

# Local crime wave!

By CLINTON GRYBAS

Warrandyte shopkeepers are spending thousands of dollars to increase their security while insurance premiums soar after a wave of attacks on local stores in the past year.

Security cameras, motion detectors wired to alarms and patrolling security guards with dogs have been employed to try and curb the town's worst crime spree. More than a dozen shopkeepers have told the *Diary* of recent break-ins with some being burgled as many as six times.

"You just live in constant fear," said one shopkeeper who did not wish to be named. The store's empty cash register was retrieved from the riverbank after thieves smashed through a glass door.

"Before I took on this business two years ago I never thought there would be such people in Warrandyte. They're stealing so much I can't believe it."

"It's an on-going problem which surprises me," Lyle Bullock, co-proprietor of the IGA supermarket told

the *Diary*. "I come from the upper Yarra Valley where there's high unemployment. I ran a supermarket there for seven years and never had the problems we have here."

The supermarket has been heavily hit by break-ins and increased shoplifting.

"Six weeks before Christmas we were broken into and had more than \$10,000 worth of tobacco stolen," Mr Bullock said. "They jimmied the front doors and punched out the locks on our cigarette lockers."

"Earlier in the year two heroin addicts broke in and were walking in and out, getting ready to steal our tobacco, when a police car pulled in behind them. They then rammed the police car with their car. The police shot out their tyres and subdued them with capsicum spray."

Security cameras, powerful lights and roller-doors have been installed and a roving security team now patrols the plaza.

The supermarket also has problems with shoplifters and they have increased the number of interior cameras. "One person had been

stealing meat from here for three or four years," Mr Bullock said. "But we finally caught him—and numerous other offenders."

The florist, hot bread shop (twice), chemist (six times) and petrol station have all been targets at the plaza. The petrol station offender was caught when a diligent early morning worker called the police.

"It was very lucky, otherwise he was going to clean me out," John Tsiontas said.

Desperate criminals have used bizarre measures to force their way into the pharmacy.

"We had a grille on the outside which he tried to break with a crowbar," said Alex Farmakis, who later viewed the incident on security tapes. "That failed, so he backed his car in. That just destroyed the grille. So he slammed through the window and got in through jagged glass."

Despite increased security, the Bridge Gallery was set alight by thieves in November. "We already have a roller door after a previous break-in," proprietor Bent Manson said. "But now the insurance people want us to have

expandable grilles across the window, plus a complete new security system." Thieves smashed two counters to steal jewellery, then set the store on fire. It was closed for 10 days.

An intruder at the Grand Hotel last month has been caught and charged, identified through their sophisticated security system.

Three youths who caused \$10,000 worth of damage at Warrandyte Cellars have also been apprehended. Proprietor Andrew Beynon told the *Diary* his front windows have been smashed three times recently.

"The first two occasions they got away with just a couple of bottles of Coke. Then they got some smokes and some whisky, but no money." He now has the store "wired and monitored" with double laminated glass.

Other storeholders confirmed recent break-ins but were too frightened to comment.

Warrandyte police are confident the break-ins will cease. Sergeant Keith Walker says "without a doubt" the worst period has passed. He denies professional thieves have been involved in some of the attacks.

"They're all opportunists. I don't think driving a car through a front window is all that professional. They're just opportunistic villains."

Some store owners expressed concern that Warrandyte doesn't have a 24 hour police presence. "They know the station here is not manned 24 hours a day and we're in a cul-de-sac area," Mr Bullock said.

Bent Manson agrees. "The nearest police station is Doncaster. By the time they get over here the criminals have already gone."

Sergeant Walker said it's a situation that is unlikely to change. "We've always been a 16-hour station. We only have a sergeant and six others. When we're not here the area is policed by the Doncaster divisional van. Even if we had a 24-hour station it's still not going to stop burglaries. Residents and business people have to take their own precautions."

● **LATE NEWS:** The *Diary* has also learned that the Senior Citizens Club, Warrandyte Pre-School and the Maternal and Child Health Centre were all burgled in recent weeks.



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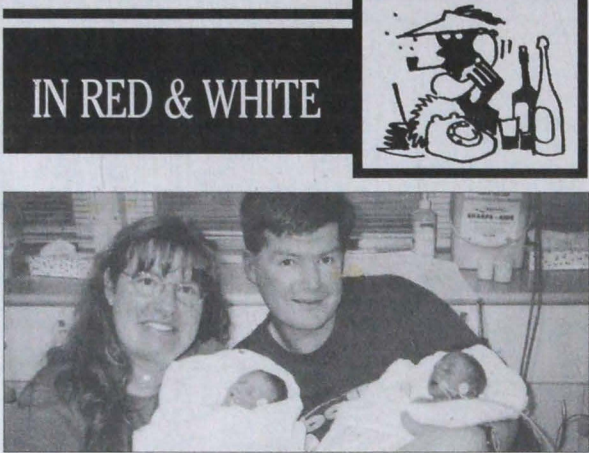
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**A SPECIAL PLACE**  
Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 24km from Melbourne. The site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria—in 1851—it soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Although now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

# Our very own Griswalds lampoon Mount Beauty

Their annual holiday at Mount Beauty went, Jenny Southall admits, like the Griswalds from the National Lampoon vacation movies. Jenny, hubby Heavy Harry, John and Carole Egan, John and Luanda Pianta and respective kids arrived at the caravan park with a bang, the first-mentioned John setting off fireworks to announce that the Griswalds were in town. This infuriated the caravan park operator, but John assured him it had all been an accident. Next night the crew were in trouble again for exceeding the noise level beyond the 11pm curfew by "having a good time telling dirty jokes the rest of the park could hear". Next night was New Year's Eve and again the Warrandyte mob were in trouble for prancing around the campfire until 3am in a marathon, vodka-fuelled Russian line-dancing performance. Trouble again on the final night when they "borrowed" someone else's portable campfire to keep warm in the absence of electricity. Then the young blokes washed their muddy mountain bikes on the lawn and were also in trouble for inviting some local members of the opposite sex into the park. "The look on the owner's face when I booked in again for the following year was priceless," said Jenny, who thinks he muttered "trailer trash people" under his breath. Never mind, Heavy Harry had the last laugh by dropping a huge wheelie in his new ute as he drove out.

What was Harry Southall doing presenting Alan "Coatsy" Koetsveld with a big bunch of flowers at the RSL Club? Well, Coatsy is building a shed at Harry's place, see, and arrived for work at 6.45 that morning, his faithful hound in tow. Now Coatsy is not the quietest thing going around and neither is his dog — which barked non-stop for an hour until the next-door neighbour, still in her nightie, appeared. "How long do you think that dog is going to bark for?" she demanded. "Hang on, luv, I'll ask him," replied Coatsy, quick as a flash. The neighbour later knocked on the door carrying a bunch of flowers from her garden and apologising for being so grumpy. The blooms were presented that night to Coatsy, who probably ate them when he got home.



Say hello to Samantha (left) and Jasmine Macfarlane and their tickled-pink parents Patricia and Paul.

"The family will kill me, but sure, go ahead," said local real estate man Glenn Martin when we asked if he'd mind us repeating here what he'd just told us about the birth of twin grand-daughters. "Divorce papers are in the mail," the first-time grandparent had said. "I don't mind being a granddad, but I could never see myself going to bed with a grandmother!" Glenn is, in fact, just as chuffed as wife Suzanne about the arrival of Samantha Mary (1.45 kilos) and Jasmine Elizabeth (1.54 kilos), daughters of Patricia and Robert

MacFarlane, at the Royal Women's Frances Percy House on January 6. And at the risk of turning Page 2 into a births column, we report the New Year's Day arrival at three kilos of Grace Erin, second grandchild of Diary original Jock Macneish and the lovely Di. Grace, daughter of Paul and Tiffany Macneish, of Kerang, had a pretty bumpy ride into this world. Complications set in late in the pregnancy and she lobbed three weeks early after an ambulance trip to Bendigo Base Hospital. Mum and bub both doing splendidly.

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A cricket match which might well make W.G. Grace rotate briskly in his grave will unfold at the recreation reserve on Sunday, February 17. Club Warrandyte will take on the local cops in a return joust in aid of the worthiest of causes — kids with cancer — and while W.G. might be long dead, the afternoon will establish that vaudeville is still very much alive. The police won last year's inaugural game, which raised

more than \$1000, but the pub team have this time rung in a couple of local celebrities — husband and wife actor team Deborah Lawrance and Dennis Coard — to put the law on the back foot. Then again, the arresting ways of police secret weapon Senior Constable Kim Dixon should not be underestimated. The game starts at one and you'll be asked for a donation in accordance with your rating of the entertainment, rather than the standard of play. And if last year's hilarity is any indication, you'll give generously. If you can't be there but would like to contribute, give Jenny Chapman or Geoff Feltham a call on 0403 075881 or 0417 548152 respectively.

The solemnity of our Carols by Candlelight was somewhat lost on a local bunch who mistook the spirit of Christmas for the high spirits thereof. Grant "Socks" Egan, his brother Glen, neighbour Mark Bensch,

Chris Sheriff, Horrie Aldennoven and families (who shall be nameless to protect the innocent) arrived at Stiggants Reserve on December 15 a good two hours before the advertised 8.30 start time with a barbie-on-wheels, gas bottle, oysters, garlic prawns, snapper, steaks, chops, sausages and enough "liquid refreshments" to have kept a Chicago speak-easy awash for a couple of weeks during Prohibition. So they ate and they drank and when the carols eventually got under way they sang along like New Year revellers. "Towards the end of the evening, people were begging sausages off our hot plate," said Mark. "The only downside to it all was Socks' pathetic attempt at harmony during Good King Wenceslas."

As pet and garden carers, Rae Danks and Jenny Chapman call themselves The Good Faeries (fairy being the Celtic spelling of fairy, which has nothing whatsoever to do with this story). Anyhow, Jenny had been looking after Karen Throssell's cats and chooks in Research Road and had arranged to meet Rae there the other afternoon on the way to meeting another prospective client. And meet they did — with one helluva bang as Jenny backed up the steep driveway and Rae drove down an intersecting service road. Damage to Jenny's car is minimal. Rae's is looking like a refugee from a demolition derby.

Okay, kids, time to get out the tools and materials and set those mechanical minds in motion. Time to start building your vehicles for the 2002 Billy Cart Derby at the Warrandyte Festival. First prize this year is a PlayStation 2 and Robert Cousens (9844 2328) is handling inquiries and registrations.

We know a North Warrandyte couple whose marriage has been running on a gravelly road and when we asked the bloke the other day how the trial reconciliation was going he said it was having its ups and downs. "Mind you," he said, "the last week has been brilliant — but she gets home from Apollo Bay tomorrow!"

**Smokey Joe**

**OVER THE HILLS**  
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# Scout camp concern

By DAVID WYMAN

Concerns about the continuing development of the Clifford Park Scout Activity Centre at Wonga Park have been expressed by local residents.

They also claim that some of the past developments, such as tree and bush removal, and building, have been carried out without proper permission from Manningham City Council.

Ray Mooney, a resident of the Bend of Isles, across the Yarra River from Clifford Park, said that a current permit application from the Scouts to council involved an additional 37 campsites and permission to import landfill to construct a bus roundabout.

"I understand there are three permit applications also with council for works that have already been completed and are in use," he said.

In a letter objecting to the latest proposals at Clifford Park, Mr Mooney said that in a recent visit to the park, he was "appalled to see recently constructed

buildings, lodges, stages, military tents, toilets, offices, storage sheds, dozens of tent campsites, a church and even a go-kart track".

"What dismayed me most, though, was the destruction of thousands, and I mean thousands, of trees," he wrote.

Mr Mooney pointed out that Clifford Park was in a "most sensitive environmental enclave, half an hour from the GPO". It was surrounded by state forest and was next to an environmental living zone.

"It's centred in a genuine wildlife habitat. It's the most significant natural environment remaining in suburbia. They should be preserving, not ripping and tearing for financial gain."

Mr Mooney said development at Clifford Park had already exceeded what was adequate and future development would only put unnecessary strain on an area that deserved to be totally protected.

"Protection of wildlife must be the priority. There is no social or economic urgency to further

devastate this area," he said.

The *Diary* has received several complaints from local residents about noise from night-time functions at Clifford Park held by private groups hiring the park's facilities.

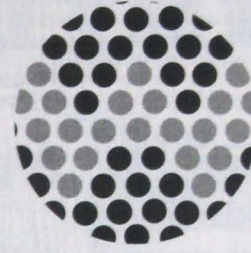
A Manningham spokesman told the *Diary* that a planning application has been received for the construction of additional campsites at Clifford Park, "including the importation of fill and removal of native vegetation". Council has not yet made a decision on this application.

"Not all development at Clifford Park has been carried out with the appropriate planning permission," the spokesman said. "Council is in receipt of three retrospective applications. No decision has yet been made on these applications."

The *Diary* sought information from the Scouts' regional Yarra Valley committee of management, but had received no response at the time of going to press.



# Association ready to roll



By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte Community Association is up and running. Local residents will be formalising the establishment of the WCA at a meeting being held this month.

An overflow public meeting, held in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall in late November last year, resolved to form the association and elect a committee.

"Our main focus has been getting established," president Dick Davies told the *Diary*. "We've got a great committee. It's very representative of the residents of Warrandyte."

This committee has prepared a draft constitution and statement of principles. These will be put to the association's first general meeting, to be held at the Warrandyte Mechanics Hall on Wednesday, January 30, commencing at 8pm. For legal reasons, only those people who indicated their intention to join at the founding meeting will be considered members of the unincorporated association at this point and will be entitled to vote at this meeting.

"However, everyone is invited to attend," Mr Davies said.

"We're taking our mandate from the public meeting; the principles that were endorsed by that meeting."

These objectives are to:

- promote all aspects of community life in Warrandyte
- defend the character and heritage of the township
- protect the environment and to restore and regenerate native flora and fauna

- protect the Green Wedge (non-urban areas)
- promote sporting, educational and cultural activities
- defend and enhance community assets.

"This is what we're putting forward in the association's statement of purpose," Mr Davies said. "If these principles are clear, we can always refer to them as issues arise."

All other residents of Warrandyte, North Warrandyte and South Warrandyte—young and old—are being invited to join the association and participate in its activities.

"We're especially keen for young people to become members," Mr Davies said. "We've set the voting age at 16 years, but we know there will be concerned school children younger than this who will want to be involved. They will be most welcome."

Mr Davies believes the association will become involved in a wide range of activities and issues, right across the community. "Our mandate isn't restricted to planning and environmental issues," he said. "Matters concerning sporting, cultural and educational facilities, public transport, roads, fire safety, retirement housing; everything that affects this community can be grist to our mill."

"We intend creating sub-committees to help handle this wide range of issues. We'll be recruiting these sub-committees from beyond the WCA committee and we'll look to the wider community for consultation and expert advice."

"We've already had preliminary discussions with council officers, our local state MP, and such sister organisations as the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association. We'll be extending this further once we get the legal stuff like incorporation out of the way."

The association intends keeping its members and the wider Warrandyte community fully informed of its activities through the *Diary*, regular public meetings and newsletters. "But as well as these traditional methods of communication, we'll be using all the new technologies to keep the community informed and involved," Mr Davies said. "We're already setting up a website with links to all the other local sites."

"We hope the foundation members will endorse what we're putting up at the meeting on January 30. We'll want just a little more time to get things finally organised, then we'll be looking to the community to raise with us all the issues they'd like us to consider in the near future," Mr Davies said. "It's everyone's association and we want everyone to be involved."

• WCA membership application form: Page 12.



WCA president Dick Davies

## Slowing down

Reports of vehicles speeding through Warrandyte township is alarming local Manningham councillor, Patricia Young. She has requested council officers undertake a review of traffic speeds in Yarra Street.

"I am concerned over reports from local residents of an increasing numbers of vehicles speeding in the busy Yarra Street area of Warrandyte," Cr Young said.

The *Diary* understands that some time ago, Warrandyte police requested VicRoads reduce the speed limit through the shopping area to 50kmh. This submission was unsuccessful.

"Traffic data will be collected during February and a report will be prepared by council's traffic engineers for the council meeting on March 26," a council spokesperson said.

# Restaurant 'a goer'

By CLIFF GREEN

A "Spanish-style" restaurant planned for the recently completed shopping development beside the Mechanics Institute Hall at 188 Yarra Street has been approved by Manningham council.

The application was for a restaurant seating a total of 98 diners—78 inside and 20 outside. Council approval limits this to total seating for 72 people, operating between 7am and 11pm, seven days a week. No amplification will be permitted outside.

A total of 20 residents, living mainly in Yarra Street, Brackenbury Street and Webb Street, lodged formal objections, several petitions were circulated and a public protest meeting was held. Concerns included inadequate parking, problems with noise and patron behaviour and increased traffic.

The applicants—Bill Parveris and Arash Fakhrai—submitted a parking survey in support of their application claiming 183 parking spaces available in Yarra Street (between Whipstick Gully and the bridge) and in Mitchell

Avenue and Webb Street (between Yarra Street and Brackenbury Street, and including five off-street parking areas).

Council's assessment of spaces available reduced this to 34 spaces available, including the restaurant's allocation of five in the development's rear parking area. Council believes this problem has been dealt with by reducing the total seating available from 98 to 72. The council report states: "It is considered appropriate to support the application with a revised number of seats in the restaurant. There is available car parking spaces located within walking distance of the site."

Regarding noise, the council report said: "The applicant has indicated that they will oblige with council and EPA requirements associated with noise generation from the premises. Conditions specify that no amplified noise is provided for the outdoor seating area and require compliance with EPA standards."

Council addressed the traffic problem as follows: "There will be

some impact on nearby streets with traffic movements to and from the site. The number of seats (will) be reduced to limit the impact of traffic in the area."

Concerns arising from the "No Right Turn" from Mitchell Avenue onto Yarra Street were acknowledged as part of "an overall issue within the Warrandyte township". However, these issues "should not be imposed on the proposed restaurant".

Responding to residents' concerns regarding patron behaviour, the report said: "There is no evidence to suggest that the restaurant use will further exacerbate the general security of persons or property in the area. Any breach of unlawfulness will be the responsibility of law enforcement authorities."

In a previous report, Mr Parveris told the *Diary*: "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."

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# Dogs and other nuisances

The Gilberts' email to the *Diary* last December has my complete sympathy.

I, too, have been subjected to the incessant barking dog problem. Having lived in a beautiful and peaceful residence in Osborne Road, North Warrandyte, for three years, the neighbors from hell came along with their totally uncontrolled German shepherds.

These dogs barked continuously throughout the day and night. This, in conjunction with car alarms going off at 3am in the morning plus frequent pounding

dance music—and these people were not kids—was, in the end, enough to make me have to, reluctantly, move, as the council would do nothing and it got to the point where I couldn't put my big toe out of the door without setting the dogs off for hours and hours on end.

The total inconsiderateness of people such as these is extraordinary. If you want noise, why move to a quiet, peaceful and beautiful environment?

Luckily the story had a happy ending as I was able to find an equally peaceful place

also in North Warrandyte, but I feel very sorry for people who don't have such luck.

How about some compulsory dog obedience training being introduced by the council, as some people won't take responsibility for their animals due to their total selfishness? And, unfortunately, if common consideration is not practised, then some kind of legislation is required.

PS: I am not a dog hater. I own a fox terrier myself. She has been trained. It doesn't cost much.

Ken Gammon  
Eileen Close



## Can't see the river for the ti-tree

It's bad enough that some of the nicest river views are already spoilt by the insensitive placement of information boards about works by famous local artists, who would probably be horrified if they could see where the council had placed these stands.

However, has anyone noticed the creeping menace of ti-tree that is being planted along the banks of the river at Warrandyte by the aesthetically challenged Manningham council?

Once we could see the sparkling vista of the river as we walked the path. Now the river is being surreptitiously blocked out by ever increasing clumps of ti-tree, planted right on

the water's edge. Eventually we will have a thick prickly screen cutting people off from the river all the way along the path.

By all means plant some eucalypts, with their clean trunks, to stabilise the banks and give shade to the path, but please remove those barriers to our enjoyment, both aesthetic and physical; the ever multiplying ti-tree.

It will be such a shame if the wonderful views along the river are lost to us. Don't forget that this is meant to be a park for the enjoyment of the population. After all, why do we go down the river, if not to view the water?

Rosalie Loo  
Glynns Road

## Dogs again

I wholeheartedly support the sentiments of the Gilberts on the barking dog issue. Several years ago I suffered intolerable stress due to three barking dogs next door. Numerous letters to the council resulted in admonishments to the dogs' owners but no peace for me.

It was only when I rang the council to say that I almost ran off the road due to tiredness from yet another sleepless night that action was taken. The RSPCA was called in; the dogs were found to have heartworm and were duly put down. The lesson I learnt from this is that there are no problem dogs just problem owners.

While on the same subject, I no longer take leisurely strolls around country lanes. Barking dogs protesting as I innocently walk past their residences ensure that I now only walk in the state parks. My advice to the Gilberts is that they pursue their local by-laws officer until they can once again regain passive enjoyment of their properties.

Gay Harris  
Ringwood Road

### DEAR DIARY

#### Noisy dog concerns: it wasn't us

We would like to be given the opportunity to let all your readers know that we are neither related to nor associated in any way with the persons who share our surname and whose letter was published in the last *Diary* complaining of their neighbours' dogs.

John & Margaret Gilbert  
Valias Street

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

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

## A plea for dual occupancy

Your December 2001 *Diary*, Page 4, has a heading to my letter re proposed extension to cemetery: "Cemetery worries neighbour". If residing some three to four kilometres from what I thought to be an extension of the cemetery, I

doubt if I could be called a neighbour—however!

Whilst living outside the prescribed boundaries of the recently formed Warrandyte Community Association, but at the same time using Warrandyte for local shopping, recreation and the like, as well as hopefully looking after, when required, many elderly widows in the area, would it be presumptuous of me to suggest to the association and your editorial staff that consideration be given to dual occupancy and building of privately constructed units off the "tourist trail" so our elderly "pioneers" may continue to live in the area that they helped to create, without having to move outside their safe haven.

You may recall that it was a senior resident of the city who alerted you to the fact that Eltham Shire Council had made a substantial contribution to the purchase and erection of the community centre, and with this knowledge it was not just a Manningham council decision.

Trevor Parker  
Tindals Road

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# Hot adventures from a far distant firefront

Warrandyte and district firefighters leapt to the assistance of their NSW colleagues. PRUDENCE TRUBY KING interviewed two of them.

"To see the power and intensity of the flames and to hear the roar. Just an awesome experience to go through," Stuart McCausland's description of his stint as a member of South Warrandyte CFA fighting the New South Wales bush fires after Christmas.

The 24 year-old salesman said he had total confidence in the fire crews working on a large backburn in the Hawkesbury River region. "It was a very large fire of about 35km firefront—it was the biggest fire I've ever seen. The Victorian crews worked very well together as a result of mutual training. I wasn't in danger."

Stuart McCausland worked in a composite crew on a North Warrandyte truck, with two members of that brigade plus two from Warrandyte. His brother Alastair was in a different crew.

"The problem is the land is inaccessible from the ground. No one could get in," he said. "We had to set fire containment lines and backburn into the bush to reduce the fire. It was excellent to see how effective at controlling the spread of fire that was."

"I worked the line with the NSW guys. They've got a different firefighting philosophy, particularly in the make-up of their trucks. For example they've got three firefighters on the trucks for backburning because of the countryside, and they've practised differently because of the different risks. The Victorian firefighters are a lot more aggressive whereas up there a fire may burn for two days without anyone noticing. It's all State Park."

The volunteers stayed at the Penrith League Club 40km west of Sydney and about 40 minutes from the fires. "It had everything—comfortable lodgings and food and close to the mountains if we were needed," Mr McCausland said. "We did the day shift for 12 hours, a bus would bring the night crew and we would go back and sleep in their beds. The fire trucks worked 24 hours a day."

"The third day we spent patrolling and doing asset protection in Colo—there's a wood mill, a piggery, dog kennels and local residences. The fire did spot over into the forest and it would have kept burning another week if we hadn't got it."

Although Stuart McCausland did not see anything of the massive fire helicopter Elvis, other helicopters were used. "Carrying a bag or bucket under them they would dump 500-1000



Far from home: a South Warrandyte strike team waiting to move into the firing line.

litres, controlling spotovers. They can do runs so quickly—fill with water, dump their loads and back to refill in about three minutes," he said.

Mr McCausland said he only had three days of firefighting. "It's up the day before and back the day after. We're all volunteers. We've all got jobs and responsibilities in the real world. Lots of people went up for multiple duties—some are on holiday and can afford to do that."

"My family was uneasy although Alastair had been away before, fighting the grass fires at Stawell last year. They know what to expect but they see it on the news and the reporting is pretty sensational. So it really plays on their emotions. The frenzy has an impact on the families."

Stuart's 21 year old brother Alastair, a fulltime student doing a double degree in management and marketing

at Monash, praised the organisation of the crisis. "To have the trucks running for 12 days and 12 nights without stopping and all the mechanical, communication and operations officers—it was flawless," he said. "Every task force had a mobile CFA mechanic, a CFA communications van and all other support staff."

The brothers have no previous family involvement with the CFA. "We saw the 1997 fires, then a South Warrandyte CFA recruitment letter came and we went down. I go for the excitement and to help the community. I like seeing what good work it achieves. But it's a double-edged family feeling. They're apprehensive and nervous while we're up there but proud of our involvement."

Although working in the same region of Colo Heights as Stuart, Alastair was not in the same crew as his brother.

"No two people from one family go on the same crew," he said. On a new tanker, with five crew from South Warrandyte, Alastair spent his first day protecting a street of 50 to 100 houses, large equestrian centres and agistment properties. There were 20 tankers with several units from the NSW rural fire service.

"Most of the horses were still there but they were freaked out by the sounds of the fires and the smoke. The fire was pretty intense and spotting across in the treetops." Day two was on Mt Bowen just out of Richmond, a town on top of a hill. "The fires were coming from all angles. There were fires on all sides and we were unsure as to which way it would come up. One minute it's straight towards you and the next it's going the opposite way. The mornings were pretty still but the winds reached 30-40 knots in the

afternoon. There was a huge forest each side of the road. Very high fuel loadings. A bit like Kinglake and North Warrandyte with its hills and crevasses.

"Day one was more tiring as we were standing round. We did risk assessments on 20 houses in the heat. It was round 30-35 degrees, and the last two days were pretty humid and muggy."

"A lot of residents had evacuated. The others were getting their fire plans ready—about three weeks too late. Cleaning up their back yards and the gutters. Residents said the town never looked so tidy."

"We spent time readying residents' houses. The hospitality was really amazing—trays of food and hot drinks all day. The residents were pretty impressed to see 20 fire trucks in their street."

## Many local lessons to be learned

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte CFA believes there are several important lessons to be learned locally from the disastrous NSW bushfires.

"With the onset of warmer weather, Warrandyte could experience a similar explosion of fire outbreak," CFA Community Education Coordinator, Jeff Adair, told the *Diary*.

"Because of similarities between the terrain, close proximity to state parks and high fuel loads, along with close housing density, the potential is created for high to extreme fire behaviour and loss of property and risk to life."

"It would appear that many fire-threatened NSW residents left their preparation and planning

until the last minute, with many relying on the CFA and NSW fire crews for protection, assistance and information on what to do.

"Had it not been for the sheer numbers of firefighters and water-bombing helicopters, there could have been many more homes lost and lives threatened."

"The key message for Warrandyte residents is that we may not have the luxury of these resources being available. A fire through Warrandyte could be fast and furious. It could all be disastrously over before large concentrations of firefighting equipment and personnel arrive."

"It is therefore essential that families take the time to complete their fire preparations and have a well

understood fire survival plan."

CFA believes that many families have only half a plan, which may result in last-minute panic driven decisions.

"We realise that many people do not have the understanding of fire behaviour," Mr Adair said. "They may not know what to do and how to protect themselves and their loved ones. We would urge residents in our bushfire-prone area to accept CFA's free offer of property assessments that will enable them to identify their risks and reflect these within their plans."

"We are now in early February," Mr Adair said. "It is not too late. The fire season could well extend into

March and April."

Fire restrictions in Manningham and Nillumbik came into force on January 28. It is now illegal for fire to be lit without a written permit. On days of Total Fire Ban no fire may be lit in the open.

"These provisions will be strictly enforced," Mr Adair said. "We appeal to the community to adhere to these restrictions."

CFA enquiry numbers are:  
●Warrandyte—9844 3375  
●South Warrandyte (including Park Orchards)—9844 2861  
●North Warrandyte—9844 0847

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They crossed the state line



A total of 35 firefighters went from Warrandyte district CFA brigades and the Warrandyte State Park to help fight fires in New South Wales.

The strike teams included six firefighters each from Warrandyte and North Warrandyte and seven each from South Warrandyte and Wonga Park. Some of the North Warrandyte people returned a second time.

The Department of Natural Resources sent four rangers from Warrandyte State Park and five members of the summer fire crew.

Vehicles included a tanker from North Warrandyte and the Warrandyte 4x4 support car. Two State Park firefighting trucks also made the journey.

## NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS MARCH 2002

### Notice of election

Elections for the Nillumbik Shire Council will be held in March 2002. The Nillumbik Shire Council is divided into nine wards. One councillor will be elected in each ward.

### Voting by post

The elections will be held entirely by post. If you are on the voters' roll for the Nillumbik Shire Council elections, a ballot pack containing voting material will be posted to you from Tuesday, 26 February 2002.

Any voter who has not received their ballot pack by Wednesday, 6 March 2002 should telephone 9432 3333 without delay.

For your vote to count, your completed ballot paper must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 15 March 2002.

### Change of address

If your address has changed since 17 December 2001, or if you will be away when ballot packs are mailed from 26 February 2002, please write to the:

Returning Officer  
Locked Bag 1111  
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This request must be signed by each voter requesting redirection, and include the redirection address. Your request must be received by 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 February 2002.

### Nominations

If you want to nominate for Council, you must lodge a nomination form (together with a \$100 nomination fee) with the Returning Officer between Thursday, 7 February and 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 February 2002.



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If you intend to be a candidate you are welcome to attend one of the three information sessions.

When: 7.30 pm, Thursday, 31 January 2002

Where: Allwood House  
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Hurstbridge

When: 7.30 pm, Monday, 4 February 2002

Where: Nillumbik Shire Offices  
Civic Drive, Greensborough

When: 1.00 pm, Tuesday, 5 February 2002

Where: Eltham Community Centre  
801 Main Road, Eltham

Nomination forms and other information will be available at the information session, or can be obtained from the Returning Officer from Monday, 4 February 2002.

### Checking your enrolment

Enrolment for the Nillumbik Shire Council elections closed on 17 December 2001. Lists of voters will be on display from Tuesday, 29 January to Monday, 4 February 2002. You can check your enrolment details on the voters' lists during business hours at the:

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Eltham Library, Panther Place

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You can object to errors in the voters' lists until Monday, 4 February 2002 by writing to:

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### Enquiries

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## Fergus wins scholarship to China

Warrandyte resident Fergus Green (pictured right) was recently awarded a national scholarship to live and study in Beijing, China for the forthcoming year.

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Fergus was fortunate enough to obtain one of seven scholarships, sponsored by the Australia-China Council and several corporations.

The scholarship is the culmination of much hard work for Fergus, who has studied Chinese at Eltham College since Year 7. The rigorous three-stage selection process required applicants to submit a 2000 character essay, sit a three-hour language examination and undergo a 45-minute interview.

Fergus will attend a week-long orientation session in Canberra in mid-February before leaving for China.

"The year ahead will be extremely challenging but highly rewarding," Fergus told the *Diary*. "I am looking forward to it immensely. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn more about the fascinating culture of China and provide an excellent foundation to tertiary Chinese studies."

Fergus hopes to study Arts/Law at Melbourne University when he returns in 2003.



## Our high school kids score

Warrandyte High School achieved a good success rate in the recent VCE exams. Eight students scored 90 plus, a further five scored between 80 and 90 and 20 scored 79 to 80.

Top scorer was Juliette Reardon who achieved 95.25. "Juliette hopes to begin Arts/Science at Melbourne University in 2002," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

As well as these results, Aylin Girgin and Megan Freebody both achieved high distinctions at Monash University in First Philosophy. These studies were internet based.

Six high school Year 9 will attend the Alpine School at Mr Hotham during first term. They are Sam Dodds, Monica Grubb, Kate Burns, George Welch, Ben Stewart and

Michael Selim. "They are among a select group of Victorian secondary students who attend schools specialising in leadership training," the spokesperson said.

"They will also be involved in a volunteer local country learning project, conducted under the auspices of the Warrandyte Business Association."

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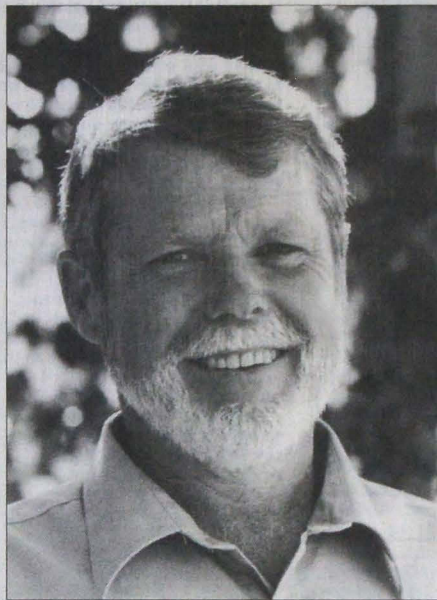
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# THE BATTLE FOR YANAKIE



Penny Mullinar: sitting councillor seeking new supporters

Neil Roberts: not yet declaring his intentions

Jan Davies: Warrandyte candidate seeks local support

Greg Bailey: hoping to repeat Federal result

# Green Wedge prime issue in Nillumbik elections

By FIA CLENDINEN

Four candidates have so far declared themselves as standing for the newly created ward of Yanakie in the March Nillumbik council elections.

As far as the *Diary* knows, these are Warrandyte resident Jan Davies, Nillumbik Arthur's Creek councillor Penny Mullinar, Greens member Greg Bailey and Kangaroo Ground resident Peter Rynia.

In the last election, three years ago in March 1999, nine candidates stood for the Sugarloaf ward. The *Diary* expects more candidates will run in this election also, but traditionally most people put off nominating until the very last minute, in this case 4pm on February 12.

The old ward of Sugarloaf is held by Neil Roberts, from the Nillumbik First faction. He defeated Robert Marshall who had been a councillor in Eltham and Nillumbik for 25 years.

In 1999 four Nillumbik First councillors were elected altogether, with the so-called "green" councillors having a majority. However more recently Philip Hughes, the councillor from Diamond Creek, withdrew his support from Nillumbik First.

Cr Penny Mullinar, who is one of the so-called "green" councillors, said she thought it was "incredibly crucial" that councillors sympathetic to the Green

Wedge are elected in the upcoming election. "Because otherwise we'll have "development all over the place," she said.

Cr Mullinar is currently completing a Masters Degree of Planning and Environment at RMIT. She said that her studies had made her aware of exactly how vulnerable the Green Wedge is.

"At the moment I don't think the protection of the Green Wedge is strong enough through the planning scheme. I think it needs more work," she said. "And that's one of the main reasons why I want to be there (in council), to help strengthen policies and strengthen the language."

Cr Mullinar said the so-called "green" councillors could be better described as "community" or "progressive" councillors. She said the council also split over issues such as health and the arts.

"The Nillumbik First councillors tend to block anything to do with the arts," she said. "They don't jump up and down about poker machines. Most of the progressive councillors are anti-poker machines. Of course we don't have much control over that, we can certainly control getting more."

Cr Mullinar has been a resident of Nillumbik shire for 25 years and has lived in St Andrews for the last nine years, on the border of Yanakie ward.

Warrandyte resident Jan Davies will be running against Cr Mullinar. Dr Davies, who has lived in North Warrandyte for 25 years, was once co-president of the Warrandyte Environment League. She has a background in both science and business and currently works as a health research manager.

Dr Davies said it was her "pervading interest in the environment" that has motivated her to stand for council.

While involved in WEL, Jan Davies lobbied both councils on either side of the river to buy the land where the Warrandyte Community Centre now stands and was one of the original initiators of the Warrandyte Festival.

Dr Davies said she believed North Warrandyte residents were being short-changed by the current council.

"I have a growing sense that Warrandyte is being ignored by Nillumbik," she said. "I think that a lot of the services that Warrandyte has are provided by Manningham. People on this side of the river use the community centre on that side, and go to the library down at the west end. Really, Nillumbik has got off easily. And (I think) that Warrandyte would probably be a lot richer if the two councils got together and liased a little more to make sure that we had access to all the services that we need."

In the last federal election the Greens polled particularly well in this area. At the North Warrandyte booth the Greens candidate for McEwen gained 20.5 percent of the primary vote. Partly to capitalize on this high vote, Greens will be running candidates in every one of the nine wards in the council elections.

Greg Bailey, a university lecturer at La Trobe University, will be standing as the Greens candidate in Yanakie.

"The Greens want to determine the extent to which we still have political support after the Federal election," Dr Bailey said.

But he said that planning and preservation of the Green Wedge were issues he felt very strongly about and he described the ring road as a major threat.

"If the ring road comes through it will destroy the shire, there is no question about that," he said. "There's enormous amounts of money waiting to try and develop the shire, particularly in the western part, Doreen and so forth, and parts of Diamond Creek."

Peter Rynia, a Kangaroo Ground resident and a teacher at the Melbourne Rudolph Steiner school, will also be running for council election in the Yanakie ward.

Mr Rynia described himself as "pro-

development", although he pointed out that his use of the word had a different emphasis. "Development is seen to be a dirty word but that's because it's been taken over by financial heavyweights who are basically profiteers," he said. "Development is not that at all, development is about growing as a community and getting stronger. There's spiritual development and there's artistic development."

Mr Rynia said he wanted to see a stronger sense of community in the shire and there were already good examples in the area of the kind of thing he had in mind.

"We've got places like Montsalvat and Edendale Farm and Dunmoochin and the Environmental Living Zone that brought people together and valued them for what they were and who they were. We don't have that any more. We've got a development picture which puts people into little prisons all over the place on suburban blocks and in old people's homes."

The *Diary* tried to contact Neil Roberts, incumbent councillor for Sugarloaf, to determine whether he intends to run in the coming local government election. However Cr Roberts did not return the *Diary's* calls.

## COREY'S CLAN

By SYD & ONA

### YANAKIE - ANARCHY - SCHMANAKIE



## Now it's nine wards!

Nillumbik residents face yet another new voting system in the upcoming council elections. Over the last decade residents have had to familiarize themselves with a number of different local government electoral options.

In the old days, when the shire was simply called Eltham, there were three wards, each represented by three councillors.

Then the Shire of Nillumbik was created in 1994 as part of the Victoria-wide council amalgamation process and state government commissioners replaced elected councillors. In 1997 residents returned to the ballot box, this time to elect only five councillors, each representing a separate

ward. In October 1998, the then Minister for Planning and Local Government, Rob Maclellan, sacked the five elected councillors, describing it as a "mercy killing".

Later yet another system was introduced: five ward councillors and four shire-wide councillors, making nine councillors altogether.

Now, after still more community consultation, this system has also been jettisoned. From March this year Nillumbik will again have nine councillors, but each will represent a particular ward. The shire-wide councillors have been scrapped.

Warrandyte was formerly part of the North Riding. At the last election, three years

ago in March 1999, the area was included in a new ward called Sugarloaf. Now Warrandyte is part of a ward called Yanakie. The name derives from an Aboriginal word from the Bunerong tribe meaning "to come on" or "to move on".

With the new system, each of the nine Nillumbik wards is relatively small. Yanakie stretches up as far north as Kinglake. But it does not include either Research or Panton Hill. Also only about half of the St Andrews township is included.

All the shire's nine wards have been renamed in an effort to impress upon residents that a changed voting system will apply right across Nillumbik.

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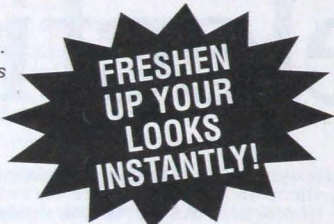
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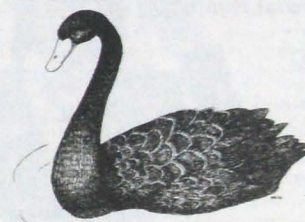
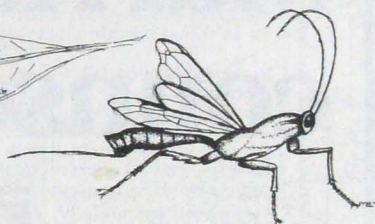
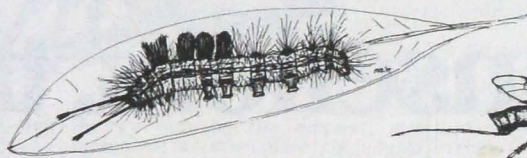
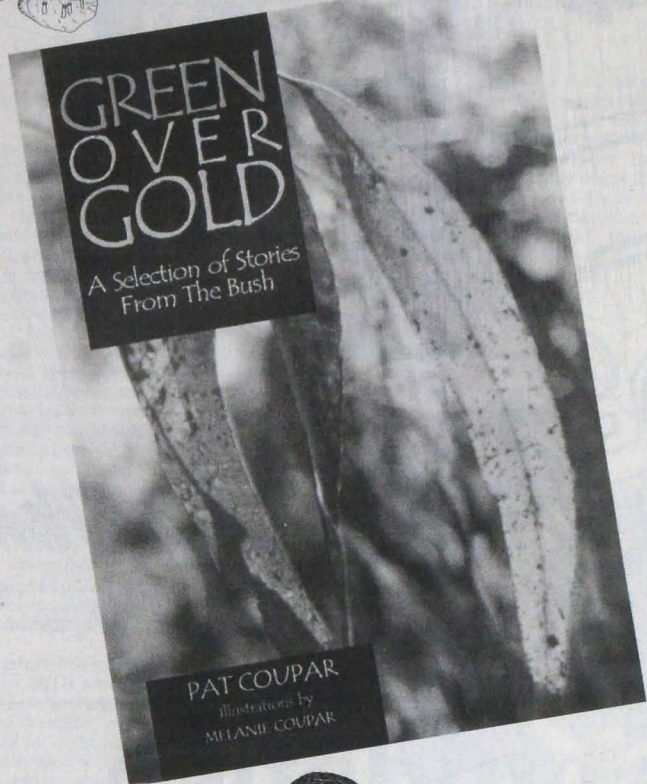
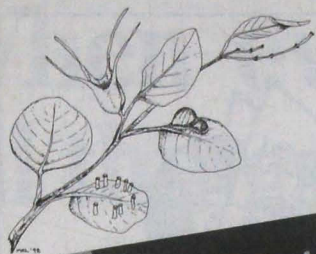
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# A stroll on our wild side



\*Green Over Gold, by Pat Coupar, illustrated by Melanie Coupar. Rrp \$14.95.

**F**OR the past 11 years, Pat Coupar has captivated, entertained and informed *Diary* readers with a monthly column which would do justice to perhaps any natural history publication in the world.

Much of that work has now been brought together in a book, *Green Over Gold*, a selection of 48 stories from the Warrandyte bush illustrated by Pat's daughter Melanie.

If you are interested at all in this special environment, it is compelling reading.

Pat Coupar, of Brackenbury Street, fell in love with Warrandyte at first sight about 30 years ago.

"I was not long out from England and living in Ringwood when I first discovered this area," she writes in her introduction to *Green Over Gold*. "Over the years I made frequent visits to these hills and this river with my husband Mike, and later with our children Melanie and Ross. It was almost inevitable that one day we would move here. We did in 1987.

"Warrandyte is a remarkable place in which to live, sandwiched as it is between the farmlands and vineyards of the Yarra Valley and the suburbs of Melbourne. There is something very special about being able to step outside each morning and stand amongst pastel blue-grey Red Box trees; to lie in bed and listen

## BOOK REVIEW

By LEE TINDALE

to the river burbling; to breathe the fresh sweet air.

"It is not a wilderness in the grand sense, but there is wilderness here if you look for it. Nature is a never-ending source of wonder. I was fascinated and awe-inspired by the life and death dramas taking place all around me. And so I began to write about them."

And how well she writes, with thoroughly-researched authority tempered by the serenity of one totally at one with nature.

*Green Over Gold* is a stroll on the wild side, a revelation on every page.

Consider, for example, the devious, migratory Fan-Tail Cuckoo, which follows the more favourable climate and plentiful food supply to Warrandyte, sets up a surveillance post and eventually chooses a pair of nesting Fairy Wrens as foster parents to the one egg she will lay. Having laid that egg on the ground, the hen will meticulously pick it up in her bill and deposit it among the wren eggs, which are strikingly similar to her own.

It certainly dupes the wrens and, come hatching time, the infant

cuckoo, although naked and blind, will immediately begin to physically evict all other occupants of the nest — unhatched eggs and hatching wrens.

The adult wrens will raise this little home wrecker as their own.

Come early autumn, it will instinctively fly north. The same instinct will bring it back, come spring, to the place of its birth.

Consider, too, the Cordyceps, the vegetable caterpillar. Not an animal but a fungus, the Cordyceps' story is macabre indeed. They look like broken twigs, but, as Pat writes, "their unremarkable appearance on the surface belies the gruesome annihilation that has taken place below the ground".

And consider the author's pet hate, the Agapanthus — "one of the most planted plants in gardens throughout Melbourne, including Warrandyte".

"I loathe them," she says of this imported South African lily and recalls a shopping trip to Eastland, where they had been planted in abundance.

"I passed the palms," she writes, "and stifled a ridiculously juvenile urge to give the fingers up gesture to the 'aggies'. But I was feeling light-hearted, the sun was at my back and I was going home, returning to the sanity of my bushland refuge in Warrandyte."

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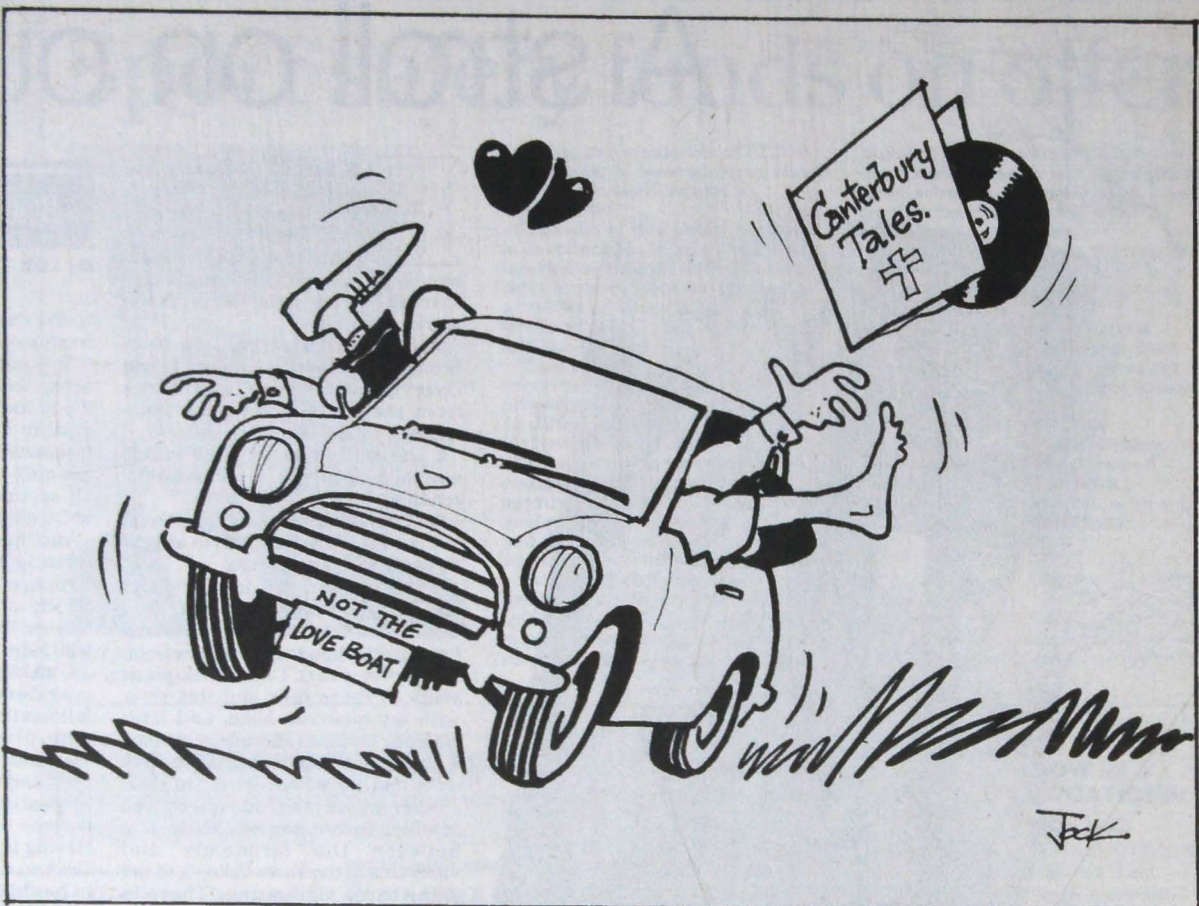
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# Marriage guidance counsellors, take note!

**P**ERHAPS it's because we chose so carefully all those years ago or maybe it's because we both lack imagination and are too lazy to change. Whatever the reason, Herself and I have just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary.

Now, for Cliff Green and a lot of others out there, our 35 is a mere eye blink as far as long marriages go but if you compare ours with the current average of successful marriages, we've done well. We're still together, we haven't broken bones and apart from the times when Herself fails to realise my true brilliance, natural charm and quirkily appealing personality, we don't argue; much.

I attribute our success to my steadfast lifelong refusal to be distracted by romance, my enviable ability to focus on only one thing at a time and by my willingness to let Herself organise all family and social occasions. Playfully, to hide her true adoration, Herself sometimes redefines these qualities as "insensitive", "pathetically inflexible" and "selfishly self-centred" but I know she's only joking. It's the tears of joy that give her away. So, given that we have so much in common, it's not surprising that we have lasted so long.

It was over a casual, celebratory dinner with some other long timers that we got to talking about marriages and the differences between us and the latest crop. We're at that stage in our lives when our kids and their friends are contemplating



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marriage so the topic has forced itself upon us. Interestingly, it is "marriage" and not "shacking up together" that seems to be the go.

Not too long ago, the mere mention of the word, "marriage" would have led to hysterical laughter and simulated vomiting. Perhaps the return to this old tradition, therefore, has some connection with the state of tension in the world. When times are good, we can play around with conventions and can easily contemplate change and insecurity but when times are less

predictable, perhaps it's nice to think that personal commitment will protect us through the hard times.

Anyway, inevitably, after a few bottles of wine, as well as solving all of society's problems, we fell to reminiscing about our own marriages.

Like most of our long time friends, we met at university. It was in the Listening Room at Monash. There I was, absorbed in Act III of "Hamlet" when an apparition appeared in the doorway. She was as fragile and as beautiful as Ophelia and she glided into the room and sat down next to me. Behind her was Herself, rugged up against Monash's Antarctic conditions in her green duffel coat.

Herself selected a record of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales". The apparition took out her compact and touched up her already perfect complexion. There was no indecision after that. Herself and I talked, drank coffee, smoked and started "going out together".

We began a strange combination of seeing each other daily, warts, acne, bad hair days and all, whilst at the same time "going out" on Friday and Saturday nights. This was neither unrealistically romantic nor was it boring, work place predictability.

We had the best of dressing up and courting as well as understanding each other's individual strengths and weaknesses. The transition to living together after marriage was, therefore, no great let down. There were few illusions to be shattered. Which was just as

well because the way we started out was not the stuff of Hollywood romantic films.

The Mini might have been a design triumph for car aficionados but it was not The Love Boat. However, it was the scene of our "wedding proposal". Why the inverted commas? Well, it sums up the different ways Herself and I approach life.

There we were, in the Mini. After rehearsing our contortionist audition piece, our conversation eventually landed on jewellery. Casually, I asked what type of rings Herself liked, engagement rings for example. My theoretical exploration of aesthetics was met with a very pragmatic, "Yes, I will!" and the next thing I knew, we were organising a very big dinner party.

Our other rich friends flew off to other countries or to the Queensland islands but our honeymoon was in exotic Canberra. We had a comfortable room, with breakfast provided but that was it. We couldn't afford to eat out so we had to sneak bread and sandwich filling into the room despite the strict rule about no food being brought into the room during the day. I felt inadequate and hungry. Herself was positive and smiled a lot.


Thirty-five years later, I'm still constantly amazed by Herself's ability to make the best of a difficult situation and to think of more than one thing at a time. And I owe it all to a record of Chaucer and a discussion about jewellery aesthetics.

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# When everything changes all things stay the same

**T**HERE are certain events from my past that I can remember with crystal glass clarity, even after nearly 50 years. One of those moments of fine detail recall is the day I learnt about metamorphosis.

I can still see the white-chalked word, written in my primary school teacher's perfect print, on the classroom blackboard. I can hear her saying, "Don't be afraid of long words, just break them up into syllables—met-a-morph-o-sis." She was grey-haired and motherly and she taught me about metamorphosis. She taught me how to say it, how to spell it, and what it meant in the literal translation: meta—changing, morphosis—form.

Of course I knew about caterpillars turning into butterflies and tadpoles into frogs, but learning the word somehow gave new meaning to the process.

Over the recent holiday break we caught up with several friends and their children—boys and girls—ranging in age from two years to eight and a half. Their fascination with our garden pond was unanimous. Their eagerness to dip the net and their excitement when examining the tadpoles, dragonfly larvae and other squirmies scooped up was infectious. They were inquisitive and questioning; each one a budding David Attenborough.

I asked one little girl what her favourite animal was. "Spider," she replied. And she meant it. Fear and phobia had not yet been implanted in her young

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

mind, or if it had, she had rejected it.

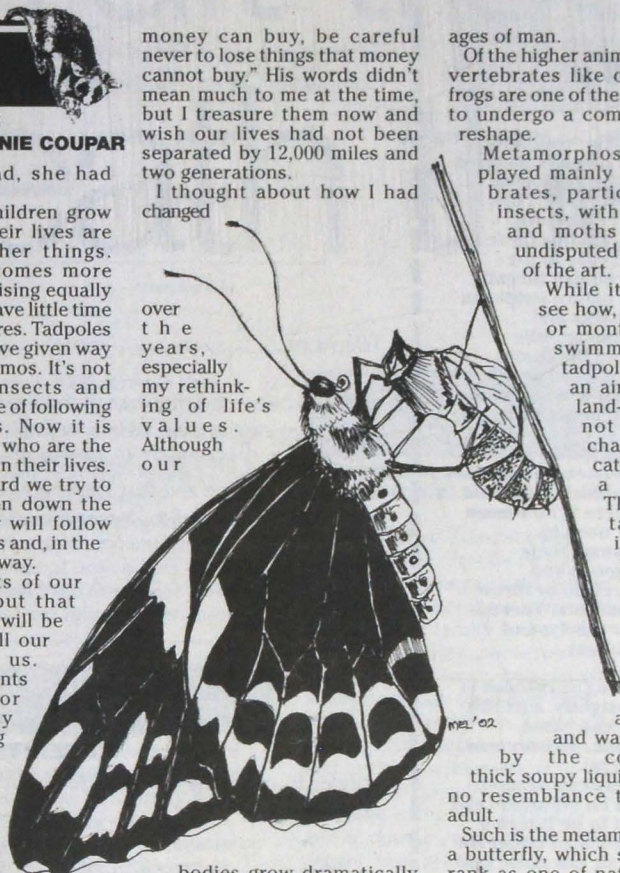
But as young children grow into teenagers their lives are flooded with other things. School work becomes more serious and socialising equally so. Most of them have little time for the little creatures. Tadpoles and dragonflies have given way to gadgets and gizmos. It's not cool to study insects and spiders. It is the age of following fashion and fads. Now it is friends not family who are the influential people in their lives. No matter how hard we try to guide our children down the road of life, they will follow their own signposts and, in the end, go their own way.

We are products of our parents' genes but that doesn't mean we will be like them, nor will our children be like us. Neither of my parents were scientists or biologists—they had a passing interest in nature, not a passion for it. I did, however, have a great-uncle who collected and studied moths, but he died before my interest really blossomed. He sent me a letter once, along with a small gift of money for my birthday. He wrote, "Remember always, that while it is good to have things that

money can buy, be careful never to lose things that money cannot buy." His words didn't mean much to me at the time, but I treasure them now and wish our lives had not been separated by 12,000 miles and two generations.

I thought about how I had changed

over the years, especially my rethinking of life's values. Although our



bodies grow dramatically in size from newborn to adult, for we humans the metamorphosis that takes place is of the mind rather than body. Perhaps William Shakespeare was thinking along similar lines when he wrote about the seven

ages of man. Of the higher animals—that is vertebrates like ourselves—frogs are one of the few species to undergo a complete body reshape.

Metamorphosis is displayed mainly by invertebrates, particularly the insects, with butterflies and moths being the undisputed champions of the art.

While it is easy to see how, over weeks or months, a free-swimming, gilled tadpole turns into an air-breathing, land-living frog, not so the change from a caterpillar into a butterfly.

That process takes place in secret, behind the closed doors of a chrysalis. I accidentally crushed a chrysalis once

and was surprised by the contents—a thick soupy liquid that bore no resemblance to larva or adult.

Such is the metamorphosis of a butterfly, which surely must rank as one of nature's most remarkable inventions.

Better than anything humans have yet come up with—at least that's my way of thinking, but then as far as nature is concerned I'm still a child at heart.

# Travelling lightly into paradise

**O**NE of the best things about holidaying up north is that you hardly need any luggage. No jumpers, long pants, shoes, socks, formal clothes or even pj's. It's no trouble at all to squash a couple of changes, a floppy hat and the UV 30+ into a snazzy little bright blue handbag and travel free as a bird.

"Mum, are you seriously not taking a suitcase?" "Absolutely not. Neither are you."

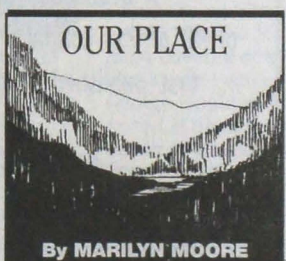
"Oh, what?"

"The two of you can share that black overnight bag."

"But I can fill that up in five minutes with just my stuff!"

"Good. It will take you only half that time to half fill it."

I'd travelled on my own with the kids many times before. In the unlikely event of there being any doubt as to whether you needed the holiday you were setting out on, then lugging two or three suitcases and copious hand baggage while trying to keep track of tickets, offsprings, cameras, books, toys, teddies and various items of last minute shopping as you transfer from taxi to airport, airport to plane, plane to airport, airport to hire car and finally hire car to hotel



By MARILYN MOORE

leaves you absolutely convinced. You need a very long holiday indeed. There's nothing like a fruitless search for a luggage trolley, or having to retrieve a child's favourite hat from a Boeing 737 seat pocket half an hour after disembarking, or rescuing poor old Baby from a secret snooze under a bus seat, to knock the stuffing right out of you.

This trip was going to be different. Minimalist. Stylish. I phoned the car hire company and changed our booking from a capacious family wagon down to the dinkiest set of wheels that could accommodate long legs. How had the simple brilliance of post-modern austerity passed me by on so many previous occasions?

Elegance and economy rolled into one. So this is how the upper classes do it!

"Mum?"

"Mmmmm?"

"You know how each person can check in one item of luggage?"

"Yes?"

"Well, we've got only one bag to check in between two of us."

"And?"

"That means we can take our boogie boards!"

There was no real argument against it. We were going to the beach. A rather fine surf beach at that.

"Er ... you'd have to tape them together." "Yes! Score!"

So the deciding factor in our choice of car was not to be the horizontal distance between the front and rear seats after all. It was to be the horizontal distance between the hinges on the boot lid. The boogie boards fitted with millimetres to spare.

Terrigal beach is so typically Australian. Ugly development overlooks a gorgeous sweep of clean sand that stretches for kilometres from a mountainous bluff in the north to a distinctive rocky headland in the south.

Thousands of people enjoy the warm silkiness of the shallows, or surf the foaming white breakers that roll in unendingly from the mighty blue Pacific. Yet the beach is not even slightly crowded. A flotilla of yachts swarms busily in and out of the breeze.

Behind the surf saving club stands a row of tall palms. An assortment of clothing shops, cafes and ice cream parlours forms a trendy concrete backdrop for leathery-skinned cappuccino drinkers and elaborately cool teenagers. Making a mental note to never again wear any combination of white and gold, I find myself unsuccessfully trying to visualise the effect of the belly-button fashion hitting every man, woman and child in Warrandyte.

One of our boogie boards breaks on the first big dumper. Buying a new one involves considerable technical discussion, including quite a lot of critical stuff about the length of the board in relation to the height of the user. We clearly need a very large board.

Thus endeth my minimalist beliefs. Oh for the family station wagon!

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Alarmed by the continuing presence of illegally dumped rubbish in the local area, Manningham council has launched a crackdown.

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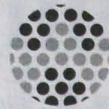
"Also, a number of people are using public waste bins to dispose of household waste.

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The dumping of rubbish is not only unsightly, a health hazard and can cause damage to the environment, it is also illegal.

"Council is determined to crack down on offenders and those found to be littering will be prosecuted under the Litter Act," Cr Eisenbise said.

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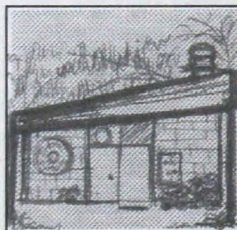
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# Fruit trees fall beneath the blades

ONCE their orchards were established, the orchardists extended the fruiting season by judiciously

planting a range of early to late maturing varieties. "You needed a mixture of fruits and a long period of harvesting for the maximum chance of income from late November through to March. So, we grew in sequence: cherries followed by peaches, plums, apricots mid season, and then apples and pears in the late season. My family also grew a number of other fruits in small quantities such as quinces, loquats, oranges, and nectarines."

But the income-producing season only prevailed as the fruit ripened on the tree. Prolonging the storage period could extend the supply of fresh fruit for the markets. Initially this meant that as the daily harvest proceeded, the storage cases in which fruit was carefully packed were kept in the cool shade of the pine trees. Then, at the end of the day, the cases would be stored in the most naturally cool space available. Sometimes this was just a corner of a barn.

## THE BIG FREEZE ARRIVES

With the development of forms of refrigeration in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, however, the opportunities to extend storage time expanded considerably: "When cool storing came in apples and pears had a market through the winter months." Cool storage became an essential part of the orcharding business. The proliferation of cool stores was a manifestation of the burgeoning success being experienced by the orchardists of the area.

With over 7000 acres in the district given over to orchards, production reached its peak in the 1920s. There were more than 400 standholders at the Queen Victoria Market from the eastern metropolitan fruit-growing area alone (the districts within a ten mile radius of Doncaster) – far more than from any other district. It did not get much better than this.

## TO MARKET, TO MARKET

The earliest fruit growers of the area sold their produce at kerbside markets and at the Fitzroy Wood Market; later they also used Paddy's Market near the centre of Melbourne. In the 19th century pears, apples, cherries and plums were sent by sea to Brisbane and Sydney markets, and New Zealand also offered a significant market for cherries.

With the advent of refrigeration came an export market to the United Kingdom and Europe that was particularly strong during the 1930s. But it was the Melbourne market that continued to be the major source of income for most orchardists.

From its opening in 1878, the Queen Victoria Market offered the most coveted site for sales: "There was a stand where my Uncle George would sell if he was first to arrive. If he didn't arrive early, someone else could have it, and he would stand in the market alongside many other Doncaster/Warrandyte orchardists. They would converse, and then go off and have their breakfast after sales at one of the little cafés around the market – friendly competitors.

## BYGONE DAYS: 3

By BARBARA PERTZEL and FIONA WALTERS

Many of the orchardists were related either directly or by marriage, so they usually got on pretty well. There was a marketing man for each family and other members of the team would be doing the day work, commencing at eight o'clock or earlier and sometimes until dusk. There was co-operation between families and within them, a team effort to get the fruit to the market at the right time and in the best condition – and of course competition there to get the best prices."

"Uncle George was the marketing man of the partnership. He would leave for the markets at nine o'clock at night, driving very slowly down the road. It was a bit of a joke. People would see him and run along beside the truck. He went so slowly because he didn't want to bruise the fruit. He presented it in beautiful condition at the market. Uncle George was a perfectionist with fruit packing and would drop off specialty cases of his very best fruit to Mr Jonas's shop at the top end of Collins Street."

## THE BEGINNING OF THE END

The Great Depression of 1929–30 hit everybody hard, although orchardists, like many people on the land, were perhaps a little inured from some of its harshest

vagaries. They were able at least to ensure a food supply for their families; but the economic catastrophe certainly had an impact. Prices for fruit fell so low that sometimes it would actually have cost the growers money to take their fruit to market. It simply was not worth the trip.

## DEPRESSEING TIMES IN THE ORCHARD

If the Depression did not precipitate the end of the orcharding era in Manningham, it certainly turned the tide towards it. It was perhaps the first of a number of factors that would, over the next 30 years, gradually see orcharding in the area decline. Then, in 1939, when Britain declared war on Germany, Australia too became embroiled in that distant conflict. Orchardling was a protected industry, however, which meant that some men of eligible age were directed to remain working within the industry.

As early as 1945, applications and plans for subdivision of areas in Manningham, including the orchards, were being received for consideration and approval by council in increasing numbers.

By June 1945 requests were being made to council for money to fund victory celebrations in schools. World War II was coming to an end. Whatever the source of speculators' foresight, the result was that acres of land that were given over to orcharding within a few short years became too valuable for the growing of fruit.

As the new generations of orchardists moved further out, the suburbs of Melbourne seeped closer to the older orcharding properties. Land value increased and the rates went up. It soon became either too expensive to

stay, or too lucrative not to sell. One by one orchardists began selling. It was simply no longer viable to remain. During the 1960s and 1970s, when the population of the municipality grew from 15,000 to 64,000, the orchards were reduced to 2,000 acres (810 hectares). In a single day, a bulldozer could destroy an orchard that had taken generations to build up.

We conclude then with the image of bulldozers pushing over acres of healthy and productive fruit trees. It is a brutal image, a sad place to end a chapter on the history of orcharding; but it is an important image because it defines a pivotal moment in the history of Manningham. The region was changing from a predominantly rural environment to a suburban one. But the image also serves as an echo from an earlier period when healthy and fruitful native vegetation was felled in the name of "clearing the land".

## THE PASSING OF AN ERA

And if we are saddened a little by the passing of the orcharding era, then we might pause to consider the sense of sadness and loss experienced by the Wurundjeri, the first people of the region. They too once lived and toiled in ways that are no longer obvious in the landscape of modern-day Manningham – and for a much longer period of time than did the orchardists.

● Excerpts pertaining to Warrandyte taken from Manningham from country to city, a history commissioned by Manningham City Council and published by Arcadia (an imprint of Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd).



# WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL

By SAM DAVIES

Our festival is 25 years old this year. The Festival Committee is inviting the whole community to celebrate this silver anniversary under the slogan "Let's Party!"

From a hesitant suggestion made 25 years ago at a meeting of the Warrandyte Environment League (WEL), the festival has grown into one of Warrandyte's most treasured events.

The Warrandyte Historical Society and the Warrandyte Arts Association eagerly embraced WEL's suggestion and our "homemade" festival was born.

Festival committee chairman John Boyle told the *Diary* that it has consistently showcased Warrandyte's unique culture, combining arts, history and the environment, but without the "blatant commercialism" of other local festivals.

"Warrandyte kids would rather race in sulo bins than pay for the boring trailer attractions of every other festival," Mr Boyle said.

Marking this important anniversary, Warrandyte Festival 2002 is harking back to older times, featuring more traditional stalls and events.

Linda Carroll, committee member in charge of the lower stage, believes she is lucky to have secured the performer Mike Jackson.

"Aside from playing ten different instruments, Jackson will conduct workshops for kids in traditional string games," she said.

Typifying Warrandyte's unique festival culture where young people actively participate instead of merely consuming, will be 12 year-old



Warrandyte guitarist Keiran Murphy, who has won many musical awards.

The festivities are off to a sparkling start with a cocktail party at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Sadly this night will also be the swan song for popular performers Martin Walker and Paul Haskings—better known as "A Touch of Class"—will be making their final performance "after 16 years or weddings, parties and Bah Mitzvahs".

Marilyn Imbery, in charge of the party, welcomes everyone from the community to join in what she promises to be a "bloody fantastic night".

For those too young for cocktails, Rick Gordon is arranging youth activities around the new skatepark at the football oval.

Rock bands, DJs and a skate competition will be held on the Saturday afternoon, ending with a football match played under lights.

Early risers on Sunday morning can also enjoy the

thrills and spills of billycart racing, this year hyped by organiser Rob Cousens as "bigger, better and faster than ever before". A PlayStation 2 is the featured first prize.

As always, the Grand Parade will be marching along Yarra Street on Saturday morning. Organiser Maedy Colenso expects more than 60 floats to join marching bands, baton twirlers, costumed kids and community groups in the parade.

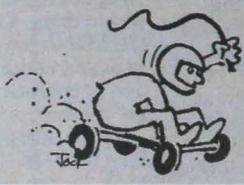
Harking back to the past, the Fun Run, an old favourite, will return. Organised by local trainer Chris Sharp, the run will proceed along a 10 kilometre course around Warrandyte. Entry forms will soon be available from local stores. "Everyone should be trying to keep fit," Chris Sharp told the *Diary*.

For those not so keen, he has promised a five kilometre walk.

• The 2002 Warrandyte Festival will run from Thursday, March 14 to Sunday, March 17.

## FESTIVAL CONTACTS

<b>General Information</b>	
John Boyle	98443120
<b>Billycart Derby</b>	
Rob Cousens	98442328
<b>Cocktail Evening</b>	
Marilyn Imbery	98442021
<b>Craft Stallholders</b>	
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# One of our town's special sons



By **AUDREY DRECHSLER**

**M**ANY older Warrandyte residents will remember, with affection, Wally Walsh, who died last October. He was a charismatic man and a superb communicator. Described by his brother-in-law Peter Townsend, who followed him in a police career, as "a unique character", Wally was accorded a police funeral in Bright, where he lived and served for many years.

Sixteen uniformed police and more than twice that number of returned and serving members formed a guard of honour for their respected comrade.

Mourners at the burial service in the isolated and beautiful Buckland cemetery included his cousins Una von der Lippe (formerly Belzer) and Judy Smith (formerly Nankivell).

In 1928, when Jim and Ida Walsh took over the bakery, Walter James Walsh came as a baby to Warrandyte.

At the annual baby show held in Warrandyte by the Women's Hospital auxiliary on December 29, 1931, Wally was awarded the second prize. Friends Jack Stringer and Alan Pocock had little sisters so Wally wanted one too. Sister Audrey was his fifth birthday present. She idolised her big brother.

In his eulogy in Christ Church, Bright, Keith Clark spoke of being in the same grade as this popular lad throughout their years at State School No. 12, Warrandyte. Wally, a fine swimmer, helped defeat Ringwood in the annual schools' carnival. Following primary education, Wally spent two years at East Kew Central School, then went on to Box Hill Boys High School.

In 1944 Jim Walsh, who had been baking and delivering the bread, was rushed to hospital with a duodenal ulcer which haemorrhaged. As an emergency wartime measure, Walter was issued with a driving licence at the age of 16.

During a drought this adventuresome young man drove the 1932 A model Ford ute through the Yarra River below the swimming pool. He went through three gear boxes in a year in the new 1946 Chevrolet delivery van!

Wally, accompanied by Graeme Thornton and sister Audrey was

exploring the mineshafts in Whipstick Gully when, unbeknown to them, darkness fell. Luckily for the trio they returned home as the fire siren sounded to organise a search party.

The fearless Wally led many of his mates on hiking and canoeing adventures in the Yarra Valley. He later competed in motorcycle and car rallies.

Jim and Ida were disappointed when their only son, who was now a proficient baker, decided to become a policeman. At the time of his graduation in 1952 it was recorded that he was "a well conducted, intelligent, reliable and courteous young man". When Wally's close friend Brian Coates (recently retired superintendent of the Eastern police district) continued the eulogy, many of those present learned for the first time that Wally had been commended for the arrest of armed and dangerous offenders on five separate occasions.

He served in mobile traffic, CIB, crime cars and wireless patrol before his appointment in 1979 as sergeant in charge of the Bright police station. This included responsibility for the alpine areas.

In 1952 Wally married Patricia Townsend, daughter of John and Dorothy Townsend of Kangaroo Ground Road. Pat had attended Koornong School in Warrandyte. Their elder son Terence now lives in Blackburn. Tony, their younger son, died in a tragic accident the day his parents moved into their new home. Tony's teenage children, Shane and Peter, live in Bright. These two delightful grandchildren brought Wally and Pat great joy. They were at his bedside the night he died.

An immensely popular and committed community stalwart, Wally Walsh was a valued and active member of the Warrandyte CFA brigade. With local chemist Ken Gedge he helped found the first scout group in Warrandyte and was present at their first meeting, held beneath a pine tree behind the old cypress in Yarra Street.

The initial planning meeting of the group that was to become the Warrandyte Environment League was held at the bakery residence and Wally became a founding member. He stood for the Warrandyte Ward of the Doncaster

and Templestowe council as an endorsed league candidate in 1972 and was almost elected, defeated by a mere 50 votes.

Researching their genealogies, Wally and Pat drove around Ireland, England and Scotland. Terry Walsh helped them with internet contacts. Over the past 14 years, Pat's mobility has been progressively restricted by rheumatoid arthritis. Wally has cared for her throughout this time with great devotion.

Since Wally's death, Pat has moved to a house in Bright. When Terry retires from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment he intends living in the Buckland family home.

Three years ago Wally had a brain tumour removed in the Austin Hospital. Radiotherapy and another massive operation followed. After a series of strokes my beloved brother was admitted to the hospital in Bright in late July, 2001, where he died peacefully on October 27.

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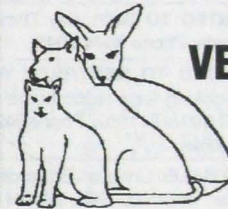
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**Youth**

Local churches provide a number of activities for the youth of the area. The Anglican Church (9844 3473) has Sunday school at 10am with CEBS and GFS on Tuesdays at 7pm. The Catholic Church (9876 1509) has children's liturgy on Sundays at 10.30am and religious education on Tuesdays at 4pm, both at Park Orchards. The Uniting Church (9844 2874) has Sunday school at 10.15am and Youth Club on alternate Fridays at 8pm. At the

Community Church (9844 4148) there is Sunday school at 10am, youth club on Fridays at 7.30pm, Café Church on alternate Sundays at 7pm and play groups four mornings a week—where bookings are essential.

**Information**

Information Warrandyte, at the Community Centre in Yarra Street, is back in business following their holiday break. They offer an information service, between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Thursday, and 10am to 1pm on Friday, that is free, confidential, impartial, independent and community-based. They're also looking for volunteers. Call Patricia Abbott on 9844 3082 if you're interested.

**Dance**

The next South Warrandyte Social Dance will be held on Saturday, February 9 at the South Warrandyte hall in Hall Road. Cost is \$6 per head. Contact 9723 3892 for further information.

**Carols**

Great weather encouraged a large crowd to the annual Carols by Candlelight held at Stiggants Reserve in December. The Interchurch council wishes to thank the community for their support and generous donations. \$590 was passed on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**Market**

Christmas Hills Primary School are running a community market and car boot sale at the school—Yarra Glen Road, Christmas Hills—on Sunday, February 10 and Sunday, March 10 between 10am and 2pm. Stallholders are welcome. Phone Liz (9432 8620) or Rob (9710 1512) for more information.

**Nature**

Diary writer and prominent member of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Pat Coupar recently published a collection of nature stories selected from her Diary articles written over the past eleven years. Pat's daughter Melanie provided the illustrations and local book designer Zoe Murphy designed the book. The book was launched last December at a function at Jumping Creek Reserve. Copies are available at a number of local outlets.

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**Pantomime returns**

Warrandyte Theatre Company are presenting a special performance of their original pantomime "Princess Gorgeous in Neverland" during the Nillumbik Arts Festival at the Nillumbik Park on Sunday, March 3 at 5.30pm. Pictured above are Matt Moran and Sue Dyring who starred in the first production of "Princess Gorgeous in Neverland". (Picture by Di Browning)

**ARTYFACTS**

A Pottery Expo will be held over the weekend of February 23 and 24 on the riverbank in the heart of Warrandyte. Some of the most talented ceramic artists of Victoria—experienced, professional and emerging—will showcase their works. A wide variety of functional and non-functional works will be on sale. TAFE courses will be represented and educational displays and demonstrations will take place. Coffee, food and jazz will be available. The Expo is based on the potters' markets in France. There will also be an exhibition of ceramics entitled "The Yarra" held at the Warrandyte Community Centre from Saturday, February 23 to Sunday, March 3—opening on February 23 at 6.30pm.

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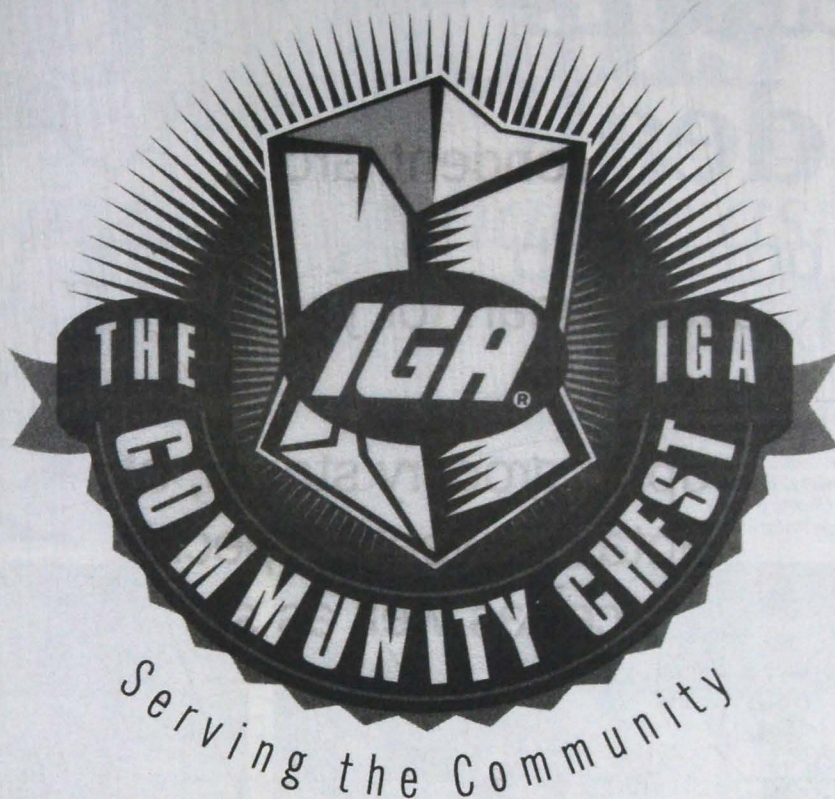
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# These Fakers the real deal!

By CLINTON GRYPAS

First-year team the Fakers took possession of Warrandyte basketball's most prestigious trophy shortly before Christmas when they won the Greyburn Cup men's grand final.

The Kevin Fleming-led team took the crown with an exciting 35-28 win over defending premiers Ballistyx.

Fleming, a former ABA player, was the star of the game and netted the Shemar Signs grand final Most Valuable Player award. He gathered 13 points and provided the important spark as Fakers came from 20-25 behind with nine minutes remaining.

Unbeaten all season—only a final-round tie with River Rats denied them a clean sweep—there were many furrowed brows when Ballistyx looked set to make it consecutive Cup wins.

But Ballistyx's Gavin Eddy (eight points) and Steve Killey (six) couldn't keep the scoring going and when Ahmed Hojak (four) bobbed up in attack for Fakers the tide had turned. Hojak hadn't scored in three previous meetings with Ballistyx but was there when it mattered most. David McNeil (nine) also provided offensive assistance.

The women's Grand Hotel Cup saw the PP Champs prevail for the 11th time in the competition's 16-season history. And it was perhaps their best grand final performance.

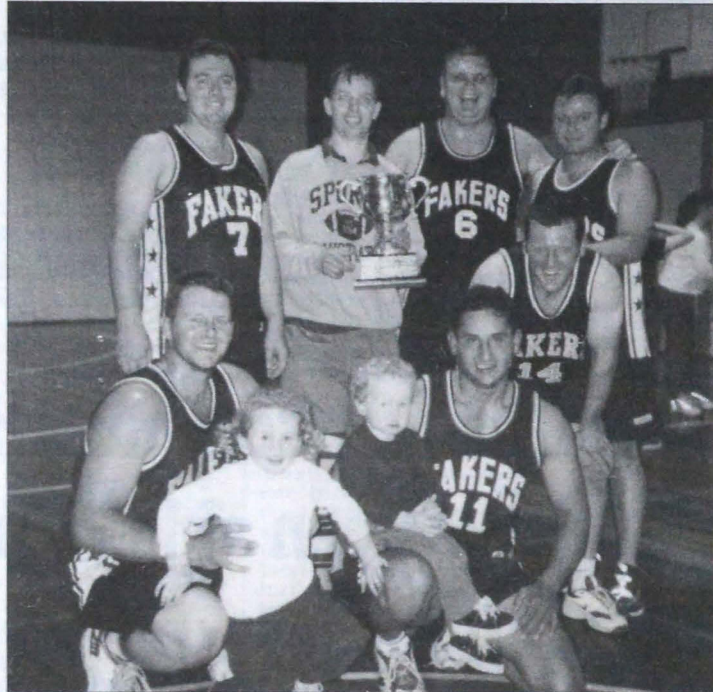
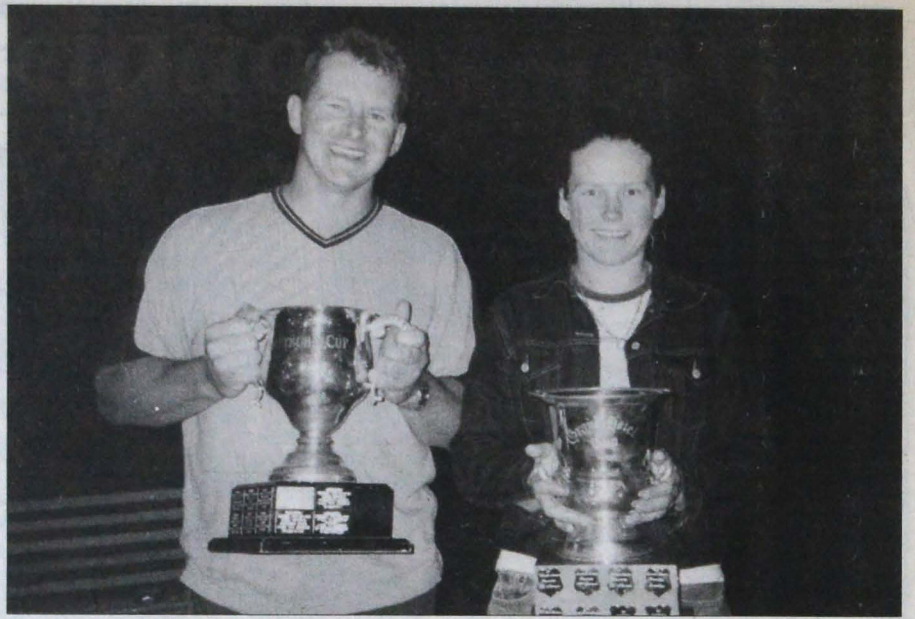
The Champs beat first-time grand finalists Galahs 60-24, with Amanda McLellan netting the MVP award for her 20-point haul. With Cathy Lynch (18) fleet of foot and also accurate with the eye, the Champs cruised after leading 31-15 at half-time. Gabi Byrne and Lia Trippetta (seven each) were best for Galahs.

Both McLellan and Fleming were named the season's best players at the competition's awards night.

The new season begins on Wednesday, February 13 (over-30 men) and Thursday, February 14 (women). To enter, contact Steve Doyle (0418 370 389) or Terri Slabon (0417 332 148).

## New boys grab Greyburn Cup

Right: Winners all round. Kevin Fleming and Amanda McLellan, most valuable players in their respective grand finals and the season's best players. Below: Fakers by name, but they were certainly fair dinkum on grand final night. Below right: A very familiar sight — the PP Champs with their 11th Grand Hotel Cup in the competition's 16-season history.



# Lorraine's golden girls!

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Redbacks Basketball Club sent 13 teams — their strongest representation for years — to the annual Eltham Dandenong junior tournament over the Australia Day weekend.

This is the biggest junior tournament in Southern Hemisphere basketball, attracting teams from all over Victoria and interstate.

The Redbacks came home with one championship pennant — thanks to Lorraine Parfitt's Under-12 girls, who went through undefeated.

They had six teams in the finals and two in the grand finals.

The weekend heat affected a number of teams, especially on the Saturday.

The opening rounds were one-sided affairs for Parfitt's girls, but the competition heated up on Sunday with narrow wins over Coburg (16-12) and Kilsyth (16-11).

The strength of this Warrandyte team is the all-round ability of the players, who are all showing the benefits of excellent coaching.

Their preliminary final on Monday was a straight-forward 18-6 win over Hawthorn and the young Redbacks faced Coburg in the final at the Sheehan's Road Stadium that afternoon. Coburg had provided the most determined opposition in the grading games, leading Warrandyte early and restricting them to a two-point lead at half-time.

The Redbacks opened the grand final scoring in front of a packed stadium with a goal to Courtney Petalas after 30 seconds, but the game was tight with neither side able to get the ball into the ring. A run of play with Petalas, Ashlee Collins and Cassie Wilson prominent saw the game open up and Warrandyte lead 10-2 at the halfway mark.

Coburg were not panicking, however, and strong play by their centre produced two unanswered goals.

Coburg were attacking and in a scramble for possession a held ball was called. Warrandyte's smallest

player, Cassie Wilson, was up against one of the taller Coburg girls but was able to win the jump ball, tapping off to Petalas, who ran the full length of the court to execute a beautiful lay-up and stem the Coburg challenge.

The early part of the second half was all Warrandyte, who maintained tight control in defence and gradually extended their lead. Coburg made a late charge, but the Redbacks were home 28-16.

Cassie Wilson was adjudged most determined player by the referees. This was Wilson's second personal honour for the tournament, having received a special award following a Round 3 win against Lilydale.

Also on display in this tournament were Warrandyte's Under-20 side, composed mostly of last year's Metro 2 championship side and strengthened by a number of new players, including Elle Parfitt.

A complicated round robin section, involving a number of games against Under-18 sides saw these Redbacks into the preliminary final against Tasmanian side Devonport, regular visitors for this event and always formidable.

They had defeated Warrandyte 21-17 in the preliminaries, a physical and close rematch was expected — and the crowd at Templestowe Leisure Centre was not disappointed.

Warrandyte were up by six at the break and held on to win 21-16 to advance to the grand final, against the very strong Eltham side, who boasted a number of their ABA representative players and were expected to win easily.

The half-time score bore this out, with Eltham 21 and the Redback yet to trouble the scorers. But Warrandyte put on a great effort in the second half to match the hot favourites and come away with a respectable 40-13 result.

Lorraine Parfitt's Under-16 girl side were expected to perform strongly in the tournament and opened with a 28-6 win over an Eltham-based side.

Strong games by Louise Yates, Emma

## Tennis teams triumphant

By JUDY GREEN

Three Warrandyte Tennis Club teams were successful in the finals of the Lilydale and District night competition in December.

Section 3 team Diggers (Richard Youl, Greg Tester, Laurie Berlic, Daniel Auld and Stuart Drummond) brought home the pennant from the Tuesday night competition and two teams also went all the way in the Wednesday night mixed event.

They were Section 1 (Lee Dehmel, Neil Sproat, Mark Hill, Paul Lynch,

Razzi and the ever-reliable Libby Lavery) pointed to a very successful weekend, but the girls went down 18-15 in a tight contest with Templestowe before easily accounting for Diamond Valley, with Gina Oliver in outstanding form.

The two games on Sunday dashed any hope of a finals appearance, with a 32-18 loss to Broadmeadows and a frustrating 21-13 defeat by Doncaster.

New players Jess Soltz, from last year's Under-14s, and Hannah Massingham, from Eltham, are settling in well and the team will be strengthened by the return from holidays of Sarah Pattison.

Nick Peters is in charge of a second Under-16 side, who had a successful tournament, reaching the preliminary final and finishing third.

In the opening rounds, this newly-formed team lost two games by one point, and suffered only serious defeat, 27-9 to Woodbridge. Unfortunately, they faced Woodbridge again in the sudden-death final.

The result was the same, but the scoreline closer, Warrandyte going down 18-8.

In other matches in the girls divisions, Emma Wood got her Under-10s into the preliminary final against

Cameron McBain, Michelle Gilling, Janine Phillips, Carmen Hill, Lyndall Mackintosh and Kay Magos) and Section 6 combination The Group (Bruce Youl, John McCutcheon, Craig Holland, Val Lynch and Joan Peart).

One Warrandyte team playing in the Ferntree Gully and District midweek women's competition reached the grand final but lost by just one game after a drawn-out battled extended over two weeks by rain.

Moe. Despite two free throws — one of which rolled around the ring and out — in the last 20 seconds, the Redbacks lost 8-7.

Wood had a second team in the tournament, the Under-18s. Four wins from five should have been enough to guarantee a finals place, but this was not to be. Three teams ended the round robin with only one loss, but Research, having played an extra game and therefore with a superior match ratio, and Devonport, having inflicted Warrandyte's only defeat, advanced to the finals. Wood was furious.

Two Redbacks boys sides reached the preliminary finals

Norm Dunn's Under-18s started slowly, losing the opening game to Manningham, but won their next four.

Their finals opponents were Kew, whom they had defeated 33-27 in a close but team-focused contest in the round robin phase.

The Redbacks were confident, but Kew had learnt from the previous encounter and led 8-0 before Jake Templeton put up a long-range shot to open Warrandyte's account after three minutes of tight play.

Tim Given was starting to come into the play and scored from an intercept, but Kew were always able to rebound

easily and were putting enormous pressure on all aspects of the Redback game.

A turning point came late in the first half, with ill-disciplined play from Kew producing two technical fouls. The Warrandyte shooters converted three from four to close the gap to 14-12.

Kew settled down again and despite a bit of individual brilliance from Chris MacDonald, who weaved his way to an uncontested inside lay-up, they led 23-18 at the break.

Kew continued to be far more direct in offence in the second half and seemingly had the game in their keeping at 34-20 with just seven minutes to go.

But the Redbacks were not quite finished yet and fast-break intercepts to McDonald and Given sparked a revival which forced Kew to change tactics by slowing the game down.

Warrandyte closed the gap to 34-30 with two minutes on the clock, but Kew were holding on to the ball on the outside, opening up space for their faster players on the inside. They steadied and ran out winners 41-33 in a high-standard but spiteful game.

A similar result, albeit with less aggression, was in store for Frank Gatti's Under-12s, who had won all six round-robin games — David Holman and Julian Gatti collecting special MDP awards along the way — and faced Kinglake in the finals.

Kinglake were taller and led 19-4 at half-time.

The score stayed that way for most of the second half, Warrandyte still putting up the shots but unable to find the target. A minor scoring spree came too late for the Redbacks, who went down 22-14.

Warrandyte's second Under-12 side in the tournament were coached by Damian Arsenis in the challenging A-grade.

At this level, a number of the teams contain Victorian championship representatives and Arsenis was more than happy to come away with two wins from five outings.

# Dytes on finals track

By ROBERT WHITE

Warrandyte Cricket Club continue their roller-coaster ride towards the Ringwood District Wilkins Shield finals.

The senior eleven have won one and lost one of their two games completed since the Christmas break and face a 193-run chase to defeat traditional rivals Norwood.

Warrandyte look certain to make the finals as there is a two-and-a-half game gap between themselves in fourth place and the fifth-placed team. And there is every chance that they could sneak into third place if they can win the three remaining games.

This is critical as third place would earn them a home final and the chance to move on to further final rounds if there was a washout in the first weekend.

Inconsistency continues to plague the senior side.

In the first game after the holiday break, Warrandyte completely outplayed Croydon Rangers with a spectacular batting display. Yet in the following game, they collapsed to be all out for 190 and were overrun by St Andrews, who made 6-225.

Skipper David Mooney continues to be the shining light with the bat. In what has been his most consistent season, he has scored more than 300 runs.

Mooney was unbeaten on 76 — his third score in the 70s for the season — against Croydon Rangers as Warrandyte reached 4-238.

Jason Cloke was the best of the bowlers with a fiery spell that produced his best first eleven performance of 4-29. Cloke also scored a blistering 44 to further develop his all-rounder status.

In the match against St Andrews, Warrandyte unearthed a player of the future in Matthew Sazenis. Last year's Under-16 captain made an impressive debut with both bat and ball.

Although he scored only eight, he batted for more than an hour after coming to the crease with Warrandyte a precarious 7-127. He held up an end and saw 56 runs added,

## Kids in with a chance as well

By LEE DEHMEL

Warrandyte Cricket Club hope to have at least one of their four junior teams playing in the finals.

With three matches to go, the Under-14/2 side are in fourth position and the Under-12/3s just outside the four.

The Under-14s' batting has been led by Daniel Kittelty, Shane Thomas and Ryan Hoiberg, who are all high on the competition's averages, and the wicketkeeping of Braeden Pettigrove has been a highlight.

Kittelty has also done well with the ball, as have Chris Douglas, Lachlan Beggs and Eric Blyth-Elvin.

It has been an excellent team effort throughout the season.

The Under-12/3 eleven have done extremely well to be finals contenders, considering that some of the players are still eligible

for Under-10s. They are showing a ton of enthusiasm under coach Ken Miller and having a good time along with it.

Aaron Dean, Jake Sheriff and Matthew Falkingham are consistently demonstrating their talents with the bat and Jamie Brierley and Darcy Jones with the ball.

The Under-16/2s have struggled for numbers but showed what might have been when, at full strength just before Christmas, they scored by an innings and 80 runs.

Blake Morgan, Michael Morello and Ben Taylor have batted beautifully and Adam Gamble is the competition's top wicket taker.

Any eligible player who would like a game with the Under-16s is urged to contact Lee Dehmel on 9844 2834.

The Under-12/1s, promoted from Under-12/4 this season, have found the going tough



Under-12 player Tom Maddocks demonstrates his resolute defence.

but won their most recent match.

Tim Hooke, Ayron Dehmel and Ross Brown continue to bat well and the

bowling of Tom Maddocks, Tyson Rees and Andrew Hukin has been very good at times. Pat Lang has been a big improver.

combining first with Tyson Brent and then with Gerald Walsh before being given out in a controversial stumping decision.

Sazenis then bowled an impressive spell of 12 overs, taking 1-30 which included 11 runs off the last over of the game. He followed this up with another handy spell, taking 1-33 off 14 overs against Norwood.

Sazenis has shown outstanding talent while moving through the juniors and last season combined his Under-16 duties with a year of development in the second eleven.

A left-arm orthodox finger spinner, he is not afraid to tempt batsmen with both flight and turn and his performances in two senior games indicate he will be an important player of the future for Warrandyte.

Michael Day continues to score runs as an opener, but the

Dytes have had difficulty finding him a regular partner.

The batting remains a problem for Warrandyte, with consistency being the missing element. Steve Bell has scored a century, but has failed to build scores around that outstanding performance, while Cam Day has shown a welcome return to form since having a spell in the seconds but still fails to turn 20s and 30s into big scores.

Matt Chapman has batted in a number of positions since returning from a season in England but is yet to show his true form. He is now partnering Michael Day at the top of the order and the Dytes are hoping he can fill this important role.

Tyson Brent is developing into a handy middle-order batsman but needs to take the next step and build on the many starts he has made.

Veterans Gerald Walshe and Chris Snaidero continue to lead

the Warrandyte attack. Both are averaging around two wickets a match and Walshe's four in the match against St Andrews took him past 400 first eleven wickets after late last year reaching 400 for his club.

Campbell Holland has proved to be a valuable back-up and his pace has surprised batsmen all season.

Jason Close has also been a valuable find but has played his last match for the season as he continues to try to establish himself as an AFL player with Collingwood.

Saturday, February 2, could prove the turning point for Warrandyte as they chase Norwood's tempting score of 192.

The bowlers toiled in heat-wave conditions and did well to restrict Norwood to less than 200. Now the batsmen must capitalise on the efforts of the attack.

And the prize is golden — a win ensures a place in the finals. The second eleven have dented their chances of also competing in the finals with two poor performances after Christmas.

Sitting in fourth place at the long break, they dismissed Croydon Rangers for just 89 in a spirited bowling performance, with Travis Cloke and Craig Lincoln each taking three wickets.

At 1-33, Warrandyte looked certain to consolidate their top four position, but a sensational batting collapse saw them all out for a meagre 61.

Only two batsmen reached double figures and the Croydon Rangers bowlers conceded 20 extras.

The seconds produced similar form in the following match against St Andrews, collapsing to be all out for 101 chasing 264.

Forced to follow on, Warrandyte performed more creditably, with Nick Fazzolari scoring 80 and Rod Bird unbeaten on 52.

In the current match against Norwood, Warrandyte's bowlers have again given the team a strong winning chance, dismissing the arch rivals for 118, with Adam Beardall collecting 5-33 and Dean Gidley 3-14. Warrandyte were 2-42 in reply.

The third eleven continue to struggle with both form and numbers but have unearthed a new player in David Bradshaw, who took 5-57 in his first match, against North Ringwood.

A last-minute inclusion, Bradshaw rattled the North Ringwood batting line-up and saw them dismissed for 208. In reply, Warrandyte were 2-48, with Bradshaw contributing 29.

Warrandyte's one-day side are certain finals contenders and two commanding wins since Christmas have put them in contention for a top-two position.

In the veterans grades, Warrandyte defeated North Ringwood by one run in the over-50s competition but failed by one run the previous week in the over-40s game against the same club.

Warrandyte must win their remaining two games to be a chance for the over-40s finals. There are no finals in the over-50s section.

### Cricket details

**FIRSTS:** Warrandyte 4-238 (Mooney 76 n.o., J. Cloke 44, C. Day 37, Brent 29 n.o.) d Croydon Rangers 152 (J. Cloke 4-29, Walshe 2-21, Snaidero 2-40. Warrandyte 190 (M. Day 49, Brent 34, C. Day 31) lost to St Andrews 6-225 (Walshe 4-55). Warrandyte 0-3 v Norwood 192 (Snaidero 3-32, J. Cloke 3-39).

**SECONDS:** Warrandyte 61 lost to Croydon Rangers 89 (T. Cloke 3-15, Lincoln 3-19). Warrandyte 101 and 2-160 (Fazzolari 80, Bird 52 n.o.) lost to St Andrews 264 (Prangley 6-35). Warrandyte 2-42 v Norwood 118 (Beardall 5-33, Gidley 3-14).

**THIRDS:** Warrandyte 72 lost to Boronia 2-74. Warrandyte 2-48 (Bradshaw 29) v North Ringwood 208 (Bradshaw 5-57).

# Bloods on run, looking good

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club are back on the track preparing for their 2002 EFL Third Division campaign.

Training resumed on January 21 after the Christmas-New year recess and is being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until February 26 before reverting to the traditional Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Numbers have been good and enthusiasm high.

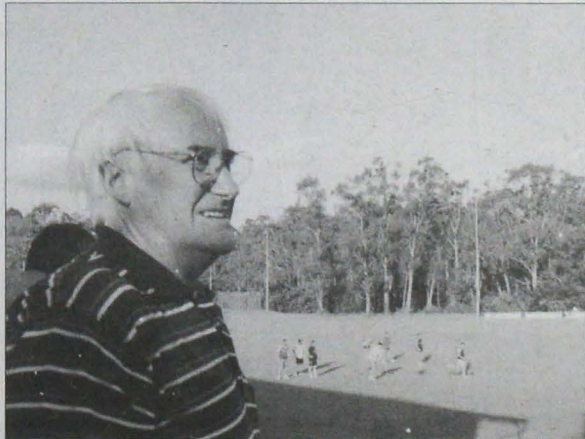
The Bloods will have an intracub hit-out on February 28 and a series of practice matches are planned, starting on March 9.

Having already signed two East Burwood (First Division) stars — full-forward Stuart Wynd and rover Adam Barlow — the club have at least three other well-credentialed prospective recruits in their sights.

And they are hoping to see outstanding young home-grown product Andrew Brown back in the fold.

Brown was East Ringwood's reserves best and fairest last year in his first season with that Division 1 club.

"We need another goalkicker," said coach Scott Hunter. "We don't want to be one-dimensional with Stuart (Wynd). We need another forward capable of kicking 40 or 50 goals for the season and Andrew could be that player if he decides to return."



New Bloods president Noel Taplin scrutinises training.

Hunter said that at this stage, former champion junior Tim Andrews, who is going overseas, was the only definite loss from last year's list.

Former local hotelier Noel Taplin is the Bloods' new president. Taplin, 67 and until recently manager of Club Warrandyte, was elected unopposed at the Bloods' annual general meeting in December.

He succeeds Robert "Noddy" Ireland, who stepped down after a year in the chair.

Taplin's association with the football club goes back nine years, when he moved

to Warrandyte. The hotel has long been a major sponsor and Taplin was vice-president of the Bloods last year.

Former president Jeff Reddie is the new vice-president. Reddie, 52, led the club in 1985-86 and returned to Warrandyte last year after a 10-year absence.

Jeff Evans, another former president, remains treasurer and James Logan secretary. General committeemen are Terry Sloan and Brendan Smith.

Taplin told the *Diary* the club's objective in 2002 was to "make the finals and work towards the grand final".

He said: "Last season was very disappointing, considering we lost a number of games by less than 10 points by lacking a couple of key players to finish it off."

"With recruiting this year, we are looking towards a big season."

"Scott Hunter has been working off-season planning our 2002 campaign and with recruits Wynd and Barlow signed, the return of three-time club champion John O'Brien and last year's younger players a year older, he is looking forward to a very good year."

The club are in a sound financial position to approach the new season, having traded at a profit of \$18,000 last year despite a disappointing season on the field.

Taplin said the committee had been expanded to "lighten the workload on the few".

"We have two former club presidents on the executive and another, Lawrie Sloan, heavily involved in resurrecting an Under-18s side (along with Brian Williams, Phil Treeby and coach Leon Jones).

"So there is plenty of experience, strength and depth there."

"Still, we'd like extra helpers for club activities to make 2002 very successful both on and off the field."

He said social activities would be expanded.

## Juniors seeking a perfect score

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club are aiming for 100 per cent participation in the 2002 finals — exceeding even the 85 per cent result in the record 2001 season.

"We believe every player at this club deserves the opportunity to play in the finals," WJFC president Matheu Matheou told the *Diary*.

The first step in this process is registration day at the Tarooma Avenue clubrooms on Sunday, February 10. Training starts on February 20 and the new season on April 7.

"The committee has revisited our business plan and due to some prudent management has been able to keep the registration fee at the 2001 level of \$65 per player," Matheou said. "This year should be a good year for the football community of Warrandyte," he said.

"Our focus will be on continuing to build the culture of the junior football club and provide the best possible environment for our players to develop individual, team and life skills."

"Our club captain, Michael Morello, has already been working with the committee to ascertain ways of enhancing the club culture and player development."

"The committee last year placed an emphasis of developing closer and stronger links with AusKick through Gavin Costin. This year, while our primary focus will be on our junior players, we will be enthusiastic supporters of the Under-18s and wish them all the best as they provide the opportunity to further develop our player skill level."

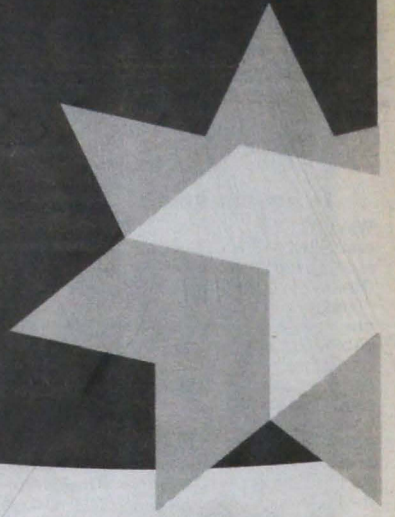
"At the end of the day, if we can provide the opportunity for our players to achieve their maximum potential, we will be very satisfied," Matheou said.

Any inquiries about registration day or the activities of the club should be directed to Matheou on 0418 542434 or secretary Kevin O'Mara (9844 2964).



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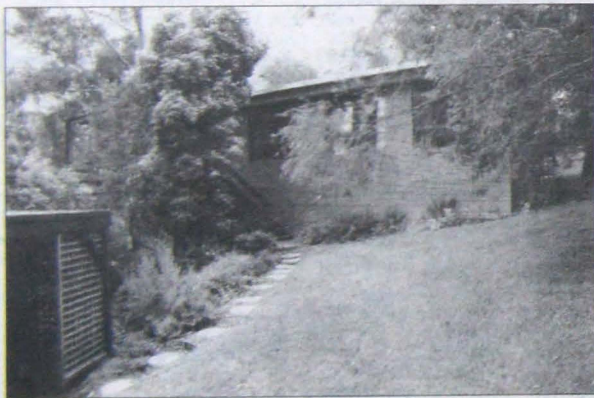
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**WARRANDYTE**  
3bedroom plus study on 1/4 acre approx  
\$259,000



As new 2 & 3 bedroom quality Townhouses  
from \$230,000



**WARRANDYTE NORTH**  
2 storey manor on 1 acre approx  
\$550,000

As long term residents of Warrandyte...  
who better to talk to than Wilson McDougall?



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