

# Restaurant ruckus

## 'No opposition' claim

By RACHEL BAKER

A group of residents opposed to a new restaurant in Yarra Street, next to the Mechanics Institute Hall, held a meeting last month to prepare a strategy to stop it going ahead.

However, the owner of the development claims the proposal for a Spanish-style restaurant is not being opposed by the community and might add to Warrandyte's charm.

The 98-seat restaurant, including an outdoor dining area, is proposed for the new group of shops next to the Mechanics Institute Hall. According to the area's zoning, Business 1, a restaurant is allowable and cannot be objected to. However, the building owner has applied to Manningham council for a liquor licence and a carpark waiver. A carpark waiver would allow the restaurant's customers to park in public carparks and streets, because the quota within the shopping centre's carpark will be inadequate.

The application is expected to go to

council in about six weeks.

Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, advised the meeting of concerned residents their objections could not apply to the restaurant itself, but only to matters relating to the liquor licence, such as noise, drunken behaviour and music, and to the carpark waiver—that is, surrounding streets could not sustain increased traffic, and alternative parking in the area would be inadequate.

More than 40 people attended the meeting at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, October 24.

The meeting heard that the permit applicants, Arash Fakhrai and Bill Parveris, had commissioned a traffic report, to evaluate how many cars used the neighbouring streets and car spaces and therefore measure the impact of a carpark waiver. The report found that the surrounding area could

easily accommodate the extra cars attracted to the restaurant. However, concerns were raised that, as the report was conducted on two days of cold, rainy weather—September 7 and 8—it would have significantly underestimated the level of traffic that the area can attract, especially over summer. There was also concern that, as other shops in the block have not yet been filled, the extra cars they will attract have not been considered.

A group of concerned residents met with Mr Fakhrai and Mr Parveris in September and wrote to them a summary of their misgivings. These included:

- noise from the restaurant, outdoor area and carpark could pass into residences directly behind the carpark
- amplified entertainment could create noise pollution
- patrons, upon leaving the restaurant, could "intimidate" pedestrians or local residents

● the restaurant could promote vandalism and crime.

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association also wrote to the applicants, expressing concern that noise from the restaurant, especially the outdoor section, would infiltrate the hall's walls and interfere with activities inside.

The two applicants responded to the community with a three-page letter, assuring them that the building would be insulated to prevent sound pollution and the outdoor eating area would be closed in. The restaurateurs also claimed that they could not be responsible for the behaviour of customers who had left the premises.

Mr Parveris later told the *Diary* he was confident the community will offer its support to the restaurant. He

said the opposition is confined to a small minority.

"I don't honestly think the community of Warrandyte have opposed us in any way," he said.

Mr Parveris also said the liquor licence application had been changed to finish at 11pm (the original application was for a licence until 1am); he said there would be no amplified sound; and he said the business would not be trading solely as a bar, but as a restaurant.

"It's going to be an elegant, Spanish-style restaurant and I don't think that would detract from Warrandyte's charm. It might add to it, it might bring in some people, but it's not going to bring in undesirable people," Mr Parveris said.

In September the applicants hired an adviser, Mark Johnston, to deal with community concerns and the permit application process. However, the employment of Mr Johnston has since been terminated.

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# A rough old golf round, but Vic has it covered!

Young multi-media personality Clinton Grybas, who, we're very proud to say, began his career on this robust little rag and is still very much a part of it, won this high-priced, super-duper one wood at 3AW's golf day at the Heritage layout last month. But he didn't have it long because his dad Vic commandeered it to road-test on a golfing weekend at Anglesea with his mates Tom Kerkhof and Tony Appleby (a weekend, by the way, which did nothing at all for the temperance cause). Well, that one wood might have been worth a pretty penny, but in Vic's hands it was a right mongrel. Not a joey was safe on a course famous as a kangaroo sanctuary as Vic hooked and sliced from the tees into previously-unexplored rough. And it was too late to restore a shred of respectability to his round by the time he realised he'd forgotten to take the clear plastic cover from the head of the brand new club. Made it a bit slippery.

They have a different conception of "Happy Hour" in Canada, reports Robin Ritter, of North Warrandyte, who's just back from a three-week holiday there. "We were at a resort called Stanhope by the Sea," said Robin, "and the eight Australians in the touring party wondered why the price of drinks didn't go down at the advertised hour." So they asked the girl behind the bar and she said: "Happy Hour means you drink until you're happy!" And when they demanded an audience with the bloke who ran the joint to tell him a few home truths, he got quite sulky.

Diary staffers Jan and Lee Tindale won a very expensive bottle of French champagne in an RSL Club raffle and resisted the temptation to immediately chill it and kill it because a special celebratory event was imminent. Daughter Jenny Holinger, of Healesville (wife of John, daughter-in-law of Bev and Peter, of Pigeon Bank Lane), was about to give birth to her third child and the Tindales thought it appropriate to wet the kid's head in grand style. So the bottle of 1993 Pol Roger sat tantalising in the wine rack as days turned into weeks. Young Darcy Holinger was in no great hurry to arrive in this world

## IN RED & WHITE

# BLAIR RECALLS DAVIES

Thanks to her great mate Rae Danks, the flaming-haired Sue Davies (right) made banner headlines when she left Warrandyte last month to return to her native England. Rae, our advertising/accounts manager and Rachel Schroeder, our computer whiz who pulls the Diary together, produced a mock-up front page announcing that British PM Tony Blair had recalled the "magenta marvel" because "in times of crisis she is needed at home". Actually, after nine years in Warrandyte, Sue went back for family reasons. We'll miss her.



(and, bearing in mind international terrorism, global warming and Hawthorn's release of Trent Croad, who could blame him?) and was induced on October 19 a week late after threatening to lob quite prematurely. Do you think the Tindales weren't thirsty by then! And how did the Pol Roger eventually go down? "De(hic)lightful!" said Jan. "Very moreish," said Lee.

No apologies at all for this particular column being liquor related because is, after all, fast approaching that time of year. And one bloke who'll be uncharacteristically bright-eyed and bushy-tailed throughout the silly season is local folk hero Alan "Coatsy" Koetsveld. For reasons we won't detail here (but which have nothing to do with born-again Christian-

ity), Coatsy has abandoned his wicked lifestyle and turned to one of pristine sobriety. You'll catch him at the local pub four days a week drinking iced water with his mates and three days a week sipping light ale (with the little finger crooked, of course) instead of the heavy stuff with a splash of Coke that was his trademark. We really admire Coatsy's resolve and strength of character but remind him of the potentially disastrous effects on the economy of his new-found purity. Can the pub survive this extraordinary about-face? Can CUB survive? Can Coca-Cola survive? And what about the pub's water rates? They've gone through the roof!

What's the last thing a fire station needs when an emergency call comes in? Try an invasion by Mummy and Daddy Duck and 12 tiny ducklings. The family waddled into Warrandyte CFA the other day as a crew was about to be dispatched and took up residence under the truck. Brigade support officer Kate Murphy cut quite a comical figure on hands and knees quacking at the ducks to move them along and move they eventually did — into the station's day room. And as Kate was doing her best to usher them out, Mummy and Daddy attacked her about the ankles. Anyhow, the family took their leave with nothing worse than ruffled feathers. Kate says life as a brigade support officer can be very interesting.

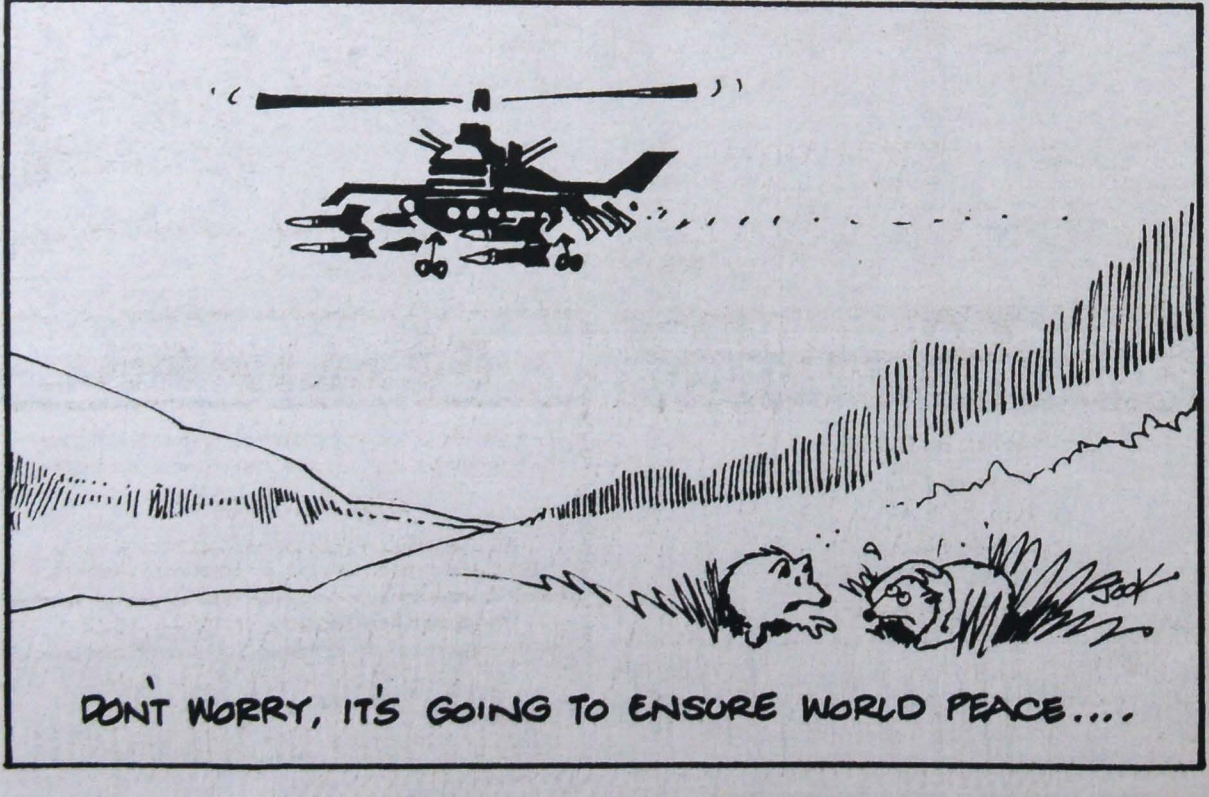
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Let us tell you about the Cut Leaf Daisy (*Brachyscome multifida* to those in the know). It's a beaut little ground-covering daisy ideal, according to our native flora guru Cathy Willis, for rockeries or any open, sunny position in your garden. It has mauve or purple flowers, delicate ferny foliage, blooms over a long period with a peak in spring-summer and is available right now from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend. Give Cathy a call on 0418 142 297.

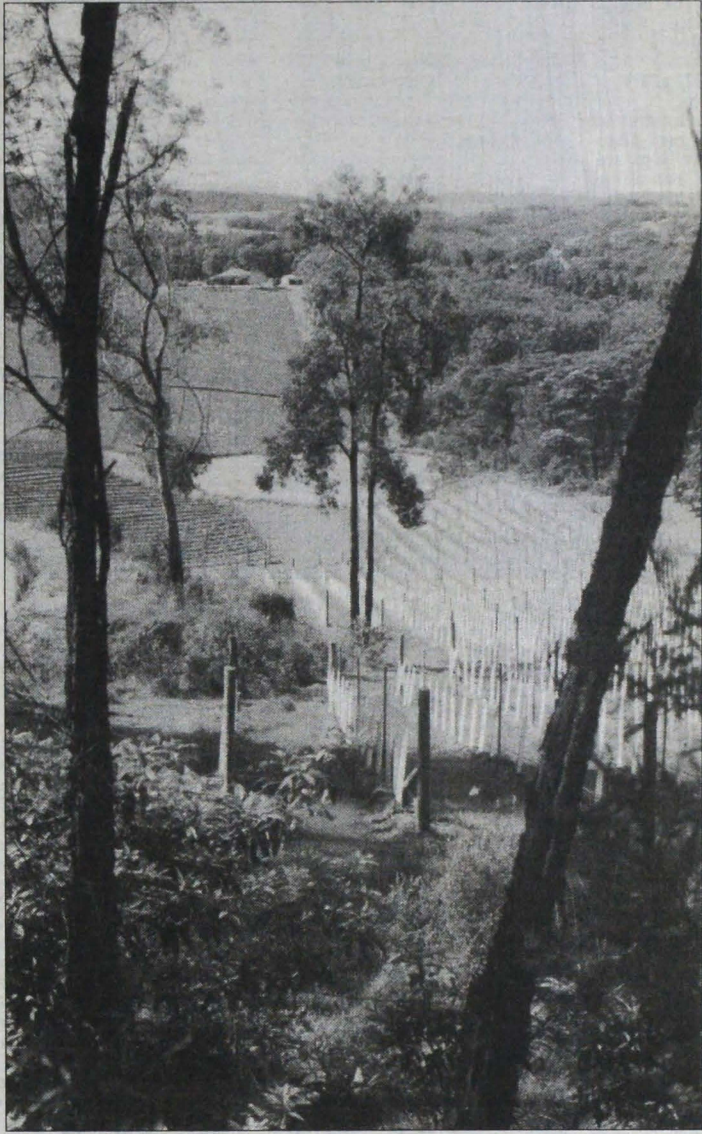
**Smokey Joe**

## OVER THE HILLS

By **JOCK MACNEISH**



# 'No threat to Wedge'



By RACHEL BAKER

The state government and some local environmentalists have defended a government planning document, reported in last month's *Diary*. Both claim the report was 12 months old and represented no threat to the Green Wedge.

However, a statewide conservation group has expressed concern over the report.

The report, on Melbourne's planning future titled Challenge Melbourne, asked whether development within green wedges should be considered instead of extending the outwards urban sprawl. The report became the basis of discussion at a series of public forums, which have been held over the past 12 months.

A spokeswoman for the planning minister, John Thwaites, said the report is not a scheme for things that are going to happen.

"It's a discussion paper to get people talking about what the issues were," the spokeswoman said.

She said people ringing alarm bells over the report "were way off the mark

and way out of step with what's going on".

The Green Wedge Protection Group agrees that criticism of the report was unwarranted.

"We're pretty confident the Green Wedge will be upheld," Kahn Franke, president of the GWPG, told the *Diary*. However, Environment Victoria, a non-government organisation devoted to environmental protection, believes the report could represent a desire for development within the green wedges.

"There is a threat," Ben Smith, spokesman for Environment Victoria, said.

Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, has defended his comments about the significance of the report.

"They (the government) cannot deny the importance of that document, even though it's 12 months old, because it's become the template for workshops they've been having for the past 12 months," Mr Honeywood said.

As part of the community consultation for the Metropolitan Strategy, public forums were held in Ivanhoe and Diamond Creek in May and June. An-

drew McGinnes, spokesman for the Department of Infrastructure, said both forums had very high turnouts and, at each forum, urban growth and natural environment were the most popular topics.

However, Mr Honeywood criticised the consultation process, claiming a forum should have been held in Warrandyte.

Mr Franke, of the GWPG, expressed his confidence in the consultation process. He said the Department of Infrastructure is committed to the green wedges.

"This study will give us a plan, a vision for the future," he said.

Mr Franke also said the GWPG was using the process to push for the green wedges to be established in legislation.

Environment Victoria also expressed continuing support for permanent protection of the green wedges.

"It needs to be set in concrete: the Green Wedge areas will not be touched, regardless," Ben Smith said.

## Council plans survey

By DAVID WYMAN

A group of three planning consultants will conduct a survey of land use in Manningham council's non-urban areas which include Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park.

Originally, council appointed a Green Wedge review group, consisting of four councillors, a senior council officer and community and landowner representatives, to carry out the survey. But it resolved early in its deliberations that the task was too large for its resources.

Manningham council advertised for consultants interested in the project and three were appointed recently, headed by Research Planning Design Group, a Bendigo-based consultancy specialising in rural planning.

The consultants will report to the Green Wedge re-

view group which now includes Warrandyte resident Mark Tansley, who is a town planner and member of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

Mark Tansley said the consultants had been appointed to examine land use and development in the Green Wedge, which would include a survey of landowners and urban residents.

"They will come up with recommendations on how the Green Wedge can be retained in the long term and whether additional development could be permitted or not.

"The council's prime objective is retention of the Green Wedge but they are questioning whether development should be allowed or if it should remain with the existing provisions or if there should be even stronger regulations."

A media statement from council says the Green Wedge review follows "a formal request from a group of landowners seeking subdivision of part of the non-urban areas".

Green Wedge to be surveyed yet again!  
(Picture by Austin Polley)

## Waiting for shelters

By CLIFF GREEN

Manningham council's decision on illuminated advertising on bus shelters in Warrandyte (pictured right) has been delayed until late November.

This follows a sustained campaign by local residents and the commissioning of a survey by council. The survey, conducted by Sweeney Research, tested the opinion of residents living both sides of the river.

Council and the market research firm have declined to make public the results of this survey, pending its presentation to council. The *Diary* believes council officers are preparing a report for the council meeting on November 20. This should be available to the public a few days before the meeting.

"We are all anxiously awaiting the results of this survey," Kerrie Boyle told the *Diary*. Ms Boyle has been campaigning against advertising on shelters in the Warrandyte area for the past seven months. She obtained more than a thousand signatures to petitions against advertising on bus shelters.

"I want to stress again," Ms Boyle said.

"We're not against the bus shelters, but we're very much opposed to them carrying advertising.

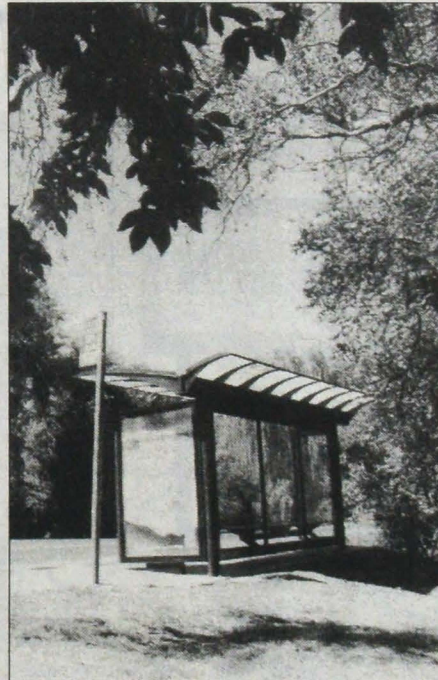
"The final decision on this critical issue could be close. The only avenue now open to locals who may wish to protest against advertising on bus shelters is to lobby Manningham council—especially Pat Young and Lionel Allemand of Mullum Mullum Ward—prior to the meeting on November 20.

"It would be marvellous if council decided to place no more advertising on new bus shelters in Warrandyte and instead allocated us the remaining shelters without advertising," Ms Boyle said.

"We realise this could mean a loss of revenue and these shelters could cost money to maintain, but isn't this preferable to inflicting intrusive advertising on an area as environmentally sensitive as Warrandyte?"

"This is an opportunity for the councillors to absorb the shelters bearing advertising in the built-up areas of Manningham and leave the rustic setting of Warrandyte for all to enjoy."

● You can call Kerrie Boyle: 9844 3120.



## Ramp response

A petition that has been letterboxed throughout Park Orchards and Donvale opposing Eastern Freeway ramps onto Park Road has won strong support.

Local state MP Phil Honeywood has agreed to table the petition in state parliament. According to Mr Honeywood, some 669 genuine local residents have signed their opposition to the ramps. Several hundred more petition sheets have yet to be returned and Mr Honeywood has explained that these can be added to the state parliament list on a future occasion.

He has received only four responses that support the ramps being constructed.

"The results of the petition verifies what I felt would be the case. Park Road was only ever constructed as a local service road for orchardists.

"It just has not been engi-

neered or configured to be a main road feeding into and off a freeway," Mr Honeywood said.

According to Mr Honeywood, the timing of the petition could not be better.

The mayors of Manningham, Maroondah and Whitehorse were all marching in to see transport minister, Peter Batchelor on October 31.

Their stated mission was to argue in favour of the Park Road ramps.

"To coincide with their meeting, the mayors and the minister will now have a reminder that what they are planning does not enjoy the support of those who stand to be affected most.

"Hopefully the petition will have the desired result of making the Bracks state government review their pro-ramps policy. At the very least it should serve as a circuit-breaker," Mr Honeywood said.

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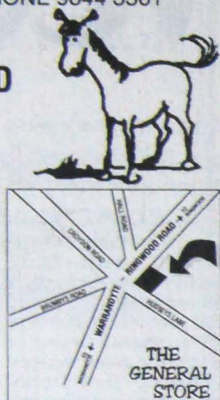
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## DEAR DIARY



I would like to correct a misconception that may have arisen from the article "Walks around Warrandyte" in the October Diary. In the section headed "Yarra River Walk" the writer has said "Halfway along Everard Drive begins a wide track which follows the river...Dogs on leash are welcome in this reserve..."

I am aware that a number of people have wondered, after reading this, whether dogs are actually allowed off lead along the Yarra River Walk and adjacent Stiggants Reserve. The answer is yes. These two reserves have been specified by Manningham City Council as off lead reserves for the responsible exercise of dogs. However the area the writer of the article was probably referring to is the small section of State Park which begins at the end of Taroon Avenue in Everard Drive and ends at the little bridge over Andersons Creek. As this section is State Park and

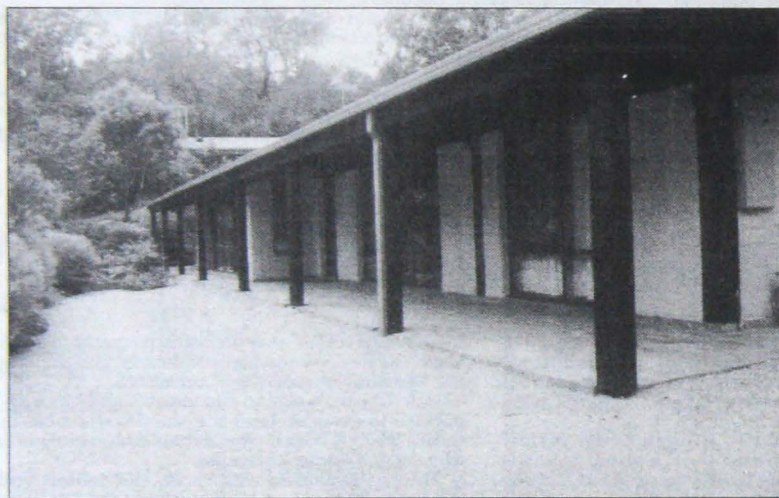
not council land, dogs should be on lead.

While on the topic of exercising dogs off lead, I would like to again emphasise the responsibilities that this privilege entails. "Off lead exercise area" does not mean that once in this reserve your dog can run up to every person and dog it meets, even if this approach is friendly. Please remember that even though the reserves are available for the off lead exercise of dogs, they must be under effective control at all times. We are very fortunate to be able to go to the Bakery and enjoy a coffee outside in the company of our dogs, but this area is not part of the River Reserve so dogs should be on lead at all times. It is an offence not to pick up your dogs' faeces and, even though the council has been ri-

diculously slow in providing adequate disposal facilities, the onus is still on dog owners to pick up.

Please, please, please treat this off lead area with the respect it deserves. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful place to walk our dogs freely but it could so easily be lost if we do not take our responsibilities seriously. Having said that, I never cease to be amazed at how the vast majority of dogs (and their owners!) socialise happily together and provide an excellent example of how well off lead exercise areas can work. The benefits of dog ownership are obvious when you see so many dog people walking, talking and coffee-ing together. For someone who spent over four years as a community representative on the council steering committee to develop the Domestic Animals Strategy, it is a pleasure to see!

Doreen Burge  
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### One for...

I received a wonderful surprise the other day when Rae and Jan from the Warrandyte Diary rang my doorbell and presented me with the news that I had been chosen Citizen of the Month for October.

My thanks to the Diary and the local IGA. Warrandyte is indeed still a special place.

Jean Chapman  
Taroon Avenue

### One against

I am saddened to see that our so-called community-minded supermarket sees fit to take out a licence to sell liquor when there is a perfectly adequate liquor store situated next door but one, as well as two more outlets in the village. How can a small outlet compete with the supermarket—which has a monopoly in Warrandyte as a general store anyway?

Ann Ley  
West End Road

Letters to the Diary on local topics are welcome. Real names preferred. Pen names only if actual names and addresses are included.

Responsibility for election comment in this issue is accepted by Cliff Green, 23 Webb Street, Warrandyte.

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### Peacocks

I moved to Melbourne Hill Road about two years ago and was delighted by the regular visits of two very beautiful peacocks. I soon learned that they had been residents of the road for some time and I looked forward to their visits. I was horrified to hear that someone had actually complained about their presence, and I understand the owner of these beautiful birds was asked to keep them locked away. It breaks my heart to hear them calling out from their enclosure, obviously pining for the freedom they once enjoyed. I cannot for a moment understand what harm or menace they could have caused anybody, and long to see them strolling leisurely along Melbourne Hill Road once again!

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## Community in action...

Phil Honeywood (left) addressed residents at the Warrandyte Community Centre late last month. They were discussing problems with the proposed new restaurant.

Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne



# The saga of six shops

By CLIFF GREEN

The campaign by local residents against the building of shops on land adjacent to the Mechanics Institute Hall goes back at least 11 years.

The original proposal, for seven shops on the site, was first made public in October 1990.

Some time prior to this a fine stand of mature yellow box trees on this land was poisoned under mysterious circumstances. They were dead by the time the development was proposed.

Even then, serious doubts were being raised about the commercial viability of still more shops for Warrandyte. "There is already a number of

empty shops in Warrandyte," nearby resident Jim Girvan told the *Diary*.

Objectors were pointing to traffic congestion, parking difficulties and "a considerable increase in noise, both from the shops and especially from the parking area behind."

"The proposed parking lot could become a gathering point for vandals and hooligans, especially at night," Mr Girvan said.

As early as December 1987, the Warrandyte Environment League told the *Diary* they considered the commercial zoning of this land "inappropriate".

Warrandyte residents won round one of the battle. Doncaster and Templestowe council threw out the developer's proposal for seven shops. They listed "overdevelopment of the site, traffic safety problems in Yarra Street, Mitchell Avenue and adjoining streets and loss of privacy for nearby residents" as reasons for rejection.

Council further proposed that the site should be rezoned from business to residential. They pointed out that the "proposed development is contrary to the orderly and proper planning of the Warrandyte township".

In 1979 the Warrandyte Planning Strategy suggested it be "taken out of the commercial zone" and in 1987 the Warrandyte Townscape Improvement Report commented that the business zoning of this site "seems unusual because of the limited access and poor exposure to Yarra Street".

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Val Polley, then a Warrandyte Ward councillor, said she regarded council's rejection as "a landmark decision" for the local community.

A meeting was held between council and the developer to "further discuss the future of the site", but the developer refused to consider any rezoning proposition and took the matter to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The tribunal approved a modified plan to build six shops on the site, allowing for a road to be built "off Mitchell Avenue and behind the WAA studio, to

permit rear access to the shops".

Mr Greg Stroot, president of the Warrandyte Environment League, stressed the inappropriateness of the zoning. He said that given "the present oversupply of shops in Warrandyte, the developer should consider other options".

A spokesman for statutory planning at Doncaster council said that "considering the expense of the development it might never happen".

Council announced at the time that "work on the site must commence within three years

and be completed two years later or the permit will lapse".

Manningham council renewed the permit in March 1999 and the land was re-sold, by auction, that August. Council required work to commence by January 15, 2001.

The Warrandyte Awareness Group opposed the development on that occasion, claiming it would bring "unsightly" advertising and traffic signs, junk mail, litter and traffic hazards. "Above all, it represents another exploitation of our home among the gum trees," Peter Curry, of WAG, said.

# Call for WCA

By RACHEL BAKER

Warrandyte MP, Phil Honeywood, has repeated his pledge of support for a new Warrandyte community association.

A meeting will be held on November 21 to launch such an association.

Mr Honeywood has previously called on the people of Warrandyte to establish a group of residents, committed to representing the community on environmental and planning issues.

Mr Honeywood was prompted to repeat the call, following concern from some residents over a proposed restaurant in Yarra Street.

He said there needed to be a committed group that could act as a reference point for himself and Manningham council. This would allow the people of Warrandyte to be told about developments before they began, rather than reacting once they were already in motion.

Mr Honeywood said the people of Warrandyte had become complacent.

"Everyone's been thinking, 'it'll be alright'," he said.

● A public meeting to launch the Warrandyte Community Association will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street, on November 21 at 8pm.

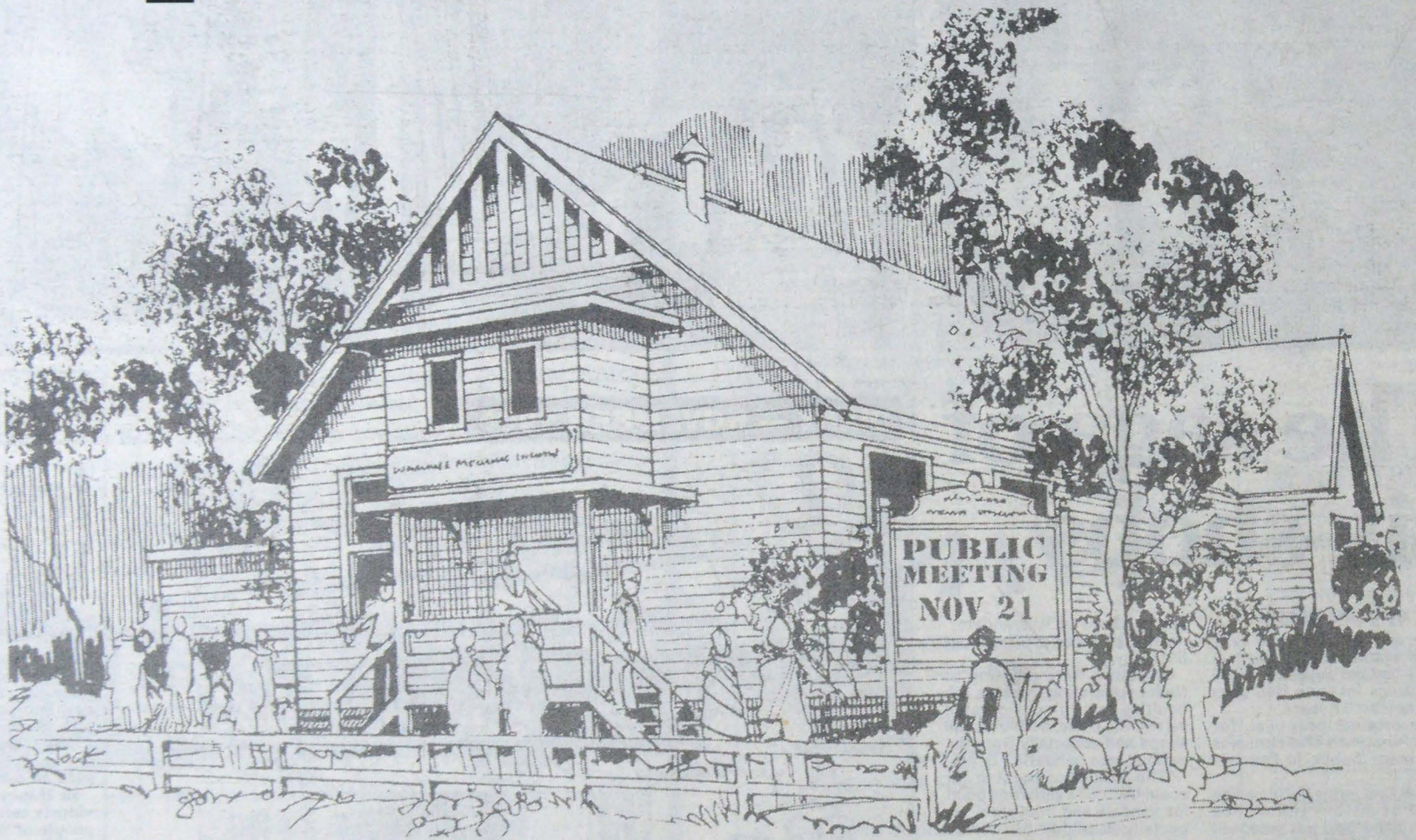
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# Warrandyte needs a community association

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- stop subdivision in the Green Wedge
- defend the character of the township
- promote all aspects of community life in Warrandyte



# PUBLIC MEETING

to launch the  
**Warrandyte Community Association**

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall  
Wednesday, November 21  
at 8pm



# Festival on the Wedge

Nillumbik council's 2001 Eltham Festival celebrates "Living on the Wedge" with strong themes of conservation, preservation, restoration and celebration weaving through the four day program.

The theme derives from the shire being primarily conservation land and low density urban development wedged between Melbourne's growing eastern and northern suburbs.

The festival began 27 years ago with an old fashioned barbecue in the town square. Nearly three decades on, the event is now celebrated in four locations drawing crowds of 40,000.

The festival will run from Thursday, November 8 to Sunday, November 11.

## Saturday, November 10

The environment theme features strongly on this day of fun and activity for all the family at Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham North. People are encouraged to walk or cycle to the farm along scenic paths from Eltham Central, Research or Diamond Creek.

Workshops with an environmentally sustainable theme will run throughout the day including:

- Vegie gardening with little water and soil
- Worm farms and composting and
- Many other workshops on sustainable living.

Displays on frog habitat, threatened species, Aboriginal heritage, trees, recycling, waste minimisation and energy use will be exhibited by local schools.

The Music Stage at Edendale always draws a big crowd and this year people will be entertained by GIT, Melbourne's answer to The Andrews' Sisters and the Birri-on Lakidjeka Dancers.

A must-see at the farm is the Kids Entertainment Tent, and this year children will be treated to the antics of:

- Meet the creatures
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## Sunday, November 1

The highlights of the final day of the festival, to be held at Alistair Knox Park, Main Road, Eltham, will include:

- John Butler—solo
- Vince Jones, Australia's leading vocalist and trumpet player
- The Fireworks Finale at 8.30pm, accompanied by a 10 piece didgeridoo, percussion and voice choir.

The day kicks off with the unveiling of the Parade of Panels "Take a Walk on the Wild Side". Local artists, schools and community groups come together to display en masse around the circumference of Central Park Oval.

As the day progresses musical entertainment for all will include:

- Kids Tent—Andy Griffith "The day my bum went psycho"
- Global Stage—Judy Jaques and John Butler
- Big Band Stage—Smash Hits, Nillumbik Guitars, Swinging Side Walks with Rebecca Barnard and Kerri Simpson
- Youth Stage—West African Rhythms and Song Workshop, Little G, David McCormack and Standard Procedure.

## Festival program

### Thursday, November 8

The official opening will take place at The Barn Gallery, Montsalvat in Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham with a photographic exhibition "Life in the Tall Eucalypt Forests" by nature photographer Esther Beaton.

Accompanying music will be by local musician Michael Johnson and Etienne de Lavaulx, who will perform excerpts from their CD "A Moments Piece".

Following the exhibition people can then move to the Long Gallery where the Festival Forum is set to entertain with guest speakers Barry Dickens, Fanciscus Henry, Judy Jacques, Shane Pugh, Vallie Myer and Jenny Bannister, discussing, "Is Individuality an Art Form". This should be an amusing and entertaining insight into what makes people different. Roger Taylor, editor of World Sculpture News and radio presenter on 3RRR FM will convene the evening.

A table feast replete with fresh produce supplied by local organic store, Dynamic Vegies, with accompanying wines from Evelyn County Winery, will follow.

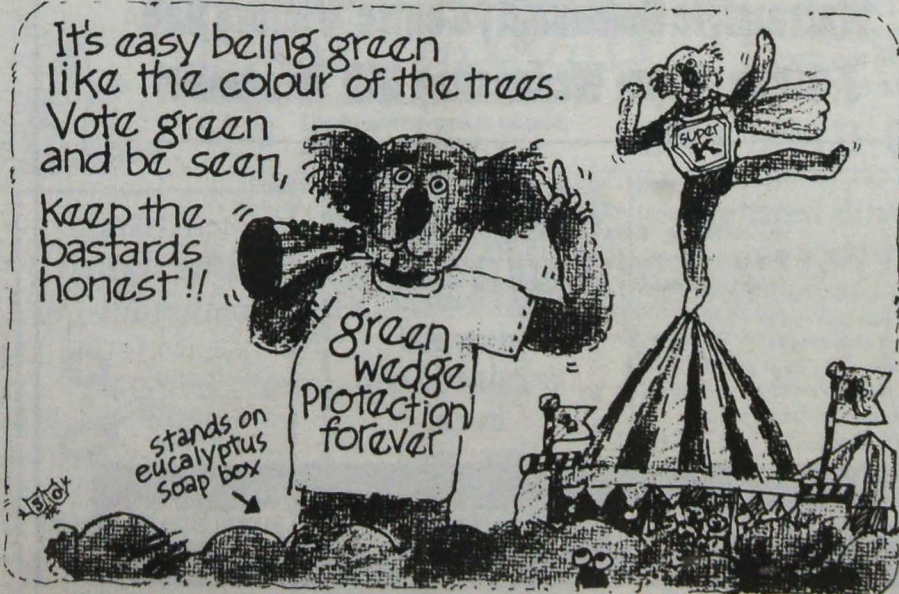
### Friday, November 9

A community barbecue and the official opening of the Eltham Town Square will take place at 6pm. Live music and entertainment featured throughout the evening will include:

- New Angels of Soul
- Thelma's Party
- Chocolate Lilies Choir
- Eltham East Primary School
- Circus of Chaos
- Balloons and face painting.

## COREY'S CLAN

By SYD & ONA



Kerry Fairley and friend. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

## Weeding ferals out of our park

A local politician has called for urgent action to protect Warrandyte State Park against further infestation and damage by weed plants and feral animals.

Silvan Province MP Andrew Olexander has called on the minister for conservation to "act immediately".

Speaking in parliament last month, Mr Olexander outlined the importance of the State Park as a nature and conservation corridor.

"The Warrandyte State Park is one of Melbourne's most important conservation corridors stretching from Warrandyte through to the Kinglake National Park," he said.

Mr Olexander pointed out that Warrandyte State Park also provides many benefits to the wider community.

"The park should offer our young people a rare educational experience in native flora and fauna, instead all they get is a sad experience in feral animal infestation and a lesson in the damage pest weeds can cause in the wild," he said.

"The terrible state of Warrandyte State Park is a result of a number of feral pests and toxic plants, yet the state government has not provided any solid assistance to the groups involved in the park's preservation.

"A very high level of weed infestation exists at the ground layer, midstorey and in the overstorey. In addition to this, five threatened flora species exist in areas of the worst weed infestation. The state government has offered a draft strategy that has no deadlines and no budgetary commitment.

"Cinnamon fungus, a dangerous plant pathogen, is also present in the park along with feral pests such as foxes, rabbits and European wasps," he said.

Mr Olexander praised the work of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park. However, long-time Friends member, Ms Kerry Fairley, whose residence abuts the State Park, said that without urgent departmental action the park will become overridden by the elements.

"St Johns Wort, blackberries and rabbits are ruining parts of the park almost beyond repair. Friends of Warrandyte Park have worked hard to try to fight them off but we are almost at the point of no return. What we need is strong support from the state government by way of tangible resources in our fight to eradicate these pest weeds and feral animals from this important community asset," Ms Fairley said.

Mr Olexander called on the minister "to urgently ensure that Warrandyte State Park management and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park are given adequate resources, enabling them to eradicate the pest weeds and animals that are currently destroying what should be a major environmental asset for all of Melbourne."

## Summer ranger

Warrandyte State Park will receive an additional ranger over the summer period.

"Parks Victoria is employing more than 40 extra rangers this summer, to ensure visitors during this busy period will enjoy more extensive ranger services whilst staff continue carrying out important environmental programs and fire fighting commitments," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

One of these summer ranger positions will be located in the Warrandyte State Park. Their duties will include customer service, assisting with visitor service and environmental projects and updating information, interpretation and educational material.

"It is with pleasure that I have the opportunity to announce the continuing commitment to the employment of seasonal rangers in metropolitan and regional Victoria," said environment minister, Sherryl Garbutt.

"The summer ranger will be of great assistance in Warrandyte State Park during the busy summer period and we look forward to making them a part of our team for the duration of their stay," ranger in charge, Andy Nixon, said.

The four month seasonal ranger recruitment initiative will commence in metropolitan parks across Melbourne in December 2001.

● For more information on Victoria's parks please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit the Parks Victoria website at ([www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)).

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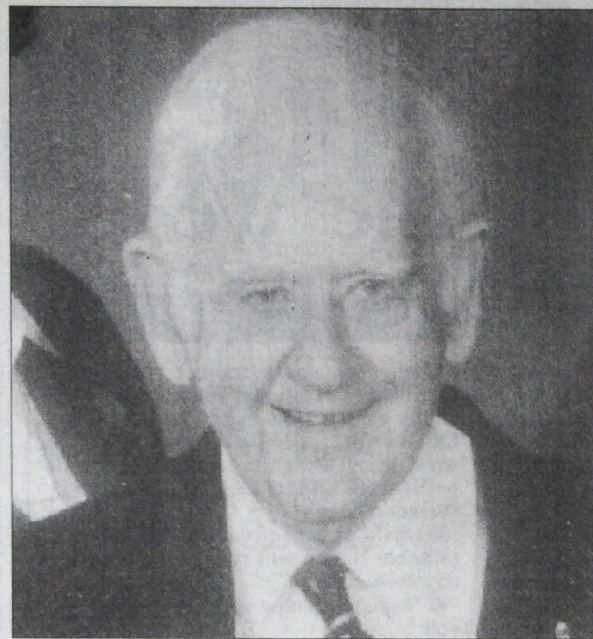
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## Author at peace talks

Warrandyte author, Don Charlwood (pictured above), who received critical acclaim for his World War II classic, *No Moon Tonight*, will be lending his support to a series of peace talks that will be held locally early this month.

The talks will be about how, as individuals, we can make a significant contribution to bringing an end to terrorism by learning a powerful meditation technique that has been scientifically proven not only to eliminate our own stress, but the collective stress of the entire world.

"Creating world peace is something close to my own heart," said Mr Charlwood. "I returned from the Second World War appalled by the tragedy of war. I had written about it, but had no clear idea how war might be prevented. I did have a conviction though that wars arose not so much because of economic circum-

stances or accumulation of armaments, but from something much more fundamental: the build up of fears and tensions in the minds of whole populations, in what Tolstoy called "the collective will of the people".

The talks will be run by Mr Charlwood's daughter, Mrs Sue Brown, who is a teacher of transcendental meditation and the senior administrator of the Maharishi School in Bundoora. Local inventor, Mr Mike Soos, will also be a speaker.

"I had originally become interested in transcendental meditation in the 1960s, solely as a personal practice," said Mr Charlwood. "It didn't occur to me that this practice could be effective on a large scale," he added.

• The talks will be held on Thursday, November 8 (7.45pm) and Sunday, November 11 (2pm) at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

# Waste Wise works

To assist local traders become "Waste Wise Businesses", a partnership has been developed between Manningham council, the Warrandyte Business Association and the Eastern Regional Waste Management Group—Leastwaste.

In July 2001, Mayor Julie Eisenbise launched the pilot Waste Wise Warrandyte (WWW) project, with the aim of assisting local traders set up a system for the recycling of cardboard, paper and recyclable containers.

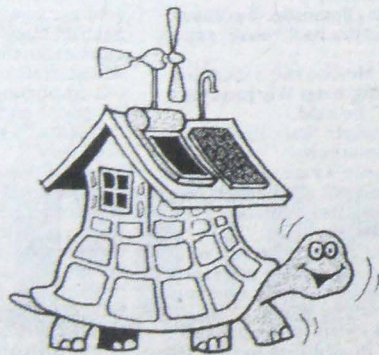
Twenty-five Warrandyte businesses have become part of this growing program, changing the way they deal with waste, cutting their costs and improving their efficiencies.

Recently Cr Julie Eisenbise attended a business breakfast to present certificates to the participating businesses and was astounded by the waste figures the traders had been able to generate in only three months.

"Commercial waste makes up 65 percent of total solid waste going to landfill in Victoria and anything we, as a community, can do to reduce that figure should be developed and encouraged," she said.

"I must applaud the work of the Warrandyte Business Association. Their WWW pilot program has delivered amazing results, recycling 2.6 tonnes of cardboard since July."

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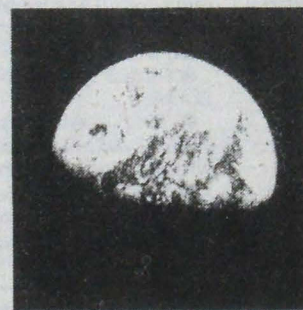
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All aboard! The Diamond Valley Railway is 40 years young. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

# Forty years of railroading

Described as "one of Melbourne's most successful miniature railways", the Diamond Valley Railway celebrated its 40th anniversary late last month.

The railway had its beginnings in Ivanhoe as the Chelsworth Park Railway during the late 1940s. Due to constant flooding of the nearby Yarra River, the railway was re-located to the Eltham Lower Park in 1960 where it was renamed the Diamond Valley Railway.

The railway chugs into action every Sunday (except Christmas Day), every Wednesday during school holidays (except during December) and most public holidays.

"Railways seem to have lost a lot of their glamour and appeal since they have been modernised," public relations officer, Brian Coleman, told the *Diary*. "The old-fashioned trains are most popular with adults and children alike. We try to let the passengers see what railways were like in the past and more importantly, experience being part of it."

"It's all the smoke and steam that brings back the romance of a bygone era of railways," he said. "We only travel at 10kph (5mph) but when you're close to the ground in the little trains, it's like you're back out on the main line once again."

The railway has around 130 members, ranging from students to businessmen and retired folk, who come from all over Melbourne. These voluntary workers have built 3km of miniature track since the club relocated and have over 18 "little locos" ranging from steam engines to sleek modern diesel and electric types.

"All the trains, lines and equipment have been built by club members and are generally small scale replicas, modelled on full-sized examples," Mr Coleman said.

The railway has a main station called Diamond Valley (based on Northcote station), two smaller stations called Meadmore Junction and Pine Creek, two signal boxes, two workshop/carriage shed complexes, five bridges, and two tunnels.

"The tunnels are the highlight of the ride," he said. "All this in a wonderful bushland setting, right here in Eltham."

The railway has carried more than two million passengers since it started passenger services in 1961. "We are very appreciative of the loyal support given by our many loyal patrons over the years," Mr Coleman said.

"Funds to build, maintain and improve the railway have come from passenger fares, and most of the work is carried out by the

incredibly dedicated volunteer membership. Finance from the railway, coupled with past grants from several government agencies, have allowed us to carry out further landscaping, tree replanting, new pathway, station platform works and level crossing refurbishments recently.

"Future works include the construction of a new signal box, to replace an older structure," Mr Coleman said.

The railway operates under similar safe-working procedures to full-sized railways, and the railway is regulated by operating guidelines set down by the Australian Association of Live Steamers. All the passenger trains are fitted with air braking and safety chains, and only qualified train crews man the trains. There is also an extensive signalling system modelled on the full-sized systems used by the Victorian Railways over the years.

New members are always welcome, Mr Coleman said. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Mr Robert Carlisle, on 9836 3660.

• *Special train hire and picnic site reservations can be arranged for groups through the booking officer, Mrs Lorraine Burton, on 9439 7077.*

## Keep cats from nocturnal marauding

Warrandyte residents are being asked to think about the impact their cats can have on native birds and wildlife.

Roaming uncontrolled, the average domestic cat will kill up to 25 animals a year," a Manningham council spokesperson said. "With thousands of cats in our municipality, the impact on our native bird population is startling.

"Cats are wonderful pets and offer great companionship but for your pet's safety and to limit their impact on the environment, cat owners should follow some tips:

- Register your cat with council—registration is required by law and also provides the best form of identification should your pet be lost. Ensure that the registration tag and owner's

name and address is on the cat's collar;

- Feed cats an adequate and balanced diet and supply clean, cool water at all times;
- Desex your cat—neutered cats make better, more contented pets;
- Confine your cat to your property;
- Keep your cat in at night—cats kept indoors won't be hurt

in fights, hit by cars or harm wildlife;

- Put bells on your cat's collar;
- Ensure that your cat is cared for during holidays;
- Help control stray cats—contact animal welfare organisations or council for assistance.

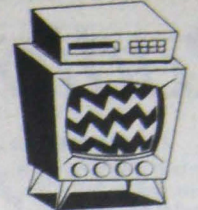
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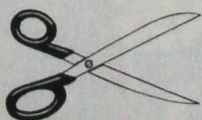
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# Radio daze high jinks

By MAYDEENA JAMESON

Students at Warrandyte High School took to the air in recent months. Not as student pilots, but as hopeful disc jockeys.

They were taking lessons in operating a broadcast control panel and producing and presenting a radio program at 94.9FM.

As part of the school's Year 10 English program, teacher Anni Adams organised a radio program with the RMIT Student Youth Network station. Ms Adams was joined in the project by Thornbury Secondary College teacher Paul Van Eden.

The Student Youth Network radio station (SYN 94.9) is an RMIT based station that does not broadcast throughout the year and is not yet fully funded. The presenters on it are all volunteers and it is open to tertiary and secondary students.

"It is a great opportunity for students to experience something that may help them create a pathway for the future," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

To meet their subject requirements, the Year 10 students had to design and produce a half hour, issues-based program. This was then presented in the studio at RMIT by the students themselves and broadcast over SYN.

Ms Adams congratulated the students on their "fantastic efforts, especially Zac Bradtke, Tom Frost, Taiga Takashiba and Carly Millar".

"These students not only did the English issues program but later performed in a one and a half hour program which they wrote and produced themselves," Ms Adams said.

"It was quite a big task, because as well as presenting, they also had to learn how to use all the panel controls."

Ms Adams said that the program "opened up the possibilities of young voices being heard". "There are not many places where young people are free to voice their thoughts and gain such important skills," she said.

After the success of the Year 10 program in May, SYN gave Warrandyte's years 10, 11, and 12 students a chance to have their say. There were two Year 12 programs which ran on September 28 and October 3 and 10, each utilising the talents and enthusiasm of three students: Wes Mountain-Pearson, Brent Grimes and Elliott Fithall, and Tara Quinlivan, Tracey Clark and Francesca Khoo.

The students said they all appreciated the opportunities they were given, especially the chance to "speak their minds".



In tune: Jack Stringer, Jo Pearson, Jan Nance and Lisa Upson. (Picture by Jan Tindale)



On air: Warrandyte High School radio jocks broadcasting from RMIT's SYN 94.9

# Harmony in the hills

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

It's one of those things that can happen to anyone, really. You run into some friends at Harry's (OK, make that the IGA supermarket), someone suggests asking a very musical chap to be involved and before you know it, although terrified of being on the stage, you're rehearsing in a singing group.

Eighteen months later, 4 in a Bar is performing to audiences at wineries and parties, bringing a refined repertoire of about 20 songs ranging from boogie woogie to folk. The group's alto, and in her own words the most experienced singer, is Jan Nance.

"For 10 years I'd been sitting in the audience at the Warrandyte Follies, with my friends all saying I should be up there," Jan said. "Then last year my daughter said 'come on Mum, you'll regret it if you don't' and I finally did. I got up, rehearsed and although I was absolutely terrified I loved it."

Jan, Jo Pearson and Lisa Upson asked musician Jack Stringer if he would be part of the group.

"Jack's been a school music teacher for many years," said Jan. "He arranges all the music with up to four-part harmonies and plays the guitar

as well. And he's a perfectionist." A baritone, Jack was in the Wayfarers during the mid-60s and semi-professional for a year until he ran out of money and "had to go back to work".

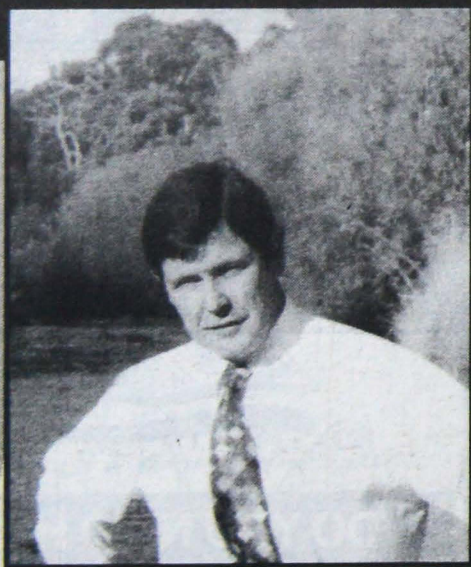
Jo Pearson comes from a folk background and has what Jan describes as a "Peter, Paul and Mary" type of mezzo voice. Born in Warrandyte, she is in two choirs and also plays guitar. Soprano Upson, who teaches choir at Warrandyte Primary School, used to sing professionally with a Brisbane jazz combo.

"Lisa brings terrific style and pizzaz," said Jan, who has not sung professionally but says she has a harmonising voice, a natural ear and good timing herself.

The group 4 in a Bar sings jazz, contemporary, folk and swing and is looking at including some country music in their repertoire. The singers range from their late 30s to 50s.

"We love to sing but we need full attention when we're performing. We like to perform locally to a dedicated audience in a small space, not in a cavernous setting. Being local, lots of people know our faces," Jan said. "We're not looking at city gigs but we'll definitely be performing at the 2002 Follies."

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# So, who's counting?



Seen any koalas in your area lately? The annual eastern suburbs koala count is on again and locals are invited to take part in the survey on Sunday, November 11.

Manningham mayor Julie Eisenbise told the *Diary* that the aim of the count is to get a clearer indication of the distribution and number of koalas living in our suburbs and adjoining rural areas, "so that we can take steps to protect them".

Residents are asked to participate in the survey by completing a simple form.

The municipalities of Manningham, Nillumbik, Maroondah, Banyule and Yarra Ranges are supporting this year's count, along with community and local friends groups and

organisers are dedicated to recruiting more enthusiastic people.

"Local schools are also being asked to take part," Cr Eisenbise said. "Students are encouraged to check their own backyards and gardens and ask friends and relatives to do the same, especially if they live near the Yarra River or areas of parkland where koalas might live."

"Most people are unaware that koalas are scattered throughout the suburbs and may even make use of their gardens."

Local koala count organiser, Julie Pryor of Wonga Park, offers the following advice to anyone who finds a koala in their backyard:

- Do not attempt to handle it; koalas are not as cuddly as they appear.

- Put dogs inside the house, usually overnight, until the koala has disappeared. Koalas are easily stressed by their presence and have also been known to inflict nasty wounds on dogs.

- Alert your neighbours that a koala is present and ask them to restrain their dogs until it is gone.

- If practical, place a plank of wood from the tree to a nearby fence so the koala can move safely without having to descend to the ground.

For further information on how you can get involved in the koala count call Julie Pryor on 9722 1117.

# CFA fire talkfests



By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte CFA is calling a public meeting and a number of fire emergency street corner meetings in December.

"The primary purpose of these meetings is to provide residents with local information about fire behaviour, planning and preparation," Jeff Adair, Yarra Area CFA community education coordinator said.

"As in previous years, CFA intends to take this message to the community at a very local level. Information will be specific, factual and very helpful for those who have not yet developed a fire plan and will especially target residents who may be new to the area."

"Recent rains are very welcome," Mr Adair said. "With intermittent periods of sunshine they will have contributed to the prolific growth in grassland areas. However, we are still in rainfall deficit and given a period of warm, dry and windy weather, it will not take long for this growth to turn into a fuel

source for fire during the summer months.

"Should this wet weather pattern continue, we may see the early seasonal fire threat delayed. But summer is coming. Long range weather forecasts predict higher than average temperatures. If this happens, it only takes a few weeks for forest fuels to become tinder dry."

The local CFA information campaign begins on Tuesday, December 4 with a public meeting at the fire station in Harris Gully Road, commencing at 7pm. This will be followed by a series of street corner meetings.

"Regardless of the summer weather outlook," Mr Adair said, "residents can expect a number of hot, dry, and high wind days. It only takes one day of these conditions for tragedy to occur."

Though many communities have started to plan, the CFA believes it is vital for residents living in high fire risk areas like Warrandyte to understand the

dangers they face.

"If you intend to wait until you smell smoke before deciding what to do," Mr Adair said, "your decision may well be too late. You need to develop a plan now."

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- Tuesday, December 4—Warrandyte Fire Station, Harris Gully Road—at 7pm;

- Saturday, December 8—street corner meeting, outside St Gerards Catholic Church, Cemetery Road—at 11am;

- Tuesday, December 11—corner Third Street and Pound Road—at 7pm;

- Saturday, December 15—corner Webb Street and Tunnel Street—at 11am;

- Sunday, December 16—corner Rivulet Place and Oakland Drive—at 11am;

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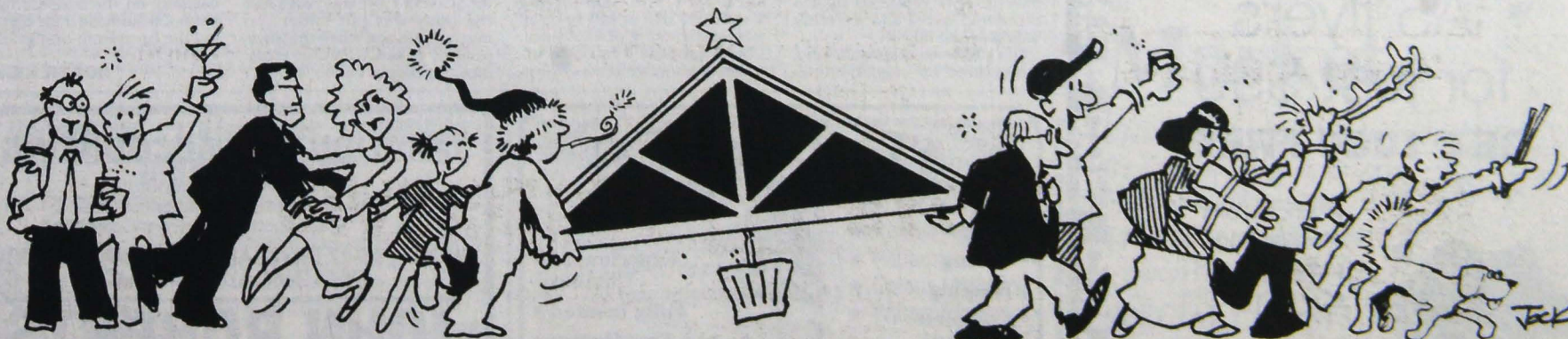
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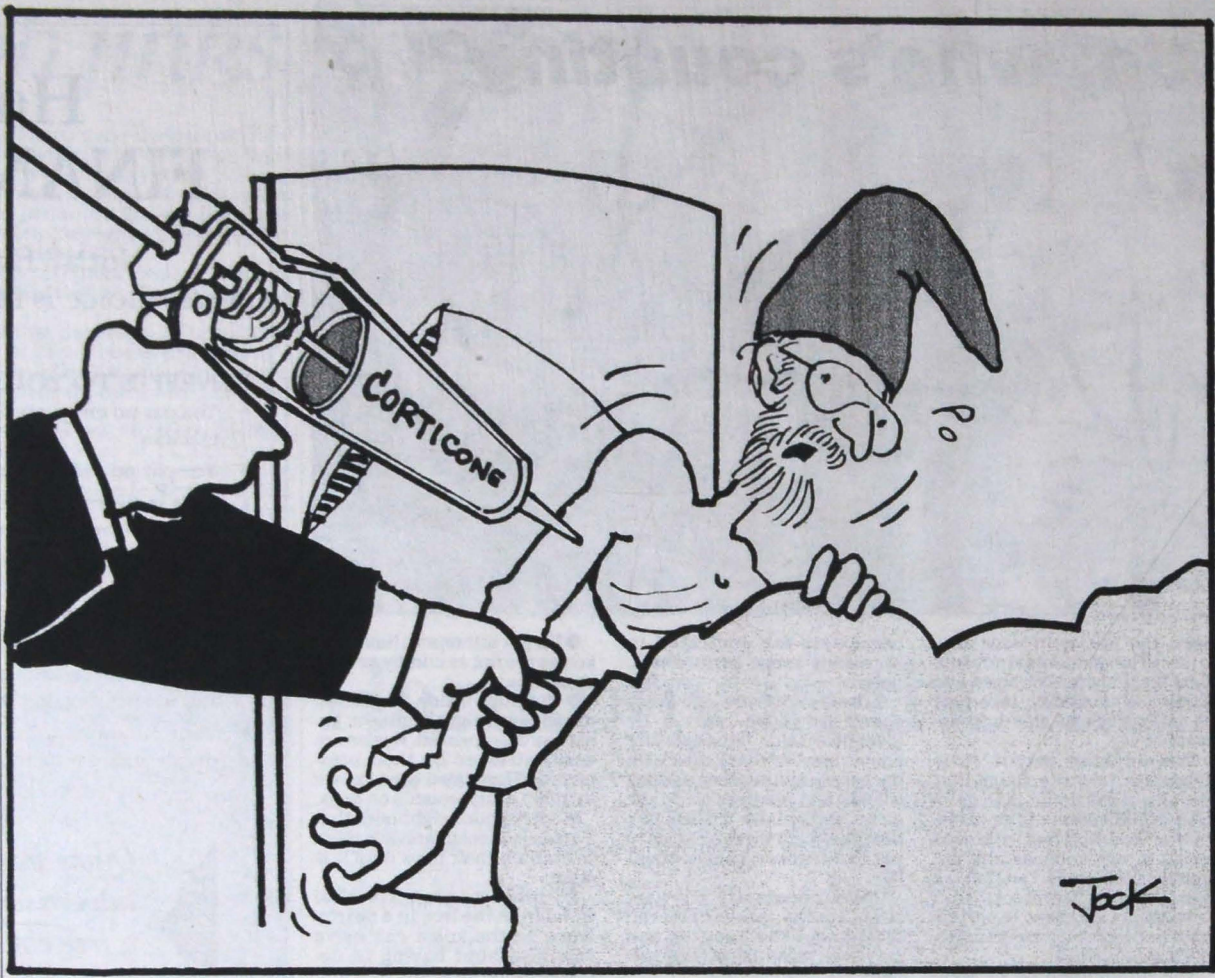
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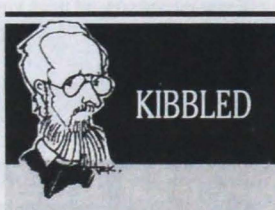


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# 'Crook in the guts?' Mum's the word

66 I'M feeling crook and I want my mum!" Now I know this may seem a little strange for a man in his more mature years to be saying this but dammit, when you're sick you want to be cosseted and nobody does this like your mum. Your "significant other" knows you too well and can twig very quickly to even the tiniest sign of hypochondria. At the first hint of wellness, the cough lollies get put back in the medicine cabinet, the sheets get pulled off the bed and you are bundled into business clobber and off you go to rejoin the real world, populated by urbane, self-controlled stoically mature adults who certainly wouldn't pretend to be something they're not. Mothers, on the other hand, are endlessly accepting and will tolerate malingering. Of course, they don't see it as that. They know that if you want attention, you must need it so they go out of their way to make sure your time with them is "quality time". They bring you tea at regular intervals, without the need to ask. Lunches are presented on a tray, replete with wholesome homemade soup and perhaps an omelette or steamed fish. As the tray is removed, it is replaced by another cup of tea and a freshly baked Anzac biscuit. The afternoon is spent dozing, punctuated by angelic enqui-



**"... you sink back into the warmth of the womb and fall asleep, dreaming of a relapse..."**

ries about the state of your health. Sometimes it takes all your strength to whisper, "I think I'm getting better". "Well, don't you rush to get back to work. It's important that you get really well first. You don't want to get up too soon. You'll only ruin all the good work getting better this week. It's not worth it. Just imagine going back to work too soon then having to go back to bed for another week!" You sink back into the comforting warmth of the womb and fall asleep, dreaming of a relapse. But I suppose I could be accused of selective amnesia. Per-

haps sickness under Mum was not as rosy as I imagine. After all, nostalgia's not what it used to be. Also remedies, when I was a lad, were less high tech than they are today. Take, for instance, the camphor block treatment. At my first sniffle, I remember my mother would look knowingly at my dribbling nose and head for the sewing box. In a nano second she was fabricating a little muslin bag into which she hand sewed a camphor block. This was then suspended around my neck by means of an old shoelace. Evidently the fumes were supposed to be beneficial. Add to this the globs of Vicks Vapor Rub that were applied to my chest each night and I think I've got a case for Slater and Gordon. All that was needed was a cup of lemon and honey in an asbestos mug and it would be an open misere. And perhaps the food wasn't quite as gorgeous. I think "mush" might be a more accurate word. A convalescing child was in a state somewhere between death and the emergency department of a hospital. The patient had a delicate constitution and a "dicky" digestive system. Consequently, mashed apple was high on the list of safe foods. That, and flat lemonade. And unadorned dry water biscuits. Care was taken lest the body was put under too much strain and when that happened, there was the early morning phone call to the doc-

tor. "I've done as much as I can but I fear we're losing the battle. I think we need you to have a look at him." I always knew what this meant and I just willed myself to get better before the black Buick glided up to our front door. "Hello, soldier. Not feeling the best? Well we'll have you up and about in no time. Let's take your temperature and listen to your chest and then we'll be in a better position to know what to do." Invariably that meant an injection. Now you may accuse me of gross exaggeration but the needles in those days were bigger. The barrel was about as large as one of today's silicone sealant tubes and the needle was a like a kitchen skewer. "Now you just relax. This won't hurt a bit." Obviously, he was talking about himself because the pain, as the penicillin insinuated its way into my arm, was more agonising than the worst possible Chinese Burn inflicted by Tommo, the school bully. "There, that wasn't too bad was it?" I glanced at my sobbing mother and managed to look suitably crestfallen, anticipating treats and selfless attention. That done, my concerns flew to the discarded syringe, left casually on the bedside table. Later, I would use it for extracting the juice from oranges.

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# How nature colours our wild, wondrous world

**T**HE kingfisher family is not a large one. In the whole of Australia there are only ten species and two of these are kookaburras. Warrandyte has just three—the Azure and Sacred Kingfishers and the Laughing Kookaburra which, if the literal translation of its scientific name, *Dacelo novaguinea*, were followed, should be called the New-Guinean Kingfisher.

The birds belonging to this family all have a large head with a powerful oversize bill. Most kingfishers are woodland birds and belie their name by feeding, not on fish but on insects and small reptiles. The one exception, in Warrandyte at least, is the Azure Kingfisher which is an eater of fish and can be found—although not often—perched on a low branch overhanging the river.

In northern Victoria, along the margin of the Murray, these birds are common and seem to be less shy. While camping in the Barmah Forest recently I managed to sneak up to a lone Azure Kingfisher resting on a dead branch at the river's edge.

If any kingfisher deserves its regal status then this is it. Breast, underparts and feet are a rich orange—like burnished copper. The rest of the bird—apart from a splash of creamy white on the neck—is blue, deep blue—azure I guess.

Many words come to mind to describe the colour blue: light, dark, pale, navy, royal, cobalt, cerulean, aquamarine, ultramarine, peacock, prussian, sapphire, sky, turquoise and teal. The intense colour of this bird, though, was beyond words.

Colour is a complex concept because colour is a perception,

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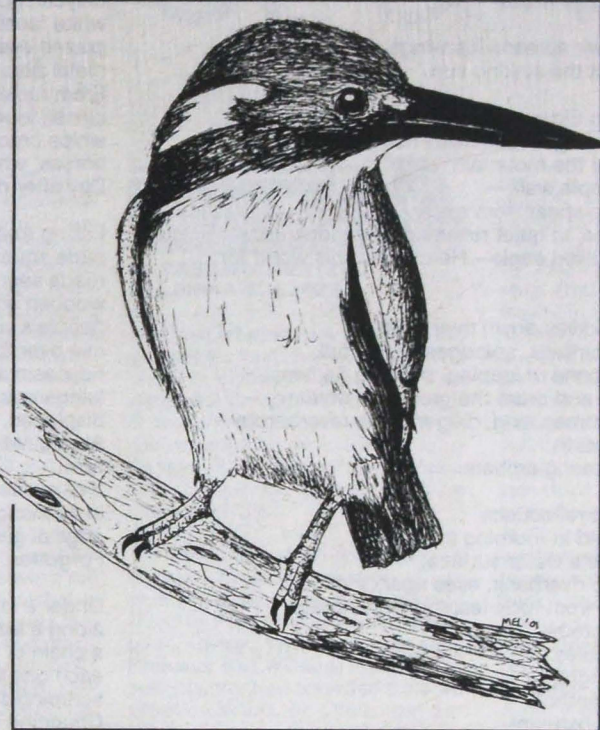
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and it works like this. Most of the colour we see is due to pigments. White light, emitted by the sun or artificial means, contains the full spectrum of colour. When white light hits an object, pigments in that object absorb, some, most, or all of the colours. What is not absorbed is reflected (transmitted) back, and that is the colour we see. So if an object appears black then all colours have been absorbed and nothing is reflected, while white objects absorb nothing and reflect everything.

To answer that age-old question, mostly asked by the young, "Why is the sky blue?" requires a slightly different explanation. It is partly due to the differing wavelengths of colours—red being the longest and blue the shortest. Blue light particles are scattered by the atmosphere, which allows red light to pass straight through.

My train of thought took a tangent track. Just imagine if there was no colour in the world and that we saw everything in black and white and shades of grey. The Red Centre would be the Grey Centre and Ayres Rock a monolith in monotones. Where rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef, no merging of green, gold and blue, just a slow gradation of grey. Devoid of colour, the Kimberly, Kakadu and Cape York are reduced to vast achromatic landscapes, with sunrise and sunset a mere lightening and darkening of the day.

And on the local scene, the springtime wildflower show



would be a non-event. Orange and red parrot-peas, golden bush-peas, purple coral-peas and scarlet running postman would blend together. Ephemeral orchids and lilies lose their appeal without colour.

Take away colour and butterflies become dull, day-flying versions of their poorer cousins the moths. And the birds. Well some, like ravens, magpies, currawongs and choughs would look much the same, but not the parrots or the lorikeets—those multicoloured fly-

ing rainbows. Drained of colour these birds are unspectacular. And as for the Azure Kingfisher it becomes just another small grey bird with an extra large pointed bill.

There is a sense of physical support and spiritual freedom that comes from colour, beauty and southern warmth. We live in a land of brilliant colour, probably one of the most colourful places on earth. It is a land of stunning beauty. Let us not pollute it. Let us not destroy it. Let us keep it safe.

# One darned thing after another

**N**EWTON'S third law of motion is well-known. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Loosely translated, it means that for every good thing that happens, there is also a bad thing.

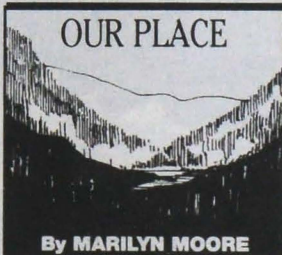
Say, for example, that you don't crash the car on the way to work. That's good. But you get home and find that the hot water service, strangely temperate of late, is busy filling itself, even though nobody's been at home to use any hot water. Now that's got to be bad.

The plumber answers his phone only seconds after the first ring. That's amazing. He immediately replaces the faulty valve on the hot water service. Even better.

You sleep easy, knowing that for the first time in a fortnight there will be enough hot water for everybody to shower in comfort. (And you can leave off blaming the kids and various other people for using all the hot water!) "Sweet dreams are made of this..."

Next morning, the hot shower is bliss.

Ten minutes later, the day falls apart before it's begun. A gas-



ket on the hot water service (which still looks new to the untrained eye but, at 24 years of age, is ancient in plumbing terms) has loosened under the newly increased pressure and failed overnight. Umpteen gallons of water flood the storeroom. Hell's bells!

A couple of hours later, with about half the water mopped up, you take a break and phone your workmates. They obviously have you tagged as either a very inventive storyteller, or a very bad housekeeper. None of the outrageous catastrophes that constantly interrupt your schedule ever seem to bother other people.

During a second break, to ease an aching back, you grab

some breakfast. Definitely good, especially the muffins with butter and the latest taste sensation—champagne and ginger marmalade. (End of the jar...you might have known.) The butter's a bit soft for something that's just come out of the refrigerator; other people probably left the door open for too long during the morning breakfast-and-lunch-cutting ritual.

Back to the laundry. Take 2. Plumber tightens gasket, water stops trickling down outside the hot water service. Fantastic! The entire contents of the storeroom are out on the deck to dry in the breeze except that it's started to drizzle (#%\*!)

Working at home all afternoon, you pretend to focus on the computer screen, but the view outside is too distracting. A flock of noisy mynahs is unsuccessfully hassling a pair of eastern rosellas; a tawny frogmouth looks on, unblinking.

Suddenly the frogmouth sharply swivels his head. A ringtailed possum emerges from his hollow log, leaps up the trunk (nearly sideswiping the frogmouth), and scampers along a well-worn route to a thickly-crowned blackwood.

With the noisy miners on his tail, the poor baby leaps into the refuge of his grassy nest. \*#\*#@!\*!!! Suddenly possums and bits of nest are going in all directions. One ringtail falls at least five metres before grabbing a branch. The nest falls to the ground, becoming more and more dishevelled with each collision on the way down. The commotion stops as quickly as it starts—even the gentle vein of rain is silent, soaking slowly into the pile of camping gear "drying" on the deck.

Next morning, the shower is still blissfully hot. Good. But wait...the gasket on the hot water service has now blown completely, and a lake covers the floor of two and a bit rooms.

"Never, never, NEVER let me buy another house with an indoor hot water service!" You let off steam to nobody in particular.

It's brilliant when it's all fixed up. Even a string of power failures and computer crashes won't dim your enthusiasm for getting your workload back under control. Until you notice that the refrigerator is strangely noisy, and that everything in the freezer has thawed out...

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Across the sky the sun melts—  
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Bunjil the eagle hawk spreads his wings and glides—  
in silhouette against the sinking sun.

On top of a peak an Elder stands—  
through the sun's last glare his heart heaves:  
crossing the rims of the mountain range,  
in single file his people walk—  
each pathway like a spear from a star.  
His people converge; in quiet reverence they look up:  
Bunjil, the wedge-tailed eagle – He created this world for  
them.

Bunjil swoops and dives down river valley—  
thunder rolls, sky darkens, splodges of rain fall.  
The people light a cone of leaping, dancing flames,  
they beat their feet and drum the ground in rhythm;  
clapsticks clack, women sing, didgeridoos reverberate—  
deep tones of the earth...  
flames fall into flickering embers.

Riverside's starlight reflections  
catch specks of gold in morning sunlight.  
Wattle blossom dusts water surface,  
children slide down riverbank, eyes sparkling.  
Water bubbles rise from rock-leaping whitehorses:  
sun-tinted, sun-glinted—  
magical, aerial marbles.  
Under glimmering light,  
they roll into one another,  
playfully riding downstream...  
Floating, weightless—  
suddenly spirited away—  
a journey through willows' swaying green doorways  
into dark depths of shade.  
A breeze, a rustle—  
children's laughter sudden still.

Billycan bubbles by river shallows,  
white faces stare under wide-brimmed hats—  
crazed eyes intent on water-swooshing, gravel-swilling  
metal pan.  
From rushing rapids to rumbling wagon wheels—  
closer, louder; closer, louder...  
whips cracking and lashing through the air,  
horses' whinnies carrying with the wind.  
Day after day after day more and more of them come.

Falling trees moan,  
birds squawk—air-born, nowhere to go;  
roads sear through forests,  
wooden shops and walkways deck streets;  
people's voices, the clatter of horses and carriages  
rise over murmuring river.  
Fences stake new homesteads,  
kangaroos hunted down, sheep graze cleared land—  
displaced, dispossessed, depressed, diseased,  
Aboriginal people are a nuisance and an embarrassment  
now.  
'For a piece of parchment a fistful of soil  
In exchange for land, blankets and flour'—  
original greeting of shared well meaning?  
Forgotten. Gone.

Under a stormy, charcoal sky,  
along a lead-grey riverbank horizon ribboning,  
a chain of manacled Aborigines moves—  
each one linked to another all the way—  
scraping stony ground in bare-footed steps.  
Chugging machinery pounds in their ears,  
resounding between their motherland's river valley walls—  
a new rhythm imposed in their hearts—  
slag heaps and quarries the last they remember and see.  
...  
Under the road bridge a clarinet's notes echo and trail—  
gold coins tinkle into a hat.  
Tunnel's riverside reflections dance and leap—  
like an ancient traditional art.  
Listen to the river passing by,  
listen to the rapids' rushing rhythm singing out:  
"Our story lives in rocks and trees,  
this is our story which lives on..."

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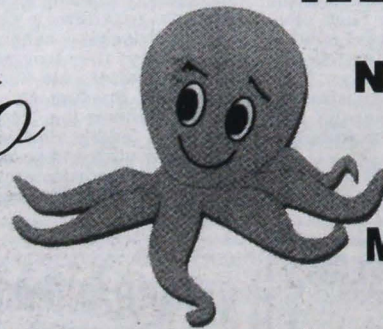
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**A** CROSS the Mullum Mullum Creek, Manningham opens out to Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park. In these suburbs we can see in microcosm Manningham past and future. Bushland, farmland and urban development still jostle for space and their competing claims challenge the notion that a balance can be sustained. Park Orchards, a conscious marriage of urban design and bush parkland, counterpoints the serendipity of Warrandyte's settlements and greater bushland reserves.

The key themes in this history—the area's first people, immigration, settlement, the discovery of gold, orcharding, the arts, the environment and the community—aim to acknowledge achievement and loss and to articulate aspects of the past from different perspectives in the present. In pursuit of history we have travelled upstream in directions opposite to the flow of history's traffic. We now ask you to follow—to read, to look, to listen—back past the advent of suburbs to a time when fruit-tree blossoms perfumed the air, when wind whispered through protective pine trees. Even further back we invite you to hear, in some parts of the district, the thump of a crusher pounding rock in the hope of releasing gold as it temporarily silences birdsong.

## Settlement

The Wood brothers, John and William, are believed to have been the first Europeans actually to settle in the Manningham region. They, too, had crossed from Van Diemen's Land, possibly as early as 1837, to set up a sheep farm. By 1839 the brothers had established runs in two different places in the region. John Wood occupied a site on the Yarra River flats of Bulleen, while his brother William settled at Warrandyte. The location of William Wood's station is shown on T. H. Nutt's 1839 survey map. The Wood brothers may have been the first Europeans to settle in Manningham but their stay was brief. By 1841 they had moved elsewhere.

Further upstream from Warrandyte on his survey map of the "Yarra Yarra River", after he notes "Mr Gardiner's Cattle Station", Nutt has written "Messrs Ryrie's Cattle Station". The Ryrie brothers, William, Donald and James, held a grazing

lease of 30,000 acres (11,500 hectares) just beyond Gardiner's second run, in the area of Manningham called Wonga Park. The brothers had overlanded their stock at about the same time as Gardiner, and it is believed they registered their holding around 1837. They remained associated with the district longer than the Wood brothers, but by 1850 the Ryrie holding had also been taken over by someone else.

James Anderson's Warrandyte run too is noted on Nutt's 1839 map. He and his wife, Ann, are believed to have arrived from Van Diemen's Land either in 1837 or 1838. Anderson grazed his cattle on land selected upstream from Newman's run but was often feuding with his neighbour over encroachments into each other's holdings. In those early days of settlement no clear property boundaries were established. Like the Wood brothers, Anderson did not stay long in the district. After Nutt's second survey of the area, undertaken in 1841 to delineate the boundaries of the "Parish of Warrandyte" in the "County of Bourke", Anderson's run was reduced to only 390 acres. Soon after he left the district leaving Newman to expand his run into that acreage. His significance regarding the early settlement of the district is remembered, however, in the naming of Anderson's Creek.

Though neither stayed long, both Anderson and the Wood brothers provide a link to the next phase of settlement in the Manningham region. A sketch map titled "Anderson's Run on the Yarra Yarra", which James Anderson included with a letter he wrote on October 2, 1842, shows the site of his run. Further upstream from his property Anderson has marked "Dawson's station" and on the other side of Jumping Creek he has drawn "Selby's station". When the Wood brothers moved on, around 1841, the property was secured by Scotsman, Robert Laidlaw. All three parties, Laidlaw, the Dawsons and the Selbys, are representative of the next phase of European settlement in the district. They were not overlanders; they came from over the sea, but not from Van Diemen's Land. Their ports of exit were much further away.

## Free and virtuous

*This Colony is made the receptacle for the outcasts of the United Kingdom, and is consequently loaded with a vast disproportion of immoral people.*

## BYGONE DAYS: 1

By BARBARA PERTZEL and FIONA WALTERS

*That the Colonists have derived many advantages from the transportation of Convicts, cannot be denied—but the system has brought with it a long train of moral evils, which can only be counteracted by an extensive introduction of free and virtuous inhabitants ... Report of Committee on Immigration, 1835.*

The Dawsons and Selbys did not experience the same measure of success as Laidlaw. Penelope Selby arrived in Port Phillip with her husband, George, and two young sons, Prideaux and William, in 1840. The Selby family had travelled from England on board the *China*, and during the journey the Selbys became close friends with fellow immigrants, James and Joan Dawson. By the time the *China* had docked at Port Phillip the two families had agreed to be neighbours, if possible, at wherever they chose to make their new start in the colony of New South Wales. Optimism was high. On December 26, 1840, Penelope Selby wrote to her grandparents:

"I do not think I could live in London now, the air is so fresh here ... I [will] tell you in a few words what I think of this place. Any one, like ourselves, willing to work ... and put up with a few inconveniences and discomforts, let them come; but to the poor industrious mechanic or labourer and his wife and family the advantage is beyond description and I would not hesitate to say none would regret leaving England. ... A person in want of food is a thing not known. I saw no beggar while I was in Melbourne ..."

The Selbys took up land near the junction of Anderson's Creek and the Yarra River, "not in partnership with but on the same place with Mr & Mrs Dawson". By 1841 they were settled in separate residences on a station, which they named Bonny Town. Penelope Selby wrote with confidence about their prospects for success. She explained to her sisters how they planned to make their income:

"George is now milking six cows, and if we can get a boy I intend to send fresh butter to Melbourne as soon as ever the weather is a degree cooler, I expect to get 2/6 a lb for it,

and if I could only make a dozen pounds per week it would more than pay all our expenses."

Her optimism had not diminished by 1842 despite some of the hardship that her new life entailed. Raised in England with expectations of leading a genteel, middle-class life, she had had to learn in Australia how to cure meat, make cheese, fatten calves and pigs and cook kangaroo and possum. She was doing "all the baking, washing and everything" even in the eighth month of her third pregnancy, which sadly ended with a still birth. When in 1842, having passed through "the wettest winter ever known here", a winter when the Yarra River burst its banks and they "could not go out of the house for months without being ankle deep", the constant mud turning the house into a "pigsty", Penelope could still write that "when clean it is such a nice little place". In the same letter, however, she indicated "that things in the business line are in a most wretched state. Almost every merchant in Melbourne is failing". The depression of the 1840s was beginning to bite. In the Selbys' case it was a drop in the price of butter that affected their livelihood. Within 16 months the price given by merchants for butter halved, dropping from two shillings a pound to around one shilling. The impact of such a reduction on the Selby's income is obvious. The economic hardships that ensued so affected both families at Bonny Town that by 1844 they gave up their Warrandyte holding and together moved to a property James Dawson had acquired in Port Fairy.

## Gold!

The announcement in July 1851 that gold had been discovered at Anderson's Creek created a rapid but impermanent expansion of settlement into Warrandyte. By August 1851 large numbers of diggers, ill-prepared either for the work or the weather, tramped into the steep, heavily-wooded country that Nutt had earlier described as "next to impassable". In the wake of the rush a small collection of township buildings developed at Bartlett's Flat above the present site of Warrandyte. The first wave of diggers did not stay long. An article published

in *The Argus* in December 1851 reported that there were only two men and one gold commissioner now present at Warrandyte. The discovery of easier pickings at Ballarat and Bendigo had drawn the diggers away. In 1854 there was a resurgence of interest in the area, and by January 1855, as many as 200 tents had been pitched near Anderson's Creek. This second wave of interest in the region's gold created another temporary expansion of settlement. By 1856, however, the alluvial workings in the gullies around Warrandyte were all but worked out. Quartz mining continued a little longer but proved difficult work for little return. Many miners moved on, but not all: "Some 100 or so settlers stayed on. They constituted the backbone of the township — and right through till the early 1900s some 60 to 100 miners continued to eke out an existence."

## A village

Throughout Manningham in the 1850s the isolation of the earliest settlers began to diminish with the development of pockets of villages. As we have already noted, the settlement of Warrandyte received some impetus from the discovery in 1851 of gold at Anderson's Creek; but it was not until 1856 that a township at Warrandyte was surveyed, by Clement Hodgkinson. Land in Warrandyte was sold during the 1850s in one-square-mile sections at the rate of £1 per acre. Much of Warrandyte South was also sectioned in 1856. "If you look at the 1858 Parish of Warrandyte Map it shows the sections of 640 acres each of which were occupied by selectors such as George King Thornhill, Francis Cooke, Charles Heape—with plans for a few roads. There was no road from Warrandyte to South Warrandyte, only a road from Ringwood to Wonga Park/Croydon. The area was only really opened up when sections each side of the Main Road at Parsons Gully were surveyed around 1914."

● Excerpts pertaining to Warrandyte taken from Manningham: a history, commissioned by Manningham City Council and published by Arcadia (an imprint of Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd), to be launched in December 2001.





## KG's citizens honour the past

It was a special time in Kangaroo Ground one evening late last month. The village celebrated the launch of Mick Woitwod's new book, *Tread Softly You Tread On Dreams*, chronicling the story of the local cemetery. Also featured was the opening of the Ness-Stevenson Rotunda, marking the contribution to the district of two well-known families. Pictured with the trustees of the Kangaroo Ground cemetery is Nillumbik mayor, Cr Sigmund Jorgensen (third from right). (Picture by Diana and Peter Basset-Smith)

# A day for volunteers

Manningham council is inviting all residents to come along to the Manningham Volunteer Expo: "Real People... Real Heroes" and join in the celebration of the International Year of Volunteers.

"Manningham has a long and distinguished history of volunteering with more than 20,000 volunteers regularly giving their time, lending their hearts and hands and sharing their skills and talents to serve the community," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The expo will be held on Saturday, November 10.

"Real People... Real Heroes aims to recognise our army of volunteers and raise awareness of the vital work done by volunteers," the spokesperson said.

"The day kicks off in a very spectacular way with the conferral of the freedom of the city ceremony for 401 RAAF Squadron, Australian Airforce Cadets, supported by the RAAF Central Band. Commencing at 10am, the parade will provide a spectacle rarely seen in suburban Melbourne."

Cadets and staff of the squadron will march to the Manningham municipal offices at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, where they will be challenged as to their right to enter the city.

"The squadron, with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, band playing and colours flying, will be presented with a scroll granting them the right to enter the city."

The ceremony will conclude with a spectacular aerial display, with an RAAF Roulettes flyover and aerobatic display in

the sky above at the moment of challenge, in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Australian Air Force Cadets.

"The Volunteer Expo will then get underway in earnest with displays from 50 local volunteer-based community groups, showcasing their services and encourage members of the local community to get involved," the spokesperson said.

Celebrity compere John Deeks will host a sports panel and high profile speakers will appear throughout the day, including AFL stars Kevin Sheedy and John Blakey, Gould League's Alan Reid and ABC presenter Kevin Heinze.

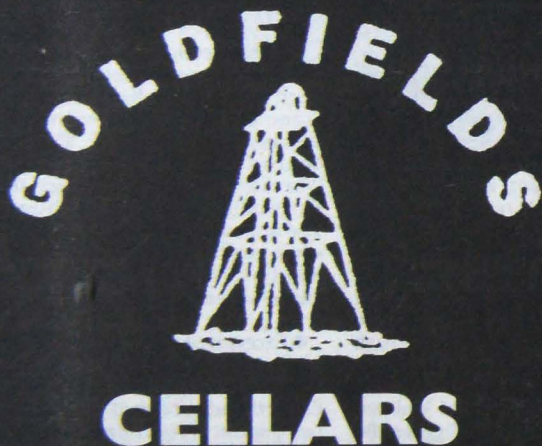
The entrance to the new Manningham Function Centre will house a photographic exhibition, "The Many Faces of Volunteering" to be opened at 1pm, by mayor, Cr Julie Eisenbise.

"The Many Faces of Volunteering" is a visual representation of the essence of volunteering, saluting the volunteer organisations, individual volunteers and depicting the variety of volunteer work that is undertaken in Manningham.

The Manningham Gallery is also hosting "Suburban Voices", stories of a multi-cultural Manningham—a Federation project of the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation.

"It will be a fun day for all the family with music, theatre and physical and cultural activities," the spokesperson said. Children will be able to explore SES vehicles and CFA fire trucks.

A range of food will also be available, with the proceeds donated back to local charities.

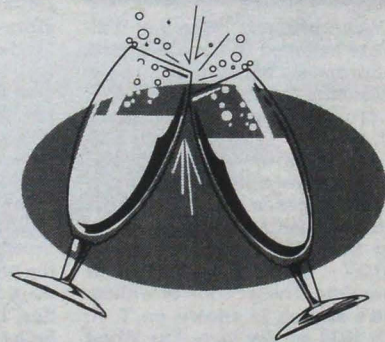


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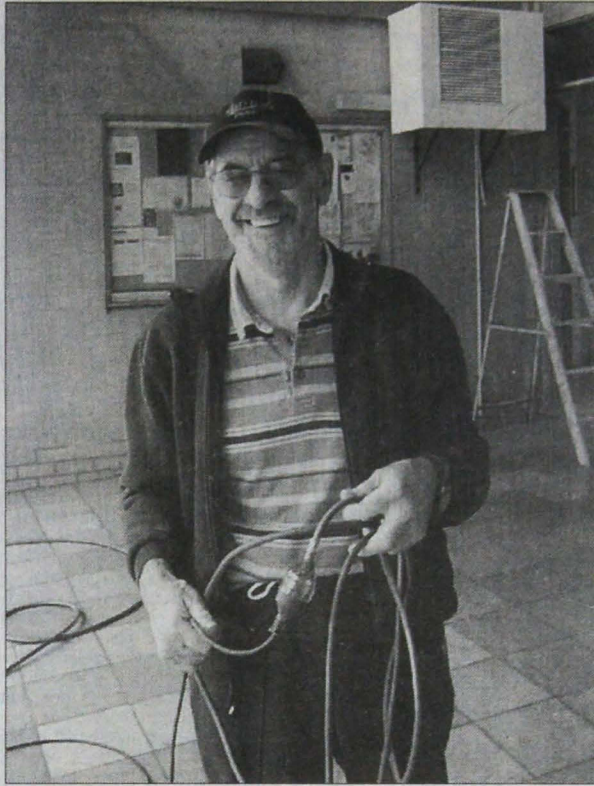
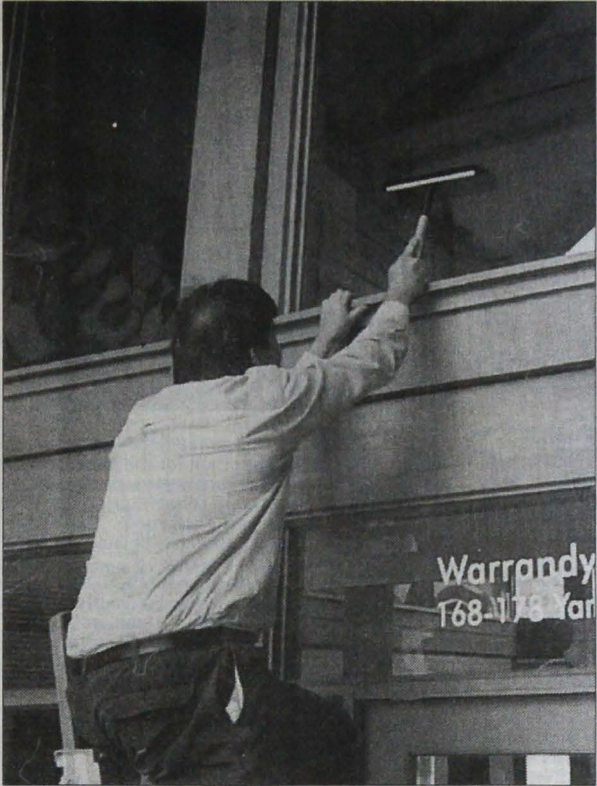
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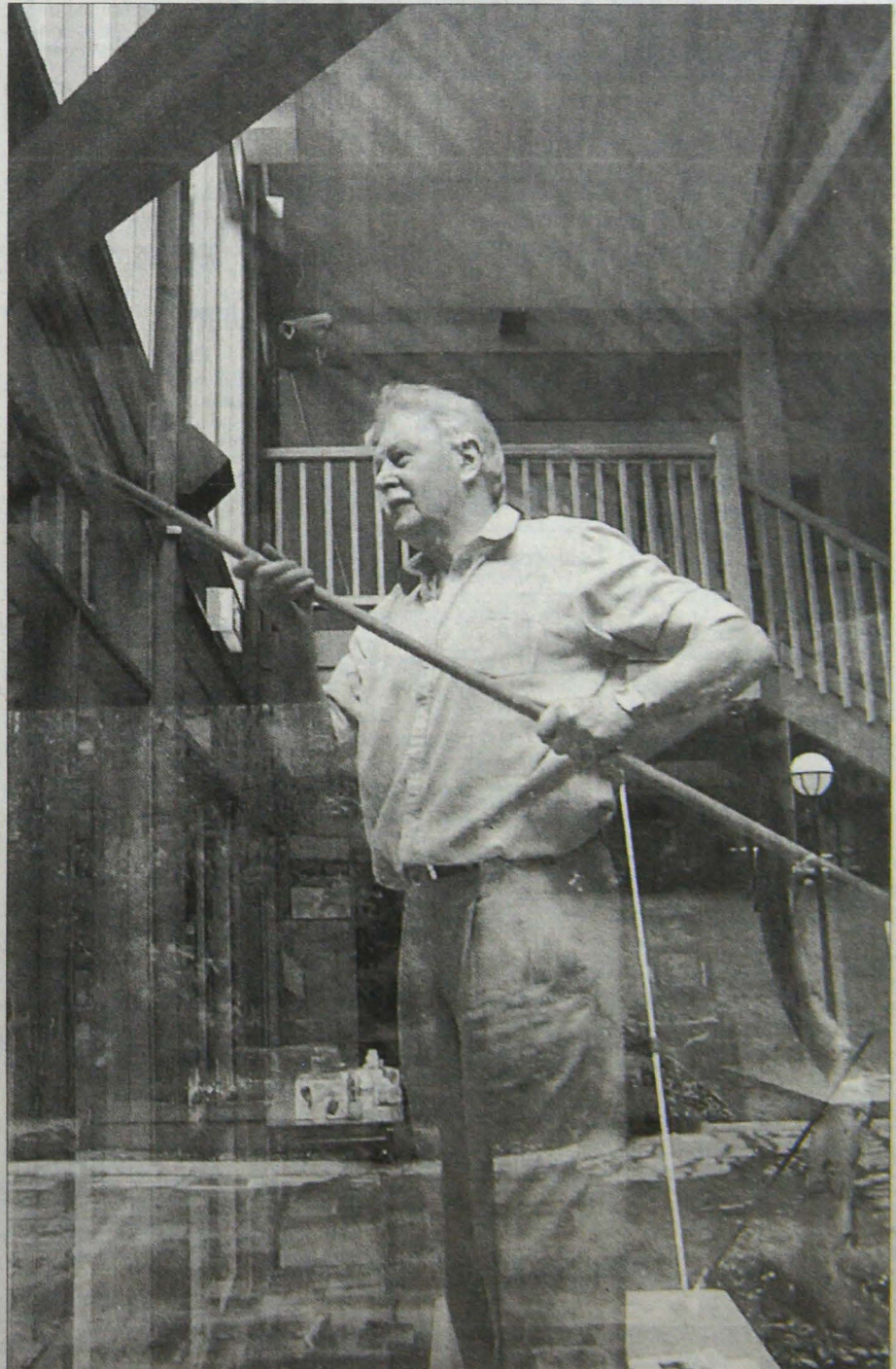
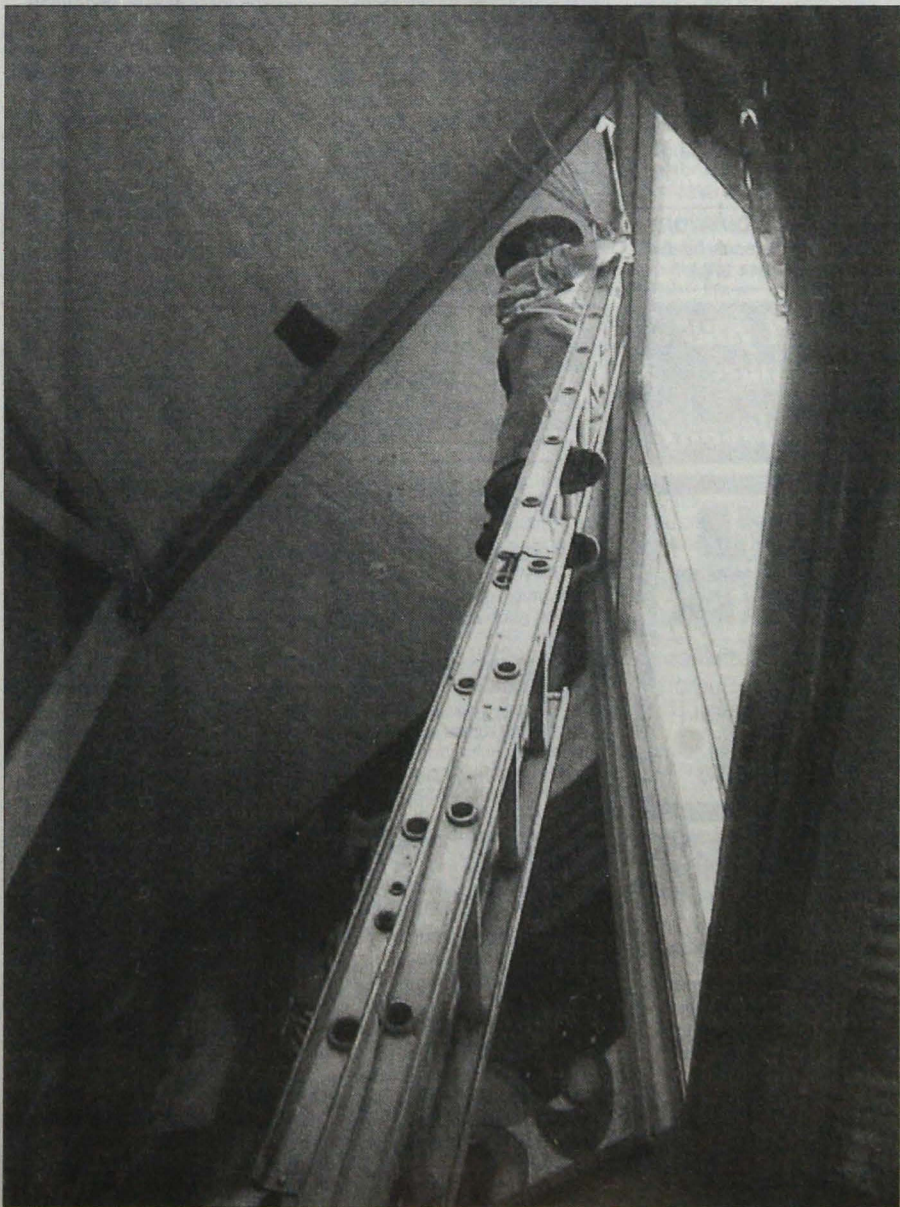


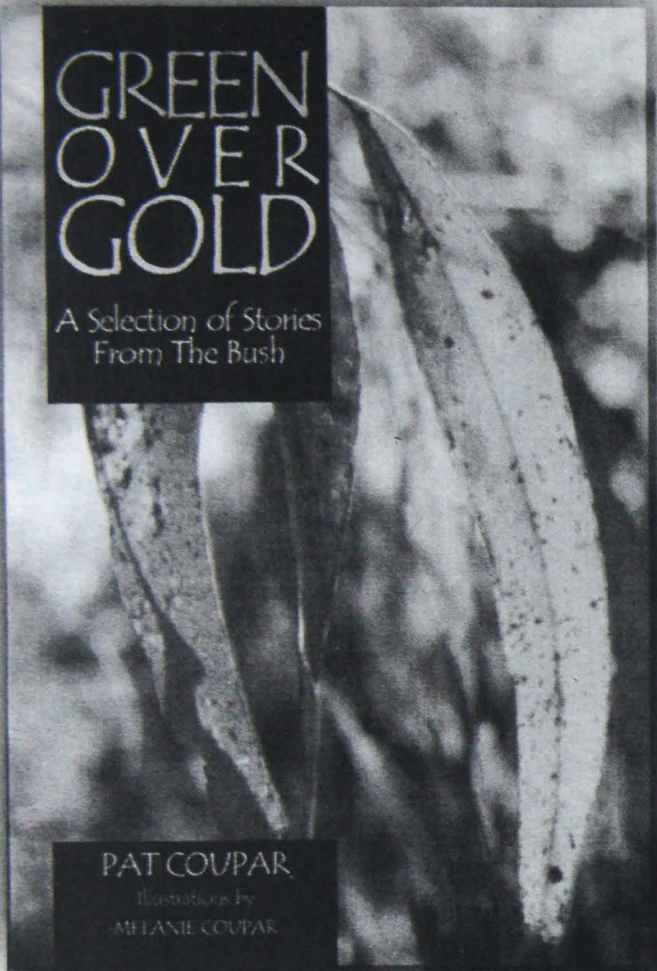


# BUSY AS BEES

*Local volunteers spring-cleaned the interior and the garden at a working bee at the Warrandyte Community Centre late last month.*

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**Appeal will give Sean a new mobility**

By CLINTON GRYBAS

A fundraising committee has been formed to help aid the rehabilitation of local resident Sean Corcoran (pictured right) who was seriously injured in a freak skiing accident in late August. The 27 year-old suffered severe spinal injuries after a fall at Perisher in New South Wales.

A life-time resident of Warrandyte, Sean was skiing with his fiance Jacqui and friends when he fell. His skiing partners, all of whom are ski patrollers, provided assistance before Sean was airlifted to Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital where he was diagnosed as an incomplete quadriplegic.

After four weeks at the hospital, where Jacqui, family and friends kept close watch to offer support, Sean was transferred to the Austin Spinal Unit in Heidelberg. On October 17 he was admitted to the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre to begin his long road back to recovery.

"Sean has always been an extremely active and



sporting person enjoying all challenges life has offered him," a spokesperson for the appeal told the Diary.

"As Sean has moved into rehabilitation he will need expensive aids and equipment. The committee has been formed to organise fund raising activities to help in this area."

Sean is well known locally having attended North Warrandyte pre-school, Warrandyte Primary School and Yarra Valley Grammar. On the completion of schooling he earned an apprenticeship with Ansett as an aircraft maintenance engineer. He was an experienced skier who spent plenty of time on the slopes.

A focal point of the appeal will be a major function at Warrandyte Tennis Club on March 3 next year.

To donate to the Sean Corcoran appeal contact Paul Lynch on 9873 1399, Margaret Pulford on 9844 2358 or Penny Kerkhof on 9844 3970.

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**RESIDENTS URGED TO PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON**

Manningham City Council is urging residents to start preparing their properties for the fire danger period by reducing sources of fuel such as tree branches and green waste.

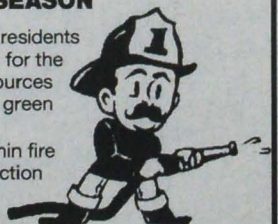
Council is assisting residents within fire prone areas to engage in fuel reduction by offering a free disposal service each Sunday for a period of five weeks.

Residents living within Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Wonga Park, Park Orchards and Donvale areas are eligible for free vouchers to dispose of green or dry clean wood and branches to a maximum of 100mm diameter. Only clean green wastes will be accepted.

Residents should check the requirements of the Manningham Planning Scheme if they are unaware of the provisions relating to tree pruning. Contaminated and mixed loads of waste will not be accepted at the site.

The green waste can be disposed of at the waste mulching service at Tikalara Waste Service Centre, corner of Blackburn and Websters Roads, with entry via the Websters Road entrance (Melway Ref: 34 D2).

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# True travellers tales



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## Seniors

Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club extends an invitation to all to their Annual Concert Party at their centre in Tarooma Avenue, Warrandyte on Thursday, November 15. The concert commences at 1pm with gold coin admission. A delicious afternoon tea will be served. Contact the club social secretary on 9844 2955 if you need more information.

## Living

A Sustainable Living Workshop, an evening about healthy home living and building, conducted by Rob McDowell, with presentations on energy management, making the most of your existing place and community-based living in Warrandyte, will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm. \$5 admission, refreshments available.

## Seminar

The next Green Wedge Seminar, to be held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room, Reynolds Road, Doncaster East will be held on Thursday, December 6. It is entitled "Gardens Planted for a Variety of Birds" and will be conducted by Alan Reid. The seminar commences at 7.30pm. Contact Samantha Bradley on 9840 9307 for further information.

## Plants

Warrandyte State Park has plants available for sale between 10am and 12noon on Thursdays. The nursery is situated at the park headquarters in Pound Road, Warrandyte.

## Market

A special Christmas Market will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 15. The usual monthly market will take place on Saturday, December 1.

## Dance

The next South Warrandyte Social Dance will be held in the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road on Saturday, November 10 with the following dance on



Life-size puppets will be a feature of Warrandyte Primary School's art show.

An art show entitled "Seeing Things" will be presented by the children at Warrandyte Primary School later this month. Designed to "celebrate the creative talents of Warrandyte Primary School's wonderful students", the show will be held on Friday, November 23 from 6pm to 8pm with an official opening at 7.30pm. It will continue on Saturday, November 24 be-

tween 1 and 3pm.

"The aim is to present the children's art works in a real exhibition," a spokesperson said. "All children in grades Prep to 2 will have a framed artwork on display. The grade 3 and 4 children have made magnificent life-size puppets and grades 5 and 6 are exhibiting a mix of masks and ceramic pieces."

## Open

As part of the Eltham Festival a number of artists in Eltham, Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground will open their studios on November 17 and 18. Call 9433 3126 for a brochure and map.

## Glass

Wathaurong Glass is a group formed to express Aboriginal art in glass. They have been commissioned by Manningham council to produce an art piece titled "Let Us Walk Together" to celebrate the centenary of federation and the building of Manningham's function centre. The art piece is situated in the foyer of the centre at the municipal offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

## Studio

Diary artists Syd Tunn and Ona Henderson will open their studio at the corner of Henley and Oxley Roads, Kangaroo Ground on November 10, 11, 17 and 18 from 12noon to 5pm.

## Singers

The Diamond Valley Singers will present Bach's "Magnificat" and Purcell's "Ode on St Cecilia's Day" at the Templestowe Baptist Church,

December 8. Further information may be obtained by ringing 9723 3892. Bookings are also available for the New Year's Dance on 9844 3763.

## Volunteers

With ever increasing demands for assistance, the St John Ambulance are seeking further volunteers to help in a number of areas. Volunteers are required to provide one-to-one companionship, run craft programs, become drivers for medical appointments or recreational and

## ARTYFACTS

Anderson Creek Road, on Sunday, November 11 commencing at 2pm. Admission is \$12 (\$8 concession) with profits going to charities, local and overseas. Contact Diane Morgan for further information on 9718 2035.

## Voices

"Suburban Voices", a collection of personal stories, told by 20 people from diverse backgrounds in the City of Manningham, is the focus of a new book and an engaging exhibition to be held at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster from November 2 to 18.

## Photographs

An installation of photographic images by Siri Hayes in bus shelters along Manningham Road, Bulleen-Doncaster will be on display from November 5 to December 5. Entitled "The Lost Child" the exhibition is a site-specific series of six public art works focussing on the Manningham area. The photographs indicate visual and thematic references to the Heidelberg School of painters and is

social outings, to provide musical activities, or to help with stimulation through group games and activities. Anyone who may be able to help, please call Jim Humphrey on 9736 2130 or write to St John Ambulance Australia, Visiting Friends Program, 70 Wray Crescent, Mt Evelyn, 3796.

## Fatigue

A seminar on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome will be conducted at the Whitehorse City Council Offices, Waratah Room, 397

also inspired by stories, movies and memories of childhood.

## Exhibition

Potters Cottage Gallery's current exhibition, "Spring into Summer", showing pottery and sculpture by a number of local artists features a variety of works for courtyard and garden settings. It will be open until Sunday, November 18 at 321 Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte.

## Bargains

Warrandyte Arts Association will be holding a bargain sale of their artworks at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall, Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Sunday, November 18 from 10am to 4pm.

## Generations

An exhibition of work by three women from the Loftus-Hills family entitled "3 Generations" will be held at Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, from November 21 to December 2. The exhibition will cover a wide range of subjects including landscapes, figures and studies of nature, incorporating oil, watercolour, pastel and woodcuts.

Whitehorse Road, Nunawading on Saturday, November 17. Cost is \$5 per person and bookings are essential. Call 9888 8991. The seminar will be conducted by Dr Donald Lewis and Dr Robert Allen.

## Do Care

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# A penchant for pennants

## Our girls bring home another

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Redbacks Basketball Club's penchant for premierships continued last month with the Under-16 girls returning triumphant from the grand finals of the year-long junior championship competition.

The girls coached by Nick Peters defeated Craigieburn 46-20 in the North West Conference decider at Keilor on October 20.

Warrandyte had eight of their 11 Friday night teams in the finals, Martin Clark's Under-14 boys also making it through to the grand final of the high-standard Metro 2 competition. They were beaten 29-25 by undefeated Nunawading in a game they probably should have won.

The Under-16 girls took some indifferent form into grand final weekend. They had gone down to third-placed Craigieburn by a point and lost all chance of a top-position finish by losing to minor premiers Bulleen in the last round.

But they saved their best until last, racing out of the blocks in the final five format to defeat Nunawading and earn themselves a place in the first semi-final against Bulleen.

Again the Redbacks opened strongly and ran to an 11-3 lead, reduced to five points at half-time. The second half was all Warrandyte as they set up a grand final appointment with Craigieburn, who had stormed into the big one with a big preliminary final win over Bulleen.

The grand final started with Warrandyte setting a hectic pace and Craigieburn unable to stay in touch. Multiple goals to Jenna Hardy, Simone Gemmell and Louise Yates saw the Redbacks race to a 15-1 lead after four minutes.

Warrandyte continued to pour on the pressure and led 27-9 at the break. Craigieburn's only field goal of the first half took nearly 17 minutes to achieve.

The second half was tame by comparison, but still Warrandyte powered on with aggressive offensive and defence.

Craigieburn managed only two second-half field goals as the Warrandyte girls showed no mercy.

Guard Simone Gemmell was judged Most Determined Player with a scintillating performance in both offence and defence. She top-scored for the Redbacks with 10 points, followed by Emma Collins and Tahnee Templeton with seven each.

The Under-14 boys had started their finals campaign

from fifth position, recording strong wins in the run home. Nunawading went into the October 21 grand final as hot favourites — and rightly so as undefeated minor premiers playing on their home court.

With nothing to lose, coach Clark rearranged his team strategy with different carriers bringing the ball up the court quickly.

It certainly had the desired effect, forcing Nunawading off balance. The Redbacks opened up an eight-point lead at one stage, but this was cut to four at the break.

Nunawading certainly knew they had a game on their hands, but Warrandyte were having little luck with the fouls.

With seven minutes to go, Warrandyte led by two points but Ari Pianta and Josh Collins were fouled off and the Redbacks could not sustain the pace.

Nunawading grabbed the lead and in a tribute to their opponents changed tactics to slow the game down and run down precious seconds on the clock. Key shots from the Redbacks refused to drop and Nunawading hung on to win by four points.

The general view of the spectators, including the Nunawading coach, was that Warrandyte had played the better basketball and had won everywhere but on the scoreboard.

In their elimination final against research, Norm Dunn's Under-18 boys appeared to have won when an outside shot from Jake Templeton for three points sailed through the basket.

In a strange decision, the basket counted but a foul was awarded against Warrandyte. Research went to the free throw line to score two points to tie up the game and went on to win in the first period of overtime.

Damian Arsenis' Under-11 boys had secured a finals place with a last-game win but lost 39-36 to Melbourne in the Metro 1 elimination final in a second period of overtime.

Lorraine Parfit's Under-14 girls reached the preliminary final against Broadmeadows but, despite a second-half revival, were beaten 19-15.

The Under-12 girls of Emma Wood were beaten 36-21 in the second semi-final against Craigieburn and, surprisingly, Tristan Messerle's Under-18 Metro girls bowed out in the elimination semi against Melton, going down 33-27.

Gavin Whitmore's Under-16 boys lost their elimination final against Craigieburn 40-23.



Above: Yes, winners really are grinners. Warrandyte's premier Under-16 girls. Back: Tahnee Templeton, Simone Gemmell, Jenna Hardy, Emma Collins, Louise Yates, Anna Middleton, Libby Lavery. Front: Coach Nick Peters, Emma Razzi, Gina Oliver. Below: The luckless Under-14 boys. Back: Josh Collins, Hamish Hoskings, Beau Tobin, coach Martin Clark, Ari Pianta. Front: Ben Clark, Jake Ratecliffe, Zac Van Kuyk, Cameron Rappell, Tulloch Greve.



## Damian's still the one

Damian Arsenis was re-elected unopposed as Warrandyte Basketball Club president at the annual general meeting on October 14. Tristan Messerle is vice-president.

In his address to the meeting, Arsenis reflected on what had been a challenging year for the club, a year in which a number of long-term plans were put in place.

The major decision was to seek affiliation with Basketball Victoria, a significant move which gives the club greater access to coaching materials and referee training and allows a wider range of opportunities for the more talented players.

Club stalwart Sue Anderson announced that she would not be seeking re-election to the club committee and Matt Treeby also stood down because

of work commitments. They were replaced by Mandy Ratcliffe and Kathy Given.

The club also moved to re-establish a formal membership system, Laurel Sargent winning the raffle for No 1 ticket holder.

At presentation day which preceded the AGM, secretary and canteen manager Kerry Singh was presented with the Tom Hay Award for her services to the club.

The Darryl Valentine Award went to Jake Templeton, who plays both Fridays and Saturdays for the club, referees and coaches and also assists in the canteen.

The Coaches Award went to Lorraine Parfitt for her outstanding efforts in that field and Michelle Petalas won the Clubperson Award.

## Redbacks in for season of plenty

Warrandyte are fielding 49 teams in the new summer season of EDJBA basketball.

The grading phase has started with a number of teams showing promise. Emma Wood's Under-18 A-grade girls have set a cracking early pace, easily accounting for neighbouring clubs Bulleen, Eltham and Nunawading Vikings. The winning score of 41-5 away to the Vikings gives some indication of the Redbacks' standard.

The Under-16 and Under-14 girls teams, both in A-grade, will have a harder task.

The Under-16s opened up with a win against BBB but had to forfeit their next match because most of the team were involved in the junior championship. They were then at home to the strong second Eltham side in a highlight game.

Warrandyte opened inspiringly and led 7-1 early, but Eltham responded strongly to lead 17-16 at the break. Rachael Lynch and Stephanie Smith were doing well for the Redbacks, who had welcomed aboard Anna Middleton, playing her first game for Warrandyte since crossing from Eltham.

The visitors were doing the better in the second half but could not shake off the determined Warrandyte, who were suffering from pressure turnovers.

Eltham lasted better and went on to win 34-24, but many positives came out of the game for Warrandyte.

In the following game, the Redbacks Under-14 A-grade girls were no match for the top Eltham side who are already warm favourites for the flag.

The Under-10 boys, previously coached by club president Damian Arsenis and now in the hands of the experienced Gavin Whitmore, have made a strong start.

They defeated the Doncats by more than 30 points and have now been promoted to A-grade but were found wanting when they took on the first Eltham side and went down 42-18.

Whitmore is also in charge of the Under-16 boys, who started with a win and a loss and look set for a successful season.

Malcolm Anderson's Under-12 boys lost their first two grading games but then bounced back to defeat Balwyn's first side 37-19.

Warrandyte led 13-10 at half-time but blitzed Balwyn in the second half and could be in for a very good season.

At the top end of the competition, Matt Treeby is playing coach of the Under-20, who took the highly-rated Whitehorse right down to the wire in an early key game.

Whitehorse had set the standard in B-grade last season, but the Redbacks seemed to have their measure when Treeby put his side in front in the dying seconds.

However, a foul called with just 0.2 seconds on the clock sent Whitehorse to the free throw line for two shots and the game.

Still, Treeby predicts a big season for his team.

## Josh home

Local basketballer Josh Smith, seriously injured in a traffic accident on September 11, is now home from hospital.

Josh, a popular member of Warrandyte Basketball Club, is still some months away from a full recovery.



All-conquering Warrandyte juniors Katrina Sochacki and Rod McCutcheon.

## Pair of young aces

By JUDY GREEN

Katrina Sochacki and Rod McCutcheon made a clean sweep of Warrandyte Tennis Club's recent junior championships. They took out the girls and boys singles titles, Katrina defending the championship she had won for the previous four years.

She defeated last year's runner-up Tamara Valentino in straight sets. Rod previously won the boys title in 1999 and recaptured it by defeating 2000 champion Joel Drew in three sets.

Katrina and Rod paired to win the mixed doubles and Rod then partnered Joel to win the boys doubles, with Katrina with Tamara pairing to take the girls doubles.

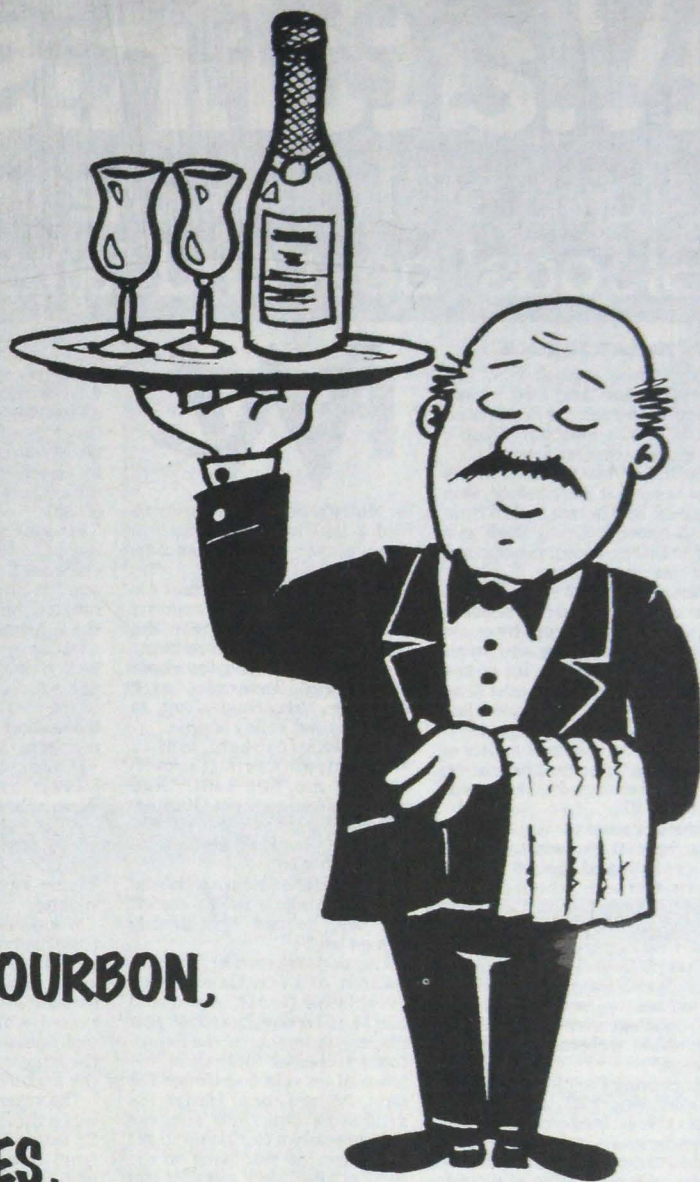
Jenna Hodgson and Trent Valentino won the 13-and-under girls and boys titles respectively and Jenna was also awarded the club's perpetual Oriander Family Trophy for the most improved junior over the past 12 months.

The juniors have begun their summer season, with 15 teams playing in the Eastern Region Tennis Saturday morning competition. The top team are playing President's Shield, the highest level of competition available.

18-and-under: Boys singles: Rod McCutcheon d Joel Drew 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Girls singles: Katrina Sochacki d Tamara Valentino 6-2, 6-4. Boys doubles: Rod McCutcheon/Joel Drew d Chris Papadakis/Will Rogers 6-0, 6-0. Girls doubles: Katrina Sochacki/Tamara Valentino d Emily White/Linda Stanzel 6-0, 6-1. Mixed doubles: Katrina Sochacki/Rod McCutcheon d Tamara Valentino/Chris Chapman 7-5, 6-3.

13-and-under: Boys singles: Trent Valentino d Tristan Valentino 8-3. Girls singles: Jenna Hodgson d Allison Trotter 6-1. Boys doubles: Trent Valentino/Tristan Valentino d Joel Greve/Tulloch Greve 8-4. Girls doubles: Jenna Hodgson/Allison Trotter d Holly Asker/Jessica Razzi 6-0. Mixed doubles: Jenna Hodgson/Tulloch Greve d Claire Bence/Joel Greve 6-1.

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# Matt finish

## Wood storms home to be Bloods' best and fairest

By LEE TINDALE

A high-class recruit who has been around and two young home-grown talents dominated Warrandyte Football Club's vote count on October 14.

On-baller Matt Wood, in his first season at Warrandyte, won the best and fairest award from dead-heaters Craig Dick and Aidan Davey, recent products of our Under-18s.

Wood polled 32 votes in a remarkably consistent season, rattling home to score by seven from ruckman Dick and rover Davey, who played a lot of junior football together and have carried a very successful liaison into the big league. Defender Dean Hunter, brother of coach Scott and another model of consistency in 2001, was third on 21.

Wood came to Warrandyte this year at the suggestion of close mate and Bloods captain Chris Cornell, whom he had played alongside in the Northern Knights in Victoria's elite TAC Cup Under-18 competition.

Completing an ex-Knights trio was Matt Blagrove, who finished on the heels of October 14's placegetters and took out the most determined player award.

Accepting the club champion trophy, Wood, 22, paid his new club the ultimate compliment. "I've been to a few clubs," he said, "and Warrandyte is the only one where I've really felt at home."

Coach Hunter returned the compliment. "My only problem



as Matty's coach has been to find a fault with him. He is a class player and a class person."

Wood began his football career as a junior with Yarrambat and spent two years with the Northern Knights before being picked up by Carlton, for whom he played reserves with Blagrove, then Heidelberg, in the Diamond Valley league.

And what brought him to Warrandyte? Chris (Cornell) phoned me," he said. "And when I talked to Scott (Hunter) I thought he was the most impressive coach I'd spoken to around that time."

And will he be wearing the red and white again next season? "Oh yes," he said. "I've already signed up."

The performance in the 2001 awards of Dick, Davey, Rick Templeton (most improved) and Matt Treeby (best first-year player) underscored the importance to senior football in this town of an ongoing Under-18s side. All are local Under-18s graduates and their success will intensify a campaign to get an Under-18s side back on the field in 2002 after missing last season for want of numbers.

Dick, particularly, stands out as a champion in the making. As

Hunter pointed out at the vote-count/presentation day at Club Warrandyte: "Other clubs woke up to Craig's remarkable talents last season and resorted to rotating two ruckmen one him, on for five minutes, off for five minutes. Craig kept battling away all day."

In terms of numbers, Dick was the big winner at awards day, collecting the coach's award and the players' award in addition to running equal second in the big one.

Of Davey, Hunter said: "He's a little bloke we expected to kick goals for us, but he took on a bigger role, tackling bigger blokes and in many cases bringing them down."

Hunter described Dick and Davey as "the future of Warrandyte".

What was shaping as a vote count going right down to the wire became virtually a one-horse race in the last few rounds.

Wood and Dick were locked together on 24 votes after round 15, with Davey just one adrift. But Wood's finish was irresistible. He wrapped up the award with two votes in the penultimate 17th round and put the icing on a great season with the maximum three in the 18th.

The reserves best and fairest was a thriller, Tahn Reid polling 23 votes to get home by one from Ben Reid. Craig Evans, who finished the season in the seniors and polled six votes in the firsts award, was third, with 19.



Best of the Bloods. Above: Best and fairest winner Matt Wood. Below: Trophy winners (left to right, back): Matt Treeby, Rick Templeton, Aidan Davey, Dean Hunter, Craig Dick. Front: Matt Blagrove, Wood, Chris Cornell. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

## They get their man!

By LEE TINDALE

A major recruiting coup foreshadowed in the previous issue of the *Diary* was confirmed at Warrandyte's vote count.

Coach Scott Hunter, who has been reappointed for a second term, announced that full-forward Stuart Wynd — one of the biggest names in EFL First Division — would be "jumping aboard next season" from East Burwood.

Wynd, 28, has been a prolific goalkicker in the league's elite competition.

Also confirmed at the vote count was the return of one of Warrandyte's favourite sons, former captain and three-time best and fairest winner John O'Brien, in a playing and assistant coaching role. O'Brien was playing assistant coach of Knox, in Division 2, last season, but was always going to return to the Bloods.

Coach Hunter played no small part in the recruitment of Wynd (no relation of former champion Footscray ruckman Scott Wynd). They are close friends who went to school together, played for East Burwood together and still go to the gym together.

"I've known Stuart for probably 15 years," Hunter told the *Diary*. "He is quick on the lead, very strong and Alan Richardson, the former Collingwood player who coached East Burwood, has described him as the best kick for goal he has seen."

Wynd was a graduate of Hawthorn's Under-19s in 1989-90, played Teal Cup in 1990, Hawthorn Reserves from 1991-93 and North Melbourne Reserves in '94.

He joined East Burwood in 1995 and is a dual First Division premiership player and a three-time interleague representative. He has been East Burwood's leading goalkicker each season since 1996 and led the league goalkicking in 1999 with 89.

The previous season he had booted 97. Wynd has played 120 senior EFL games and 10 finals. He has been vice-captain of East Burwood since 1998.

"Stuart missed six or seven games last season with bone fragments in an ankle," Hunter said. "But he still managed 60-odd goals."

O'Brien, who played most of his 300-plus senior games for Warrandyte as a key forward, may line up next season in defence, where he distinguished himself for Knox last season. It is thought that Hunter might choose to go "one out" with Wynd as a key forward.

Hunter told the vote count gathering that the Bloods were already chasing other players for 2002. "It looks like being a very good season," he said.

Warrandyte's annual general meeting, which will be seeking an expanded committee and a new president to replace Robert "Noddy" Ireland, will be held in early December. The date has not yet been announced.

Pre-season training will begin on November 28. There will be four training sessions before the Christmas holiday break.



Scott Hunter

### Award winners

**SENIORS:**

Best and fairest: Matt Wood 32 votes, 1; Craig Dick and Aidan Davey 25, 2; Dean Hunter 21, 3.

Coach's award: Craig Dick.

Most improved: Rick Templeton.

Darryl Valentine Memorial Shield (most determined): Matt Blagrove.

Gary "Madge" Alsop most courageous player award: Chris Cornell.

Best first-year player: Matt Treeby.

Players' award: Craig Dick.

**RESERVES:**

Best and fairest: Tahn Reid 23 votes, 1; Ben Reid 22, 2; Craig Evans 19, 3.

Coach's award: Craig Evans.

Most improved: Heath Decker.

Most consistent: Paul Meehan.

Geoff Darby Memorial Shield (most determined): Dave Fakhry.

**CLUB AWARDS:**

President's Trophy: Terry Ryan.

Tracy "Snowy" Prior Best Clubperson Award: Brendan Smith.

Full best-and fairest voting details:

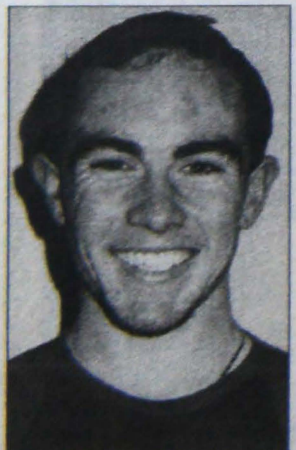
**SENIORS:** Matt Wood 32; Craig Dick, Aidan Davey 25; Dean Hunter 21; Liam Riley 18; Matt Blagrove 17; Tim Andrews 16; Kim-

berly O'Connor, Dale Vitiritti, Rick Templeton 15; Mark Gasparotto, Matt Treeby 14; Chris Cornell, Warren Ruehland 13; Guy Taylor, Andrew Jacovou 12; Stewart Rough 8; Michael McCormack 7. Adam Borwick, Craig Evans 6; Glen Carle 5; Brad Giampietro 4; James Riley 3; Matt Reeves 2; Scott Hunter, Willie Bell 1.

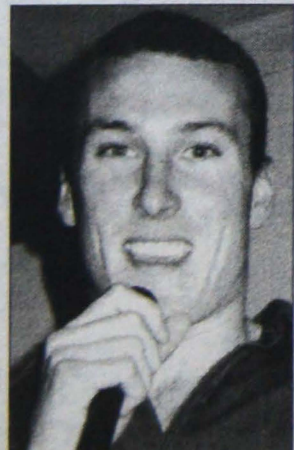
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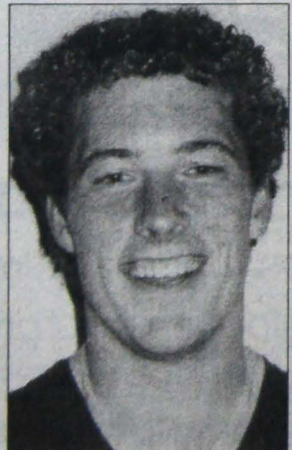
## Local stars are kicking on elsewhere



Justin Edwards



Mack Clarkson



Andrew Brown

Three recent departures from the Warrandyte football scene — all members of the Bloods' 1999 EFL Third Division premiership team — have made big impressions at new clubs.

● Pint-sized rover Justin Edwards has tasted the ultimate glory again with Coolangatta/Tweed Heads, 2001 champions in the AFLSQ premier division.

Edwards is now living in Coolangatta and works as a physiotherapist at Bond University's Sports Medicine Centre.

● Dual Warrandyte best and fairest winner Mack Clarkson, who crossed to EFL First Division club East Ringwood this year, has won the best first-year player award there.

On-baller Clarkson won Warrandyte's club champion award in 1999 and 2000. He was the EFL's best on ground in the 1999 grand final and also took out the league's best and fairest trophy that season.

● Andrew Brown, who was cleared to East Ringwood with Clarkson, has won that club's reserves best and fairest award.

He will be long remembered for his booming goal with a heavy ball midway through the last quarter of the 1999 grand final against Knox that put the Bloods in front for the first time since midway through the first term. Warrandyte won by a point.

Both East Ringwood teams made the finals this year, the seniors beaten by Vermont in the grand final and the reserves eliminated in the semis.

# All in a Day's work!

## Michael sets up Dytes' first win

Ten years ago, Michael Day left Warrandyte Cricket Club to pursue business opportunities in Sydney and the dashing right-hand opening batsman has been missed over that decade.

He proved what a loss he has been with a resolute 74 in Warrandyte's first win for the season, over North Ringwood.

The Dytes are undefeated so far, the first two rounds producing a washout and a draw.

Day, who was also unbeaten on 15 when the first one-day round was rained out, was the solid foundation on which his team built 270 runs at home to North Ringwood.

But it could so easily have been different. Set a modest 146 to win, Warrandyte crashed to 4-62 and the brittleness of the batting line-up which has been a problem for some years looked set to haunt the team again.

But Day found a willing and able partner in Campbell Holland and the pair set about rebuilding the innings.

Holland, who had bowled with pace and fire in the after-tea session the previous week, was the aggressor in the partnership with Day that saw Warrandyte to within 16 runs of their target.

Holland was out for 47 but thoroughly deserved a half-century which was beckoning.

But it was Day who kept his head and with a new partner, Jason Cloke, swept past North Ringwood's score.

With the job done, Day set about attacking the North Ringwood bowling with beauti-



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fully-timed drives and sweetly-hit pull shots. In seemingly no time, he and Cloke had put on 63 before Day was unexpectedly dismissed with a century in his sights.

With the loss of his more experienced opener, Cloke, an effervescent teenager with great talent, exploded with an array of shots as first Gerald Walshe and then Adam Beardall became willing partners in a chase for bonus points.

The previous week the Warrandyte bowling attack had virtually handcuffed the North Ringwood batting line-up, restricting it to 145 from 78 overs.

The visitors started strongly and at 2-72 looked set to post a big total. But brilliant fielding from Holland and Michael Day resulted in two run-outs within the space of an over to turn the game back into Warrandyte's hands.

Captain Dave Mooney called on his slow bowlers, Beardall and Robert White, to put a brake on North Ringwood and the duo answered the call.

In a 30-over spell the two conceded only 33 runs and White's first 13 overs cost only three runs.

Beardall finished with 2-21 from 15 well-controlled overs while White was even more frugal, taking 2-34 from 24.

When this edition of the *Diary* went to press, Warrandyte



Left: Run out, no doubt! Not a batsman in sight as Warrandyte wicketkeeper David Mooney completes the dismissal against North Ringwood. Above: Spinner Robert White during his spell of 24 overs.



Howzat? Not out. Warrandyte appeal in vain against North Ringwood.

faced a daunting batting task to reach Parkwood's 7-256 after the first day's play in Round 4.

Winning the toss and batting, Parkwood started slowly and were 3-84 after 44 of their allotted 80 overs following some fiery bowling from Cloke and a

tight and controlled spell from Walshe, Chris Snaidero and White.

Cloke took his 50th wicket for the club in a sustained 13-over opening spell.

Warrandyte suffered a critical blow before a ball was bowled

when all-rounder Holland, who had proved such a vital part of the team in the previous match, was rushed to hospital with suspected appendicitis.

A further blow was delivered midway through the pre-tea session when key spinner

Beardall pulled a groin muscle and was restricted to only five overs.

The wide open spaces of the Parkwood ground caught the Warrandyte fielders out as the batsmen continually found gaps and scored an intimidating 170 runs after tea.

The Warrandyte batting line-up, minus the in-form Holland, will need to be at its very best to score the necessary runs.

### Details

**Wilkins Shield Round 3:**  
Warrandyte 270 (M. Day 74, J. Cloke 60, Holland 47, Beardall 20 n.o.) d North Ringwood 145 (Beardall 2-21, White 2-34).

**Seconds:** Warrandyte 81 (Kline 28 n.o.) lost to North Ringwood 125 (C. Cloke 3-17).

**Thirds:** Warrandyte 82 lost to Parkwood 7-142 (Owen 2-4).

**Round 4:**  
Warrandyte v Parkwood 7-254 (Snaidero 2-63, J. Cloke 2-75).

**Seconds:** Warrandyte 148 (Creber 38) v Parkwood 2-34.

**Thirds:** Warrandyte 47 v Parkwood 55 (Raby 4-30, Owen 3-7).

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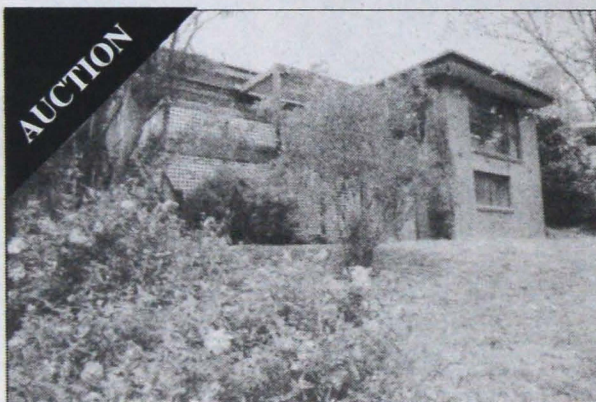
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