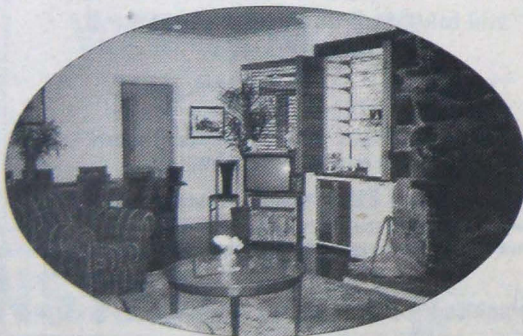
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# A season of colour and sound

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## 3 EARLY SPRING

*Most of the resident bird population activities are dominated by the strategies of breeding, the landscape is ablaze with wattle and ground flora paints the landscape with the sensuous brush of spring. A warm change is in the air and all in the bushlands are swept up in the powers of production.*

**E**ARLY spring dawn is a soundscape filled with birdsong proclaiming the joys and power of parenthood. It is a tumultuous, territorial trumpeting, a feathered fanfare of clucks, whistles, trills, caws, twitters and pippings from all points of the compass. Weebills to wedgetail eagles are either on the nest, feeding young or telling the world about it.

Along the Yarra River the pallid cockatoo, with an ear out for who is claiming what nest site, joins in the chorus from a silver wattle whose blooms have faded. The river is in high flow with constant rain, the water is highly turbid, cold and productive levels are still low. The upstream migration from the sea of common galaxias, broad-finned galaxias and the spotted galaxias begins.

On the riverbanks, bowers of small-leaved clematis flowers cascade from burgan, catching morning streams of sunlight. Dusty miller, prickly moses and shrubby tree violet flower in the riparian forest. On the ground, kidney weed is in bloom with its minute flowers.

A fledgling powerful owl, just out from the hollow, finds precarious perch on burgan as the parents keep watchful vigilance from the boughs of a tall manna gum. A fox idles below the burgan, hoping for a mishap.

A seasonal change comes one morning in early August, when a waft of fragrant warm wind fills the day with the promise and energy of spring. Young eastern grey kangaroos venture out of the pouch and stretch youthful legs, bounding exuberantly over everything—real and imagined. In fact, the whole mob moves with real spring in their long leaps. Four little ravens uncharacteristically involve themselves in joyous ariel displays over Longridge Park.

Dramatic weather changes are a feature of early

Our four-season annual cycle—summer, autumn, winter, spring—arrived with the first white settlers from Europe. It bears little relevance to the natural rhythm of an Australian year. The Koori people used a sequence of six seasons. We would call them high summer, late summer, early winter, deep winter, early spring and true spring. They knew them as timelines.

The theme of this series of essays by **GLEN JAMESON** is the representation of a mythical day for each of these seasons, a day that incorporates important seasonal indicators and patterns characteristic of that season.

spring and occur frequently; from cloudy showers to warm, bright sunny periods to cloud, hail and arctic winds within hours. All six seasons in one day. The warming weather transforms the days with the restless energy of an awakened changeling. The power of the sun surges through the productive forces, stirring the food chains to an energetic generation of new life. Everything is caught up in the excitement of the new biotic rhythm.

Downstream, on the wetlands of the peninsula paddock at Yarra Flats (reputed to be the site of Streeton's painting 'Still Glides the Stream') a dozen pelicans herd fish, moving in formation in a circular manoeuvre. In a slow motion watery ballet, they close the circle around the herded fish, then with avian elegance simultaneously dip underwater to feed.

Cattle egrets follow the slow pace of agisting cattle. The ponds begin to warm, aquatic plants show new shoots and on the water's edge, a frothy bubble of froggy metamorphlings slowly forms new arms and legs.

Flotillas of baby ducklings follow their parents in the hunt for a feed in the wetlands of Yarra Flats. A chestnut teal pair have successfully bred this year in the ephemeral pond north of the picnic shelter. They join the wood ducks and Pacific black ducks in raising families.

Across the landscape is splashed the paint of wattle. The diversity of form and adaptable ecology of the wattle family ensures that wherever you look, wattle blossom dominates the vista, catching your focus as they celebrate the sun's

return with golden tones. The fragrance of their pollen ladens the air with heavy sweet scent; a bush incense marking the ritual arrival of early spring. Escaped garden plantings—such as cootamundra and early black wattles—add further to the wattles' domination.

In the grassy woodlands on the slopes and valleys, blackwoods, kangaroo thorn, hop wattle and juniper wattle lead an awesome floral array. Colonies of greenhood orchids—nodding, blunt, trim and tall—patch the forest floor; whilst blue bonnet, common beard

heath, early nancy, love creeper, pink bells, yam daisy, scented sundew, spur veillia, small swamp daisy and native violets daub the bushlands in a riotous profusion of colour. Wonga vine is in flower, hanging from a yellow box in a moist gully where a horsefield cuckoo awaits the moment when it can invade an unguarded nest.

Spur-winged plovers, nesting in open country, are in dispute with all who venture near their nesting sites; they seem to be in a constant state of agitation. Magpies with young hatching swoop across their territory, in search of any unwary venturing on their territory with skull unguarded. Sometimes they are heard carolling in the night, perhaps warning of the powerful owl's presence or commenting on hatchings.

The Australian painted lady butterfly is one of the first butterflies to emerge, spiralling in twos and threes above the grasses. The diurnally active magpie moths are in flight above their host plant cotton fireweed. The first of the migrants, fairy martins, arrive with time to spend on the neat mud

nests they place under bridges and in tall culverts. Olive-backed oriel, rufous whistlers and satin flycatchers arrive soon after.

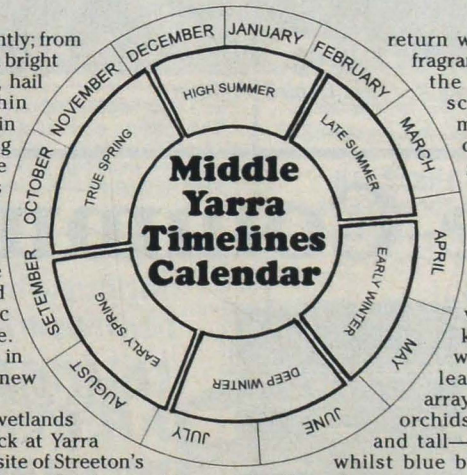
Such exotic grasses as Yorkshire fog, sweet vernal and cocksfoot grow prodigiously during this season, outcompeting the native grasses. They have the biological advantage of evolving in a colder climate and are therefore able to grow faster during cooler weather. The native grasses have thrown up flowering culms, but need the extra warmth of true spring to begin growth motion.

On the hilltops out in the Bend Of Isles at Kangaroo Ground, red ironbarks are in prodigious flower, feeding a range of parrots and honeyeaters by day and sugar gliders and brush-tailed phascogales during the night. The golden wattle, myrtle-leaf wattle and thin-leaf wattle lead the flowering show across the hills. Climbing up spreading wattle is a purple coral pea and the mix of the yellow and purple colours is superb. The vivid red of running postman, the creamy tops of candlesticks; the bush is a kaleidoscope.

On Fourth Hill at Warrandyte State Park there is perhaps the most spectacular display of the floral year. Just before the spring equinox, the northern slope of Fourth Hill is covered with golden bush-pea. The flowers are a show in themselves, but when contrasted with the fire-blackened trunks of the red box, red stringybark and long-leafed box, they are sensational. Fire is essential in regenerating the golden pea-bush and the prescribed burn in 1991 has resulted in a rejuvenated garden of delight. Amongst the native grasses and leaf litter of Fourth Hill are leopard orchids and a few waxlips and green-comb spider orchids. A little later in true spring will be the time to see orchids there.

In the late afternoon sun, a fan-tailed cuckoo gulps down a fat caterpillar, the juices of which spray golden splinters into the air above its head. It is a haughty celebration of a successful breeding campaign. The food caught is its alone; no need to share with mate or brood. Wood white butterflies are blown along on the breeze as they search for partners between bursts of inclement weather and golden whistlers are heard, vigorously calling.

The night sky—dominated by the stars Altair, Canopus, Achernar, Vega and Spica—is a sound shell, bouncing back the amplified swamp orchestra of southern brown tree frog, common froglet and whistling tree frog. The froggy sounds, emanating from mist-shrouded Glynn's wetlands, part of Laughing Water Park, counterpoint the soundscape of the birds at dawn, a euphonious celebration of early spring euphoria.



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# Our Creek kids strut their stage stuff

**T**HEY'VE done it again! Anderson's Creek Primary has presented its sixth production. This year they took on the challenge of using the school's performing arts centre; a milestone for all concerned. The children were able to see the transformation from being auditioned, receiving their script, learning their songs, rehearsing, construction of sets, parents giving their expertise; right through to the final performance—all on the one site.

All students from Prep to Grade 6 were involved in the production, showing their talents as actors, singers, members of a chorus or as backstage crew. Fiona Croston (Grade 5) said, "I think it's great that we had the play at school as we knew where everything was".

Grades 3 to 6 performed Rockin' Robin Hood, Grade 1 and 2 presented The Mice From Outer Space, and the Preps contributed The Little Red Hen. The four performances were on July 30 and 31 and August 5 and 6.

"Over the past few weeks," said Nic Gordon from Grade 5, "we have been working hard at Rockin' Robin Hood. Everyone has been well behaved and has cooperated together. We have all put in our best, not to mention Mr

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McKenzie (principal) who built the set, and Mr Gordon (Grade 4 teacher) who has made us work hard and been our director and producer."

The play is set in Sherwood Forest. The people are poor because the king is making them pay excessive taxes until Robin Hood and his merry gang arrive and takes back their money.

The main characters in Rockin' Robin Hood are Robin (Rene Pidgeon/Nathan Lewis), the Sheriff of Nottingham (Ben Bool), Maid Marion (Jessica Allwood/Lucy McElvie), Little John and Igor (Matthew Orchard)—the Sheriff's henchman. Of course the gang wouldn't be complete without Friar Tuck, Will Scarlet and Allan-a-dale. We have villagers, archers, washerwomen, foodstall holders, minstrels, acrobats, jugglers and monks.

After all the rehearsals and hard work came the performances. Jayson Coles-Black (Grade 4) said before the show: "I think this production will get a lot of laughs," and then he reflected on his performance nerves, "I already have a

lot of butterflies." We doubt if Jayson is alone in these sentiments.

The Little Red Hen tells the story of a hen whose lazy farmyard friends won't help her plant the wheat, harvest it, take it to the mill to be ground into flour or make it into bread. But they certainly want to help the Little Red Hen eat the delicious bread she has baked. "No," says the Little Red Hen, "I will eat it all by myself." The animals realize how lazy they have been and promise to be helpful in future.

Michael Cannington from Grade 2 explained: "Our production is The Mice From Outer Space. When the mice crash, something happens!" Honnie Aitkens said, "My favourite part in the play is the end. I can't tell you what happens because it is a secret." Her favourite song is 'Here we are together'.

"My part was an earth mouse," said Andrew Brown. His favourite songs were 'He's a bad cat' and 'The big chase'. After it was all over Michael said, "My favourite part is when we took a bow".

Libby Lavery from Grade 4 said: "I think that this year's production was very different and more lively than any other play Anderson's Creek Primary School has done. This year's play was very different because it was held on our own stage."



Ben Bool: Rockin' Robin Hood



The Mice From Outer Space: Ashlee Hosier, Tamara Moritz, Annika Chapman

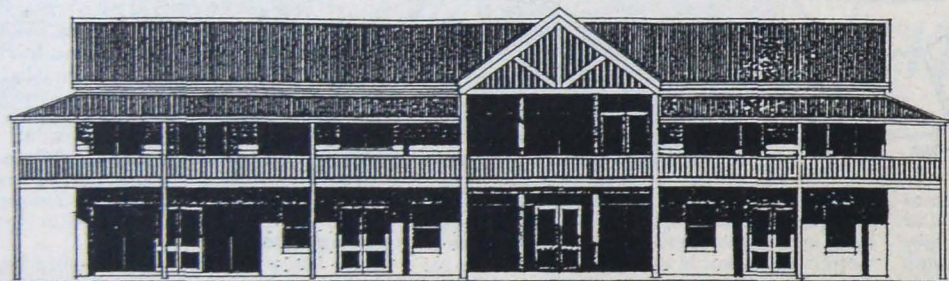


The Little Red Hen: Danielle Neilson



The Mice From Outer Space: Tyson Rees, Christopher Lyell

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youth theatre project. Some funding is available. They are looking for an immediate commitment, running through until production in October. For further information please call 9844 3094.

## Clothes

Warrandyte Lions Opportunity Shop has been short of winter clothing this year. They are appealing to the community for help with stock for next year. If you are clearing out your winter wardrobe in the next few months, please keep the op shop in mind. Collection can be arranged by ringing 9844 4392 during business hours.

## Tourism

Melbourne's Valley of the Arts Tourism Association will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, August 27 at 7.30pm at Potters Restaurant, Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte. Guest speaker will be Wayne Kayler-Thompson,

general manager of industry development for Tourism Victoria. The topic will be Future Directions for Local Tourism. Enquiries to Jenny Grinlington on 9844 4443.

## Elvis

The Warrandyte Redbacks Junior Girls Basketball are visiting Fiji in December. To help defray costs there will be a Tribute To Elvis evening at the Grand Hotel on Friday, September 5. Cost is \$13, including supper. Please ring the hotel on 9844 3202 to book. Tickets to be collected one week in advance.

## Orienteering

The Yarra Valley Orienteering Club and the Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club run courses in Eltham under the auspices of Orienteering Victoria. You can call the Victorian Orienteering Association on 9459 0853 for further information.

## Africa

The driving rhythms of Africa are world famous. Local residents have a chance to experience this at a concert by Nii Tettey Tetteh from Ghana, who will be performing with the group Adzohu at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on Friday, August 15 at 7.30pm. Cost is \$12. Bookings and information from 9853 8372. Tettey is a renowned percussionist, singer and flautist. His performances range from haunting flute solos to irresistible dance music.

## Koornong

Friends of Warrandyte State Park and Friends of Koornong are holding a family activity on Sunday, August 31, from 1.30 to 4pm. The group will leave from the lower carpark in Koornong Crescent (Melways 23 J8), to follow up on previous weed control and enjoy afternoon tea together. For information call Kathy Willis on 9844 1841.

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## Wrong

In our last issue, in the caption to a photograph, we claimed that the Warrandyte High School choir had entertained patrons at the school's art show opening. In fact the choir was from Eltham East Primary School. Sorry about that.

## News

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## Two years older, but little has changed. They're...

By LEE TINDALE

The term "Rampaging Baby Bloods" was applied to them when they were Warrandyte Junior Football Club's all-conquering Under-10s.

They're two years older now — and still on the rampage. Not to quite the same extent, perhaps, but it's a much tougher competition now.

Still, they are rampaging very nicely. As Under-12s they are the club's sole representatives in the 1997 finals, going into the second semi against Beverley Hills on Sunday (August 17) with a season's record of 14 wins, two losses and a percentage well above 200.

As Under-10s in the EDFL junior competition in 1995, the boys were undefeated. Their season (there are no finals at that level) included an awesome blitz of a lightning premiership at Heathmont which became known as the Mother's Day Massacre.

This season, with 12 of that team intact, they are in Division 1 of the new Yarra Junior Football League. It's considerably stronger company, but the boys, coached by Aldo Savoia, have performed magnificently.

Assistant coach/team manager Anthony Mirabella writes and distributes among the team a match report of every Under-12s game, lavishing praise when it's due and

# Still on the rampage!

pulling no punches when it's not. Examples:

● "Another dedicated and committed effort (against Beverley Hills). This win was real gut-wrenching stuff played with heart and vigour. The towering presence of 'Lofty' Pidgeon was impassable at centre half-back. Big Rex of 'You idiot' fame reckons Nathan Buckley gets higher than Joe Cocker — but he has not seen this boy lift off."

● "A lucky win against St Mary's. We are a five to six-goal better side but we performed like a disjointed rabble."

Warrandyte completed their home-and-away campaign with a thrashing of Templestowe-Bulleen — 17.9 (111) to (0.4) — and a 26-point win over St Damian's.

They will be at a disadvantage against Beverley Hills, whom they have played twice this season with honours even. Beverley Hills have two Under-12 teams from which to select their finals sides, as do co-contenders Macleod.

When this edition of the *Diary* went to press, the venue of the second semi-final was not known. But if you really want to see a class act by some special kids representing the future of football in this town, make a point of finding out and going along.

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## Basketball finals beckon

By DAMIAN ARSENIS

Three-quarters of the way through the current Friday Night Victorian Junior Championships, and Warrandyte Basketball Club has some great finals prospects.

Longtime Redback coach Gavin Whitmore has two teams on top of the ladder. His U11 East Boys head their competition, with only one loss for the season. As we head towards the finals, they look promising to take out their division.

Whitmore's U18 Metro 2 boys also look very strong as they also sit atop their division. After a shaky start to the season, when the boys lost their first two games, they haven't dropped a match since.

Whitmore's third team, the U14 Metro 2 boys, after a

slow start to the year, have climbed back into the four. With great wins over previous ladder leaders in past weeks, they look destined to see finals action.

Gerry Pearce's U12 Metro 2 boys have looked almost invincible all year. After their promotion earlier on from East 1, Pearce's young team have yet to be seriously challenged, with only one hiccup. Again, this team sits comfortably on top of the table and only a major disaster will prevent them reaching the finals.

Graham Drake's U16 East 3 boys have also been putting in some strong performances. After a mediocre first half of the season, the boys have moved into the top four, only a few wins adrift of the top.

The same can be said for Drake's second team, the U18

East 3 side. They are just outside the four, and with a few wins against the stronger teams, the finals could be beckoning.

The U20 Metro 2 team coached by Scott Morrison is also just shy of the four. After a hard first half year, and with some good wins, this team could also be around at the end of proceedings.

The U14 East 2 boys of Alan McLaren, after a struggle earlier on, are holding their own against bigger and stronger opposition. Currently in the middle of the ladder, the boys have an outside chance of making the finals. The U14 East 4 boys have struggled throughout the year. At least they are off the bottom rung.

The girls' teams have disappointed. Both seem destined to miss the finals.

## Tennis flag in hand

One Warrandyte Tennis Club team brought home a winner's pennant when the Ferntree Gully and District Midweek Ladies competition finished last month.

Section 11 winners were Lynne Thomas, Marg Molloy, Sandra Ransom, Anita McKellar and Marg Loughnan.

The club have two men's teams and two women's teams playing in the Tennis Victoria Pennant competition this winter. Two of these teams—Men's Grade 10 and Women's Grade 5—have reached the finals.

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# So it's down we go!

## Bloods plan ahead for Third Division

By LEE TINDALE

### SPORT



Warrandyte will spend the 1998 season in Third Division of the Eastern Districts Football League.

The relegation from Division 2 became an uncertified certainty when the Bloods went down by 80 points away to Mulgrave — the only other contenders — on August 2. It was formalised by a 131-point hiding from premierships contenders Croydon at home the following week.

Warrandyte meet Doncaster away in their final match on Saturday, August 16. Unless they can produce a considerable reversal of form they will finish with just one win from their 18 games.

The same applies to the Reserves. And the Under-18s have yet to win.

But as Division 3, which the club vacated by winning the 1993 premierships, became inevitable, the 1998 campaign was already in motion.

Warrandyte have for the past two months been working on next season's coaching position. "We are looking for a high-profile playing coach and we have already spoken to a couple of people," club president Jeff Evans told the *Diary*.

"We will know more after the EDFL finals."

The Bloods' recent coaching history has been disastrous.

Ralph Jones, 1996 non-playing coach, was suspended for two years — later reduced to 12 months — for misconduct after leading his team on to the field for a relegation-saving game. And Greg Cole, recruited as playing coach from the Yarra Valley Mountain Districts League, resigned after five games this season over a dispute with the club over time spent on the field.

Cole was replaced by Reserves coach Dale McCartin, who oversaw the season's only win, against Mulgrave at home on May 24.

"Dale did a great job for us after stepping into the breach," president Evans said.

McCartin, however, would not be drawn on the subject of next season's coach. "That's a matter for the committee," he said.

"Sure, it's been a disappointing season," Evans told the *Diary*. "We were competitive, but we didn't have the depth. And the coaching turmoil left us almost half a season behind."

Evans said off-season recruiting would particularly target "another on-baller and a

couple of key-position players, tall players".

The big plus to emerge from 1997 was the further development of an outstanding crop of young players, he said.

"Though the season on the field has been poor, off the field it has been good and morale remains high," he said.

Warrandyte's Division 2 tenure realistically ended within a few minutes of the game at Mulgrave. Captain John O'Brien broke a thumb in a ruck contest in the first minute and rover Glen McCartin was stretchered off with a knee injury shortly after.

It left the Bloods without firepower up forward and at the mercy of a team quite desperate to avoid relegation.

On the strength — or lack of it — of that contest, nobody really expected Warrandyte to beat Croydon the following week, but perhaps few expected such an embarrassing scoreline — 31.23 (209) to 11.12 (78).

"Yes, the scoreline looked bad," coach McCartin said, "but they are a quality team, a big team who played in the grand final last year and will probably do so again this year."

"I thought our performance wasn't all that bad. We are a very young side and we blooded a couple more young players out there today."

Croydon threw out a grim message to the home side by posting what may well be the quickest opening goal of the EDFL season at any level. It took no more than 10 seasons.

The Bloods' sole moment of glory for the game came five minutes later, hitting hit the front by a point when full-forward Christian Renfrey goaled from an acute angle. Unfortunately, the floodgates then opened for the visitors.

With numbers at the ball allowing them to break away almost at will, Croydon goaled at two-minute intervals to run to a 17-point lead before Matt Grybas took a fine mark and produced an even better kick to get the Bloods back on the board.

But that did no more than annoy Croydon, prompting a seven-goal blitz. They goaled at 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 minutes to scoot to a 43-point lead at the first break, Warrandyte chipping in late in the term through Renfrey and



Jeff Evans ... search on for high-profile playing coach.



Matt Grybas ... one of Warrandyte's best against Croydon

## We're out of the finals but in the chips

Warrandyte Football Club has won "chips rights" to the EDFL Second Division finals at Bayswater. The club successfully tendered for the rights to cook and sell chips at the four finals.

"We have a team of 12 players to man the stall over the finals series and we've borrowed the cooking equipment from the Lions Club," said club president Jeff Evans. "Ours will be the only chips available, and we'll also be selling soft drinks."

"This will be our first fund-raiser for the 1998 season."

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It takes a lot to keep John O'Brien out of a game of football.

The courageous Bloods captain and three-time best and fairest winner broke a thumb in the first minute of the game against Mulgrave on August

2 but seriously considered playing the following Saturday.

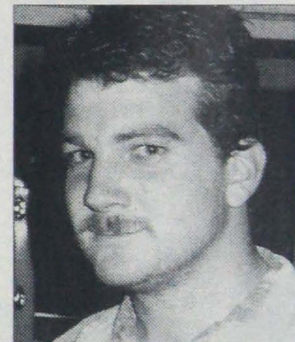
He was talked out of that, but insisted on being runner, his hand in plaster, for the seniors game. Rest assured that O'Brien will be back in the thick of things next season.

"Football's a big part of my life," he said. "I wouldn't know what to do without it."

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A few people wondered why Mick Sporton bobbed up again in the reserves against Croydon. At 32, they'd thought the good-natured fireman had kicked his last wobbly punt. It was Mick's first game for the season — and his last.

"It's what you call an end-of-season-trip qualifier," he said, dobbing in two teammates on a similar mission.



Mick Sporton

Brad Valentine.

Young Justin Edwards, by far the smallest player afield and among the most effective to this stage, drew first blood for the Bloods in the second quarter, marking and goaling at the two-minute mark, but Croydon continued to have all the answers. They goaled at five and seven minutes and did it by fours after Valentine and Chris Sharp had tidied up Warrandyte's share of the scoreboard.

It was all too easy for the visitors, who always had sharp disposal experts at the fall of the ball and other players in space. Liam Riley produced one on the run for Warrandyte late in the term but the half-time score

— 17.8 (110) to 8.7 (55) — suggested that Croydon had been precisely twice as good. For the Bloods it had been a quarter of partial restraint rather than progress.

The third quarter was to be Warrandyte's best, matching Croydon's might and kicking 3.2 to 3.5.

Croydon looked like resuming the pattern of the first half, taking advantage of some shocking Warrandyte defence to goal at three minutes and following up four minutes later.

But the Bloods showed plenty of pride and resolve, Chris Tomlinson getting one back at 12 minutes and the entire team lifting to make their guests earn every disposal the hard way.

Croydon eventually broke the shackles from a free in front at 24 minutes, but Renfrey responded with his third and Sharp got his second right on the siren.

The scoreboard — 20.13 to 11.9 — at the last change didn't look all that bad, considering the respective ladder positions, and McCartin asked his players for a big effort in their last quarter at home for the season.

But maybe we should have quit while we were respectable.

It rained Croydon goals, at four minutes, nine, 11, 16 and 17 before Valentine called a momentary halt when freed in front.

But the visitors immediately slipped back into overdrive,

goaling four times before a couple of behinds looked like stopping them short of the 30s.

No such luck. A weary and shell-shocked Bloods defence was no match for a rampant Croydon forward line which booted two more before the timekeepers took pity on the home crowd.

Warrandyte's best were Andrew Brown, Renfrey, Russell Treverton, Matt Grybas and Edwards.

The Reserves were again overrun, going down 25.21 (171) to 5.1 (31).

The Under-18s were also well beaten — 19.13 (127) to 4.3 (27) — but it was a considerable improvement on the previous meeting.

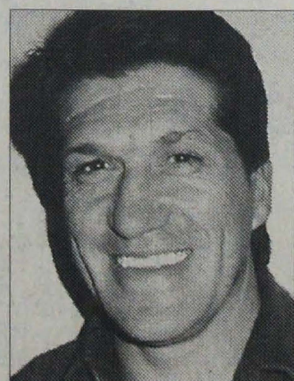
## Dickson's boys deliver

Warrandyte's David Dickson added another distinction to an illustrious football career by coaching Victoria Metropolitan to victory in last month's Teal Cup carnival.

His team were undefeated in the Australian under-18s championship, accounting for Victoria Country and Western Australia on the way to an MCG showdown with South Australia on July 16.

Eight of Dickson's players — including Warrandyte star Tim Finocchiaro — were named in the all-Australian team at the conclusion of the carnival.

Finocchiaro, 18, of Beauty Gully Road, captained Victoria in his second Teal Cup series and won the Larke Medal as its best player. A highly-talented centreman, he will be among the top priorities for AFL clubs in the next national draft.



David Dickson

Dickson's team overcame goalfront inaccuracy to beat Vic Country by three goals in their first game and revelled in what

the coach described as appalling conditions at Waverley to beat WA by seven goals.

They were far too good for SA before a big crowd at the MCG, winning by 12 goals. The match was a curtain-raiser to the AFL game between Hawthorn and Melbourne.

And how did coaching a victorious Teal Cup team compare with being a part of a premierships team with Carlton in 1972?

"Perhaps not the same personal satisfaction as playing in a premierships team or coaching a district premierships team," Dickson said.

"It's a different style of coaching. You have the best boys in your state against the best boys in other states and it is more of a thing about seeing your boys take the next step

along the path to league football.

"South Australia and Western Australia each had up to 10 boys who had played league football at home. Our boys had played their football in the ASFL."

"It illustrates the difference in the development programs there and here."

Dickson said he would like to coach Victoria again in next year's Teal Cup in Adelaide.

"The coaching job comes up for review in September and I'd certainly accept it again," he said. "At my age, (he's 45) coaching at carnival level suits me — my job and my lifestyle — very well."

"It involves only a couple of months of the year, rather than three nights a week for 11 months when you coach at regional club level."

"I have no aspirations to coach at a higher level than Teal Cup."

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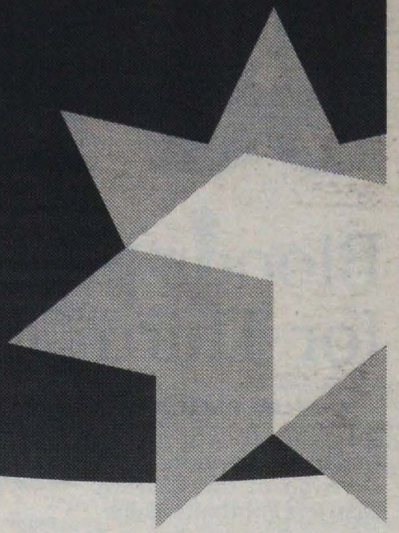
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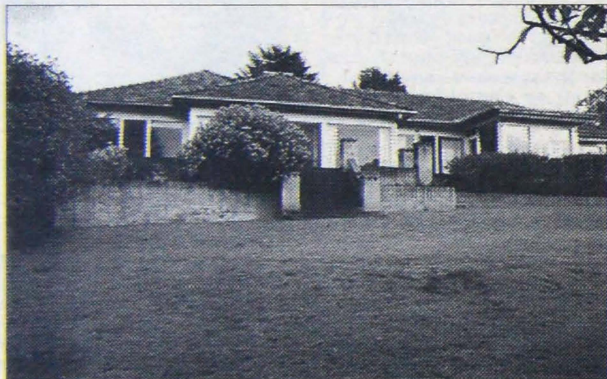
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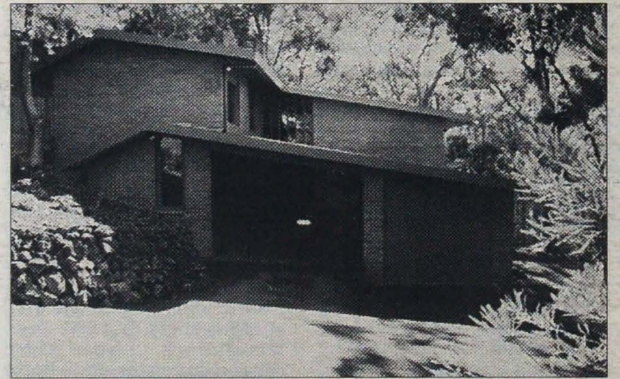
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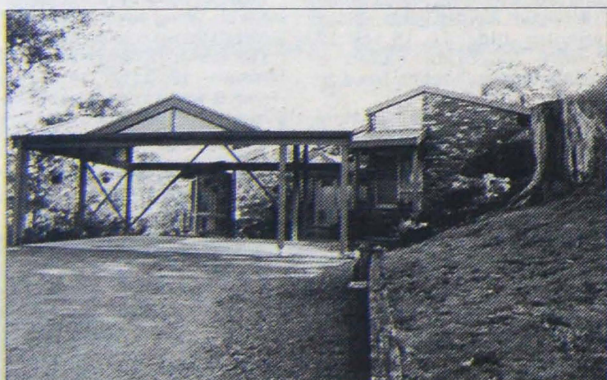
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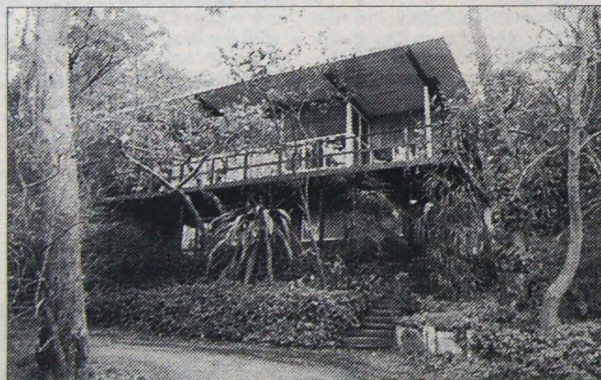
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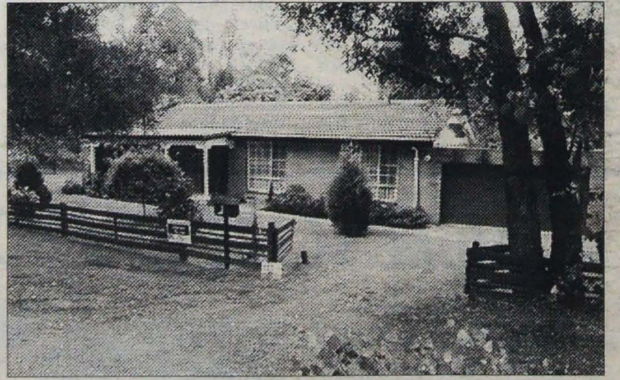
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