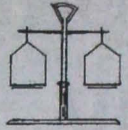


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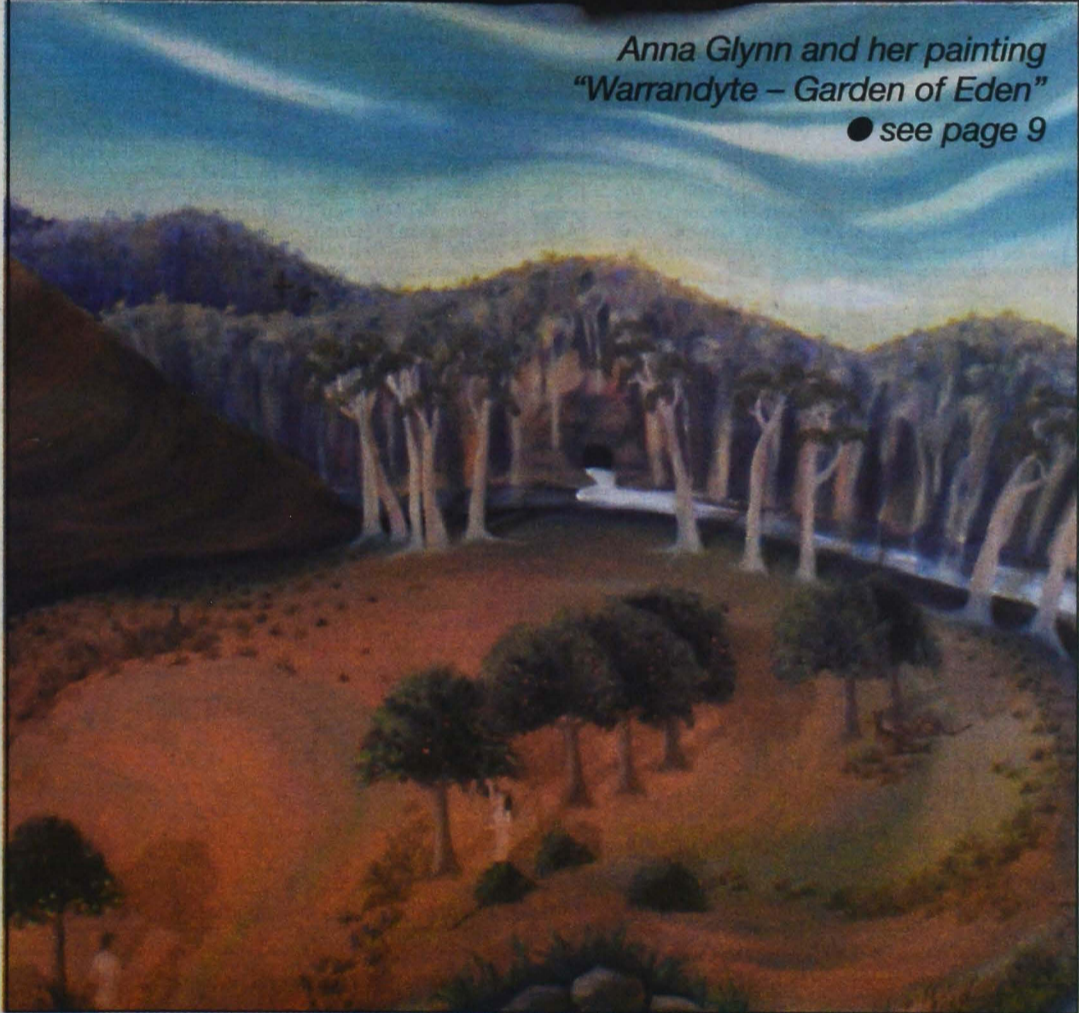


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Subdivision fears



Anna Glynn and her painting "Warrandyte - Garden of Eden" ● see page 9



By FIA CLENDINNEN

A proposed subdivision in North Warrandyte has been described as a "test case" for the new Nillumbik council.

The owner of an uninhabited two-acre bush block in Osborne Road wishes to subdivide the property into two one-acre lots. The case is expected to go before Nillumbik council in September.

Ruth Rankin from the Osborne Road-based landcare group (the North Warrandyte Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group) told the *Diary* she was convinced the previous council would have immediately rejected the proposed subdivision but she felt it was impossible to predict how the new council would vote.

"It's very much an unknown, because it's a new council," Ms Rankin said. "This will be a test case for the council, I believe, and the environment. It's a test for the Green Wedge."

Ms Rankin stressed a decision in favour of subdivision would have enormous ramifications for the whole of Warrandyte.

"Absolutely," she said. "Anybody with a two-acre property would then be saying, 'oh beauty, I'll subdivide'. It will set a precedent, we believe."

Since its election earlier this year, Nillumbik council has made several decisions that some in the community have seen as pro-development and detrimental to the Green Wedge. However these decisions so far have affected other parts of the shire. The proposed Osborne Road subdivision will be the first time an issue from Warrandyte goes before the new Nillumbik council.

Nillumbik's Planning Scheme does not prohibit the subdivision. However the property in question has three overlays on it: environmental significance, significant landscape and wildfire management. It also has a flora and fauna guarantee that is of state significance. This means a subdivision is not an automatic right but requires a permit from the council, in

consideration of the overlays and other relevant policies.

The Osborne Road Landcare group has described the bush on the property as "pristine". In their letter of objection to the proposed subdivision they stated to the council, "we do not think this fragile property, abutting some of our best riparian habitat could support two houses, two effluent envelopes and all the infrastructure people and pets seem to require these days, without very substantial damage to the existing bush and serious diminishing of a link in the habitat corridor currently existing."

The group has worked for years on both public and private land to create a "continuous habitat corridor along the Yarra and tributaries". They have received several grants from different levels of government, including a \$200,000 Bushcare grant from the commonwealth government's Natural Heritage Trust and \$10,000 from Nillumbik shire to remove *Pinus Radiata*.

Bob Stubbings, ward councillor for Yanakie, has been following the matter closely, spending time with both the Osborne Road group and the owners of the property. "I have been interested in this case since its inception and have been canvassing both sides of the issue," he said.

However Cr Stubbings declined to reveal his position. "By making a statement now I am pre-empting a council decision which I think is disrespectful to my colleagues," he said.

Ms Rankin said her group naturally wanted Cr Stubbings to vote against the proposed subdivision, but they were also hopeful he would actively encourage his fellow councillors to do the same.

"I would hope our ward councillor would not only support us but would also do some sort of lobbying within the planning committee councillors to help them understand that they need to really make a good decision here."

The *Diary* was unable to contact the owners of the property.



They've tied a yellow ribbon round the old gum tree: Margaret Burke, Michele Ryan and Jenny Brown on Osborne Road land threatened with subdivision. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS

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Shelby Green is a cute-as-a-button not-quite-two-year-old with very engaging ways. Who'd have thought she could terrorise such a large and imposing real estate auctioneer as Andrew Wilson? Shelby had been doing the rounds of the local home auctions with mum and dad David and Mary—who were renting and looking to buy after selling—and she must have fancied the place that was going under the hammer in Webb Street. When Andrew asked was there any advance on \$200,000, she brought the auction to quite a bemused and confused standstill by throwing her arms into the air and shouting "Wheeee!" We suppose that under the strictest interpretation of auction procedure, Andrew could have accepted that as a genuine bid and held little Shelby to it. But he probably reckoned anyone that age would have trouble raising the deposit anyway and let her off the hook. The house was passed in and later sold privately.



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on the team regardless. We wonder if he's changed his mind as Carlton charge, lemming like, towards their first wooden spoon.

It was near dark at the Croydon yard and Irish Les, the used car salesman of KG Road, was negotiating with a customer when a flock of raucous cockatoos flew overhead. "My God, what was that?" the startled customer asked. "Peterodactyl," replied Les, quick as a flash, "and you've got to watch them, you know, because they're liable to carry you off and feed you to their young!" With a beguiling sales patter like that it's no wonder Irish Les shifts such a lot of pre-loved motor cars.

We were Grant "Socks" Egan or Chris Sherriff we wouldn't be giving up our real job to get into wrecking. Socks recruited Chris to give him a hand to pull down a shed at his place in Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and, logically, they would have started from the top. Instead they started from the bottom and were left scratching their heads and surveying a roof supported by four studs. Would have made a bonzer hay shed, but Socks is most unlikely to start raising livestock because he says he's not too sure if sheep go "baa" and cows go "moo" or vice versa.

They're a caring, sharing lot, the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, and right now they're more than happy to let you in on a veritable treasure. It's the Narrow-leaf New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*), a delicate, purple-flowered sub-shrub common in some parts of eastern Victorian but very rare around these parts. The Friends have managed to collect seed and grow this little beauty and it can be yours by calling Cathy Willis on 0418 142297. Cathy says the daisy looks great in a rockery or wildflower garden and thrives in dry conditions. So go for it!



Smokey Joe

Local students of infamous sporting ring-ins are calling it the biggest rort since the Fine Cotton affair. They swear that at least three talented "foreigners"—including at least one Victorian state player—lined up with the footy club girls in their game under lights with the Pub Power lovelies at the local ground on July 20. Shock horror! No wonder they won! Hot on the trail of this alleged scandal, Smokey quizzed footy club treasurer and former president Jeff Evans, who vigorously denied any form of impropriety. "Look," he said, "all our players either live in Warrandyte or are good mates of girls who live in Warrandyte!" Then he changed tack a little: "All our players have postcodes that start with three—so they *must* live in Warrandyte!" Oh, that's okay then. Rumours are now circulating that Nathan Buckley has already been approached to play in next year's return match in lipstick, mascara and a long blonde wig.

'And what am I bid for this?' Shelby Green might well be asking. Watch her—she's a big spender!

Mooroolbark—a result which saw them out of the relegation woods—provided just the right atmosphere and a great time was had by all (particularly by a couple of Smokey's associates who must have heard a story that long-term prohibition was going to be introduced on the stroke of midnight). And really, who cared about the final score when two infinitely worthy causes were the big winners? Thanks very largely to the generosity of sponsors—and there were a heap of them—the event raised \$5000 for the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre and Kids With Cancer. The game is covered pictorially on Page16.

Now don't start getting trigger happy or anything like that, but we have a very aggro wombat in our midst! Belying the reputation of the species as being cute and cuddly, this belligerent bugger savaged Jan Skinner when she was walking her dog after dark in Glynn Road on August 1. Bit her on the foot and calf then on the shoulder when she fell over. We suggest you give a wide berth to the next wombat whose path you might cross.

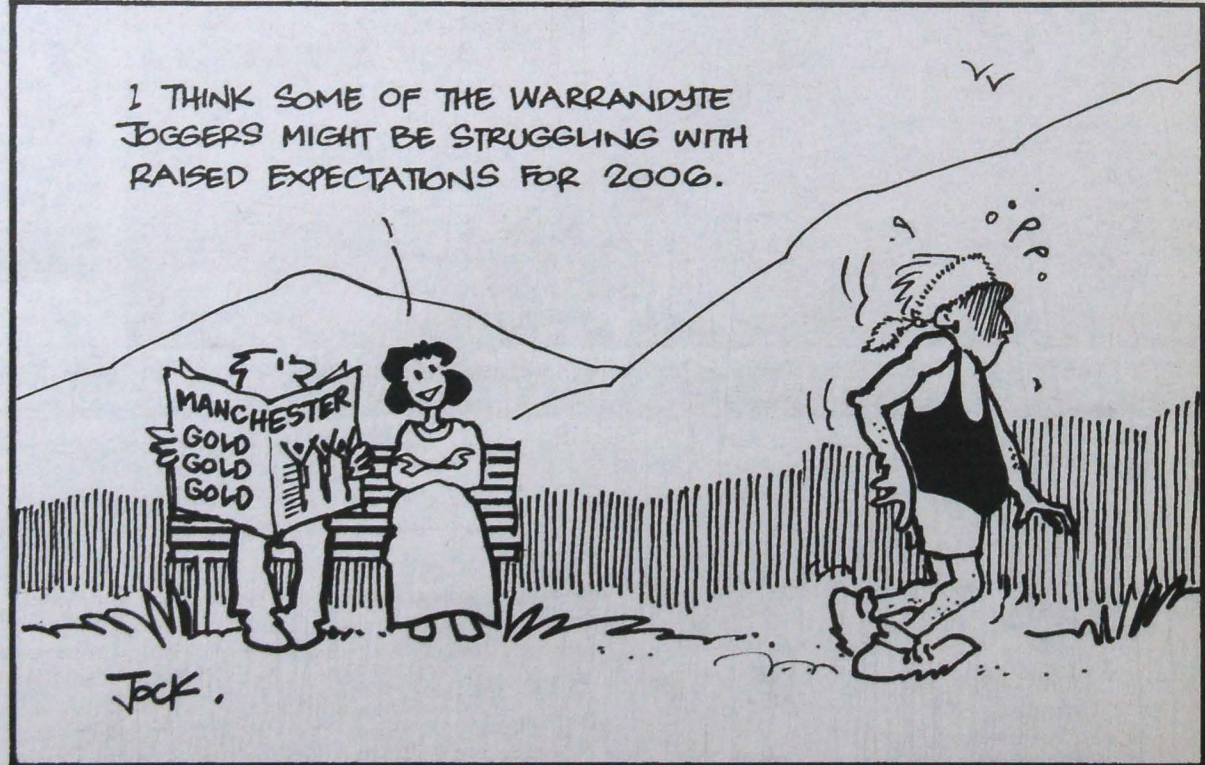
Carlton AFL coach Wayne Brittain can't say he wasn't warned. When Brittain approached our very own Kevin Close to be a forward scout (which are two nice, innocuous words for spy) for the Blues this season, Closey pointed out that his track record wasn't all the flash. Indeed it wasn't. He'd already seen off four league coaches—Robert Walls, John Northey, Tim Watson and Malcolm Blight—in the cloak-and-dagger capacity, leaving Leigh Matthews the sole survivor of such a liaison. But Brittain said that was okay, he wanted him

Some of those sponsors missed a mention in the list published in an ad in last month's *Diary*, so we put that right here. They are Sevron, Stylex Pty Ltd, Frank Wright, Echo Valley, Sundeck Tanning Studio, Cindy's Hair Perfection, Euro Motor Group, Beauty Spectrum, Fiona Joy and Darkzone Box Hill. The organisers thank you and all those like you.

Ring-ins aside, the girls' game was a huge success. A big crowd celebrating the Bloods' win that afternoon over

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



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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.

Mine talks still coming

By SAM DAVIES

Parks Victoria will consult local community groups about the future of historic gold mines in Warrandyte.

This follows a concerted local campaign against proposed closure due to alleged safety reasons.

Chief parks ranger for Yarra district, Mary-Lou Dixon, told the *Diary* that Parks Victoria had planned for consultation with the Warrandyte Historical Society, Warrandyte Community Association and Friends groups for later this month.

Secretary of the Community Association, Simon Kearney, said that the group had had no response to letters since Parks Victoria announced its decision to "shelve indefinitely" plans to close mines in Warrandyte State Park in May.

Ms Dixon cited the end of the financial year as the reason no contact had been made, and said a formal date for the consultations was to be made in the next few days. "We're hoping for, depending on availability of the groups, on consultations in the next two or three weeks."

Parks Victoria indicated it would endeavour to achieve stronger community consultation after its initial proposal to block popular mines over safety concerns caused outrage and

controversy throughout the Warrandyte community.

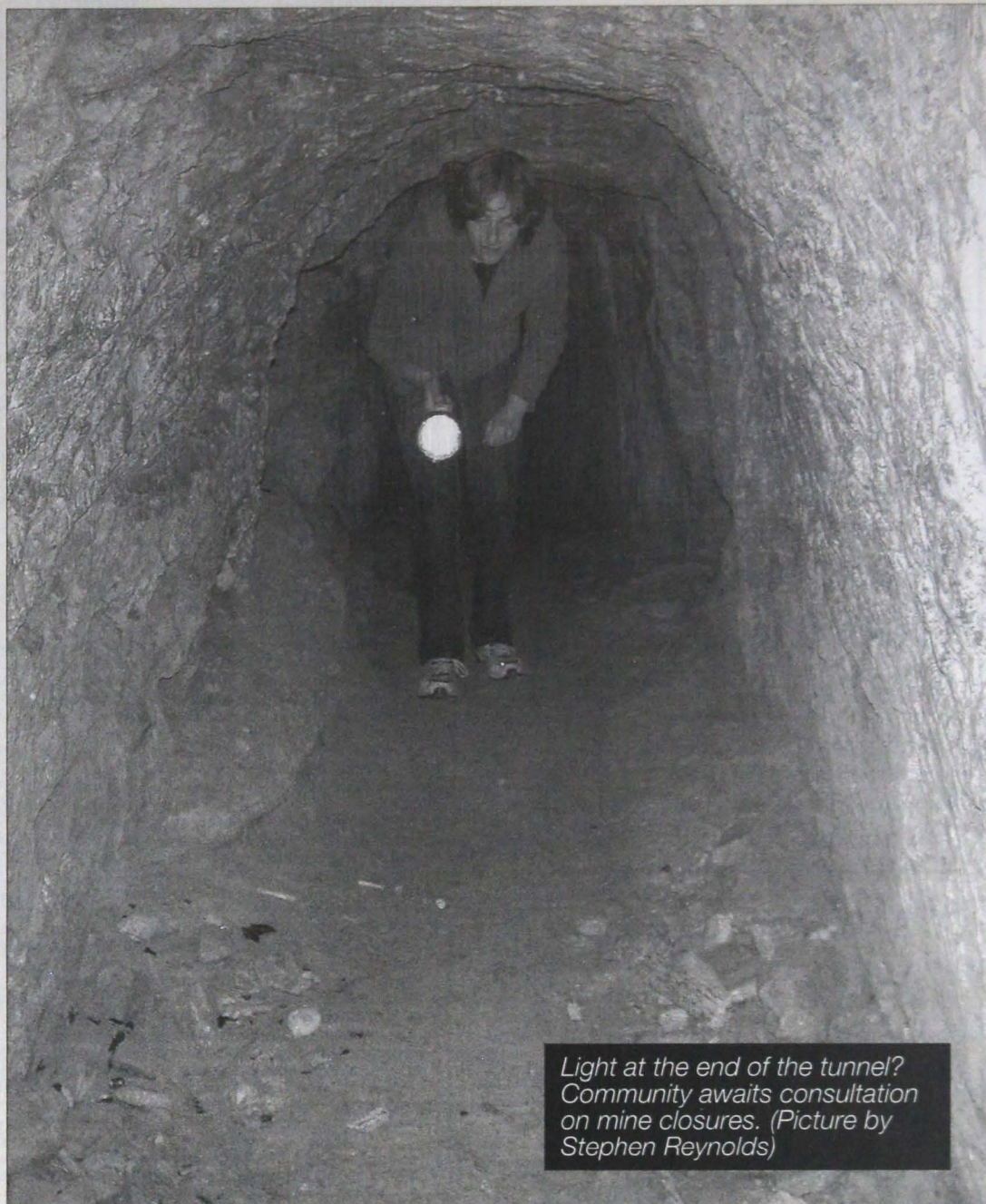
These consultations will provide the opportunity to discuss safety works and ensure that all views in the community are represented. As yet, no formal structure for the consultations has been decided, though Ms Dixon said it would be "ideal" to talk to all three groups together.

Mr Geoff Speedy, of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, says his group was "miffed" that Parks Victoria should have made their original decision "without consulting us".

"Our group is vitally concerned with park issues," he wrote in the latest FOWSP Newsletter. "Over the past five years we have raised over \$28,000 in direct grants, over \$15,000 in subscriptions, donated plants valued at over \$60,000 and volunteered time which outweighs these cash amounts."

"We see management come and go at the Park, sometimes better, sometimes worse. We have to live with Park decisions over a much longer time than those making the choices."

"If there is a case for closure, the evidence must stand public scrutiny," Mr Speedy said. "Alternatives must be considered and time allowed to work through the issues and adapt to any loss of freedom."



Light at the end of the tunnel? Community awaits consultation on mine closures. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Tourist info, there for the asking

CLYDE & OCKER



"I'll tell the tourists where to go, Ock!"

By SAM DAVIES

While Warrandyte does not have an accredited tourist information centre, information for tourists is still widely available.

This clarification follows local press reports that Warrandyte was without a tourist information centre.

Information Warrandyte, a service operating out of the Warrandyte Community Centre and in conjunction with the Warrandyte Historical Society, offers a wide range of information about Warrandyte and the local district.

However, due to staff and funding shortages, it is unable to fulfil the strict criteria of a bona fide tourist

information centre, which includes being open from nine to five each day, as well as providing information beyond the local area.

While the service is currently only open for shortened hours, six days a week, this has not always been the case. From September 1997 until August 1998, Manningham council paid for weekend staffing at the centre.

Coordinator of Information Warrandyte, Patricia Abbott, told the *Diary* that when this funding ceased, she "realised how important it was to be open on weekends".

Since then, she has been "working hard" to find volunteers for weekend help.

Partial success came in June this year when the centre began opening on Sundays between 11am and 3pm, for which Ms Abbott was very grateful. "It's marvellous, the extra time these volunteers are donating to us," she said.

Until recently, Warrandyte had two major tourist information outlets. The other was provided by an organisation called Valley of the Arts operating most recently at Stonehouse Café.

Andrew Gray, tourism coordinator and consultant to Valley of the Arts, said support for this tourism service "fell by the wayside" 12 months ago, and assets were transferred to the regional board. The board

continued to pay for rent and brochures until June 30 this year when the contract expired.

Mr Gray said the major problem with the Stonehouse site was "it wasn't in the heart of Warrandyte".

Previously, Valley of the Arts had run its operations from a restored cottage in Yarra Street. According to former tourism coordinator Jenny Grinlington, this "didn't survive," because they were unable to secure council funding.

Ms Abbott is also mindful of the role of local councils in funding tourism centres. "We exist solely because of generous grants from Manningham and Nillumbik,"

she said.

Volunteer help is also vital to the smooth running of such community services. Information Warrandyte currently has 24 such volunteers, with four new arrivals this year. Despite this, Ms Abbott admits they are still "desperately in need".

Ms Abbott was quite specific about the role of local councils in promoting Warrandyte. "We don't attract tourists to Warrandyte. They come, and we give them information."

● Information Warrandyte will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, August 14.

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The Warrandyte Business Association (WBA) applied to the Federation Fund for a grant to build the playground. This initial funding of \$24,360 was matched and then tripled by Manningham City Council.

The WBA has contributed time, effort and design skills.

The playground was built for the community with equipment based on our history of the discovery of gold. The idea was to encourage mothers, fathers and children to meet, play, be active and enjoy our environment.

In the planning stages, we were not allowed by council to build the playground at Stiggants because of the native grasses. So an alternative location had to be found.

Surely, the sight of many children playing happily on the playground and parents talking is preferable to the wet bog that became an informal carpark.

I applaud your efforts at Stiggants—we have spent many happy days there and I too would hate to see it disappear.

I think it would be great for the community if we can have two fantastic play spaces.

**Meredith Thornton
Hamilton Road**



Our new Federation playground. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

DEAR DIARY

Blue light thanks...

On behalf of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Blue Light Disco committee of management I would like to thank you for the article you wrote in the latest edition of the *Diary*. It is nice to have the support of the community behind the blue light disco and as the *Diary* reaches so many people in and around Warrandyte we are thankful for the opportunity to let people know what we are about. Please pass our thanks on to Judy Green.

**Bronwyn Camm
Secretary, Blue Light Disco**

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Dogless doings at river

Are we such a tiny minority in Warrandyte? It really feels like it, walking dog-less by the river.

In arguing for a bit more space down there we are not just a bunch of anti-social dog-haters. We in fact span a range of views from those who are terrified of dogs due to unpleasant dealings with them in childhood or later stages of life; or those who only like our friends' well brought up ones; or those who don't mind them at all as long as they are on a leash and not bounding around in huge numbers; or those who don't like them at all because they are not cats.

And yes, we know that the huge proliferation of dogs and their owners by the river is because there are not a lot of other (non-State Park) options around Warrandyte. And yes, we do appreciate that dog-owners have rights.

But when it becomes hard to walk by the river without tiptoeing through minefields of dog poo; or because of all those

little mum and dog conferences that span the entire footpath, or for fear of one of those ("Oh don't mind him, he's just being friendly") dogs bounding up to you when you are either frail and terrified of being knocked over, or merely terrified; it is time to review the situation.

The flat path by the river is also the only place that a lot of elderly residents and younger ones in pushers can walk—and their rights need to be protected too.

We would be interested to see some suggestions as to how we can protect sets of interests, but to start with we feel that the Manningham council should be approached to find some other areas for walking dogs, and at the same time have some dog-free designated times by the river for the (now vocal) minority of dogless Warrandytians.

**Betty Oke, Jean Chapman,
Karen Throssell, Jenny
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CLYDE & OCKER



"Scary dogs, Ock? Try picking a fight with their owners!"

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

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WCA welcomes council move on Green Wedge

By CLIFF GREEN

"World's best practice" was how Dick Davies, president of the Warrandyte Community Association, described Manningham council's new Green Wedge policy.

"It sets a standard for Melbourne and the rest of Australia," Mr Davies told the *Diary*. "Not only does it reinforce Manningham's existing 'no subdivisions' planning policy, it goes much further. Green Wedge landowners are being encouraged to care for their properties through rate rebates, technical advice and funding for land improvement programs.

"Manningham has embraced everything that Warrandyte residents have been working for, right back to the early days of the Warrandyte Environment League and the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

The Park Orchards Ratepayers Association has continued to campaign on this issue right through and the *Diary's*

'take no prisoners' approach has kept the issue alive."

Mr Davies especially congratulated council's environmental planning officers "for accurately capturing the community's sentiments" and our local representatives—councillors Pat Young and Lionel Allemand—for supporting the motion.

Confirmation of the policy follows overwhelming support for the Wedge, right across Manningham.

"The surveys conducted by the consultants indicate that 66 percent of the residents who responded from within the non urban area were in favour of preserving Melbourne's Green Wedge," council senior officer Paul Molan said. "Only 19 percent were opposed (and) 88 percent of residents outside the Green Wedge agreed with its retention."

The Warrandyte Community Association is looking forward to Nillumbik council adopting a similar policy. "The Green Wedge doesn't stop at the Yarra," Mr Davies said. "We've already made representations on plans to subdivide some very environmentally sensitive land in North Warrandyte."

In protecting and enhancing the Green Wedge the association sees that part of its role

is bringing these issues to the attention of the community. "Manningham's policy lines up exactly with the position stated by the Trust for Nature in a recent public meeting organised by the association and addressed by the trust's chief executive, Mr Michael Looker.

"We're holding a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, August 21, to be addressed by Rosemary West, convenor of the Green Wedge Coalition, representing Melbourne's nine Green Wedge zones.

Premier Bracks recently promised legislation to protect the Green Wedges. The coalition is committed to ensuring this promise is kept. The Warrandyte Community Association has joined the coalition and is keen to gain greater community support and understanding of this issue.

"Led by several keynote speakers, the public meeting will be a forum to explore community attitudes and issues," Mr Davies said.

● The WCA Green Wedge Forum will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, August 21, commencing at 8pm.



What's this? Anti-ad campaigner Kerrie Boyle featuring on a dreaded bus shelter? (Digital imaging by Stephen Reynolds)

A vision for Melbourne

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The green wedges were to be Melbourne's breathing spaces: for the leisure, recreation and enjoyment of residents of the inner city as well as those who live in bush surroundings; for future as well as present generations. They were designed to separate the urban development along the transport corridors, to protect the catchments of our creeks and rivers, to link the city with the country, and with a more distant green belt of state forests and national parks.

The green wedges include the lands of the Wurundjeri, Bunurung and Wathurong traditional owners. Within their boundaries, substantial areas of environmentally significant indigenous grasslands, forests, remnant vegetation and wildlife habitat corridors have been protected. Within their boundaries, some of the most fertile land in the state has been conserved for agricultural purposes. Close to the city, market gardens are more sustainable, requiring less irrigation and lowering transport costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

This vision for Melbourne, handed down by our parents' generation, has helped make ours into one of the most livable cities in the world. At a time of unrivalled prosperity, rising community awareness and appreciation of the value of green city spaces to our personal wellbeing, we regard maintaining the green wedges for future generations as a yardstick for our generation's commitment to developing a sustainable city in a sustainable world.

Yet Melbourne's green wedges are on the brink of destruction. While

The Green Wedges Coalition, uniting groups from right across Melbourne, is dedicated to saving this precious resource wherever it may be threatened. They have published a charter...

development has spread out along the transport corridors, there has been increasing pressure on municipal councils to allow development of the green wedges for urban, residential and industrial uses. At least one green wedge is about to be cut in two by residential subdivision; some are at risk of appropriation as transport corridors. Rates on green wedge farmers and conservationist landholders are becoming prohibitive as market valuations increasingly reflect their development potential and as speculators buy in and close down farms and other non-urban enterprises.

The Bracks government was elected in 1999 on a pledge to preserve the green wedges, along with the rest of the city's parks and open spaces. Labor's Greener Cities policy criticised the Kennett Liberal government for initiating "an unprecedented assault on Melbourne's green spaces that have been protected from subdivision since 1970. Green belts, the Dandenong Ranges and the Mornington Peninsula are all being carved up."

With the devolution of planning powers to local government, the erosion of Melbourne's parks, open spaces and green wedges has continued. Labor promised to give "local municipalities greater power to protect the heritage and amenity of local communities", but some councils do not exercise this power to protect residents' wishes and interests in maintaining green wedges. Instead they facilitate developers' proposals to alienate our green wedges.



Melbourne's breathing space: land in the Manningham Green Wedge. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Before the election, Labor promised to "put the protection and enhancement of the natural and urban environment at the forefront of planning decision-making" and to control "the carve up of agricultural land areas near Melbourne." And to "introduce effective legislation to control the ad hoc subdivision and inappropriate development of Melbourne's green belts." But with the devolution of planning powers to local government, the erosion of Melbourne's parks, open spaces and green wedges has continued.

The government has promised that the long-awaited Metropolitan Strategy will clearly define and reinforce the green wedges, but despite the participation of many environmental and community groups in the 2000-1 consultations, the promised November 2001 release date for the draft

strategy has been repeatedly delayed. In the meantime, development applications have continued, subverting Labor's well-designed election planning and environment policies and undermining the strategy process.

We are concerned at the number of development and rezoning applications being put to and through our municipal councils during the development of the Metropolitan Strategy. Melbourne's green wedges and fringe areas of special significance are under more and greater threat than ever before. This threat has brought together environment and community groups from Melbourne's nine green wedges and from the Mornington Peninsula and Upper Yarra and Dandenong Ranges, some of which have separately taken part in the Metropolitan Strategy consultation process, to draw up this charter for the

protection of the green wedges.

We note the need for vision and for policy coordination to protect the green wedges across transport, roads, housing, population policy and local government as well as planning and the environment. Uncoordinated infrastructure and road-building policies put development pressures on the green wedges which are difficult for local governments to resist.

In the light of Labor's promises to assess the environmental impact of all cabinet submissions, we ask the government to consider the impact of state and municipal infrastructure projects on the integrity and purpose of the green wedges. We strongly support these policies and we call on the state government to provide permanent protection for Melbourne's green wedges and areas of special significance.

Books: aid for eyes

Two Warrandyte residents have recently returned from East Timor seeking ways to help the world's newest nation.

In July, Sheridan Bajada of Blooms Road and her sister Lyall Burton (pictured right) visited schools, hospitals and projects in Dili and regional centres including Manito and Balibo on the Western border—site of the killing of Australian journalists during the Indonesian invasion.

"With independence, there is a tremendous spirit of optimism and enthusiasm, but there is almost nothing in terms of materials and resources" Lyall told the *Diary*. "Schools typically have no books, hospitals often lack even the most basic materials. I found a lot of young people just bursting to learn English and extend their English skills—so right now we are collecting books to send."

The books and tapes will certainly be welcome. Australia's tiny northern neighbour has a population of only 750,000, and of these an estimated 20 percent are children or teenagers, 80 percent illiterate.

"The Timorese people realise that developing English literacy particularly will give them the best prospect of developing beneficial relationships and trade links with the rest of the world," Lyall said. "We'd like to think that we and other Warrandyte people can help in a simple and direct way."

Books are being freighted courtesy of the Rotary club's "Donations in Kind" scheme. The first two boxes of books have already been despatched direct to Sagrada Corocao school in Dare.

Lyall and Sheridan have sourced a range of English grammars, dictionaries and Tetun-English phrasebooks.



(Tetun is the most widespread of East Timor's several languages.) Joan Rogers of the Old Bakery Bookshop has contributed a number of children's books and is providing a drop-off point for donated books.

They are looking for books in good condition, specifically dictionaries and basic English grammars, cassette tapes for basic learning of English,

children's books with illustrations and relatively simple text and hard-cover books such as Asterix, Tin Tin or similar.

● Donated books can be left at the Old Bakery Bookshop in Yarra Street. Enquiries from individuals, schools or local groups wishing to assist or join the venture are welcome and can be made to 9844 3292.

Cemetery seeking space

By DAVID WYMAN

Anderson Creek Cemetery Trust's quest for more land for burials continues, remaining focused on property owned by the nearby Catholic Church and privately owned sites on the eastern side of Tindals Road.

The issue became public in December last year, when residents in Tindals Road grew alarmed when they discovered that the trust was "looking at" broadacre sites in their area.

Chairman of the cemetery trust, John Chapman, told the *Diary* the present cemetery would run out of space in two or three years.

"We were approached about four years ago by the property division of the Catholic Church to see if we were interested in any of the land," Mr Chapman

said.

"We said we were, but they didn't want to sell all the property, including the church building."

"Some time later they came back to us to see if we were interested in buying part of the church property—the land in front of the church in Brackenbury Street, about 5000 square metres. We made an offer which they rejected."

Meanwhile, despite resident protests, the trust is still talking to some landowners in Tindals Road, trying to buy eight hectares (20 acres) as a satellite extension to the cemetery.

"We made an offer for land there which was knocked back and we continue to have discussions with the owners to see what price they would

accept," John Chapman said. "Once we know that, we will give it consideration."

If a new suitable site is found, the trust must apply for council to rezone the site for cemetery use.

The parish priest of St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte, and St Anne's, Park Orchards, Father Dennis Andrew, said the cemetery trust "has always been interested in the land of the Warrandyte church".

"There's nothing concrete come out of talks with the trust but the discussions have become a bit more serious," he said. "We've said we are open to negotiation."

It is understood that some local residents are opposed to an extension of the cemetery into church land.



Emily, Amy and Emma (above) celebrated 100 days at school by bringing a collection of 100 things to school. The Prep students at Warrandyte Primary School recently held a party to celebrate 100 days at school. They have been counting and recording their days since the beginning of the school year.

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We can bank on it

By SAM DAVIES

Warrandyte looks set to have its own bank, as unofficial results from the feasibility study identify strong community support for the proposal.

While official results will not be available until mid-August, the community bank steering committee is anticipating an overwhelming success.

Chairman of the committee John Provan told the *Diary* that results so far had been "very good," with Warrandyte showing "sufficient business" to warrant its own franchise of the Bendigo Bank.

Although Mr Provan was unable to quote figures, he said response to the feasibility survey, as well as interviews with around 50 local individuals and businesses, had been great.

Another member of the committee, Val Polley, said the two days of interviews held in late July went "extraordinarily well". The independent group that conducted the study was reportedly pleased with the level of knowledge and support for the bank. They also commented they enjoyed speaking to Warrandyte citizens.

The Warrandyte bank agency is currently open three days a week and operates through the Hurstbridge Community Bank. All accounts are opened with a Warrandyte BSB number.

This partnership will probably end in mid-August, although until results are formalised, the possibility remains that Warrandyte may be forced into continued partnership with another branch.

In such an outcome, Mr Provan has made clear that any bank in Warrandyte will always be only a "Warrandyte bank". He seemed positive it was not an issue Warrandyte would have to face. "Unless you really need to go together, you don't."

Mr Provan's positive prediction was shared by other members of the steering committee. Prominent member Andrew Wilson declared he was "very excited" about the results to date. He said the response was indicative of Warrandyte's "special" community spirit.

"I think Warrandyte should have its own bank. We're Warrandyte, not anyone else."

In "special" communities like

Warrandyte, community banks have been known to return up to \$400,000 over a three-year period. Mr Wilson would like to see the reinvested money benefit the Warrandyte youth, suggesting a new meeting place which they could "call their own".

"There's not much to do for the kids here, and not much public transport," he said.

For Mr Provan, the issue of money returns is still a long way off. He explained that after the feasibility results come back,

the next step is to prepare a prospectus, which could take a couple of months. "We won't have a bank before Christmas. More likely February or March next year."

During this time, the steering committee must also secure premises for the new bank. While the "old bank" may seem the most appropriate place for a new bank, Mr Provan says there is no guarantee the site will not be sold at "more than market value," to another bidder.



Dick Davies

WCA chases new blood

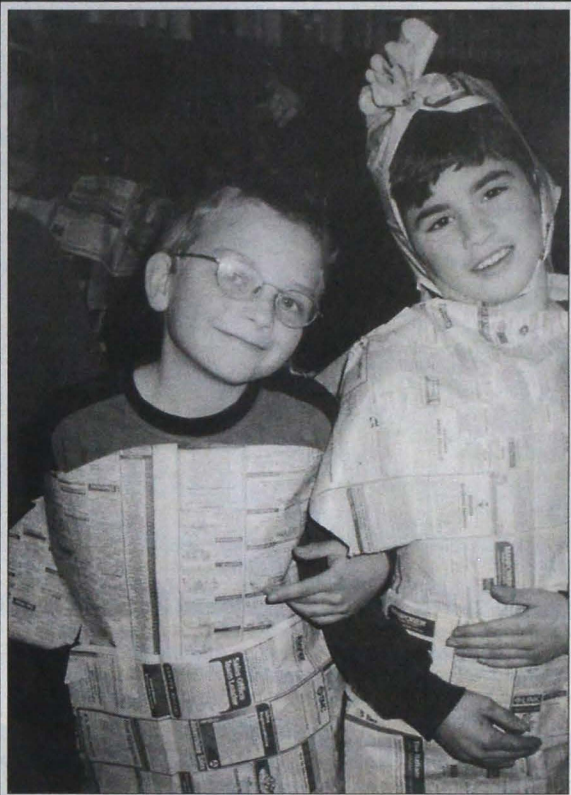
"We want a thousand members," Warrandyte Community Association president Dick Davies told the *Diary*. "Our current membership is 235. We've only been going since January, so that's not bad, but we know there are lots of people out there who mean to join but haven't yet got round to it."

"We believe everyone in the community supports us. That moral support must be translated into membership if the association is to get wins on the board for Warrandyte. It only costs \$10 per person."

"Besides the Green Wedge, WCA has tackled the Warrandyte mine closures, clarifying the cemetery question, heritage and streetscape issues, community transport and children's playspace—to name a few. We're also following up cheaper liability insurance for all clubs and groups in the area," Mr Davies said.

"We have held two public meetings and published a newsletter." The next issue of the WCA members' newsletter will be released soon.

● A WCA enrolment form appears on Page 12 of this issue.



Grade 4F from Warrandyte Primary School had a newspaper fashion parade recently. After studying newspapers as a grade topic, they decided to have a fun activity and designed and made original newspaper costumes. The grade were divided into groups and given roles such as design makers, cutters and models. The group decided to make fashionable wedding newspaper outfits. ● Charlie is the bride in bridal veil and full length dress and groom Tarleton is wearing an off-the-shoulder suit.

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Request for Comment

Manningham City Council has called for submissions on the Council commissioned study report 'Strategic Gap Analysis for the Provision of New and Additional Infrastructure for the Park Orchards, Warrandyte, Donvale and Wonga Park Areas'.

The study has identified that Council has adequate strategies to provide for the planning or road and drainage infrastructure in the suburbs of Park Orchards, Warrandyte, Donvale and Wonga Park. However, there is an emerging issue of environmental degradation resulting from septic discharge and sillage that needs to be addressed.

Key recommendations of the study for the provision of infrastructure are: to support changes to the Manningham Strategic Statement; identify existing stormwater overland flow paths; and that Council pursue sewerage of unsewered areas.

To obtain a copy of the study report, please contact the Project Management Unit on 9840 9310. Alternatively, you may obtain a copy from Council's website at www.manningham.vic.gov.au under 'News & Events, Public Comment'.

Please forward written submissions to 'Infrastructure Plan Submissions', Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster 3108 or Submissions@manningham.vic.gov.au Submissions will be received up to the 27 September 2002.

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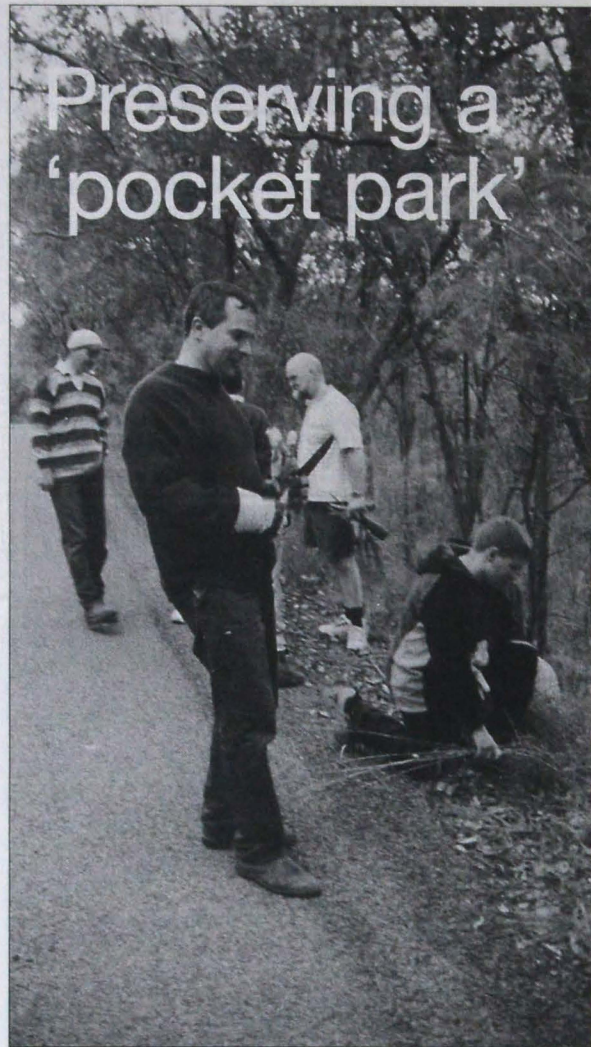
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A group of North Warrandyte residents (pictured above) are restoring a small piece of public land between Hawkes Road and Blooms Road in North Warrandyte. "This sliver of land has been neglected by council and is inundated with grassy weeds," a spokesperson told the Diary. ● Anyone who wants to lend a hand can call Julie or Mark Simpson on 9844 0213. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Playspace decision delayed

By CLIFF GREEN

A decision by Manningham council on the building of a new playground at Stiggants Reserve could be delayed until next year.

When the *Diary* revealed, earlier this year, that council intended removing the existing 20 year-old playground, local residents Ken and Linda Aly, owners of Australasian Playgrounds, offered to donate playground equipment worth \$20,000 for installation at the reserve.

Joey Boothby, playspace coordinator at Manningham, has written to Mr Aly, thanking him for his "generous offer" and telling him that council will be unable to proceed until a new management plan for Stiggants has "been endorsed, recommending the development of a new playground".

According to Ms Boothby, "the decision to remove the existing playground is a result of our 2001 safety audit. Consequently, the bakery playground was developed as an alternative to serve the Warrandyte community."

"Since the *Warrandyte Diary* published an article informing the community of council's plan to remove the playground, we have received a number of calls and requests from residents expressing the need for a playground at Stiggants," Ms Boothby said.

"We have begun community consultation for a management plan that will direct the future development of the Warrandyte River Reserve, including Stiggants Reserve."

"The submissions received up to date have illustrated conflicting opinions amongst the community, with some residents opposed to any further development along the river reserve and Stiggants Reserve due to its environmental significance."

"The management plan will be based on community needs as well as social, environmental and maintenance considerations to ensure the long-term sustainability of the area," Ms Boothby said.

"If the development of a playground is recommended, the management plan will show the appropriate siting and type of playground that should be developed." The plan will be on public exhibition for six weeks.

Weed watchers

Would you like to join a group of people "dobbng in" weeds in our area?

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This network is being established as part of the Victorian Weed Alert rapid response plan for potential new and emerging weeds in Victoria.

If you are willing to assist DNRE locate these new or emerging weeds, please contact Kate on 5349 2833.

Lions' guests

Warrandyte Lions welcomed two Japanese exchange students—Yoko (18) and Mai (16)—to their last meeting. They were accompanied by their supervisor Negumi and Diane and Alan Meason, their host family.

The girls are part of an exchange program involving a group of primary and secondary schools centred around Warrandyte, in which six students from Japan will each spend six weeks assisting with the teaching of Japanese in the schools. At the same time they will improve their English and learn about the Australian way of life.

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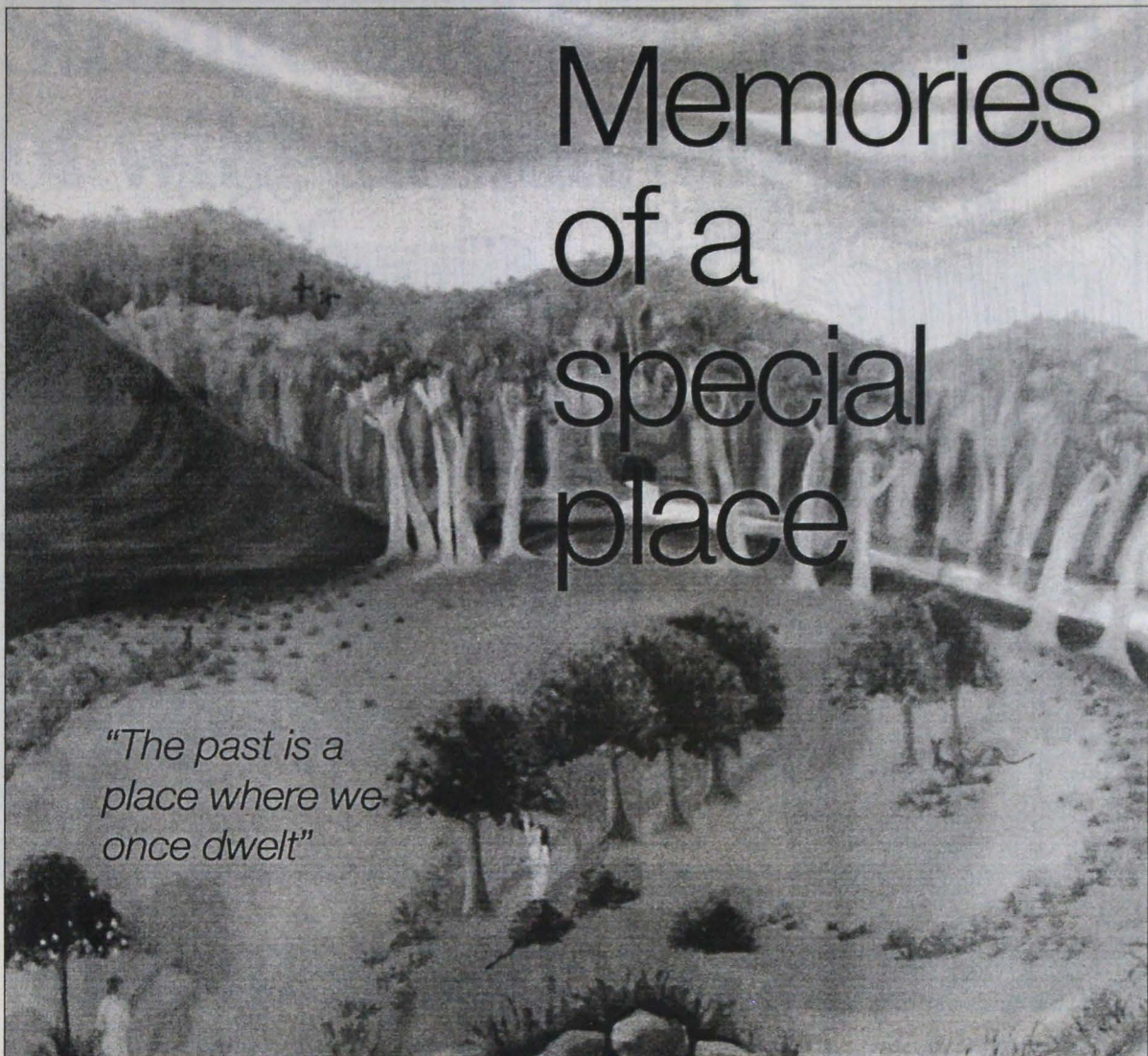
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Memories of a special place



"The past is a place where we once dwelt"

WHEN artist Anna Glynn accepted an offer to be artist in residence with Parks Victoria at "Longridge", in Alexander Road, Warrandyte, she hoped it would be somewhere near the place she grew up. Upon arriving, she was presented with a stunning panorama, viewed from the 12 metres of glass in the front room of the house. The view was of a hill. It was *the* hill, the place where she grew up, and it is the focus of her new exhibition called "Strange Memories".

The exhibition, containing a series of narrative landscape paintings and drawings inspired by Anna's return to her "homeland" opens at the Barn Gallery, Montsalvat on Wednesday, August 7.

The property "Riverswood", as it was then known, was situated on that hill. It was bought by Anna's grandfather early last century; handed on to her father and, until recently, was "an elusive thing" for Glynn.

"Riverswood" was 100 riverfront acres on the Yarra. It was the family farm and there were three homes. At various times

there were three generations of the family living in the houses. The property was taken over by the Victorian government in the mid-1970s and all the homes have been demolished. Now known locally as "Glynn's", the only inhabitants are animals.



Anna Glynn

"Strange Memories" refers to the collection of random thoughts and images that come into Glynn's mind when looking at a place that has continually held great meaning for her," a gallery spokesperson told the *Diary*. "There are many memories, some her own and some from the collective memory of the area. The works in this exhibition are reflective—the final day of harvesting the tomatoes on the river

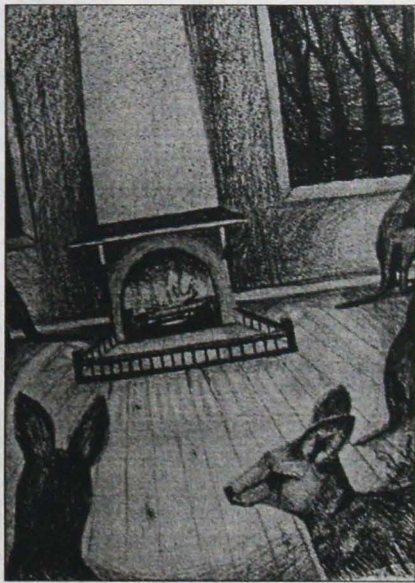
flats and the tomato pulp fights, riding the large pet pig as a child, and strange images of domestic furniture stranded in the landscape.

"The style of Glynn's work ranges from the provocative to lyrical and narrative landscape. Her Australian works tend to tell the stories of the land and the people, with a twist of irony and humour."

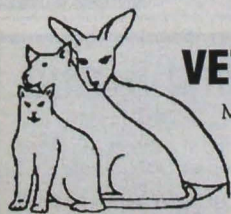
Many of us return to places where we once lived, or places where

important events happened in our lives. "The past is a place where we once dwelt," the spokesperson said. "A flood of memory rushes, and images of the past can overlap with the present."

Glynn reflects that coming back has been at times a difficult journey. "In a way coming full circle. I have realised though that some connections can never be severed. That is how I feel about this hill."



Sharing the warmth: "Lounging Kangaroos" by Anna Glynn



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Pre-nuptial engagements and retro wedding plans

I HAD been suffering under the misapprehension that as our kids got older, they were catching up to me, that they were leaving behind their old ways and were beginning to see reason; to become more like me.

I assumed that they had been satisfactorily indoctrinated with "proper attitudes", that they would assume our mantles and would head off into the wide world, carbon copies of us, or at least, me. That was until I heard about the engagement parties!

Although we had a traditional wedding, Herself and I did not have an engagement party so these were new to us. Also, since pre-history when we were married, we have gone through the 70s, 80s and even the early 90s—decades during which the idea of a marriage was decidedly politically incorrect and an engagement party was just deemed laughable, an amusing vestige of an archaic system that saw women as chess pieces in the male power and property game. The wedding, therefore, was simply a legal booby-trap for unwary women.

So, there we were, thinking that the kids would just drift into long-term but meaningful relationships without all the fanfare of a past age. We punched the Time Machine button, however, when both Gorgeous Creature and Boy Wonder hit us with the news, within six months of each other, that they were "engaged to be married".



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"...the idea of a marriage was politically incorrect and an engagement party was just deemed laughable..."

It shouldn't really have come as a surprise as we'd had contemporaries whose kids had behaved similarly. My own sister had had three full-blown events within a year and had that "I told you so" tone in her voice when I announced our news.

I suppose I should have been more aware of the signs; things like engagement parties and wedding ceremonies appearing in the 30s—something TV shows, the proliferation of bride magazines on the newspaper racks and the fact that ceremonies had been in the wilderness for long enough.

The new "nesting generation" are craving some of the

glamour that we had ourselves, all those years ago, but then decided to deny to those who followed, telling them that such frivolity was out of touch with reality. We failed to mention whose.

Our children's generation, it appears, want a taste of "the meeting of the parents", who's to get a guernsey as a Best Man or bridesmaid, where to hold the event, who's to pay and who's to get an invitation to the reception. They want to revisit the sociological experiment that is "the wedding event".

So, despite all of my grouchy predictions of impending disaster and about the unnecessaryness of weddings, it came as a pleasant surprise to rediscover why, apart from that small nano second in history that was the reign of the Baby Boomers, that generations of lovers have enjoyed the celebration of pairing.

The great difference about modern celebrations, however, is that they are not totally predictable. Granted, the one thing that is predictable is that they will cost a lot of money, but apart from that, the way your money is spent varies. Today the couple can enjoy choice.

I remember that most of our marriage arrangements were assumed as "givens". The two biggest decisions we had to make about our marriage celebration was whether to alternate the beef with the chicken or the fish and whether the wedding invitation should be gold rimmed or deckled. It was assumed that the marriage

would take place in a church and that the reception would be in a reception centre.

Today, there are still church and reception centre weddings, but these are by choice, not by habit. Some of those we attended were shockers. Warring relatives arranged around the local church hall like impending victims in a Hannibal Lecter film. I would hate us to go back to those, but if our kids' engagement parties are anything to go by, modern weddings will be wonderful.

GC had a garden party for their engagement. We had our home garden full of relatives and friends, flowers, food, music and conviviality. Informality was what they wanted and we were more than happy to oblige. There was the sense that everyone had gathered to share the couple's joy and hope and were not just there to satisfy family expectations.

Boy Wonder's venue had to cater for their combined guest list of 200. Having never had enough friends to warrant such a venue, we were a bit flummoxed until Herself suggested the Warrandyte Community Centre. It only took a quick visit for the couple to decide that a Warrandyte venue would be both practical and would have a nostalgia factor.

The weddings are to come and I expect them to be memorable. Just a query: if the past is returning will it be okay for me to wear my flares?

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Strange and touching tale of wild animal adoption

EARLIER this year a brief report appeared in the paper about a curious encounter between two wild animals in an East African National Park. I cut out the snippet and kept it. The touching story played on my mind.

From various books, loaned from the library, I have been able to build up a picture of the park in question and of the animals involved. This is an account of what took place in that national park in February. The facts of the story are true, the embellishments are mine.

Kenya's Samburu National Park lies in a semi-arid belt, north of Nairobi. It is a hostile environment — vast and austere, but harshly beautiful. Much of the landscape consists of grassland or barren rocky outcrops with the occasional stunted thornbush. The park supports the usual menagerie of African animals including elephants, lions, cheetahs, giraffe, zebra and a number of antelope species.

It is the height of the dry season in Samburu. The ground is sun-baked and thirsty. The air is oven-hot. Heat shimmers in a haze over the flat desert grasslands where Beisa Oryx stand around listlessly, tails twitching to keep at bay the hordes of persistent flies. These large antelope, with their bold black and white markings and long, backward swept horns, are common on the plains of Samburu.

In the lull of the day a solitary lioness lies sprawled under the umbrella of a flat-topped Acacia waiting for sundown. She stretches, yawns and rolls over onto her back, the blonde fur of



NATURE

By PAT COUPAR

her underbelly blending with the sun-dried grasses. She dozes.

At some stage during the afternoon a faint noise rouses the sleeping lioness. She raises her magnificent head and points her nose to the wind. Silently, unhurried, she sets off to investigate.

Not far away under a bush thicket a baby Beisa Oryx—no more than a few hours old—lies whimpering. It has been left behind while its mother has gone searching for food on these drought-stricken plains. Against all her natural instincts the lioness gently prods the fawn with her nose, encouraging the tiny animal onto its feet. Once up she nudges the spindly creature back to the shade of the Acacia.

Some time later the mother oryx comes looking for her offspring only to find her baby curled up asleep between the huge paws of her most feared predator. Torn between her own safety and concern for the fawn, she approaches nervously. The lioness watches, but does nothing. Now awake, the baby scuttles over to its mother and begins to suckle. The lioness remains unmoved, but after several minutes she leaps to her feet, bares her teeth and chases the mother Oryx away.

As the days go by the lioness and her adopted baby form a most remarkable bond. The big cat treats the tiny antelope as she would one of her own cubs. She licks it tenderly with her long rough tongue, plays with

it and guards it ferociously from predators. She even allows the mother Oryx to visit to feed her baby for short periods before scaring the doe away.

After two weeks the relationship comes to a tragic end. It is late afternoon and the lioness has brought her young friend down to the Ewaso Nyiro river for a drink. A small herd of Wildebeest are quenching their thirst nearby and ibis stalk the

shallows. It is a tranquil scene. The lioness leaves the fawn at the river's edge playing in the water and lies down to rest in the shade, totally unaware that a hungry lion is hiding upwind in the bushes. As the lioness takes a nap, the male lion seizes his chance. He creeps up on the oryx and pounces, killing it with one swift bite to the neck. The

slaughter is over in a matter of seconds. There is nothing the lioness can do. Distraught at the loss of her little mate, she throws back her head and releases a deep and terrible roar that carries far across the dusty plain. Several kilometres away on the open grasslands, a mother Oryx lifts her head, sniffs the air and listens.



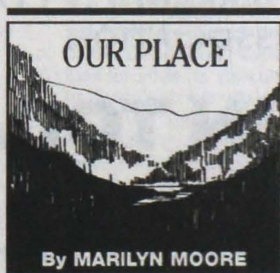
ENTER the VET in a SAC

REMEMBER when school was a place where you just copied down stuff from the board before regurgitating it in exams at the end of the year? It was like a conveyor belt, where you comfortably trundled from year to year via a well-defined set of landmarks.

There weren't too many Y-intersections on that conveyor belt. In Year 7: join the orchestra? In Year 9: French or German? In Year 11: maths/science, commerce or arts? At the end of Year 12: university or what?

We didn't even have a maths teacher in Year 12, after dear old Mr Barclay died from a heart attack during term 1. Nobody seemed concerned about this void in our teaching line-up. We puddled along happily, courtesy of Messrs Lucas & James, with occasional sorties to the forbidden territory of the staff room to scrounge advice.

During first year university, some wit suggested getting hold of the previous year's maths paper. Surely he was kidding! Doing this year's was going to be bad enough. Why



OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

would you want to do last year's as well? At 20 cents per paper and three hours each to finish, past exams were a serious investment in precious time and money.

It quickly became obvious that most students were indeed serious; dedicated swots did at least three past papers in each subject. In fact it became a focus of student social life—if you couldn't sit in the library and knowledgeably discuss the pros and cons of the formulae for variation in fluvial deposition throughout various regimes of tectonic upheaval, then you might as well try to walk to the moon. I grudgingly parted with a small fortune in 20 cent pieces and joined the club.

Needless to say, just as we had not been allowed to speak during class at school, neither was talking allowed in the university libraries. What poor Mr Carr did not realise, as he did the librarian thing and prowled ceaselessly around the tables, was that his many variations on a theme of "ssshhhh!" were far more disruptive than our muted chatter. He gave up in the end, probably when he realised that we were actually working quite hard. It had taken nearly 14 years of schooling, but we were finally getting the hang of it.

Kids these days have to get the hang of it so much sooner. During Year 10, for example, there are big decisions to make. VCE, IB or VET? Which subjects? All that indoctrination about the "road less travelled" suddenly looks a bit dodgy—university courses tend to have things called prerequisites. On top of that, some give credit for particular subjects; whereas Melbourne might give extra credit for chemistry, Latrobe or RMIT might give it for biology and Monash for specialist maths. If Melbourne's ENTER score is so high that you are not confident

of achieving it, should you choose chemistry and give Melbourne your best shot, or choose another subject and refocus your efforts? Bearing in mind that you might want to do PE or music or something else utterly enjoyable while you still have the opportunity. And what about boosting your chances by doing extra work experience, or a VET subject?

All this assumes, of course, that you have already chosen your course and that you are going to be able to fund it. Students less certain of their career path might find in Year 12 that ENTER scores for the course they have finally selected are so unattainable that they tie themselves in knots trying to trace alternative pathways. If only they'd had a clearer view of their intended career in Year 10 and enrolled in VET IT instead of Unit 3/4 Outdoor Ed! All this decision-making can be pretty harrowing on top of non-stop study, SACs, GATs, UMATs and exams.

Mostly I envy today's students their stimulating challenges, but when I remember the carefree 1970s, I can't help wondering if we were the lucky ones after all.

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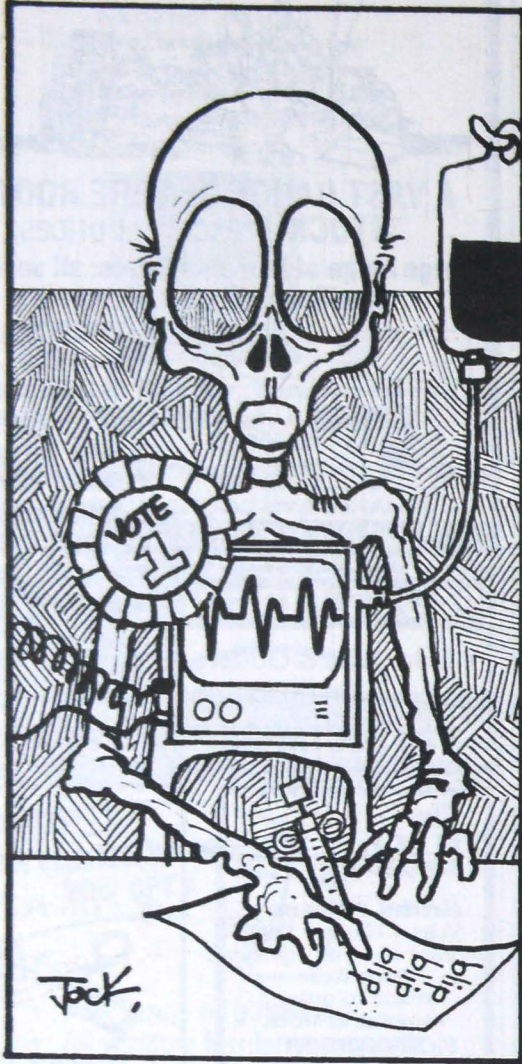
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Letter to the Hon Member for life at all costs

Dear Kevin,
I want to ask you about Life.
What you think it means
To be alive,
To have a Life.
What is it that we must prolong
At all costs.

Euthanasia—a 'good death'
was taking the easy way out
you said.
Obedient to your fierce god,
you think that he alone should dictate
the beginning and the end.

*Does he not also
make the end
too soon for some?*

But what is life, Kevin?
Is it just the heartbeat—
the blood pumping to the brain
and through the lungs
to make breath?
Blips on a graph—blip...blip...blip
a tube in the arm—
life-support.
*But is life so supported
really life?*

What about the senses Kevin?
The sight and smell of after-rain wet bush;
the sound of the bird's dawn chorus;
for some this is the essence of Life—
a Gregorian chant tolling in ancient halls;
their reason for living—
or mournful verandah blues on a hot afternoon
not to be replaced
by blips on a graph—blip...blip...blip

And what about the doing Kevin?
All those 'action' words we learned at school—
loving, making, creating.
So much we living can 'do'.
What, when all is left from such a list
is be-ing,
and even that reduced
to that wavering line

Kevin, would you really deny me a 'good death'?
But I know your answer
Your great reverence for life at all costs
means that even with
the slightest flicker on that graph,
life must go on.
So even though I've begged my loved ones
'don't let me be like that'
you, and your humane god insist
that I continue living—
a living death

Thanks Kevin

KAREN THROSSELL



IMMUNISATION DATES & VENUES FOR 2002

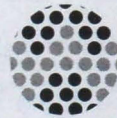
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WONGA PARK: Maternal & Child Health Centre, Old Yarra Rd. 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (9.30 am - 10.00 am) Melway Ref: 24 G11	6	3	1	12	3
WARRANDYTE: Maternal & Child Health Centre, Taroona Ave. 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (10.45 am - 11.15 am) Melway Ref: 35 C1	6	3	1	12	3
DONCASTER: Yarra Room Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Rd. 2nd OR 3rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (9.00 am - 10.00 am) Melway Ref: 47 F12	16	20	18	8	-
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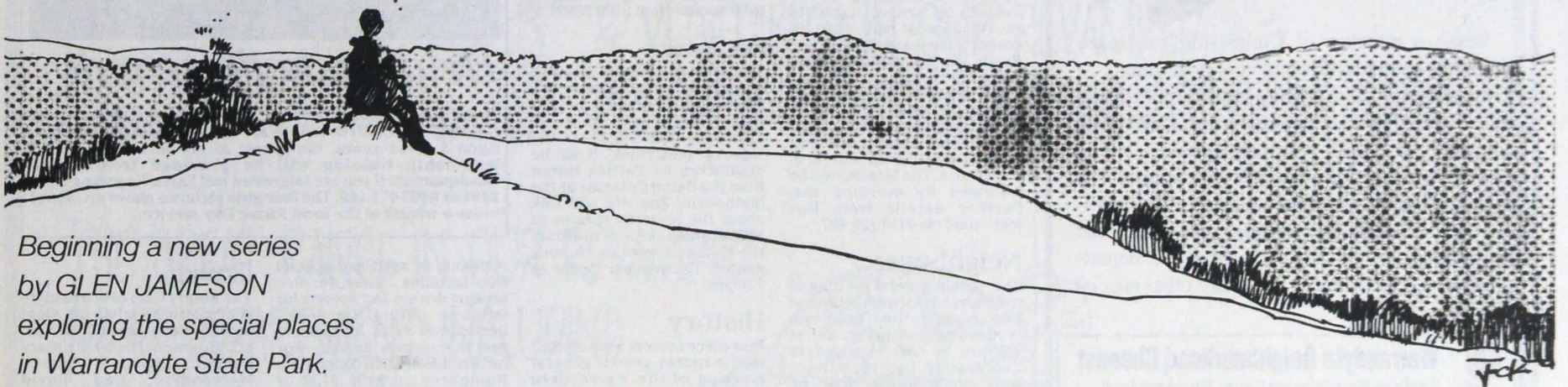
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Mount Lofty: view from the gateway



Beginning a new series
by GLEN JAMESON
exploring the special places
in Warrandyte State Park.

I OFTEN wonder if it is the forests that have joined us in the fellowship. The forests of the Red Box country cajoling us with their soft rustling of leaves into a fellowship that has enjoined us in a circle of communication; an unbroken circle of community.

There are so many in the fellowship that I know not how it all begun. All that I know is that it is a continuum of human connection to the land; a philosophical embracing of the original nature of the land.

We have decided to keep the indigenous plants on our properties for many reasons. Some of us just like them, others recognise the ecosystem services that they provide. It is an economic equation as much as a philosophical or spiritual decision.

For those in the fellowship, every valley is a verse, every pond a poem. The spurs are sonnets that soliloquise the shape of the landscape.

Perhaps it is the peacefulness of the Red Box forests that binds the fellowship. That quietness that so effortlessly absorbs the night; the soft peacefulness of the forest that permeates our being.

Through the centre of our district flows the beautiful Yarra Yarra drawing all towards it. The Middle Yarra is made up of several shires and in the middle is the village of Warrandyte.

This village is almost on the halfway mark of the Yarra's trip to the sea from the mountains. In the middle of the middle is the Pound Bend; the belly of the beast; the navel that we gaze upon when we need succour from nature.

The Red Box forest that covers Warrandyte is a rare thing. It is often overlooked that the only place in Melbourne where Red Box naturally occurs is on this tiny island of land in the Middle Yarra, less than two percent of the land mass of the Yarra catchment.

Covering Kangaroo Ground, Christmas Hills, Eltham and

Yarrambat, bounded in by the Plenty River on the west, it is replaced by River Red forests to the north and west. It flows south across the Yarra between Brushy Creek on the eastern side of Wonga Park.

Halfway through Park Orchards it is replaced by the dominant Silver-leaved Stringybark. Here the land gradually becomes wetter as part of the Dandenong Valley. The Red Box finishes its southern coverage in Templestowe where Yellow Box and River Red again are the dominant eucalypts of the different vegetation communities.

It remains a small island of forest in the landscape of Melbourne where indigenous plants have been all but obliterated as the original face of the land was remade in the shape of another. How did we manage to retain the amount of indigenous forest that we did? Who fought for the forest in those long ago battles when hardly any of us were aware of what nature was?

Someone had the view, the understanding perhaps, coming to them when they were caught in a hypnotic moment, seeking the dance of gnarled Red Box trees, their rhythm an illumination.

The forest has its own power and we are all drawn towards it. Gorge country all across the land is resonant with secrets and mystery. It is country that holds power. You can feel this power emanating from the ground around Warrandyte.

You can feel the power, the energy flowing all about as we take time off from our frivolous working lives to seriously walk the forests.

There were some able to see to the future and the past. They had the view of the world that was outside time, that was centred on place. This place. A dreaming of sorts. How did they manage to see so far? Perhaps they had a vantage place from which to draw their view of the world. There are many places that afford a special view of the world.

Perhaps Mt Lofty provides a

FELLOWSHIP OF THE FORESTS



place for the Great Watchers; views that go for miles and allow one to contemplate the interrelationship of things.

The striations of mountainous ridges that run from the Great Dividing Ranges towards Warrandyte run generally in a north-easterly flow.

The Ridge Road of Christmas Hills follows such a directional ridgeline. Mt Lofty is the remnant of that great ridgeline that includes Mt Graham at Sugarloaf Reservoir, crossing the river and continuing out through Wonga Park along Yarra Road. Long ago it was broken by the river at Mt Lofty as it cut its way through the gradually rising Nillumbik plateau.

Mount Lofty marks the beginning of the Warrandyte Gorge, it is the gateway to the Middle Yarra. The clearing of Mt Lofty during the early agricultural days allows us to appreciate the sweeping elegance of the physiography.

Walk over the top of Lofty and you feel that you are atop a sculptured animal. Fine sinuous lines scroll down from the snaking ridgeline, spurlines dive into the Yarra with a sensuous balletic arching. There is a sleek modern line and proportion to its shape.

It is a view that allows us to see the larger patterns of the natural world; where we can follow the storm patterns coming in from the western plains, travelling across the flat basalt plains west of Melbourne.

Leaving Sunbury and Diggers Rest within a dry rain shadow, they split either side of the Yarra Bend hills. One section of the storm wings off to the north and hurries towards Kinglake, following the path of least resistance. Often the major split of the storm goes down the Dandenong Creek valley, that once

rich south-eastern valley.

We can watch from Mt Lofty as the storms travel along the Dandenong Valley. Heavy storms that bring dry lightning and storm clouds to Warrandyte, but buckets of summer rain to the Dandenong Valley, the wet valley of Melbourne, their dampness leading to the Dandenong Ranges. The Dandenong Valley is a female valley, moist and fertile, whose fecundity fed the Wurrundjeri for millennia. The Middle Yarra Valley is the dry valley, the male counterpoint to the Dandenong Valley.

Watch that storm skirt the toes of the Dandenong Ranges, burl around Mooroolbark—the Red Soil Country—and swing along to follow the Valley of Barangeong (Brushy Creek).

Vegetation follows the rainfall. The vegetation of the Dandenong Valley, dominated by Narrow Leaf Peppermint and Silver-leaved Stringybark, flows like the rainfall around the foot of Mount Dandenong and out through the gap at Mooroolbark into the Yarra Glen floodplain where it then transforms into swampy plains woodland after Lilydale. The vegetation of the wetter country is more fine-leaved, dropping leaves with a softer texture than the Red Box Country.

Mt Lofty is on the south side of the river. On the north side of the river, surrounding Mt Lofty, is the Bend of Islands land, created by one of the Great Watchers—Neil Douglas—who with others, purchased land to preserve it during the 1960s. Today this land stands as testimony to the vision of the Great Watchers.

The Bend of Islands land is some of the most intact bushland in the Middle Yarra catchment. It provides a home for such endangered mammals as the Brush-tailed phascogale and Dunnart. It provides a remarkable backdrop to the Yarra as it flows around Mt Lofty.

The forests along the river here

are as untouched as they have been for millennia. There is a great timelessness here that pervades every bend, island and twist of the coursing Yarra. This preservation has been achieved through private ownership of land by persons with a common vision for this Red Box woodland.

The land east of Brushy Creek on the south side of the river has not been so fortunate. The Swampy Plains woodland vegetation community which once inhabited the huge sweep of land of the Yarra Glen floodplains, is now totally extinct; an original wetlands and swamp vegetation community that is found nowhere else in the world has disappeared. The huge expanse of cultivated land, growing rich under vines and golf balls, has left virtually nothing of the original vegetation.

This vegetation community used to join that of the Dandenong Creek Valley through the suburbs of Chirnside Park, Croydon South, Kilsyth and Bayswater. However scant vegetation remains to trace back these linkages.

The north-easterly view from Mt Lofty takes in the ranges that form the Kinglake National Park; Mount Everard and Mount Beggary amongst them, with Mount St Leonard on the edge of that steep spur.

Then further south is the Toolangi State Forest, then to the hills that surround Healesville. The Warramate Hills behind Coldstream form the first wooded hills in the foreground of this view.

The Great Watchers absorb interconnections from the ridgelines of Mt Lofty. There are other great watching vantages, such as the escarpments of Yarra Brae, Longridge, Viewbank and Banyule; perhaps there are views through our own windows. These are the places to view the land that offer explanations of country. Country that speaks to us in language that permeates our being and binds us into the circle of community.

Local band rocks RSL

The RSL clubrooms in Brackenbury Street will be jumping to the music of local band Rock Arcade on Sunday, August 11, from 3pm to 7pm. Four hours of music covering the 1950s through to the '90s, providing family entertainment in a convivial atmosphere. Bar service will be available.



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Dance

The next dance held by the South Warrandyte Social Dance Committee will be the birthday dance on Saturday, August 10 at the South Warrandyte Hall commencing at 8pm. Further information from 9723 3892

Seminar

The next Green Wedge Seminar, to be held at the conference room of the Currawong Bush Park Centre in Reynolds Road, East Doncaster will be on the topic of "Butterflies". It will be conducted by Patrick Horan from the Butterfly House at the Melbourne Zoo. He will talk about the butterfly species of Manningham and how to attract the different species to your garden. The seminar begins at 7.30pm.

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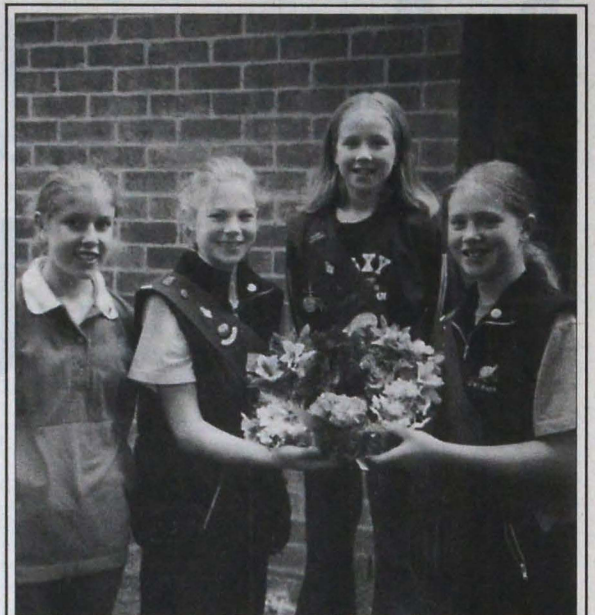
New office bearers were elected at the recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society. Jo Laurence is the new president and Andy Bevan-Jones has taken on the secretary's role. Alan Alder was returned as treasurer. Life membership of the society was awarded to Murray Houghton. Information about the society can be obtained by calling Andy on 9844 3662 or Jo on 9844 3694.

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Help guide these girls

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Trivia

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte is organising a trivia fun night on Saturday, August 31 at 8pm at Andersons Creek Primary School, Drysdale Street, Warrandyte. Call David Greenwood on 0419 897 327.

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Landscapes

An exhibition entitled "Strange Memories" will be open at the Barn Gallery at Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham from August 8 to September 15. The paintings are by Anna Glynn who is the Parks Victoria "Longridge" artist in residence for 2002. They depict stories and myths of Warrandyte as seen through the artist's eyes.

Horrors

Warrandyte High School will be presenting "Little Shop of Horrors" in the school theatre from August 28 to September 7. Bookings from the school on 9844 2749.

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As a guide to groups planning future activities, we intend publishing notice of special functions being planned by community groups, schools, etc., up to 12 months in advance. This information must be submitted in writing and include dates, type of function, organising group and contact phone number. Publication will be at the Diary's discretion.

● Saturday, November 23, 2002: Fundraising Night for the Warrandyte Festival Committee. Phone Judy Finger on 9844 3150.

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Festival
 The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Festival Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 8pm in the Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra Street, Warrandyte. All are invited and anyone wishing to join the committee would be most welcome. Enquiries to John Boyle on 9894 2233 or AH 9844 3120.

Blessing
 Warrandyte Uniting Church will conduct a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, August 18 at 10.15am at the church, corner Tarroona and West End Roads, Warrandyte. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets. They must be sociable and under the control of their owners, either on a lead or in a cage. Church member and local vet Dr Derek Fairley will be in attendance. The blessing will be followed by morning tea. Further details from Ros McDonald on 0419 120 407.

Neighbours
 The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House will be held on Wednesday, August 21 at 7.30pm in the Warrandyte Community Centre. All are welcome. Supper will be provided.

Toys
 The Warrandyte Toy Library operates from the North Warrandyte Community Centre at 184-186 Research - Warrandyte Road and is run by a committee of volunteers. It is open from 11am to 12.30pm on Wednesdays and 10am to 11.30am on Saturdays. The library is a member of Toy Libraries Victoria. Their aim is to promote the importance and value of play. Enquiries can be made to Sue Watson on 9844 4034, Lesley Ryall on 9844 1920 or Julie Willis on 9844 4237.

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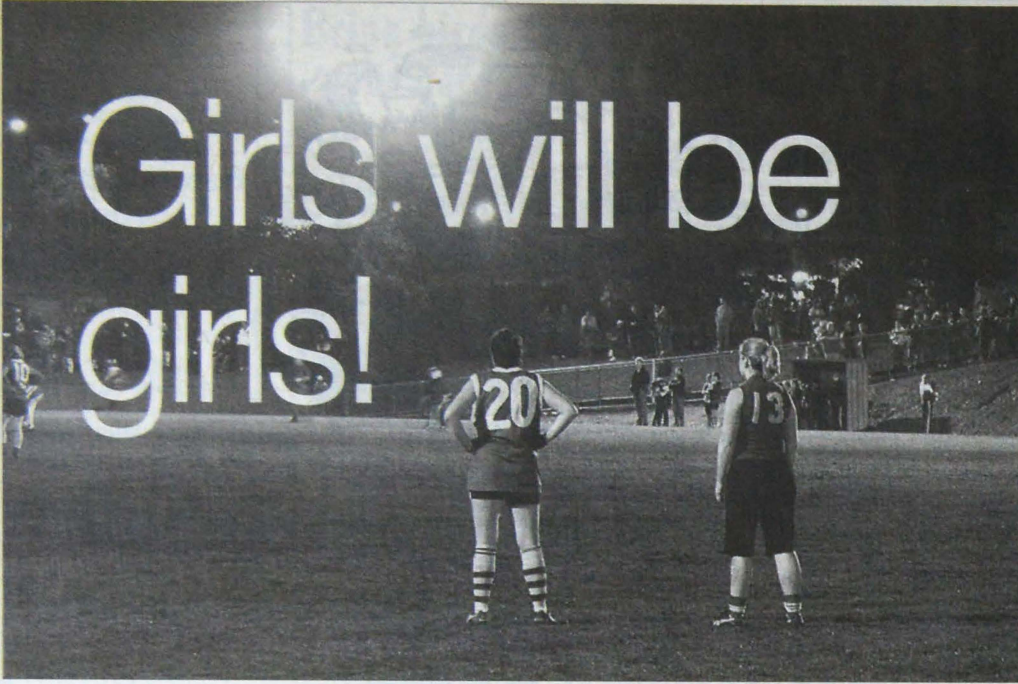
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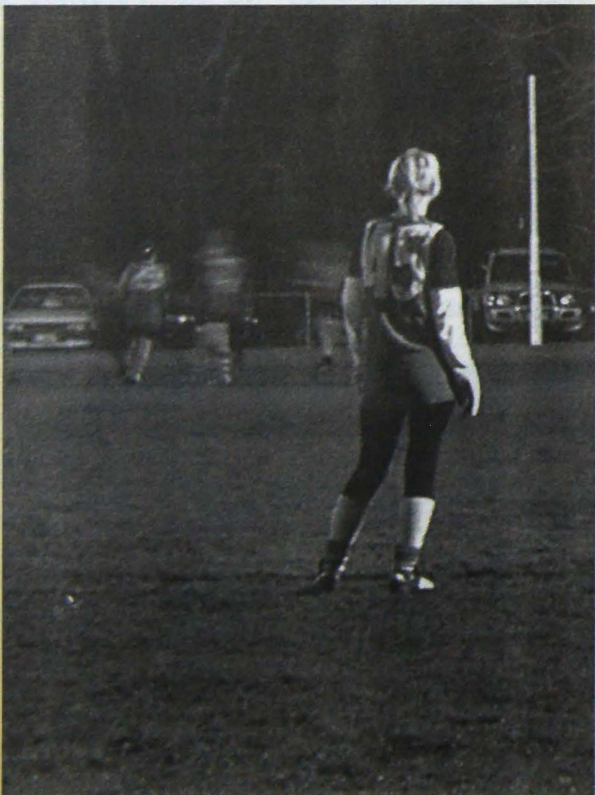
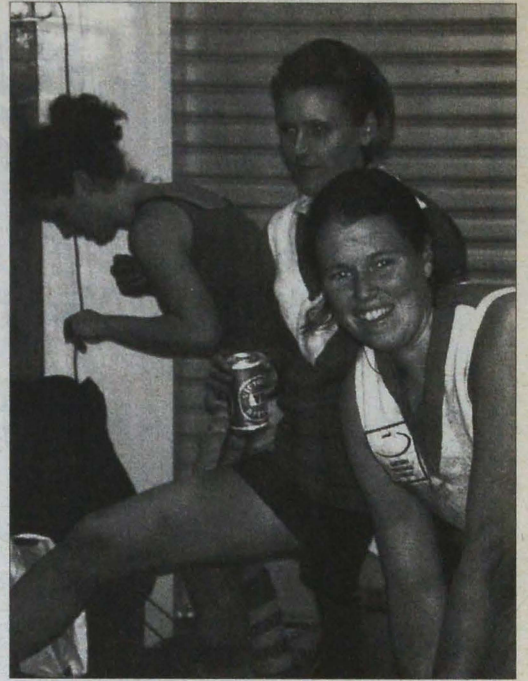
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It was a female free-for-all when the girls from Pub Power met the dames from Warrandyte Football Club on Saturday, July 20. STEPHEN REYNOLDS was there and took these pictures. Oh, and the footy club girls won the match.



Redbacks pass the tests

By TONY OLIVER

Four Warrandyte sides took the court on August 2 in critical games that would give an insight into their chances for the 2002 junior basketball season.

And all came through unscathed.

Coincidentally, all three girls teams started Round 14 sitting in sixth place with seven wins each.

The Under-18 girls coached by Nick Peters hosted Frankston in the late game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre. These girls are starting to put together some useful form after a horrid mid-season slump in which they lost six games in a row.

On form, 10-placed Frankston should have been a straightforward assignment, but the visitors turned at half-time with a 19-16 lead.

Warrandyte's fast break specialist Simone Gemmell was the outstanding player in the opening period, scoring eight of the Redbacks' first 10 points.

The game was tight and tough and with just over six minutes to go the scores were locked at 24-all.

Strong guard Stef Smith was showing her frustration and was fouled off coming into the critical period. Warrandyte's Jess Kemp had a chance to grab the lead when she intercepted a loose pass, but excellent defence from Frankston foiled the basket attempt.

It was Frankston's turn in offence and two strong defensive efforts by Jenna Hardy were needed to hold out the southerners.

The Redbacks were having slightly the better of the attack but could not convert. Sam Smith was caught inside by good Frankston defence and put up a desperate shot, the ball sailing through the ring to give the Redbacks the slight advantage.

Warrandyte pressed the offence, but Frankston held firm and with all the Redback players pushing up under the basket, the back court was exposed and the visitors levelled with a breakaway move.

The clock was running down and defences at both ends were holding. The critical break came when Anna Middleton was able to effect a turnover and passed off to Jenna Hardy who converted for another two-

Critical night for our title hopefuls

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point lead. Both sides were in foul trouble and Warrandyte's Kim Singh made the most of her trip to the charity line to give the Redbacks a four-point buffer with less than a minute to go.

But Frankston immediately swept down the court, where Jess Kemp was unable to protect the basket, and the margin was back to two points.

Coach Peters was urging on his charges, who showed more composure in the dying seconds, holding up the ball and earning themselves a gutsy win and three premierships points.



Earlier, Lorraine Parfitt's Under-12 girls had hosted second-placed Kilsyth, whom they had defeated on the road with a makeshift team.

Warrandyte's game is based on mid-sized players with team cohesion and the Redbacks had stumbled the previous week against Diamond Valley.

The Kilsyth side boasted two tall players and were doing good work under the basket, but Warrandyte's smaller players were doing a lot of damage. Guard Courtney Petalas opened the scoring effortlessly and set the tone for the first half.

Warrandyte were collecting fouls, but the baskets just seemed to fall in and the Redbacks were well in control leading 12-2 midway through the half.

Kilsyth changed tactics and closer marking of Courtney Petalas was starting to make

some impact. Still, a 16-11 scoreline at the interval flattered Kilsyth.

The second half opened like the first with a flurry of Warrandyte scoring. Kilsyth were continuing the close checking, but making little headway.

Strong games were being put in by Ashlee Collins and Cassie Wilson, to name just two from an all-round effort, and the final score was 42-22 to the Redbacks.

Petalas topscored with 20 points, but it was a brilliant team game.

A major downside was an ankle injury to Ashlee Collins, who had been outstanding and was being subject to some strong physical attention from Kilsyth. She went down late in the game and was taken to hospital.

For the first time this season, the Under-16 girls could boast a full side of eight players with the return of forward Libby Lavery from injury and the game against bottom-placed should not have been a problem. But after their horror run of injuries, the Redbacks' early play was disjointed.

Emma Razzi opened the scoring with a free throw, but it was Altona who scored the first field goal and were looking slightly the better.

Warrandyte slowly got into gear and successful three-point shots from Razzi, and Tahnee Templeton lifted the tempo of the game.

Warrandyte turned with a 14-6 lead and looked if they could go right on with it. A brilliant defensive effort by Templeton, blocking a shot and gaining possession, suggested the Redbacks were ready to explode away, but Altona lifted sharply and came back hard.

A three-pointer which narrowed the gap to 20-19 prompted a time-out call from coach Parfitt.

Point guard Louise Yates injected herself into the game in a dramatic fashion, she and Hannah Massingham leading a charge and between them putting on 14 points to seal the game.

Right on the buzzer, Lavery celebrated her return to the



The faces of our basketball future

Warrandyte Basketball Club have launched Redback Future Forces, a program aimed at younger-aged children.

It gives them additional structured training and a game situation each Friday evening.

Hopefully these kids will be the core of the future talent for the club.

The program started on July 19, highlighted by

presentations of drink bottles by current Australian Opal player and dual Olympic medallist Michelle Brogan.

That's Michelle (second from the left above) with the Redback Future Forces boys. The front row is flanked by specialist coaches Jake

Ratcliffe (left) and Matt Treeby. Below: The guest of honour and the Future Forces girls



court with a three-pointer, giving Warrandyte a useful percentage boost with a 39-23 scoreline.

From Warrandyte's viewpoint, it was a patchy performance, some excellent passages interspersed with some very ordinary efforts. The positive was to have all players finally

fit and available again.

The Under-12 Metro 1 boys of Damian Arsenis made a blistering start to the away game against Whittlesea, racing to 14-2 lead. But they took their foot off the pedal to take a 16-10 advantage into the break.

Warrandyte continued to perform below their potential in

the second half and some poor defence allowed Whittlesea to close the gap to two points late in the game.

But the Redbacks' defence substantially lifted and some good heads-up passing enabled them to capitalise on their opportunities and bring home a 37-27 win.

Saturday spoils up for grabs

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte teams are well placed for success as the finals of the Saturday basketball championship approach.

Leading the charge are the Under-17 A-grade girls, under new coach Nick Peters, who have won 10 out of their 12 outings, their only serious challengers being Balwyn.

They were given a bit of a wake-up call, however, by bottom side Doncats.

Warrandyte were down to six players for the away engagement and were also relying on stand-in coach Gary Smith, with Peters unavailable because of a



Jake Templeton: given a shutting down job against Banyule.

clash of games. The Doncats looked anything but cellar dwellers as they matched it with the Redbacks and were only two points off the pace at the break.

The second half opened more promisingly for Warrandyte, tall centre Sam Smith particularly effective with a number of inside shots.

Her sister Stef was fouled off midway through the half after a characteristically strong performance and Warrandyte were down to five players with no reserves.

Warrandyte fast guard Simone Gemmell was well held by the Doncats, but superior teamwork enabled the Redbacks to steam to a 36-24 victory. A minor premierships is looking a distinct possibility.

The Under-15 girls coached by Lorraine Parfitt are having a horror run with injuries but are starting to get players back. Sarah Bensch and Danielle Curavic have returned and are regaining match fitness, but a setback to forward Libby Lavery had delayed her reappearance.

The team are running in sixth position and are likely to be

New Under-10s are quick off the mark

Warrandyte have tasted instant success in a new Under-10 girls competition, an initiative of the Victorian Metropolitan Junior Basketball League.

The competition, which has started in Term 3, is designed to give the younger girls a taste of representative basketball without having to travel excessive distances.

Warrandyte's team, coached by Anne Cousens, had their first outing against Hawthorn at Ringwood and came through with flying colours.

A tight first half had them leading 8-4 at the break and

playing in the A2 finals group.

Their latest game produced a surprise loss at home to Ivanhoe, a team with whom they would normally have little trouble.

Also reduced to six players by

they lifted after the interval, with Zanetta Hosking, Sophie Richardson and Brittany Parsons outstanding.

It was a genuine team effort, however, that saw Warrandyte win 18-8.

"The girls simply loved the experience," said coach Cousens.

The realities of this grade of basketball were brought home to the girls in their next game, when they were beaten by a more experienced Kilsyth outfit at Lilydale.

Scorers for Warrandyte were Amber Saunders (5) and Richardson and Parsons (2).

the late withdrawal of Gina Oliver, the Redbacks led 10-7 and were expected to go on with it.

But lack of Warrandyte focus in the second half saw Ivanhoe surge to a 21-15 lead with just a

few minutes left. Warrandyte were able to regroup and fast breaks to Tahnee Templeton and Emma Razzi tied up the score with just over a minute to go.

Another fast break opportunity was missed, giving possession to Ivanhoe, who scored with a low-percentage shot to regain the lead. Another turnover produced another basket for Ivanhoe and gave the visitors the points 25-21.

The Doncats tipped our Under-11 girls out of the top four with a 24-22 victory. Warrandyte conceded an eight-point start before finding their feet and going virtually basket for basket in a tight encounter.

Although the Redbacks slipped a notch with the defeat, there are sufficient rounds remaining for them to regain a top-four spot.

The Under-19 boys survived a crunch game at home against Banyule.

Their fourth position at stake, Warrandyte opened in uneven fashion and the visitors held a comfortable eight-point lead at the break.

Banyule were getting great value from their tall centre, who

was rebounding well and cutting the Redbacks up with fast transitions from defence to offence.

Coach Paul Whittingham used the half-time break to settle his boys down and to refocus. He also adopted a different game plan for the second half, tightening up in the zone defence and putting more determination into offence.

Centre Tim Given was starting to get more of the rebounding action and Jake Templeton was pushed forward to shut down Banyule's centre.

Hayden Wall sparked the Redbacks with two three-pointers and Dan Kropp was exerting considerable influence in general play.

Warrandyte prevailed 46-31 to keep their season on track.

This is a bunched field with probably only Eltham assured of a finals position. Any of four teams can realistically take fourth spot.

Warrandyte Under-15 boys, coached by Ian Wood, had a regulation win against Ivanhoe by some 20 points to keep their finals aspirations alive. Like the Under-19s, it is a bunched field for the finals places.

Job ahead for Dytes

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Juniors up and running

Warrandyte Cricket Club have made an early start to the new season, with indoor practice already under way.

Sunday morning sessions will continue until the end of August when training will return to the Warrandyte reserve.

The club recently reappointed Dave Mooney as captain while Greg Creber will be in charge of the second eleven and Nathan Croft will continue his role as captain of the thirds.

The 2002-03 season looms as a critical one for Warrandyte, who face a tough assignment in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Wilkins Shield competition.

The senior team were beaten in last season's preliminary final and will be hoping to go at least one step better this season.

But club president Robert White warned that 2002-03 would be tougher assignment.

"North Croydon were relegated from Chandler Shield for the first time and they will be determined to return to the top grade," White said.

"South Warrandyte dominated the Newey Shield competition last season and have been promoted and they have also recruited well.

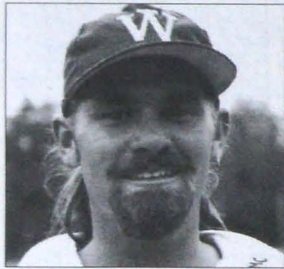
"Teams like North Ringwood, St Andrews and Norwood remain very strong so we will have to perform at our best if we are to consider a finals position," he said.

The senior team expect to

Warrandyte's juniors are also getting set for the new season and indoor training has started.

The club will field teams in Under-12, 14 and 16 competitions and also hope to put together an Under-10 side.

Registration for juniors will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 1, starting at 10am.



David Mooney

lose a couple of key players, one likely to be Michael Day, who is now living in Frankston.

Day returned to the club last season after several years in Sydney and his batting at the top of the order was critical to the team's success.

"We would like to get Mick back again but we understand the travelling involved. We haven't given up yet," White said.

The outstanding form of Jason Cloke with AFL club Collingwood also poses a problem for Warrandyte.

Cloke opened the bowling for most of last season and his pace gave the Warrandyte attack plenty of bite.

His availability this season is unknown as yet but Warrandyte hope he can play a number of the early games. Jason's

brother Cameron made his senior cricket debut with Warrandyte last season and showed great promise. He has also signed with Collingwood but Warrandyte officials are still hopeful he may be available for most of the season.

Another young player, Campbell Holland, who impressed with both bat and ball last season, has spent winter playing league cricket in England.

Holland has had great success with the ball and the experience he has gained in England is certain to provide a bonus for Warrandyte in the new season.

"The new season looms as a real challenge and we are still searching for players to join the club and help us win our way back to Chandler Shield," White said.

"There must be many cricketers in Warrandyte who are playing elsewhere and we would like them to come and support their local club.

"We have great facilities and a tradition that goes back almost 150 years and we want local people to play with their local club."

Players interested in joining Warrandyte or attending pre-season training should contact chairman of selectors John Chapman on 9844 3058.

Many hoops later, she heads home

By LEE TINDALE

Former local basketball star Maree Vincent returns home in December from a starring role on the United States collegiate scene.

Maree, 22, of Brackenbury Street, realised her dream of playing basketball in the US after she was spotted by college scouts during a tour with the Nunawading Sceptres in 1997.

She moved to America in 1998 and spent two years at Skagit Valley College just outside Seattle, making the hoops and studying psychology.

A year at the University of California in Irvine was followed by another at neighbouring Concordia Uni, where Maree continued to justify the first impressions of those US scouts that she was something special.

Her statistics for her year at Concordia — where she chose to complete her studies and play her final year of college basketball — were outstanding

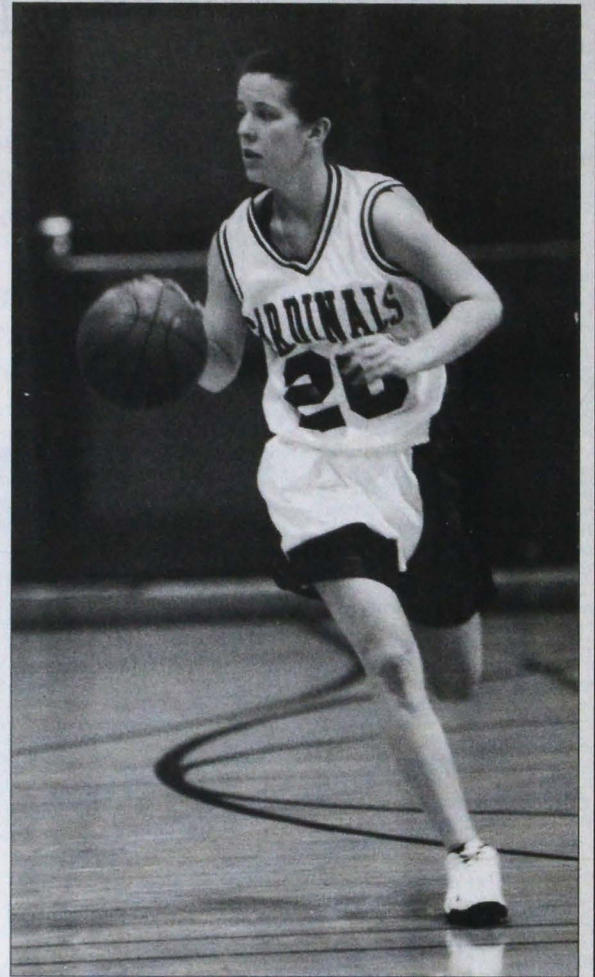
She was leading scorer, with a 21.8 average, in the Golden State Athletic Conference and in the National Individual Statistics was fifth overall leading scorer, sixth in free throw percentages (84.7) and 10th in assists (4.9).

Maree was named in the 2001-02 All-GSAC team at the end of the season and won Concordia's MVP award. She also received an All-American Honourable Mention in the national awards.

"Maree continues to enjoy her time in the US," said justifiably-proud mother Jennifer.

"She will complete her undergraduate degree in psychology in December and then come home.

"She may be given the opportunity to work for 12



Maree Vincent: among the very best in US college basketball.

months in the US. We don't know yet."

And what of her sporting aspirations when she gets back home?

"She'll work that out when the

time comes," said Jennifer, who had an extended holiday in America with husband Arthur earlier this year and saw all Maree's games.

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BRIDGESTONE TYRE CENTRES

We're back in business

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte have come home with a mighty rush to salvage credibility and respect from what was looming as a wretched 2002 football season.

Facing relegation to EFL Fourth Division for the first time in their proud history, the Bloods have won three of their last four games — including a heart-stopping two-point victory over second-placed Upper Ferntree Gully at home on August 3.

That would have been four out of four but for a luckless 10-point defeat by Templestowe on July 27 — a game Warrandyte probably should have won.

Our season had hit rock bottom on July 6 with a 70-point debacle against Kilsyth, the club we were struggling to hold at arm's length to avoid the dreaded drop from Division 3.

But while Kilsyth have dropped their four games since to be guaranteed the wooden spoon, the Bloods' fortunes have lifted remarkably.

Warrandyte's next outings after the Kilsyth drubbing produced a 20-point away win over final aspirants Doncaster East and a 34-point result at home over Mooroolbark.

That realistically buried the relegation bogey and we had

Turnaround saves our footy season

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plenty of chances to complete the hat-trick at Templestowe.

But Upper Ferntree Gully was the icing on the renaissance cake. The Bloods came from four goals down in the first quarter and three goals down in the third to open up a 14-point break in the last and hang on like men possessed.

They were rewarded with a premierships-like reception as they left the field — and rarely has the club song been sung with greater gusto.

And what had produced the dramatic turnaround since our day of shame against Kilsyth?

"Pride!" said coach Scott Hunter, one of our many good players against Upper Gully.

"We were ashamed of ourselves after that game. We thought we'd win it and we took it too easily. Too many were prepared to let the others do the work.

"Today we shared the workload. There were no stand-outs,

but everyone contributed."

Trailing by two points at the last change, Hunter told his troops that they had nothing to lose by giving it their all.

"This is our last time on this ground this season," he said (the Bloods finishing their 2002 campaign at Coldstream on August 10). "Give the supporters something to remember you by!"

Indeed they did, although much of our first quarter was depressingly and hauntingly familiar. Upper Gully's first goal, after seven minutes, was quickly answered by Warrandyte captain Chris Cornell, but then it became one-way traffic.

Four Gully goals in 11 minutes looked all too easy and the Bloods were doing a lot of chasing and looking at a 25-point deficit.

Darren Payne stopped that rot with a goal 21 minutes in and when Chris Quinlan fed off a pack five minutes later and Stuart Wynd took a one-hander and threaded through another of his "impossibles" two minutes on, Warrandyte were looking pretty good against the premierships contenders.

But could they keep it up? Sure!

At the first change it was 5.1 to 4.1 in the visitors' favour and Adam Barlow to former East Burwood teammate Wynd six minutes into the second term tied it all up.

And when Glen Carle received out of a pack a minute later, what may have been regarded as a mismatch, bearing ladder positions in mind, had become a most intriguing affair.

Upper Gully regained the lead with 10 minutes gone and



Heidi Buntrock, one of the game's stars, leads the Warrandyte Football Club team and coach Brendan Smith from the field after the charity night match against Pub Power at the recreation reserve on July 20. Heidi and Rachel Treeby were named the club's best, with Kate Holzer and Alison Aldenhoven stand-outs for Pub Power. The football club won by a couple of goals. More pictures Page 16. Smokey Joe's expose Page 2.

followed up six minutes later to run to a seven-point advantage in a very good game of football played with plenty of vigour but no venom.

The visitors were doing most of the attacking, but goals were very hard to come by. Loose defence eventually let them in for an easy one, but a clever snap from Barlow sent us into the interval breathing down their necks — 8.5 (53) to 7.1 (43).

The first few minutes of the third quarter were full of promise for Warrandyte, but also full of near-misses — three behinds, including a poster.

Upper Gully, on the other hand, goaled on their first trip

behind the centre and another at 11 minutes blew the lead out to 19 points.

At this point, a lot of Warrandyte supporters sighed a sigh of resignation. Oh ye of little faith!

Cornell marked and sent home a long bomb at 13 minutes, only to see Upper Gully respond four minutes later — but our best passage of play so far saw a chain of footpasses finish in the hands of Barlow for our ninth.

Guy Taylor fired a bullet into Cornell's chest seven minutes later and Matt Blagrove to Wynd in the pocket at 29 minutes made it a one-point ball game and a two-pointer at the

last change, 11.8 (74) to 11.6 (62).

"Give the supporters something to remember you by..." Hunter and his Bloods certainly did that.

A relayed free to Blagrove two minutes into the last quarter put us four points in front. A behind to the visitors, then Barlow to Wynd in the goal square three minutes later and we were nine points in credit.

Two behinds to the Gully, then another, then a piece of Warrandyte brilliance at 14 minutes ended with Matt Wood to Wynd in front for a 13-point lead, then 14 points as those two combined again.

Surely the game was ours. Not just yet, folks.

A Gully behind followed by a goal made that just seven points and a big mark and an even bigger kick put the enemy just a point from our doorstep.

A behind to the Bloods — then the play of the day, Stuart Wynd is such a clever footballer you'd swear he'd targeted Cornell's chest in their goal square when he booted off the ground at 26 minutes. Bullseye! Goal.

Can we breath easy now? No, not quite. The Gully snapped one out of nothing with 15 seconds on the clock, but that was their last hurrah. How sweet the siren sound!

Final score: Warrandyte 15.8 (98), Upper Ferntree Gully 14.12 (96).

Warrandyte's goalkickers were Wynd 5, Cornell 4, Barlow 2, Payne, Quinlan, Carle and Blagrove.

Their best were Payne, Wood, Matt Treeby, Warren Rueland, Craig Dick, Blagrove, Taylor, Cornell and Wynd.

The Reserves, final prospects for much of the season, were blitzed early but made a real game of it thereafter to go down by 32 points, 9.5 (59) to 3.9 (27).

Their best were Andrew Gordon, Ben Reid and Stuart Howarth.

Close call for Bloods' best

Warrandyte Football Club's vote count and presentation night will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday, August 17, starting at seven.

Despite the Bloods' moderate success on the field this season there are many contenders for the best and fairest award and the count promises to be decided in the last few sets of votes.

The annual 1-1000 draw will be held in conjunction with it and the Essendon-Collingwood game will be shown on the big screen.

Snacks and liquid refreshments will, of course, be available. ● The "old-timers" get the chance to kick up their heels again at '70s Night at the clubrooms on Saturday, August 10. This will be a fun night for young and old and, for many, a trip down memory lane.

Juniors poised for finals assault

Brownlow count for kids

The inaugural Warrandyte Junior Football Club presentation night will be held at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, September 10.

It will follow a Brownlow format, with counts for best players in the respective age divisions.

Other awards to be presented on the night will include the Ben McKeller Memorial Shield for club captain, the Eric Houghton Best Player Award, most valuable player, most courageous and 50 and 100-game medallions.

"Many of our boys have been with the club since we started and this night gives us the opportunity to recognise their contributions," said club president Mathew Matheou.

"Most of the Colts squad will be leaving the club at the end of the season and the night gives us the opportunity to thank them and, most importantly, their families for their services and support over many years.

"Hopefully, most of the Colts 2 squad will be with us next year," he said.

Tickets for the function are \$30 a head and available through Matheou on 0418 542434 or secretary Kevin O'Mara (9844 2964).



Left: What goes up must come down — and these local Auskick kids have all eyes skywards as the ball begins its descent.

Young veteran's record ton

Mitch Canham (right) is a young football veteran in the true sense of the words.

At just 13, he has just become the youngest player to reach 100 games for Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

Mitch, who plays Under-13s, started his career in Auskick and graduated through the age groups via the Under-9 Tackers.

"He certainly loves his football and has grabbed every opportunity to play in the Warrandyte colours," said WJFC secretary Kevin O'Mara.

"He may very well be the first player to reach 200 games with this club."

Mitch has had several



coaches as he has climbed the ranks but says without hesitation that the best was his Under-9 and Under-10 mentor Gary Canham — his dad.

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club are poised to launch a multi-pronged attack on the Yarra league premierships.

With three rounds of the home-and-away season to go, the club had two teams entrenched in the top four and a number of others knocking at the door and hoping for a bit of luck.

Unfortunately, the standard-bearers, the two Colts sides, appear to have missed their opportunities for a finals fling. It has been a frustrating season for both sides, injuries and

numbers combining to rob them of many chances for glory.

Still, coaches Mathew Matheou, Shaun Wilson and Oliver Doederlein have made the boys highly competitive and serious challengers to some of the higher-placed teams in their competitions.

Both these squads have many talented members who will go on to play football at a higher level.

Representative of this is Ben Mason, who recently played for the Eastern Ranges against North Ballarat in the elite TAC competition. While unsuited by the conditions on the day, Mason showed his trademark courage and work ethic to make a meaningful contribution.

Meanwhile, Bruce Corrigan's Under-15s have consolidated their place in the four with a series of hard-earned victories.

They continue to play an attractive brand of football and have responded to the challenges Corrigan has thrown at them.

"We will continue to work hard and stay focused on our goals and who knows, the premierships may well be ours," the coach said.

The Under-14s are breathing down the neck of the top four thanks to a number of inspiring victories over teams above them on the ladder.

Such players as Joseph O'Mara and "pocket rocket" Rick Curtis are providing the impetus to continue the march towards the finals.

Season 2002 has been a learning experience for the

Under-13s. With only a remote chance of reaching the finals, these boys are already focusing on the skills and strategies required to play football at the higher level.

While victories have been elusive this year, every player has progressed in his skills development and understanding of the game.

The Under-12s continue to give it their all and may be a chance for end-of-season glory.

This squad suffer from what could be called "minimalist Warrandyteis" — a condition which makes players small in size but huge in courage.

As team manager Steve Blakely put it: "These boys could benefit from a growth spurt to facilitate their competitiveness."

Both the Under-11s and Under-10s appear to be out of the finals race, but the talents and skills of such players as Rowan Mullettreloar, Zac Boyce, David Beasley and Robbie Bowen are on show every Sunday.

The club have seen enough of these two squads this season to face the future with much confidence.

The Under-9s, while not playing for premierships points, continue to approach their football with a great competitive spirit.

Regularly supplemented by Auskick players, this has been a learning year for them and the benefits of that experience will be seen when the move on to Under-10 ranks in 2003.



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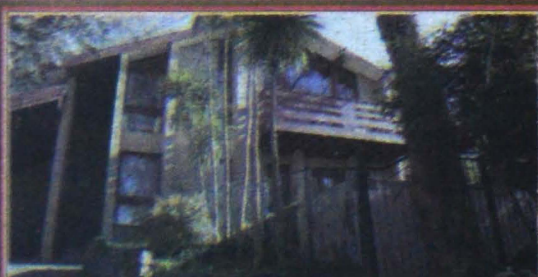
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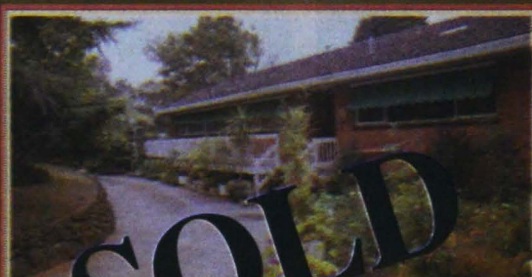
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