

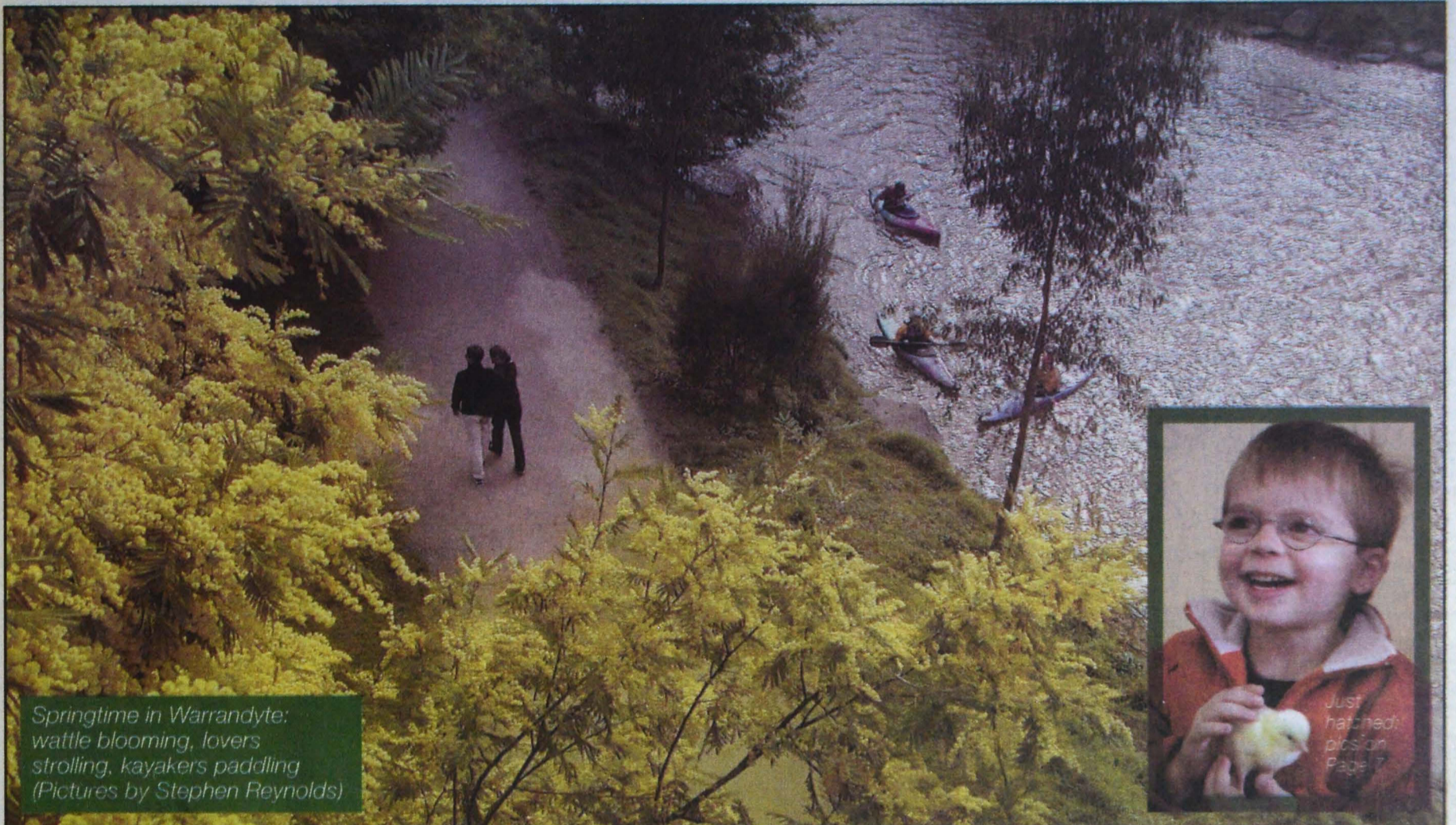
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Springtime in Warrandyte: wattle blooming, lovers strolling, kayakers paddling (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



Just hatched: pippin Page 7

Bushland reprieve

By FIA CLENDINEN

In a decision welcomed by local residents, Nillumbik council has refused an application to subdivide a two-acre bush block in North Warrandyte.

As reported in last month's *Diary*, the owner of a property in Osborne Road had applied to council to subdivide into two one-acre blocks.

Members of the North Warrandyte Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group objected to the proposed subdivision, stating "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."

Late last month Nillumbik council officers released a report recommend-

ing against the application to subdivide.

The report stated, "it is clear that a large number of trees and understorey vegetation will be required to be removed to accommodate all the elements associated with developing the site for two dwellings."

"This vegetation removal on site will have a detrimental impact not only to the site itself but to the adjoining Warrandyte State Park due to potential run-off and loss of habitat and disturbance of fauna in that area. The loss of the vegetation will also affect the viability of the habitat corridor."

Ruth Rankin from the Osborne Road group told the *Diary* she was delighted with the outcome.

"We're extremely pleased with the refusal to grant the permit," she said. "We see it as the council taking a stand. The municipal strategic statement is in place. And (the proposed subdivision) clearly doesn't conform. So (the council) has taken a stand and said, 'no, you can't subdivide'. And we

think that's great."

Bob Stubbings, ward councillor for Yanakie, said he was initially not opposed to the application to subdivide but he explained that the more he looked into the issue the more he became convinced that it was inappropriate.

"I just felt, on balance, that ultimately two houses on that area of land would be too much intrusion to be sustainable," Cr Stubbings said. "Given the sensitivity of the riparian zone below and the general environment there, it became clearer to me that the environment was the more important choice to make."

In the end Cr Stubbings told the owner of the property he could not support him in his application. But he denied that his reversal on this decision signified a philosophical shift in attitude.

"I don't see that I have changed at all," Cr Stubbings said. "This happened to be a decision that I was wavering on and came down on one side. I'm not

a pro-developer that's suddenly turned green. I'm an independent person with my own views on the environment."

The owner of the property, Ed Waldman, said the reason he wanted to subdivide his property was so he could afford to build an "environmentally sensitive" house on the remaining block. He said he was now not in a financially viable position to build at all but had not made up his mind what to do next.

"I don't want to make an emotive decision," he said. "My wife and I are considering all the alternatives."

But Mr Waldman predicted that it was only a matter of time before the property in Osborne Road was subdivided.

"One day it will be subdivided," he warned. "If you've got the money to go to VCAT and if you've got the right consultants, it will go through. The council can't stop it completely."

An article published in *The Age* on August 26 would appear to agree with Mr Waldman. Figures analysing the

outcome of appeals to VCAT (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal) show that developers had a much better chance than residents, in seeking to have council decisions overturned.

Ms Rankin said her group was celebrating their win on this particular issue but the battle to save the environment was not over.

"We get so frustrated, we seem to be the green police in Osborne Road," she said. "We don't like to have to do this but we feel we have to. We've always got to be watching the councils to make sure they are monitoring and upholding all these issues. It's so time consuming and stressful. It's been going on for years."

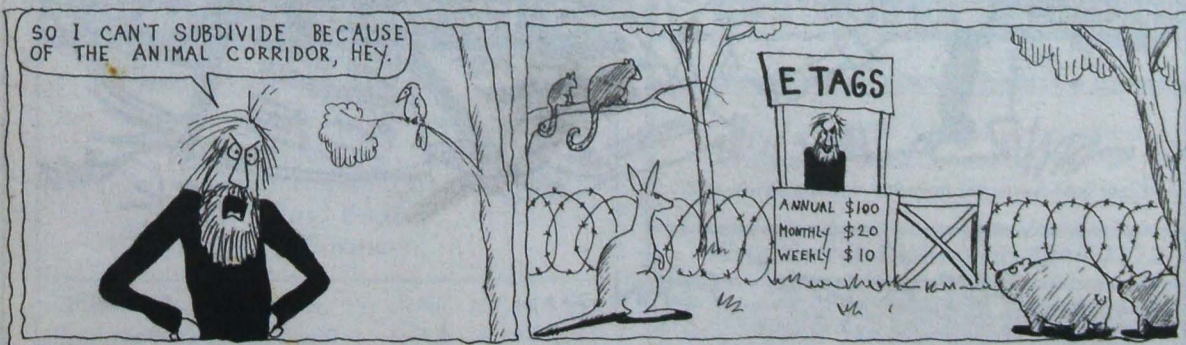
Ms Rankin pointed out that the Green Wedge would not be safe until it was protected by law.

"Legislation to protect the Green Wedge has to happen," she said. "It's a huge issue. The government has got to move themselves."

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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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 estab-
lished 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.

How playing possum gave Trapper Terry the shih tzu



Terry Booth, the David Attenborough of Drysdale Road, became Terry Booth the Great White Hunter of the same address when an absolutely audacious brush-tailed possum bobbed up in his den. The pesky varmint gained entry via a couple of floorboards Terry had lifted to replace, frightening hell out of Mrs Attenborough, the lovely Pam. Drawing upon his vast knowledge of the species, and confident the intruder would return to the precise scene of his crime, Boothy set a possum trap there baited with a Vegemite sandwich, an apple and a banana (what, no cheesecake or chocolate mousse for dessert?) and the waiting game began. Neither he nor Pam heard the trap sprung that night, but sprung it was. And guess what they caught — the family dog!

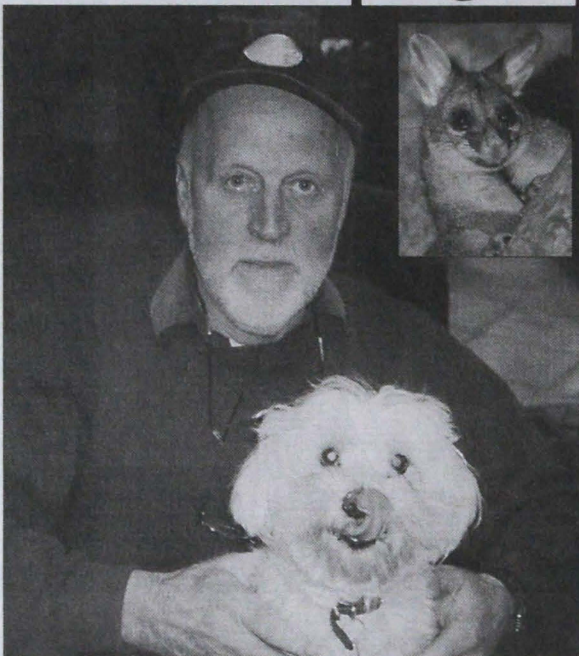


Yes, Taffy, one of the Booths' pair of shih tzu/Maltese terrier crosses, turned out to be inordinately fond of Vegemite sangers and there he sat in his prison next morning looking all puzzled and forlorn and possibly in need of trauma counselling. Undaunted by this setback, Terry decided this was going to be no inside job, so he rebaited with similar fare and set the trap out back on the deck. And guess what he caught — an Indian minah with a taste for Vegemite sandwiches! In a classic case of third time lucky, a brush-tailed possum with a guilty look on his cute little face walked into the ambush that night. Terry wagged a no-nonsense finger at the critter, implored it to get out and stay out of his life and released it in a user-friendly environment nearby. And any advice, we asked, for the discriminating possum trapper? "Yeah," he said. "Change the menu. Hold the Vegemite."



No, long-time Page 2 megastar Neil Dusting has not launched a takeover bid for this town. It's merely a case of mistaken identity. Seems that half of Warrandyte got a letter from Templestowe real estate agent Bill Schlink asking if they'd consider selling their home to a Mr and Mrs Dusting, who "wish to relocate" here. The multitude of recipients included Greg Lawrence and the aforementioned Terry

IN RED & WHITE

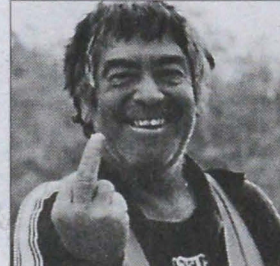


Trapper Terry and Taffy, his very forgiving pooch. Inset: Brush-tail possum wearing a guilty expression.

Booth, who are among Neil's closest mates — and the Dustings themselves! If their phone didn't exactly run hot as Neil and the vivacious Pauline fielded "What the hell's going on?" calls, it certainly ran decidedly warm. And when Neil phoned the Schlink people to ask the same question, they said, "Hmmm, sorry about any inconvenience, but then Dusting is a very common name." We counted 58 of them in the current Melbourne White Pages, which hardly stacks up against the Smiths, the Browns or the Joneses. Anyhow, Neil and Pauline Dusting live very happily in Osborne Road, North Warrandyte — and wild horses couldn't relocate them.



There were a few highlights apart from the music when local band Rock Arcade rocked the local RSL Club for a couple of hours on Sunday, August 11. Unaware that they



Coatsey sends a sign. The picture was taken several years ago when Beatlemania had very belatedly caught up with him.

were entertaining Alan Koetsveld, Rock Arcade made the mistake of doing their version of "Send Me A Sign, Girl", which "Coatsey" did — with his famous "Warrandyte Wave", the one-finger salute (considered somewhat obscene in some circles) he claims to have invented as a friendly gesture

many moons ago. Then Lester Cheong stunned the assembled music lovers with some amazing dance-floor aerobics to the tune of "Give Me Some Old-Fashioned Rock 'n' Roll" (and here's us thinking all these years that he had two left feet) and Simon Dwyer gave us a show-stopping cameo performance, arriving whirling dervish-like from the balcony to be the actions man in "Let's Do The Time Warp Again". Sensational, Simon! The RSL folk are planning more musical Sundays, so stay tuned. They're a lot of fun.



When young Michael Clark was picked up by Melbourne in the AFL's November 1999 national draft under the father-son rule he told us one of his burning ambitions in footy was to "beat Dennis". That was quite a lofty aspiration because Dennis — his dad — had played 120 senior games for the Demons and 83 thereafter with Sandringham in the then VFA. Michael, recently turned 21, had to wait quite a while for his senior debut, but it came along on August 30 against St Kilda at Colonial. Did all right, too. Picked up as many possessions as skipper David Neitz and kicked a goal. And he's already "beaten Dennis" in one facet of the game. Former St Kilda and Hawthorn champ Russell Greene, who played against Dennis, remarked during his Foxtel Footy commentary that Michael was "a better kick than his old man". Dennis hotly disputes the call — but we're going to let the Clark boys fight that one out among themselves.

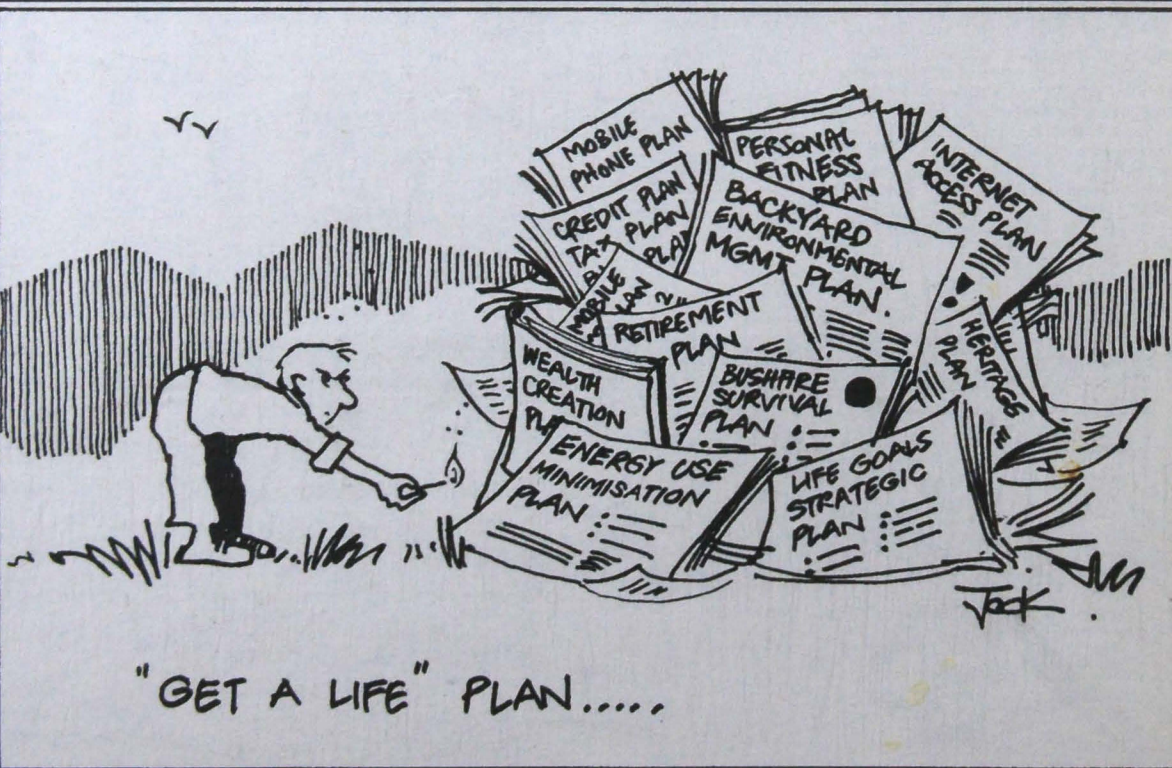


Are there Hoary Sunrays at the bottom of your garden? No? Then let the Friends of Warrandyte State Park right that wrong. Reminding us that now's the time to prepare for some summer colour in the garden, native flora whiz Carthy Willis highly recommends the Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*), a small, clumping, perennial daisy which thrives in dry, rocky ground, has long, narrow, greyish-green leaves and produces bright yellow "everlasting" flowers from November-March. It's available right now from the friends' nursery in Pound Bend, so give Cathy a call on 0418 142297.

Smokey Joe

By JOCK MACNEISH

OVER THE HILLS



"GET A LIFE" PLAN.....

Mine talks disappoint



This site is as good as money in the bank

By CLIFF GREEN

The Commonwealth Bank premises in Yarra Street sold at auction earlier this month for \$640,000.

The building has been unoccupied since the bank branch closed some months ago. The property includes an adjoining vacant block.

The auction was conducted by Gross Waddell of Flinders Street, Melbourne.

According to a local real estate agent, this could be a record price for commercial premises in Yarra Street. "We suspect the reserve may have been something in the vicinity of \$300,000," the agent said. "\$400,000 would have been a good price for the building. The value of the block next door would have to be anybody's

guess." A garden on this block was designed by well-known local landscaper Bev Hanson.

Purpose-built as banking premises for the old State Savings Bank of Victoria, residents believe the building would make ideal premises for Warrandyte's proposed community bank, planned to operate under a franchise with the Bendigo Bank.

"The bank is certainly one of the sites we're looking at," John Provan, chairman of the community bank steering committee told the *Diary*. "At this stage, the new owners have promised us first refusal. They have bought the property as an investment. We'll be talking to them. This building would be ideal, but we've got to weigh up the various options, and rental

costs compared to each location."

Other options that could be considered by the community bank include the community centre and premises at Goldfields Plaza.

Last month, the *Diary* suggested that the partnership with the Hurstbridge branch of the Bendigo Bank, under which the agency in Warrandyte operates, "will probably end in mid-August". This was a misunderstanding.

"The agency will continue to run in partnership with Hurstbridge right up until we have our own full branch open," Mr Provan said.

"The results of the survey were very good and we are currently preparing a report for the Bendigo Bank's consideration."

But Parks Victoria claim 'an understanding of people's concerns'

By SAM DAVIES

The Warrandyte Community Association believes Parks Victoria seem resolved to close our historic mine tunnels.

This follows a meeting between Parks Victoria and local community groups to discuss their decision to restrict access to some historic gold mines in Warrandyte State Park.

Representatives from the Warrandyte Historical Society, Warrandyte Community Association and Friends of Warrandyte State Park, met chief parks ranger for Yarra district Mary-Lou Dixon, and Warrandyte State Park's Andy Nixon, in a meeting which aimed for "an understanding of views" and to "establish more clear communication" between Parks Victoria and the community.

"It was just a preliminary meeting," Ms Dixon said. She confirmed that plans to close the mines were still shelved "until further discussion with the community".

During the meeting, Ms Dixon promised to provide the groups with copies of the mine risk assessment report conducted on the mines by experts earlier in the year.

This meeting was the first consultation held with local groups since Parks Victoria halted their controversial plan to restrict access to some local mines for safety reasons.

It was a positive step following Parks Victoria admission that they needed to communicate more effectively with the community on such issues.

While nothing definite was decided at the meeting, Ms Dixon was optimistic about the new communication forged with the local groups. "I felt we were able to get an understanding of people's concerns, particularly through mines safety works."

Andy Bevan-Jones, now secretary of the WHS, was also optimistic following the meeting, and felt that they all found "some common ground".

All groups agreed that vertical mine shafts needed to have restricted access. While a slab of concrete was "a bit drastic", Mr Bevan-Jones thought picket fences and gates could be suitable. "We need to jointly decide which is best for each," he told the *Diary*.

The question of the horizontal tunnels, in particular Victory, Geraghty's and Johnson's mines, was a more contentious issue. Mr Bevan-Jones said everyone should at least have access to these three mines.

One possibility raised was that these mines could be gated 25-30 metres inside. However, concerns about the lack of air supply and rubble on the ground could still make the mines too dangerous.

The WCA's Dr Ron Garrett dismissed these arguments, saying that "gating the mines on these grounds wouldn't make sense if large parties are still to

be allowed in". Dr Garrett pointed out that rubble could be cleared and that ventilation shafts could be further opened to increase the air supply.

Dr Garrett felt disappointed following the meeting, believing Parks Victoria seemed resolved to close the horizontal tunnels. "I thought that the consultation process was going to consider, notably, the closure of (vertical) shafts, but also whether or not the tunnels would actually be closed or not."

He commented that Parks Victoria's attitude seemed "out of perspective" compared to other properties owned by Parks Victoria which offered caving, rock climbing and canoeing.

"There will always be deaths and injuries associated with these activities at these places. Parks Victoria is not prepared to balance risk with community enjoyment."

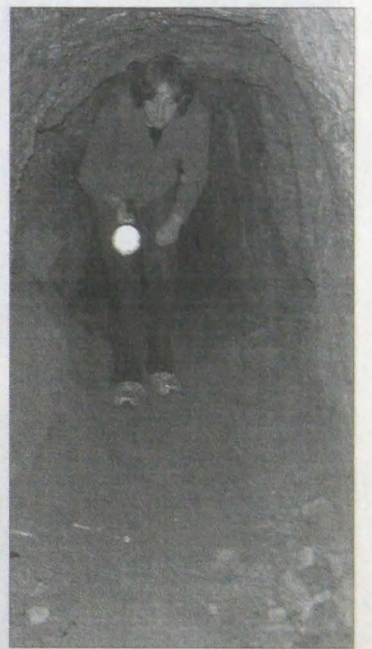
He said the horizontal mines had long been source of adventure and amusement, commenting "there's never been an incident in the tunnels for 140 years".

Dr Garrett said he would hold off making a judgment until he had seen the risk assessment report.

The risk assessment report may itself prove to be a contentious issue, with Geoff Speedy from the FOWSP "concerned" the report had not been conducted on all the tunnels. "It needs to be done on an individual basis," he said, though he was grateful that Parks Victoria had agreed to share the information.

Mr Speedy was also pleased that consultation had begun and that the attitude was friendly. "There's quite a long way between what Parks Victoria want and the community want but I think there's an agreement that can satisfy all needs."

Parks Victoria will continue its discussions with the groups in coming weeks.



Still no light at the end of Warrandyte's mine tunnels.

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Farewell Alice

On August 8, I was proud to be able to farewell my dear teacher Alice (O'Sullivan) Mullens (pictured) along with her family and friends. What a wonderful teacher, lady and friend she was as she nurtured us through our early years at Warrandyte State School No. 12.

In those days, Warrandyte was a small school and we had close contact with our teachers. There were many tears shed when she left to be married to Jim Mullens from Templestowe, who also lived until 90.

The late Stan Jones, racing driver, was one of her pupils.

Alice was 90 when she passed away on Sunday, August 4; not so much older than her pupils as she taught at her first school at Warrandyte at aged 17.

She attended many reunions over the years and it was great to see how happy she was to re-live old times with us all.

On visiting her of late she loved to tell me of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and of the new arrivals. She loved them all. In her letter two weeks ago she told me she was waiting to see Oscar coming from New Zealand for the first time.

On behalf of my fellow students, I say farewell. See you later, Alice.

Millie (Adams) Lee, Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road

Homesickness cure

Many thanks for letting us know that our envelopes had run out. I have enclosed enough for the next 12 months.

Rob and I look forward to receiving the *Diary* each month. We "devour" it so to speak and have even resorted to reading the ads! Then we take it in turns to read articles to each other. Helps to fill in the hole of homesickness and keep our bond with the town.

We have settled in Rockhampton (a large country town itself in many respects) and love it. On the way up we did put a deposit on some land at Agnes Water and dreamt of running llamas, poddy calves, with a veggie patch on the side. These dreams had no basis in reality however, and we got our deposit back. Agnes Water is a little too isolated for us at the moment (for instance, the closest hardware shop was 45 minutes north to Gladstone or 45 minutes south to Bundaberg) so the alternative lifestyle has been put on hold.

I wasn't able to present the Hutchinson Awards to the sixth graders at Warrandyte Primary last year so we asked Rob's son Hayden if he would do the honours. It made a nice connection because Hayden's grandmother, ie. Rob's Mum is now the oldest (or second) surviving pupil of No. 12. Hayden at 21 did a great job,

Fire fears bring warning

Over recent weeks I have walked many of the tracks in the Fourth Hill State Park and have become increasingly concerned with the amount of fuel as in dead trees and branches profusely scattered around. I have lived in Warrandyte for 24 years and cannot recall seeing a fire hazard like it is now.

As a concerned resident I felt I should inform other residents who haven't had a chance to see it for themselves, so they

DEAR DIARY



Ice cream eating Julie Murray at a Diary Christmas party. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

although we are yet to get the photos. The awards are held in high esteem by the school and pupils. The presentation night is usually around the second week of December.

Julie Buckworth Frenchville, Qld
(Julie was formerly Diary staffer Julie Murray.)

have time to start taking precautions around their own homes, before it is too late.

I have not seen any back-burning taking place yet and am worried as there is such a lot to be done to make Warrandyte safe. With spring rapidly approaching and the new growth, I am afraid it will soon become too big a job for the CFA to cover the whole of Warrandyte.

Concerned Resident (name and address supplied)

Pet owners' rally call

Owners of dogs registered with Manningham City Council will have recently received a letter from the council headed "Dog Litter and Effective Control". Apparently the council has received an increase in complaints about dog faeces and the adequate control of dogs when being exercised off-lead.

Last month's *Diary* included a letter headed "Dogless doings at river" which very clearly expressed the concerns of a group of walkers who use the Warrandyte River Reserve regularly.

As a former community representative on Manningham's domestic animals steering committee, I and several of the other community representatives have gone on to form the small group, Friends of Manningham Dogs and Cats. We meet monthly at the council offices and liaise with Malcolm Scheele, one of Manningham's rangers who has worked in implementing Manningham's domestic animals strategy. Our small group also prepares submissions to council on matters pertaining to dog and cat ownership in the city.

At a recent meeting it was brought to our attention that there has been an increase in complaints about dogs, particularly relating to Ruffey Lake Park and the Warrandyte River Reserve. As any regular walker along the river would be aware, the pressure on this reserve has increased enormously in recent years. Dog owners come from far and wide to enjoy the off-lead reserve, the river and the Bakery. Obviously not all these visiting (or local) dog owners are responsible—hence the increase in complaints and the letter from council.

Beetle and Bella are Peysha Charlwood's best friends. (Picture by Doreen Burge)

Friends of Manningham Dogs and Cats is very concerned that changes will be made to the off-lead status of the Warrandyte River Reserve and Ruffey Lake Park. There are few other large areas in Manningham where dogs can be adequately exercised off-lead. Warrandyte is particularly poorly served as so much of its parkland is state park. The one other reserve of any size in Warrandyte that has been designated as an off-lead reserve (Hussey's Lane Reserve), is currently leased out for agistment and is earmarked for pony club use.

As a regular dog walker for over 20 years in both the Warrandyte River Reserve and

Ruffey Lake Park, I know that the majority of dog owners are responsible. It appears that once again the majority might suffer because of the actions of the minority. I am interested in helping to establish an informal group of dog owners in Warrandyte—a group that could help write letters, educate others and lobby our council.

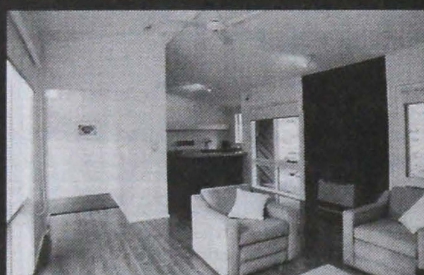
If any other dog owners are interested in this idea please leave your contact details for Doreen Burge on 9844 2512 and I will attempt to organise an informal meeting in the not too distant future.

Doreen Burge
Diane Court



THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

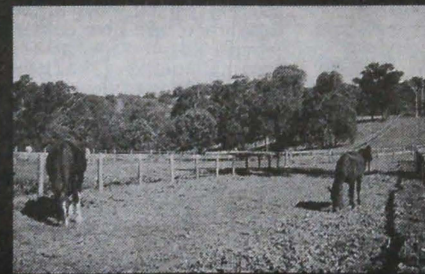
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Manningham's non-urban areas 'a great asset'

By DAVID WYMAN

"I haven't seen any good reason to go any other way than to ban subdivision in the Green Wedge. If you start allowing some subdivision, the domino effect becomes very real."

Cr Geoff Gough, mayor of Manningham City Council, made this statement in an exclusive interview with the *Diary*.

Cr Gough said he believed that the non-urban areas of Manningham were a great asset not just for the owners of the land but also for other, urban residents and he could not see any reason to break down the structure that was there to protect it from subdivision.

On the question of Green Wedge landowners seeking subdivision on various grounds of "hardship", the mayor said: "Just like everybody else, if what you've got doesn't suit you then you change. For example, elderly people with large homes sell and move into a smaller house where they can live more comfortably."

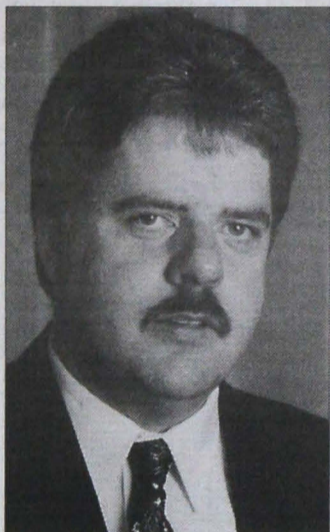
Cr Gough described the Hamer government's action to save Melbourne's Green Wedges as a "strategic statement, a view into the future to preserve certain areas so the land is locked away from development".

He described the argument "going around all the time that there are non-complying lot sizes in the Green Wedge" as a "furfy". People were saying that the lot sizes in the Green Wedge don't all comply with the minimum lot size of 8 hectares (20 acres) and "that's just a furfury as far as our understanding is concerned".

"If you're on an acre or five acres, those lot sizes were there when the 20-acre minimum was brought in," Cr Gough said. "It was introduced purely to stop subdivision—it was not meant to say that all sizes should be 20 acres."

"Manningham council has stood firm about the minimum lot size ever since it was introduced in the non-urban areas. I don't think it's going to stop people wanting to keep on the subdivision campaign—it's an issue that's still going to be talked about."

The mayor said that the state government's metropolitan strategy had not yet been released but was expected to reconfirm a concept about "sprawling Melbourne" and outline measures to limit and control the sprawl. He added that the strategy was expected to give "a number of tools" to protect the non-urban areas.



Cr Geoff Gough

Cr Gough said the findings of the recent review of Manningham's non-urban areas, which recommended an on-going capital injection and a possible rate levy to provide for Green Wedge environmental improvements, had directed councillors and council staff to define plans and consider costs. "We have to review the options and the ways to fund any improvements," he said. "We are waiting for reports to come back to us."

"Anyone buying a property in the Green Wedge needs to understand the restrictions on land use there. They also must realise that it costs money to maintain land—but having said that, if something is prohibitive to you, then perhaps somewhere else might be more suitable."

Cr Gough said council was continuing to look at illegal practices on land, such as changing the route of natural watercourses, dumping of rubbish and machinery, and clearing of land, and measures which could be adopted to achieve conformity to local laws. "Council continues to run programs to assist landowners to manage their properties correctly," he added.

The mayor said the enforcement of local laws outside of working hours was an issue throughout Manningham.

"Council is currently discussing enforcement measures because most of the illegal activities happen in the evenings or weekends," Cr Gough said. "We need to be able to respond to those activities."

Town backs Wedge

By SAM DAVIES

Local MP Phil Honeywood says he looks forward to matching a Green candidate "issue for issue," should one stand at the next state election.

Mr Honeywood, unashamedly passionate about preserving the Green Wedges, told the *Diary* he will be "looking to talk" to the Greens about trading preferences. Labor is yet to field a candidate in the Warrandyte electorate.

The comments came after Mr Honeywood attended the Warrandyte Community Association's recent Green Wedge forum. During this meeting, he made clear he was in "total support" of the rationale behind Green Wedges, though he was cautious about adopting a "one size fits all" approach to protective legislation.

Each of the nine Green Wedges has their own characteristics, he said. Warrandyte for example, is special not only as the biggest wedge, but as one of the only ones to abut a State Park. The Yarra River and historic goldmine trails also make Warrandyte's wedge unique.

"We have to be careful we don't end up with legislation for land use that is not permitted in our Green Wedge," Mr Honeywood said later, citing the current ban on dual occupancy in Warrandyte and Park Orchards as an example.

Both Labor and Liberal governments had been protective of the Green Wedges since their introduction in 1971. Initially there were green "rings" around Melbourne, though these

proved too constrictive for urban sprawl.

Breaking the ring into nine wedges through "growth corridors" struck a balance between environmental protection and urban development.

Mr Honeywood was one of several local community figures to attend the Green Wedge forum, billed as a meeting "to explore community attitudes and issues" arising from the Green Wedge. At times it exceeded these goals, launching into spirited debate.

Guest speakers included Rosemary West, convener of the Green Wedge Coalition, Paul Molan, director of environmental amenity at Manningham council, and Colin McKinnon, from the Mia Mia Aboriginal gallery at Westerfolds.

WCA president Dick Davies said he was pleased with the turnout of over 60 people to the forum, though he made it clear the Green Wedge was not the only item on his agenda. "We are 255 members now, still a little short of our targeted 1000," he said.

The key question of the forum, explained Mr Davies, was "how to preserve and enhance the

environmental values of the Green Wedge, and how this will best be funded".

Some community members are concerned that Warrandyte risks locking itself out of a potential source of revenue if it is too eager in adopting Green Wedge policies.

The planning restrictions associated with living in a Green Wedge have long agitated certain landowners who feel their ability to manage their land as they see fit, is unnecessarily restricted.

These complaints were dismissed by the vice-president of the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, David Mayor, who says living in the Green Wedge is about a "lifestyle choice" and saying "No" to subdivision.

"If you can't live on it and enjoy it, sell it to someone else," he said. "We are saying the land is for those who enjoy large allotments, and don't need to make money."

"These absentee landowners should stop crying in their blackberry bushes and sell their land to someone who cares."

He praised the WCA, complimenting them on a well-organised event with good guest speakers.



Manningham's Green Wedge: too beautiful to bulldoze. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

'Subdivision will reduce habitat values...'

COREY'S CLAN

By SYD & ONA



As reported on Page 1, Nillumbik council officers have recommended refusal of the proposed Osborne Road subdivision. Their recommendation states...

The application is for a two-lot subdivision at 38 Osborne Road, North Warrandyte. Five objections were received.

The main issue regarding this application is the suitability of the site for the development of two dwellings. The site is clearly significant with regard to the vegetation located on it. It is considered to be of state and regional importance with regard to fauna and has a high habitat value.

The subdivision will create two allotments of 4067 square metres. The minimum subdivision area permitted within the Low Density Residential Zone is 0.4 hectares. In considering the appropriateness of a subdivision, the following requires considering the loss

of vegetation, the location and impact of an effluent disposal area and the requirements of the CFA.

Whilst limited detail has been submitted with the application, consideration must be given to the impact that developing the site may have. It is clear that a large number of trees and understorey vegetation will be required to be removed to accommodate all the elements associated with developing the site for two dwellings.

This vegetation removal on site will have a detrimental impact not only to the site itself but to the adjoining Warrandyte State Park due to potential run-off and loss of habitat and disturbance of fauna in that area.

The loss of the vegetation

will also affect the viability of the habitat corridor due to further erosion of the area for urban development.

The site is a small part of the regionally significant Yarra River corridor. These ecological values do not necessarily exclude development but they highlight the need to minimise vegetation removal and erosion. In addition, the remaining indigenous habitats on the block need to be sensitively managed on an ongoing basis to ensure that the site continues to contribute to regional ecological values.

It is considered that the subdivision (and future development of two potential house sites) on this land will severely reduce the significant habitat values and the contribution the site makes to the strategic habitat link.

On this basis the application for a two-lot subdivision on the site should be refused.

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Phil takes promotion

MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, was recently elected deputy leader of the opposition by his Liberal Party colleagues.

"While my new role will mean extra responsibilities," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*, "I want to assure my constituents in the Warrandyte electorate that they will remain my number one priority."

On his second day in the new role, Mr Honeywood attended the Warrandyte Community Association's Green Wedge meeting. At the meeting he restated his

commitment to protecting Warrandyte's Green Wedge.

Robert Doyle, the new opposition leader, has named Mr Honeywood shadow minister for education and spokesman on multicultural affairs.

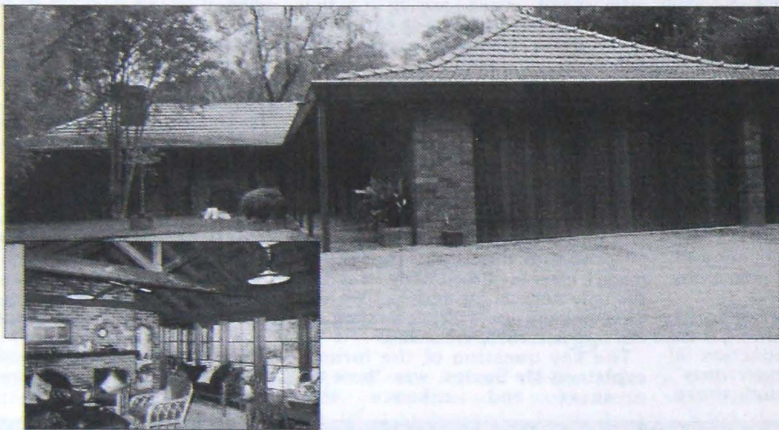
"I am proud to be the member for Warrandyte and will continue to serve my local constituents with the enthusiasm I have done for the past 14 years," Mr Honeywood said.

Mr Honeywood predicts that the upcoming state election will be held on December 7 this year.



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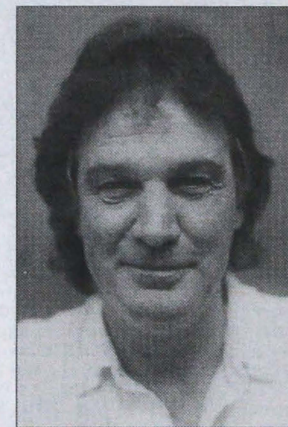
Green for Yan Yean

Pat Vaughan, Hurstbridge resident and well-known community activist, has been unanimously pre-selected by the Greens to run in the marginal state seat of Yan Yean, north of the river.

Mr Vaughan has been involved in environmental research and management for over 20 years, and is currently the environmental officer at Banyule council. He has a strong personal commitment to economic, social and environmental sustainability.

"This is an historic moment for the Greens, as we have not stood a candidate in Yan Yean before," Karin Geradts, convenor of the St Andrews and District Greens branch told the *Diary*.

"Pat has considerable skills and experience in working with communities on a range of issues, and we are delighted to be able to offer the people of Yan Yean a progressive alternative to the two big



Pat Vaughan

parties which, to the electorate, look more and more like each other."

He is keen to run for the Greens. "All over Australia voters are turning to the Greens

as the only party that has a full range of policies that are socially and environmentally just.

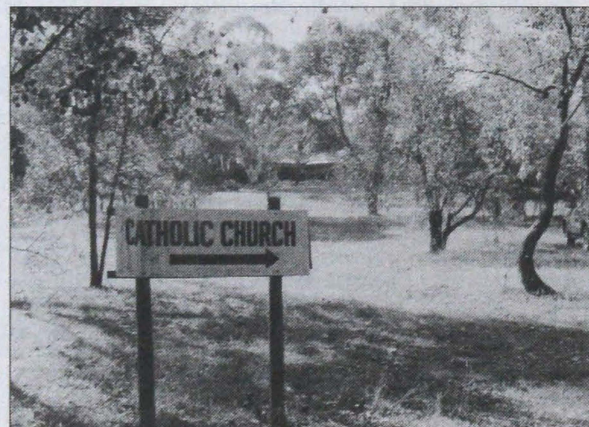
"The resurgent Greens vote in Tasmania follows record Greens votes in last year's federal election and the WA state election," Mr Vaughan said. "We now have 14 parliamentarians: four in Tasmania, five in WA, one in the ACT, two in NSW and two in the Senate."

"The Greens also have more than 40 representatives in local government, including seven in Victoria. We could well break into the Victorian parliament next."

"The Greens are fundamentally about living with the environment," Mr Vaughan said. "We welcome input from community members and I look forward to hearing about people's concerns at our community forums."

Pat Vaughan can be contacted on 9457 9834 (work) or 9718 0442 (home).

Cemetery shifts land focus



Site for a cemetery extension?

Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust has withdrawn from negotiations for additional land for the cemetery with landowners on the eastern side of Tindals Road.

"The prices asked for the land were just too much for us and we are now focusing on the Catholic Church land adjacent to the cemetery," trust chairman, John Chapman, said.

A new offer has been made to the property division of the Catholic Church for about 5000 square metres of land in front of St Gerard's Church in Brackenbury Street.

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The children at Taroona Avenue pre-school hatched a clutch of chicks earlier this month, and Diary photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS was there to share in the excitement.

A kinder spokesperson told us they ran this project "to enhance the children's understanding of the hatching process, to extend the children's understanding of nurturing another living creature, and to extend their language and observation skills".

Warrandyte pre-school has vacancies in its four year-old program for the remainder of 2002. Interested mums and dads—and their kids—can drop in to see for themselves, or call the kinder on 9844 3363.



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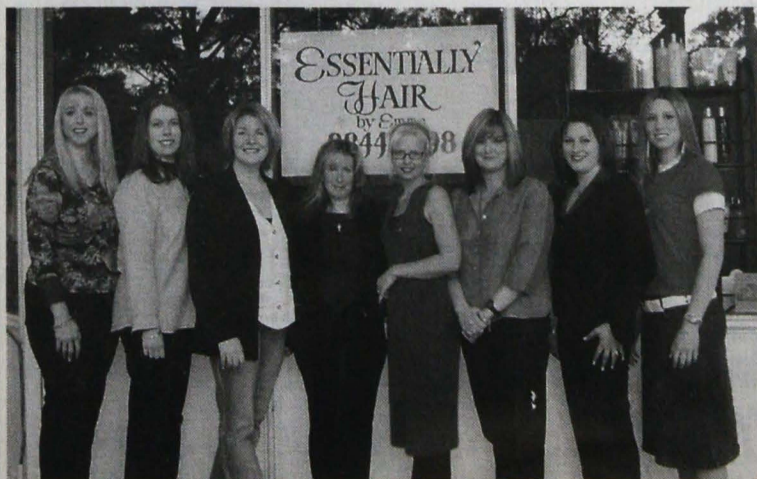
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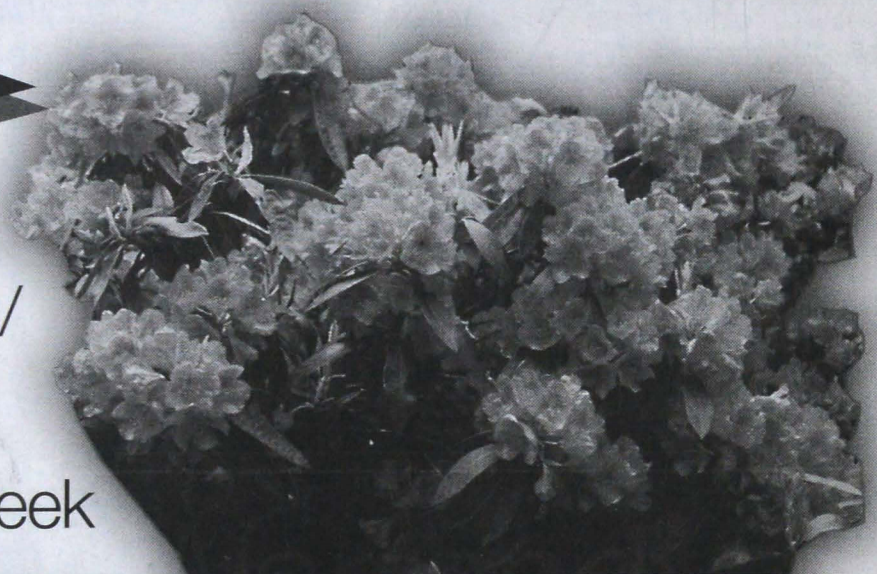


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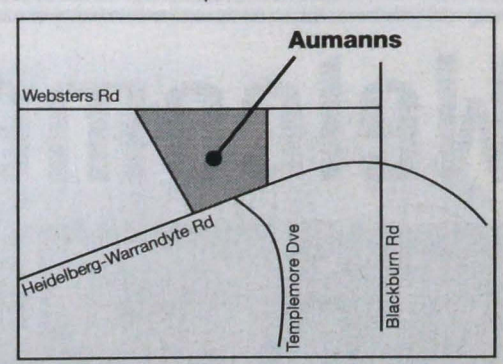
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Playing with history

The new Federation playspace, situated below the Bakery, will be officially opened this month.

The \$70,000 project, designed by Allplay Pty Ltd, was initiated by the Warrandyte Business Association and funded by Manningham council and a federal government Federation grant.

The playspace is based on the gold mining heritage of Warrandyte and consists of a miner's hut, water wheel, mine shaft, two unique water fountains, as well as traditional play equipment. Manningham mayor, Cr Geoff Gough, will officially open the playspace at 2pm on Friday, September 13. Cr Gough said the playspace will quickly develop into a much loved community asset.

"The Federation playspace is not only a wonderful facility that will be enjoyed by families across the municipality, but it is a permanent reminder of the gold mining heritage of Warrandyte.

"Projects such as this have a wonderful way of drawing the community together. I have been very impressed by the teamwork and commitment of the community and especially the input of some of our younger residents," he said.

The playspace features two

mosaic water fountains that are the work of the primary school students at Carey Grammar's Donvale campus.

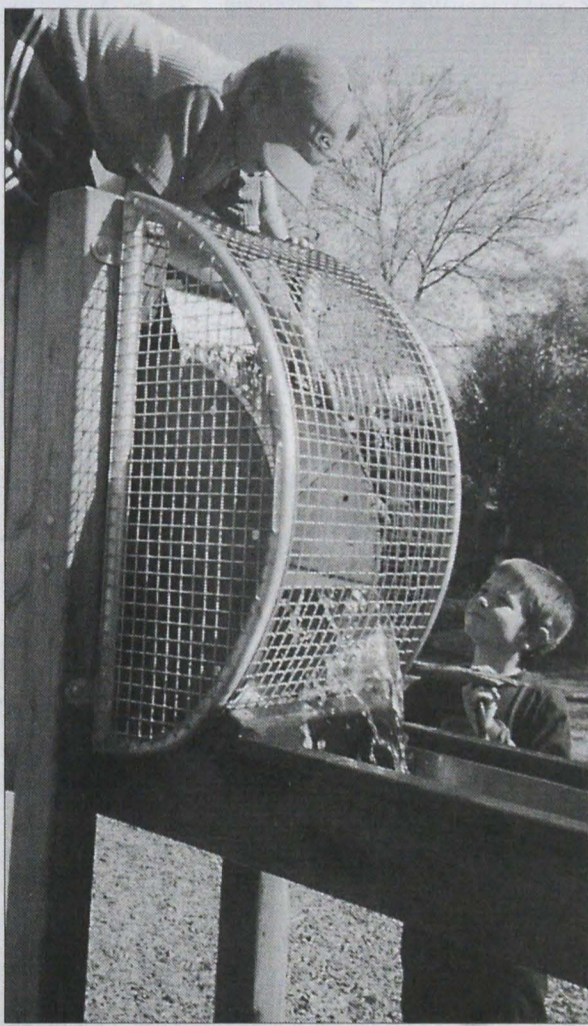
Cr Gough said with gold discovery part of the school curriculum and council keen to see input from community artists, Carey Grammar's contribution to the Warrandyte Federation playspace was a perfect match.

"I am continually amazed by the creativity of the school children of Manningham and I am encouraged that they are taking their art projects into the community.

"The young students translated their new knowledge of local history into mosaic art, in the form of two fountains made from terracotta pipe decorated with ceramic tiles. Not only will the fountains provide a sculptural feature, they will be a water source for busy playground users," Cr Gough said.

● As previously reported, a council decision to rebuild the 20 year-old playground at Stiggants Reserve is dependent upon a management plan now being prepared for the reserve. This will probably not be finalised until next year.

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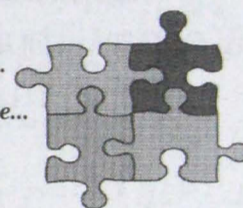
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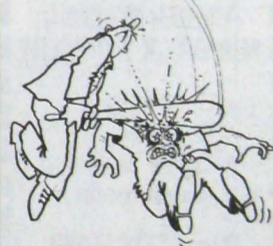
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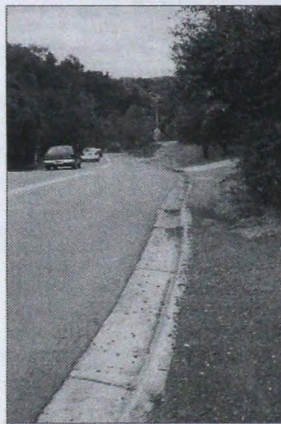
Guides to indigenous plantings in Warrandyte gardens are now available. Produced by the Friends of Warrandyte State Park, and funded with the help of Parks Victoria, the publications can be obtained at the Friends' trailer at Warrandyte Market on the first Saturday of each month.

Three full-colour brochures, covering wattles, eucalypts and wildflowers are available. They

feature a colour photo of each species, a brief description and approximate heights and flowering times.

A booklet—A Gardener's Guide to Indigenous Planting in Warrandyte—has also been published. This tells local gardeners what to plant where. It includes all the common species grown at the FOWSP nursery at Pound Bend, plus a few less common and harder-to-grow species.

Restoring safety underfoot



Unsafe footpath along Research Road. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

A footpath along the Research-Warrandyte Road, considered unsafe for pedestrians, will be rebuilt by Nillumbik council early next year.

This follows a 95 percent increase in expenditure on footpath construction and maintenance by Nillumbik during the 2002-3 financial year.

New works scheduled for January/February 2003 will include upgrading the existing footpath on the south side of Research Road, between Bradleys Lane and Kangaroo Ground Road.

Nillumbik ward councillor and deputy mayor, Cr Bob Stubbings, told the *Diary* that council is committed to community safety and responsible asset management.

"Council has a responsibility to invest in maintenance of community assets. This year's budget is heavily geared towards safety and maintenance. I am particularly delighted to see the Research-

Warrandyte Road/Bradleys Lane footpath works make the priority list.

"This is an excellent example of council responding to community needs and looking after community safety."

According to a council spokesperson, footpath construction proposals are ranked in order of priority each year after the budget is adopted in August. "Priorities include road status, pedestrian numbers, car numbers, community concerns and accident statistics."

CORRECTION

In an article concerning funding for Information Warrandyte's defunct formal tourist information service, we mentioned that this service was financed by Manningham council. We should have indicated that half the funding for this project came from the Warrandyte Business Association.

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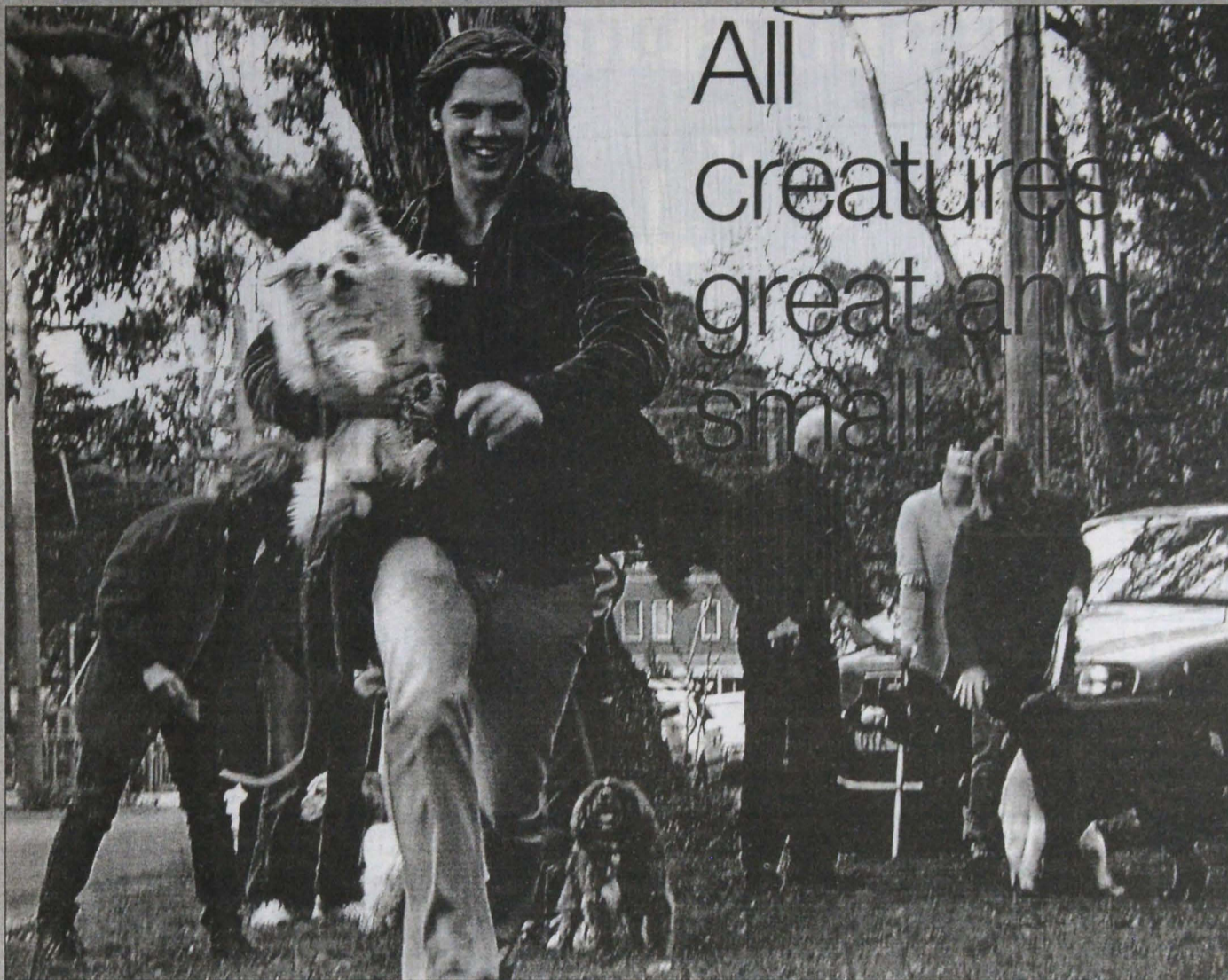
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"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small..." With an accompanying chorus of woofs, whistles and wailing, the favourite old hymn was sung with great gusto at a blessing of the animals service at the Uniting Church last month.

Animal lovers from all over Warrandyte participated in what is now a popular annual event. They joined in a wide range of events for all ages and pets, including dog relays, animal puzzles and face painting.

Local vet Derek Fairley spoke about the significance and contribution of animals in different settings, suggesting that the unconditional love of a pet can make a huge difference in the lives of the lonely, the sick, the aged and for children in a family unit.

"Animals are a blessing in our community," he said.



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Delights of dog walking through a twilight world


FOR most of our married life, cats have allowed us to wait on them. This has meant that we have not been forced to leave the home for their enjoyment. Indeed, the most important requirements for a cat are lots of readily available food and a large soft cushion.

Not so with a dog. True, they need the food and are not averse to commandeering most of the double bed but they do need to leave the house to go on the "daily walk". And it was when we began the regime of daily constitutional that I came to see that dog walking is not as simple as it seems.

To the casual observer, walkers are just walkers. As you glide past in your car, you haven't time to become attuned to the subtleties or the variety of promenaders. Indeed, it took us a year to work out some of the sociological complexities.

We first became aware of the "habitual strollers". This is the simplest group to distinguish, as it is made up, primarily, of neighbours. However, the particular group of neighbours you meet depends on the time of day.

When we set off at 6am we meet a very specific group of locals. They are usually very focused and can be seen closely following their dogs, using the plastic bags tied purposefully to the handle of their dog's lead. Not only does the early morning work appear to do wonders for their dog's



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"regularity" but, by the determined pace and anguished expression of the owners, it seems that their dogs should be carrying a human-size plastic bag.

The evening walkers divide into those who walk their dogs in the daylight, just prior to dinner, and those who prowl the streets under cover of darkness.

The pre-dinner walkers are out for a social stroll and are most likely to be those who stop to chat.

"She looks more lively today."
 "Yes, she's finally getting over

her operation."
 "Oh, has that awful vet hurt you, Gorgeous?"

"No, not at all. She had her dewclaws removed. She has ripped off three in the last year so we thought it was time."

"How sensible. Last year..." and the next five minutes is lost in tedious but necessary inconsequentialities.

So it is certain that if you want a social outing, pre-dinner is the time for you.

After-darkers are altogether different. There's no social aspect to walking in the dark. Those of us who prowl the streets at night do so for health reasons. Let's face it, you can't see the gardens and snooping on who's building what and who's got a new car would be much better done in daylight. So the after-darkers are there for serious stuff.

We started as early-morning walkers but sloth got the better of us. If Milli could wait for a walk then so could we. We graduated to walking before dinner but that also became a bit of a hassle in all the fuses that normally precedes a meal.

When we did walk, the route was quite predicable. Around the large block and home. About 20 minutes and it had a wonderful predictability for man and beast. Then health struck! We decided that the time had come for us to lose weight and to do that we had to walk longer and faster. Hence the end of the "walk around the block".

The walks began to get more

adventurous. The streets became our playground and confused Milli no end. Gone were the days when she knew where to turn. And not only did the routes become more unpredictable but the pace and length of time increased. You see, the horrible truth is that the first 20 minutes is just a warm-up. Your body doesn't decide to start eating up those fat reserves until it has seen that you are fair dinkum about the whole thing.

It was at this stage that we became "after-darkers". Our evenings were punctuated by the 45 minutes to one hour walk. But at the expense of Milli. You see, it took time to twig that a human's and a chihuahua's legs are of a different length. So when we upped the ante, we forgot that what for us were "decent walks", for her, were marathons.

One day, however, as we walked and she wilted, it suddenly came to me. Power-walking! We couldn't come at the lycra but perhaps the dumbbells and the raised elbows! I bent down picked up one exhausted dog and lifted her and my elbows above waist-level.


As I did so, I had the sneaking suspicion that up in cat heaven there was a great deal of sniggering and there in the corner of a cloud, on a cushion, was our old cat bragging to another moggie about how well he'd trained me.

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Trees that sting and hairy creepies that do no harm

A TRIP to the Black Mountain National Park near Cooktown in June this year revived memories of the last time we were there, 13 years ago, when Mel had an unforgettable encounter with one of Queensland's notorious stinging trees.

We had been scrambling around the massive jumble of charcoal black, lichen-covered rocks that is Black Mountain when Mel gave a sudden anguished yell. To steady herself while stepping on a loose boulder she had grabbed the nearest bush which, to her great misfortune, was a small stinging tree.

Pale with pain and sweaty with shock, we took her to Cooktown hospital where they were accustomed to dealing with similarly afflicted, accident-prone tourists in excruciating pain. They gave her a strong analgesic, a sedative and a pressurised can of plastic skin. The theory being that the area—in Mel's case the palm of her hand—is sprayed with the fine droplets which dry and harden to form a Glad Wrap-type covering. This is then peeled off along with any embedded stinging tree hairs. And in practice it worked, except that even with the offending hairs removed the pain persisted, recurring up to six months later, particularly when her hand was immersed in cold water.

Thankfully stinging trees do not occur in Warrandyte, but a close family member, the stinging nettle, does. Also called the scrub nettle, this



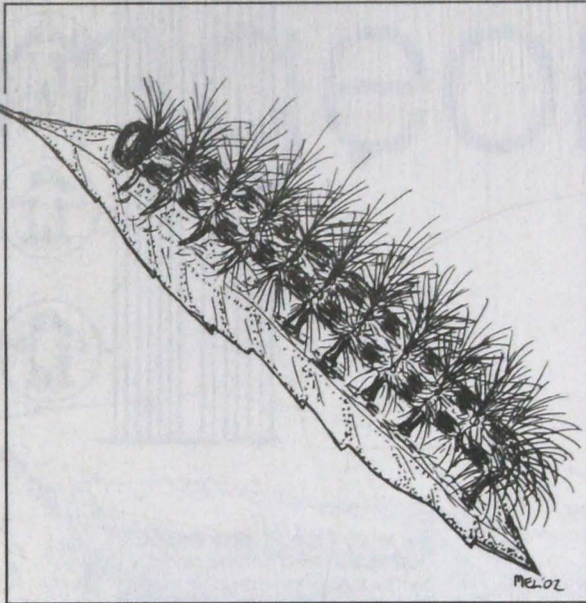
NATURE

By PAT COUPAR

multi-stemmed upright herb with sharply toothed leaves, is an indigenous species that grows along the riverbank. Like its northern relative it has fine hollow hairs containing an irritant, but the effect of the sting is mild and, in the case of our native nettle, the hairs do not penetrate the skin.

Hairs that sting are a useful armoury for many plants and indeed animals. No group have better exploited their use than the caterpillars. However, the body-covering hairs of most of these Lepidopteran larvae do not contain poisonous substances and are there merely as a deterrent to birds and other predators. Such hairy caterpillars can be handled quite safely, in fact most children (and a few adults) find them appealing and stroke them as they would a furry pet.

In a minority of species though the hairs can cause severe irritation. And sometimes, while in the process of pupating, caterpillars will transfer the hairs from their body to the outside of the cocoon, sticking them through the woven silk. Such cocoons are commonly found in cracks and crevices, under bark or the eaves of a house. They belong to a large moth from the uniquely Antipodean Antheled family. These oval cocoons should not be touched, even if empty, as the stiff hairs break



off easily and, like the stinging tree hairs, become lodged in the skin.

Bristles are modified hairs which many species, like the dramatic Emperor Gum Moth caterpillar, use only as decoration. This harmless bluish-green caterpillar with its rows of soft orange and red tufted bristles is a children's favourite, or at least it was. These days it seems by all reports they are no longer as common as they once were, although could it be that children lead less exploratory lives outdoors than before? One group of caterpillars has

added a sting to their bristles—the Cup Moths. These slug-like, colourful eucalyptus-feeding caterpillars are common in Warrandyte's bush and gardens. Normally their four pairs of orange stinging bristles are retracted, but when touched fan out into a formidable weapon.

So how do you identify a stinging tree or nettle? How can you tell which hairy or bristly caterpillars are harmful? It comes down to being taught by one who knows, or learning from books. Or, like Mel, finding out the hard way—by experience.

At least you choose your friends

WITH the in-laws and the out-laws both being up to their ears in genealogical detective work, there is little hope of avoiding the subject from time to time. But it takes a few years to get on the wavelength.

"Where are we going now?" As a six-year-old I'd call out from the back seat of the family VW beetle (perfect for the transport of mum, dad, four kids, a couple of dogs, two weeks camping gear and a big fat ewe that we picked up from Auntie Millie's on the way home).

"Auntie Hannah's," replied Mum.

"Who is Auntie Hannah?" we'd chorus in unison.

"She's Gran's auntie. You know, Uncle Jack's wife."

"Uncle Jack from Korumburra?"

"No, that's Grandpa's Uncle Jack."

"Uncle Jack from Beulah?"

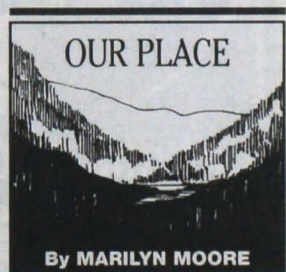
"No, that's your father's Uncle Jack."

"Well then, which Uncle Jack?"

"Uncle Jack Suiter, of course!"

Oh yeah. Him. Who? Where were we going again?

It didn't get much easier as we got older. You wouldn't want to know how many Williams and



OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

Jameses there are in our family. In my mother's family, my father's family, my husband's family. I should have married somebody called Friedrich von Schaffenburg or Low Soo Chin. That would have halved the problem.

But I didn't. I married somebody whose ancestors mostly came from the same places as my own.

One lot of stalwarts (whose history stretches back to 1246) farmed the windswept moors along the boundary between Devon and Cornwall, fields with names such as Great Way Down, Quarry Moor, Middle Way Down Marsh, Outer Hays, Clover Field, Float Meadow, Strap Meadow, Furze Moor, Swamp Marsh, Three Corner Way Down, and (shocker of a paddock) Furze Moor Marsh.

The state of cultivation of these fields is officially listed as varying from "Coarse Pasture & Bog" to "Arable Occasionally".

And still they had to pay tithes and rent! No wonder the poor beggars decided to emigrate.

The journey out by sailing ship wasn't exactly a bucket-load of fun, either. The Devon mob had a comparatively pleasant journey aboard the *Gipsey Queen* in 1850, but ancestors who departed the poverty-stricken Scottish highlands in 1839 had the pleasure of travelling to the founding colony of Port Phillip on a poorly ventilated and overcrowded barque called the *Glen Huntley*.

Even before the little boat left Scotland, passengers began to take ill with contagious fevers (many died, including all eight children from one family), the boat was holed twice (hitting the same rock going in and out of the harbour at Oban), and the rigging was seriously damaged during a collision in port. A second collision in the harbour fortunately was less serious.

Passengers spent many weeks camped on board (in a state politely described at the time as one of discomfort, disorder and uncleanness) before repairs

were completed.

Medical authorities, who were meant to declare boats "clean" before departure, gave up on the *Glen Huntley*, taking the view that since few of its sorry human cargo were likely to recover below decks on a squalid vessel swathed in wintry fogs, they might as well sail off to warmer climes and take their chances.

The journey was appalling: all passengers but one contracted typhoid; many died, including 14 people who were reported to have suicided; 85 still had typhoid upon disembarking. The *Glen Huntley* was only the fifth immigrant ship to arrive in Port Phillip, and first to fly the yellow flag that indicated contagious disease on board. A quarantine camp and burial ground were hastily erected in the scrub at St Kilda, where conditions were so gruesome that many of the passengers wished they were back in Scotland. One, rendered insane from the terrors of the journey, had to be threatened with a hangman's noose to get him off the ship.

Every now and then we rub the kids' noses in such snippets of fascinating history ("just think how lucky you are!"), but it's still a load of old Williams to them.

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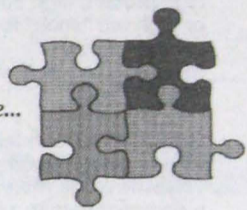
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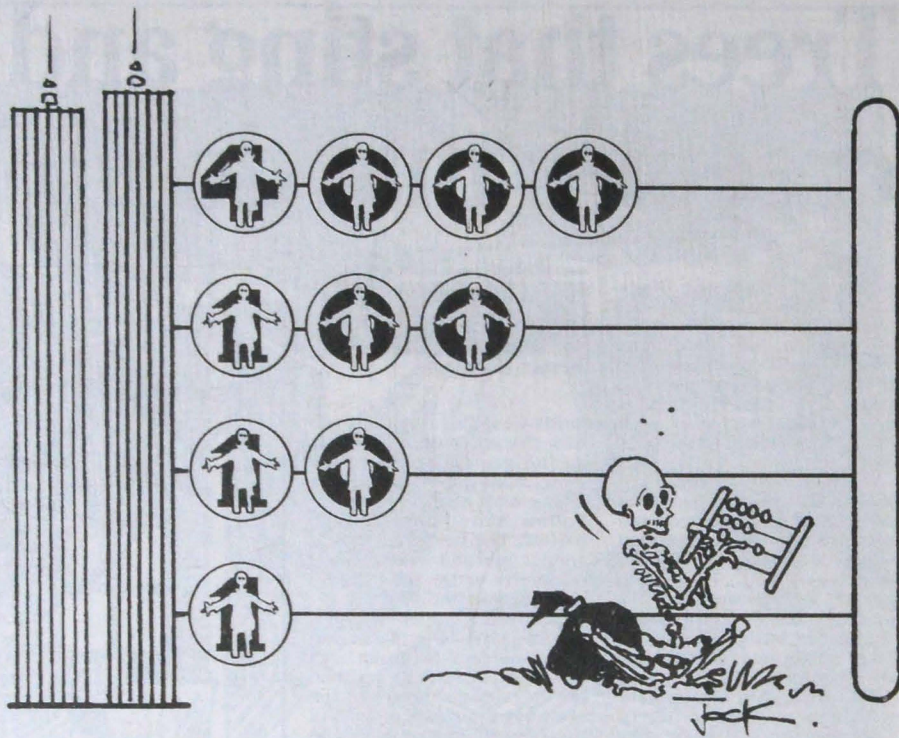
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From Arctic snowfields to tropical rainforest to Red Box grassy dry forest, nothing has escaped the profound effects of the human animal. Even if humans have not stood on a particular mountain ledge, our ecological footprint has left its mark there. Our vehicle exhausts melt icecaps, raising sea levels, water temperatures, driving climatic changes that push mountain creatures over the cliff of extinction. Our industrial pollution leaves its stain on everything. The clearing of forests has altered rainfall patterns, water tables, habitat values and exhumed the ghosts of dead salty seas. We feed leftover fish and chips to seagulls in the cities that fly off to slaughter Banded Stilt chicks at Lake Eyre. Everything is connected, often in ways we cannot see; in ways we cannot know. Every act produces a cascade of changes and effects.

The Fellowship knows that indigenous plants, and the habitats they form, are the cornerstone of good environmental management. They provide an alternative stability to the massive rate of change industrial society is causing. We cannot change the world at large, but we can concentrate on that land that is within our management, our home lands, the backyard. We look out at the world from our yards and can begin to tackle environmental problems from there; backyards for our children, our biodiversity and our future.

Perhaps it was while looking out at the world from the peaks of Mt Lofty that Billibilleri, a Wurundjeri tribal elder (Woiwurung language group) at the time of the first European contact in the Yarra Valley, was told the story of the dynamic nature of the Yarra. A story that illustrates connections, that nature is in a constant state of change, and that what is thought

to be immovable can, over time, dissolve and change form. Billibilleri later told "how the Yarra was formed" to those early European settlers and that legend is still carried on a connected, cultural flow.

Once the water of the Yarra was locked in the mountains. This great expanse of water was called Moorool, or Great Water. It was so large that the Woiwurung had little hunting ground. This was in contrast to the Wothowurongs and the Bunurongs, whose hunting grounds was the lovely flat that is now Port Phillip Bay.

Mo-Yarra, Slow-and-Fast-Running, was headman of the Woiwurung. He decided to free the country of water and cut a channel through the hills. However only a little water followed and the path gradually closed up.

Bar-wool, headman of the tribe, remembered Mo-Yarra's attempt and resolved to free the land. He cut a channel up the valley with his stone axe. But he was stopped by Baw-Baw, the Mountain. He decided to go northwards, but was stopped by Donna Buang and his brothers. Then he went westwards, and cut through the hills to Warrandyte.

There he met Yan-Yan, another Woiwurung, who was busily engaged cutting a channel from the Plenty River in order to drain Morang, the place where he lived. They joined forces, and the waters of Moorool and Morang became Moo-rool-bark, the Place-Where-the-Wide-Waters-Were. They continued their work, and reached the Heidelberg flats or Warringal, Dingo-Jump-Up, and there they rested while the waters formed another Moorool.

Bar-wool and Yan-Yan set to work but had to go much more slowly because the ground was much harder and they used up too many stone axes. Between the Darebin and Merri Merri they cut a narrow twisting track. At last they reached Port Phillip. The waters of Moorool and Morang rushed out. The country of the Woiwurung was freed from the water, but Port Phillip was inundated.

This story gives an Aboriginal perspective of the dynamic nature of geological changes in the Yarra: the rising land of the Nillumbik plateau along the Yarra faultline causing the Yarra to bank up at

FELLOWSHIP OF THE FORESTS: 2



Yering Gorge and at Mt Lofty and creating the Moo-rool-bark, the Place-Where-the-Wide-Waters-Were; the huge floodplains of Yarra Glen; the incising nature of the Yarra Yarra as it cut its way through Silurian stone.

The damming of the Yarra at Darebin Creek was caused by a lava flow down the valley, blocking the Yarra and forming the huge lake that once filled the flats of Heidelberg, Templestowe and Ivanhoe. The inundation of Port Phillip Bay occurred after the last Ice Age meltdown when sea levels rose.

The vast "Moorool" caused by the banking of the Yarra at Yering Gorge and Warrandyte Gorge created conditions that called for specialist plants to evolve. Plants that could cope with that vast area of primordial swamps and wetlands, perpetually enveloped in cool mists. Relic Eucalypts still remain from that time, although they are in imminent danger of extinction.

The Yarra Gum *Eucalyptus yarrensii* does occur outside the Yarra Valley at Morwell, Barwon River, Ballarat and the Grampians, to where it migrated in colder times, but the home of its evolution, its birthplace, its Dreaming belongs to the Yarra Valley. Growing on alluvial flats, its biological strongholds are the river flats of the Yarra.

Yering Gum *Eucalyptus crenulata* was also genetically created by the forces of nature to come into existence in the Yarra Valley. This was its Bethlehem, its Eden. Nowhere on earth does this small tree naturally grow but at Buxton and near Yering. Botanists call it an endemic. It was the specific environmental conditions, geographical isolation from outside and the genes held within the eucalypt species in and around the Moorool, that allowed the speciation of these endemics to evolve. It is also in threat of extinction, of disappearing into the mists of the Yarra Valley. Lose the habitat and you lose the tree.

Geographical isolation is a thing that is now past history, with so

many imported Eucalypts coming in from all points of the Australian compass and being planted in local gardens and beyond. It is a process that is destroying our uniqueness. For all the vegetation communities that still exist along the Yarra catchments are unique, they are specific to this part of the world and nowhere else. Swampy Plains Woodland vegetation community has now disappeared from the face of the earth.

Meandering serpentine across the vast alluvial flats of Yarra Glen, the Yarra arrives at Mt Lofty, dirty from agricultural run-off. The river that "runs upside down" runs that way because its banks are allowed to erode across a vast stretch of farmed land without the protection of trees and shrubs for 50 kilometres, losing valuable soil washed down into Port Phillip Bay.

At Mt. Lofty, Yarra Yarra has to climb over hurdles of rock bars that lie defiantly across its pathway. The highest cliff face along the Middle Yarra is here, a spectacular rocky escarpment over 100 metres high at the northern point of Mt Lofty.

Mt Lofty, once cleared by hand for agriculture, and now being planted by hand to recreate bushlands, was incorporated into Warrandyte State Park in 1995. Flora Anderson was amongst those community members who fought for Mt Lofty to be incorporated, inspired by the glint of turbulent rapids from the ridge, by the views and by the flight of Wedge-tailed Eagles that are often observed there. By the time the Yarra gets to Barngeong, and climbs into the Warrandyte Gorge, it is rejuvenated.

Barngeong, as it is known to the users of Aboriginal names for places and language, connects people to place. It flows into the Yarra west of Mt Lofty. Barngeong whispers with many voices.

It is the site where Penelope Selby made camp in 1841 with the first European settlers, who renamed it Brushy Creek. They appreciatively ate their way through the local fauna. In 1841 Penelope wrote, "I have not eaten Kangaroo yet, but I have a piece a man brought in my safe now, and intend to broil a piece for breakfast tomorrow. Mrs Dawson had some for breakfast and said it was delicious. There is an animal here

they call the Kangaroo Rat (Southern Bettong now extinct on the mainland). They are very nice to eat. But the nicest wild animal I have tasted here yet is the opossum. The most delicious bird is the bronze-wing pigeon. They are very scarce, as indeed are all the birds on this run. We eat black magpies (Ravens? Choughs?) cookatoos and paroquets (parrots and lorikeets) all in their turn."

But their historical presence is overshadowed by the lament of Barak, a Wurundjeri elder who died in 1904. William Barak probably witnessed the attempt by Batman to purchase Melbourne for a few bags of flour. Barak steadfastly led the Wurrundjeri through their years of decimation at Corranderk Mission. He was acknowledged as a leader, a man of dignity and wisdom.

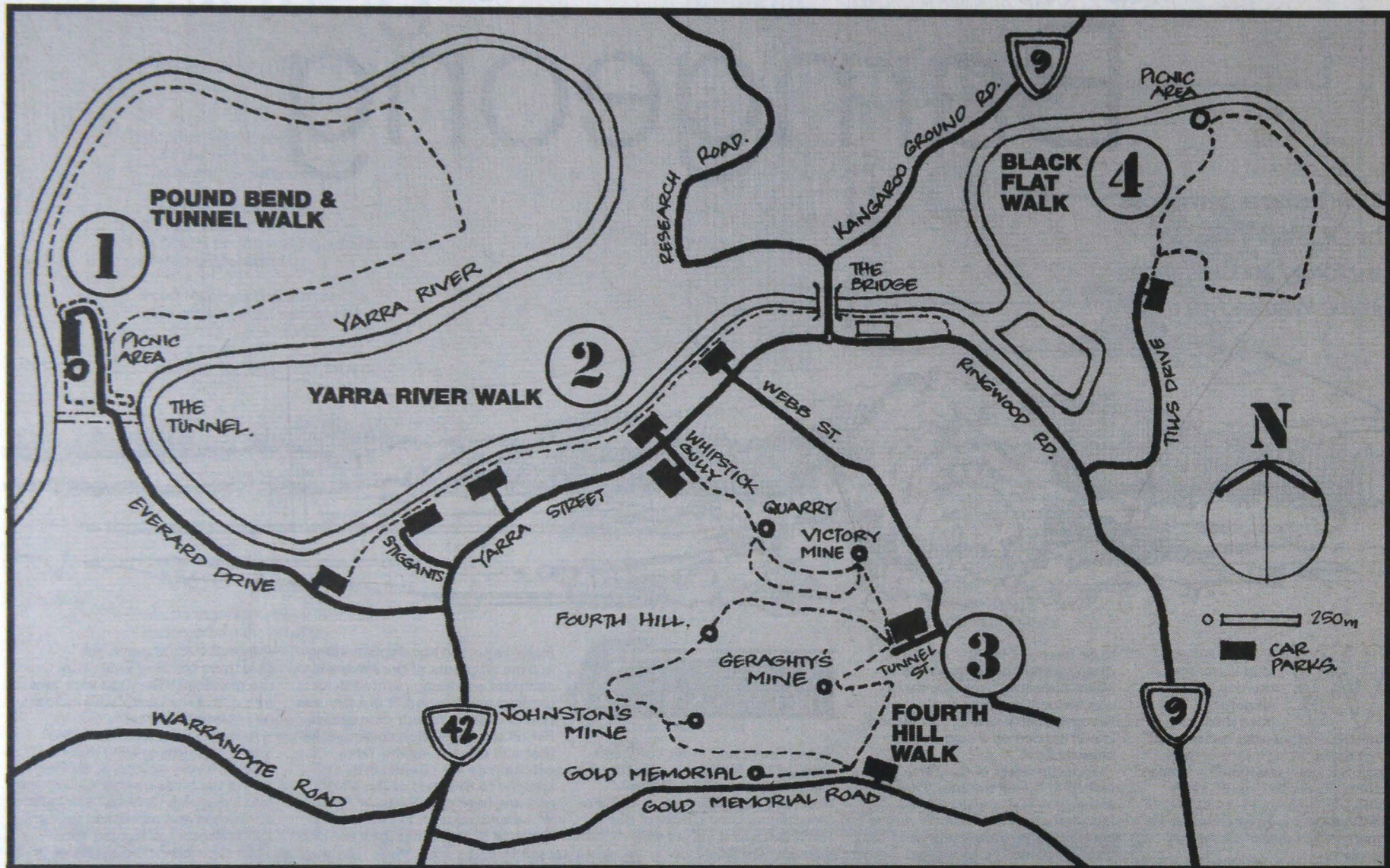
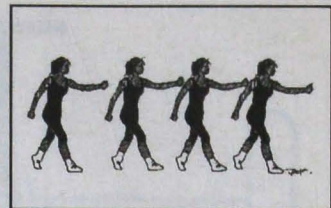
Barak could find no help for David, his sick young son. He carried the boy to Melbourne town from Corranderk. His pleas for help were ignored. No hospital bed, no refuge could he find. David died in his arms. Barak stayed at Barngeong, the place of his own birth, to recover from this ordeal before going back to Corranderk Mission.

The place where Barngeong confluences with Yarra Yarra is now called Witton Reserve. Here the echo of lament permeates the valley like river mist. Barngeong fills with water so quickly after rain that it rapidly floods the banks. They say it flows like Barak's tears: tears for his ravaged land, for his son, for his tribe and for himself.

Penelope's expectations were blighted. Perhaps they were defeated by economics, by lack of enough fauna to eat or by the harshness of the land. The camp ground of Barak and Penelope, sometimes known as Wittons Reserve, is now singly characterised. Its heritage has been desecrated. Wittons Reserve is the preserve of hoons and their wild reckless nights. Its management is littered with burning wrecks, late night binges and car drags. The shape of the land is distorted by landfill to accommodate a muddy paddock, a "car park" of great ugliness.

The Fellowship may well join in weeping for Barngeong, for it is our backyard as well as Barak's.

4 Walks around Warrandyte



1 Pound Bend Walk

Drive to the end of Everard Drive to find Pound Bend, which is situated in a large, narrow-necked loop of the Yarra River. In the early years the land was used as a pound for cattle, hence its present name. With luck you may spot a koala high in one of the smooth-barked manna gums. The picnic area attracts many birds, including colorful parrots, honeyeaters, kookaburras and noisy miners.

A short walk from the picnic area will lead to the unique Pound Bend Tunnel. This amazing venture was carried out by David Mitchell, father of singer Dame Nellie Melba, in 1870. The tunnel, six metres wide and almost five metres high was dug through 145 metres of solid rock at the neck of the loop. A dam was built across the river and the water was diverted through the tunnel, leaving exposed a five kilometre stretch of river bed, which was dredged for gold.

While no remains of the dam can be seen today, the tunnel, in which lives a colony of bats, looks as if it was carved through only yesterday.

A walking track along the Yarra River, to the north of Pound Reserve, crosses various gullies by wooden bridges and ends at a large open area. The track continues to the south-east past the plaque dedicated to the site of the first youth hostel in Victoria, then joins the entry road to the park office, and turning south continues to Pound Bend Road. For alternative walk along the ridge top, return to the tunnel site above the Pound Bend Reserve car park.

2 Yarra River Walk

Halfway along Everard Drive begins a wide track which follows the river and is shared by walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders. Dogs under control are welcome in this reserve. A wooden bridge crosses Andersons Creek just above where it joins the Yarra. (Andersons Creek was the original name for Warrandyte). At Stiggants Reserve, site of the monthly Warrandyte Community Market, there is a children's playground, a small amphitheatre, picnic tables, electric barbecues, public toilets and two picnic shelters. A small wetlands area has been created by Doncaster council and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park. Each autumn, the two-day Warrandyte Festival attracts thousands of visitors. Above the path, adjacent to Warrandyte village itself, are additional public toilets, the historic Gospel Chapel and the old Warrandyte post office, faithfully restored and home to the Warrandyte Historical Society's museum.

This walk terminates at the Warrandyte bridge. Immediately downstream is the site of the old wooden bridge, built in 1865 from yellow box timbers felled in the Stony Creek area. The old bridge was the focal point in Warrandyte for New Year celebrations, when the locals would meet to sing Auld Lang Syne to the accompaniment of bagpipes and fireworks—and sometimes exploding gelignite! The existing steel and concrete bridge was built in 1955. A smaller picnic area, with barbecues provided, is located at the public tennis courts, downstream from the bridge. A third set of public toilets has been provided adjacent to the bridge.

3 Fourth Hill Walk

Four kilometres long, this walk takes about one-and-a-half hours. It starts from the carpark near the gold memorial cairn at Andersons Creek in Gold Memorial Road. Ford the creek, turn to the left and walk up the steep track. On your left is a mine shaft surrounded by a wooden railing. This whole area is covered with mullock heaps and other relics of the gold mining days.

About 30 metres horizontally left across the hill, on a small track, is a corrugated iron hut of a type common around Warrandyte in years past. This hillside is covered in a sea of white heath in the late winter months. Continue past the hut, and another shaft, on the steep track that climbs uphill. At a T-junction, turn right for 20 metres to reach Johnston's Mine.

Backtrack to the T-junction and continue around the hill past some mossy boulders to a vehicle track, running from Betton Crescent to the top of Fourth Hill. Turn right and follow the track straight up onto the large, open area at the top of Fourth Hill. Nearby is a grate covering an air shaft down into the Fourth Hill Tunnel.

Walk straight ahead from point of entry to a walking track which leads downhill and to the right. Continue in the same direction, past the Y-intersection, towards the park gate. Turn left at the gate along the vehicle track, following the fenceline. This track undulates down into Whipstick Gully. The shorter Bruce Bence Walk commences just behind the Information Centre to the south-west, meanders through old diggings and mullock heaps. This narrow track is only 620 metres long but quite steep. It ends on a vehicle track overlooking the Victory Mine site, which had five levels going up inside the hill. This mine is safe to explore up to 20 metres in, where a steel gate prevents further access for safety reasons. A torch should be carried.

Backtrack to the Tunnel Street gate and continue on, veering to the right, and follow it downhill to the Fourth Hill Tunnel, which runs 100 metres into the hill. This was the first large-scale mining operation in the area, started by Patrick Geraghty, Warrandyte's first innkeeper. Geraghty did not strike the reef he was seeking, but two other miners continuing his work in the 1880s were more successful. This mine is safe to explore with a torch. Emerging from the tunnel, turn right and follow the track downhill along Wild Cat Gully to Andersons Creek, where the walk commenced.

4 Black Flat Walk

The entrance to Black Flat Reserve, Warrandyte State Park, is situated partway along Tills Drive, which leaves the Ringwood Road close by the Stonehouse craft shop. There are carparks and a picnic area at the reserve.

This is a fully-developed "nature walk", the route is marked by signs and arrows and will take about an hour to cover. Black Flat is covered by open forest, dominated by eucalypts—mostly red box—and is one of the most scenically attractive areas of Warrandyte. Each season brings its own special surprises.

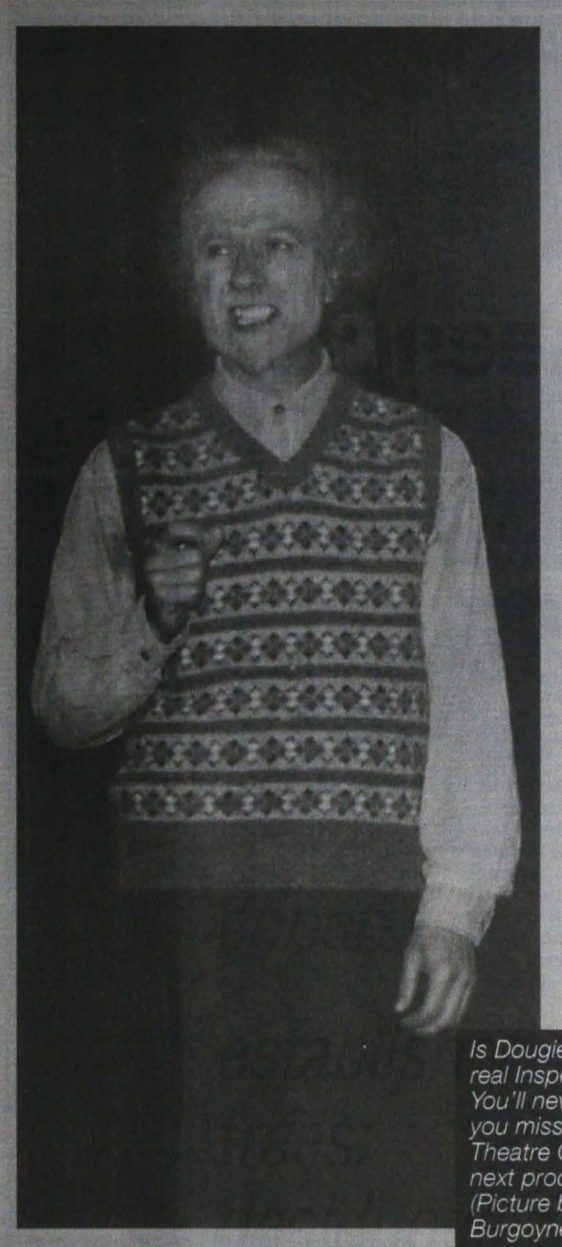
One is constantly reminded of the part this area played during the goldmining era. In 1904, Warrandyte's largest mine—the Caledonian—commenced operations here. One of the boilers that provided steampower for these extensive workings can be seen on the left, not far from the entrance to the reserve.

Also to be seen is a circular depression in the ground, marking the remains of a puddling machine, powered by horses walking in a circle and used to crush quartz from which gold was extracted.

Reminders of the agricultural history of the area include a grand old red box tree used as a fence post by the Mullens family, who homesteaded the area from the 1870s to 1914. Evidence of some of the orchards planted by the Mullens can also be observed, as well as a breacher dam wall. Partway along the nature trail is a sign indicating the track to Jumping Creek Reserve, not shown on the above map. Spectacular views of the meandering river are a feature of this longer walk. Wombats have burrowed into the soft soil beside the narrow track, creating a maze of holes and tunnels.

A grassy area by the river, near the start of the track, marks the site of one of the old orchards. Close by is a pleasant swimming spot and a delightful picnic area under the shade of a huge manna gum.

Will the real Inspector Hound please stand up



Is Dougie Esson the real Inspector Hound? You'll never know if you miss Warrandyte Theatre Company's next production. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

IS Inspector Hound who he says he is? Is Magnus really the wheelchair-bound half brother of Lord Albert Muldoon, who went for a walk on the cliffs 12 years ago and was never seen again? Who is Simon Gascoyne? In fact, is this a play?

Answers to these questions might be provided at the Warrandyte Theatre Company's production of "The Real Inspector Hound" by celebrated British author Tom Stoppard.

"I think that on balance we can safely say that it is a play and as such deserves an audience," director Adrian Rice told the *Diary*. "An audience is, in fact, critical to a sound Hound and without an audience Moon and Birdfoot, the critics with agenda, would be superfluous and unemployed."

Stoppard's play is a spoof on classic drawing room murder mysteries and is "a sideways poke at the pretentiousness of critics".

This play within a play has a few twists and turns that will have audiences wondering. "Just who is on the other end of the telephone and just how long had Myrtle been trying to get through?" Mr Rice asked.

"The play opens with a pause—or is it panic? Our critics are watching the play along with us but their

agendas become overlapped and intertwined so that reality, as such, becomes art—sort of—and confusion reigns until finally all is made clear at the denouement."

Lady Cynthia Muldoon and her house guests Felicity Cunningham and Major Magnus Muldoon make up the group, while Inspector Hound engineers a telling entrance and his skills as a sleuth leave more questions than answers. Mrs Drudge—the help who cycles through the marshes—suspends the mystery with telling observations but leaves us guessing as to the true nature of identity.

● "The Real Inspector Hound" will be unveiled at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on October 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12 commencing at 8pm. Bookings through Joan Rogers at the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop in Yarra Street, phone 9844 1744.



Play it again, Sam!

The real Inspector Hound visited Warrandyte 30 years ago when the WAA Drama Group staged the Tom Stoppard play in a ground-breaking, theatre-in-the-round production, also in the Mechanics Institute Hall, in November 1971. It was directed by Irving Reid.

Cliff Green, then the *Diary's* pretentious drama critic, said it was "produced with gusto and was most effective in the arena setting."

"It may have worked better with a straighter treatment of the internal action, but the cast capably maintained the farcical melodramatic style throughout."

"Newcomer Tim Sherwood was most convincing as the critic Birdfoot. His obvious ability to play light male leads should prove an asset to the group."

"Jock Macneish's mad Spike Milligan of a Magnus was a delight. Even his eyes were working."

"Other players holding up their ends (oops!) were Martin and Joan Golding, Jim Pleasance, Sharry McKenzie, Isabel Telford and Norm McGowan. Gary Broome played The Body, rather stiffly."

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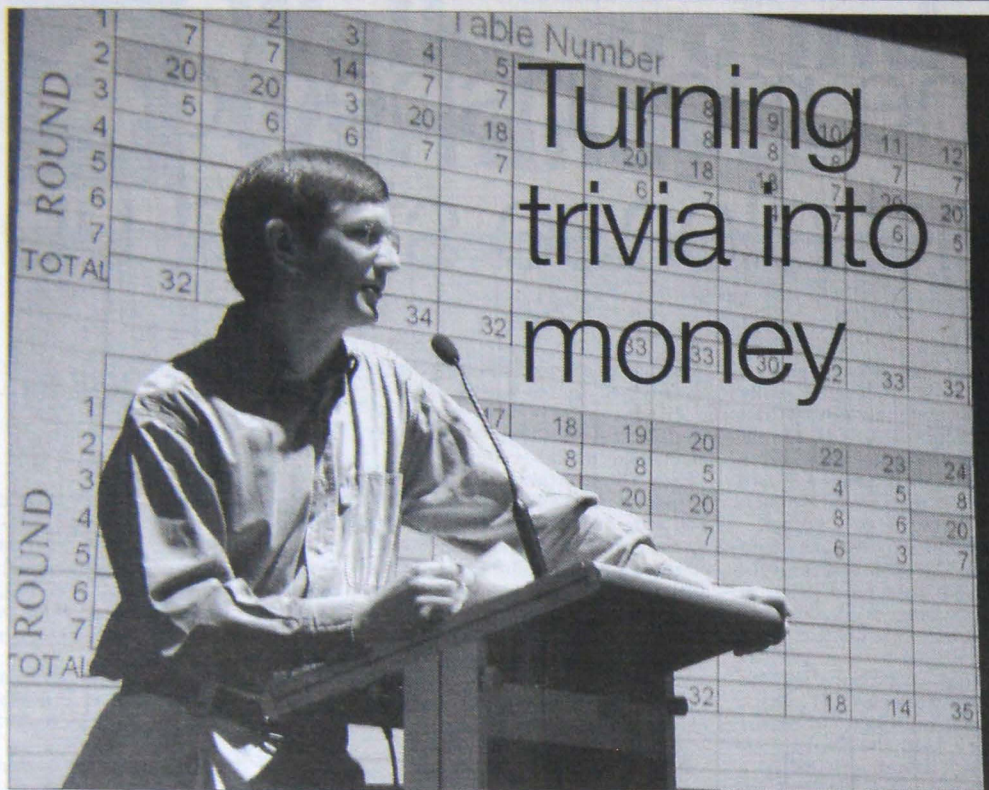
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Warrandyte High School had its third successful trivia night early last month. As its main fundraising event for the year, the school received a huge response in donations from sponsors in the local and wider business community. "Space" was the theme for the night, and appropriately, the unbeaten science teachers' team won the brains trust "trifecta" and once again proved they are the smartest group in the school. Funds raised will go towards purchasing new instruments for the school music program and towards other general equipment needs.

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



High students 'lionised'



Tighe Patching and Charlotte Swain (pictured), Year 12 students at Warrandyte High School, have won the 2002 Warrandyte Lions Club Youth of the Year award. Tighe was named the Warrandyte Lions Youth of the Year and won \$600 prize money for himself and for the school. Charlotte was runner-up and won \$400 and \$400 for the school. Tighe has a lead role in the school production of "Little Shop of Horrors", he is immediate past school captain, a debater and is currently a member of school council. Charlotte is the current school captain, a debater, a volunteer worker at Gracedale Nursing Home and is heavily involved in student life across the school.

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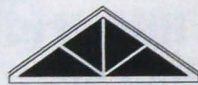
"Smokey Joe is the best bloke I know for pursuing trivia, Ock!"

Fillip for festival fund

In response to community recommendation, Nillumbik shire council has almost doubled its funding to the Warrandyte Festival. The festival, held in March each year, will receive an amount of \$10,000—last year's funding was \$5500. Cr Bob Stubbings said he is delighted this major community event for Warrandyte has received such a boost in funding under the special events funding policy. "This is great news. Council is pleased to be a partner in such a great community event. "I congratulate those who helped put the application together, I am sure the additional funds will go towards making the Warrandyte Festival a terrific event for all."



Cr Bob Stubbings: 'council is pleased to be a partner'. The \$10,000 from Nillumbik will be matched by Manningham council.



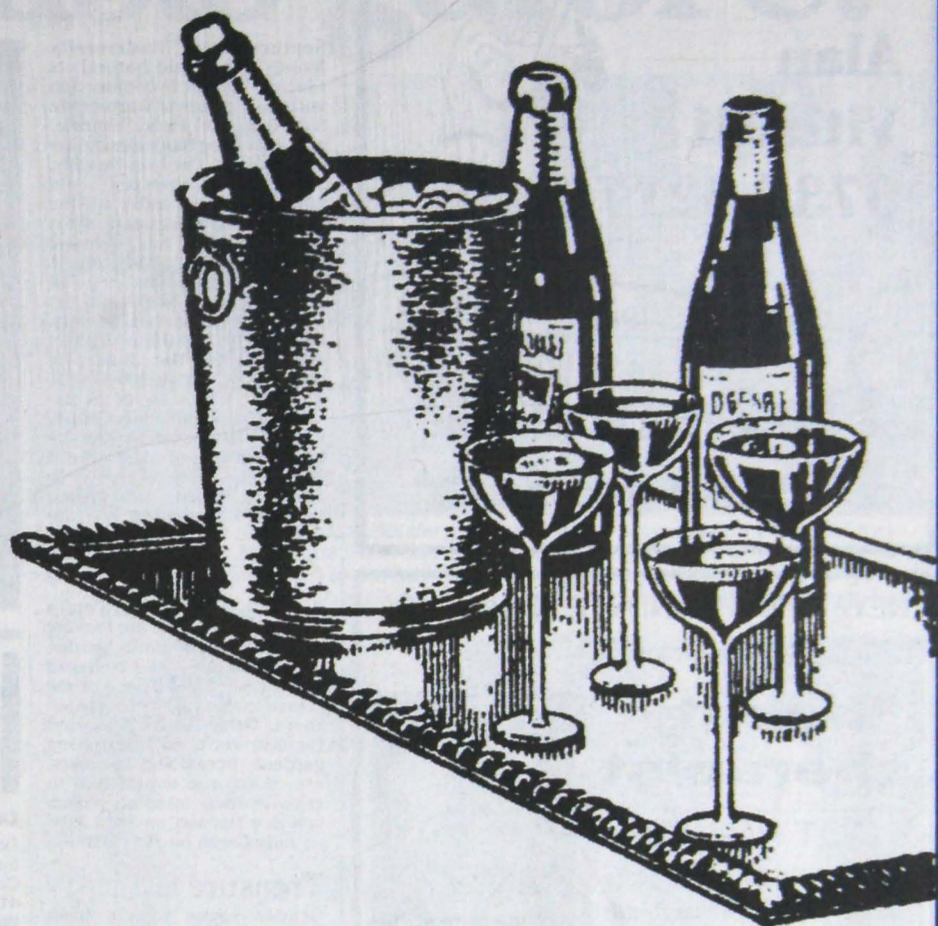
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September is "Biodiversity Month". The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria, in conjunction with the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and Parks Victoria, are organising Biodiversity Day at the State Park on Sunday, September 22 between 1 and 9pm. Afternoon walks will be conducted by local naturalists followed by an evening barbecue and spotlighting. A talk on the history of Warrandyte will be given by the Warrandyte Historical Society. During the month a display highlighting the fantastic diversity of Warrandyte will be on show in the foyer of the Warrandyte Community Centre. Further information can be obtained from the Field Naturalists office on 9877 9860 or a full program can be picked up from Information Warrandyte.

Club

Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Groups are looking to set up a community garden club. The club would be based at the centre and have a prime role in looking after the garden there. Other activities could include visits to interesting gardens, occasional speakers, etc. If anyone would like to register their interest, please call Bev Hanson on 9844 3906 or Judy Green on 9844 2096.

Treasure

Grades three to six from Andersons Creek Primary School have prepared two productions to be performed at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading on Monday, September 16 and Tuesday, September 17. Grades three and four are performing a Treasure Island tale, and Grades five and six go on a journey with the help of a genie. Further details from the school on 9844 2757.

Garden

The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte will be open to the public on the weekend of September 21 and 22, between 10am and 4.30pm as part of the Open Garden Scheme.

Jazz

The Hot Licks Jazz Band will be performing at Vines Restaurant of the Yarra Valley, 1 Delaneys Road, Warranwood on Sunday, September 15, between 2.30 and 5.30pm, helping to raise funds for the Yarra Warra Preschool. Enjoy a glass of wine, a cheese platter and great music, all for \$15. Bookings through 9876 4044.



Park Orchards Primary School staged "Hundred Year Rock" at the Whitehorse Centre on September 3 and 4. The show was produced by teacher Dallas Daniel. A school spokesperson described it as a wonderful experience for all the students. "Hundred Year Rock" is a "rocking interpretation of the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale". Featured in the picture above are Kush, Cameron, Tom, Jason, Ilaria, Rebecca, Francine, Bryanna and Stephanie.



Conducted by **JUDY GREEN**

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

Seminar

The next Green Wedge Seminar, to be held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room in Reynolds Road, Doncaster East, will discuss "Pasture Management". Lisa Warn from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment will look at sustainable pasture management, how to avoid weed outbreaks and efficient weed control on disturbed and grazed sites. The seminar commences at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 3.

Healing

On Sunday, September 29, Andrew Hill and Crystal Miller are having a "healing by donation" day at the Warrandyte Community Centre between 10.30am and 4.30pm. The day is open to everyone and a wide range of healers and speakers will be available. Donations are optional. For further information contact Crystal Miller on 9844 0159

Dance

The next South Warrandyte Social dance will be held in the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road on Saturday, September 14. Dancing to a live band commences at 8pm and includes old time and new vogue. Cost is \$7 with tea and coffee supplied. For information contact 9723 3892

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As a guide to groups planning future activities, we publish notice of special community functions being planned up to 12 months in advance. Information must be in writing and include dates, type of function, organising group and contact phone number. Publication at the Diary's discretion.

● Friday, October 25, 6.30 to 10pm: Twilight Market at Wonga Park Hall to aid Wonga Park Primary School. Information from Liz on 9722 2728.

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

● March 22 and 23, 2003: Warrandyte Village Festival. Call John Boyle on 9894 2233 or AH 9844 3120.

ARTYFACTS

Launch

A CD entitled "Making Wings" by Judy Jacques will be launched at Monsalvat in Eltham on Sunday, September 15 at 3pm. Tickets are \$20 with concession \$18. Bookings can be made by ringing 9439 7712.

Gallery

"Simple Forms" is an exhibition of works by Nelson F. Riquelme being held at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster from September 10 to 29. "Floortalks" with gallery director Eva Gaitatzis will be held on Tuesday 17 and Thursday 26 September at 1pm. Talks are free but bookings are essential. To book ring the gallery on 9840 9367.

Theatre

Eltham Little Theatre will be presenting "Crossing Delancy" by Susan Sandler at the Eltham Performing Arts Centre, Main Road, Research from August 29 to September 14, Thursday to Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are \$14 (\$12 concession) from 9437 1574.

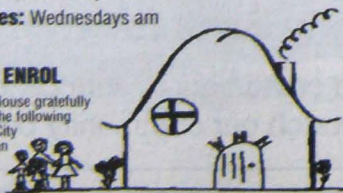
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- Adult Drawing:** Wednesdays pm
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- Warrandyte Walkers:** Mondays am
- Friday Lunch & Discussions:** Fridays pm (monthly)
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- Lizzie's Craft Group:** Thursdays am
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- Parenting Young Adolescents:** Tuesdays pm
- Video Making:** Tuesdays pm
- How to Save, Budget & Prosper on a Limited Income (Workshop):** Saturday am
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Grand finalists galore!

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Basketball Club have taken the EDJBA winter championship finals by storm.

They fielded a total of 37 teams in the semi-finals on August 30 and have 21 playing off for the ultimate prize, 13 winning directly through to the grand finals and eight sides advancing via the preliminary finals.

The Redbacks' top Under-17 girls side charged into the grand final with an emphatic 41-22 win against minor premiers Balwyn.

This was a reversal of recent form, with Warrandyte stumbling in the final games, losing to Balwyn, Eltham, and Nunawading and snatching a draw against Bulleen Templestowe in the run into the finals.

The run of outs had cost them the minor premiership and Balwyn — who had beaten them three times during the season — were expected to win easily.

Warrandyte lost strong guard Jess Kemp for at least six weeks before the game when she re-aggravated a knee injury, but the good news was the availability of Bec Parsons and Chelsea Ransom, giving coach Nick Peters an almost full-

Rampaging Redbacks seek pennants aplenty

strength team. Warrandyte opened the scoring via centre Sam Smith and point guard Kim Singh continued the good work with a three-pointer.

Balwyn appeared lethargic and Warrandyte were able to maintain the pressure. With less than six minutes of the first half to go they had a commanding 16-3 lead when Tori Oliver's shot just rolled into the basket.

The referees were keeping a tight rein on the game and the Redbacks had soon racked up eight fouls, allowing Balwyn several trips to the free throw line.

Luckily for Warrandyte, Balwyn's shooting was off, but the margin had shrunk to nine points at the break.

The second half opened with a basket apiece, but from then on it was all Warrandyte.

Nigel Walsham guided his Under-17 A2-2 girls into the grand final, the Redbacks controlling the game against Park Orchards to win 28-19. Breanna Thomas top-scored

with 10 points in a real team effort.

Warrandyte's Under-15 A-grade girls were unlucky to lose a tight match against Bulleen Templestowe.

The Redbacks were starting to put their season together again after a terrible run of injuries and held a one-point lead at the break.

They were, however, unable to contain the the visitors' outside shooting.

Warrandyte's foul shooting let them down in the second half, sinking only four of 12 shots. They had a chance when in possession in their attacking half with 15 seconds to go, but the shot was astray and Bulleen were able to use up the remaining time to win 33-32 and put the Redbacks out of the race for the A2-grade flag.

The second Under-15 side also went down by a one point, to Eltham. Warrandyte under-performed on the day but had a chance to redeem themselves in the dying seconds when a controversial foul went their way.

The shots missed and Eltham hung on to win 22-21 — but the Redbacks atoned in the preliminary final against the Doncats, winning 31-23 to advance to the grand final.

Warrandyte's strength in the younger age groups was demonstrated by strong A-grade wins in the Under-9s and Under-11s.

The Under-11s, coached by Lorraine Parfitt, led Balwyn 14-11 at the break.

A change came over the game in the second half, with the Redbacks dominating across the whole court. Balwyn came back when it was all over for a scoreline of 42-25.

Ann Cousens' Under-9s earned a place in the grand final with a 20-14 win over Eltham and the second Under-9 side advanced to the preliminary final with a controlled 15-10 win against another Eltham team.

In the boys section, Warrandyte's Under-19 B-grade side faced a sudden-death semi final against Bulleen with a team weakened by injuries and unavailability.

Coach Paul Whittingham had only six players at his disposal and although the Redbacks were in with a chance at the



Above: Carly Bensch prepares to shoot the winning basket in Warrandyte's 7-6 win victory Bulleen in the Under-11 D-grade semi-final. Sasha Feldman (right) and Parris Webb are in support, with Sarah Macintosh in the background. Below: Coach Nick Peters fires up his Under-17 A-grade girls before their successful major semi-final. Left to right: Kim Singh, Sam Smith, Simone Gemmell, Emma Collins and Stef Smith.



You can't win 'em all! Warrandyte's Under-15 A-grade girls after their 33-32 semi-final loss to Bulleen. Back row: Emma Razzi, Tahnee Templeton, Danielle Curavic, Lorraine Parfitt (coach). Front Row: Louise Yates, Gina Oliver, Hannah Massingham. Front: Libby Lavery

break, they lost tall centre Tim Given and guard Jake Templeton through fouls early in the second half.

Down to just four players, the floodgates opened and Bulleen went on to win 51-43.

The second Under-17 side, coached by Alan Close, were minor premiers but lost the major semi-final against Ivanhoe 40-28. They had the second chance, however, and were expected to beat Bulleen in their preliminary final.

Ian Wood's top Under-15 side beat minor premiers Ivanhoe in a torrid BA major semi-final.

The final score was 34 to 28 and the Redbacks were expected to see Ivanhoe again in the grand final.

Malcolm Anderson's Under-13s — the form side of the B C

grade — asserted their dominance with a 49-32 win over Bulleen. Warrandyte led 24-18 at half-time, a lead which was to be steadily extended.

Ben Power put in an outstanding performance for the winners with 16 points — all from close in under the ring — coupled with strong rebounding.

Gavin Whitmore's Under-11 A-grade boys stumbled to a 43-31 loss against Koonung, but regrouped for the preliminary final against Eltham and bounced back with a 38-18 victory, dominating throughout and Ryan Holloway outstanding with 22 points.

The Under-9s coached by Damian Arsenis went down 23-11 to Koonung and were to meet Bulleen in a preliminary final.

The preliminary final round produced plenty of good news for Warrandyte, Gavan Hennessey's Under-11-4 boys defeating Ivanhoe by two points, the Under-9-6 boys of Luke Dimmock 21-2 winners over Eltham and Matt Camm's Under-11-6s downing Bulleen 22-16.

Not so lucky were Lim Singh's Under-9-4 boys, beaten 12-6 by Park Orchards.

The Under-9-2 girls came from the clouds to defeat Bulleen, Hannah Bensch turning on a purple patch to almost single-handedly turn a 13-9 deficit with 90 seconds to go into an amazing one-point win.

She scored three of four from two trips to the free throw line, then drove the length of the court to put up the winning basket right on the buzzer.

Friday contenders taking shape

By TONY OLIVER

Round 18 of the Friday night junior championship basketball season was played out on September 6, with the race for the finals sorting itself out.

Warrandyte's Under-12 Metro 1 boys coached by Damian Arsenis have all but cemented their place in the October finals despite some recent stumbles against mid-ranked teams Altona and Kilsyth.

In both games the Redbacks conceded starts and, despite late second-half comebacks, were unable to steal a win.

The crunch game was against runaway competition leaders Nunawading.

Warrandyte had won in controversial circumstances last time these two met and the home side were eager to reverse that result. But the Redbacks led 11-10 at the break and an upset was on the cards.

However, two passages of play sank the visitors.

Nunawading resumed with six unanswered points in the first 45 seconds and the final nail was driven into the coffin in the last seconds of the game with a goal to Nunawading and a foul against Warrandyte which gave them four more points and a

final score of 37-27. Theoretically, the Redbacks can drop out of the top five, but with a good percentage and better results the race will be to keep third spot and the double chance.

The Under-12 Metro 2 girls have been travelling well with good wins over higher-ranked sides Nunawading and Kilsyth, but put in a bad one at their latest outing, against Chelsea.

Warrandyte were holding down fifth place and were two games and percentage clear of Chelsea, the only team below them with finals aspirations.

The game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre should have sealed a final five finish, but Warrandyte were never in it.

It was 12-2 to the visitors at half-time, with Ashlee Collins the only scorer for Warrandyte. Despite glimpses of a revival in the second half, with determined play from Cassie Wilson and Collins, Chelsea were always in control and ran out easy winners 25-11.

Despite the loss, Warrandyte should be able to hold on to fifth place, but the worry for coach Lorraine Parfitt is her girls' inconsistency. If they put

Why not give it a try?

Warrandyte Basketball Club are currently fielding 11 sides in the junior championship (Friday night) competition, with four competing in the Metro grades.

The club are looking to form teams for the 2003 season for both boys and girls in Under-12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups.

Try-outs for these teams will be held on Sunday, October 6, at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre (Andersons Creek Primary School).

Prospective players should contact Nick Peters on 9846 1516.

The club are also seeking to appoint suitably-qualified coaches, assistant coaches and skills coaches for these teams.

Anyone interested and wanting to join a successful local sporting club is urged to contact Peters. Applications close on October 6.

it together, they can beat any team in the competition — but they can also stumble when least expected.

Parfitt's second team, the Under-16 girls, have surrendered all chances of a finals berth with a string of losses. The draw had favoured Warrandyte, but they were not able to put the score on the board, with losses to Coburg, Blackburn, Broadmeadows and Kilsyth.

The Redbacks had suffered a horror run with injuries the and were starting to get a fully fit

team back on the court. However, those injuries have affected the rhythm in their game and they have been unable to sustain pressure when it counts in the last minutes.

Their last slim chance of a finals appearance was blown away with a four-point loss to Sandringham.

Only six players were available, but, despite a slow start, Warrandyte were held a slight edge in the first half, with Emma Razzi and Jess Solty having strong games.

Disaster struck just on half-time when star defender Gina Oliver was injured after a brilliant piece of play and had to be taken from the court.

It was 17-all at the break and the lead changed hands several times in the second half, Hannah Massingham putting Warrandyte in front with just over eight minutes to go.

Oliver was now back in the game, but Sandringham were able to edge in front in the final minutes. Baskets to Louise Yates and Solty kept the Redbacks in it, but the visitors were able to close out the game 37-30 to leave Warrandyte in 10th place on the ladder.

The Under-18 Metro 2 girls kept themselves in the hunt for a finals place with a 33-23 win over third-placed Blackburn.

It put them just half a win outside the top five and with a strong percentage, but they were unable to sustain the effort against eighth-placed Western Port, the game drawn.

Warrandyte could only field five players, with a knee injury to Jess Kemp and Emma Collins unavailable because of with commitments to the high school theatre production. They opened strongly,

however, with Kim Singh and Sam Smith outstanding, to establish a 9-0 lead after four minutes.

The taller Western Port team came back with a vengeance to lead 19-18 lead at the break and the second half went basket for basket.

A tiring Redbacks outfit held a two-point lead with just over a minute to go, but Western Port were able to steal the ball to equalise with 13 seconds on the clock.

Both sides had chances to win with trips to the free throw line in the dying seconds, but neither could convert and it was 31-all on the buzzer.

Best for Warrandyte was top-scorer Sam Smith (13 points) and she had strong support from Kim Singh, Anna Middleton, Stef Smith and Simone Gemmell.

Warrandyte are still a chance for finals honours, but will need to win their remaining games and rely on losses to teams above them.

In other games on September 6, Warrandyte's Under-16 North West girls defeated Hawthorn 25-10 to remain in second place, while the Under-16 boys defeated Darebin 44-38.

Dytes sights on big league again

By BRIAN CLEAVES

Warrandyte Cricket Club are gearing up for the 2002-03 season determined to fight their way back into the premier Chandler Shield competition in the Ringwood District Cricket Association.

The Dytes relegated themselves from the Chandler to the Wilkins Shield last season, unable to guarantee their capacity to field the mandatory four senior teams in the elite competition.

Warrandyte were beaten in the Wilkins Shield preliminary final and are hoping to go at least one step better in the new season, which begins on October 5.

But club president Robert White has warned that 2002-03 will be tougher, with such teams as North Croydon, newly-promoted South Warrandyte, North Ringwood, St Andrews and Norwood all looking menacing.

Warrandyte will field three senior two-day teams, a one-day side and two veterans elevens.

The club have been encouraged by the numbers and attitude of players who took part in their indoor pre-season training sessions. However, there are still opportunities for new players for all grades.

Any prospective newcomers are invited contact chairman of selectors John Chapman on 9844 3058. They will be made very welcome and locals are encouraged to come and play for their local team.

The selection committee is also encouraging the Dytes' Under-16 players to try out at senior level.

Outdoor training for the Saturday afternoon and veterans sides has started at the recreation reserve on Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30pm.

The club are sponsoring several players and junior coaches/managers to achieve their Level 1 coaching accreditation and will encourage anyone willing to further their coaching qualifications.

The aim of the program is to make all junior coaches and managers accredited coaches and for accredited players to conduct coaching clinics and oversee the club's training sessions.

Warrandyte are also creating closer ties with local District cricket club Fitzroy-Doncaster.

The clubs are developing a program that will allow local selected players with District cricket ambitions to be involved in structured training sessions with Fitzroy-Doncaster.

The sessions are aimed at giving the players an insight into a professional cricket club and learn what it takes to be a District. These links with a local club are believed to be unique to Fitzroy-Doncaster and it is anticipated that the creation of a direct pathway from a local to a District cricket club will enable Warrandyte to retain aspiring district players longer.

The Dytes expect to field four junior teams — two Under-12s, Under 14s and 16s — in the new season.

Despite it being Father's Day, registration day was well attended and outdoor training for Under-12s and 14s will start on Wednesday, September 11, for all players, including those who were unable to register

Smashing successes

By JUDY GREEN

Warrandyte Tennis Club had three successful teams in the finals of the Eastern Region Tennis competition last month.

Two junior teams — Boys Section 3 and Girls Section 9 — and the senior Mixed 9 side brought home the pennants.

The Boys 3 team (Daniel Wiltshire, Alex Beltramin, Nick Lawrence, Darren Zygmunt, Nick Atkins) had finished second on the ladder and defeated Park Orchards five sets 43 games to three sets 39 games in the grand final. For two of the boys it was their third successive premierships, with wins in Boys 7 and Boys 5 in three previous two seasons.

Warrandyte's Girls 9, who were top of the ladder all season, defeated Heathmont six sets 46 games to two sets 32 games. Three of the girls in this team won their second successive premierships, having moved up to play singles as well as doubles for the first time.

The team included Stephanie Carver, Amy Freedman, Alison Trotter, Claire Bence and Tessa Cudmore.

Boys 9 also reached the grand final but lost in a close match to Launching Place, who were top of their section.

The Mixed 9 senior team of Wendy Synnot, Pat Abbott, Melissa Cooper, Kirsten Peterson, John Ebsell, Brendan Hogan and Charlie Freedman were top of the ladder in that section and defeated Canterbury four sets to two. Warrandyte Mens 4 were unbeaten all season until the grand final, which they lost to Canterbury.

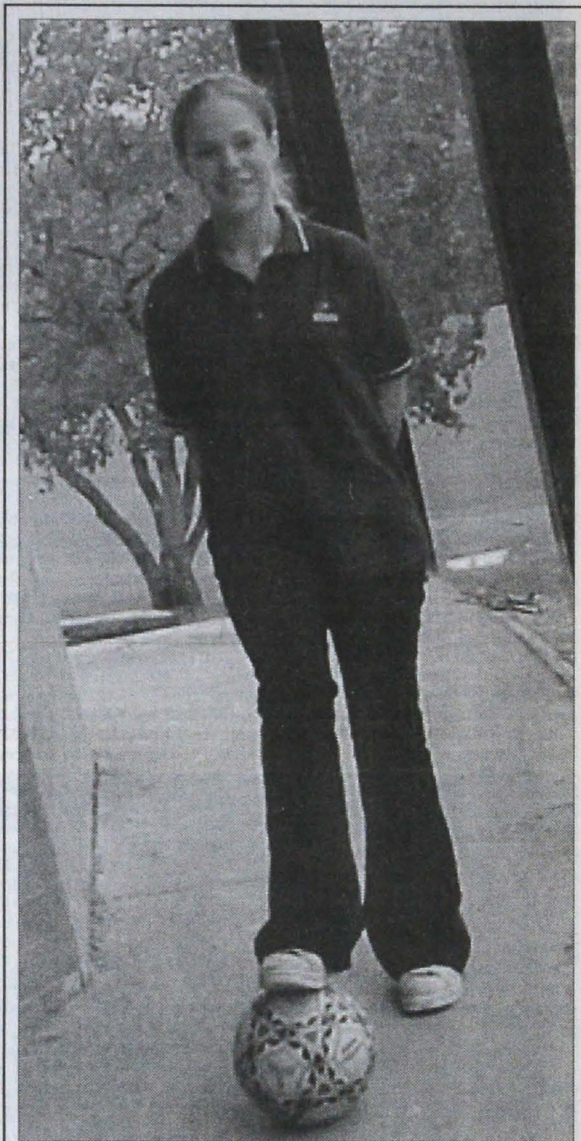
The Warrandyte Section 3 team went all the way in the finals of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies Tennis Association competition played on Tuesdays. This team, who came from fourth on the ladder to beat Park orchards 41 games to 32, included Simone Newman, Angie Sabo, Tina Asker, Sally Greig, Colleen Gauder, Kerrie Boyle, Wendy Synnot and Atsuko Parker.

The premierships kept coming for Warrandyte, with Macca's Whackers, one of several local teams in the grand finals of the Lilydale and District men's night competition, prevailing.

The new season for this competition has started with men's teams playing on Tuesday nights and mixed on Wednesdays.



Left: Warrandyte's premier Girls Section 9 team (left to right): Claire Bence, Amy Freedman, Alison Trotter, Tessa Cudmore and Stephanie Carver. Below: Boys 3 champions Darren Zygmunt, Nick Atkins, Daniel Wiltshire, Nick Lawrence and Alex Beltramin.



Our Aimee onside for national titles

Year 8 Warrandyte High School student Aimee Gooney (above) will represent Victoria in the national schools soccer championships in Coffs Harbour this month.

Aimee was selected in the state Under-14 girls side for the eight-day series.

She is a member of Eltham North Soccer Club and follows a family tradition — her father, sisters and brother all play competition soccer.

Aimee is grateful for the support she has received from her coach and the WHS Student Representative Council, which is assisting with the \$1200 cost of her trip.

DEAR DIARY

Thanks for kicking in, chaps

On behalf of all the Auskick parents and children we would like to thank the following men who coordinated and ran the latest Auskick season.

The children had a terrific introduction to Australian Rules football with the chance to improve their skills, socialise and have fun each Saturday morning.

They also had a wonderful opportunity to have one of their sessions on the MCG.

So a big thank-you to Gavan Costin (coordinator), Nick Chipman, Bruce De Lacy, Paul Van Der Zant, Steve Ballard and Andrew Pynt, who volunteered their time. Also to all the other parents and coaches.

Jenny McDonnell, Judy Finger, Kieran Robertson and Mark Johnstone.



The Under-14s who almost went all the way. The 'oldies' in the picture are coach Craig Lincoln (back row) and team manager Brad Curtis.

The best of Blagrove

By LEE TINDALE

The pessimists among the Warrandyte football faithful at one of our early pre-season hit-outs last year were bemoaning the loss of Mack Clarkson to EFL First Division club East Ringwood.

Clarkson, club champion for the past two seasons and competition best and fairest in 1999, was irreplaceable, they said.

But newly-elected Bloods president Robert "Noddy" Ireland was not among the doomsayers.

"See the bloke out there with the shaggy blond hair and the mean look?" he said. "His name's Matt, he's come down from the bush — and they reckon he's better than Clarkson!"

Big statement. Matt who? "Hey, Matt!" Ireland hollered from the boundary, "the press want to know how you spell your surname."

"B-L-A-G-R-O-V-E," the new recruit replied.

Whether or not Matt Blagrove is as good as or better than Mack Clarkson is a matter of opinion, but in a very short space of time he has won a cult following among local football supporters — and the Bloods' 2002 best and fairest award.

He led from the start of the vote count — polling the maximum three in the first two rounds — at the clubrooms on August 17 to score by seven (28-21) from last year's winner and close mate Matt Wood.

Veteran Dale Vitiritti and young gun Liam Riley dead-heated for third, on 16 votes.

Dynamic on-baller Blagrove, 27, arrived in town at the instigation of another close mate — Bloods captain Chris Cornell. He had spent season 2000 at Koondrook (which does not figure prominently on too many footballers' resumes) but he came here with quite a pedigree.

His background included the Northern Knights (in Melbourne's elite Under-18 competition), the Teal Cup, two years with Carlton's AFL Reserves and three with Preston in the VFL.

A fact little known around these traps is that he had lined up in the centre for Victoria Metro in the 1992 Teal Cup against a young South Australian named Mark Ricciuto, now captain of the Adelaide Crows.

Other names in that Victorian side included David Neitz,

'Shaggy' supreme in Bloods vote count

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Justin Leppitsch, Dustin Fletcher, Aaron Lord, Matthew Allan, John Barker and Chris Johnson. Apart from Ricciuto, South Australia's ranks included Brian Beinke, Che Cockatoo-Collins, Adam Heuskes and Luke McCabe.

And with one Warrandyte club championship in the bag, will Matt Blagrove — the man they call "Shaggy" — be back next season trying for the double?

"Hopefully — but a few of us are getting a bit old," he grinned.

Blagrove led Wood by one vote (9-8) with the first six rounds counted, with Aidan Davey, Matt Treeby and Darren Payne breathing down their necks.

The winner "bolted" in the six rounds to open up a lead of six (19-13) over Wood, with Treeby (12) and Cornell and Chris Quinlan (11) next best.

Blagrove and Wood continued to poll strongly over the remaining six rounds, with Riley and Vitiritti rattling home for third.

Warrandyte's recruiting policy was fully justified in the count by strong performances from defender Payne, full-forward Stuart Wynd and rover Adam Barlow, who all crossed from East Burwood in Division 1 this year.

Payne was fourth on 15 votes and Wynd, who finished with 57 goals after missing several games with a serious shoulder injury, fifth on 14. Barlow polled 11.

Reserves stalwart John Prangley was rewarded for hard work and an ultra-consistent season by winning the Twos best and fairest.

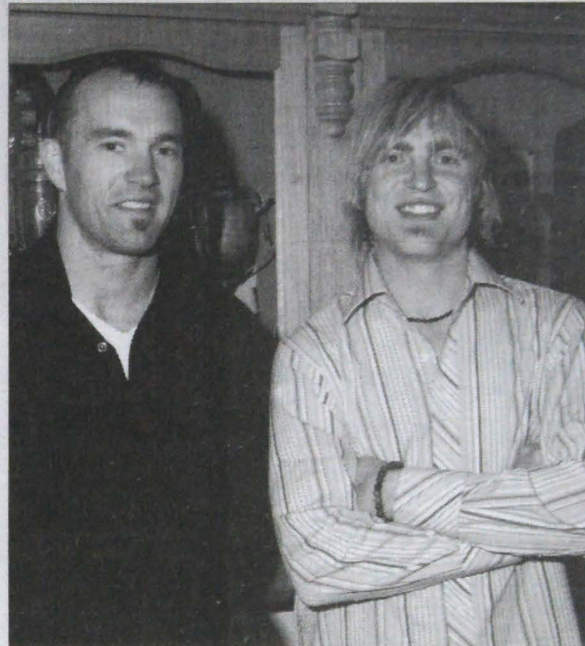
Prangley polled 23 votes to score by four from Glen Carle, with Andrew Gordon a vote away third.

How they all voted:

SENIORS: Matt Blagrove 28; Matt Wood 21; Dale Vitiritti, Liam Riley 16; Darren Payne 15; Stuart Wynd 14; Chris Quinlan, Guy Taylor, Matt Treeby 13; Chris Cornell, Warren

Ruehland, Rick Templeton 12; Adam Barlow, Aidan Davey 11; Craig Dick, Kimberly O'Connor 9; Michael McCormack 7; Piers Brown, Heath Decker, Scott Hunter 5; Adam Borwick 4; James Riley, Stewart Rough, Robert Ryan 3; Glen Carle, Mark Gasparotto, Dean Hunter, Adam Schaffer 2; Andrew Gordon, Ashley Grybas 1.

RESERVES: John Prangley 23; Glen Carle 19; Andrew Gordon 18; Ben Reid 17; Ben Gaylard 16; Travis Brogan, John Rough 13; James Riley, Andrew Schaffer, David Young 12; Leigh Giampietro 11; Stuart Howarth, Stewart Rough, Robert Ryan 10; Matt McPherson 8; Craig Evans, Mark Gasparotto, Brad Giampietro, Steve Warr 6; Craig Lincoln 5; Heath Decker, Nathan Gardner, Michael McCormack 4; Adam Borwick, Ashley Grybas, James Logan, Guy Taylor, Ben Saaksjarvi 3; Piers Brown, Jarrod O'Connor 2; Michael Carter, Richard Janssen, Dean Hunter, James Powell, Kaden Hutchings, Brendan Smith 1.



Above: Plenty to celebrate. Reappointed coach Scott Hunter (left) congratulates Matt Blagrove, Bloods club champion of 2002. Below: Reserves best and fairest John Prangley is flanked by placegetters Glen Carle (left) and Andrew Gordon. (Photos by Gavin Andrew)



Hunter stays at the helm

Warrandyte Football Club senior coach Scott Hunter has been reappointed for next season. The decision was announced by president Noel Taplin at the vote count last month.

And Stuart Wynd, a long-time teammate and close friend of Hunter, has been named assistant coach.

"I am pleased to continue my association with the club," Hunter told the vote count. "What we finished off with this season we must build on and to do that we hope that most of the players will maintain their association with us."

Hunter came to Warrandyte from First Division club East Burwood in 2000 as playing assistant coach to Lex Munro and succeeded Munro last year.

Doubts had been cast over his future with the Bloods by an abysmal first half of the 2002 season in which they won only one of their nine games. But those doubts evaporated as Warrandyte lifted themselves from the relegation zone and rattled home to win four of their last five and finish eighth on the 10-team ladder.

Wynd followed Hunter to Warrandyte this year and lived right up to his reputation as an outstanding full-forward. An injury-free 2003 could quite conceivably see him kick a century of goals.

Although never a possibility to make the 2002 finals, Warrandyte certainly inflicted heavy damage on a couple of premiership aspirants at the business end of the home-and-away season and significantly shaped the composition of the finals.

In the penultimate round they cost Upper Ferntree Gully the double chance by toppling them from second spot with a two-point win at home.

And in their farewell outing they ended the season of 2001 Fourth Division premiers Coldstream, dismissing them from fourth spot with an 11-point away victory.

Warrandyte's Reserves, coached by Harry Armstrong, turned in a very respectable season, finishing sixth on the ladder with a 9-9 win-loss ratio.

An exasperating crop of injuries at senior level had impacted on the Twos as they surrendered their best players to plug gaps in the senior ranks.

Wantirna South won the Third Division senior premiership, defeating Doncaster East by three points — 12.8 (80) to 10.17 (77) — at Boronia on August 30.

They had been the competition's benchmark throughout the season, dropping only three of their 18 matches to finish two games clear on top of the ladder.

A measure of Warrandyte's unrealised potential during the season is that they defeated narrowly-beaten grand finalists Doncaster East away by 19 points in Round 14 and ran them close at their earlier meeting, coming from 35 points down to trail by just two and go down by 16.

Warrandyte will be rejoined in Division 3 next season by the "old enemy" The Basin, relegated after failing to win a game in Second Division.

Promoted from Division 4 will be Nunawading, who dominated that competition and defeated Heathmont by 95 points — 25.18 (168) to 11.7 (73) — in the grand final.

● Warrandyte's Presentation Day will be held in the upstairs function room at Club Warrandyte on Sunday October 6, starting at noon. A two-course meal will be served and bookings can be made with secretary James Logan on 0411 223418.

Grand final a tall (much too tall) story

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

The often referred to *Minimialist Warrandyteitis* syndrome came back to haunt Warrandyte Junior Football Club's Under-14s in their grand final on August 30.

The boys pushed much taller St Damians all the way at Surrey Park before succumbing to their opponents' overwhelming physical advantage.

The losing margin of 39 points did Warrandyte's performance scant justice.

"After leading at quarter-time our boys were just run down by opponents who were just too big for them," said coach Craig Lincoln.

"It was a very courageous attempt by our undersized players, but in the end they could only do so much."

Lincoln, a senior Warrandyte player in his first year of coaching, pulled out all the tricks in his bag to nullify St Damians' height, but to no avail.

In many ways it was something of a miracle that the young Bloods made the finals at all. Halfway through the season the Under-14s

were languishing in second-last spot on the ladder and needed to win six of their last eight games to make the four.

"The boys bonded together, redefined their goals and played a brand of football many had thought impossible," said Lincoln.

The game of the finals — and possibly the season — was Warrandyte's major semi-final victory over St Marys, who had beaten them comprehensively in their previous encounters.

Down all day, the boys — led by Luke Ebzery, Paul Tobin and Nick Meade — wiped out a 15-point deficit in the final quarter to win by two points.

"This was the game that proved just how good they really were and it really pumped them up for the grand final," said Lincoln. "A premiership wasn't to be, but there was certainly no lack of endeavour."

Warrandyte's best in the grand final were Hamish Hoskings, Chris Douglas, Dion Mullett-Treloar, Marcus Curavic and Daniel Gullery.

The club's other finalists, the Under-15s coached by Bruce Corrigan, were eliminated in the first week of the series.

Young Bloods honoured in junior league awards

Representatives of Warrandyte Junior Football Club featured at the recent Yarra Junior Football League's presentation night.

Club captain Michael Morello (pictured) and teammates Rene Pidgeon and Ben Mason were named in the Colts Team of the year, Division 1.

"This is the highest level of acknowledgment within the Yarra league," said WJFC secretary Kevin O'Mara.

Warrandyte Colts 1 coach and club president Mathew Matheou was named Colts Coach of the Year.

"This is particularly prestigious as the award is based on the nominations of his peers," said O'Mara. "It is acknowledgment of the talent that exists within the club."

Under-10s player Ethan Hale was voted best of his age group in the league and Ben Mason was runner-up in the vote count in Colts Division 2.

Under-14s Luke Ezbery and Hamish Hoskings, Under-15 player Stephen Christopher and Colts Josh Eyre and Rene Pidgeon all ranked in the top 10 of their age group.

● Junior presentations for all team except the colts will be made at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 15, starting at 10am.

"This is always a great club event and all players, parents and supporters are very welcome," said president Mathew Matheou.

Colts presentation night, taking a Brownlow format, will be held at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, September 10.

The event is a sell-out and the club will take the opportunity to acknowledge parents and supporters of the Colts and to farewell players who have been with the juniors since their Under-9 days.

● The club's annual general meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Monday, September 16. All positions will become vacant and supporters are encouraged to attend.





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