

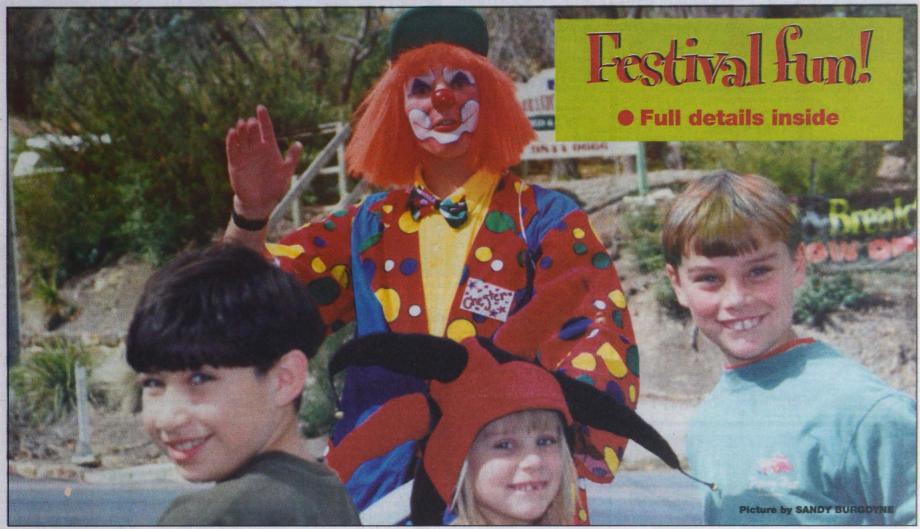


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Council poll: full field

By FIA CLENDINNEN

A record number of candidates, including three Warrandyte residents, are standing in this month's Nillumbik council elections. 107 people have nominated, the largest number ever across Victoria.

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Sigmund Jorgensen, the current Nillumbik mayor, has welcomed the intense community involvement. "The huge number of candidates indicates the big interest in the election," he told the Diary. "Obviously there are lots of people concerned with the future of this region."

Cr Jorgensen said he regarded this election as a "watershed" and crucial to the future of the shire. Currently the majority of Nillumbik councillors are "pro-environment", and he warned, 'if this current direction is changed and conservative developers gain ascendancy then the Nillumbik Green Wedge could well be obliterated quite quickly."

Cr Jorgensen said there was a group of landowners in Nillumbik who wanted to see a different balance of power in council, in the hope they then would be permitted to subdivide their large properties. He criticized this attitude as being narrow-minded. "The problem is that the developers only see it in the short term, the quick dollar: 'let's get in and get out and make our money'. It's the same lack of vision that has predominated in Australia and caused much of Australia to be destroyed and turned into desert."

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All 12 Yanakie candidates have promised to defend the Green Wedge. (See pages 8 and 9.)

Cr Jorgensen said that although it wasn't yet sufficiently recognised, the Green Wedge was a tourist attraction and a recreational icon, as important to Melbourne as the Harbour Bridge is to Sydney.

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"If we allow wholesale development (in Nillumbik), and for instance turn the main road through Eltham into a

Maroondah Highway, we will lose some of the impact of the potential economic benefits of the tourism industry. I'm not coming just from the vantage point of the tree hugger, who loves everything green. I'm also coming from a hard-nosed viewpoint, someone who looks at the economic potential."

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Cr Jorgensen said he believed the current council had delivered "good stable governance and responsible financial management". He said allegations of financial mismanagement were unfounded.

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management were unfounded.

"A careful analysis will indicate that during the three years that this council was in power we've kept our rate rises to an absolute minimum, the very end of rate rises across Victoria. Now we do have high rates, that is unquestionably true, but that's something we inherited. Because after amalgamation we were given a range of debt and a range of problems that, say, Banyule didn't get because they had their electrical company to sell off."

The previous record for the greatest number of candidates nominating for local government election was held by Darebin council, where 97 candidates have nominated (Nillumbik, with 43,736 registered voters, has less than half the population of Darebin where there are 100,680 people on the electoral roll). In contrast to Cr Jorgensen, Tim Laurence, a Darebin councillor who grew up in North Warrandyte, denounced the way ever increasing numbers of residents nominate for local government elections.

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"The number of candidates standing is clearly out of hand in areas like Nillumbik and Darebin," Cr Laurence said. "Once it gets over 10 per ward, it's a mockery of democracy."

Cr Laurence said when there were so many candidates, it was obvious that some of them were not genuine but had nominated for the sole purpose of "capturing" a slice of the vote and directing their preferences. He called these candidates "dummies" and

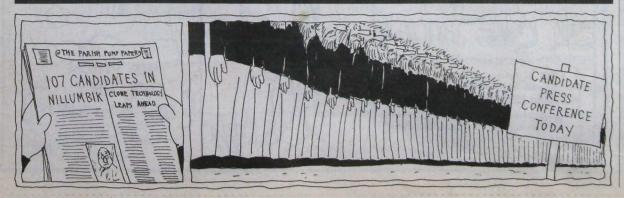
explained the end result meant a candidate with a primary vote of as low as 15 or 20 percent could still be elected, due to the flow of preferences from their dummy candidates.

Cr Laurence said he was sure the number of candidates would continue to escalate, and he believed the only solution was changing to a system of proportional representation.

The three Warrandyte residents standing in Yanakie Ward are Jan Davies, Geoff Speedy and Bob Stubbings. Dr Davies, amongst other things, was involved in the creation of the Warrandyte Community Centre and the first Warrandyte Festival. Geoff Speedy is a committee member of Friends of Warrandyte State Park and has actively campaigned for the Anti Ring Road Organization. Mr Stubbings, on the other hand, appears to have no previous community involvement. "I have no obligations to special interest groups or a political party," he said.

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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.

Scores incidental but the cancer kids big winners

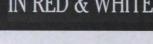
There weren't too many cricket purists among the crowd at the recreation reserve on Sunday, February 17—which is just as well because this was pure farce rather than pure cricket. But a ball was had by all when the Club Warrandyte-based WACK (Warrandyte Assisting Cancer Kids) played the local police augmented by boys and girls in blue from neighbouring precincts. This was a return joust, the cops having won last year's inaugural match, which raised \$1000 for the cancer kids. This time the tables were turned, WACK getting home by four runs (105 to 101 as far as anyone can remember) with an over and wickets to spare. But the cancer kids were the big winners. Another cheque for \$1000 has been sent their way and the gauntlet has already been thrown down for an even bigger and better event next year.



Among other things, the match redisthe match redis-covered the consid-erable cricketing the match rediscovered the considerable cricketing talents of celebrity local actress Debra Lawrance, recruited, along with actor husband Denis Coard, by the WACK eleven. Debra played serious competition cricket in her day and her innings earned her Player of the Match. At the other end of the scale was Grant "Socks" Egan, who won Sook of the Match. Socks, who fancies himself as being in the swashbuckling Adam Gilchrist mould, opened his innings by clouting a policewoman for six and was caught behind (by another policewoman) off the same bowler next ball. And did he do the honourable thing and walk? No way! Eventually booed from the field after bath. he do the honourable thing and walk? No way! Eventually booed from the field after hotly disputing the decision, he was met at the fence by lovely wife Cal, who did nothing to improve his disposition by sneering: "Out by a girl!" The sooking went on well into the night.



Then there was Page 2 Then there was Page 2 legend Alan "Coatsey" Koetsveld, who saw the grass die under his feet in the field because he refused to move. Coatsey also demanded a drinks break after every over — and he wasn't talking lemon squash, either! The organisers of the day particularly thank Warrandyte Cricket Club, the Grand Hotel,





Coatsey... runs like a startled

Club Warrandyte, IGA Supermarket, Thinking Printing (hey, that's Socks' outfit) and Café Giggetto for their generous support.



Jack Barr, who studies the form guides more closely than most of us, is still kicking himself over the one that got away at the Sandown Park dogs on February 13. A dishlicker called Coatsey (a name not unfamiliar to readers of this page) was running around in page) was running around in the fifth that night — and Jack missed it. Coatsey duly saluted, paying \$8.10 the win and \$2.10 the place.



The cops asked a local lass to browse their mugshot files in the hope of identifying a bloke she'd seen in a vehicle near her parents' home shortly before it was burgled late last month. Nothing doing — but she did find three young bucks she'd gone to school with.



There's got to be money in dentistry when, like Tim Synnot, you can afford a home with two bathrooms. A Warrandyte Tennis Club person phoned Tim's wife and club secretary Wendy the other day

IN RED & WHITE



and was told by young Ryan that Mum was in the bath. Then could we speak to Dad, please? Sorry, said Ryan, Dad's in the bath too. Wendy later told an inquisitive tennis club audience that she and Tim were "into water conservation". Oh yeah. Sure.



If you wondered what a lot of weird-looking people and a little boat were doing on the bank of the Yarra on March 2, it was the arts association drama

was the arts association drama group mob filming a re-enactment of the kids overboard episode for their Festival Follies. It may be totally irreverent, but it's also very funny. Must remember to tell John Howard, Phil Ruddock and Peter Reith about it. Somebody should.



It was straight out of McHale's Navy, Terry Booth was in charge of the mooring rope as Neil "Bozo" Dusting brought his boat gently into the jetty at Paynseville, but instead of tossing the loop over the bollard he managed to lasso his own ears. Terry was resourceful enough to grab the bollard, but the boat began to drift out from the jetty and sideways, leaving the unfortunate deckie with hands on shore but feet adrift. Rather like an over-suspended suspension bridge with nowhere to go. To the rescue came Geoff "Godfrey" Pulford, who grabbed Terry's knees, then his ankles as the boat continued to put distance between itself and the jetty. "Godfrey," said Terry, "will you let go of me before you drown me!" Godfrey let go of Terry as Terry let go of the bollard and the resultant bellywhacker made quite a splash. No chance of drowning, though, because the water was only knee deep. And Bozo must have found the drama quite moving because he was last seen sprinting for a drama quite moving because he was last seen sprinting for a public toilet 400 metres away.



We got a couple of letters from outraged citizens roundly condemning last

month's column for glorifying "hoonish" behaviour. The offending items were our very own Griswalds lampooning Mount Beauty and a local bunch mistaking Carols By Candlelight for party time. Being quite impervious to criticism, Smokey makes no apologies at all, although the tone of one letter, from a somewhat snooty woman, was a touch startling. She accused us of everything short of advocating free love — but perhaps she was thinking pre-GST.





There were 3500 Valentine's Day messages in the Herald Sun of February 14— and we read every one of them in the futile hope that Her

them in the futile hope that Her Indoors had made an effort to rekindle the flame. No such luck, but we did come across the stand-out message above. Surely, this had to be dedicated to Irish Les, the beguiling used car salesman of KG Road. Again, no such luck, different Irish altogether — but we happen to know that Les keeps a cutting of the ad in his wallet in case he needs a reference one night. he needs a reference one night

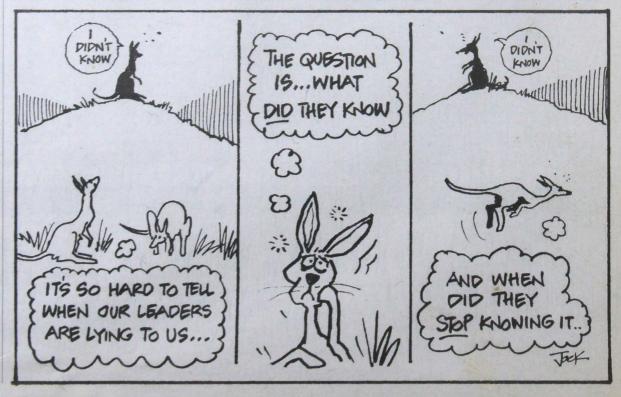


What would you do with a Nodding Saltbush? Tiptoe carefully around it lest you should awaken it? No, you'd plant it in your garden because our resident native flora expert Cathy Willis assures us it is a magnificent spreading ground cover for dry banks, growing big, bright red berries in summer. There's any amount of Nodding Saltbush (Einadia nutans) available right now from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend and you're invited to give Cathy a call on 0418 142297.

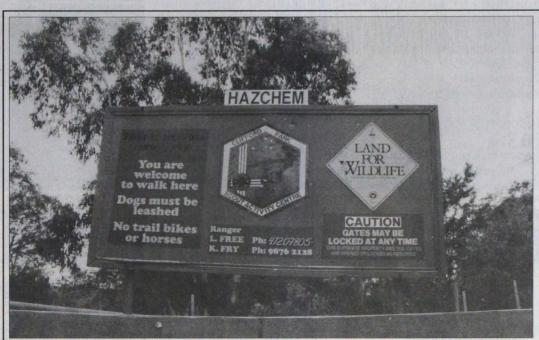


OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



More police for town?



A welcome in the wildwood: entrance to Clifford Park Activity Centre. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Park permit bid dropped

By DAVID WYMAN

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An application for a permit by the Scouts' Clifford Park Activity
Centre at Wonga Park for additional development has been withdrawn.
The proposal to Manningham council was to construct additional campsites which would include importation of land fill and removal of native vegetation.
A statement by the Clifford Park Activity Centre said: "Upon receiving an offer of clean fill from a contractor involved in the boring of the Eastern Freeway tunnel, the advice of a

professional engineer was obtained re filling for sites or cutting and

re filling for sites or cutting and levelling.

"Drawings were prepared and an application made to council for a permit to import clean fill from deep within the tunnel.

"Due to concerns expressed regarding possible damage to the surface of Fulford Road by the vehicles transporting the fill, this application has been withdrawn."

Other permit applications for removal of native vegetation and development of an area at Clifford Park known as Federation

Challenge Valley had not been

granted by council at the time of oing to press. In its statement, Clifford Park

In its statement, Clifford Park said it planned to construct a cottage on the site for a resident ranger, subject to council approval. "Having a resident ranger will ease concerns neighbours may have about Clifford Park being used as a community centre," the statement said. "Since 1996 Clifford Park has been available for use by the community at large and approximately 40 per cent of use is now other than for scouting personnel."

Official response to 'crime wave' story

By CLINTON GRYBAS

A meeting to canvass attitudes towards police services in Warrandyte will be held soon in the wake of a disturbing crime increase in the past year. And the governing body for policing in the municipality will consider increasing staff at Warrandyte police station.

As reported in the Diary last month, local shopkeepers have been rocked by numerous break-ins and a subsequent rise in insurance premiums. These shopkeepers, many of whom complained about the lack of local policing after hours and on

local policing after hours and on weekends, will be invited to contribute to the meeting, along with concerned residents.

residents.
The Diary story alerted the district inspector in charge of policing services in Manningham, Ken Gibbs, who said that while several arrests in connection with crimes in Warrandyte

connection with crimes in Warrandyte have been made he is keen to ensure there is no further trouble.

"I have instructed Sergeant Keith Walker at Warrandyte to implement improved and extended shift coverage to the Warrandyte area and this will include the use of extra resources in special operations where required," he said.

said.
"I will also request Sergeant Walker to convene a meeting of concerned local business persons, should they request it, which I will attend. At this meeting we will look at possible solutions to combating crime in Warrandyte."

Local police made several

Warrandyte."

Local police made several breakthroughs late last year with one youth being charged with six nightime burglaries while a group of four youths was arrested for smashing windows and bus shelters.

Mr Gibbs said some people would be surprised that those charged were locals.

"I think sometimes Warrandyte residents think they are outsiders coming into town. A bit of that does

go on, but there are also locals involved. It's not all honest people who live in Warrandyte, like any suburb. "Obviously Warrandyte's growing up. Once upon a time it was a fairly quiet little backwater but a few more people have found their way to Warrandyte over the years and it has the impression of being quiet at night. So a bit of skullduggery can sometimes go on down there."

One store broken into late last year was the Bridge Gallery. Proprietor Bent Manson told the *Diary* last month that the lack of a 24 hour police station in

the lack of a 24 hour police station in Warrandyte meant local pleas took a while to be heard.

while to be heard.

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

Mr Gibbs said the issue of staffing will be considered after he has perused last year's Victorian crime statistics report.

"If the locals want to strike ahead with a petition for increased policing services there I will be more than happy to receive it and put it up to the higher levels of my organisation," he said.

"While there is a police station at Warrandyte we certainly have to look at whether it's adequately staffed for the service it provides."

He reiterated Sergeant Walker's position that much of the local crime appears to have ceased.

"I'm fairly confident the worst is behind us, but quite often these things go in fits and starts."

Warrandyte police station is staffed by Sergeant Walker and six officers who are responsible for Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park and parts of North Ringwood, an area encompassing more than 20,000 residents.

The date for the public meeting is expected to be set at the next meeting of the Park Orchards words where and standard warrandyte.

expected to be set at the next meeting of the Park Orchards/Warrandyte and Wonga Park Police Community Consultative Committee.

Ring Road back on our patch



That'll keep Phil and the *Diary* in copy for years!"

By CLIFF GREEN

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The threat of a ring road through Warrandyte and Park Orchards has re-emerged.

A recent advisory board report to the state government on transport priorities has again highlighted a push to complete the Outer Ring Road around Melbourne.

State MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, believes there is a need to have a co-ordinated local campaign to strongly resist the ring road being routed through the local area.

Mr Honeywood has nominated the issue as one of major importance for the attention of the new Warrandyte Community Association.

"An upgrade of Victoria's main roads comprised a key plank of the state government's infrastructure Planning Council Report presented to Premier

Bracks in mid-February," Mr Honeywood told the Diary.

"The report referred to 'filling in the gaps in Melbourne's freeway network'. A suggested budget of over one billion dollars has been detailed to cover the cost of a 'northeastern section' of the ring road from Bundoora to Ringwood.

According to a recent article in the Sunday Herald Sun, the ring road would run through, under or around the "bushy suburbs" of Eltham, Templestowe, Warrandyte and Park Orchards to Ringwood. It would link to the Eastern Freeway and the Scoresby Freeway, which will soon commence construction.

According to Phil Honey.

will soon commence con-struction.

According to Phil Honey-wood, during the Kennett government period in office, the bureaucrats who ran VicRoads were informed that



'co-ordinated' campaign

Warrandyte was a "no go" area for major road development.
At the time, the local MP ran a strong campaign insisting that Warrandyte's unique bushland setting had to be preserved and that an Eastern Freeway connection to the proposed Scoresby Freeway at Ringwood would result in no need for a north-eastern section of the

ring road.

The focus of VicRoads' proposed routing of the Outer Ring Road then shifted to Heidelberg and Bulleen down to the Eastern Freeway. However, residents of these suburbs have recently held several meetings. recently held several meetings in opposition to the bureau-

in opposition to the bureau-crats' new push.

It is understood that at least one State Labor MP has promised to ensure that the ring road never comes through the Heidelberg area.

With changed state electoral boundaries turning the seats of Eltham and Yan Yean (which

includes North Warrandyte) into marginal seats, Mr Honeywood remains hopeful that the State Labor Party will resist the temptation to revisit the Warrandyte and Park Orchards option for the ring road.

The Eastern Freeway Park "The Eastern Freeway Park Road exit ramp issue has highlighted that local residents are sick and tired of our area becoming the patchwork quilt of major road projects for the east of Melbourne. We can never be complacent about the proposed Outer Ring Road and its threat to our unique proposed Outer Ring Road and its threat to our unique bushland lifestyle." he said. "For this reason, a co-ordinated campaign of ring road resistance will be required to match the similar efforts of residents in the Heidelberg and Bulleen areas."

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Nillumbik Shire Council boundaries changes

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YOUR COUNCIL YOUR VOTE

'Be prepared' to help our Scouts

I attended the Scout Group AGM recently on invitation from my daughter, Margaret Randall, Joey leader. The most striking thing about

The most striking thing about this meeting was the total absence of parents. All in attendance were leaders or assistant leaders of Joeys, Cubs, and Scouts. I was the only person there not directly involved in the running of the weekly activities.

At the meeting I was informed of the sad state of affairs of this once active and thriving organisation in our local community.

organisation in our local community.

There is no committee to take administrative load off the group leader or to maintain the hall or fund-raise to repair/replace equipment.

Canoes had to be given away as there is no-one with the knowledge to teach the children.

children.

The Joey Mob 6-8 year olds looks like folding after five years as there are no children from Prep/Grade 1 interested. This is heartbreaking for Margaret with all the hours of training and effort she has put in.

There are no Venturers.
The scout troop has under schildren.
Assistants are needed for all groups.
The group is a financial.

all groups.

The group is a financial disaster. Some parents still haven't paid last year's fees and this year's fees are now due. Those fees cover insurance so are important for the children. The hall needs maintenance. Built in the 1950s and maintained by parents until recently, it needs some work done.

done.

Where were the parents at this meeting? With all the talk in the papers about getting our children away from the electronic attractions, into the outdoors, not just for exercise but for their health and well being. As well as learning life skills through various activities in the Scouts, leadership and teamwork are two that spring to mind.

I expected the Scout Hall to be



full, and I am disgusted that the parents of our future citizens care so little, and are so uninterested in their children's activities and are so unsupportive of those volunteers who give their time so readily to run programs for their children.

These leaders have jobs and families, too! And yet they endeavour by a lot of juggling, and organising themselves to attend training courses, camps,

attend training courses, camps, and organise interesting activities on a regular weekly

and organise interesting activities on a regular weekly basis.

The parents surely could manage a few hours on a monthly basis to support the leaders by organising a committee to take some of the load off these worthy volunteers.

One of the club leaders has been there for 30 years to my knowledge, and is to be acknowledged for her service in March. This lady, known as Akela, had a large family and recently had a hip replacement and is still going strong.

So where are you, parents? Where is your community spirit, which Warrandyte is known for? Are you using the Scouts as a babysitting service? Don't you care that the equipment you child uses is old? Don't you care that your child is missing out on benefits because the leaders have to spend precious time doing your job as well? I am willing to do my bit. Apart from being a leader's mum I am also a grandparent to a Cub. So how about it, parents, grandparents, nucles, friends, neighbours.

If you can help contact your

about it, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours.

If you can help contact your leader, either Cub, Scout or Joey. Get behind the leaders to start a committee, coordinators, transport liaison. They need help at the festival for activities. activities.

Ann Riley Betton Crescent

Clifford Park memories

Having attended the 1948
Pan Pacific Scout Jamboree
at the then Wonga Park I
read "Scout camp concern"—
Diary 339, February with
interest. Mr Ray Mooney is,
no doubt, well intentioned
but he does his and others
strong cause a disservice
with his inaccuracies.
Clifford Park Scout Centre
to the city in 30 minutes?
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limits most of the way.
Commercial gain? The
Scout association may hire
the facilities at Clifford Park
but it will be to defray

maintenance and running costs; income would never be sufficient to turn a profit. His righteousness seems to discount entirely the good that the Scout movement has and does deliver. It certainly nurtured my love of the outdoors and nature. In fact, Scouting provides the conservationists with a wonderful networking opportunity—if they can see the broader picture through their green coloured glasses.

Harold Herd Kangaroo Ground

Who's zoo in web world?

Last year I was lucky enough to win a State Government IT Bursary, which included an intensive stint of work experience in the IT industry. For two weeks, early in January, I was given the opportunity to experience in the IT industry. For two weeks, early in January, I was given the opportunity to experience life in the professional IT workforce, but with an unusual twist. My time was spent at Melbourne Zoo. Finally I could use all the old cliches such as "it's a jungle out there" and other glib witticisms with the knowledge that there was truth in my words.

Jokes aside, I was finally going to be allowed to work as a professional web designer, something I had long been interested in.

Iarrived at the zoo, where the staff introduced themselves and I met up with the Head of IT and my workplace mentor, Paul Bamford and a fellow work experience student, Shaneel

experience student, Shaneel Shastri. We were given the task of creating a new website to promote and inform visitors about an exciting new exhibit

that opens later this year at Melbourne Zoo.
For two weeks we worked tirelessly on the project and we are looking forward to its publication in a few months time. Needless to say I was overjoyed, I would finally have my name out there in the Web Design Industry as someone who had created a product of quality; and in an industry where it's not who you know, but who sees it! There was no doubt about this, the whole world will soon see my work.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the zoo and due to the incredibly nice nature of the people there, I never had a bad day at the office.

Elliott Fitthall Year 12 Warrandyte High School

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Big meeting backs Warrandyte's new association

By CLIFF GREEN

A "surprisingly" well-attended public meeting, held at the end of January, put the finishing touches to preparations for Warrandyte's new community

Warrandyte's new community association.
"Despite being called at the height of the holiday season and advertised as a largely procedural meeting, it was almost as well attended as the initial gathering last year," WCA president Dick Davies told the Diary.
"I was very pleasantly surprised to see that the Mechanics Institute Hall was virtually full. This augurs well for the success of the organisation. Warrandyte is clearly committed to supporting this new group."

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The meeting endorsed the statement of purpose and rules for the association, drawn up by the committee.

The aims of the organisation are to:

• promote all aspects of community life in Warrandyte;
• defend the character and heritage of the township;
• protect the Green Wedge (non-urban areas);
• promote sporting, educational, recreational and cultural activities;
• defend and enhance comm-

unity assets.

The rules of WCA, passed at the meeting, require full voting members to be residents of Warrandyte, North Warrandyte or South Warrandyte. At a subsequent committee meeting it was decided to establish an "auxiliary" membership category of non-voting "friends" of the association.

"This will give local non-

gory of non-voting "friends" of the association.

"This will give local non-resident traders, former residents and interested well-wishers a chance to be fully involved in the association, with the exception of voting," Mr Davies said.

Since the public endorsement of the purposes and rules of the association, the committee has created policy sub-committees for each of the stated purposes.

"This is to ensure that each of the declared policy areas are covered and the organisation does not get bogged down dealing with specific issues on an ad hoc basis," Mr Davies said.

"The five male authorized and the results and the said.

said.
"The five main subcommittees reflect the
community's vision for the
association, based as they are
on the principles as set out for
the original public meeting."
Committee members have
been appointed to coordinate
groups. They will be seeking

2889), David Ellis (9844 2628).

Sporting and Cultural Activities: Ron Garrett (9844 2347), Michael Canty (9844 0482).

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Green Wedge: Simon Kearney (9846 2511), Liane Provan (9844 3315), Glen Jameson (9844 3315), Glen Jameson (9844 3315).

Membership: Kerrie Boyle (9844 3120), Bruce Davidson (9844 3120), Bruce Davidson (9844 3444).

Communications and Publicity: David Wierzbowksi (0438 844 043), Kerrie Boyle (9844 3120).

Website: Kristen Bartram (9844 0442).

President: Dick Davies (9844 4686).

The public meeting elected a new committee member, replacing founding treasurer Anthony Dale.

"Having helped establish the association and making a substantial contribution to the WCA's rules, Anthony decided to make way for a younger person," Mr Davies said.

Paul Dalsasso was elected to the committee. He is a landscape architect who has lived in Warrandyte for five years. The new treasurer is Michael Canty.



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Dick Davies, WCA president: pleasantly surprised by big roll-up. (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)

involvement from interested people in the community.

The sub-committees and their coordinators are:

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Alan Alder: Citizen of the Year (Picture by Jan Tindale)

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Society and president of Warrandyte
Housing and Support Services.
His involvements outside Warrandyte
include Past National President and Life
Fellow of the Australian Institute of
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By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

The numbers of young lorikeets being raided from their nests is disturbing Warrandyte wildlife carer Bob Powell, who warns there are very severe penalties for offenders.

Nest robbers clip the birds' wings to prevent them flying off, before putting the birds in bags.

"It's very strange to find a young lorikeet with its wings clipped, especially if they've got away from houses, as being on the ground they would die pretty quickly," said Mr Powell, who with his family cares for lost and injured wildlife. "It's too much of a coincidence if we find a couple in the same area and it's certainly not something we see every day." He believes lorikeets are worth up to \$500 overseas and other birds perhaps \$10,000, but anyone caught taking wildlife without a permit faces up to five years' jail and thousands of dollars in fines.

Living on four acres of bush, Bob Powell,

perhaps \$10,000, but anyone caught taking wildlife without a permit faces up to five years' jail and thousands of dollars in fines. Living on four acres of bush, Bob Powell, 57, grew up on a farm at Apollo Bay and was keen to become a carer to promote wildlife "or when our kids grow up there'll be nothing left.

"Wild animals were here before us and we have to learn to live with them—not like the chap who moved from Balwyn to Warrandyte and wanted to remove all the gum trees to replace them with rhododendrons and \$40,000 of instant turf. This isn't Toorak, or Box Hill.

"People come to Warrandyte because they like having animals around but then they start to complain about gravel footpaths and trees that drop leaves. They should really be planting more trees to bring back native animals and birds and making corridors for wildlife. There's now only one group of 30 firetail finches whereas there used to be 30 groups of thousands in the area. I know of only one pair of orange Rufous fantails and I haven't seen a red-breasted robin for years."

Mr Powell finds parrots outnumber other rescued animals by three to one, followed by ringtail possums, yellow-tailed black and sulphur-crested cockatoos, galahs, nightjars and the odd bellbird. He's also tended spotted pardalotes, magpies and a couple of echidnas. Baby birds blown from their nests in strong winds and wildlife injured by dogs or hit by vehicles all come in for attention.

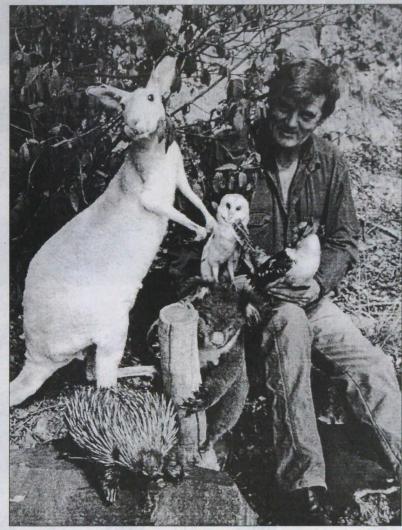
The most unusual animal was a satin bowerbird which had been caught by a cat in Templestowe. It died after four days. "We get anything that's been dropped at the back door by a cat. These all die within a matter of days," he said. "The bowerbird was beautiful but it can't originally have come from Templestowe.

"Our back garden is full of graves but my kids' friends started asking about them so now anything dead has a tree planted over it. We're lucky to have even a millimetre of topsoil in Warrandyte and the ground's not ideal for burying." Both Powell's children save money and sell plants

eight year-old daughter wants to be a zookeeper.

"We have to train the kids with wildlife. For example snakes aren't hiding behind a tree waiting to jump out and get you—people must look as frightening to a snake as dinosaurs would to us. Snakes like somewhere to sunbathe and if you think you're making it safer by mowing the grass they'll just say thank you very much."

Wildlife shelters have carers "all over the place", with Bob Powell taking injured animals from Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hill, Eltham, Manningham and as far as Healesville if other carers are unavailable. The organisation Help for Wildlife, whose yellow signs are displayed beside roads throughout the area, monitor calls 24 hours a day, putting people in touch with carers. All helpers are volunteers.



Bob Powell and friends: some of the animals that didn't survive his loving care. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

We get calls at all hours of the night and

"We get calls at all hours of the night and day. Everyone in my family is involved, and with my wife and family helping care for injured animals during the day while I go to work to support them.

"There's no government assistance but the vets are very good and usually treat the animals for nothing, although we have to pay for ointments and powders. Derek Fairley in Warrandyte looks after us very well and there's a raffle going to raise money for more signs."

On average, Mr Powell receives about 30 calls a week but at least half the animals are dead already or die shortly afterwards. "We get up to six possums a week; it all depends on the weather and time of year. Last night I got a call about a possum at 12.30am because of the wind."

Other reasons for calls include dehydrated birds. "Just leave them there with a drink of water nearby. Young tawny frogmouths are the worst. People should take them back to where they found them because the mum and dad will be round to look after them. It's really hard to teach tawny frogmouths to catch a mouse," he said.

A typical night in the Powell household

said.

A typical night in the Powell household will find ringtails running around the lounge and baby birds by the fire in cooler weather. "I haven't had a snake brought in yet but there's been lizards. Injured kangaroos are very sensitive and get stressed out easily and their muscles go to water. Kangaroos

mostly have to be put down if they've been hit by a car." He has just released two rosellas, one crimson and one eastern and at the moment he's got two baby ringtails and a tawny frogmouth at home.

Powell is a contract planter and weed sprayer for local government—"I'm lucky in that I can take off from a job whenever I need to for a rescue"—but he's not paid for the hours he takes off. He sprays exotic grasses, blackberries and other introduced plants. "Lots of exotic grasses choke the native grasses which need all the chance they can get to germinate. Butterflies can't breed and feed on exotic grasses and blackberries make little houses for rabbits, foxes and starlings. There's not enough old trees for nesting and our own birds won't chase them away. In 50 years' time you'll need a photo of Australian birds for your great grandchildren as they won't know what they look like."

Powell enjoys talking to students at schools and kindergartens about animals and the environment. "You have to set an example to the kids—if you promote anything then you have to do it yourself. If I speak to 20 kids and two of them learn something and they tell two others that's good. Older people are no hope.

"One three year-old girl told me that if all the trees were chopped down in the world we were all going to die, because there wouldn't be anything to breathe. Kids are the future."



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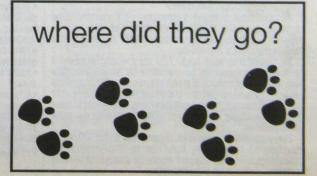
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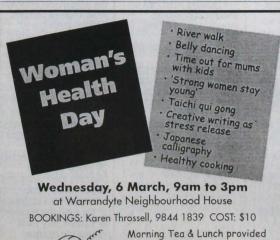
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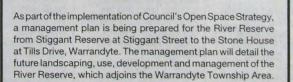




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THE BATTLE FOR YANAKIE

The <i>Diary</i> asked each candidate the following questions:	ERIC FLOBERG	LESLIE BOWKER	GEOFF SPEEDY	RAY SHAW	LES SMITH
1 Would you oppose subdivision in the Green Wedge?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Would you work to strengthen environmental provisions in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Would you oppose the building of the Eastern Ring Road through Nillumbik?	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Would you oppose environmentally inappropriate developments within the shire's townships?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Would you support community consultation for environmentally sensitive streetmaking in North Warrandyte?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Would you support direct Nillumbik council funding of community facilities in Warrandyte?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Green wedge WINS COMMENT By FIA CLENDINNEN By FIA CLENDINNEN

Sigmund Jorgensen, Nillumbik mayor, made a prediction to the *Diary* that every candidate would declare their support for the Green Wedge.

This has certainly been the case with the *Diary* questionnaire sent out to the 12 candidates standing in Yanakie. Every candidate replied that YES, they would oppose subdivision in the Green Wedge; although Peter Rynia qualified his answer by saying, "But not absolutely." Mr Rynia explained, "subdivision, if presented, should be examined on the basis of community needs and its meeting strict environmental and planning guidelines, with

meeting strict environmental and planning guidelines, with

profit having a very low priority".

Bob Stubbings said he would oppose subdivision in the Green Wedge and added, "I will oppose any development or subdivision which is outside the guidelines of our planning scheme. The Green Wedge is the result of those strict guidelines for development as defined by the

planning scheme".

The difficult decision for voters then becomes trying to decide which candidates are sincere. As Cr Jorgensen said,
"Every candidate supports the Green Wedge, the problem
is that some candidates support it (only) for the election."
With candidates known to the voter, either through their
work as councillor or through their involvement in

community groups, voters can make their choice based on past records. It is more difficult when candidates are

The Ring Road, once more threatening to carve its way through these hills, also received an adamant thumbs down from nearly all candidates. Only one, Eric Floberg, said NO, he would not oppose the building of the Eastern Ring Road through Nillumbik.

All candidates pledged to strengthen the environmental provisions in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme, and to oppose environmentally inappropriate developments

within the shire's townships.

All candidates also said, YES they would support a process of community consultation for environmentally sensitive street making in North Warrandyte. Mr Stubbings added, "I would extend this statement to include any public facility. Community consultation has not always been sought, resulting in works not in harmony with our rural

environment. Every candidate promised support for direct Nillumbik funding of community facilities in Warrandyte. Mr Stubbings said, "My support would be directed at funding services rather than superstructure."



ERIC FLOBERG

am a second generation farmer from Kangaroo Ground with a love for the area, the environment and the rural lifestyle. I work hard and have a

commonsense approach to daily life. These are the qualities I will bring to council.

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- · an end to petty politics
- in council;
 practical town planning
 practical town planning decisions that allow families, farmers and businesses to flourish within our planning quidelines
- basic services in our
- area; · a focus on roads that provide both safety and protection of our environment from damaging dust and polluted run-off.



LESLIE BOWKER

This shire has been my home for 40 years.

My parents moved to Eltham for the lifestyle

and the bush.
I loved growing up there
but recently I relocated to
Smiths Gully, driven out
by over-development.

Whenever I travel the world as a self-employed entertainer the uniqueness of Nillumbik hits me. This special place we

call home enjoys a rich natural environment with a strong spirit and the small business person has the potential to earn a living working with this

community.

I feel privileged to live in this area and I want to give back to the community



GEOFF SPEEDY

Lee and I have owned and lived in North Warrandyte over the past 20 years. We love living in the bush.
I have recently lobbied

Parks Victoria and Nillumbik council for more walking paths and bridges, footpaths, bike paths and horse paths in North Warrandyte.

I am a strong supporter of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme, and object to hilltop or ridgeline developments, which are

Warrandyte.
I actively oppose the
Ring Road which will
double the traffic on Yarra Street.

I am a committee member of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.



RAY SHAW

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LES **SMITH**

I am a truly independent candidate with no political affiliation.

I believe the role of a councillor is to represent the community viewpoint in all areas of concern without prejudice or influence from political

nntuence from political parties.

I am standing for council to ensure ratepayers' money is spent on worthwhile projects which benefit the whole community and is not wasted on pet projects for the benefit of a small minority.

minority.

My background includes
20 years' financial
planning experience and five years as a councillor.

I support the retention of the rural environment in Yanakie, and I will vigorously oppose unrestricted and overdevelopment within Nillumbik.

VOTERS' GUIDE TO FORM

PENNY MULLINAR	GREG BAILEY	JAN DAVIES	PETER RYNIA	BOB STUBBINGS	WARWICK LEESON	JOHN RYAN
YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES*	YES	YES
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PENNY **MULLINAR**

As an experienced councillor I will continue to strengthen Nillumbik's planning, zoning, environmental and consultation policies

consultation policies.

I promise to continue our debt reduction (one of the greatest in Victoria) and keep our average rate rises (3.5) as one of the lowest in Victoria.

I promise to maintain and enhance current services and fight for funding for CFA, Health and Youth services.

I promise to set up an advisory committee for Warrandyte and other

Warrandyte and other townships in Yanakie in order to keep a check on council spending, road maintenance and major projects. projects.

Love where you live.



GREG BAILEY

Having lived in the shire of Nillumbik for 20 years, I am honoured to stand as a Greens candidate for Yanakie.
I have always been

passionate about the preservation of the strongly rural ambience of the entire ward. To that end my endorsement of the planning conditions imposed by the Nillumbik Strategy Plan is as strong as my opposition to the construction of a Ring Road or its substitute

through Nillumbik.
I am also concerned that
the council should be establishing itself as a model of environmentalfriendly policies in every area, but especially with regard to water use.



JAN **DAVIES**

Warrandyte needs truly independent representation to protect our environment and foster our community. I bring a proven record of: leadership in Warrandyte concerns;
 environmental

preservation and community development; • independence from pro-

development interests;
• experience in managing

large organisations. In council I will ensure: • preservation of the

Green Wedge;
• better services for

better services for Warrandyte, such as hard rubbish collection;
 support for aging;
 funding for community organisations including CFA, recreation, tourism, arte:

· good planning and

governance;
• council efficiency and better customer service;

liaison with Manningham.



PETER **RYNIA**

I have lived in, worked and travelled the beautiful hills, valleys, farms and villages of Nillumbik for over 50 years, and love them still more and more.

It is an opportunity which I hope will be available to my grandchildren's children and which we should all strive for with vision and

integrity.
Important values for a

councillor should include:
• supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual health of every member of our community;
• the Green Wedge;
• the pest and weed threat to our environment;

 good manners, common sense and efficiency in local government.



BOB STUBBINGS

There is no place for political parties or organized pressure groups in community affairs. A councillor must be independent of these influences to serve their constituency.

Furthermore, a genuinely local resident councillor is needed to ensure a fair allocation of resources to our area. For too long resources have been directed towards the urban areas at the expense of North Warrandyte and Yanakie

generally.
I will focus upon:
• tighter budgetary control

to lower rates: • services rather than administrative superstructure:

 improved response time to permit applications; fairer distribution of resources to Yanakie;
higher professional standards in council.



WARWICK **LEESON**

Unlike some of the other so-called independents, I stand, neither supported by, nor supportive of, other candidates; but to represent the views and the values of the residents of Yanakie.

Lam unswervingly committed to the protection and the preservation of the Green Wedge, and the unique environment of Nillumbik—that is the primary reason most of us choose to live here, and I pledge to limit any developments to those

that are environmentally appropriate.

I believe that, unless we want Nillumbik to become like Box Hill or Shoppingtown, we must develop and enhance the local township community spirits that have created our wonderful municipality. municipality.



JOHN RYAN

Certified practising accountant; 42 years' public sector experience public sector experience dealing with corporations and wide-ranging financial matters; president, Smiths Gully Landcare; secretary, Willis Nature Park Management Committee.

We live in an area with rare orchids, abundant wildflowers and native.

wildflowers and native grasses, together with our unique animals and our wonderful birds. We must preserve

wildlife corridors and protect the shire from the destruction caused by

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Lying in judgement as Olympic stars slide by

ANY a night you would find both Herself and me tucked up in bed, clip board in hand and a serious look on our faces. and a serious look on our laces. We took the whole thing very seriously and got very cross when the rest of the judges disagreed with our decisions. Now, I may not know how to spell "sow cow" and I must admit we did have a little difficulty. distinguishing

difficulty distinguishing between and "flip" and a "toe loop" but by Jiminy, we knew a winning performance when we saw it!

Although Herself had only one abortive ice skating experience at St Moritz when we were courting, she was able to judge with the best of them. I, on the other hand, spent many St Kilda sessions on the ice, during the arctic conditions of a Melbourne summer. I was, therefore, an expert in the field and had no qualms about dismissing the partisan votes from novice ice skating country judges from Finland and Russia. I was a bit suspicious about the was a bit suspicious about the

I was a bit suspicious about the qualifications of the judges from the USA and Germany but was prepared to give them the benefit of the doubt.

Such was our confidence in our accumulated expertise that without a moment's hesitation, we granted the Canadians first prize in the Pairs Skating only to find our faith in standards shattered when the Russians gained gold. At that point, we resigned from the judging panel and, in high dudgeon, went for a cup of tea.

The Olympics get us all a bit



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like that. Ignorant and uninterested for four years, we suddenly become consumed by an interest in frontal and an interest in frontal and backwards suicide slides and with British Bulldog on ice, otherwise known as ice hockey. We can tell seconds before the Giant Slalom competitor ploughs into a pod of scattering photographers that his spill was inevitable. He should have kept his knees together. Or that the sprawling speed skater should have kept back and waited for the others to fall over instead of setting out to win the race from the front.

Instant expertise gleaned from selected excerpts from a

day's competition. But then that's what televised sport is all about. We aren't expected to judge from a competitor's perspective, but from an armchair critic's comfort zone. Which is where Herself and I judged, in the comfort of our warm bed with not an anorak or snow plough in sight.

I must admit we did have some trouble with the one, two, four and whole Mormon Tabernacle Choir bobsleigh events. It seems a pretty silly

Tabernacle Choir bobsleigh events. It seems a pretty silly thing to do for starters. A person or people choose to place themselves in a speeding cigar with little steering control and no appreciable brakes. They then run like buggery and leap into their glossily painted suppository, deliberately catapulting themselves down an icy alimentary canal. Only the first person has a view of the scenery flashing by. The others have their heads down hoping that the driver had refused the beans and cabbage for dinner.

Our second concern was with

Our second concern was with Our second concern was with the timing. We are talking of someone walking off with a million dollar endorsement because of a thousandth of a second. Call me an electronic Neanderthal but I can't believe that the equipment is so accurate. A pressure wave of air, a splattered migrating snow goose on the pointy bit and there's your next year's income gone!

Death was another area that did concern us, especially when competitors in the bobsleigh chose to spend the second half of the track sliding sideways

with their heads pressed firmly to the ice surface. It was made even more gut wrenching when minor "royalty" was involved.

We were gladdened, however, to see that the Games were replayed at an suitably adult viewing time. There's enough fuss made already about the advertisement showing a young fit man riding a Sulos in quest of a mere fizzy drink. His greatest risk is broken limbs and paraplegia. Imagine the

or a mere fizzy driffic. His greatest risk is broken limbs and paraplegia. Imagine the uproar if we showed adults competing in The Skeleton on prime family viewing time.

An adult, supposedly in possession of his faculties, embraces the task of launching himself onto an ice skateboard at 130 kms and hour down a narrow chute with his nose a mere three or four centimetres above the speeding ice. A blob of chewy on the track and he faces a dermatological abrasion no adolescent acne could escape. An enthusiastically released cowbell from a jealous National and our Skeleton competitor becomes tomorrow's hockey puck!

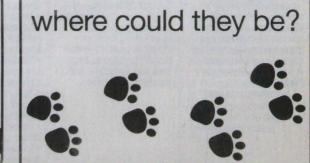
competitor becomes tomorrow's hockey puck!
Which is why we've both decided to start training for the next Winter Olympic's curling event. It's a sensible and safe sport. You stand on freezing ice and push a lump of stone down the alleyway. Ahead of the stone are two friends who sweep away the rubbish ahead of it.

We're confident we'll win. Don't tell anyone, but instead of brooms we're going to use vacuum cleaners!

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Warrandyte lage Festival

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Jubilee Follies celebrate 25 years of Warrandyte's home-grown festivities





When the banners go up along Yarra Street, we know festival time is here.

ER Majesty Q u e e n Elizabeth II, John Howard and Steve Bracks are some of the special guests due to appear at the 2002 Festival Follies. Entitled Jubilee Follies, this year they will be presented on March 14,15, 16 and 20,21,22,23.

Celebrating almost 25 years of festivals, the Warrandyte Theatre Company will once more present

warrandyte Theatre Company will once more present their annual variety show at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall.

When it comes to the Follies, variety not only applies to the mix of light entertainment, sketches and musical items, but the

and musical items, but the standards and ages of all 46 performers involved.

Added to these are the considerable behind-thescenes coordinating talents choreographer

of choreographer Sue Dyring and musical director Jack Stringer. "They compensate for the bad directors," jokes co-director Alan Cornell.

Mr Cornell, who is sharing the directorship with Ken Virtue, has been involved with writing, directing and acting in the vast majority of Follies shows for more than 20 years.

Follies shows for more than 20 years.

He considers the Follies a prominent and important part of the festival because of its wide local involvement. Everything is done locally, from writing to final presentation. A highlight of this year will be a radio play written by Kerran Wood.

When the shows first started, Alan Cornell believes they were relatively "naïve" occasions, where "variety" referred to the combination of "good to rotten" acts. Standards have

since improved, though the shows still contain a very

shows still contain a very local flavour.

"It's been a vehicle whereby lots of people in the community can have their early experiences in show business," Cornell told the *Diary*.

One such person is singer Lisa Upson, who this year will perform in a variety of acts. Originally from America, Upson first became involved with the Follies two years ago after became involved with the Follies two years ago after moving to Warrandyte. Despite never having acted before and initially feeling "out of her depth," Ms Upson's first Follies made her feel "absolutely" a part of Warrandyte's community. Lisa Upson's first Follies also introduced her to fellow first-timers Jan Nance and Jo Pearson, who along

and Jo Pearson, who along with Jack Stringer now make up the quartet "Four

in a Bar". The group, who play a collection of rock, jazz and contemporary covers in three and four part harmony, will perform at the Follies as well as on the Festival's main stage on

Sunday.

The Follies is one of four shows organised by the Warrandyte Theatre Com-pany every year, with proceeds used to raise money for the maintenance of the hall.

Ken Virtue, who has had a long association with WTC, considers the Mechanics considers the Mechanics Institute an important part of Warrandyte, because of its value to the community and its promotion of the arts. The Follies contribute a major portion of the funds needed to maintain the Mechanics Institute Hall.

Bookings and tickets are available from the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop.



FRIDAY 8 MARCH

WARRANDYTE VILLAGE FESTIVAL: 25 YEARS - LET'S PARTY. Join us in celebrating at the Pre-Festival Party featuring "A Touch of Class" the last stand. 8pm-late. \$25 per head (inc. canapes and drinks). Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra St. Bookings essential. Tickets: The Old Bakery Cottage Book Shop, 189 Yarra St, or phone Joan Rogers on 9844 1744. Enquiries: Marilyn Imbery, 9844 2021.

TUESDAY 12 MARCH

FOOD AND THOUGHTS - POETRY & PROSE AT THE PUB. 8pm sharp-late. Readings of new and favourite works by local writers. Compere: Jock Macneish. Entry \$7 (\$5 concession) includes delicious light supper. The Grand Hotel function room. Tickets at The Old Bakery Cottage Book Shop or at the door. Enquiries: Joan Rogers, 9844 1744.

THURSDAY 14 MARCH

THE FESTIVAL FOLLIES: "The Jubilee Follies." Warrandyte Theatre Company's annual revue at the Mechanics Institute Hall. BYO food and drink. \$15 per head. 7.30pm, March 14,15,16,20,21,22,23 Bookings: Joan Rogers at The Old Bakery Cottage Book Shop or on 9844 1744.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

ROTARY ART SHOW OPENING: Enjoy chilled champagne and fine food. 7.30-10pm. Admission by ticket only, \$10. Bookings: John Proven 9844 4916, David George, 9844 2500. Giant marquee behind Community Church.

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ENTERTAINMENT at the Grand Hotel Club Warrandyte, 7pm.

POTTERS COTTAGE GALLERY Displays by local potters & painters. Free entry 11am-5pm. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & dinner available at Potters Cottage Restaurant, 321 Jumping Creek Rd, 9844 2270

ALL WEEKEND

SATURDAY 16 MARCH: 9am-5pm SUNDAY 17 MARCH: 10am-4pm (Unless otherwise stated)

FESTIVAL INFORMATION CARAVAN east of Main Stage on Stiggants Reserve. All festival information, lost property, lost children. Buy your ducks here for the Duck

FIRST AID available from the St Johns Ambulance in the West Riverbank area.

RADIO 3ECB-FM You can be constantly up to date with Festival happenings by tuning in. 3ECB-FM are broadcasting live from the Stiggants Riverbank area all weekend. GRAND CONCERT STREET ORGAN AUSTRALIA FAIR. Australia's finest street organ generously sponsored by The Bakery, Warrandyte's Woodfire Bakery.

• ON STIGGANTS RIVERBANK:

West of Rotunda

FESTIVAL FEASTING Lots of food to suit every taste: satays, hamburgers, sweetcorn, spit roast, felafel, hot chips, pies & pasties, baked potatoes, poffetjes, home-made ice cream, milk shakes, donuts, fairy floss, Chinese noodles and

DUNK THE TEACHER Run by North Warrandyte CFA. Small charge.

UNITING CHURCH FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Tea, coffee and cake available for purchase. Come and relax while your children are entertained.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN COMPETITION —run by Warrandyte Community Garden members.

PARKS VICTORIA DISPLAY includes free children's activities. Extend your knowledge of the park.

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK Display of indigenous plants, free plants, information on the local environment.

SPINNERS AND WEAVERS DISPLAY by Doncaster & Templestowe Spinners & Weavers.

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE static display including local aerial photographs.

MANNINGHAM COUNCIL TENT featuring rabbit control display.

NILLUMBIK SHIRE TENT featuring local Landcare and Community Fireguard groups.

East of Rotunda:

ANIMAL FARMYARD Feed & cuddle farmyard favourites. Small charge (in Riverside Rotunda).

WARRANDYTE TOY LIBRARY Come and try our playground and toys. Parental supervision required. \$2 per child.

ROTARY ART SHOW featuring local artists. Giant marquee behind Community Church. \$2 entry.

TENNIS SERVING COMPETITION Check your service speed by radar as seen at Melbourne Park. Run by Warrandyte Tennis Club – next to Rotary tent.

TRACKLESS TRAIN RIDES along Riverbank for littlies – small charge.

ELTHAM STATIONARY ENGINE PRESERV-ATION SOCIETY display of working engines and machinery.

PORT-A-PUTT Small charge.

ON STIGGANTS RESERVE:

ART AND CRAFT MARKET Exclusively home grown or hand made collection including craft, produce, plants, clothes, jewellery, and other goodies.

SIDESHOW ALLEY — games to test skill, accuracy and strength and quieter activities to give the kids a bit of a rest – by Andersons Creek and Warrandyte Primary Schools

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION information and membership at the Festival Information Van by the Main Stage

KIDS' GIANT WATERSLIDE. Starts 12noon Saturday. Run by Scouts. Changing Tent. Bring togs & towel. 50c/ride or \$2 for allday pass.

• OTHER ACTIVITIES:

ART COMPETITION Paintings by Primary School students on display IGA Supermarket, Goldfields. Enquiries: Terry Mason, 9844 1255, Andrea Gleeson, 9844 2394

ENTERTAINMENT at Grand Hotel Club Warrandyte 7pm Sat, 5pm Sun.

SHORELINES – Pottery Exhibition by local potters Jill Cygolt & Jenny John. The Stonehouse, 323 Warrandyte-Ringwood Rd

POTTERS COTTAGE GALLERY Displays by local potters & painters. Free entry. Morning tea, lunch afternoon tea and dinner are available at Potters Cottage Restaurant, 321 Jumping Creek Rd.

FESTIVAL RETREAT St Stephens Anglican Church invites you to bide awhile in peace and quiet within its space. Refreshments and teas available in church hall throughout weekend, also Trash & Treasure.

WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 10am-5pm. Updated displays of Warrandyte gold, aboriginal and art history. Wide range of artifacts and extensive photographic display of Warrandyte's past. Free entry.

ADVENTURE CANOEING Take a gentle paddle on the Yarra taking in the beauty of the State Park. To organise your canoeing experience phone: 9844 3323 or 0427 002 293.

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

9am-5pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
See above

10am: PARADE MARSHALLING At the Bridge Tennis Courts (pedestrians) and Tills Drive (vehicles and horses).

10.30am: JUDGING of floats. Perpetual Trophy for best parade entry. Other categories: Most Colorful, Most Imaginative, Best Costumes/Make-up, Best Theme and Most Warrandyte-ish.

11am: FESTIVAL PARADE Festival King and Queen — Cliff & Judy Green, Bands, floats, bikes, horses, vintage cars & more. Commentaries at Community Centre, Grand Hotel and Stiggants roadside. Maedy Colenso, 9844 4881.

12noon: OFFICIAL OPENING by the King and Queen of the Warrandyte Festival – Cliff and Judy Green.

12.10pm: ON STAGE AT STIGGANTS featuring Victorian Baton Twirlers, Total Fire Band (sponsored by the Grand Hotel), entries from local Primary and High Schools, Chocolate Lilies, Daisy Dolls, Purple Hayes, Janine Rankin.

12.10-4.30pm: RIVERBANK STAGE – M.C. Trevor Thornton. A great afternoon of entertainment with Mike Jackson (ABC performer), Brother Stone, Musca the Fly, ISIS, Groove Alliance and Coco's Lunch.

12.30-5pm: ROCK STAGE & SKATE COMPETITION (Skate Park, Warrandyte Reserve) Local Bands and DJ's playing rock, blues, punk, hip hop and rap on stage. Free skate comps with prizes and professional demos throughout the afternoon. Refreshments available, no alcohol.

4.30pm: CAR RESCUE Police, CFA, ambulance & SES rescue a victim from a crashed & burning vehicle in a combined training exercise. Riverbank Stage Area.

9pm: THE BLUES BROTHERS ARE COMING TO TOWN Outdoor film night. Come and sit under the stars and enjoy the classic cult film 'The Blues Brothers,' Main Stage. Come dressed in theme, great prizes. Sponsored by Lions Club of Warrandyte.

• ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

FESTIVAL TWILIGHT FOOTBALL
MATCHES: Reserves 3pm, Seniors 5pm
Warrandyte vs Diamond Creek match
followed by Acoustics Duo. Enquiries:
James Logan, 9844 3062.

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SUNDAY 17 MARCH

10am-4pm: ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
See above

8am: THE F.I.T. FESTIVAL FUN RUN 5 & 10km fun run/walk. Arrive at Stiggants Riverbank Stage at 8.00 for an 8.30 start. Registration: early bird: \$8/person; \$16/family or on the day: \$10/person; \$20/family. Lots of prizes. Applications from Fit In Time rear, upstairs of 266 Yarra St (behind milkbar). Enquiries: Chris Sharp, 9844 0768.

8.45am: BILLYCART DERBY Forbes St, outside police station. Ages 8-15, first prize a Playstation 2, also parents race, lots of trophies. Tea, coffee and snags on sale, so come and have breakfast. \$7 Registration. Robert Cousens, 9844 2328.

9am: FAMILY CELEBRATION SERVICE at St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggants Street.

9.30am: DOG SHOW & PET PARADE With prizes for various categories, including cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish, birds, etc. All animals welcome if under owner's control. Run by Warrandyte High School. Stiggants Riverbank. Enquiries: Sue Martin, 9844 3535.

10am: CELEBRATION OPEN AIR SERVICE Combined Churches. Worship, entertainment and music for all ages. Featuring Free Spirit Choir and Mr Pee Bee the Clown

10am-4pm: ABSEILING WALL run by the Warrandyte Scouts. Small charge.

10am-4pm: SHOW AND SHINE display of street machines, hot rods, classic cars. Enquiries: Alan Ballinger, 9844 3573.

10.30-12.30pm: KIDS' MARKET Magnificent array of stalls offering goods and funthings by local kids for local kids. Stiggants Reserve. Phone: Terry Mason 9844 1255, Andrea Gleeson 9844 2394.

11am: BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT (finals at 3.15pm) run by Warrandyte Basketball Club Riverbank East.

11.30pm: CONCERT MAIN STAGE STIGGANTS A wide variety of musical entertainment with compere extraordinaire "Knocka" Price and featuring Kew Bootscoot, Undertow City, Rock Arcade, Vardos, Loose Ends and Eltham Community Band.

12-4.30pm: RIVERBANK STAGE Unique Creatures and his Giant Puppets M.C. and rove throughout the afternoon. Featuring Grand Fairies Ball, Kieran Murphy, Catherine Turner, Bobsy Die.

1.30pm: OLD TIME KIDS GAMES – a chance for all kids to form teams and join in fun games. Bigger Kids (adults) will have their opportunity too. Run by Warrandyte Primary and Andersons Creek Primary Schools.

2pm: GOLD MINE TOUR (90 min duration) Join John Hanson for a leisurely walk & visit an 1850's gold mine. Bring torch, wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb Street. Further info phone 9844 3906.

2.30pm: DUCK RACE Ducks sold at schools beforehand, and during the weekend at the Information Caravan. See over 1000 ducks launched into Yarra at Forbes Street, finishing at Stiggant Street. \$2 entry. Prizes. Susie Morris, 9844 1449.

3pm: WHEELIE BIN RACE. Organise your own team of three to enter or just come and watch the fun. Information Neil Qualtrough 9844 3693. Sponsored by Neil and his Wheelie Bin Handle.

3.30pm: MULTIFAITH CONCERT in foyer of Warrandyte Community Centre. Sacred music of diverse religions. Performed by choir and soloists.

4.30pm: CAR RESCUE Police, CFA, ambulance & SES rescue a victim from a crashed & burning vehicle in a combined training exercise. Riverbank Stage Area.

5.30-9pm: FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT (MAIN STAGE) featuring 4 in a Bar, The Cadillacs and Reverend Funk and the Horns of Salvation.

9pm: FIREWORKS FINALE (Subject to CFA approval, sponsored by IGA Warrandyte).







ON STAGE * ON STAGE *

MAIN STAGE — STIGGANTS RESERVE

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

12noon: King & Queen of Warrandyte Festival to open the festival

12:10pm: Victorian Baton Twirlers 12:30pm: Total Fire Band 12:50pm: Anderson's Creek Primary School, Chocolate Lilies, Warrandyte Primary School, Warranwood Primary School, Daisy Dolls, Purple Hayes, Warrandyte High School, Janine Rankin

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

10am: CELEBRATION OPEN AIR SER-VICE Combined Churches. Worship, entertainment and music for all ages. Featuring Free Spirit Choir and Mr Pee Bee the Clown

"Knocka" Price will be the afternoon M.C.

11:30am: Kew Bootscoot

12:15pm: Vardos (Hungarian & Romanian gypsy & traditional music)
1:15pm: Rock Arcade ('70s & '80s

2.15pm: Barry McKimm's Eltham Community Band featuring Heather Jameson 3:30pm: Loose Ends (What would Pink Floyd sound like if they merged with Santana and added female vocals & aboriginal technology?)

4:30pm: Undertow City (rock originals) 5:30pm: 4 in a Bar (local vocal group)

6:45pm: The Cadillacs ('50s rock and roll featuring Paul James, lead singer, head clown and Little Richard sound alike)

7.45pm: Reverend Funk and the Horns of Salvation (100% live 10-piece showband)

9pm: GRAND FIREWORKS FINAL Finishes 9.15pm

ROCK STAGE & SKATE COMP

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

12.30-5pm: ALL AGE GIG Skate Park, Warrandyte Reserve

Featuring local bands:

TORT
GEAR MUFF
RUSTY NAILS
FAMILY FUNK
and Pro Club DJ's

Professional Skate Demos and Competitions

(Primary, Secondary and Open age groups). Prizes from Surf @ Turf

Refreshments available Strictly No Alcohol

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

RIVERBANK STAGE

M.C. Trevor Thornton

12.15pm: Mike Jackson – Children's ABC Performer – Instruments, Music and String Games

12.55pm: Children's String Games Workshop with Mike Jackson

1.10pm: Brother Stone - Big Harmonies

1.40pm: Musca The Fly – Contemporary Jazz & Originals

2.15pm: Isis – World Folk Music

2.55pm: Groove Alliance – Funky Jazz 3.40pm: Coco's Lunch – A capelo

4.30pm: Car Rescue Demonstration – Local SES and CFA

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

9.30am: Dog Show & Pet Parade

Unique Creatures and his Giant Puppets will M.C. and rove all afternoon.

12noon: Grand Fairies Ball – Take an adventure to the Magical Forest.

1pm: Kieran Murphy — Local awardwinning young Guitarist

1.35pm: Catherine Turner — singing

2.15pm: Bobsy Die — Bush Folk Songs

3pm: Wheelie Bin Race

3.30pm: Bobsy Die — Toe tappin' — grab a partner, swing her round.

4.30pm: Car Rescue demonstration – Local SES and CFA







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Warrandyte Village Festival





Well, for starters, we hate each other!" Hot rods (left) and street machines will vie for public appeal at this year's festival.

Wheels on fire, rolling down the road!

drives enthusiasts enthusiasts crazy, the other is driv-en by crazy enthusiasts. Stumped? The answer is hotrods and billycarts, both on show at the feeting! the festival.

Sunday is the choice day for four-wheeled fanatics this year, with the thrills and spills of the billycart derby, coupled with the sights and

sounds of an inaugural hot rod "show'n'shine". This year, Stiggants Reserve will play parking lot to an array of hotrods, street machines and vintage cars, all on show—weather permitting of course.

"Hot rods have no roofs on them," organiser Alan Bellinger, explained, fingers

crossed that it won't rain.
Bellinger is keen to show people what he and others do for a hobby, as well as explain the difference explain the difference between a street machine and a hot rod. "Well, for starters, we hate each other!" he said. Another definition is that

a hotrod is a done-up early a hotrod is a done-up early model car with a glittering paintjob, and a street machine is well, a done-up later model car, with an equally glittering paintjob. Due to safety concerns, Bellinger has opted for a static display this year.



Risking life and limb:

HAT is not the case on the other side of Stiggants
Reserve, where
the billycart derby will pit
local kids against one
another. This year's derby sees the return of heat-based races. "First over the line wins," explains event manager Rob Cousens. Local boy Shaun Johnstone is looking forward to racing in his third derby, in a cart he has built himself, "with a little bit of help from my dad". He did not win last year, but he might be in with a chance. Why has he risked life and limb three years in a row? Put simply, "It's fun!"

On-stage entertainment brings variety to life

HEN 13 year-old won an encouragement award at a Frankston music festival in 2000, it was only a matter of time before he hit the big-time. This year he

hit the big-time. This year he is a headline act at the Warrandyte festival.

Murphy, who won numerous awards in 2001, is returning for his second appearance at the festival.

"Last year it went pretty well," he told the *Diary*, "so I reckon it'll be cool to play there again."

He is one of the many diverse acts playing at this

diverse acts playing at this year's festival. "With three stages we can cater for everyone," a festival organiser said.

The main Stiggants stage will feature the usual

will feature the usual mixture of rock, blues and funk, as well as "some wild violin playing—Trans-ylvanian gypsy music— courtesy of a trio called

Vardos". Also on main stage will be

Also on main stage will be the 40 plus members of the Eltham Community Band, performing a program ranging from Duke Ellington to Metallica.

"We try to do pieces that represent important phases of musical culture," conductor Barry McKimm said. Meanwhile at the football oval, Rick Gordon has arranged a "high-voltage parent and alcohol free" rock concert for Warrandyte's youth. "Heading the line-up will be 'Tort' from Croydon, with their mix of hard rock and punk music," Rick Gordon said.

Professional club dancers will strut their stuff,

will strut their stuff, performing a demo in the afternoon.

The skateboarding competition is also a definite starter. This year's competition has free entry for its primary, secondary and open categories, and offers "valuable skateboard accessories" as prizes.

Art on show

National Gällery of Victoria boasts famous

f a m o u s artworks from around Australia—and so can we, at this year's Rotary Art Show.

During the festival this year, more than 500 works of art from New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria will be displayed in the Stiggants Reserve marquee. The show will open on the Friday night with drinks, nibbles and music.

music.
About half the paintings exhibited are expected to come from local artists from Manningham and Nillumbik areas, a fact organiser David George attributes to "Warrandyte's strong

artistic heritage".
On exhibition will be a wide selection of oil, watercolour and mixed medium works, all for sale. The best paintings will be awarded prizes by an independent judge, with first prize valued in excess of \$1000.

Rotary uses the show to raise awareness and support for Warrandyte. "All funds raised go back into the community," David George told the Diary. "This could mean helping aged or youth support, or it could be for funding summer science programs or exch-age students."

The art show traditionally attracts a very high standard of work. In the past, such leading local artists such as impressionist Max Wilkes and watercolourist

Wilkes and watercolourist David Taylor have displayed work at the show. David George predicts an equally high standard this year, with works expected, among others, from local landscape artist and "stalwart of the art show",

of sadness Warrandyte farewell to one of its favourite duos at the pre-festival party on Friday, March 8.

March 8.
The party at the community centre will be the swansong for "A Touch of Class", AKA Paul Haskings and Martin Walker, who have entertained locals for more than 15 years.
"It's our last gasp" says

"It's our last gasp," says disc jockey Haskings.
But be assured, the night will not die young. With more than 400 gigs under their collective belts, it can be safely assumed the party will be, to quote organiser Marilyn Imbery, a "bloody

good one".

They will entertain guests at the cocktail party with a mix of old and new fav-ourites, compered, of course, by Walker exercising his acerbic, offbeat sense of humour.

Standing on stage is nothing new to Martin Walker, who has had long

involvement with Warraninvolvement with Warrandyte through the Follies and the festival's Sunday Stage. "He's very good at gags," admits Haskings, reluctantly admiring his partner's bitter-sweet talent. Paul Haskings is also well-known around Warrandyte, being one-time president of

known around Warrandyte, being one-time president of school council and the basketball club, as well as organising the trivia quiz with Kevin O'Mara.

Both men have mixed feelings about their final concert though are looking forward to moving on "It's

forward to moving on. "It's like football," says Walker, "the recovery time just

"the recovery time just starts to drag".

The two met at a Warrandyte Primary School fundraiser in the late 1980s when Haskings was spinning vinyls at a rock night. Walker offered to help out, and the duo was born. As for the name, Walker explains that came out his South London "Pommy" accent.

Since that gig, news of the duo spread via word of mouth and referrals, and

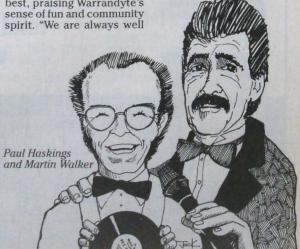
they were soon inundated with requests for parties, corporate and office shows. By the mid 1990s they were doing up to 30 shows a year. Not bad considering they

not bad considering they never advertised.

Of all the shows they performed, Haskings considers local shows the best, praising Warrandyte's sense of fun and community spirit. "We are always well

received in Warrandyte. The people really like to have a good time."

● The \$25 per head ticket covers canapés, drinks and entertainment. Bookings through the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop.





Brambles choke our creeks and gullies: a bitter fruit

HE first settlers that came to Australia brought with them various things that would remind them of their homeland, things to ease the transition to the new land.

the transition to the new land.
Among the goods those early
migrants imported was a living
cargo of animals and plants.
Among the animals were foxes
for sport and blackbirds, partly
for their song and partly to eat
undesirable insects. Among the
plants were vegetables and
fruit. One of the fruits was
blackberry.
The blackberry, like its human
importers, is of European

blackberry.

The blackberry, like its human importers, is of European descent. Its family name is Rosaceae—the rose family. Other members include: apple, almond, plum, peach, apricot, raspberry, strawberry, hawthorn and cotoneaster. The family has a history of cultivation. Unlike some of the other species, blackberry produces its fruit after only two years and so was ideal for the settlers' purposes.

The new immigrants took up land in fertile valleys, beside creeks and rivers. They released the foxes and blackbirds. They planted the blackberries along fencelines as hedges and along riverbanks to control erosion. From the berries they made jams and pies. Little did they realise that this import would race out of control, run riot and become one of Australia's worst weeds. Just as the colonisers took land from the indigenous

Just as the colonisers took land from the indigenous people, so the blackberry took land from indigenous plants. Both used aggression to achieve displacement. The blackberry's cause was aided



By PAT COUPAR Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

by their compatriots—the foxes and blackbirds, and by a German botanist called Baron Ferdinand von Mueller.

Von Mueller, government botanist of Victoria at the time, was an ardent supporter of a hopelessly misguided group known as the acclimatisers whose vision was to see Australia populated by plants and animals from all over the world. The baron was particularly keen on blackberries. Thinking they would provide food for the weary traveller, he endeavoured to distribute the plant throughout the land. He carried blackberry seeds on his botanical sorties, seeds on his botanical sorties, scattering them around the ashes of his campfire as he went. He is reported to have said that poor people, in time to come, would bless him for his thoughtfulness.

In 1894, approximately 40 years after its introduction, blackberry became recognised as a serious weed and was declared noxious in parts of Victoria. But not everyone agreed. seeds on his botanical sortie

Victoria. But not everyone agreed.

Von Mueller was unrepentant and continued to advocate its spread saying, "...it deserves to be naturalised on rivulets of any ranges". Would the baron be pleased to know that today blackberry occupies an estimated area of land, mainly in southern Australia, of 8.8 million hectares*—that is:

88,000 square kilometres, or 166 Wilson's **Promontories** or 53 Gramp ians, or 13,000 War-

randyte State
Parks!
Over the years
blackberry has lost its identity and is now considered to be an aggregate of several closely related species, subspecies and hybrids. Its profile however hasn't changed. The plant is adaptable, aggressive, invasive, dominant, thorny, viscous—dead canes are as bad or worse than living ones—growing from seed, root suckers, roots and daughter plants that form at the tips of some canes. to be an aggregate of several closely related species,

daughter plants that form at the tips of some canes. In recent years it has been awarded the dishonourable title of "Weed of National Significance".

Blackberry does have a few redeeming features, not least its sweet, succulent berry clusters, rich in vitamin C. and rich in vitamin C. and impenetrable thickets do provide safe habitat for small native birds like wrens. But the balance is weighed heavily in favour of the negatives.

Various meth-Various methods have been used to reclaim land from this formidable opponent: physical removal by mattocking, bulldozing or ripping; slashing and burning; application of herbibiological agents like

lication of herbi-cides and biological agents like the rust fungus. However, because blackberry rust requires warmth and moisture to be effective, success has been limited. In addition, it has been found that while certain species are susceptible other resistant strains moved in to replace them.

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And so battles go on with degrees of control being achieved. These are but minor victories. The war against Von Mueller's revered blackberry will never be won until there is a radical scientific breakthrough in molecular biochemistry which, by genetic engineering, wipes out the entire species.

*Source: Environmental Weeds, Kate Blood (CRC Weed Management Systems).

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HERE is nothing so blue as a February sky. Brilliant, azure—the never-ending domain of the wedge-tailed eagle shimmers with the sun's white fire. Dull earth, bored with insipid temperatures and pale, cloudy skies, basks joyfully. The intense blueness triggers visions of the Surf Coast, with long transparent breakers spilling sapphire and turquoise onto rocky headlands and perfect beaches. Out come bathers, flippers, mosquito nets and washing lines strung heavy with January's damp and dusty sleeping bags. Holiday time? No such luck. Blue skies mean only one thing in Melbourne—school's back.

So it's back to the grind. No longer are we cruising dreamy as a pelican around the

So it's back to the grind. No longer are we cruising dreamy as a pelican around the shallows of a pristine lake in a Paddle-O. Oh no. We are once again stuck fast in the slow lane, condemned to a relentiess fug of coal-black truck exhausts and the stink of LPG. Oh, the joys of missing the school bus and resigning oneself to the eternal gridlock of Springvale Road.

At least half our travel time is spent waiting at traffic lights. Stewing over a second consecutive fruitless change,



it's pointless speculating on the cause. It could be any one of a number of things—a bingle, or a few B-doubles heading side-by-side up to the Eastern Freeway, or a temperamental boom gate at Nunawading, or a stream of school kids pushing the button for the pedestrian lights—or even the whole lot. So we sit, dripping and stuck to the car seat, captives of the sun's merciless inferno. Windows up, windows down. Tears trickling down the ribs. The traffic finally inches forward; creeping, barely creeping.

Some action ahead creates mild interest: blue flashing lights, cars parked at all angles over the road, boot lids askew, people gathering on the nature strip. a tow-truck trying to get

people gathering on the nature strip, a tow-truck trying to get through. Somebody's day is

ruined. At the next stop the driver beside us turns off his engine, sighs, and unwraps The

Age.
Everybody else's brain melts into a heat-haze of fuming drivers and throbbing

drivers and throbbing exhausts.
Back in January, no such lack of progress mattered. In fact our Paddle-O was a complete dud. Nearly impossible to get going, the rusted axle stuck in two places on each revolution, and required considerable muscle to restart. Angular wooden blocks that masqueraded as paddles dug into tender soles. The tiller didn't work—the connection to the rudder had long since failed. We could only travel in hiccupping circles.
Debating whether to go and demand our \$5 back, we finally decided that we were made of sterner stuff and would circumnavigate the entire lake, which stretched for several hundred metres from the river mouth back towards some thickly wooded hills. Apart from repeatedly running aground in the shallows and having to get out and push, we were quite happy observing the scenery in an anti-clockwise direction.
Others were less fortunate.

Others were less fortunate

Back near the boatshed, two mirthful grannies in big hats had given up trying to paddle their craft forwards and were their craft forwards and were kangaroo-hopping crazily backwards in an entertaining series of near-collisions. Laughing a whole lot less was the frazzled mother of a complaining boy of 13 or 14. The poor woman had got their Paddle-O nearly a hundred metres off-shore by kneeling uncomfortably hunched, doggedly forcing the useless uncomfortably hunched, doggedly forcing the useless paddles around by hand. Behind her the kid slouched in his seat and kept right on nagging. The words "help" and "steer" and "good boot up the bum" clearly weren't in his vocabulary.

I suppose we should have found somewhere to dob in the

I suppose we should have found somewhere to dob in the rip-off merchant at the boatshed, but it was January and we simply didn't care. Besides, some things never change. Even back in 1873, Anthony Trollope noted that travelling in Australia was an endless business. "One seems to ride for ever and to come to nothing, and to relinquish at last the very idea of an object." It's obviously only our perception of how fast we ought to be getting somewhere that counts!

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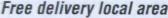
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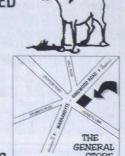
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Locals receive awards

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PATRICIA ABBOTT

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Information Warrandyte
With a talent for bringing the
best out of volunteers, Patricia
joined Information Warrandyte
in 1994 and has been a
committee member since 1997.

HAZEL BOSS

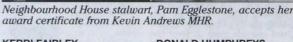
Information Warrandyte
Hazel has made dedicated
contributions to Information
Warrandyte and the Warrandyte Alighbourhers dyte Neighbourhood House since 1993.

JENNY CHAPMAN Warrandyte Neighbourhood

House
A dependable volunteer and
member, Jenny executive member, Jenny joined the Warrandyte Neigh-bourhood House in 1996. She has also been a long time fixture in Victorian women's cricket.

PAM EGGLESTONE Warrandyte Neighbourhood

As committee member for the Neighbourhood House for 11 years, Pam has been recognised by her peers with a life membership. Pam has also been involved in the local Uniting Church and youth services



Services Under sometimes trying Services
Since its inception, Kerri has been involved in the Warrandyte Housing & Support Services. Kerri has been active in the Guiding Movement and animal welfare for many years. She was involved with the Book Exchange. conditions, Don has remained cheerful in his work with the Warrandyte Housing and Support Services, Food Bank and Community Market for 10

Varrandyte Housing & Support

Warrandyte Rotary Club
As a member of the Warrandyte
Rotary Club, David has
organised the Rotary Art Show
and 'The Big Night Out' for
three years and is also involved
in the Ringwood Masonic
Lodge.

Warrandyte Uniting Church
Currently a co-ordinator of the
Church's mission and outreach
committee, John has been
involved in youth, children and
sports activities for nearly 30
years.

DAVID GEORGE

JOHN HANSON

LYNNE LOWTHER
Warrandyte Housing & Support

Warrandyte Housing & Support Services
Over the years, Lynne has donated her time to the local committees of the Warrandyte Housing & Support Services, the Neighbourhood House, the Police Community Consultative and Blue Light Disco groups.

TED ROTHERHAM

Warrandyte Historical Society
With his wife Shirley, Ted
founded the Historical Society
in 1976 and has built up a
comprehensive archive of
Warrandyte's history and its
posterity.

TERRY SLOAN

Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust
Terry has been a Cemetery
Trust member for 35 years and
over that time has freely
contributed towards the
cemetery's maintenance. Terry
is also involved with the
Warrandyte Football Club.

AIN UTT
Warrandyte Rotary Club
Ain's voluntary involvement
with Rotary includes his
membership with the District
Youth Exchange and the Youth
Community and International
Service. Ain was also a past
president of the branch.

CLAIRE WATSON
Warrandyte Housing & Support

Services
Claire is a highly valued community volunteer in the Warrandyte area, giving freely of her time towards the Housing & Support Services, the Neighbourhood House and the Historical Society.



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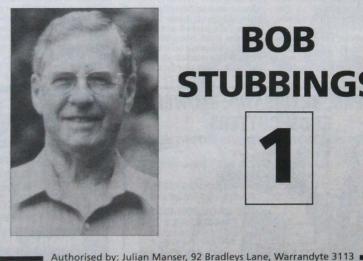
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The artists arrive

HE Yarra River has provided inspiration to many artists. At the beginning of the 21st century it is still possible to stand in some secluded spot on the river bank under majestic eucalypts, watch the light playing on the water and listen to the cool tones of birdsong—even the most prosaic soul can soar.

most prosaic soul can soar. Imagine being born of this land, as were countless generations of the first people, the Wurundjeri, painting, singing, dancing their stories: stories of the country and their intricate and harmonious relationship with the land. It is perhaps small wonder that in comparatively recent times—in the latter part of the 19th century—artists of another culture found inspiration in the landscape. These artists painted works that are recognised as belonging to Australia's first national art movement.

Warrandyte's reputation as an artist's idyllic haven had its beginnings at the turn of the century through the enthusiasm of Clara Southern. A successful artist, Southern shared studios in Collins Street, Melbourne, with her good friend Jane Sutherland, who appears to have been the only female member of the Heidelberg School. The camps associated with the Heidelberg School generally excluded women artists—the social mores of the 1890s and turn of the century precluded ladies from staying overnight in the company of bohemian men, so women (who cared for their reputations) could only make day trips to the camps.

only make day trips to the camps. In 1905 Southern married John Flinn, a Warrandyte miner, and subsequently took up residence at Blythe Bank on Warrandyte-Research Road. From around 1908, Southern encouraged younger landscape artists to join her at Warrandyte—painters like Penleigh Boyd, Harold Herbert, Charles Wheeler, Jo Sweatman and Louis McCubbin (son of Fred).

McCubbin (son of Fred).

The fondness Clara Southern (Mrs John Flinn) felt for Warrandyte and her fellow artists there is evident in the following recollection:

her fellow artists there is evident in the following recollection:

"Penleigh Boyd, who was the bright star of later days, has alas passed away, but he has left many charming canvases of the place. I always feel that he did his best work here, and I do wish that restless spirit of his hadn't taken him abroad ... A little farther up the river, Frank Crozier has a studio; after a trip abroad he has settled down to work amongst us again ... Jo (she is still known by this name) Sweatman, who comes up regularly, has a studio next to mine and is doing well; while

Charles Wheeler, Harold Herbert, Louis McCubbin (walking well in his dear old father's footsteps) and other well-known painters come and go. The dear old place is as paintable as ever, and I often think how Corot would have revelled in it."

Jo Sweatman moved next door to Southern on The Hill in 1910. Her cottage and studio were called The Kipsy. One of Sweatman's many friends was Olive Houghton, herself an amateur artist. Her son Eric Houghton remembers plaguing his mother's friend as she attempted to paint on the banks of the Yarra. As a toddler in about 1937, he would follow Sweatman around, constantly trying to "help" her paint – reaching for her brushes and straining to add to her artworks.

JO SWEATMAN'S EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS. – The Exhibition of paintings by Miss Jo Sweatman opened on Tuesday, May 4, at "The Athenaeum" [Melbourne]. Visitors were captivated by their charm and beauty, and there was special appeal to Warranditians in many of them, who noted the various spots in their locality so realistically portrayed. These, numbering 35 in all, include "Wonga Park Road"; "The Little Creek"; "Jumping Creek"; "The Sloan's Road"; and "Reflections", the last being a particularly beautiful study.

study.
—Croydon Mail and Mount Dandenong Advertiser, vol. 14, no. 18, 13 May 1937

Frank Crozier was one of the early painters of note who lived in Warrandyte. He was an official artist of the Great War, and many of his paintings are in the Australian War Museum. He lived almost next door to Selby, a guesthouse in Tills Drive. Selby used to accommodate many visiting artists, who would include the house as a subject in their works. Penleigh Boyd returned from England in 1913 and built his home on the north side of the river in

Penleigh Boyd returned from England in 1913 and built his home on the north side of the river in Warrandyte: "just around the corner from where Clara was—his is on Kangaroo Ground Road, The Robins". He was well known for his paintings of scenes in Warrandyte and was the first president of the Warrandyte branch of the equivalent of today's Returned and Services League (RSL).

By the middle of the 20th century

By the middle of the 20th century Warrandyte had become renowned as a spot favoured by painters. At the same time, the town afforded architects the chance to be innovative in meeting the challenges of building functional structures to suit the environment.

Warrandyte is home to some unusual architecture that may be seen to reflect the independence of those who move there seeking



By BARBARA PERTZEL and FIONA WALTERS

alternative living conditions. The work of local stonemason Kevin Sloan and the dwellings designed by Alexa Goyda and Myrtle Houston in the 1930s and 1940s are recognised as "Warrandyte Style". The stone houses together with adobe (mudbrick) houses on both sides of the river in Warrandyte were of such interest to the public that the Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group ran tours of them to praise funds for the

Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group ran tours of them to raise funds for the restoration of the old Warrandyte Post Office in the early 1980s. "One of the best moneymaking things we ever did was the mud-brick house tours." Publicity for the mud-brick house tours was boosted by the media connections of Jock Macneish: "Actually, we did a novel thing, thanks to our friend, Jock Macneish—he used to work for the ABC, (as an acoustic architect). He said, 'We'll get Peter Evans to say something about it', but it wasn't always easy to get Peter Evans to advertise things. So, what we did was to send in our notice wrapped around a mud brick! Jock took it in to work and put it on Peter Evans' desk, so we got plenty of publicity there."

Architect and heritage advisor to the City of Manningham, Richard Peterson, points out that "earth construction is, of course, commonplace in the Shire of Eltham, but was not supported in Doncaster and Templestowe". Only three adobe houses are known in Manningham (all in Warrandyte) and there are two examples of wattleand-daub construction—one house in Warrandyte and one section of the historic home Friedensruh in Doncaster.

The influence of eminent architect Robin Boyd can be seen in Manningham. Presented with the challenge of an unusual request, Boyd came up with an ingenious design for artists Inge and Grahame King. At the time, in the early 1950s, there was no road leading to their property—all building materials had to be transported over the surrounding paddocks. The Kings did not own a car so they travelled by bus and walked up through the bush for the first two years they lived in Warrandyte.

The cleverness of Boyd's design

The cleverness of Boyd's design was in its flexibility. "We hadn't any money. He was a marvellous man and he was intrigued with the idea and he came up with an idea of building a house that could be enlarged as we needed it, and could afford it." Just one room, measuring 36 by 23 feet, served as living area, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. In

the event, however, the house had to be modified in accordance with council regulations: "the Council wouldn't give us permission to build a one-roomed house. It wasn't moral, you see. It had to have a bedroom. So we decided, which was a good thing, to wall this verandah in, because for a verandah to face south and west would have been a very bad situation. So we walled it in and that became the children's room."

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Boyd's design incorporated intelligent features for making their house more livable. To keep the heat out he specified that 12 inch thick stone be used on the west wall. A raised platform inside featured flaps that could be opened to admit a cool draught from underneath the house on a hot day. "He had just been to Japan and it was one of his little gimmicks under this platform. There was a concrete foundation but that part was built by the builder—the rest we dug out ourselves because we decided to make a studio underneath, as well." The design helped to counter the heat of summer—one example of

summer—one example of
Musicians who have entertained at
venues in the local community are
many and varied. In the 1890s pianist
Annie Lane taught piano and played
at concerts in the school in
Warrandyte. Violinist Charles Rose
(who also taught music) and pianist
John Sloan performed there in the

In the 1920s Frank Lowe played piano, as did Sam McAuley and Anne (Annie) Jean Pridmore, who was also a poet and who had a hand in composing ballads in the 1920s and 30s, some of which were sung and recorded by Peter Dawson. (Poor Annie Pridmore was to suffer a sad fate. As a young woman in the early 1930s, she was disappointed in love, which drove her to lose her reason, and throw herself into the Yarra River at Warrandyte. Afterwards she was confined for the rest of her life to the Ballarat Asylum.) In the 1930s Gertrude Robertson was well known in the area as a pianist and soprano Popsy Wagner (now Mrs Ruby Bone) was known as the "Warrandyte Nightingale" —she trained with Hector Crawford and Madam Ashton, and was occasionally a featured artist at local dances. Mrs Jess Robinson played piano in the 1940s.

In the 1930s and 1940s bands played at the old-time dances: "through the 1940s particularly it was Milne's Orchestra who played at the Warrandyte Hall. My parents' generation would do barn dances, foxtrots and waltzes—waltzes were very popular."

very popular."
In the mid 1950s a music group was instigated with the formation of the Warrandyte Arts Association. In the youth culture of the late 1960s and early 1970s one of the local rock bands, Frame, used to play regular Saturday night gigs at venues such

as Mechanics' Institute halls; members of Frame were later to find fame after they changed their name to Skyhooks.

Bush bands and folk music have possessed lasting appeal in the area. The best-known local bush band, perhaps, is Paradiddle. They were playing in the late 1970s at Wurundjeri Festivals and their reputation as live performers and recording artists has steadily grown. Jan Bissett Johnson, the bass player of local bush band, the Free Selectors who began officially in 1983, has noticed a recent upsurge in demand for bands to play at bush dances with the celebration of the centenary of Federation.

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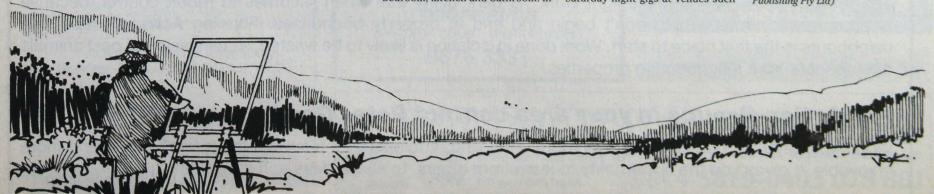
The Warrandyte Arts Association was formed in 1956. Under its banner, a variety of arts groups developed including: a pottery studio run since the mid 1960s by Marjorie Beecham; a craft group, still very active to this day; and music, painting and drama groups. An offshoot of the drama group—a children's creative dance class—was led by the 15-year-old local girl, Yvonne Mitchell (now Yvonne Reid).

Jo Laurence remembers helping out with these classes as disc jockey: "we just used to rely on records for kids to dance to. So that was our regular Saturday activity, running the kids' classes and consequently, being involved with the drama group. Yvonne used to be very active in those early years on stage as an actress. And I used to do a lot of backstage things. It's hard to imagine it now, but I did have the job of stage manager a couple of times, and the job of doing costumes for the children, and that sort of thing. We all got involved with sets—set painting—and things like that. It's an evolution of exposure to the arts world around here through those sources from a young age." In the 1980s and early 1990s the Association held children's classes in painting and pottery.

pottery.

The Warrandyte Arts Association amalgamated with the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute in 1986. For 30 years the Mechanics' Institute had been struggling to raise sufficient income for hall maintenance, so the Arts Association took over the Hall after a special public meeting at which the community approved the amalgamation and the effective transfer of the Institute's property to the Arts Association. Thus the Association became the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association (WMIAA).

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Situated in the centre of the town in the community centre, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is the place to meet, to learn more about the community, to become part of the community. Regular events include a weekly

Regular events include a weekly walking group on Mondays and a monthly discussion group—with guest speakers—on Fridays. Short, affordable courses are offered daytime and evening for all ages: health and well-being, local environment, creative arts.

There is also the opportunity to learn new skills by becoming a volunteer.

"Most of our volunteers start off by enrolling on one of our courses," Karen Throssell, the Neighbourhood House coordinator, told the *Diary*. "And they return to become a member of our welcoming and friendly team."

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House (WNH) has been running since the 1980s.



Community houses emerged in the 1970s, coinciding with the beginning of the women's movement. Women felt isolated by raising families, house duties, and domestic violence

and domestic violence.

"People might knock the courses," said Ms Throssell, "but community houses get women together to do things together—the House is part of their lives."

Karen Throssell is no stranger to the complexities and challenges

Karen Infossell is no stranger to the complexities and challenges of women's lives. She has had to juggle her professional life with her family life by commuting to the city for work. She was unhappy about leaving her daughter early in the morning and not seeing her again until the evening. Ironically, she was employed to research social issues— one of which was the Glass Ceiling/Home-Work Balance. While she was exploring family-friendly employers, she was working long hours herself. She wanted to do something that was consistent with her research.

She wanted to do something that was consistent with her research. Since becoming coordinator of WNH last year, Ms Throssell has been working towards doing more for people in need. A Warrandyte resident for 10 years, she has volunteered her skills to the community. Her experience at



Warrandyte Housing & Support Services revealed to her that there are a lot of people from areas around Warrandyte who are living in quite desperate circumstances.

circumstances.

Ms Throssell would like the
Neighbourhood House to run a
course, for people who would
benefit from it, on healthy
cooking on a budget. This would
include hints on budget buying, a
recipe, a demonstration, and a
free meal.

WNH recently obtained a grant

WNH recently obtained a grant to run art therapy sessions for adult acquired brain injury sufferers. There are very few courses for this particular age group although some are available for the elderly and the younger sufferers. Ms Throssell is pleased that WNH is filling the gap.

gap.
On Tuesday, March 12 at 8pm,
Warrandyte Festival's annual
Grand Read will take place at the
Grand Hotel. The enthusiasm and
diverse talents of local writers
who have participated in the past
inspired Ms Throssell and one of

her tutors to form a writing group. It meets one Friday evening a month at WNH. Its aims are to invite guest speakers, to attend writers' public events, to encourage individual development, and to produce a group anthology. Anybody who is interested in writing is invited to join.

Meek, WNH will devote
Wednesday, March 6 to women.
At a cost of \$10 for the day, it will
commence with muffins and
coffee, followed by a walk.
Women will be guided through a
series of courses on well-being
and health as well as being
served lunch.

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As co-ordinator of WNH, Ms
Throssell summed up: "My view is
that the walking and discussion
groups are in the direction where
I want WNH to go. They are more
relaxed, more informal, more
fun. They are a chance for people
to network and make friends, and
to discuss issues, and with the
walks they are a way to get to
know the community."



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Working together is beneficial for everybody. Handling problems as a team will make work easier and more enjoyable. It gives you the opportunity to learn from others, to share ideas and swap stories.

Music program at local school

The Warrandyte and District Community Music Program is an after-school music program held at Warrandyte Primary School. It is designed to provide quality instrumental music tuition to both primary and post primary students. There are currently vacancies for trumpet on Tuesday afternoons and violin on Wednesday afternoons. For further information contact Judy Finger on 9844 3150.

Volunteers

Volunteers are required for Artlinks—an arts program based in Warrandyte for senior members of the Manningham community. If you have skills in sewing or painting or would like to lend a helping hand please contact Jackie at Manningham Community Health Service on 9848 5236.

High School

An evening celebrating Warrandyte High School will be held in the school theatre in Alexander Road, Warrandyte on Tuesday, March 26 beginning at 7.30pm. Performances include both music and drama. For further details ring 9844 2749.

Assistance

Manningham Community Health Service is seeking helpers to drive frail aged people with disabilities to both leisure groups and medical or personal appointments. Please call Jackie on 9848 5326 if you can help.

Garden

The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte will be open to the public on the weekend of April 6 and 7 between 10am and 4.30pm as part of the Open Garden Scheme. Entry is \$4.50 for adults.

Churches

Warrandyte churches are combining to present Stations of the Cross at Stiggants Reserve at 10am on Good Friday. Other interchurch activities for 2002 will include Week of Prayer Service on May 19 and carols at Stiggants Reserve on December 14. Officebearers for the current year are Gary Gason—president, Ros McDonald—vice president, John Hanson—secretary, and Heather Ingram—treasurer.



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Dance

The next South Warrandyte Social Dance will be held at the South Warrandyte hall in Hall Road on Saturday, March 9 with the April dance on Saturday, April 13. The theme for the March dance will be Easter and for April, Nostalgia, focussing on the history of Warrandyte. Cost is \$7 per head. Enquiries to 9723 3892.

Osteoarthritis

The School of Physiotherapy at Melbourne University is looking Melbourne University is looking for participants in a study on knee joint osteoarthritis. To take part you must be female, 50 years or over, have had knee pain on most days of the past month, not have had physiotherapy for the past 12 months or had a knee or hip joint replacement. You also need to live in the Melbourne region. Anyone interested can contact Ben Metcalf on 8344 8127. Participants will receive physiotherapy treatment for their knee at no cost.

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and jazz musicians will add to

the atmosphere. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 child/concession or \$15 for a family.

Women

Women's Health East is celebrating International Women's Day by hosting a free lunch and entertainment for women on the Ringwood Lake on Thursday, March 7 from 12.30pm to 3pm. Entertainment includes women's circus helly includes women's circus, belly dancing, singers, African drumming and inspiring guest speakers. For catering purposes please ring 9879 2199 if you plan to attend.

A community market and car boot sale will be held at the Christmas Hills Primary School on Sunday, March 10, commen-cing at 10am. Stallholders are invited. Call Liz on 9712 0414 for bookings. bookings.

Readings

Readings
Food and Thoughts—Poetry and Prose at the Pub, is this year's eloquent title for the festival book readings to be held at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, March 12. The audience will be invited to enjoy a delicious light supper, as well as original poetry, short stories and other literary offerings by local authors, many of them old—and not-soold—favourites. The readings will take place in the upstairs function room, commencing at 8pm sharp.

Tickets available from the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop.

In an obituary to the late Wally Walsh, published in our last issue, we misspelt the name of his close friend Bryan Coates, and that of his grandchild Peta. We apologise for these errors, which were made during subedifing.



Warrandyte's Uniting Church will be celebrating Easter later this month.



Stations of the Cross will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday at 10am.

Other Easter services include:

- Uniting—(9844 3476)—Thursday, March 28 at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 9am and Easter Sunday at 10.15am;
- Anglican (9844 3473)—Thursday, March 28 at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 2pm and Easter Sunday at 8am and 9.30am.
- 8am and 9.30am.

 The Community Church (9844 4148) has services at 9am on Good Friday and 10am on Easter Sunday.

 Catholic (9876 1509) services will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 7.30pm at Warrandyte, 3pm on Good Friday at Park Orchards, 7.30pm on Easter Saturday at Park Orchards and on Easter Sunday, 8.30am at Warrandyte and 10.30am at Park Orchards.



Costumes

Isla Shaw, past winner of the Warrandyte Youth Award designed both sets and costumes for "3 Dark Tales" performed last month at the Malthouse Theatre in Melbourne. The show has won awards at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and is currently being toured internationally.

Creativity

An exhibition of works, "In a Well of Creativity" by artists/ educators from Manningham educators from Manningham Arts Centre and Try Activity Centre will be held at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster from March 1 to 17. Works include pieces in glass, metal, sculpture, painting, mosaic, paper and ceramics. There will be a free open day at Manningham Arts Centre on Sunday, March 17 from 11am to 3pm.



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By DAVID NICHOLSON

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Can you imagine life without family, television and chocolate for a term?

Year 9 Warrandyte High School students Kate Burns, Monica Grubb, George Welch, Sam Dodds, Ben Stewart and Michael Selim, along with 40 other students from schools in the eastern metropolitan and nothern country regions, have taken this challenge, shaken off homesickness and are enjoying their term one experience at the Alpine School.

The Department of Education school at Dinner Plain offers a fully residential program

school at Dinner Plain offers a fully residential program specialising in leadership and enterprise education for students in Year 9.

The selected Warrandyte students have adjusted to life without family, friends and chewing gum and are part of a

program that develops student skills in leadership and team based learning based around a community learning project. The Warrandyte team's project is to design a fence and goldfields mural to be built next

goldfields mural to be built next to the newly completed Goldfields playground.

The program offers other educational learning including solution-finding skills, whole-brain learning and de Bono six thinking hats, conflict resolution and public speaking skills, as well as discovering about the environment in the high country. Already the students have undertaken their level one first-aid course and level one first-aid course and the TAFE safe food handler's

Although the students work a six-day week, rise at 6.30am, have a lesson in the evening, wash their own clothes and are rostered on for food

preparation and clean up, with lights out at 9.30pm, life isn't all work.

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They have experienced adventure activities in the alpine region, such as rock climbing and horse riding. Unfortunately they are in the wrong season for skiing but the students claimed that it snowed one morning last week. The students recently coped with the physical challenge of a two day overnight walk in which they all worked as a team, having the responsibility of organising and carrying their food and equipment, as well as navigating a preselected route to their camp and pick up points.

points.

The Warrandyte students are enjoying their experience and acknowledge that the school is extending their personal comfort zones by the challenge of the program.

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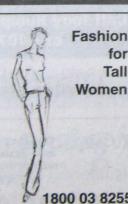


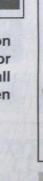
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Redbacks line up for a finals feast

The Warrandyte Redbacks are poised to make a huge impact on the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association finals. Warrandyte sent nine teams — six girls and three boys — into the first week of the finals on March 2 and came out with seven winners (five girls and seven winners (five girls and

seven winners (five girls and two boys).

Three of the girls teams go straight into the grand finals, the others into preliminary finals.

Finals time is always a mixed time, with some players finishing off their careers with Warrandyte and some just starting them.

Starters this time were the

starting them.
Starters this time were the two top Under-10 sides, the girls coached by Lorraine Parfitt and the boys by Gavin Whitmore. Both finished in the top four of the A-grade in their age group.

age group.
Parfitt's girls faced Bulleen at Bulleen and blitzed out of the blocks to lead 21-4 at the break with a display of top-quality basketball.

basketball.

Bulleen are a class side, with a number of Victorian championship Friday night players, and put it to the Redacks in the second half. The flow of the game was turning, with Bulleen benefiting from a steady stream of penalties.

Ace Redback guard Courtney Petalas was fouled off early in the second half and another star player, Madeleine Smith, followed her.

Free throws shots were going

Free throws shots were going with Bulleen and Parfitt called a time-out with just over two-and-a-half minutes to go to try

and-a-half minutes to go to try to settle down her players.

The Redbacks led at that stage by just five points, which Bulleen cut to three in the dying seconds. But the buzzer beat them, Warrandyte holding on for a 34-31 win and a prelim-



inary final berth against Balwyn on festival weekend. A similar struggle was going on between Warrandyte and the

on between Warrandyte and the visiting Nunawading Vikings in the boys cut-throat Under-10 Agrade final.

Warrandyte skipped away to lead 18-11 at the break but coach Whitmore feared a Nunawading comeback and he read it well, the Vikings scoring the opening two baskets to cut the lead to three points with just over 16 minutes to go.

Whitmore's words of encour-

Whitmore's words of encouragement did the trick, however. The Redbacks steadied and although they were never able to fully shake off their determined opponents, they went on to win 34-28 and advance to the preliminary finals. preliminary finals.

Experienced coach Malcolm Anderson had prepared his Under-12 boys with "street

basketball" at training and they took on Nunawading in the A Reserve-2 minor semi-final. A half-time lead of 15-8 was squandered when the Vikings

squandered when the Vikings hit back in the second half to narrow the gap to one point. There was nothing in it midway through the half, but lan McLeod was able to score from a rebound after unsuccessful shots at goal by the Redbacks.

Warrandyte slowly extended.

Warrandyte slowly extended

Warrandyte slowly extended the lead, but the game was still tight until Luke Saunders intercepted an end ball to make it a nine-point ball game.

The Redbacks continued to control play, with Josh Blakey, Gavin Yates and the ever-reliable Saunders doing the damage.

damage.
The victory advanced Warrandyte to the preliminary finals. Coach Ian Wood had to settle

for a place in the preliminary finals when his Under-14 B-grade boys went down 41-29 to Balwyn. The gap had closed to two points midway through the second half, but Warrandyte were unable to go on with the job

job.
Still, they get a second

Still, they get a second chance.
Warrandyte's top-aged girls teams were in fine form.
The Under-20s were reduced to five players in their B-grade clash at home with Nunawading. This is the last season for a number of these girls — Dee Arsenis, Kim Swain, Kyle Bevan and Jacquie Dick among them — who have been playing together for many seasons.
A 28-8 win against the top Nunawading side and a place in the grand final looks like providing them with a grand farewell.



Above: Matt Treeby and his Under-12 boys after defeating Banksia Lions 39-21 in the first semi-final. Back row: Sam Hardy, Tom McCarthy, Tim Hall. Front: Matthew Verstegen, Robbie Bowen, Sam Porter, Tyler Arnold.

Left: Warrandyte's Under-12 girls, who defeated Eltham 29-21 to advance directly to the grand final. Back Row: Kaitlin Little, Ashleigh Bingham, Natalie Medcalf, Fiona Rennie, Amie Brockwell. Front: Stephanie Smith, Sarah Clough, Stephanie Rudderham.

The Under-18s coached by Emma Wood were finally able to string together 40 minutes of basketball and easily accoun-ted for Koonung 71-30 on their home court.

home court.

If they can maintain that kind of form a grand final appearance is on the cards, but alternative commitments for key player Chelsea Ransom in the upcoming preliminary final, probably against Eltham, will provide a test.

The club also bid farewell to Rachael Lynch when the Linder-

Rachael Lynch when the Under-16s coached by Tristan Messerle went down 24-20 to

Messerle went defilition.

Lynch will concentrate on her hockey — she was selected last year in the Australian Under-16 team.

The two halves of this game were similar, Warrandyte

The two halves of this game were similar, Warrandyte leading and Eltham pegging them back. Gina Oliver levelled at 10-all for Warrandyte at the break, but Eltham were able to get to the lead in the second half and play "keepies off" for most of the last three minutes. This puts Warrandyte out of the finals in A-grade, but a number of the lower teams are still in the hunt.

still in the hunt.
The second Under-16 side,

coached by Ian Coull, held off a determined Ivanhoe 31-29 to advance to the A2 grand final, while the B-grade side of Nick Peters would have to be the shortest-priced favourites for the flag, demolishing their nearest rivals 53-5.

In the battle of the Metro coaches from last year, Warwick Armstrong's Under-16 girls easily defeated the other Warrandyte side, coached by Nigel Walsham, 28-11.

Other winners from the semifinal round were Lorraine

Other winners from the semi-final round were Lorraine Parfitt's Under-14 girls, who beat Eltham 41-21. An outstand-ing game by Libby Lavery, with strong support from Jess Solty, were highlights The final top side in action on Saturday were the Under-12 girls coached by Tristan Messerle. A close result was expected

Messerle.

A close result was expected when the visiting Eltham side closed the gap with four minutes to go, but Messerle was able to restore his team's balance and they ran away with it in the final minutes to win 29-21.

Guard Stephanie Smith, with 11 points, was outstanding and

11 points, was outstanding and Ashleigh Bingham and Fiona Rennie other very good players.

Warrandyte pass the Metro test

February was a testing month for Warrandyte Redbacks Basketball Club, the start of the official grading phase for the elite Metro grades of the junior championship.

championship.
And they came through with flying colours.
The first phase finished on February 15 and 17, with all teams in contention playing at least twice.
Five Redback teams are trying out in this grading cycle, 64 sides vying for 46 places in each age group in the final competition.
The best credentialled are

The best credentialled are Damian Arsenis' Under-12 boys, who surprisingly were placed in the relatively low Pool 3 despite good results in the December pre-grading games and a final-five finish in Under-11 Metro 1 in 2001

in 2001.

Phase 1 grading involved a round robin with three other teams and Arsenis' boys easily topped their pool group but needed a win against another Pool 3 winner, Cranbourne, to gain entry into a challenge match.

Warrandyte scorrhed out of

Marrandyte scorched out of the blocks at Broadmeadows and led 24-4 after 10 minutes. A huge win was on the cards, but the Redbacks relaxed, fell into unforced errors and Cranbourne took full advant-

age.
With five minutes to go the gap had closed to two points, with Cranbourne on a roll. But with strong vocal encouragement from Arsenis, Warrandyte

were able to refocus to score the last five points and take the game 39-32.

After that fright, uncertainty surrounded a Sunday challenge match against the higher-pooled Frankston at Dande-

nong.
This was a high-standard game, with the Redbacks holding the upper hand throughout to win 34-20 and earn promotion to a higher pool and a chance of making Metro 1.
Another team with a shot at Metro 1 are the Under-18 girls of Emma Wood.
This team hoast some of the

of Emma Wood.

This team boast some of the talented Under-16 North West premier-ship side of 2001 who are blending with members of Warrandyte's Under-18 Metro sides from last year.

They easily finished on top of the pool group and played Blackburn for a chance to make the higher grade.

It was a rough game and Warrandyte were still hampered by injuries to Simone Gemmel and Jenna Hardy, but the two sides went basket for basket.

In what recently has been a In what recently has been a feature of her game, point guard Kim Singh put up a long shot just on the half-time buzzer to tie it up at 23-all.

The second half was virtually a repeat of the first, but the more physical Blackburn were starting to get on top.

starting to get on top. Coach Wood called a time-out late in the game and a change in tactics, with Warrandyte now matching Blackburn's "in your

Betting on a long shot



They're calling her Miss Three-Pointer. Redbacks Under-18 star Kim Singh has made a specialty of dropping the long shots at crucial moments. In her last four Friday night games, Kim has shot three-pointers right on the half-time buzzer, mostly from close to the

face" style of play, brought the deficit back to two points with the final seconds on the clock.

the final seconds on the clock.
With just seconds to go, the
Blackburn defence opened up
under the basket and robust
Redback guard Jess Kemp
scored to make it 44-all.
Both teams were exhausted
and, perhaps luckily for
Warrandyte, the referees did
not realise that extra time
should have been played, to
decide who would advance to
the interpool challenge game
on the Sunday.
Fortunately, Warrandyte
advanced as a result of their
higher ranking in the early
games.

Again, Warrandyte could only field six players and faced the dangerous Doncaster at dangerous Doncaster at Diamond Valley. It was a sluggish start and the

Redbacks held a two-point lead at the break. They came out more focused in the second half and applied significant pressure on Doncaster in the defensive half.

Gemmel, returning from injury, point guard Kim Singh and forward Anna Middleton forced several soul-destroying turnovers and Warrandyte raced away to win 33-20 and grab a chance at Metro 1.

Supercoach Lorraine Parfitt has two teams vying for Metro honours.

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Her Under-12 girls were clearly wrongly graded in the initial phase, easily winning all their pool group games and beating Altona 48-11 in an intrapool match.

Their next assignment was significantly different, against the higher-ranked Frankston at

Nunawading.

The first half was tight, with Warrandyte holding a 13-11 lead but under as much pressure as they had faced all season.

A breakaway goal by Warrandyte's Courtney Petalas which was disallowed after interference behind the play appeared to give the psychological edge to Frankston, but the Redbacks held their nerve and the goals began to drop for them.

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Outstanding work by the entire team—and especially by Cassie Wilson and Ashlee Collins—saw Warrandyte home 26-15.

Parfitt's second team, the

Parfitt's second team, the Under-16 girls, had a tougher road in their round robin games, but finished on top of

road in their round robin games, but finished on top of their group.

They then stumbled badly against Cranbourne, going down 34-20, which made their next game, against Diamond Valley, critical for their hopes of a Metro berth.

The game at Broadmeadows was marred by some inconsistent calls from the referees, which did Warrandyte no favours, but they slowly gained the ascendency and led by 12 points at the break.

Little separated the teams in the second half, with first Diamond Valley and then Warrandyte stringing the baskets together.

The Redbacks had the better of it though and prevailed 46-30, giving them an outside chance of a Metro 2 position.

Warrandyte's final team challenging for Metro honours are Gavin Whitmore's Under-16 boys, who had been weakened by the loss of a number of players but started the pregrading phase in 2001 strongly. However, a dramatic loss of form in the Phase 1 grading section saw them drop to the bottom of their pool with the possibility of missing out on Metro honours for 2002.

Three games were before the boys on the weekend of February 15-17 and three wins were necessary to keep their hopes alive.

They started well with a tough 37-34 win over the Melbourne Tigers and were then much too good for Eltham, Josh Collins (21), Hamish Hosking (15), and Robert Illingworth (10) leading the scoring spree in a 61-27 victory.

The game was not without incident, Daniel Noone shedding blood and and Jake Ratcliffe felled in a nasty piece of play.

The Redback boys faced

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The Redback boys faced Frankston in the final game of the weekend in a make or break affair, but the flow was now running their way.

Hosking was returning to his best form and Jake Ratcliffe had recovered from injury to lead Warrandyte to a comfortable 54-34 win.

It kept their Metro ambitions alive, but they will need to maintain their winning form in the next grading cycle this month.

Our moment of truth

One of the truisms of sporting competitions that use a play-off system to decide a premiership is that the events of the home-and-away rounds count for nothing when the critical finals rounds

arrive.

The preliminary rounds are held to decide who will compete for the major prize and the order in which matches will be played.

Such is the fate that now befalls Warrandyte's senior cricketers. They have finished the season in fourth place in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Wilkins Shield competition and will meet St Andrews in a cut-throat semifinal.

Andrews in a cut-throat semifinal.

The Dytes' form going into the
finals has, to be kind, been
mediocre, with disappointing
defeats in the final two matches
of the season.

But the important thing is that
they are in the finals and
everything starts from scratch.
It will be a philosophy that
Warrandyte captain Dave
Mooney will be instilling in his
players in the lead-up to the
first final.

Despite the events of the final
two games, culminating in a 50run loss to Bayswater Park in
the last round, Warrandyte
remain premiership contenders.

Should Warrandyte take the

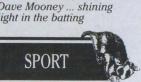
ers.
Should Warrandyte take the next step towards an A-grade premiership and immediate promotion back into the prestigious Chandler Shield competition, they must get more out of their batting line-

up.
The attack has been steady all year, rarely conceding its opponents more than 200 runs. But it is the batting that has failed consistently.

Against Bayswater Park,



Dave Mooney light in the batting



Warrandyte restricted the opposition to 151, with evergreen Gerald Walshe again the pick of the bowlers with five wickets. But Warrandyte could manage only 101 in reply, with Campbell Holland and extras top scoring, each with 16 runs. This has been a situation repeated too often during the year. Mooney has been the most consistent run-maker with more than 400 for the season, but few others in the line-up can boast a season's tally above 200.

A tilt at the premiership will now rely heavily on the form of such players as Steve Bell and Michael Day at the top of the

order.

Both have shown glimpses of form, with Bell the only batsman to score a century.

Matt Chapman is likely to return to the line-up after being unavailable for the last game and his scores of 72 and 47 in his past two innings indicate he



Steve Bell ... the season's only century maker.

is in more than reasonable

form.

But more must come from players such as Cam Day, Rod Bird and Tyson Brent if Warrandyte are to make a concerted effort to take out the

concerted effort to take out the premiership.

The attack still relies heavily on veterans Walshe and Chris Snaidero, but Holland is quickly making his mark.

The young quick, who was playing in the junior elevens three seasons ago, is maturing as a bowler and has been especially dangerous during his especially dangerous during his

as a bowler and has been especially dangerous during his mid-innings spells.
Holland's deceptive pace is proving invaluable in making inroads into opposition middle orders and he will again be critical in the first final against St Andrews.
But little can be said of the past two matches, against premiership favourites South Croydon and Bayswater Park.
On the first day at South Croydon, the home side's strong batting line-up was restricted to 216, with Cameron Cloke taking four wickets on his senior debut. Holland also finished with four.

Youngsters going for glory too

By LEE DEHMEL

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Under-14/2 eleven have made the junior finals. One of four teams fielded this season, they finished the home-and-away season in third spot and on present form are a real chance of going all the way.

"The season has truly exceeded all my expectations, given the results the boys have achieved," proud coach Greg Thomas told the Diary.

"Our third position on the ladder after nine games indicates that the boys have all worked very hard as a team and backed each other through the good and difficult times during the season."

Thomas said the most pleasing aspect of the season had been the improvement of every box in his technique, chility and

the season had been the improvement of every boy in his technique, ability and

appreciation of the game of cricket.

"I could see as the season moved forward that the boys were enjoying their cricket more and becoming extremely competitive against all opposition," he said.

"I'd like to thank them all for their commitment, humour, effort and their will to learn and improve individual skills. It makes coaching both more enjoyable and very rewarding seeing the improvement and camaraderie sharted by all."

Junior presentation day for the Under-14s and the club's two Under-12 teams will be held at the clubrooms at 10am on Sunday, March 24. The Under-16s will have their presentations with the seniors that night at

presentations with the seniors that night at Pasta Mania.

All parents, other family members, friends and supporters are welcome.

But the batting again disappointed, only Chapman's 47 challenging the South Croydon attack.

Croydon attack.

At home against Bayswater Park, the batting was again the weak link. Going into the game, Warrandyte could finish no higher or lower than fourth, but a win would have been a valuable morale booster for the finals.

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By the end of the first day with Bayswater Park all out for 151 and Warrandyte 0-4 in reply, the processed week was set up for

and Warrandyte 0-4 in reply, the second week was set up for some crucial batting practice.
But 32 overs later, the Dytes were all out.
Bayswater Park then set about scoring 6-101 and declaring, leaving Warrandyte 12 overs to score an improbable 152 for outright victory.
Bell's 57 was a highlight but the runs chase was never on.
The Second XI capped off a disappointing season with a comfortable win over Bayswater Park.
So often the seconds were in positions to win games but, like their senior counterparts, the

batting consistently let them down. John Prangley picked up his third five-wicket haul for the season at Bayswater Park while

season at Bayswater Park while another young player with an outstanding future, Adam Gamble, picked up two wickets in his senior cricket debut.

Gamble had played all season in the Under-16s but was given his chance in the open-age competition and grasped it with both hands.

His 2-22 off 10 overs was an

His 2-22 off 10 overs was an exciting start to what is likely to be a successful senior future

to be a successful senior future at Warrandyte.

Matthew Chapman (64) and Greg Creber (62) were the best of the Warrandyte batsmen while another Under-16 player, wicketkeeper Justin Cleaves, showed his batting skills with a quickfire 41 in the second innings. innings.
The Third Eleven finished off

The Third Eleven finished off an improving year with a runaway victory over top side Norwood. Brendan Baker led the way with the bat, scoring 74, while skipper Nathan Croft was 62 not

out.
Tegan Kocijan continued his developing efforts as a bowler, taking four wickets.
Warrandyte's one-day side finished the season in second place and will play Aquinas in the first week of the finals.
The team were introduced this year and have been an immediate success.
Warrandyte will hold their presentation night at Pasta Mania restaurant on Sunday, March 24, starting at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 a head (junior players free).

Cricket details:

Seniors: Warrandyte 101 and 2-88 (Bell 57) lost to Bayswater Park 151 (Walshe 5-52) and 6 dec 101. Seconds: Warrandyte 220 (Chapman 64, Creber 62, White 28) and 2-82 (Cleaves 41, Fazzolari 34) d Bayswater Park 127 (Prangley 5-36).

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Thirds: Warrandyte 250 (Baker 75, Croft 65 n.o., Bradshaw 42) d Norwood 124 (Kocijan 4-43, Bradshaw 4-53).

One-day team: Warrandyte 2-112 d Boronia 110 (N. Cook 3-15, T. Cook 3-22).

Under-18 footballers dying race

Young Bloods galore

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's 2002 season will be the most successful yet, if last month's registration day is any

month's registration day is any indication.

"The number of players registered jumped by 25 per cent from last season," club president Mathew Matheou told the *Diary*.

"We are delighted with the result, with many new players joining us.

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"It means we will be able to field a number of teams at the same age levels, allowing players to make new friendships and to experience football at a number of different skill levels."

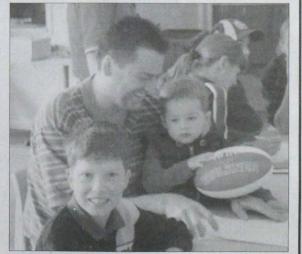
Coaches and support staff

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Coaches and support staff have already been organised and training has started for some of the teams.

"One of the very pleasing things about the coaching staff this year is that we have a number of former juniors volunteering to coach."

Matheou said. "We will be talking more about these boys next month but this commitment and willingness to be involved in the club that



The first step, perhaps, towards stardom. An excited new player is signed up by his dad at registration day— and little brother will be pulling on the boots one day as well.

taught them fundamental football skills speak volumes about the culture of the club.

"There is already a very good feel withing the club, with a lot of boys taking it upon themselves to start their own training drills to improve their fitness and capabilities.

"It can be a confusing time for many of our players who are not only starting as junior cricket players but training as footballers as well," he said.

Matheou said the club had strong numbers at the critical Under-9 level all the way

through to the (Under-17)

Colts.

"We have also been very pleased with the number of businesses around Warrandyte which have become sponsors and we really thank them for their support," he said.

Any parents who would like to register their boys as players or any prospective sponsors who would like to be involved with the club are invited to contact Matheou on 0418 542434 or secretary Kevin O'Mara on 9844 2964.

By LEE TINDALE

A concerted off-season campaign — which included merger talks with other football clubs — has failed to round up an Under-18 team to represent Warrandyte in 2002.

The Under-18s, an important link between junior and senior football and the "nursery" of many of today's local senior stars, will be missing for the second year in a row.

As Warrandyte Football Club stalwarts Brian Williams, Phil Treeby and Lawrie Sloandiscovered as they combed this town and neighbouring suburbs for recruits, the apathy towards playing the game at this level is a malaise plaguing the Eastern Football League.

"We approached every high school and private school in

the Eastern Football League.
"We approached every high school and private school in this area and beyond and received very little response," Williams said.
"We talked to seven or eight boys whose names had been supplied by the Warrandyte Junior Football Club but were able to sign only four.

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"We also talked individually with Templestowe, Donvale, East Ringwood and Norwood football clubs about the possibility of combining an Under-18 side.

"We were very close to reaching agreement with Templestowe, but discussions broke down at the last minute."

Williams said the experience underlined the problems within the EFL associated with getting an Under-18 side together.

"It is by no means confined to

Brian Williams ... ongoing

Warrandyte," he said. "A lot of clubs are having the same problems.

"There are so many other interests available now to boys of that age and football is suffering because of it."

Despite a very disappointing initial response, Warrandyte's campaign to resurrect the Under-18s is by no means over.

"We've learnt a lot and Phil, Lawrie and I will be making this an ongoing thing," Williams said. "We'll be redoubling our efforts to get a team on to the field in 2003.

"We thank the junior football club for their assistance and cooperation and look forward to working closely with president Mathew Matheou and his committee in the future."

Meanwhile, the Bloods' senior

Meanwhile, the Bloods' senior squad continues to grow and impress in the lead-up to 2002. Local supporters can expect to see several new faces in the team that runs out to meet Wantirna South in the season's opener at home on April 6.

"I'd expect six or seven new players to be in the firsts this season," said coach Scott Hunter. The recruits include exciting East Burwood (First Division) pick-ups Stuart Wynd and Adam Barlow — who impressed at full-forward and roving respectively in an intraclub hit-out at Stinton Reserve on February 28 — Dave Young, from Donvale, and Chris Harvey (East Ringwood).

The only confirmed absentee from last season's senior list is fleet-footed forward Andrew Jacovou, who has gone to Coldstream.

Warrandyte will play three practice matches in the countdown to the new season — a twilight-night affair at home to Doncaster East on Friday, March 8, at home again to Diamond Creek on Saturday, March 16, and away to Hampton on Saturday, March 23.

The March 16 game will be part of the Warrandyte at Club supports in the Club will hold its sponsors in pight at Club.

part of the Warrandyte Festival celebrations.

The club will hold its sponsors night at Club Warrandyte on Wednesday, March 20, starting at seven. The evening will feature live entertainment and the draw for jumper and scoreboard naming rights.

All supporters are welcome and the contact is treasurer Jeff Evans (9722 1111).



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