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re those tree

Major concerns about the illegal removal of native trees on private and council land and inappropriate housing designs have been expressed to Manningham council by a group of residents

The residents, representing local environment groups covering Wonga Park and Warrandyte, told Paul Molan, manager, Manningham environmental amenity and Gary Bateman, council urban designer, that they were "greatly concerned about the impact on our local identity of incremental tree removal".

Community representatives

Community representatives included Flora Anderson of Wonga Park, Bev Hanson and Mark Tansley from the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, Leonie Ulbrich from the Warrandyte Awareness League,

-and spare us 'monster' houses and still more signs

and John Hanson.
"Significant trees are being lost without permission and without consideration for visual impact, neighbours, wildlife and impact on soil erosion," spokesperson Leonie Ulbrich

spokesperson Beome said.

"It is a major concern that residents are removing signifi-cant trees from private proper-ties and nature strips. This is a well-publicised national envi-ronmental issue. We are also concerned that there is no in-centive for residents to plant native indigenous shrubs or trees.

trees.
"Council will be publicising the regulations for tree removal and will increase monitoring of this practice. Council encourages residents to report any

suspected unauthorised tree removal."

Leonie Ulbrich said that large and unsightly buildings were unfortunately becoming a ma-jor element of the Warrandyte identity.
"Warrandyte has always been

jor element of the Warrandyte identity.
"Warrandyte has always been seen as a rural area and some new houses are largely out of place. It appears that little consideration is given to the overall amenity of some areas.
"High, solid fencing should not be permitted as it greatly detracts from the amenable character of our area. Alterations and additions to existing buildings should be within accepted guidelines."

Leonie Ulbrich said the residents' group felt that roads, footpaths and car parks should

match the rural identity of the area.
"Over-engineered roads and concrete gutters should be avoided. Roads should be narrow, winding and informal, and unsealed where possible. All efforts should go into retaining and protecting existing tree canopy alongside roads.
"Another issue raised with council staff was the effects of impermeable road surfaces, which cause concentrated run-

impermeable road surfaces, which cause concentrated runoff and some flooding."

The residents' group told the two council representatives that there was an over-supply of steel Manningham council signs in the area. Many small reserves had been unnecessarily signed and steel signs had

recently replaced some good quality timber signs in areas such as Warrandyte Reserve.

"Council was asked to stop removing the unique timber signs and replacing them with standard steel signs. We are concerned that Warrandyte is now dotted with the same signs as found in Templestowe, Donvale and Doncaster.

"The proliferation of signs, particularly in Yarra Street, needs to be addressed. The number of signs should be reduced and monitored.

"Council is aware of this problem and agreed with the concern. They are also concerned with the number of sandwich board signs in the Warrandyte area and will be addressing this issue directly with businesses concerned," Leonie Ulbrich reported.

"Warrandyte public spaces

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"Warrandyte public spaces should be furnished with native vegetation. These spaces in-clude nature strips, car parks and reserves. Exotic plants

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'Council's putting up a heap of new signs, Ock. Reading, 'Stop Visual Pollution!'

should not be used. An example of this concern is the planting of plane trees along Campbell Court."



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OUR NEWSPAPER

The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely through advertising, it guards its non-profit, non-commercial status and its independent the plant of the plant carries at treasure additional history through the its non-profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice. The *Diary* carries a strong editorial bias towards the people, environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly circulation is 3700 copies and it is available in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

A SPECIAL PLACE

Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 35km from Melbourne. The site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria—in 1851—it soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Although now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

Conspiring to be home for the 29th Christmas

Not long at all ago, Pamela Wren, of Yarra Street, was wistfully bemoaning that this would be the first Christmas in 29 years she'd not spent with daughter Kim. In other words, ever. No, Kim would be spending it somewhere on the road with boyfriend Mark Radford, 29, on their anti-clockwise round-Australia 4WD oddysey that had started on Father's Day (early February, for the benefit of you ingrates who neglect your dear daddies). A couple of weeks ago, Pam's phone rang at 6.30am. It was Kim, checking in from glorious Esperance, on the south coast of WA. "Hi, Mum, it's a beautiful night here (3.30am, in fact) and Mark and I are fishing from a cute little jetty just outside of town." A very sleepy Pam said something like how nice, good fishing, do you realise what time it is, lovely to hear from you and I'm going back to sleep. Which she did — until the phone went again half an hour later. Kim again. "Mum, we've just caught this big fish!" Really, and what kind of fish? "We don't know, but it's really big!" At that point, the doorbell rang and Pam couldn't believe how difficult it was to catch a little shut-eye of a Saturday morning. Was this some kind of conspiracy?

Yes, and a darned good one as well. When Pam



Yes, and a darned good one as well. When Pam answered the door, there was Kim — mobile phone in hand — and Mark, both grinning broadly. They'd caught a Pamela fish! Esperance indeed. Pam clearly remembers her first words: "You little buggers!" A joyous reunion, to be sure, and the unbroken sequence of 28 Christmases now becomes 29. But don't go away because there's more joy to come. A week or two before the hoax was perpetrated, the travellers had laid the groundwork for it by phoning from Esperance to say they loved the place so much they were propping there a while and had even landed jobs at a caravan park. And a few weeks before that, Mark, who'd known Kim since schooldays, had surreptitiously phoned Pam from Perth seeking her consent to propose to her daughter. Pam said how lovely, sweet and old-fashioned and Mark asked could. Kim said yes as well, a few minutes later against the backdrop of Perth's Botanic Gardens.





Mark Radford and Kim Wren somewhere other than Esperance during their round-Australia travels.



When Susie Aumann was browsing recently at the Green Hand Op Shop in Webb Street she came across a lot of old books her mum Michelle had dropped in there a few days earlier. But what was this? One of them had her name on it. Oh my God, it was her childhood diary, a never-to-be-released dossier on puppy loves and other special secrets! Susie, 22, learned later Michelle had picked up the diary quite by accident and it was never meant to find its way to the Op Shop. But it sold anyway — Susie bought it back for \$2.



lan Hook knew he was gone when he saw Easyrider, our man on the buses, sitting there smirking. Hookles got aboard the 7.56 out of town the other day and asked for "city, concession" and as he produced his concession card, the driver asked: "Is that a 60 and Over?" How embarrassing is that when asked: "Is that a 60 and Over?" How embarassing is that when everyone knows lan is 52 going on 25? Similarly mortified was Terry Booth when he checked into hospital for routine tests and the receptionist, as she took his particulars, asked for his pension card. Everyone knows that Terry is a robust 57 and that premature hair loss is irrefutable evidence of exceptional virility. Still, the story got a lot of laughs when em-cee Kevin Close told it at the local tennis club's Christmas dinner.



Lenny Woods, of North Lenny Woods, of North Warrandyte, travels the lingth, longth and length of this country pursuing his passion for fishing. Ironical, then, that he should catch this 50-pound Murray cod at the backdoor of his holiday house at Bonnie Doon. So who's a happy hooker?



It was just after morning tea at Johnny Inch's place in Warranwood when Alan "Coatsy" Koetsveld's mobile phone went missing. Very mysterious. It had been there in the breast pocket of his trademark builder's overalls just a

little while ago and now it was nowhere to be found. "Tell you what," said Simon Dwyer, his partner on this job, "I'll call your number on my mobile and we'll trace the beep." Brilliant, and the trail led to a spot beneath a mass of floorboards Coatsy and Simon had just laid and nailed down so securely that Fort Knox might have been jealous. Coatsy doesn't lack a bit of ingenuity either and he dissembled a bit of brickwork at ground level and tried to hook the phone out with a length of wire. But it was as dark as the inside of a black cow in there and finding a needle in a haystack would have been child's play by comparison. Inevitably, the newly-laid flooring was ripped up, phone retrieved and the job done all over again. Coatsy's been in the building game a long, long time and doesn't really need the practice.



And a happy, well-publicised birthday to Andrea Gleeson, who celebrated her 40th on November 30. The occasion was announced on a rough-hewn poster on one side of the bridge, with a somewhat back-handed tribute — "What an old bag. 40 today" — on the other. Never mind, Andrea. We don't know you, but we bet you don't look a day over 39.



You could do a lot worse during these Christmas holidays than pop into the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend and pick up some stuff to keep this town native. Available (for a very modest donation) right now are a variety of wattles and native grasses and red box, that eucalypt with the round grey leaves that gives Warrandyte its character and is just the thing for dry, stony soil. Give Cathy Willis a bell on 0418 142297 and she'll fix it.



Hey, was that 1999 and the 20th Century that just flashed by? By golly, it was! Which is the signal for Smokey to say bye for now and implore you to make a new millennium resolution to dob in your mates—indeed, your own families—when hostilities resume in February and make your columnist a happy man. In the meantine, have a beauty!

Smokey

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Private Melanie seeks your urgent help



Mercy mission: Melanie Bellinger at work in PNG.

Australia's troops need your help. It seems our peace-keepers in East Timor are suffering through the lack of a good wash and a belly full of food.

Melanie Bellinger, from the famous Warrandyte Bellinger clan who did everything from captain the CFA to running the dairy, is an army medic stationed two kilometres from the front line in East Timor.

She's issued an urgent plea through her aunt, Val Barrow, for supplies to be sent urgently.

"We got an SOS from her—please send us some food. It can be anything. Munchies, Iollies, chips. There is no food and no water there," Val Barrow told the Diary. "They are really doing it hard. They can't wash their clothes or have a wash."

The good news, reports Val, is that items sent to the troops are free of postage costs.

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"Because of the war effort it is free to send the parcels," she said. "All people have to do is get a box, fill it with anything they think the troops

would like because it gets shared among them all and then take it to the post office. From there it goes to Sydney where the army takes it the rest of the way."

Popular items sent so far by some local residents include fruit bars and muesli bars—which Melanie says are a favourite with her young patients—cans of lemonade and biscuits. Val Barrow also sends colouring books and textas for Melanie's patients.

"There is nothing left over there. You can't go to a local shop and buy a loaf of bread or a drink. All the villages and shops have been burned down."

Most of the food and essential items flown in go to support the famished locals who have been left with nothing.

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"The troops have got their army rations and the army flies in some food for them but it's just the basics."

Melanie, who is now based in Townsville where she lives with parents Geoff and Denise, turns 22 later this month. But it's not the first birthday she will spend away from home.

Her 21st celebrations came while sta-tioned in Papua New Guinea helping locals overcome flood devastation. She is expected back home in Febru-ary at the completion of an arduous four month stay. She says despite the desire for a hearty roast spirits remain high.

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"Morale is good among the troops," Val Barrow said. "They know they are doing something really good for the people there. They are rapt to be there but they are just doing it hard."

And they could really do with a wash. "Melanie hasn't washed her clothes in three weeks. She said don't bother sending me soap anymore because there is just nowhere to have a wash."

If you have something to contribute

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Green' team's council bid By CLIFF GREEN Two locals with strong

environmental credentials are standing for Mullum Mullum ward in the Manningham council elections scheduled for next March.

next March.

They are Pamela Dry of Timbertop Ridge and Peter Curry of Blair Street. Both are heavily involved in community activities.

Pamela Dry (47) is a member of the Andersons Creek school council, formerly vice-president of the Warrandyte preschool management committee, a member of the Friends of Tindals Wildflower Reserve and a founder of the No Phone Tower Action Group. She is involved with the Green Wedge seminar series, and as "a five-acre landowner", is a keen participant in Manningham council's property management planning course.

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Mother of three children, Dr Dry works as a research scientist and educator. She spent her late secondary school and university years in Park Orchards, returning to Warrandyte to establish a family home in 1986.

"I chose to come back and bring up my children in this special environment," she told the Diary, "so I believe I have a strong vested interest in working to protect it and enhance it. "As a mother, I am committed to working for better local educational, cultural, health and sporting facilities for all ages. Local councils play an important role in all these issues."

Because of her involvement with the wildflower reserve, Dr Dry came to local prominence when Optus announced plans to erect a phone tower, with the reserve their preferred site. She helped found the No Phone Tower Action Group. Tower Action Group.

Peter Curry (31) is founding president of the Warrandyte Awareness Group (WAG). The group was founded in August, 1998, following the demise of the Warrandyte Environment League. WAG was impressed by the spontaneous—and successful—community reaction to a proposed new service station, 24-hour convenience store and carwash in Yarra Street. "This shows how effective community action can be," Mr Curry said at the time.

WAG has since played an effective "watchdog" role, being involved in virtually every community issue in Warrandyte, including the new roundabout and its attendant tree destruction; the proposed nursing home in Harris Gully Road; a proposal for a subdivision in the Green Wedge in South Warrandyte, promoted by Mullum Mullum ward councilors Patricia Young and Lionel Allemand; a residential subdivision planned for Cemetery Road and the proposed Optus phone tower.

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Road and the proposed Optus phone tower.

Peter Curry has been WAG's spokesman through all these campaigns. He "grew up in Warrandyte".

A facilities manager with BHP, he has stuied environmental management. Married, with one pre-school child, he too "returned to Warrandyte to establish a family". Mr Curry is a member of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and the Warrandyte High School Alumni Association.

"Inappropriate development—urban and non-urban—is the greatest threat this community faces," Mr Curry told the Diary. "I am totally opposed

to all subdivision in the Green Wedge and to closer density development in the town-ships—including dual occu-nancy."

Both councillor positions in the ward will fall vacant in March, and Pamela Dry and Peter Curry intend standing "as a team"

team".

"We feel we can better represent the ward as a unified team, working together for the whole community." Dr Dry said.

"We have been encouraged to stand. We have a strong community team, representing groups in Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park, but our aim is to represent everyone.

"Our prime motivation for standing is to enhance and protect the local environment and the character of the area."

When told of her two potential opponents, Mullum Mullum Ward councillor Patricia Young said, "I wish them all the best". "I will be standing again in March 2000, and I will continue working for the people of Park Orchards, Donvale, Warrandyte and Wonga Park—if the community supports me."

Cr Young believes she has kept the promises she made before her election in 1997.

"I facilitated the completion of the fifth tennis court in Warrandyte, including an up-

tracilitated the completion of the fifth tennis court in Warrandyte, including an upgrading of the cricket practice nets in this work, and I oversaw the building of the sports stadium in Warrandyte, "Cr Young said.
"I negotiated

said.
"I negotiated with government ministers, putting the community's case for no dual occupancy in Warrandyte township. I have been committed to working with council for a sus-

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"I'd be standing for council meself, Ock, only The Bill's shifted to Tuesday nights!

tainable Green Wedge."
Cr Young says she does not support the wholesale cutting up of any part of the Green Wedge, "but can understand the problems of some of the older families, who purchased large parcels of land 40 or 50 years ago, when there was no planning scheme in place, and now find they cannot look after them, and can't afford to stay".
"If I am elected I will continue to work with the community,

"If I am elected I will continue to work with the community, representing their needs.
"I will do my best to discourage overdevelopment, and make sure that our natural bushland and native animals are preserved wherever possible."

The Diary approached ward

sible."
The Diary approached ward councillor Lionel Allemand for his comments, but he had not responded in time for them to be included in this report.

Are council's tree rules working?

By DAVID WYMAN

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While the mayor of Manningham, Cr Allemand, believes that education may be the best way of stopping native tree destruction, some residents disagree.

One woman who telephoned the Diary recently said she called because she could not get any action from Manningham council. "I arrived home after being away for a week and found my neighbour removing native shrubs and trees, as well as some woody weeds," she said.

"I was very concerned because these people have done it before and don't know what is and isn't native. I telephoned council immediately that Sunday and was told by a lady that someone would look into it straight away.

"I am sure that no one did because on the Monday, a lady from council's planning department called and queried whether I had the right municipality.

"I repeated my message and

"I repeated my message and was told that the enforcement officer would telephone me. He didn't so I called council again and was told that the of-

ficer would call me as soon as he got in. He never did," the Green Wedge resident said. "Immediate enforcement

"Immediate enforcement would have stopped these people from destroying their native bush, but instead a large area of native shrubbery has been destroyed."

The Diary contacted Manningham council and was told that residents should telephone 9840 9333 at weekends and after hours if they wish to report illegal destruction of native flora.

But Nillumbik shire has no after hours number or service to police illegal tree removal. We asked an officer in the planning section, "Who can we phone at weekends to report bush destruction?" The answer: "No one, really, no. We don't have a contact number phone at weekends to report bush destruction?" The an-swer: "No one, really, no. We don't have a contact number at weekends. But in an emer-gency, someone in local laws can come out and inspect what's going on." We phoned Nillumbik's local laws section and repeated the

We phoned Nillumbik's local laws section and repeated the question. The answer: "No we can't do anything. Town plan-ning have an enforcement of-ficer but he's not available af-ter business hours."



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Whoops! We're still ducking for cover

It was a lovely photograph and caption (Diary, Novem-ber 1999) and I know it was meant with all goodness of heart, but ... the ducks pic-tured are mallard crosses and have long been de-clared to be noxious wild-life.

The reason for this is that mallards, an introduced species, and their hybrids exhibit very strong competitive mating traits whereby they mate with the native species (primarily

Pacific black duck around Warrandyte) and produce sterile or low fertility offspring while preventing the native bird from mating with its own kind. They also outcompete the black ducks for food and suitable nesting habitat thus reducing the viability of the native bird population.

In a way, these pest species of duck are like the prunus trees along the Yarra. They attract favourable comment from those who understand

neither the underlying problems they cause for their own native species their own native species nor the importance of pre-serving the natural envi-ronment if we are to retain that which makes Warrandyte such a magic place. Oh, and by the way: Down with bitumen paths and concrete kerbs, roundabouts, and council signs!

Ken Gurney by e-mail

Skateboard views

Concerning the article in the November *Diary* about the intended skateboard ramp near the play equipment at Warrandyte Reserve, some people have expressed concerns. I decided to ring Maroondah and Yarra Ranges councils to see how their skateboard ramps were going and if

councils to see now their skate-board ramps were going and if there were any problems. On the positive side, the skat-ers generally are a very respon-sible lot. Often young men in cars come along and act as good role models for the good role models for the younger skaters who pick up many skills. It is also a place for them to socialise. They often have brooms stored to help clean the ramps. There is virtually no vandalism or drug use. The main problem seems to be litter. Sometimes drinking groups congregate, resulting sometimes in smashed bottles. Graffiti seems to be confined to Graffiti seems to be confined to the site only and one group turned this into a mural. Some-times plastic wheelybins have

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been burnt.

The ramps are unsupervised and open at all times, but as they are not lit, they are used only in daylight hours. Weather determines how many use the ramps but 30 people would be an absolute maximum, for if they are too crowded, people will travel to another one. People often travel big distances. When a ramp is new, non-skaters will be attracted for about eight weeks, but then will drift off.

Steel ramps can be noisy but concrete ramps are not. The police like them as they can get to know the young people. One church has regarded it as an outreach and turns on a weekly sausage sizzle.

sausage sizzle.

John Hanson Webb Street

Trouble with horses

It has come to my notice that yet another horse in the area has had to be destroyed because of colic from unknown causes. Host my thoroughbred at exactly this time last year after he had spent the night in his normal paddock eating only the spring grass the same as he had for the last five years. Within three and-a-half hours he had to be put down, presumably because his bowel had twisted from the colic.

from the colic.

He was one of at least three other cases of colic in the last six months in 1998. There must be something growing in this

Responsibility for election and referen dum comment in this issue is accepted by Cliff Green, 23 Webb St, Warrandyt

area, particularly recently, that is causing this problem and all horse owners should take note. These incidents were all within a 5km radius of Warrandyte's

On another note, for the second time this year I have had all the rugs off my horse stolen while he was in his paddock on Yarra Street overnight. This time it was only a 10 year-old rug and really not worth reselling. I don't know why this is happening and it is obviously causing a great deal of stress. I only hope the thieves now have enough rugs for their horses and can leave me something to put on mine.

Juniper Greve

Juniper Greve Webb Street



Memories of Shelly

Warrandyte Football Club is all the poorer for the recent loss of one of our favourite people, Shelly Turner. Having several health problems of her own didn't deter Shell from being an energetic and tireless worker at the club. You name it, she was involved, and the only way she knew was full-on, with plenty of passion. Her passing leaves a big void.

We will miss her sense of humour, devilish actions and that cheeky grin. In honour of Shelly, the bar at WFC social rooms will now be known as Shelly's Bar in recognition of the service and joy she has given to so many people.

Shelly was the partner of WFC life member and secretary Robert (Noddy) Ireland.

Noddy has asked me to thank, on his and Dylan's behalf, everyone for their kind wishes and support.

Jeff Evans President Warrandyte Football Club

Thanks

Colin, Irene, Dylan and family would like to thank everyone for their sincere thoughts and support at the recent loss of Shelly. Special thanks to Assisi House, Warrandyte Football Club and the Grand Hotel.

Colin Turner Boronia

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Early fire rings warning bells

A small fire in grassland in North Warrandyte, one hot day early this month, could have flared into a major conflagration, with tragic consequences for the entire community.

the entire community.

"The local brigades were mobilised by Vic Fire, following a 000 emergency call," a North Warrandyte CFA brigade spokesperson told the Diary.

"Although the fire was small, and contained early, it had the potential to rapidly escalate. If it had spread into The Chase Reserve, the weather conditions were perfect for serious fire behaviour.

"The location of the fire made firefighting difficult, being in a very steep gully with difficult and limited truck access.

"The fire was contained to grassland, relatively close to scrub and forest. Had it not been for a combined rapid response by brigades we could have had a very different outcome."

Jeff Adair, community facilita-

Jeff Adair, community facilita-tor at Warrandyte CFA brigade, believes this incident under-lines the potential dangers for the present summer fire sea-

the present summer fire sea-son.

"This will be our third con-secutive summer where we have received below average rainfall. This means forest fuels are tinder-dry and already in a condition to support and sus-tain bushfires. We are barely one week into summer and al-ready we have had high fire risk days and the outbreak of fire in the area."

The CFA is appealing to resi-dents to take heed of these

A possible review of Metropolitan Fire Brigade boundaries which could affect the Warrandyte area is being finalised and should be going to Manninham council by the end of the year or early into 2000.

HOT TIPS FROM THE FIREFRONT

Review your plan in the event of a total fire ban day. Are your children clear on what to do to protect themselves?
If your children are at school during a local fire, they are safe and will remain under the care of school staff until the incident has passed.
Remove door mats and place them inside or in the middle of the driveway on days of total

the driveway on days of total fire ban or days of high fire dan-

ger.

Consider how you might help assist others with special needs on days of high risk—the elderly, single parents, families with spouses at work.

Move pets and other animals to safer locations on days of high fire risk.

Remove winter debris from benezity and other animals.

beneath your decking.

Block your chimney over summer to reduce the entry of blowflies and embers.

Fill gaps in timber work and wall spaces with metal flywire.
 If you cannot burn or remove fine fuels, store them well away from your home and cover them so they cannot be windblown.
 Store woollen blankets and water in your car over the summater in your car over the summater.

water in your car over the sum-mer period.

Obtain plastic buckets, 44 gallon drums, wine barrels, drinking troughs for storage of water in the event of a water shortage.

Purchase mops and supersoaker water pistols for the hard-to-get-to places.
 Cover your skylights with wire meshing or protective guards.

early warning signs.

"The level of fire awareness in the community must be higher than it was a year ago. The number of Fireguard groups now existing in Warrandyte is among the highest in the state. Earlier this month we ran our annual fire expo and two days later ABC Radio based their bushfire awareness and phone-in program in Warrandyte."

The level of local fire awareness should be high. But is awareness being translated into action? Is our community well-prepared for a fire emergency? Warrandyte CFA worries that many residents have heard the warnings, but have failed to take positive action.

"A lot of households have only half a plan," Jeff Adair said.

"Their decisions on what to do in a fire emergency are often based on last-minute reactions, without considering the full range of potential dangers and difficulties.

"Thear reports of children at

"I hear reports of children at home by themselves, elderly folk who are physically unable to defend their properties but cannot leave early on high fire risk days, people with respiratory problems and others who could be sitting in air-conditioned comfort, unaware of outside conditions. Their chances of being overwhelmed by wild-fire during an emergency are very real.

reading an emergency are very real.
"Having a detailed plan—covering either stay or leave early—is the first and most important step. If the decision is

to stay and defend, the plan should reflect an understanding of fire behaviour, methods of fire attack on the home and personal safety.

"The formulation of a plan to defend must be immediately followed by active preparation. There must be readily available stores of water placed around the home, plus the equipment necessary to use the water—knapsack sprays, fire pumps, fire beaters and buckets and mops. And, most importantly, protective clothing that offers a shield to radiant heat."

Warrandyte CFA believes that if a resident has decided—for whatever reason—that they don't want to fight a fire in de-

if a resident has decided—for whatever reason—that they don't want to fight a fire in defence of their home, their decision should be to leave early. But they also need a plan.
"By leaving early, residents may need to be committed to the possibility of leaving their homes and travelling out of the district on numerous occasions.

homes and travelling out of the district on numerous occasions over the summer. However, they may choose to take shelter in a safer home nearby. This option must be worked out in advance with a clear understanding that the house chosen is safer than their own. Again, this decision must not be left until the last panic-driven mountil the last, panic-driven mo-

until the last, panic-driven mo-ment.
"Identifying a safer home is not a hit-or-miss affair. There are clear guidelines which can be applied to the property. Lo-cal fire brigades are well quali-fied to evaluate properties to determine their suitability as 'fire-safer' homes." fire-safer' homes."

The Warrandyte CFA com-

munity facilitator can be contacted—for property evaluations and Fireguard information—on 9844 3375 or 0419 877 574, week days and evenings.

These ancillary services include com-nunity education, fire prevention, and

munity education, fire prevention, and so on.

"We comply with industry response standards and CFA is certainly no less efficient than the MFB. It's also extremely cost effective because of the volunteers," Mr White said.

He said the CFA is still negotiating with the United Firefighters Union about conditions of employment for two new professional firefighters at Warrandyte station.



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Battle of the fire zones

Off their patch? CFA vehicles in an urban setting. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)



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Manningham provides a diverse range of high quality residential environments coupled with the City's high environmental standards, natural and scenic resources and broad range of leisure opportunities, particularly, recreation, entertainment, culture and art.

The balance between the provision of sustainable housing opportunities and supporting infrastructure will continue to be a focus and challenge for council's residential land-use planning.

Manningham City Council is currently preparing a Residential Development Strategy. The strategy is being prepared to properly plan for the future of residential development. The strategy will ensure that a diversity of housing types is encouraged which is appropriate to the housing needs of existing and future residents.

The need for a Residential Develop of important factors including:

- a changing population, including an ageing population and a trend towards smaller family structures, leading to changing housing needs;
- the need to protect and enhance Manningham's unique landscape character, neighbourhood character and environmental values;
- increasing pressure for redevelopment and medium density housing which raises issues about how these changes affect the character and amenity of our local neighbourhoods;
- the need to more efficiently use land, physical and community infrastructure, i.e. schools;
- a commitment to moving towards a sustainable future, to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit a tomorrow that is at least as good as today, and preferably better.

A TELEPHONE SURVEY IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED.

MacroPlan Pty Ltd is currently conducting a random telephone survey of residents in Manningham on behalf of Council. The results of the telephone survey will be used to inform Council on issues relating to strategic planning decisions for future housing needs.

If you are contacted, the telephone survey will also be used to identify your

- current housing characteristics;
 satisfaction with residential locations;
 preferences for housing types; and
 future housing needs

Council values your input, so if contacted please take the time to respond to the telephone survey.

If you have any queries in relation to the development of Manningham's Residential Development Strategy, or questions about the telephone survey please contact Sue Vujcevic, Economic and Environmental Planning Unit, on Telephone: 9840 9406 or Facsimile: 9840 9465 or via Email: sue.vujcevic@manningham.vic.gov.au

Locked

By RACHEL BAKER

On sunny afternoons, Helena Adair of Webb Street likes to take Georgina, her 19-month-old daughter, for a walk. They often go along the river, and stop off at the community centre playground on

They often go along the river, and stop off at the community centre playground on the way home.

But last month the playground was locked to the public.

A playspace safety audit conducted by the state government found that the playground was "not up to scratch" and should be used exclusively by the Occasional Child Care Centre, Manningham mayor, Cr Lionel Allemand, told the Diary.

The playground needs to be upgraded to meet current legal standards.

Cr Allemand could not quote exact figures, but said "substantial money" would be required.

Although council provided the playground for the community centre initially, the maintenance of it is "certainly not" council's responsibility, he said.

It was built as a favour for the centre and was never intended to be a public facility, Cr Allemand said.

He denied that the community centre was designed for public use.

"The Warrandyte Diary has its office in the community centre, but I'm sure you wouldn't want people wandering in there," he said.

Despite this, he said the council would

wouldn't want people wandering in there," he said.

Despite this, he said the council would consider contributing to the cost of the playground's upgrade.

Mrs Adair disagrees with Mayor Allemand: "It's a public facility and why has it closed?" she asked. Although there are other public playgrounds in Warrandyte, the community centre facility is the only one suitable for toddlers, Mrs Adair said. Older children are not deterred by the locked gate, as they are able to climb the fence.

"It's just shutting out the children who should be able to use it," Mrs Adair said.

No admittance: Georgina Adair is locked out of her favourite playground. (Picture by Jan Tindale)





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Viva our republic!

By FIA CLENDINNEN

The hills of Warrandyte are alive with republicans. Results from last month's referendum show a solid majority of local residents believe that as a nation it's time we tossed out the English queen and had our own head of state.

At the eight polling booths within the Diary circulation area (Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Warrandyte, Warrandyte North, Research and Kanagaroo Ground) the yes vote averaged out at 60.82 percent, considerably higher than the state figure of 49.84, and higher still than the national yes vote of 45.13 percent.

The fact that Warrandyte polled so strongly in favour of the republic didn't surprise two well-known Melbourne academics.

The Diary spoke to Robert

well-known Melbourne academics.

The Diary spoke to Robert Manne, associate professor of politics at La Trobe University and Nick Economou, lecturer in politics at Monash University and both said given Warrandyte's sociological make-up a strong yes vote was entirely predictable.

"The referendum results were in some ways very clear cut,"

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"The referendum results were in some ways very clear cut," said Mr Manne. "I would say with very few exceptions the wealthier the area the more likely people were to vote yes, strangely enough. Certainly Warrandyte would be one of the more affluent areas of Melbourne now."

Warrandyte is situated at the convergence of three federal electorates (Menzies, McEwen and Jagajaga) the first two being Liberal seats and the last Labor. But Mr Manne said that party allegiance "played almost no role at all in" determining how people voted.

He pointed out that although Prime Minister John Howard is a monarchist, in his electorate people voted strongly for the republic. At the same time Kim Beasley, Leader of the Opposi-

tion, is a republican but in his electorate there was a definite vote against the republic. Nick Economou agreed that Warrandyte's high rate of average weekly family income was influential in achieving the strong yes vote but he stressed there was another factor, equally important, and this was the large proportion of local residents with tertiary education.

residents with tertiary educa-tion.
"I've got a map of Melbourne and it's a map that shows the distribution of people with ter-tiary qualifications and guess what? It corresponds almost exactly with those federal elec-torates that voted yes. Those areas where there are high lev-els of tertiary educated voters, they are the ones that voted yes."

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Both Mr Manne and Mr Economou stressed the results of the referendum highlighted some uncomfortable truths about Australia.

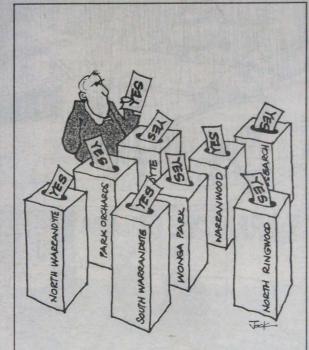
Mr Economou said the fact that the republic had failed to get up indicated, "there are voters who are clearly not happy with the way things are going. And they use every opportunity they can to communicate that. When these people hear things like 'the Australian economy is doing well, these are the good economic times,' it makes them feel very angry.

"There may be good economic times but they are not experiencing it."

While Mr Manne said Australia had historically taken pride in being an egalitarian society but this was no longer true.

"If you take into account just income, Australia is one of the least equal societies in the Western world. Much less so than most European countries. And levels of inequality seem to be growing, if anything. My basic interpretation of the (referendum) result is that the no vote represents a very strong alienation and disaffection from the realization.

te represents a very strong



HOW WE VOTED

POLLING BOOTH	YES %	NO%
Kangaroo Ground	63.14	36.86
Park Orchards	58.88	41.12
Research	. 65.96	34.04
Warrandyte	61.12	38.88
Warrandyte North	69.21	30.79
Warrandyte South	52.78	47.22
Warranwood	58.04	41.96
Wonga Park	52.50	47.50

Road to reconciliation

By FIA CLENDINNEN

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"If Australians are to feel good about themselves in their centenary year... there must be real improvement in relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider community."

This is the belief of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) and to this end a draft document for reconciliation was prepared and circulated for discussion.

Late last month the Nillumbik Reconciliation Group (NRG) hosted a forum in Eltham where around 75 local residents met to analyse the document. Their responses were recorded and sent on to the CAR. Grass roots meetings such as this are happening throughout Australia.

But one of the speakers at the meeting was Gary Foley, a well known Koori activist, who made the controversial statement that "at the end of the day reconciliation documents are just words".

He stressed that true reconciliation was impossible until the crimes committed against Aboriginal people were properly addressed and advocated setting up a truth and reconciliation council, such as was established in South Africa.

Mr Foley also pointed out "Aboriginal living standards were still at rock bottom" despite the formation of the Department of

Aboriginal Affairs by the federal government nearly 30 years ago.

"Bits of paper have done nothing to address fundamental problems," he said.
"Things that are created by civil servants lack validity."

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But Mr Foley acknowledged the "honest and good intentions" of the people who attended the meeting and said he did "not want to diminish anything they were involved in".

"The point is not for you to feel intensely guilty," he said. "There's nothing worse than a room full of guilty whitefellas."

Elizabeth Savage Kooroonya, a Nillumbik resident of Aboriginal descent told the Diary that she disagreed in part with Mr Foley's criticisms that the reconciliation process was imposed on the community by bureaucrats.

"I do think there is a grass roots movement, a people's movement," she said. "I mean that's where the sorry books came from, for example. The Nillumbik Reconciliation Group is a people's movement. It was the feeling of some people in the community that actually got it up and running even though the shire has a big input."

But she said that like Mr Foley she had many reservations about the draft document for reconciliation. "It's all very well

where are we going?" she said. "It seemed like there was too much good will there and not enough actual action and commit-

ment."

Ms Savage Kooroonya also had concerns about the wording of the document which several people at the meeting described as academic and alienating.

"I happen to know that there are some people who would have great trouble understanding this. That's not to say it's a bad thing but it probably needs a lot more talking."

thing but it probably needs a lot more taking."

But Ms Savage Kooroonya was generally positive about the document prepared by CAR. "I'm happy that we've reached a point where we do have a draft declaration for reconciliation. There's a lot of things wrong about it but at least it is a statement. And that's the first time in more than 200 years that we've actually got to that point."

She commended the NRG for arranging the meeting and giving local residents an opportunity to be involved in the process. "To have these little forums is excellent. I thought there was very intelligent critique of the document. At my table I had a 17 year old right through to people in their 80s. Their effort in attending and considering (the material) was wonderful."

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except the rabbits All had a field day-



Local rabbits are on the run following a successful rabbit control field day, held recently at Stiggants Reserve.

"Victoria has up to 40 million rabbits and Warrandyte has more than its fair share," a field day organiser told the Diary. "Eighteen rabbits eat as much as one horse. In our harder country, a single rabbit can stop herbaceous plants growing across two hectares."

The day was organised by councils and agencies follow-

Tom Hays prefers bilbies to rabbits—even chocolate ones.

ing "a deluge of enquiries". A number of experts, covering every method of eradication, spoke and manned displays.

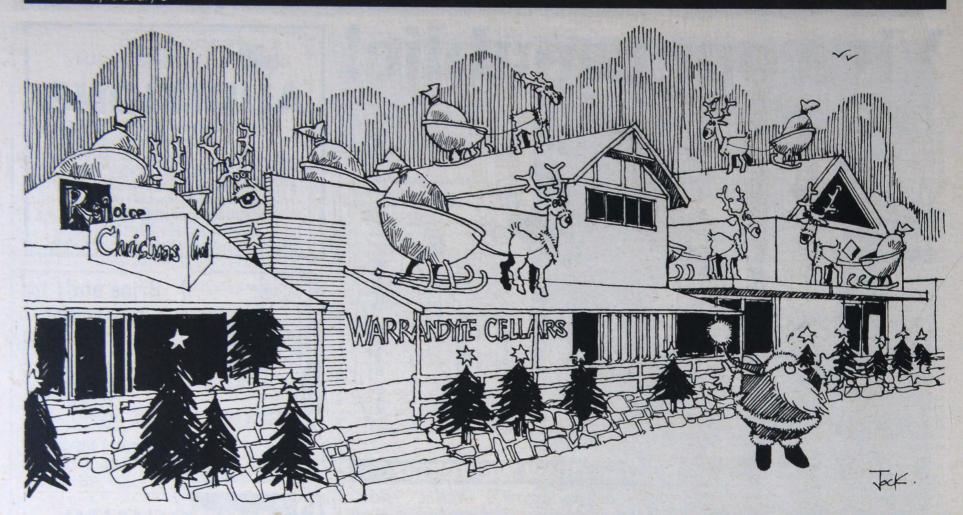
"Control methods include poisoning, fumigation, ferreting and netting," the organiser said. "The day was worth attending just to see the characters involved. Peter Voutier with his ferrets and terriers and Alex Kristic, the fox hunter, who uses traps instead of firearms in urban areas."

Did you know that rabbits don't burrow much in Warrandyte? They hide in low shrubs and woodheaps.

John Huff from Mt Pleasant Road and Dawn Ind from South Warrandyte coordinate rabbit control groups and have found district action us-ing poisoning combined with netting fences to be the most effective method. "Make the decision to act, plan well and persist in action" was the mes-sage.

sage.

• More information from Glen Jameson at Parks Victoria (9844 2659), Donna Stoddart at Manningham (9840 9333), Damien Class at Nillumbik (9433 3111) or Paul Hay at the DNRE (9296 4400).



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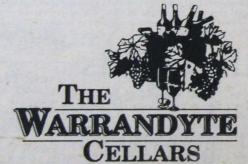
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New principal at Warrandyte



ew principal Mandy Dunn gets to know Emma Bence (Grade 1).

Mandy Dunn is the new principal of Warrandyte Primary School. Previously assistant principal at Milgate primary. Mandy takes up her position at the beginning of next year. She told WPS parents she was "thrilled with the news".

Mandy has been acting principal at Warrandyte since the beginning of term three. Brought into the school at short notice, she has impressed parents and staff with her energetic and creative approach to the position.

"We're delighted at the news that Mandy's appointment has been confirmed by the Department of Education," school council president Tony Bullard said. "We're looking forward to working with Mandy and we're confident she will lead the school most capably."

Mandy stresses the importance of the relationship between teacher and student in developing a love of learning among primary-aged children.

"A high quality teaching and learning program will provide the building blocks for children," she said. "But even more powerful is the relationship between child and teacher. Feeling valued and valuing others, enjoying learning and developing intrinsic motivation and a love of learning is to me the significant reality that educators should never lose sight of."

Mandy's experience as a classroom teacher includes time at Eltham, Templestowe Heights, Kingsbury and Ruthven primary schools.

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Honours for local senior volunteers

As part of the celebrations for the International Year of Older Persons, local federal MP Kevin Andrews has presented awards to 19 senior Australians in Manningham, honouring them for their community work. Four of these awards went to members of the Warrandyte community. They are Louise Joy, Bonnie Peake, Colin Bentley and Bent Mansson. Mr Andrews said it was appropriate to recognise the contributions senior citizens make to the community.

The local recipients are:

LOUISE JOY

Louise Joy is a founding mem-ber of the Warrandyte CAB, now known as Information Warran-dyte, and long-standing chair-person of the Warrandyte Comperson of the Warrandyte Community Cooperative, now the Neighbourhood House, and life member of this group. She has a long history of involvement and commitment to afterschool care, youth service and occasional child-care. She works as a counsellor with many welfare groups and on an individual basis.



BONNIE PEAKE

Bonnie's Peake's mettle was early demonstrated when during the Second World War she was asked to take over the bread run by the local baker. It was at this time that Bonnie joined the local auxiliary of the Women's Hospital. For the past 58 years she has worked to raise money for such muchneeded equipment for the hospital as beds, incubators and microscopes. She has held every position in the auxiliary, including 18 years a president. At 84, she is still actively working for the hospital. Bonnie's Peake's mettle was



COLIN BENTLEY

Colin Bentley has been a valued volunteer in Warrandyte for many years. He was volunteer driver for the after-school care programs at St Anne's, South Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools for seven years. As founding member of the Warrandyte Model Railway Club, he has been involved in the construction and maintenance of the model railway, raising money for the club every month. He was a member of the Whitehouse committee and the CAB and is now on the committee of the Warrandyte Community Centre and Neighbourhood House.

BENT MANSSON

Born in Copenhagen, Bent Mansson migrated to Austra-lia with his wife and baby son in 1956. He has enjoyed con-siderable success as a graphic and commercial design artist designing amongst othere

things the first ever "flat pack" for hosiery, which is still used. In 1980 he founded the Bridge Gallery at Warrandyte, allowing fine Australian craftsmen and artists to display their work, no-tably ceramics and glassware.



Dogwalkers: (1 to r) Liz Low, Marion Wren, Kerry Fairley, Doreen Burge—with Phoebe, Bella and Beetle.

Good deal for dogs

By DOREEN BURGE

Manningham council's domestic animals strategy came into effect in August after more than two years of input from a steering committee and from periodic community consultation.

The biggest change the strategy has brought to dog owners in the municipality is that dogs must now be on leads at all times except in designated offlead reserves. All owners of registered dogs in the municipality received, in September, a letter outlining the changes and also a list of on- and off-lead reserves in Manningham.

An important part of the strategy is council's commitment to assist in the establishment of dog walkers groups in several areas across the municipality.

One of these areas is the Warrandyte River/Stiggants Reserve. These have been designated as off-lead reserves following considerable support for this during the community consultation.

As the reserves are heavily used by the community and visitors to Warrandyte, council felt it important to establish a dog walkers group which could hopefully assist in the responsible use of the reserves by all dog owners.

A notice was placed in the Diary a few months ago notifying readers of the group, and at the vet clinics and Chaff Shed. Malcolm Scheele, a ranger with Manningham and a member of the domestic animals steering committee, organised those people who responded to the notices to meet for the first time in October. A few of us met again in November.

The regulations which are particularly relevant to the River Reserve and Stiggants Reserve are that owners are responsible for the removal of their dog's faeces; dogs are to be on leads within 15 metres of a playground or barbeque area; and off-lead dogs must be under effective control at all times (easier said than done!).

Council signs should be in place at all reserves within a few weeks advising people of the on- or off-lead status. Council plans to trial a number of different faeces removal methods in different reserves and Warrandyte is high on the list for one of these trials. Meanwhile all dog owners should carry plastic bags or pooper scoopers so they can clean up after their dogs. The faeces issue is one of the major threats to dogs having continued use of the reserves.

Our small meeting of dog owners in November briefly discussed other "etiquette" issues regarding dogs and their owners. We felt it made sense that although the area where the community market is held is designated off-lead, dogs should be on-lead if they are in the vicinity of the market.

If a dog is being walked on-lead, off-lead dogs should be prevented by their owners from approaching the restrained dog unless the owner gives the okay. Off-lead dogs should be restrained from chasing joggers, cyclists and horses, and from approaching people using the reserves unless they are happy to "meet" the dog.

Our small group would welcome more interested members, both from Manningham and Nillumbik. We do not necessarily intend to meet on a regular basis, but will get together when the need arises. Some members may wish to meet up with others and walk their dogs together.

Any interested dog owners, or any other members of the local community who wish to comment or ask questions, can contact me, Doreen Burge, on 9844 2512 or by fax on 9844 0664. I was a community representative on the domestic animals steering committee and I own two black labradors. I am happy to be a contact person for the Warrandyte River Reserve/ Stiggants Reserve dog walkers group.



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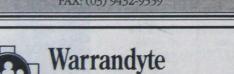
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Enjoying dog's dinner in a village of the damned

T'S okay. He hasn't been trained to kill yet."
This was of little

comfort as the great dane-like dog stood eyeballing me in the restaurant, the Cafe de Sade. We were staying in the little hilltop village of

the Cafe de Sade. We were staying in the little hilltop village of Lacoste in Provence.

Early November is a perfect time to visit Provence. There are very few tourists yet the weather is pleasant and the scenery is still beautiful, with all the grapevines turning shades of gold and crimson red and the mists covering the lower valley in early morning.

This particular hilltop village has been spared the effects of Peter Mayle-type exposure. Nearby are the villages of Gordes and Menerbes, the latter being referred to by Mayles in his novel, A Year In Provence. When he wrote of it, it was just like "our village", but now the Mayle pilgrimages have changed it into a Provencal Gold Coast. Instead of food shops there are streets full of souvenir shops. Instead of locals the houses have now been renovated and extended and extended and re used by the wealthy gentry renovated and extended and are used by the wealthy gentry on weekends or other "vacances".

Fortunately, the local councils

Fortunately, the local councils have been quick to realise the inherent possibility of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs and have imposed very strict regulations. For example, when renovating, you cannot alter the size or number of the



"Alone in the Cafe de Sade; the chateaux brooding over the village, a reminder that danger is possible."

original windows. The roof tiles must be of the same profile and colour as the others—no high tech stainless steel and steel deck!—and the construction must be of stone. This leads to a very pleasing and unified village. But it also brings some problems, cost being a not insignificant issue.

Most hilltop villages began life as fortification against invasion. I still find it hard to imagine the lifestyle that takes it for granted that some other guys will rock up one day and take over your house. Instead of sending in a behavioural psychologist or a good pulpit thumping priest, you build on the most inacces-

sible craggy hilltops. Stones aren't scarce in Provence, in fact the soil is very similar to Warrandyte's, so they just built up from the solid stone foundations. For example, we were staying in an apartment halfway up the village. To reach our apartment, which was in the original town wall, we had to climb a flight of stairs, just to enter our front door. Once inside we had to climb a spiralling staircase to our small "studio" apartment. Above us, via another staircase, was the main house. From our small terrace we could easily pour boiling oil on any invaders.

Obviously, the more money you had, the higher you could build up the hilltop. The views were an added bonus, but protection of property and life was more significant. For this reason, the majority of hilltops are crowned with the village church. After all, who else had the money, property and power!

Our hilltop village was slightly different. Our village was overseen by one of the chateaux of the Marquis liked to share himself around so he had a number of large chateaux so he could have a number of experiments on the go at the same time. Nowadays his chateaux have been destroyed, following his fall from favour, but the imposing ruins still brood over the little hilltop village.

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lage but I fear what will happen when the village is discovered. Instead of the lavender bags, goats' cheese and boar sau-sages of the other villages, we'll find whips, spikes, impaling kits and do-it-yourself thumb-screws.

and do-it-yourself thumb-screws.

The closest we got to the old Marquis was the cafe. We were the only customers, it being the "off season". As is the custom, the menu is not a la carte. A menu is publicised, at a fixed price, and you select from each course.

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I was just starting on the piston soup. I lifted the spoon to my mouth and instead of Herself's limpid blue eyes, there were two brown eyes burrowing into mine.

It wasn't just Jacque's size but his studded collar that reminded me too much of the Marquis. There we were, alone in the Cafe de Sade; the chateaux brooding over the entire village, a constant reminder that danger is possible. The chef, cigarette in mouth, a not uncommon sight, poked his head around the kitchen door, saw the dog, threw his hands into the air, blew a cloud of smoke across the dessert patisseries and gave a Gallic shrug which I took to mean: "He's nervous and hungry. Don't upset him and he'll just go away."

I looked into Jacque's eyes

go away."
I looked into Jacque's eyes and understood the reason for the name of the cafe.

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Toothbrush caterpillar's timely transformation

T was a family affair. Starting with the collection of a caterpillar, a passing interest became a preoccupation that lasted several years.

The caterpillar was found in the garden by the children, brought inside, and housed in an old ice cream container along with the sprig of grevillea on which it had been resting.

Overnight the smooth, olivegreen, cylindrical-bodied caterpillar changed into a shiny, mahogany brown, torpedo-shaped pupa. And none of us saw how it happened.

A few weeks later, once again unwitnessed, a moth emerged. We discovered it one morning-russet wings outstretchedlying motionless on the bottom of the container. Its resemblance to a dead leaf proresemblance to a

dead leaf produced exclamations of wonder from the children were at that

d e light-ful.

lightful, untroubled age when curiosity is unlimited and rapture
unrestrained.

During those calm, transient
years—after the full-time physical demands of baby and
toddlerhood, before the mentally draining emotional upheaval of adolescence—we
reared many caterpillars. Most
were either found in the garden
or local parks or on family outings to the bush.

We made a special cage for
the insects with sides of flywire



Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

on a square wooden frame and called it a caterpillary. Dozens of caterpillars crept, crawled, looped and shimmied their way over a smorgasbord of plants, kept fresh in narrow-necked of water

At varying times, they spun cocoons amongst foliage, in the corners of the cage or disap-

peared under the layers of newspaper that lined the base of the cage. The trouble was, when the moths emerged we didn't know which one had come from which caterpillar, thereby frustrating our efforts at photographing their individual life cycles. So it was back to individual containers for the caterpillars.

ridual containers for the cater-pillars.

The kids invented names for our unusual pets. There was Spike, Sunglasses, Grass Muncher and Toothbrush. Toothbrush was a particular

favourite, partly because it was so frequently encountered, but also because it was a strikingly attractive-looking caterpillar. Its body was covered with long, silver-grey, silky hairs that terminated, at the head end, in two tufts much like a pair of antennae. On its back were four tussocks of dense white hair giving the caterpillar its toothbrush appearance.

ing the caterpillar its tooth-brush appearance.
Prior to pupating, Toothbrush stopped eating and began to roam the sides and base of the container endlessly, before set-tling back on the foliage of its foodplant. We observed the cat-erpillar pupating one

weaving

terior of the cocoon. None of us were prepared for what happened next. The moth that hauled itself out of the pupal case was completely without wings. Not only that, its hairy yellow abdomen was hugely swollen and distended. I don't think any of us could believe that our beautiful toothbrush caterpillar had somehow transformed into this grotesque creature.

attract a male moth. And our suspicions were confirmed when we placed the female outside the back door. We were, nevertheless, astounded by the speed of what took place. Within minutes a fully-winged male moth arrived, hovered for an instant around the female, mated briefly with her and flew off. The female began egg-laying almost at once, attaching dozens of small white eggs to the outside of the vacated cocoon with some invisible adhesive secreted from her body. Half an hour later she was dead, her abdomen bereft of eggs, now shrivelled and deflated.

We watched the whole remarkable sequence of events in awe. This glimpse into the private double life of Toothbrush had been a learning experience for the whole family.

ture.
"What is it?"the kids asked. At "What is it? The kids asked. At first we too were bemused, but noticing the moths' abdomen pulsating gently, we suspected this was a female pouring out invisible scent signals— phermomones—to

had been a learning experience for the whole family.

Sunday lunch was a little late



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Millennium? Think of a number

ON December 31, as we usher in the final year of the millennium, an enormous hullaballoo will travel around the planet like a giant Mexican wave. It seems strange that such an apparently meaningless and arbitrary point in time could have caught the imagination of nations worldwide. But is it in fact arbitrary and meaningless?

worldwide. But is it in fact arbitrary and meaningless?
Yes and no. In 1949 when Mao Zedong declared that China would follow the Gregorian calendar, the entire world was in agreement about the date for the very first time. Stephen Jay Gould cites this, the effective establishment of a consistent and useful calendar, as one of humanity's greatest achievements. He was dead right. And it only took a few thousand years of trial and error.
Rearranging the calendar was such a frequent occurrence for the Romans that they must have had a terrible time keeping track of birthdays and other special events.

They started out in 753 BC

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They started out in 753 BC with a pretty dodgy ten-month lunar calendar concocted by Romulus, and even after 50 years when they'd slotted in the missing two months, there was



still too much drift in relation to the seasons.

Priests, whose job it was to throw in extra days every so often to square things up, occasionally got naughty and adjusted things to lengthen the terms of office of their favourite senators instead.

In any case, the job of trying to intercalate Greek and Roman calendars (whilst maintaining sufficient accuracy to keep the farmers happy as well as avoiding superstitious evils like even numbers) got so confusing that the poor old priests simply forgot things or bungled their calculations.

Julius Caesar fixed all that, partly to compensate for the fact that he'd indulged in a spot of bungling himself. With the promise of smooth sailing when

weaving a golden cocoon around itself with silk extruded from a gland in the mouth and incorporating hairs from its body. We could only guess at what was going on behind the walls of the cocoon. It was Sunday lunchtime, several weeks later, when one of the kids noticed a movement from the hairy cocoon. As one, the family gathered around the container awaiting the rebirth of Toothbrush. The first sign that emergence was imminent was a small split in the cocoon. We waited with tense expectation. Soon a head appeared, followed by a pair of the round in the cocoon.

tion. Soon a head appeared, fol-lowed by a pair of legs which im-mediately latched on to the ex-

his new solar calendar of 365 days took effect the following year, 46BC turned out to be the Year The Romans Had To Have: about 80 extra days were needed to balance the books. Jules called it "The Last Year of Confusion".

It wasn't, of course. After centuries of revision and lots of fiddling with leap years, the currently-used Gregorian calendar was finally given the thumbs up, provided that 10 days of 1582 were deleted.

Catholic Europeans obediently made the necessary overnight leap from October 4 to 15, but antagonistic fieldoms, Mukedoms, Protestants, Jews, Moslems, witches, heretics and respected scholars who refused to kowtow to the papacy woke up on October 5, 1582 feeling pretty much as though it was in fact October 5, 1582.

The subsequent glorious debacle, which was to end only in 1949, is described in David Duncan's brilliant book The Calendar.

So the world is finally agreed

Calendar.

So the world is finally agreed on the date, but what does that date actually signify? Not much. Jesus was probably born about 4BC, the Hebrew calendar's zero hour in 3761BC (supposedly when the earth began) is

decidedly iffy, the Moslem lunar calendar, begun in 622AD, bears little relation to solar reality, and Buddhists seem quite and Buddhists seem quite happy to refer to next year simply as the Year of the Dragon. The year 2000 could be seen, however, as a symbol of unprecedented worldwide cooperation. Not a bad excuse for a party!

tion. Not a bad excuse for a party!

Memorable celebrations there will certainly be, and for "memorable" read "big". With catering arrangements having to be finalised months before guest lists are known, hostesses are understandably getting a little edgy. They've ordered food for 200 to 300, but they've just heard that this friend and that friend have done the same thing.

that friend have done the same thing.
Will there be enough guests to go around? Or will all Warrandyte converge on the bridge party? What about going to see the fireworks in the city? What about tackling something really memorable like a midnight ascent of Mt. Feathertop? And will we do it all again when the millennium actually ends next year?

year?
With those few thoughts, I'll leave you to have a very happy Christmas. May all your Y2K bugs be little ones!

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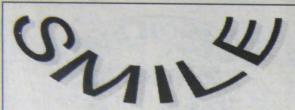
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Tom's off to the games

By KARA WILLIAMS

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It's a typical Sunday morning and most Warrandyte teenagers are catching up on sleep from last night's party.

But not local teen Tom Sheehan (pictured), who four months ago was selected to play in the Sydney Olympic Games marching band. Tom is up early, eager to start band rehearsals at 8am to prepare for one of the more amazing experiences of his life.

Tom Sheehan, who currently plays the drums for the Victorian Youth Band, found out about the Olympics Band through his conductor. He auditioned for a position along with hundreds of other fervent musicians.

musicians.

Obviously impressing the judges with his musical talent Tom is now looking forward to playing the snare drums at the Sydney 2000 Olympics Games. With only 10 months before the games officially open the 2000 piece marching band, comprising musicians from 15 different countries, have a lot of practices scheduled. Tom, however, believes that all the prac-

tice will be worth it.

"It should be pretty good and a lot of fun," he told the Diary.

The band is scheduled to arrive in Sydney a week before the games commence. The Australian musicians, travelling to Sydney by train, will unite with their international symphonic companions at an "Olympic Town" in Bathurst. The town is being set up for the band to rehearse their tunes.

And what kind of songs will the band be playing at the games? "I know a couple but I can't tell you," he replied sheepishly.

From Bathurst the band will

travel to Homebush in 45 buses complete with police escort, to perform at the opening cer-

emony.

Tom Sheehan is still unsure of the uniform the band will be

the uniform the band will be wearing but guesses a typical Australian outfit of "a drizabone and an akubra hat".

A few school friends will accompany Tom on this amazing experience. With the option of staying on to watch some of the events and the possibility of launching into musical stardom.

Tom Sheehan's first Olympic encounter is sure to be memorable.

Tamara's top win

The many friends who generously contributed to the Christie Lawrence and Luke Mayall memorial trust fund will be interested to know that the

be interested to know that the trust has selected a worthy recipient for the 1999 award.

The award is made to a person under 25 from the Warrandyte/Park Orchards area who demonstrates merit, talent or promise in the performing arts or hospitality fields.

Talented singer Tamara Maloney (pictured) has won the inaugural award.

"I feel blessed and humbled by the confidence that the trust has shown in me," Tamara said, accepting a certificate and a cheque for \$2000 at the awards

cermony, hosted by Potters Cottage Restaurant late last month.

Cottage Restaurant late last month.

A trust spokesman explained that as the award has been made in the performing arts this year, next year's award will go to someone in hospitality.

A "hypothetical" will be held at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday, February 19 next year as a money-raising event for the memorial fund.

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They followed their star

By HELLENA ALLAN

N the quiet of the winter-dark, early morning hours, drifting through a cloud of sleepy gauze, a mother co-coons her newborn baby within her swansdown doona. Outside the lace-curtained window, snowflakes fall softly between scatterwillow, snowlakes fall softly between scattering, crystallized stars. Like fairy lights, the stars blink and flicker over a pine tree. The mother watches, with her baby cradled in her arm, a crepuscule of light gradually unveil a frosted alpine outline of forested and snow-peaked mountains.

Slowly, cautiously, the bedroom door opens Slowly, cautiously, the bedroom door opens. Three small children gather around their mother and their sleeping baby brother. Their soft, small hands touch the baby's tiny fingers in awe. Together, mother and children wrap the baby in a blanket, carefully lay him in his padded, quilted baby carry basket, and tiptoe out.

All day, footsteps and voices echo up and down the stairway. Neighbours call, neighbours' children come to see, people they hardly know. They bring soft toys for the baby, chocolate for the children, bottles of wine for John, flowers for Marie.

Marie.
They say, "We're sorry you're leaving," looking down the hallway and along the walls stacked high with packing boxes marked: Shipment to Australia. Removalist men lumber and lurch with boxes down five flights of stairs to the container truck parked in the snow.

At the end of the day, John blows in with a bulg-

At the end of the day, John blows in with a bulg-ing briefcase of preparation paperwork; com-plete. "It's all over now," he says, and they stand alone in the empty apartment shell. Stars wink

from bare windows.

In the freezing night air, John and Marie, with their young children and armfuls of suitcases, walk away from the place they had called home

for six years.
Six years in Switzerland, and they finish their stay on the December 6. December 6 in Switzer-land is St Nicholas' Day. On the evening of St Nicholas' Day, St Nicholas brings gifts to children. "Come and spend your last evening in Switzer-land, and join us in the St Nicholas celebrations,"

their good Swiss friends say.

their good Swiss friends say.

A rich and seasonally spiced garland of dried nuts and flowers hangs outside their friends' front door. Inside, the sappy smell of burning pine greets them as they all gather round the fire with glasses of mulled wine. Children chase each other around the Christmas tree which glimmers with miniature electric candlelights. On the family dresser, surrounded by Christmas cards and family photos, a hand-sewn cloth nativity scene stands on strewn straw. An advent ring of four candles suspends from the ceiling.

On the fourth floor in an apartment in the old

candles suspends from the ceiling.

On the fourth floor in an apartment in the old quarter of the medieval town, the lounge room window bulges over a cobbled street that winds its way towards the lake. Suddenly the sky lights

up and crackles with fireworks.
"It has begun," the Swiss friends smile.
Boom! boom! boom! They see nothing, but the town walls vibrate as if Jack's giant himself has landed and is raging. It is the sound of hundreds of marching feet; the hollow echoes of many cowhells swinging. many cowbells swinging, the narrow streets re-bounding.

Spinning, whirling, pirouetting, groups of St Nicholas' attendants dance a dance of patterns Nicholas' attendants dance a dance of patterns and colours under snowflakes and stars, candles flickering inside their filigree mitres, a kaleidoscope of leadlight-like cathedral windows moving towards the shore of the shimmering lake. St Nicholas walks, resplendent with mitre, golden staff, red robe and long beard. His following is hundreds of hooded, whitesmocked cow herdsmen, ropes slung over their

shoulders, waist-swinging cowbells ringing as they walk. They are followed by white-smocked trumpet blasters and local crowds. Running alongside the procession are more farming folk—curling, looping, lashing long whips which crack through the air like gunshot.

At the end of the procession, restaurants open

and their warming, yellow lights line the edge of

St Nicholas and his aides go to their donkey and fill the beast's baskets with small gifts for children, beginning home visits throughout the

In their night flight sleep, as they fly over the Alps, John and Marie's children hear St Nicholas' donkey bells fade away into the distance. As they dream, they are transported to a new land.

For several long hours the plane continues its flight across the Australian desert.

Marie recalls what John had said to her immediately before they left their Swiss apartment: "Who knows what can happen from now ..."

This was her responsibility. For this was her dream

dream.
In the palm of her hand she cups a symbol of her childhood, retrieved from the removalist men. Nervously she fingers the rough, ingrained sand of the seashell jewellery box. It was a gift to her from her visiting aunt from Melbourne when she was a small child. It was this gift which captured her childhood imagination and created her adolescent dream, Inside the box is a hand-embroideried handkerchief of the native plants.

embroideried handkerchief of the native plants and animals which lived on her aunt's bush block. Marie fingers the lifetime of letters received from her aunt; letters that inspired her to persevere with her dream

Under a cerulescent blue sky, green and gold tin-sel loops from shop fronts along the main street.

In the real estate agent's office, the receptionist is wearing a red felt Santa Claus hat. She puts the receiver down and calls to the office in general. "Swiss Family Robinson's arrived—who's got the keys!

A river town road runs parallel with the river. On a mid-December evening it is lined with parked cars. Motionless and sheer, the river passes through a gorge of gum trees. At the end of a hot December day, the sun is sinking behind the trees. A trail of townspeople walk the river path in the light evening breeze.

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They drop armfuls of cushions and rugs and settle with friends as the carol music begins. Dusk falls and torches and candles are lit, blinking with

On the red poinsetta potted stage, set against the backdrop of the river and the bush, primary school children stand. Torches and candles light their young faces, haloed in gold tinsel, robed in flowing white. Toes up, they reveal dusty soles. From his perch overhanging the river, a kook-aburra cackles at the Christmas crowd.

Under the stars, a torch-lit procession moves like a line of glow worms along the banks of the river as the townspeople wander home.
Christmas Eve, and Marie is filling her children's

Christmas Eve, and Marie is filling her children's stockings. Suddenly she catches a movement along the eaves of the roof. Under the moonlit terrace, entranced, she watches the emergence of a pink nose and dark beady eyes. Scuttle, scuttle, scuttle. The possom is joined by his mate. Both stare intently at her. They leap into the trees and disappear into the bush.

Christmas Day dawns, and the neighbours call.

Prawns and champagne under a mid-morning

Prawns and champagne under a mid-morning summer sun. Change of course, change of house, glasses tinkle on the decking under the bright sunlight. Beats any dark winter European Christ-

Isla is designing a great future

By RACHEL BAKER

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Isla skipped down the steps, through the garden and sat down on a banana lounge. "We have to grab every moment of sunshine we can," she said, "because it's so cold in Britain."

Isla Shaw is back in Warrandyte, after winning the Linbury Prize in London for stage design, following four years of study at the Wimbledon School of Art.

The Linbury Prize selects theatre design students and brings them into professional production companies, where they compete against each other to come up with the best design.

Four companies—dance, opera, contemporary theatre and classical theatre—each selected three students (from an overall pool of over 140) to design the sets, costumes, and props for their upcoming productions.

Isla was chosen by the Royal Lyceum Theatre, in Edinburgh, to work on Phaedra, a Greek tragedy

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about a woman's lust for her

stepson.
Competing against two other students who were designing for the same play, Isla worked solidly for two

months.

She would start every day at about 8am and work through until after midnight, drawing, modelling, thinking and calculating.

She had no social life and drank conjous amounts of

She had no social life and drank copious amounts of coffee to stay awake, but she said it was worth it when she was announced the winning entrant for her company. (There are three other winners—for the dance, opera and contemporary theatre companies.)

companies.)

"All my friends wondered what was going on. It's like being in another, isolated little world," Isla said of the

design experience.
"Stuck in a theatre, sur-rounded by actors, all focussed on one production, without a break. But there's also another community that develops in that environ-

ment," she said.

The hectic lifestyle is something all theatre designers have to put up with. The designer has to organise every last detail of the play, as well as trying to please directors and actors, all to a tight deadline.

"You couldn't do this job if

"You couldn't do this job if you didn't love it," Isla said. She will return to London this month.

this month.

In November, Isla's entry for the Linbury Prize was on display in the Royal National Theatre, and, as a main objective of the Linbury is to expose the students to more senior people in the industry, Isla hopes her work will have impressed the right people. She has already been chosen to design for Three Dark Tales, a touring production, and has met with a freelance director and an agent.

There are a lot of productions on in London, and it's the place to be if you want to

the place to be if you want to get work. Isla said she loves the "buzz" of the place. Lon-don is exciting and there are

always things happening, but

it can be tiring and lonely.
"You can go for days, just being in the city, and not see ing anyone you know," she

She loves coming back to Warrandyte.
Many locals may remember

Isla as the winner of the 1995 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award: a glowing 19 year-old with long, movie-star tresses. Now she looks more like a

pixie.
Isla said the past five years have seen her change dra-

have seen her change dramatically.

The Wimbledon School has students from all over the world: Asia, Europe,
America; and a lot of the students are mature-age, so they have experienced a lot, often in the theatrical world. Isla said she was influenced, both professionally and personally, by the eclectic group of students.

"Just being around so many different people, you're ex-posed to so many different things," she said.

Party time!

Senior Citizens 37th birthday concert

Pictures by Jan Tindale











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Warrandyte Diary annual banquet

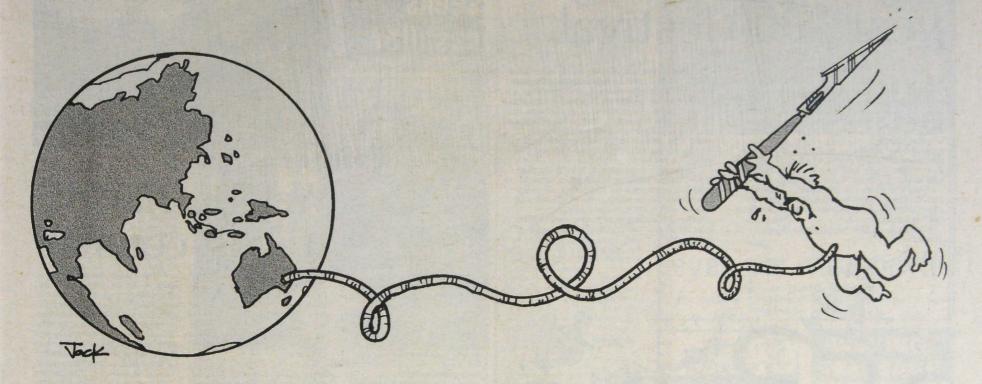
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Burn, bug, burn

INGERS of barely tangible thought touched my sleeping mind with the image that I had gone to sleep on a bull ants' nest at the riverbank. Thousands of tiny insects crawled over every inch of skin and I dared not breathe.

Then awakening in half light, half darkness to early dawn sounds of splashing river water washing past.

Inen awakening in half light, half darkness to early dawn sounds of splashing river water washing past, mixed with voices of stragglers from the New Year bridge party. I gulped in breaths of fresh air. Upstream the bridge glowed in many colours, downstream a faint mist swirled from the river surface. The black green water reflected intensities of the diamond, star-flecked, dawn sky. Looking into the Yarra River waters I could make out an image of a face. Focusing upon the watery reflection, I was astounded to recognize the visage of the Millennium Bug. It was me. It was we.

I was falling to earth. Sometimes you lift the lid on the fiery cauldron burning here on earth, a flashing glimpse into the engine of environmental existence. In this luminous moment of clarity your being shrinks with the radiated heat that living

mental existence. In this luminous moment of clarity your being shrinks with the radiated heat that living bestows to the soul.

It was the revelation at that actual moment, at the start of the new millennium, that I finally realized that, yes, I had been sleeping on a bull ants' nest. I embraced the water in the river like meeting with the elixir of life.

of life.

The fall from paradise was like Kooboor falling from the tree; like the flooding waters that wash the dusty yellow Warrandyte clay from our toes.

The Millennium Bug is the way we have taken everything for ourselves.

The Millennium Bug is the way we have taken everything for ourselves. Changed everything before we can evaluate the outcomes. It makes inventors of computers forget to leave room for the extra date numbers, not thinking that their invention would last to—and beyond—the next century. We project our thoughts into tomorrow and fail to plan for their arrival.

There seems to be a constant state of emergency with contingency plans for everything from 2KY, bull ant attack to nuclear fallout. But we are never in control.

In the mud of the river banks were many footprints of a creature. An

Millennium Bug has infected everything, everywhere. The air we breathe, the soil and water we depend upon; rearranging the weather; changing everything. A television horror show you can't turn off. Written by GLEN JAMESON, with illustrations by JOCK MACNEISH.

animal as perfect as all those others created on earth. A creature that has newly evolved during this Ice Age, during the past million years. The last animal to arrive; troubled by the effort required to fit into the ecosystems. The trouble we have caused as we struggle to find our biological niche. Are we a creature half in, half out of the environment, a part of nature or somehow outside it?

The footprints of the creature were everywhere. Some were small, others so monstrously large that my foot could fit inside their sculptured shapes many times.

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It was a reminder of the ecological footprint. A concept that measures the carrying capacity of the land and human resource use. It essentially asks how much resource consumption and waste discharge can be sustained indefinitely without progressively impairing the functional integrity and productivity of ecosystems. A method of measuring how much water, space, organic material and food it takes for each human creature to survive in Australia. What size my footprint?

Walking through gloomy glades down the river path, waking to the realitites of the new millennium rushing upon me. Waking half in fear and half in hope, I could feel all around me empty ecological niches in the river valley that are still haunted by extinct animals.

The footprints along the riverbanks of Warrandyte are sometimes so many and so heavy that the earth is over-tired and worn. They are places where the willows, plum and other weeds dominate. The weary river banks wear the story of the footprints left by the creature born of the Ice Ages.

On these worn places lie the death of ecology. The rich teeming cultural legacy of a healthy ecosystem laid to waste. Biocide of the biological community has been carried out without most of us seeing or know-

ing. Had we not been blind to the indigenous beauty of this manna gum river forest we would never have allowed destruction to go this far.

Our minds have carried other stories from other cultures. Our hands have carried the seeds from plants from other countries. We have sewn old stories onto new social fabric and sewn weed seed to cover our poor understanding of the environmental nature of the land. We have not listened.

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When Aboriginals spoke of "Poor Fella My Country", they spoke with the genetic memory of the rest of the world. An ancient estimation of the low productivity of this land. "Terra Nullis" not only left other humans out of our view, we suffered a mass sociogenic blindness to the intrinsic mercurial nature of the vegetation before our eyes. Its powerful organic changeability. Its power of survival. It was a different story along the river walk where we had repaired the damage of erosion and removal of indigenous vegetation. Using our hands and minds in these places we had returned life to the river, there was community and hope. Waves of euphoria washed over me as I passed the river banks in the areas where the native indigenous vegetation had been planted. They are an expression of our reconciliation with the nature of the land, the beginning of a new dreaming. The return of the original garden. To see the bushlands returning conjured a remarkable image.

In amongst the native tussock grasses squirmed and crawled a mass of babies. Children of the Crea-

In amongst the native tussock grasses squirmed and crawled a mass of babies. Children of the Creature from the Ice Epic. Babies laughing, tactile bundles of cupid joy reaching for the nearest thing; other babies, twigs and bushland things. The future creatures that will each need a footprint to walk in.

Passing behind the old post office and the Gospel chapel, I walked the



path through the shadowed lands

path through the shadowed lands, searching for my footprint beside the sacred, soothing river. A footprint into which I could perfectly place my foot. Past the big flats by the old dairy, with its avenue of silhouetted manna gums and the river rocks at the start of the houses.

Morning skies lightening bring thriving community gardens, new swamplands and the market flats with their corrugated shelters into focus. The river flats of festivals and markets and sad, ageing manna gum trees. A place where there is a need of renewal before it becomes too

markets and sad, ageing manna gum trees. A place where there is a need of renewal before it becomes too tired and worn.

Crossing the bridge over the torn muddy slash that is the mouth of Andersons Creek, where the soilborne water relentlessly flows into the Yarra. Erosion's watery slaves are still taking away tonnes of its creek soils and sending them to the bay. Hungry drainage patterns still eating away the creek banks. We need new engineering ideas, germinating for the bushlands.

Further along the river the path narrows and I squeeze past the sheer rock walls that the river shears as it flows around the Bradleys Lane peninsula. Up to the rapids created by the two rocky bars that almost cross, two-thirds the width of the river.

rapids created by the two rocky bars that almost cross, two-thirds the width of the river. It is above these rapids under the sheoaks that she waits. The black woman who waits to help the babies who fall into the river. Waiting to catch the babies caught in the strong current; waiting to rescue them from the swirling rhythms of the river.

them from the swirling rhythms of the river.

Looking to the east and waiting for the dawning of this New Year's Day, half in euphoria over what has been achieved by the community in pro-tecting the bushlands around their homes, half in depression at the magnitude of what is needed to be

done. Most of the weeds that are invading local bushlands are coming from the gardens around our homes. Weeds are raining in upon the bushlands from our gardens, spelling the end of this magic forest. Climate challenges come from the dragon's breath of all the little machines that feed the cauldron. Every empire needs slaves to feed the cauldron, to keep heat in the engine. We

dron, to keep heat in the engine. We should burn the shells of the dead millenium bugs instead. Shells that are pollution, wastage and over-consumption. Shells that enlarge the footprints.

Climate changes brought on by the simple mechanics of a planet spin-

Climate changes brought on by the simple mechanics of a planet spinning in space with the chaos of the unknown, and the rhythmic mathematical purity of the known.

We are still at war with our environment, still tearing at our umbilical cord to the earth. In the darkness of ecological problems, we wait crouched for the birth of future light. Waiting for the midwife of understanding, whose waits vigil by the stream to deliver us from ourselves. The catcher by the river.

Never forget the skill of these hands. Never forget the things they can make and create. Hands that rub the newborn with ash and charcoal can light the fires of knowledge and environmental imagination that will sweep across the globe like a huge bushfire. An exhilarating flow of information will burn the Ice Age creature's soul and together with the plants and animals will become environmentally thermoluminescent. Through ice, through fire, out of the

creature's soul and together with the plants and animals will become environmentally thermoluminescent. Through ice, through fire, out of the darkness to bathe in the light of the new millennium.

Fire-painted clouds colour skies as the sunbeams of the new dawn stretch their fingers between the tallest branches of the manna gums. The light of fire upon the skies. The fiery rim of the earth, glowing in the early morning chill; in the bellies of those fortunate enough to live here. It is the dawn of the first day. Aboriginals believe that each day is the First Day. The first day as it was at the start of the world. The first day, symbolic of the capacity of the world, humanity and the cosmos to perpetually renew itself. On that first day, the present moment and eternity are synthesized as place, my place. Warrandyte.

Standing by for the year 2000 festival

By RACHEL BAKER

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If the youth of Warrandyte ever claimed any two days as their own, the festival would have to be those days.

But next year, in the first Warrandyte Festival of the third millenium, the statement will be overt—the slogan is "The Children are the Future".

On the last weekend in March, as well as the usual billycart derby, rock concerts and waterslide, there will be a few new things to add to the weekend's juvenile theme.

There are plans for a temporary skateboard ramp, a mud bath, and a computer game section, John Boyle, chair of the Festival Committee, said.

"We need the kids to energise things," John said.

Street theatre will also be back, with local young people performing their fourth year of juggling, fire-throwing and unicycling. The festival, on March 25 and 26, will also have another new element. Local artists, including Jock Macneish, Walter Magilton, and Cherry Manders, will paint designs on umbrellas, which will then be auctioned, "to shelter us, hopefully, from the sunshine," John said.

In the music department, it is likely that artists from Colliding Rhythms, a musical program organised by Linda Carroll, who have been performing at the Mechanics Institute, will feature at the festival.

Artists including Blue House and Uncle Bills Band are "all wanting to come along," John said.



Skatepark seeks cashflow

As announced last month,
Manningham council has
agreed to cover half the cost of
a skateboard facility in
Warrandyte, estimated at
\$65,000, with the balance coming from local sources.
"We are asking parents,
friends, skaters and businesses
in Warrandyte to help the community raise the \$32,500, Cr
Patricia Young told the Diary.
"Two groups have been
formed, one to raise funds and
the other to consult with council officers on the best design
possible, given the restraint of
land availability and funds.
"Should any residents wish to
donate to this project, an account has been opened at the
Commonwealth Bank in
Warrandyte where donations
can be made (unfortunately not
tax deductable).
"There will be a book available at the bank for people to
register their names as donors
so that a sponsors' board can
be made, acknowledging all
the people and businesses who
have contributed."
Fund-raising events have already been planned by a group
of young people in the town.
One will be held in conjunction
with the opening of the revamped West End shopping
centre and some during the
Warrandyte Festival in March.
"If the community can raise
\$32,500 quickly, the skate facility can be built while the
weather is still good," Cr Young

■ Anyone with fundraising ideas can call Rina at Manningham Youth Services on 9848 2977.



Don't pass overturning vehicle. Local roads barely cope with heavy trucks.

Weight trial for trucks: council

Manningham and Maroondah city councils will make a joint submission to obtain formal approval from VicRoads to conduct a 12 month load limit trial on Jumping Creek and Brysons roads for vehicles greater than or equal to 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

"If approval is given, Jumping Creek Road, between Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and Yarra Road, and Brysons Road, between Wonga Road and Yarra Road, will both be subject to heavy vehicle restrictions," a Manningham spokesperson told the Diary.

An initial response to only conduct the trial on Jumping Creek Road caused concerns for Maroondah council because of the likely impact of greater volumes of traffic on Brysons

of the likely impact of greater volumes of traffic on Brysons Road. After consultation, both councils gave their support to the inclusion of Brysons Road in the proposed trial.

"The trial is not intended to ban all truck movements but the restriction would specifically target through movements of heavy vehicles," the spokesperson said. "Truck operators who require local access will still be permitted to use the two local roads without a permit." Manningham and Maroondah councils will monitor heavy truck movements on Jumping Creek Road and Brysons Road respectively and the local road network in the area, to determine the impacts of the trial. Police have indicated they will support and enforce the heavy vehicle restrictions.

The joint presentation will be made to VicRoads' Truck Operation Committee on 1 December 1999 with a decision by VicRoads expected by midmonth. If VicRoads' approval is granted, it is expected that the necessary signage would be erected by early January 2000.

Thank you to our local press gang

Once again it's time to thank all those hardworking people—most of them volunteers—who have brought you your favourite newspaper during the last (or is it the penultimate?) year of the second millennium.

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Rae Danks charmed our advertisers and kept our accounts and John Roberts looked after our corporate responsibilities. Don Humpreys kept our office spic and span and Peter Norman

took our newspaper out to our many, much-appreciated distribution points.
Last, but certainly not least, we remember the people who make it all financially possible—our advertisers.
And, finally, heartfelt thanks to you, our loyal and enthusiastic readers, with a special mention for those who contributed to our Dear Diary page.
We won't be around in January, but come the second week of February and we'll be back (Y2K permitting), brighteyed and bushy-tailed, bringing you all the local news. In the meantime, here's wishing everyone a joyous Christmas. And stay nice for the new millennium—or the year before the new millennium—or whatever.



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Art under the bridge



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Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, fax it to 9844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte, 3113, by the last Friday in the month.

Warrandyte Youth Centre has recently received a grant from Manningham council to design and paint a mural in Warrandyte. They have been allocated space beneath Warrandyte bridge. The young people are interested in graffiti/aerosol art and are seeking a volunteer to assist with the design and supervision of the painting. The youth centre is also looking for volunteers to help out at the centre on Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone interested in volunteering time, either with the mural or at the centre, can contact Bronwyn Barton on 9844 2985.

First Warrandyte/Park Or-chards Scouts will be selling real Christmas trees at the Scout Hall in Yarra Street on the weekends of December 11, 12 and 18, 19 between 10am and 1pm. Average price for the trees is \$23.

Reunion

Reunion
To coincide with the 125th year of the school's stone building, Warrandyte Primary School is planning a reunion to be held at the same time as the school fete next year. The school is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to help contact past students and teachers, and from anyone who has old photos to lend or memories to share. Please leave a message at the school—9844 3537—or call Judy Finger on 9844 3150.

Calendar

Warrandyte Historical Society's year 2000 calendar, Marking The Moments, is still available from the museum in Yarra Street during weekends, and from Warrandyte Post Office and Potters Cottage any other day. The limited edition calendar features 16 photographs of Warrandyte events and icons. Mail orders can be made by sending \$12, plus \$3 postage

Top kids at our high school



Top-performing students at Warrandyte High School were honoured at the Year 12 valedic-tory evening, for Year 12, held late last month.

tory evening, for Year 12, held late last month.

Special awards went to Allrounder—Melissa Lynch; Artistic—Drew Hanna (pictured); Citizenship—Amanda Stoyan; Endeavour—Sarah Fulton;
Principal's award—Natasha
Simpson; Sportspersons—Trinity
McLaughlin and James Riley.
Guest speakers—former students Jo Yarwood and Andrew
Mills from the class of 1993—
entertained and informed their
audience with their school recollections and down-to-earth
business experiences.

It was announced that Don
Harrison (known affectionately
as Harro) was retiring after 18
years at the school. The sigh
which greeted this announcement captured the esteem in
which Don was held by students,
parents and teachers.

and handling, to Warrandyte Historical Society, PO Box 67, Warrandyte, 3113.

Astronomy

Friends of Warrandyte State Park are presenting a Wonga Park astronomy night with As-tronomical Society member Phil Mahon on Friday, February 11, 2000 from 8.30pm. Phil will be demonstrating an 8-inch Newtonian telescope for view-ing such delights as Saturn, Ju-

piter, the Orion nebula and the moon. Call Mike Coupar on 9901 9567 or Lee Speedy on 9437 0894.

Religious

Sue Boyle has resigned as co-ordinator of religious instruc-tion at Warrandyte Primary School after 14 years service. John Hanson has taken over the coordinator's job at both Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools. Anyone interested in undertaking this work and teaching religious education at either school, please call John on 9844 3906.

If anyone is interested in providing companionship and support, for an hour or two a week, for a frail aged person or someone with a disability in your local community, and you are over 18, please contact Do Care on 9871 1532.

Local Christmas church services

The annual carols by candlelight service will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Sunday, December 19 at 8pm. BYO candles and rugs. Donations will go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Wet weather venuestadium at Andersons Creek Primary School.

★ ANGLICAN (9844 3473): Christmas Eve—11.30pm; Christmas Day—8am and 9.30am.



★ UNITING (9844 3476): December 19—10.15am all age service; Christmas Eve—7.30pm Carols and 11.30pm Communion; Christmas Day—9am

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★ CATHOLIC (9876 1509): Christmas Eve—7pm Family Mass, 9.30pm (Park Orchards), Midnight Mass (Warrandyte); Christmas Day—9.30am Mass (Park Orchards) Orchards).

★ COMMUNITY CHURCH (9844 4148): Christmas Eve—7pm Christmas Day—10am

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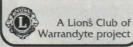
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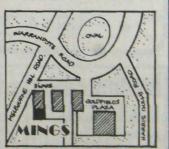
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A Cloke of many talents



Travis Cloke: an outstanding young sportsman with an impeccable sporting pedigree

David Cloke is a football legend, a former much-feared Richmond ruckman who now pulls on the cricket boots for Warrandyte. And son Travis, the pride of Warrandyte Primary School, looks like following in Dad's huge sporting footsteps.

Travis, who is about to complete Year 6, has played for Victoria for the past two years in the national primary schools football carnival. The Vics won the championship last year and

in the national primary schools football carnival. The Vics won the championship last year and were runners-up, with Travis vice-captain, this time around. An all-round sportsman? Is he ever! He has also represented the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association in cricket and rugby and his achievements have now been recognised at the highest level with two awards:

• The Department of Education School Sports Award (Football). This is for outstanding achievement among students of government schools and in her nomination, WPS sports coordinator Fiona Wells described Travis as an "aggressive player with a lot of natural leadership and sportsmanlike qualities".

• An Eastern Metropolitan Region Sports Award for 1999 for footballing excellence. Two other Warrandyte Primary students were similarly honored—Justin Cleaves in softball and

dents were similarly honored— Justin Cleaves in softball and Ellen Bradbury in rugby.

A helluva fight on their hands

Hitmen, Irish go head on

By CLINTON GRYBAS

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Arch rivals the Hitmen and Fighting Irish will meet in the Grand Final of Warrandyte's Greyburn Cup senior basketball competition on Wednesday night (December 8).

It's fitting that the Hitmen contest the decade's final trophy. In this 20th season since play began 10 years ago the Hitmen will be vying for an eighth open section title. Having played off in 14 grand finals they currently boast a 7-7 record when the pressure is on.

Team captain David Thwaites has been around for many of those but knows not to underestimate the younger Irish, whose sole trophy in the cupboard came via a win over the Hitmen five seasons ago.

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The Hitmen won the pair's semi-final meeting 45-39 two weeks ago but surprisingly it wasn't Thwaites doing the damage. He was second in the competition in scoring this season averaging 17-4 points per game, but managed just six in the semi-final. Corey Nightingall with 16 and Robert Johnston 13 headlined the team. Adam Borwick led the Irish with 11 but that was 13 down on his league-leading season average.

The Irish beat the WFC All*Stars 41-36 to qualify for the final.

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In the Over-30 section, the Plastics will be searching for a record 10th title—and the honour of being the first team from either section to win three in a row—when they meet the River Rats.

The Plastics have done if the

The Plastics have done it the hard way, coming through the elimination final. They beat Ballistyx 39-26 and then the Rangers 41-33 to win through.



The PP Champs celebrate their latest Grand Hotel Cup triumph. They're shooting for their ninth in 12 years.

The Titans come to town

NBL stars Darryl McDonald and Glen Siegle, of the Victoria Titans, will be in town this month to run a basketball clinic at the new Warrandyte Community Sports Complex.

There will be two sessions on Monday, December 13, for under-14s, the first from 5.30 to 6.15pm, the second from 6.15 to 7.00.

Numbers are limited and places can be booked by phoning Damian Arsenis on 0418 995 663 after 5pm on weekdays.

Be quick because interest in the clinic is high and places are already running out.

Paul Sleeth was their best in the eliminator with nine points and will need at least that in the fi-

nal. The River Rats had beaten the Rangers 22-17 a week ear-lier, Max Summers scoring

seven points and Gerald Walshe

seven points and Gerald Walshe six.

In the women's Grand Hotel Cup, perennial stars the PP Champs will be aiming to make it nine titles in 12 seasons when they meet the Sneakers.

The two have become the best of enemies in recent times, playing off for the title the last four seasons. Amanda McLellan and Suzi Edwards are the keys for the Champs, Karina Reid and Maura Yammoueni likewise for the Sneakers.

The women's final will be first up from 7pm at the new stadium at Andersons Creek Primary School.

Disaster for the Dyte

In an all-too-familiar story, it was heartbreak for Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven on December 4 as they crashed to a nine-run loss against Croydon North, losing their final six wickets for just seven runs.

In a tightly-contested season, a win would have seen Warrandyte knocking on the door of the top four. However, their fourth loss for the season now sees the Bushrangers in the depths of the relegation zone.

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Chasing just 165 runs for victory at home, Warrandyte appeared to be cruising towards victory, with Cameron Day and Tony Sturesteps controlling the game as they played their customary attacking cricket.

But at 4/146, 20 runs from victory, Day lost his wicket for 29, signalling one of the worst collapses seen at Warrandyte for many years.

Croydon North's comeback was spearheaded by one of the leading fast bowlers in the competition, Russell Jenzen. Up until tea, Jenzen had not troubled the Warrandyte top order. However, when the game was there to be won, Jenzen stood tall for the visitors, taking five of the final wickets to grab victory from the jaws of defeat.

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On the first day's play, things looked promising for Warrandyte, with all bowlers contributing to bundling Croydon North out for 165, from 78 overs. Paul Montgomery was the pick of the bowlers, taking three quick wickets that gave Warrandyte control.

Warrandyte positively contin-



ued into the second day, with Stephen Bell and Brendan Baker negotiating the new ball successfully, with a valuable 38-run opening stand. But the momentum changed swiftly when Baker and Tregear quickly fell, and while Adam White started promisingly, he went for 13 to see Warrandyte sitting shakily at 3/68.

The impressive form of Bell continued, however, and with the help of Day the situation again started to turn favourably for the home side. The runs flowed easily, with the pressure starting to build on Croydon North.

The departure of Bell for 44, his best innings of the summer, did not slow the scoring rate, Sturesteps also finding the boundary comfortably, helping the team get themselves into a winning position. But when Day was caught at point, the collapse started.

The loss was the second in succession under disappointing circumstances. Facing Wonga Park away from home in their previous encounter, Warrandyte were again in a winning position, only to find themselves falling just short of their target.

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After the home side set the Bushrangers an imposing 296 for victory on the small Wonga Park ground, Warrandyte attacked the target positively, with Bell, Tregear and White looking in good touch. Yet despite their good form, none was able to convert his start into a big score. Bell made 27, Tregear 43 and White 36.

The top order's string of



Stephen Bell: a season's best 44 not enough.

missed opportunities seemed to be contagious on the middle order with Sturesteps, David Mooney and Montgomery also getting starts but also failing to capitalise.

An unlikely win still looked a possibility late in the day, as Gerald Walshe's lusty hitting got the Bushrangers close to the victory target. However, a controversial catch off a Walshe hook shot taken very close to the boundary was given the OK by the umpire, despite the arguments of both the Warrandyte players and officials. The wicket proved to be significant in the wash-up, with Warrandyte falling 27 runs short.

The season has become a

The season has become a very frustrating one for the Bushrangers, with missed opportunities proving the differ-

ence between winning and los-ing. While the bowlers have been working well, with Walshe, White, Chris Snaidero and Montgomery all effective, the batsmen have been most disap-rointing.

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Bell's 44 on Saturday was the biggest score for the season, despite all players in the top nine having reached 25 on at least one occasion. For captain Greg Tregear, it is becoming a problem that is starting to hurt the team.

"We cannot expect to win games of cricket if we continually let other teams off the hook by getting ourselves out when we are on top of the opposition," said Tregear after the Croydon North game.

"Too many times our players are not keen enough to be patient enough to stay around and capitalise on their own good work early in their innings. It has cost us victories in our last two games and it's really starting to frustrate us."

Tregear said he still thought the team were improving and said he believed that they were good enough to mix it with the best teams in the Chandler Shield competition.

"I know I keep saying that we are not far away and I know that good results still haven't materialised, but if you look at it, we've lost our last two by 22 runs and nine runs against quality teams where we had winning chances, so I still think we can turn it around as long as we are prepared to work harder together," he said.

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The game against Parkwood is a chance for Warrandyte to put the disappointment of the past two games behind them, and go to the Christmas break with confidence. A win would get them out of the relegation zone for the moment and give the

players momentum going into the two crucial one-day fixtures in early January.

News from the lower grades has been mixed, with some impressive individual performances but not the team results the club are looking for.

The second eleven lost to Wonga Park and Croydon North in their two November games. Adam Beardall, who has had first eleven experience, has dominated with the ball, while Jason Graf, another experienced first eleven player, put pressure on the selectors with a fine 76 not out against Croydon North.

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The thirds continue to improve, thanks largely to the impressive form of Brett Kline with both bat and ball. His leadership and good performances have led the resurgence, which resulted in a strong win against Croydon North.

While the experienced Kline has been the star, the steady improvement of the young Nick Raby has been watched closely by the club.

The David Gee show has continued in the fourth eleven, with the club president taking wickets and making runs at will. Unfortunately, from the team perspective things are not as impressive, still yet to win this year,

year,
Special mention must be made of Warrandyte's most inform player. After an indifferent start to the year, a player who relies on his bowling as his trike warrange here.

relies on his bowling as his strike weapon has become one of the most prolific scorer of runs in the club.

Nathan Croft, who has spent time in the fourth eleven this year, has starred with the bat recently, scoring 57 and 77 not out in his last two appearances in the third eleven. He may be making his way into the sec-

onds as a batsman next start.

• After winning last year's grand final, the Warrandyte vetto make the finals, following a loss to Croydon on December

The unbeaten Croydon proved too strong for Warrandyte, with the Bushrangers managing 8/107 against Croydon's 138.

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Steve Pascoe made 30, while Alan King's promotion in the batting order proved successful, compiling 31 not out.

News was better against the Croydon Rangers in the previous game, Warrandyte inflicting the first defeat on the Rangers in two years.

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Pascoe was again in form, with a masterful 39.

CRICKET DETAILS

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 273 (Tregear 43 Montgomery 41, White 36, Mooney 32

Montgomery 41, White 36, Mooney 32) lost to Wonga Park 6/295 (White 4/90). Warrandyte 156 (Bell 44) lost to Croydon North 165 (Montgomery 3/28, Snaidero 2/32, Walshe 2/45) & 5/168 (Bell 2/30). SECONDS: Warrandyte 238 (B.Baker 74, Fazzolari 46, Brent 30) lost to Wonga Park 263 (Beardall 4/76, Gidley 2/56, Graf 2/760) & 1/18. Warrandyte 212 (Graf 76 not out, Brent 30) lost to Croydon North 356 (Holland 3/62, Beardall 3/89, Graf 3/94) & 1/103.

THIRDS: Warrandyte 8/249 (Kline 87, Croft 57, Smead 48) lost to Wonga Park 340 (Kline 3/105, N.Lear 2/25). Warrandyte 9/253 (Croft 77 not out, Goddard 50, Kline 40) defeated Croydon

North 9/245 (Kline 3/30, N. Raby 3/36). FOURTHS: Warrandyte 9/202 (Watkins 51, O'Connor 45, Guerin 36) & 1/21 lost

51, 0 Connor 45, Guerin 36) & 1/2 Flost to Wonga Park 262 (D.Gee 5/37, Guerin 2/40). Warrandyte 114 (D.Gee 33) & 4/188 (D.Gee 83, Aly 34) lost to Croydon North 185 (Hammond 3/53, D.Gee 2/14).

Bloods pull off recruiting coup

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club have signed a high-profile EFL First Division recruit as they prepare for entry into Division 2 next

season.
He is Scott Hunter, 28 and 187
centimetres, who played for
East Burwood in last season's
First Division finals.
Hunter is a robust centre halfback. He is a high school physical education teacher and his
expertise in the fitness field will
be put to good use by last year's
Third Division premiers.
The Bloods are also talking to
several well-credentialled prospective recruits in the countdown to the new season, which
starts at home against Mulgrave on April 1.
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of three pre-season training sessiens ar Mandry December 12.

Warrandyte will have the first of three pre-season training sessions on Monday, December 13, and the work will begin in earnest on January 17.

"The feeling around the club is excellent and we believe we will be very competitive in the tougher competition in 2000," WFC president Jeff Evans told the Diary.

Ashley Grybas, who coached the Reserves side two seasons ago, returns to that helm and club stalwart Alan Vitiriti, who coached the Under-16s with success several years ago, has taken over the Under-18s, seconding support staff.



Ashley Grybas (right), second in the Reserves best and fairest award last season, resumes the reins as coach for season 2000.

Juniors consolidate nursery of champs'

Warrandyte Junior Football Club have consoli-Warrandyte Junior Football Club have consolidated their. nursery of future champions by adopting a coordinated, think-ahead coaching strategy.

The development was put in place at a recent symposium of coaching personnel previously involved in the Under-9s to Under-14s.

"Over the last three years there has been an explosion of the number of players joining our club," live-wire official Anthony Mirabella told the Diary.

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"We felt things were falling into place for the older years—such as the Colts—but, recognising how critical these younger players were to the long-term future of the club, we wanted to put in place some long-term initiatives to really support them.

"We only exist for the good of our players," Mirabella said.

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"Therefore we have to make sure that from day one they are welcome and are learning both football and team skills.

"Parents should be assured that when they and their children are involved in the club, everything possible is being done to create a positive, nurturing environment.

"The symposium agreed that each player should have fun, in terms of learning new skills,

learning the benefits of team play, and from this we are confident there will be increased parental involvement in the club and success for the teams will follow.

Other initiatives adopted by the symposium

Other initiatives adopted by the symposium include:

• All coaches sponsored by the club to achieve at least Level I coaching qualifications.

• The National Australian Football Council's Junior Coaches Code of Behaviour be fully adopted and enforced.

• Fund-raising be initiated to progressively improve coaching aids.

• Education be ongoing of coaching staff and interested parents in such areas as warm-up and cool-down exercises, communication and coaching skills for juniors, football skills and tactics.

"We also agreed to a structured skills coaching approach for the Under-9s and Under-10s supported by maximum parental involvement in these years," Mirabella said.
"It was a very positive meeting which will produce results on the field in the next two to five years."

For more information on the coaching strategy, call Mirabella (9844 2623) or club secretary Dennis Hoiberg (041 838 4619).

Midweek girls turn up trumps

By JUDY GREEN

Two Warrandyte Tennis Club midweek women's teams won their grand finals this month in the Ferntree Gully and District Tennis Association

competition.
Section 1 (Lorraine Hansen, Lainie Hansen, Shelagh Morton, Ruth Rankin, Rhonda Brown) scored a resounding win over Belgrave Heights.
Section 11 (Gwen Youl, Angela Dziedzic, Pat Allgodd, Kate Baker, Sharyn Masson) overcame Heatherdale in a long, close battle, winning by

just two games.

Section 14 also reached their grand final but had to forfeit when one of their players was injured in the first set.

At the club's last general committee meeting for the year, Paul and Michelle Gilling were jointly presented with the Clubperson Of The Year award

The presentation was made by club president Mark Bence in recognition of their hard work organising the club's social activities.

Bloods' season 2000 draw

April 1: v Mulgrave (H)
April 8: v Lilydale (A)
April 15: v Blackburn (A)
April 29: v Montrose (H)
May 6: v Ringwood (A)
May 13: v Boronia (H)
May 20: v Upper Ferntree Gully (A)
May 27: v Doncaster (H)
June 3: v The Basin (A)
June 10: v Mulgrave (A)
June 17: v Lilydale (H) June 24: v Blackburn (H)
July 1: v Montrose (A)
July 8: v Ringwood (H)
July 15: v Boronia (A)
July 22: v Upper Ferntree Gully (H)
July 29: v Doncaster (A)
August 5: v The Basin (H)
First Semi-final Sunday, August 13. Second
Semi-final Saturday, August 12. Preliminary
Final Saturday, August 19. Grand Final
Saturday, August 26.



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