

Wedge: a close call

By **CLIFF GREEN**

A subdivision in the Manningham Green Wedge almost gained approval at a council meeting late last month, in defiance of council policy.

The proposal, to subdivide a number of broadacre properties in Park Orchards, was initiated by a group of landowners, styling themselves the Park Orchards Progress Association. Council voted 4-4 on the council officers' recommendation to refuse the application. The motion to reject was carried on the casting vote of the mayor, Cr Geoff Gough.

The original application for this subdivision, made several years ago, pre-

ceded a great deal of community debate, resulting in council setting up a Green Wedge review committee, which commissioned a major consultant's report on the matter, including a survey of residents living both in, and beyond, the Green Wedge. Those surveyed came down firmly in opposition to development in the Wedge, as did the consultant's report. Council adopted this report 7-1, and Manningham's Green Wedge protection policy was confirmed.

Local MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, expressed his outrage that these four councillors should attempt to reverse Manningham's support for the Green Wedge.

"Only two months ago," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*, "we were

all applauding our local council for voting 7-1 in favour of the consultant's report to protect our unique Green Wedge for all time. Right across Victoria, this decision was seen as a great example of local government's ability to consult and then reflect their community's views.

"Since then, legislation to provide permanent protection of Melbourne's 12 Green Wedges has been introduced into state parliament and has gained total bipartisan support.

"When you put these two Green Wedge protection initiatives into context, the council meeting at the end of last month appears to have been totally bizarre. Local residents have a right to ask serious questions as to how our elected councillors could vote

4-4 on a major subdivision application in the heart of Green Wedge protected land."

Mr Steve Graham, president of the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, said he was pleased that council "had held the line with its Green Wedge protection policy".

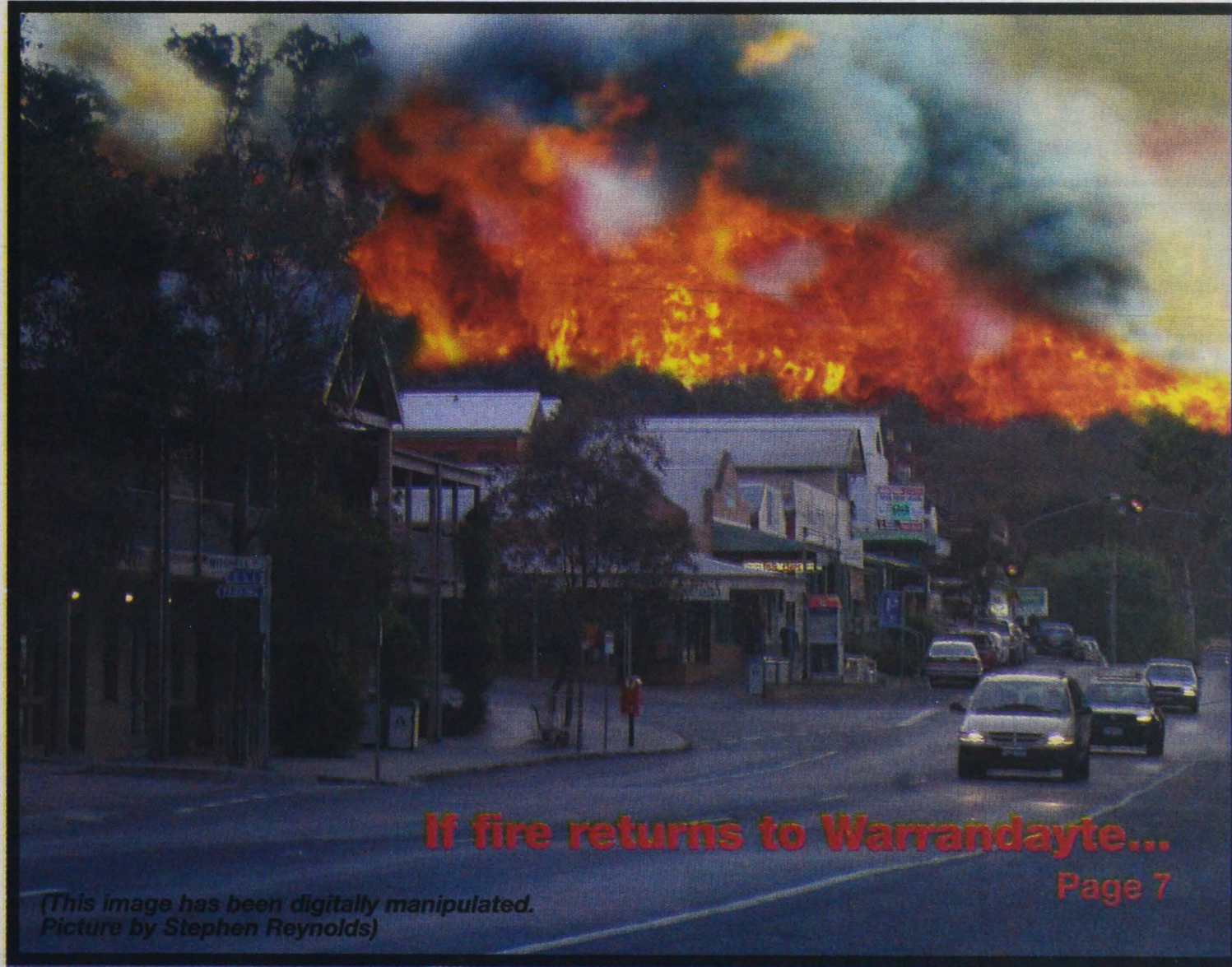
Mr David Mayor, vice-president of PORA, told the *Diary* he was amazed that Mullum Mullum ward councillor Lionel Allemand, with councillors Goonan, Larkin and Beynon, had voted to permit exhibition of a planning scheme amendment that would have allowed the cutting up of the Park Orchards Green Wedge.

However, Mr Mayor expressed pleasure that the other councillors, including local ward representative Pat

Young, together with the casting vote of the mayor, supported the previous council policy decision and rejected the application to allow further subdivision.

"With council elections coming up next March, voters must be careful to choose candidates who support the environmental values we treasure so highly, and avoid candidates who want to run with both the hares and the hounds and weave to left and right," Mr Mayor said.

Phil Honeywood took up this point: "Yet again some of our councillors are in danger of becoming disconnected with the residents they claim to represent. All local ratepayers should bear this in mind when council elections come around in March next year."



If fire returns to Warrandyte...

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(This image has been digitally manipulated. Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

CLYDE & OCKER



"It's the old Green Wedge square dance. Ock. Allemand left and Allemand right!"

LATE NEWS

Warrandyte's application for a community bank franchise has been formally approved by Bendigo Bank.

John Provan, of the community bank steering committee, said he had been "pretty confident" of the result, and said they could now focus attention on raising sufficient funds.

"We're going to have our own community bank now, so we need the people who have pledged money to put their support behind us," Mr Provan said.

A prospectus is likely to be released in late November or early December.

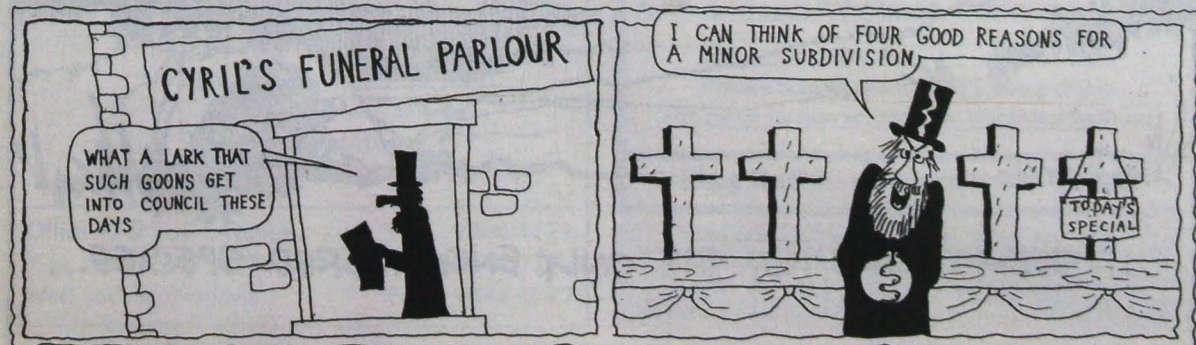
A new company, Warrandyte Financial Services, will run the "business side" of the bank on behalf of future shareholders. Mr Provan has been elected chairman.

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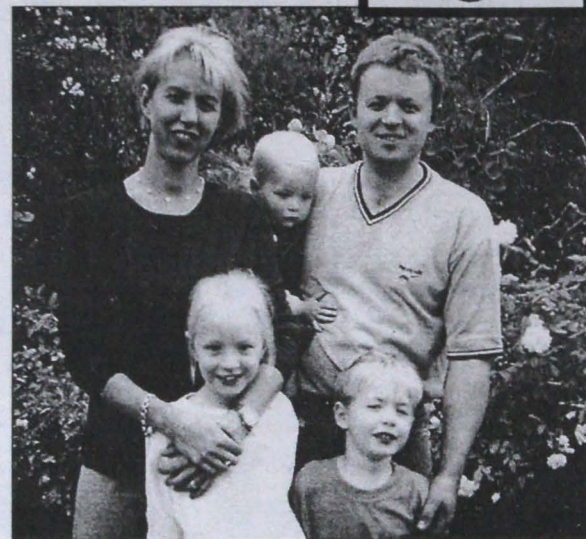
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Fowl play indeed as a white Houdini hen meets its match

 This is the poignant tale of a white chook, very likely an escapee from a local backyard, which took up residence among the trees between the bus stop opposite the community centre and the riverbank carpark. Denise Farran spotted it first, on Thursday, October 24, and told her mate Rae Danks, who confirmed its presence next day. On the Saturday afternoon, Rae and Jenny Chapman — her partner in the Good Faeries pet care service — borrowed a blanket from the Opp Shop which they would throw over the chook after enticing it within range with a bait of bread begged from Café Brothers. Capture completed, they would give the fowl a good home with Karen Throssell, a keeper of chooks. But this was one slick and slippery piece of poultry, a veritable Houdini of a hen, and as the comical and fruitless pursuit continued a bloke walked past and offered to unleash his dog, which he guaranteed would round up the quarry without harming it. That was the last straw for the chook, which took to the air and was last seen flying west in the general direction of the pub. And if you'd just been harassed by a dog and a couple of good faeries you'd have been in need of a stiff drink too. Alas, Rae returned to the scene of the aborted capture on Monday morning and found only a pathetic, telltale heap of white feathers. Insufficient body parts remaining for an attempt at mouth-to-beak resuscitation. Yes, a fox or some other predator had dined alfresco last night. RIP, white chook.


 Damian Liddell, one of the seven grown-up kids of Bruce and Terry, of Research Road, had a date at Mitcham Hospital the other day for minor throat surgery and the operation itself was simple and successful. Pre and post op were, however, not so straightforward. Just as Damian was about to go under the knife the fire alarm shrieked and within minutes firemen were dashing about the building like so many Keystone cops. That potential crisis eventually averted, the surgery proceeded well behind schedule and a barely-conscious Damian was wheeled out of theatre just as loving wife Monica arrived. The patient had not yet been cleaned up and could have been mistaken for a casualty of the St Valen-

IN RED & WHITE





Feeling much better now, thank you very much. Monica and Damian Liddell with children Max (the bub), Alana and Joel.


ine's Day Massacre — an ashen face stained by antiseptic, dried blood on one ear, a drainage tube emerging from the wound and an intravenous drip in his arm. Monica took one look, immediately felt woozy, made a dash for the open air and fainted in the carpark, skinning a knee on the way down. Alerted hospital staff whisked her on to a trolley and we now had a still-dopey Damien and a non-compus Monica in adjoining rooms. Hours later, a neighbour who happens to work at the hospital called on the now-recovered Liddells at home to see how the op had gone. "Bit of drama there today," she said. "An urn in the kitchen blew when I switched it on, sending up a lot of smoke and setting off the fire alarm." The penny dropped.

 Shoplifting's a terrible thing — not as bad as genocide, white-collar crime or jaywalking, but naughty enough to have restricted Smokey's activities in this field to filching the odd greengrocer's grape on a try-before-you-buy basis. Might even have to give that away, though, after reading this chilling notice


at Food-Rite supermarket's liquor check-out at Orbost during a recent spot of R and R in East Gippsland with Her Indoors: "SPECIAL OFFER — FREE RIDE IN A POLICE CAR FOR STEALING FROM THIS STORE." Wonder if they let you play with the siren on the way to the nick.

 The mind tends to retreat into near suspended animation when you're sitting in the late afternoon sun on the bank of the Snowy River, a couple of kilometres upstream from its mouth at Marlo, drowning a worm and commuting with idyllic tranquility. Then a syringe bobs gently by on the tide and you're suddenly back in the real world. Bugger!

 Bet you wouldn't catch a scene like *this* in inner-suburbia: Young mum pushing pram along Yarra Street preceded on a long lead by immaculately-groomed golden retriever — with a large, dead brush-tailed possum in its mouth. Young mum seemed oblivious to her dog's trophy. Or maybe she thought he'd just sprouted a big, bushy moustache.

 Unfortunate typo in an e-mail which arrived too late for the October *Diary* and has now passed its use-by date: "Parents Without Partners will be celebrating tits 35th Birthday Reunion on Sunday, November 3, at Hays Paddock, Kew." Wonder if the blokes were required to wear double-breasted suits.

 Gee, it's getting terribly hard to please Page 2 anchorman Neil "Bozo" Dusting. We gave his ongoing misadventures a miss in the last issue — although we had a couple ready to go — in favour of revealing his other side, the generous-to-a-fault engineer who whipped up \$300 worth of elaborate chrome piping for Anne and Roger Drew's spa and refused to accept a cent for it. The downside is that since we reported this Good Samaritan act, Neil's phone has been running hot with free-loaders wanting all sorts of jobs done. "Please tell them to give me a break!" he implored.

 Tread carefully next time you visit the Warrandyte Historical Society Museum in the old post office building — and don't even think about going beyond the back gates. In its latest roster notice to volunteers, the society reports that a brown snake appears to have moved in permanently outside the gates and has been seen sunning itself in the grass there. The warning points out that it is a protected species and should not be disturbed. It also asks volunteers to lock the back entrance if they think visitors could be at risk.

 Despite the water restrictions and the promise of a dry summer, it's not too late to plant in some situations, says Cathy Willis, our resident native flora authority. "If your place has a run-off problem or a permanently boggy patch, Tall Sedge (*Carex appressa*) is the perfect solution," Cathy says. "It forms a dense, bright green tussock about a metre high, with an attractive tall flower spike over summer." The Tall Sedge from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend can be yours by giving Cathy a call on 0418 142297.

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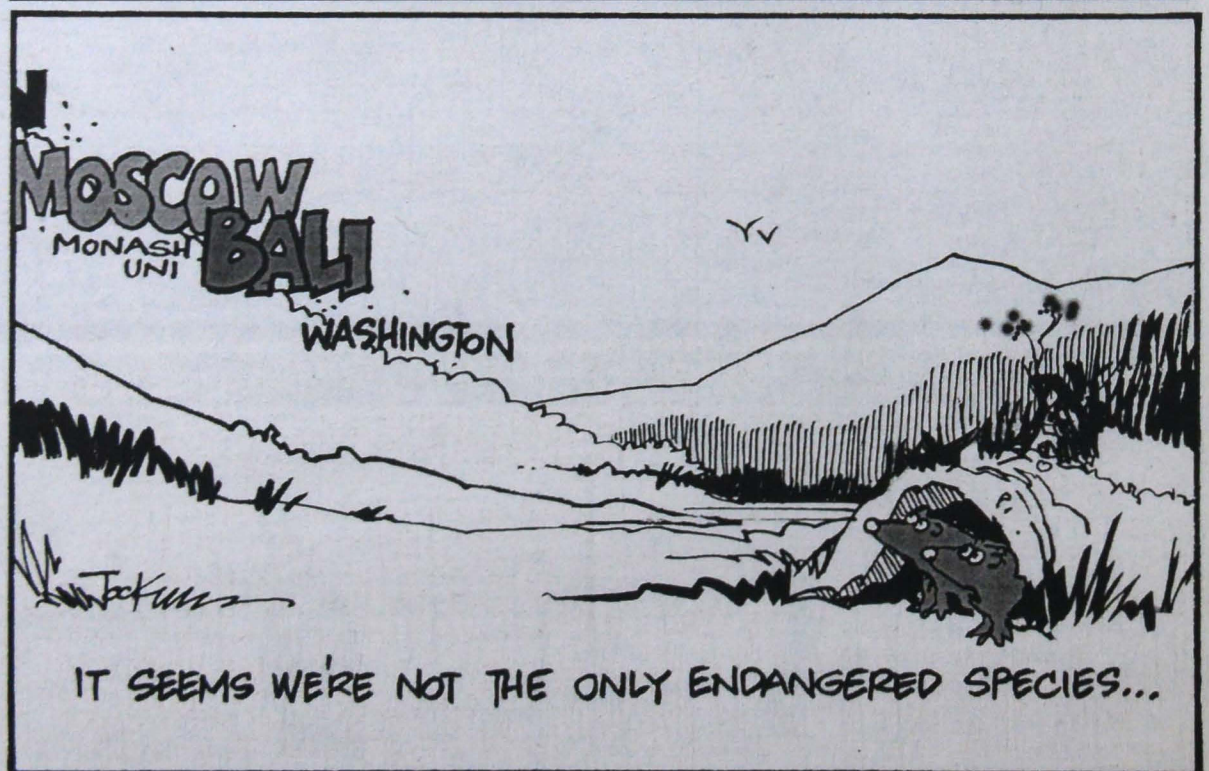
The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely through advertising, it guards its not-for-profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice. The Diary carries a strong editorial bias towards the people, environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly circulation is 3700 copies and it is available in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

A SPECIAL PLACE

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

OVERTHEHILLS

By **JOCK MACNEISH**



IT SEEMS WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ENDANGERED SPECIES...

Fire destroys centre

Weather signals bad fire season

By CLIFF GREEN

The Country Fire Authority is warning that the 2002-2003 summer could be a very dangerous fire season.

"This is the sixth consecutive year Victoria has had below average rainfall. Forest fuels are already dry and the outlook for summer rains is grim," Jeff Adair, CFA community safety regional manager told the *Diary*.

The Bureau of Meteorology supports this view and suggests that we are heading towards "an increased chance of above normal daytime and overnight temperatures".

This could be exacerbated by a strengthening El Nino which is likely to persist until the end of the year, or early next year.

"This means that unless the forecast changes, forest and grassland conditions will worsen," Mr Adair said.

Warrandyte is surrounded by dry sclerophyll forest and woodland and has the potential for an intense fire.

"Strong winds are already a feature of this season, and if they persist and combine with high temperatures and low humidity, all the conditions for a severe wildfire will be present."

Weather conditions are the key determinant in fire behaviour. "Residents need to understand the likely factors that will contribute to a bad fire day in Warrandyte," Mr Adair said. "Given this understanding, there is no reason why any person should be caught unawares."

"Armed with this information, fire plans can be designed, developed and put in place before a fire starts, which means people will be safer and better prepared. Local CFA brigades are there to help, but reliance on these units at the last minute is fraught with danger."

"CFA urges everyone to make contact now. Take the time and devote some energy to early planning," Mr Adair said.

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A few walls, twisted metal, broken bricks and ashes: all that remains of the North Warrandyte Community Centre. (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)



By SAM DAVIES

The community groups devastated by last month's arson attack at North Warrandyte Community Centre have vowed to continue services.

Yarra Warra pre-schoolers have been granted a break while its management canvasses options for a new home. The Community Church in Warrandyte looks the most likely venue for the next 12 months, pending Department of Human Services approval. Enrolments for 2003 will continue as normal.

The Toy Library is also looking for a suitable site. In the meantime Croydon, Maroondah and Doncaster/Templestowe toy libraries have kindly offered their resources to members.

The Maternal and Child Health Centre services have been relocated to Research and Eltham Woods.

The mobile library service continues in the pre-school carpark each Wednesday between 10am and 12noon.

Local brigades attended the scene early in the morning, called away from the fire at the Research scout hall. The community centre was well ablaze by the time the crews attended. "Upon arrival, much of the building was involved. The fire was so intense the only way to fight it was to stand at a distance and lob water onto it," said North Warrandyte captain Paul Buck.

Lieutenant at North Warrandyte, Will Hodgson, thought it

unbelievable that he was dousing the flames on the pre-school he attended 23 years ago. "It was heartbreaking, especially seeing all the parents and kids in tears."

A wooden shed, blackened walls and charred play equipment is all that remains of the centre that had served North Warrandyte since the 1960s.

The arson squad is investigating links between this attack and four other fires lit in the surrounding area about the same time. Research scout hall was also completely destroyed, while a Templestowe sports pavilion, a Bulleen social club and a residential lawn also sustained some damage.

The Toy Library lost about 80 percent of its toys, the attack especially badly timed as most toys had been returned after the holidays. Luckily some documents and the "in and out" box were salvaged.

Also destroyed was \$20,000 of new flooring that was to be laid down over the next few days.

President of the Toy Library, Allison O'Toole, said she was "in shock" when told of the fire, and praised the CFA for their "courageous effort". She was also very grateful for the support offered by the community and other local toy libraries since.

Vice-president of the pre-school, Nicole Hogan, said the level of support by community and businesses has been "fantastic". She said the kinder plans to hold a raffle and a mar-

ket day at the Mechanics Institute in November to raise funds.

The building was covered by insurance, but it will be at least 12 months before North Warrandyte's only fire refuge will be replaced. Nillumbik councillor Bob Stubbings said he will be "pushing as hard as he can" to get it up and running as quickly as possible.

Council will liaise closely with residents about matters concerning the community centre, and has assured the community that the insurers have confirmed that they will meet any relocation and rental expenses.

"Council has concentrated its immediate efforts on securing the sites, assessing the damage and working with the community to find ways to keep the services operating," a Nillumbik spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Council's next step is to consult with all stakeholders to plan for the rebuilding as a matter of priority."

The North Warrandyte Community Centre fire was raised in state parliament late last month. Following representations by Danielle Green, Labor candidate for Yan Yean in the forthcoming elections, the Minister for Community Services was asked to "deliver a quick process by which the community, the centre and the children and parents can resume their normal activities".

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Mayor Cr Geoff Gough said that with more than 10 million defunct mobile phones across Australia, there must be thousands of handsets and batteries out there gathering dust.

"The number of handsets in Australia is growing by 3.5 million every year. Council is supporting Planet Ark's challenge to recycle one million

handsets by urging residents to drop their old handsets into participating retailers across Manningham.

"Council is a strong believer in recycling and it extends to recycling products such as mobile phones that contain valuable resources that can be used to make new products.

Cr Gough said recycling old phones was "a win-win" situation, with strong environmental and financial reasons for not disposing of mobile handsets thoughtlessly in landfill.

"I urge people to recycle their handsets and not throw their old phones into domestic waste, as they contain toxic materials such as cadmium which can leach into the soil."

Cr Gough said he was surprised to learn that every 50,000 mobile phones melted down, yields 1.5kg of gold.

"Not only is there gold in each handset, but there is also small but valuable quantities of nickel, copper and plastic, all of which can be used to make new products."

Manningham residents can drop off their old handsets and batteries into any of the following local businesses:

- Autobarn, 602/630 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster
- Optus World, Doncaster Shoppingtown
- Telstra, Doncaster Shoppingtown
- Vodafone, Doncaster Shoppingtown
- Digicall, Doncaster Shoppingtown

CLYDE & OCKER



"They'll have to tip the bullshit out of the phones first, Ock!"

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

Ben's stand

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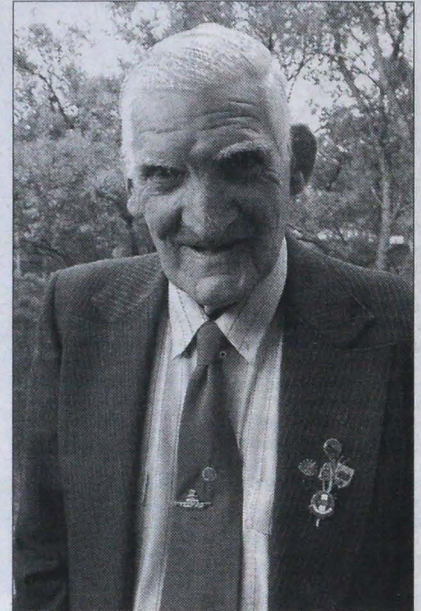


As if in answer to a bugle call, twice each year, down at the Mall an old Digger makes his stand. Well armed with poppies and tin in hand he bunkers down on borrowed chair, smokes his fag and his tired eyes stare...

Surely he must see his mates, those gone ahead to hold the gates, still dressed in desert and jungle green Strong they stand, young and keen all about him rallied round as their old mate holds his ground.

This Digger's fight not over yet, He stands his watch...

Lest We Forget
(Name and address supplied)



Standing by: Ben Jones on Anzac Day, 2002.

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- Successfully preventing VicRoads proposals for the Outer Ring Road route through Warrandyte
- Chairing the Working Party and gaining funding to construct the Anderson's Creek Primary School basketball stadium
- Tabling petitions and speaking out in State Parliament against freeway ramps onto Park Road
- Gaining funding support for the Domeney Reserve Park Orchards pavilion reconstruction and successfully lobbying for the Warrandyte skateboard park and playground upgrade.

A Green Wedge election

As soon as Premier Steve Bracks announced the government would legislate to protect Melbourne's non-urban areas from inappropriate development, the Green Wedges became an issue in the forthcoming state elections. The opposition immediately promised bipartisan support.

Community groups on both sides of the Yarra have enthusiastically welcomed this news, with residents saying they have been fighting for decades for exactly this kind of protection for the environment.

Such legislation will protect the Green Wedges from the vagaries of local government. The *Diary* is concentrating its election coverage on this issue.

The principal electoral battle in the area is sure to be waged in Yan Yean, north of the river, where Labor, Liberal and Green candidates are facing each other in what could be a vigorous three-cornered contest.

Green Wedge politics are already dominating, as demonstrated by the calling of a public meeting at

the Kangaroo Ground Emergency Hall on Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm, at which planning minister Mary Delahunty will present the "Green Wedge initiative".

● South of the river in Warrandyte electorate, Liberal MP Phil Honeywood has already demonstrated his credentials following many years of campaigning on behalf of the Green Wedge. As deputy leader of the opposition he has played a major role in convincing Liberal MPs they should support the government on this issue.

Greens candidate in Warrandyte, Barry Watson, has expressed his support for the Wedge on several occasions. He is best known as a campaigner for the Eastern Freeway tunnel and, most recently, has been demanding that the excess land above the tunnel should be set aside as a nature reserve.

No Labor candidate had emerged in Warrandyte when the *Diary* went to press.

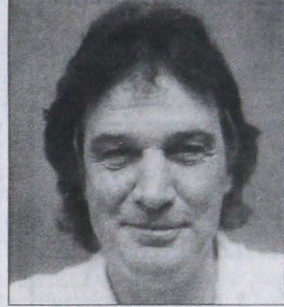
Whichever party wins the election, if strong legislation to protect Melbourne's Green Wedges becomes law, our communities will have achieved a landmark victory.



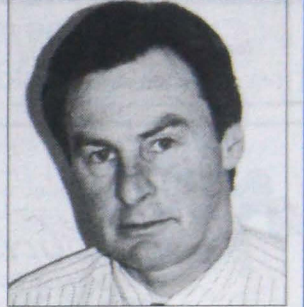
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Phil Honeywood: Liberal for Warrandyte



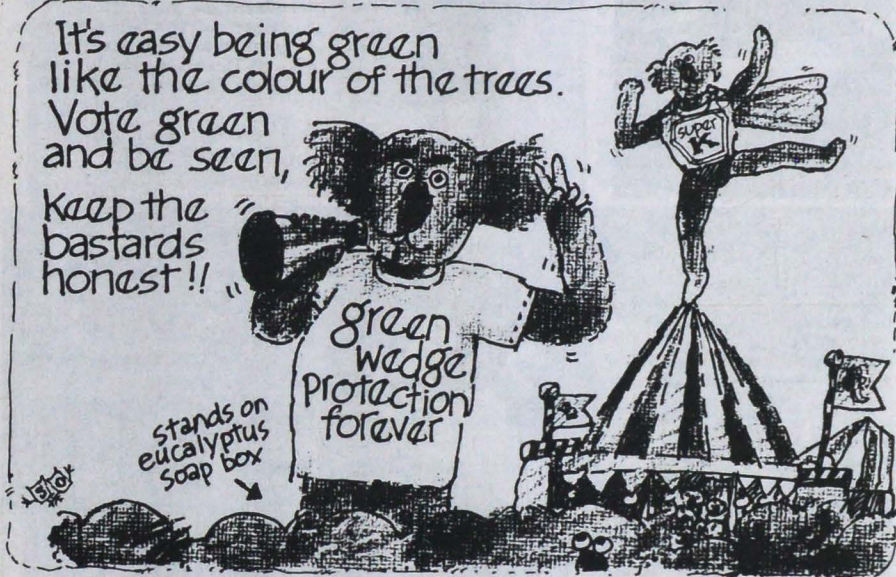
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Barry Watson: Greens for Warrandyte

COREY'S CLAN

By SYD & ONA



Yan Yean contestants face a 3-way fight

By FIA CLENDINNEN

Voters in Yan Yean will no longer have the opportunity to vote for Andre Haermeyer, the minister for police and emergency services. Once a state election is called Mr Haermeyer will be contesting Kororoit, a "safer" Labor seat. There has been widespread speculation that the reason Mr Haermeyer dumped Yan Yean was because he felt it was too marginal.

But Danielle Green, the new Labor candidate for Yan Yean was quick to dismiss this claim. Ms Green, who works as an electoral officer for Mr Haermeyer, said with the new boundary realignment Yan Yean was a completely different electorate.

"Yan Yean was a very skinny east-west seat, stretching from Craigieburne to Yarra Glen and it's now an irregular north-south seat from Kinglake West down to Warrandyte North and Eltham South," she said. "The way our party processes work everyone has to go for pre-selection again and Andre chose to stand for a different seat further west and I chose to stand for this one, against two other fellows and I won."

Ms Green did concede that Yan Yean was a marginal electorate, (in 1999 Mr Haermeyer won the seat by around 4 percent) but denied that she was worried. "Not at all. I took it on as a challenge," she said. Ms Green said she had been

very pleased by the enthusiastic community response to the Bracks Government's legislative protection for the Green Wedge.

"It's particularly significant for Nillumbik and for Manningham, (as well as) for the Yarra and for the tributaries around. I think the Green Wedge legislation and the Metro Strategy, Melbourne 20/30, provide a great framework for protection of the environment and for certainty in planning. Because it identifies appropriate activity centres and provides proper planning for shopping centres, for public transport, all that sort of thing."

She said she was confident the Labor Party's record on conservation issues would secure her Greens preferences.

"I think the Bracks government record on the environment is incredibly important and it's a good one that we are proud of. With the restoration of flows to the Snowy River, the establishment of marine national parks, our commitment to reduce logging in Victoria by a third, the creation of Box Ironbark parks and reserves and very importantly in this area the Green Wedge legislation," Ms Green said.

But Pat Vaughn, the Greens candidate for Yan Yean, emphasized that the Greens had not yet determined how their preferences would be directed. Mr Vaughn, who is environmental officer at Banyule council, said that while the Labor Party had

instigated several significant reforms including the proposed Green Wedge legislation, which he described as "essential", the Greens were still hoping for more.

"There are a lot of things that we have concerns about in terms of the Labor Party's environmental platform. What we can say is that it's an improvement to what was happening under the Liberals. But it's not a great enough improvement for us to feel happy with them continuing down the same path. They can't count on our preferences. This is going to be determined at the local level but we need to see a lot more of what both parties are offering."

Mr Vaughn said that at first he had believed winning the seat was an impossibility, but since he had started campaigning he had been overwhelmed by support. He now felt he had a "small chance".

"My main intention is to raise people's awareness of the Greens and of their policies and to build a stronger base, probably for the future. (But) given the amount of positive reaction I'm getting from people who normally vote for the other parties, it's given me a feeling that it might be possible."

Despite repeated efforts the *Diary* was not able to secure an interview with the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean, Mathew Guy.

Opposition confirms bipartisan position

Warrandyte MP Phil Honeywood took his longtime support for the conservation of the Green Wedge into the state arena late last month.

As flagged in last month's *Diary*, the Liberal Party voted unanimously in state parliament in favour of the Green Wedge protection legislation.

As deputy leader of the opposition, Phil Honeywood reminded his colleagues that it was the Hamer Liberal government that introduced the Green Wedges to provide for "green lungs" around Melbourne in the 1970s.

As one of the lead speakers in parliament on the legislation, Mr Honeywood emphasised that the original intention of protecting Green

Wedges from urban development was still just as valid today. In his speech, he argued that "future generations should not be subject to one bland urban landscape and that Melbourne should continue to have a diversity of lifestyle choices".

Mr Honeywood congratulated the Warrandyte Community Association and volunteer groups from each of the Green Wedge areas for their hard work in promoting the legislation.

"The chairperson of the Green Wedge Coalition, Rosemary West, has been a passionate lobbyist right throughout," he said.

"The only unfortunate aspect to the legislation was the

Bracks government's failure to put it high enough on its legislative agenda to ensure passage through parliament prior to the looming state election.

"Given that the state government had total bipartisan support for pushing this important legislation through parliament, I am surprised that it has not been given priority."

"With a state election imminent it means that the Green Wedge legislation will lapse until parliament is re-convened after the election. In the meantime, some months will pass by, during which recalibrant councils may take the opportunity to 'make hay while the sun shines' and push through their favourite subdivision proposals."

Eltham MP discounts Greens vote influence

By FIA CLENDINNEN

Wayne Phillips, the sitting member for Eltham, has made the startling declaration that the Bracks government-proposed Green Wedge legislation is irrelevant.

Using colourful language to express himself, Mr Phillips told the *Diary*, "I think it's like feeling warm and fuzzy and peeing in your pants. But really, at the end of the day, no one notices."

However Mr Phillips said that he would still be voting for it in parliament. "Bracks has brought in this new Green Wedge legislation which I am going to support. Because it's not going to do anything," he said.

Wayne Phillips has been the Eltham representative for 10 years, and currently holds the seat with a slim margin of around 3 percent. Given the Greens' recent electoral success and the apparent self-destruction of the Democrats, many political commentators are predicting Greens' preferences will be crucial, particularly in marginal seats such as Eltham and Yan Yean. But Mr Phillips denied this would be the case. He pointed out that with the new boundary realignment, booths such as North Warrandyte, Kangaroo Ground and Christmas Hills, where the Greens consistently poll well, are no longer part of his electorate.

"I don't think the Green vote will be very important," he said. He described as "solid" his 3 percent margin, adding, "I'd

be extremely disappointed if I was not the representative after the next election because I think I've achieved a fair bit for the Eltham community and the other communities that are in the Eltham electorate."

However the Labor candidate for Eltham, Steven Herbert, said he considered he has a "reasonable chance" of winning the seat. Mr Herbert, who works as chief of staff for the minister for education, said he believed the Labor government was held in good regard by the community and that this would influence local voters.

"I think the people will basically continue with the Bracks government," he said. "I think people appreciate that (this government) is concentrating on services, and on the things that people need, education, health, transport, etc."

Mr Herbert said if he won office he would concentrate on continuing that trend.

"I think our sporting facilities need to be upgraded, I think a number of them are fairly dilapidated. I think we need greater health and community services. Transport will be a focus for me, if I am elected. Trying to get better access on trains and into the city, better bus services, and making sure that some of the traffic problems that exist around the area are solved."

Mr Herbert said that he was proud of the Bracks government record on conservation issues and hoped he would be securing Greens preferences which he believed, in disagree-

ment with Mr Phillips, to be important.

"Given that the Bracks government is supporting marine parks, is legislating for the Green Wedge and brought in a range of environmental measures, and has good long term policy on the environment, I'd be hopeful to get their support," he said.

Merinda Gray, an ambulance paramedic who has lived in the Eltham Montmorency area all her life, is the Greens candidate. Ms Gray does not realistically expect to win the seat but said she had a wider purpose in standing.

"I don't think (winning) is really the point at the moment," she said. "I think the point is to put pressure on the major parties to change their policies. That's the Greens' role at present. (But) that's not to say that in the future we're not going to be bigger than that."

Ms Gray said she was very pleased by the Bracks government moves to safeguard the Green Wedge and said she felt it had widespread community support.

"I think there are a lot of voters in the area who are concerned that the Green Wedge is being decimated," she said. "Particularly with the current local council, there's a lot of fear that open space is being sold off and roads will be widened and trees will be cut and freeways could be approved and all that stuff. Those of us who have been here forever like Eltham being a green area and we want to see that protected."

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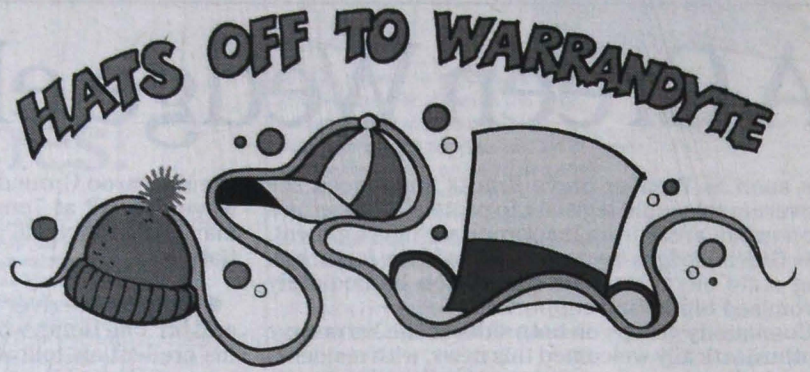
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WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL 2003.

By **JENNIFER WILLIS**

Planning and preparations are already well underway for the 2003 Warrandyte Festival.

To be held on the weekend of March 22 and 23, next year's festival will be run around the theme "Hats off to Warrandyte." Festival organisers have revealed to the *Diary* that local couple John

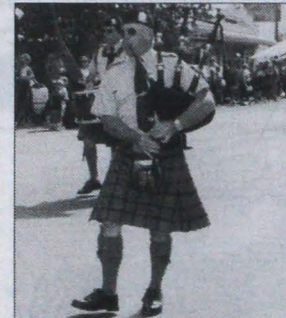
and Margaret James, formerly of Potter's Cottage, will be crowned the festival's king and queen for 2003.

The usual attractions, including the Yarra Street parade, craft stalls and live entertainment will all be happening, along with a performance by the newly formed Warrandyte Primary School orchestra.

Festival organisers have urged locals to get involved and to help make the 2003 festival "the best yet". If anyone has any suggestions for a new event or would like to give the committee a hand they can contact John Boyle on 9894 2233.

As mentioned in last month's *Diary*, despite extra funding from Nillumbik and Manningham councils a festival fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 23 at Anderson's Creek Primary School hall, to cover the rising festival insurance costs. The Festival Frolics will showcase some of Warrandyte's best musicians, comedians and entertainers.
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If fire returns to Warrandyte...

JEFF ADAIR,
local resident and
CFA regional
manager,
community safety,
looks at what
could happen if
wildfire invaded
our district.

WARRANDYTE as a community is no stranger to fire. People who have lived in the area for some years accept, as best they can, the realisation that fire will occur again. It is more a matter of "when" rather than "if".

People choose to live in Warrandyte for a variety of reasons. Many recognise its unique blend of features, including its greenery and rolling hills. Some have moved away from the hustle and bustle of urban living and appreciate the sense of space and community. Others who have lived here for longer appreciate the special kindred spirit generated by its people.

Yet it is this same natural environment that attracts so many that has the potential to end in loss and tragedy, given the wrong conditions during a hot dry summer.

The stark reality is that when fire returns to Warrandyte the majority of residents will be unprepared. Through no fault of their own, many residents fail to recognize the potential of fire in the area. Many think that fire won't affect them, or that it cannot or will not happen here.

During more recent times and in other places, this view has been shown to be misleading. Even the seemingly safest locations have turned out to be dangerous. In terms of fire, Warrandyte is no different. It can happen here. Unless people take steps to recognise the risks and work to reduce these risks by accepting a greater level of responsibility for their own safety, the consequences have the same tragic potential.

As summer approaches you can almost sense the growing anticipation and concern caused by the threat of fire. For those who have experienced previous summers, the camaraderie, vigilance and heightened awareness contribute to making Warrandyte such a delightful place in which to live.

Each summer, many Warrandyte residents work together to assist friends and neighbours undertake early preparations as a part of their plan to minimise the risk from bushfire. They plan to protect their

loved ones and their homes. Senses are sharpened and unusual activity is monitored and reported.

Unfortunately, not enough people recognise the early seasonal cues and leave planning and preparation to the last minute. They believe there will be enough time "later".

With many years experience in responding to fires and assisting others in the aftermath, CFA recognises the importance of community understanding and early preparation to mitigate the consequences of fire. As a result of this experience, research and program development, CFA offers community education programs, encouraging residents to equip themselves with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop greater levels of community independence and resilience. Community Fireguard is one of these programs.

Community Fireguard provides residents with the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions about developing fire plans. It assists people to make that crucial decision: to stay and defend their home, or leave early before a fire starts. Only a small minority of Warrandyte residents are members of Community Fireguard.

FIRE in Warrandyte could take a number of forms. It could be a localised outbreak, where our CFA brigades act quickly and decisively. Damage is confined to a small area with no real threat to property or life. The community is reactive and alert, but quickly settles back to normal.

This could be a summer of small fires, which start and quickly spread but are brought under control by a coordinated attack by local CFA brigades. Upon the sound of sirens and the rush of fire trucks, residents will seek information. This could be difficult to obtain, most residents not knowing where the fire is or what it is doing. Phones will ring hot and many people will realise they should have done more to prepare and reduce their risk and vulnerability.

These fires are likely to burn bushland and will produce sufficient smoke and disruption to force residents into last-minute action. Some

residents who have been undecided, will see or smell smoke and will, at the last minute, throw a few belongings into the car and head for the nearest exit road. Traffic is likely to be congested and police presence may restrict access into the affected area.

Those who have heard on the radio, or by telephone calls from family members, will rush home in an attempt to reassure others and implement the last stages of their fire plan. At the end of the day, the heightened level of awareness will be too late as the danger will have passed, the cool change will have arrived and it will just be a matter of time before the cycle repeats itself.

On a more serious day, fire may have started further afield and be burning on a larger scale, fanned by strong, gusting winds.

Resources will concentrate upon controlling the fire front, which is complicated by erratic fire behaviour and shifting winds. Potential for house loss will be high. Traffic will be congested, with many roads shrouded in smoke, making driving hazardous and dangerous. For those trying to gain entry to the area, the likelihood of roads being closed is very real. Driving behaviour will change and the likelihood of being involved in a car accident increases significantly.

For those in the immediate area of the fire, heat and smoke will exhaust and dehydrate those who are unprepared. There are no guarantees of water or electric power, or of a CFA tanker being outside your home.

For those who believe a fire truck will be outside their home, who are depending on the men and women of the CFA being at their front gate, with pumps primed and tanks full, may face the harsh reality of this not happening. This realisation that the cavalry won't be coming over the hill may lead to panic, resulting in last minute, panic-driven decisions that can have devastating results.

These hypothetical scenarios are one person's opinion of what could happen. It is always difficult to predict where and when fire will come to Warrandyte. Although it is only a matter of "when" and not "if", resi-

dents can take active steps to prepare and plan for what to do in the event of a fire emergency.

Families must have fire plans. Plans that are well understood and practised by all members, rather than just the original planner. Equipment and protective clothing must be collected and be readily available. Independent water supplies should be strategically placed around the property with some means of applying it, other than relying on muscle power to throw endless buckets of water.

Fuel reduction and the availability of water are without doubt the most critical components of any fire safety plan, as without these, individuals, family members and fire crews are potentially exposed to the intensity and heat of the fire. Those who rely on mains water pressure are gambling; gambling with an element that cannot be relied upon and could be in desperately short supply. Recently imposed restrictions tell us residents will not have the luxury of using water as freely as previous years. Gardens will be drier and more vulnerable to ignition. This will place even greater importance on the storage of independent supplies.

Fuels should be removed, reduced or managed to form building protection zones, and on larger properties fuel-modified buffer zones should be created to help minimise the effects of fire intensity and radiant heat.

For people who are new to the area and thus have no experience developing fire safety plans, or do not know where to start with these plans, help is readily available.

● CFA is conducting a series of meetings aimed at assisting residents acquire the information and the knowledge needed to create a fire safety plan. These will be held at the Warrandyte CFA Fire Station in Harris Gully Road on the Saturdays of November 16, 23 and 30. Due to demand, week day evening sessions are rapidly filling, but more are being planned. Bookings are essential.

For further information on summer fire safety contact CFA Regional Headquarters on 9735 0511.

Key Decisions

Nillumbik Shire Council October 2002

These are some of the decisions made by Council on Wednesday, 16 October 2002. If you would like any extra information visit our website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for full business papers.

The next Council meeting is on 20 November at 7.30pm at the Shire Offices, Civic Drive, Greensborough. All welcome or listen to the broadcast on Plenty Valley FM 88.6.



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Approved 36-lot subdivision at Memorial Drive, Plenty



Adopted Nillumbik's Privacy Policy



Adopted Guidelines and Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation Plan



Received a report on Nillumbik rail issues and coordination of public transport services



Agreed to submit a report to the independent panel hearing submissions to Amendment C12. This Amendment implements the recommendations and findings of the Neighbourhood Character Study 2000 and the Nillumbik Residential Design Guidelines 2000. Council removed the Significant Landscape Overlay over areas of Apollo Parkways, Diamond Creek North West and East and made other minor changes to the final resolution.



Endorsed Economic Development Strategy discussion paper for public consultation. Please put your views forward. Details are on www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or contact Andrew Port on 9433 3129.



Nominated the community positions on the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee



Adopted Terms of Reference for all Council Advisory Committees



Agreed to consult on Alcohol Free Zones



Approved Grant Applications for lodgement with Sport & Recreation Victoria. The successful applications will be funded for works to occur in the 2003/2004 financial year. Announcements will be made by the State Government in May 2003.

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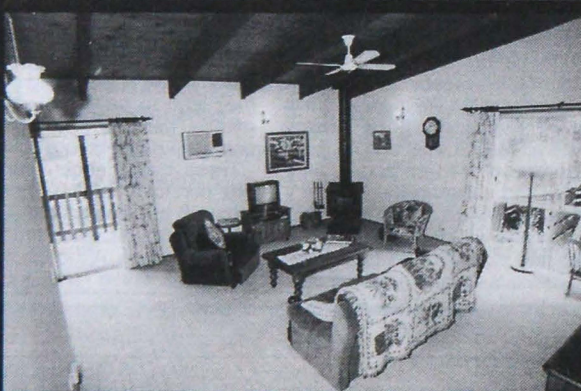
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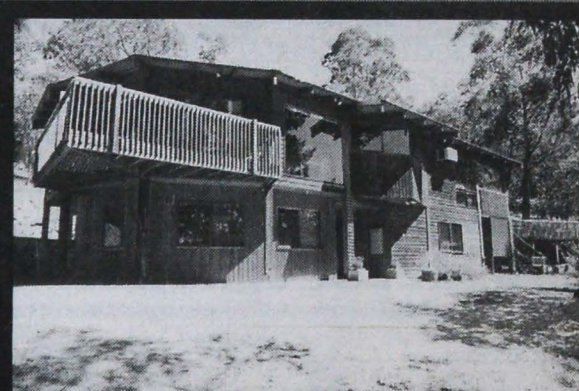
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Plight of refugees touches a spot in Adrian's heart

Local arborist and Warrandyte resident Adrian Clancy decided that it was time to make a difference in people's lives.

The media alerted his attention, along with many other Australians, to the plight of refugees as they entered our country.

"I wanted to make a difference in people's lives without being caught up in the politics and public demonstration. I just wanted to help a few people and show Aussies do care in a practical way", Adrian told the *Diary*.

Adrian, along with friends at Warrandyte Community Church, have formed an action group to provide homeless asylum seekers with a place to live.

Most asylum seekers are not in detention centres. They live peacefully in the community while their applications for refugee status are being considered. While they wait most don't have rights to things we take for granted—housing, Medicare, welfare, and work rights. They live in oppressing conditions with the welcome help of a few charities who are trying to make a difference.

This is the story of just one of the people this Warrandyte group was trying to help.

A single mother from Ethiopia was living here in Melbourne with her two children. Her husband had been killed and her extended family had put the money together to help her flee to Australia. She had been through most of the determination process and was left with no work rights or support.

She had been staying with a family member, but this was no longer possible as there were 12 people sharing a two-bedroom housing commission flat. Her problems were deeper than that. She had been diagnosed with cancer and despite undergoing radiotherapy, was told she only had a few months to

live.

Having no legal rights to income support, work or health care, the mother was terribly worried about the future of her children. All she wanted was to spend her remaining time with her children in a peaceful loving home.

Luckily a number of doctors offered free treatment and a family in Warrandyte offered to provide temporary accommodation.

"Unfortunately, by the time of the next meeting to arrange this we were informed she had passed away and the two children were orphaned. Their future remains unclear," Adrian said.

"Imagine your children in a foreign culture alone. Every person needs to know someone is willing to care and not turn their backs on them," Adrian said.

All asylum seekers who appeal to the immigration minister for their application to be assessed on humanitarian grounds are denied the right to work and are not eligible for any government funding or benefits. They are vulnerable to homelessness and ill-health and in most cases are completely dependent on churches and over-stretched welfare agencies.

The Red Cross is only able to assist a small group of asylum seekers who have been waiting for their first decision for more than six months and who have not appealed beyond that stage.

"We live in one of the prettiest parts of Melbourne," Adrian said. "We have lovely homes and facilities in Warrandyte. Our small community can lead the way by helping others in a small way."

Warrandyte Community Church has formed a committee to manage a house and raise money for rent and to furnish a



Out on a limb for refugees: Adrian Clancy at his day job. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

home. It will be called Gracehaven and is auspiced by the Uniting Church Hotham Mission.

"It is not any one denomination or faith that can help to make this happen. It is Austral-

ians working together as residents of Warrandyte," Adrian said. "People showing their care. We need your help."

● You can contact Adrian on 9844 1161 or Warrandyte Community Church on 9844 4148.

Fact and fiction: truth about refugees

MYTH: Asylum seekers are illegal.

FACT: This is untrue. Under Australian law and international law a person is entitled to make an application for refugee asylum in another country when they allege they are escaping persecution. Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution".

People who arrive on our shores without prior authority from Australia, with no documents or false documents are not illegal. They are asylum seekers—a legal status under international law. Many asylum seekers are forced to leave their countries in haste and are unable to access appropriate documentation. In many cases op-

pressive authorities actively prevent normal migration processes from occurring. "Illegals" are people who overstay their visas. The vast majority of these in Australia are from western countries, including 5000 British tourists.

MYTH: They are queue jumpers.

FACT: In Iraq and Afghanistan there are no queues for people to jump. Australia has no diplomatic representation in these countries. Therefore, there is no standard refugee process where people wait in line to have their applications considered. Few countries between the Middle East and Australia are signatories to the 1951 Refugee Convention, and as such, asylum seekers are forced to continue to travel to an-

other country to find protection.

MYTH: Australia already takes too many refugees.

FACT: Australia receives relatively few refugees by world standards. In 2001 Australia decided to receive only 12,000 refugees through its humanitarian program. This number has remained static for three years, despite the ever-increasing numbers of refugees worldwide.

COMPARE: Tanzania hosts one refugee for every 76 Tanzanian people. Britain 1 for every 530 persons. Australia 1 for every 1583 persons. Australia accepted 20,000 refugees each year at the beginning of the 1980s.



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Permit protects garden



Manningham says bank garden is protected by permit. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

By DAVID WYMAN

Any future use of the vacant block of land adjacent to the former Commonwealth Bank building at 142 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, would be subject to strict planning controls, Manningham council planning officers have told the *Diary*.

As previously reported, the Warrandyte Community Bank Steering Committee is negotiating with the new owner of the building as potential premises for the new community-owned Bendigo Bank branch.

The bank building with the adjacent land was sold in September for \$640,000 and there is no current application for a permit to change the use of the vacant land.

The vacant block was developed as a garden instead of a car park by local landscape designer, Mrs Bev Hanson, and was established after reconstruction of the original State Bank building, later absorbed by the Commonwealth Bank.

Council planning officers said the land was zoned Busi-

ness 1, which sets down permit requirements for various uses proposed by developers.

Council officers said the land was subject to further planning controls under Significant Landscape Overlay Schedule 2 and Heritage Overlay No 191.

As part of the Warrandyte Heritage Area Precinct, any changes to the external appearance of the land would be subject to permit and involvement of adjacent businesses and the community.

Any future use of the land would also be subject to a review of car parking requirements. "If the proposed use of the land was building a café, then car parking requirements would be looked at carefully as well as other environmental aspects," a council officer said.

(Editor's note: The *Diary* presents this information in response to questions from residents on the planning status of the vacant block. We are not suggesting in any way that the current owners of the property are planning any change to the property.)

Training available for cultural businesses

Nillumbik council has been successful in gaining state government funding for a leadership and community cultural development project. Mayor, Cr Lex de Man, said that the project will involve a series of training workshops for the local and regional cultural and business community.

"It will culminate in a three-day conference on 'leadership and community cultural development', including a mini trade fair, and the subsequent establishment of an ongoing mentoring program by council.

"This project will make real connections between skills development in the cultural sector to help make artists and community groups more 'business compatible' and viable.

"Business will similarly be advantaged through the training by understanding how the cultural sector can assist their activities. This is an innovative project which shows how dif-

ferent sectors can work constructively together to realise new partnerships and regional economic, cultural and tourism benefits." Cr de Man said.

The \$30,000 grant will support delivery of training workshops for up to 60 participants in two separate "business" and "artist" streams. The workshops will extend participants' management competencies, knowledge and skills in areas including developing business cases, business and financial planning and marketing.

The training will be by professional trainers and in collaboration with the Australia Business Arts Foundation, which is also sponsoring the training and conference.

The Nillumbik leadership and community cultural development project will run from November 18, 2002 to November 30, 2003.



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High school is too popular

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

Enrolment numbers for entrance to Year 7 at Warrandyte High School next year are soaring.

This follows a change in the birth date for admission to primary school when these children were originally being enrolled in Prep.

"We've had 18 months of pupils in one hit," WHS principal Terry Twomey told the *Diary*.

Close to 190 students applied for Year 7 places in 2003, but the school could only take 150. There are 132 Year 7 students at WHS in 2002.

"There's a big wave of students coming through after entry birth dates changed during intake at Prep level," Mr Twomey said. "Nearly 40 have missed out on Year 7 places. It's unusual for the school to put such a ceiling on numbers, but we have very real accommodation restraints."

Mr Twomey said portable buildings will be added to the school but there would be no further increase in classroom space as there was no more room on site without encroaching on recreation areas.

Warrandyte HS draws students from 30 feeder schools on

both sides of the river, but Mr Twomey said pupils from Eltham East have been "knocked back" for the first time.

"Warrandyte has a set of procedures to follow to make a student an offer of a Year 7 place, but we must take students for whom this is the neighbourhood school—their closest local school. We would also look at an application on curriculum, compelling or compassionate grounds."

"Some people will go to extreme measures to get their children in but it won't mean a thing if they live outside the area. We've taken more students than we would have liked, but it's gratifying there's so much confidence in the school."

"Trying to be fair is very challenging," Mr Twomey said. "But it sometimes comes down to measuring the Melways with a ruler!"

The principal of Warrandyte Primary School, Mandy Dunn, told the *Diary* she did have a request for a child to enrol there, hoping to gain access to Warrandyte HS in Year 7.

"This shows how desperate parents are," Mrs Dunn said. "Selection for high school goes on your residential address and



Warrandyte High School's drama program is popular.

I believe children should attend their closest school."

About 40 of Warrandyte Primary School's 45 Year 6 students intend going to Warrandyte HS next year.

Parents in Warrandyte are fairly selective in their choice of secondary school, according to Andersons Creek Primary School principal, Des McKenzie.

"About a third of our Year 6 students will go to Warrandyte HS, a third to Doncaster and Doncaster East and about a third to private schools," he said. "It varies from year to year but parents make choices for all sorts of reasons. I don't make judgments about other schools

but I'm not sure the choices people make are always the best."

"The three local government schools are all very different and all three are very good. Most of our students have been accepted by the school of their choice."

Terry Twomey said he was not aware of any "Machiavellian stuff" being enacted by parents trying to obtain places at Warrandyte HS, but he warned that schools such as Balwyn High may become more conservative in selecting students.

"It's a nice confirmation for staff—whatever we're doing we should try to preserve it," he said.

Some traders rubbish waste plan

By JENNIFER WILLIS

One year on, traders involved in the Warrandyte Waste Wise project have told the *Diary* that they still have mixed feelings about the service.

The program was set up by the Warrandyte Business Association in partnership with Least Waste (a government regional waste management body) and Manningham council, in an effort to minimise the waste from Warrandyte businesses.

The program began in mid-2001 with a three-month recycling trial initiated and funded by WBA, but is now funded by Manningham council.

The participating businesses were assessed according to their waste disposal methods, asked to commit to reducing their waste and then accredited with a Waste Wise certificate to be displayed on the premises.

According to Judith Alcorn, regional education officer at Least Waste, it was agreed there would be three recycling stations in the township. They



Problem: unbroken boxes

were to be located in the car parks next to the post office, behind the empty bank building, in the centre of town and at Goldfields Plaza, each providing facilities for cardboard and bottle recycling.

Trevor Thornton from WBA said that the initial three-month trial suggested that businesses either weren't utilising or were misusing the bottle and can recycling bins, so they were deemed unnecessary and removed. But he said the system is still developing and will con-

tinue to improve, meet the needs of traders and be more effective.

"We believe the program has already been effective in changing the attitudes of Warrandyte traders," he said. "What we want to focus on is waste reduction in the first place, such as the exchange program, where instead of one trader throwing out bubble wrap and another buying it, they can just walk down the road and swap it."

Mr Thornton said exchange practices reduce waste and save traders money.

But not all those participating in the program agree that it is working well. Several Warrandyte business owners contacted by the *Diary* have said that the recycling facilities, especially for bottles and cans, are inadequate and under-serviced.

"Here I am, with a Waste Wise certificate on my wall having said I am committed to reducing my waste, but I'm forced to throw out all my bottles and cans instead of recycling them," one café owner said.

Traders who use just the cardboard recycling cages however are generally happy with the service and say the only gripe they have is when people don't flatten their boxes, causing the bins to fill up too quickly.

"I'm very happy with the service, because 99.9 percent of my waste is cardboard so I've cut my waste down considerably," said Ian Domeyer from Goldfield Cellars.

While she admits it had "teething problems" initially, Judith Alcorn said the project is now very successful, with other Warrandyte businesses wanting to get involved.

"The Warrandyte Waste Wise project is a pilot program for the region, which is very appropriate for Warrandyte considering its location and environment. We are looking at implementing the Waste Wise system in other nearby shopping areas," she said.

Trevor Thornton said there are plans to expand the program and to include the newly built shops next to the Mechanics Institute.



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Notice of Amendment
Amendment C28

The Manningham City Council has prepared Amendment C28 to the Manningham Planning Scheme.

The amendment applies to land within the Residential 1 Zone within the municipality.

The amendment proposes to change the schedule to the Residential 1 Zone to require a permit to construct or extend a dwelling on a lot of between 300 square metres and 500 square metres.

The amendment can be inspected free of charge, during office hours at:

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How we save daylight and waste lots of time

IT may well be 4.30pm DST but according to Herself's car radio clock it's still 9.05 FTT. For those out there who have no idea what I'm talking about, DST is Daylight Saving Time and FTT is Failed Technology Time.

I'm not a stupid person but there appears to be some technological stuff that is out to destroy my self-confidence. And it's not as if I'm not the full bottle on daylight saving.

Unlike some, I'm no longer paranoid about the disasters wrought by DST. I've gotten over the worry about the authorities being in league with carpet and furnishing manufacturers. I realise that it's not that our fabrics fade because we've been given an extra hour of sunlight but that the sun's rays are stronger early in the morning, just like us!

No, it's not the whole philosophy and probable economic rationalism that lurk behind daylight savings that appals me but the fact that twice a year we are forced to confront our own incompetence in adjusting all the clocks in the household.

For the first few years after the introduction of DST, I was in a dither about whether to put the clocks forward or back. That was until I learned the helpful phrase reminding us that you "Spring ahead and Fall back". And as long as you don't fret too much about American Imperialism invading the language, it works beautifully.

The hard part is remembering the various complicated proce-



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"The TV timer's alteration was accomplished with half a bottle of scotch and a threatened divorce..."

dures you have to effect in order to ensure that your domestic life is in syncoption with the rest of the nation, or at least with the important bits of it. To do this requires at least half a day to alter all the chronometers in your life.

The easy ones are the wind-up mantelpiece clocks. Unfortunately, we only have one of these so it gives me a false sense of security when I grab the big hand and hear time fly as I zoom from nine to ten o'clock in only the time it takes for the chimes to finish.

Similarly uncomplicated are

the battery operated travel clocks. Well, uncomplicated once I worked out that one particularly sneaky German model secretes the hour changing dial in the same compartment as the battery. You can't change the time without removing the little plastic battery compartment cover. The first time took me an hour-and-a-half of sweating, cursing and a vitriolic letter to the German ambassador.

It's after this level of complication that things start to get a bit more difficult.

Hands up all of you who file the instruction manuals of all your appliances! OK, so there are a few anal retentives amongst us. Now keep your hands up if you can remember where you've filed them. So, it's as I thought. We're down to about six of you; a statistically insignificant number, so we'll forget about you. So it's as I thought, no-one keeps their instruction manuals so it's no wonder we suffer whenever we need to use even the simplest function of the oven or microwave.

I punched "Clear" several dozen times to no avail. The little colon kept blinking and the time steadfastly remained on Winter Standard Time. In my frustration, I punched a number of other keys I'd never noticed before only to be asked how much I weighed and told that I would be defrosted in 40 minutes. Given my blood pressure and fury-induced temperature, I think it miscalculated by about 24 hours.

A quick phone call to Boy Wonder about the meaning of life and a "By the way, how do you alter the time on your microwave?" (the "your" was the subtle bit), I managed to get ours adjusted.

The TV timer's alteration was accomplished with another phone call and just a mere half bottle of scotch and a threatened divorce.

Then came the biggie, the car radio clock or should I say clocks. Like many modern households, we have two cars of the same brand but different models. You would think that the carmaker would source their radios from the same manufacturer and, for the convenience of the factory, they would use much the same technology and procedures in their radios. Wrong!

The sensible, cheaper car of the two is user friendly and has a simple set of instructions that are easy enough for even me to follow. Consequently, I drive around in a car that operates on Daylight Savings Time whereas Herself has to wrestle with a problem of Einsteinian proportions. Is what she reads on the display dial, the time, the radio station frequency or the number of kilometres before the next service is due?

So, it's all over until next autumn when the whole thing will happen again. Until then, all I've got to worry about is whether, with DST, the local rooster will start to crow one hour earlier.

ROGER KIBELL

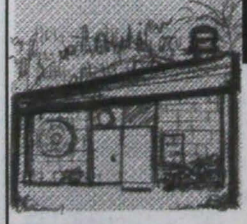
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Brightening our gardens with food for butterflies

66 I WAS wondering if you could tell me where I can buy some native nettles?" the very English voice on the end of the phone enquired. Before I had time to reply he went on to explain, "I want to plant them in my garden to attract Australian Admiral butterflies—their caterpillars feed on them".

My first thought was—what a coincidence, I had only recently been writing about nettles, but in connection with their stinging properties not their value as a caterpillar food plant.

The voice told me that he lived in Coburg and his aim was to attract to his garden the 30 or so species of butterfly known to breed in the Melbourne area. A big ask, I thought. But so far his clover lawn had brought in dozens of Common Grass Blues—the caterpillars of which belie their name and feed not on grass, but on clover and other low-growing legumes; Golden Everlasting Daisies had lured Painted Ladies and the native grasses he had planted were for the various species of "Browns".

His quest, I thought, would prove difficult if he were to attempt to breed Imperial and Wood White butterflies, both of which have caterpillars that feed on mistletoe. But he had already made plans for that. In the natural environment the sticky green berries of the parasitic mistletoe are eaten by the mistletoe bird. The berries containing the seed pass rapidly through the bird's gut with the sticky coating still intact and are expelled directly onto a branch to which they adhere and germinate. My friend intended to feed ripe mistletoe



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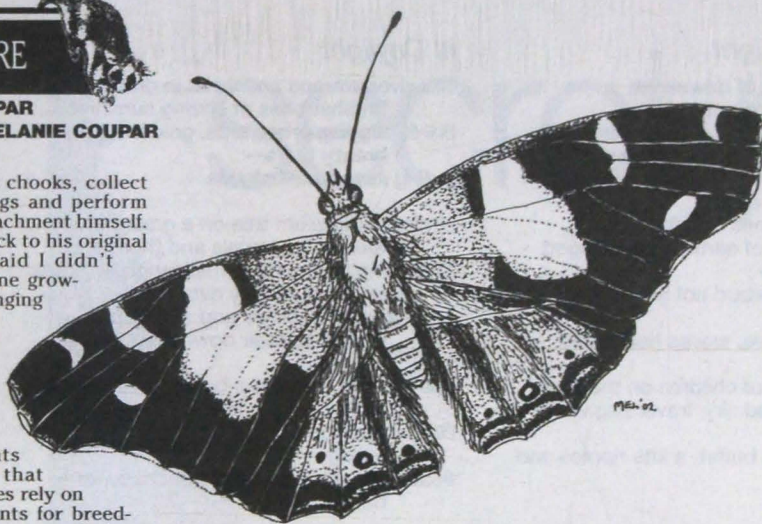
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

berries to his chooks, collect their droppings and perform the task of attachment himself.

Referring back to his original question, I said I didn't know of anyone growing native stinging nettles.

The phone conversation triggered thoughts of butterflies, caterpillars and foodplants and the fact that most butterflies rely on particular plants for breeding, and that many of those plants defy propagation. Unlike the Imperial White butterfly, caterpillars of the Wood White have an alternative food source to mistletoe, but that too is a semi-parasitic plant—the Cherry Ballart, a tree that takes its requirements from the roots of other plants.

The small green caterpillars of the Common Dusky Blue feed only on the stems of the leafless Dodder Laurel—a vigorous twining semi-parasite that overwhelms some trees and shrubs with its mass of tangled stems, while the sole foodplant for the caterpillars of the Swordgrass Brown butterfly and a number of skippers are the sharp-edged leaves of Gahnia. These plants, like native nettles, are simply not available in nurseries, partly due to their difficulty in propagation, but also because most people just don't like



them.

Why is it then, that unlike their closest relatives the moths, butterflies have not taken advantage of the most ubiquitous foodplant on the Australian continent—the eucalypts? I know of only one species, the Fiery Jewel, whose caterpillars eat eucalyptus leaves.

By being so selective the butterflies are aiding their own decline. Adaptability is the key to success.

Those that feed on weeds, such as the diminutive Common Grass Blue tend to be the most prevalent species. Likewise our only truly introduced butterfly—the Cabbage White. Yes it feeds on cabbages, but its caterpillars also devour lettuces, broccoli and even nasturtiums. And we, unwittingly, have encouraged the spread of this butterfly by planting its fa-

vourite foods. If only we could do the same for many of our native species. Their existence is dependent on retaining patches of bushland.

We grow nectar-ripe plants to attract butterflies to our gardens. Our motives are purely selfish. We like these ethereal insects, they are colourful and harmless. However unless we provide food for their caterpillars their visit will only be transient. They will not breed and we will have done nothing to ensure their long-term survival.

My English friend had absolutely the right idea. I have no doubt that with his enthusiasm and determination he will track down native nettles to grow in his garden and that they in turn will ultimately bring him the Australian Admiral butterflies he craves.

Black hole in the heart of a town

EXACTLY 18 years ago our lives were turned upside down, inside out, given a good firm shake, tossed into space, then plonked down again on another planet. A planet where the occupants had one income, one car, one mortgage and one brand new bouncing baby boy.

We were knocked for six. It must have been the rarefied air, but the heady joys of midnight feeds, indescribable nappies, that first big smile and a dead arm from lugging a great big snugly bundle everywhere left us feeling completely spaced out. I soon realised that rarefied air wasn't the half of it.

On Planet Baby, other people's bundles seemed to sleep a lot. Not ours. Pre-birth, I'd envisaged endless hours of leisure, and stocked up on fabrics both practical and gorgeous, along with a fine selection of garden tools. What a waste! Eighteen years later they're still pretty well untouched. But one could hardly blame the little chap for wanting to feed and chat and be carried about all day. After all, would you want to sleep in broad daylight?

So we went for walks, lots of



OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

long walks. Many a sunny hour was whiled away, wandering up hill and down dale into Warrandyte, just to get a couple of bananas or a tub of yoghurt. Sometimes we'd turn the other way, and head down hill and up dale towards Kangaroo Ground, stopping along the way to admire hedge wattles in bloom or an especially large possum's nest.

One of our regular destinations was the community centre at North Warrandyte. At first we made weekly visits to the infant welfare sister, then we joined a playgroup that met in the hall. Twenty months later, when baby number two de-

scended on us, we continued to make the same journey, carrying the tiny one in a front pouch while big brother rode on my back. Lasting friendships were made in that hall as we were welcomed to Warrandyte with an openness particular to Planet Baby. Memories stream past of the excruciating first injection, those first tentative steps towards the other toddlers on the little wooden slide, somebody going into labour, the first king-hit from a big boy, and my screaming, screaming toddler struggling to get off Santa's lap. (Another astute little chap was afraid for a different reason: "Mummy, why has Santa got my Grandpa's socks and shoes on?")

Then came kindergarten, kind teachers, fruit duty, committees and fund-raising. Huge efforts were made just to score some new toys or a can of paint, but these efforts were the mortar that bonded our little community.

The commitment of people like Nola Day, who for many years managed the hall hire on behalf of the council, and the CFA firefighters who saved the building (and the people in it) from destruction during the

1991 bushfire, will long be remembered and appreciated. Inevitably amongst the parents were a few whose efforts at power-broking would have done Canberra proud; at the time their behaviour seemed ridiculous in the gently paradisaical world of Planet Baby, but looking back now, it seems that they, more than any of us, must have had an overwhelming sense of ownership of the kinder.

Unbelievably, almost every trace of this other-world has lately vanished. In the same week that the hall and kindergarten burnt to the ground, our entrée card to Planet Baby celebrated his 18th birthday, his school valedictory and his last glorious race in school athletics. About to sit for final VCE exams, his drivers' licence and to vote in his first election, this strapping young man is no longer physically dependant, no longer a schoolboy, but, somewhere inside, forever my baby.

Forever like the tearful little boy who stood last week, clutching the hand of the man beside him, as they both stared forlornly at the black space where his kinder used to be.

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It flutters, flaps—light-blinded, spirit transcends.

II Morning Light

Under a stream of dawnlight, a lone grey ship.
Aurora, the morning star glides, nimbused across the horizon.

On the brow of a hill, headstones and flowers.
A fresh mound of earth, a tiny winged cherub—single stem rosebud not yet open.

Along a seashore, waves heave and subside,
a family of children on the sand.
Sea blue washed sky, traversing white clouds—
seagulls' wings buffet, a kite ripples and tears.

III Daylight

The river sweeps and turns in drifts, brushstrokes of oozing sunshine.
Bank-hugging green arcs, golden-tipped breezy puffs—
fading in soft pale clouds

Under a wild plum tree on a grassy slope, teenagers, towels and thongs.
Thumbing, strumming, mellow guitar notes, gurgling, glugsy river swell—
light-spirited bubbles bop and pop in rhythm to their downstream beat.

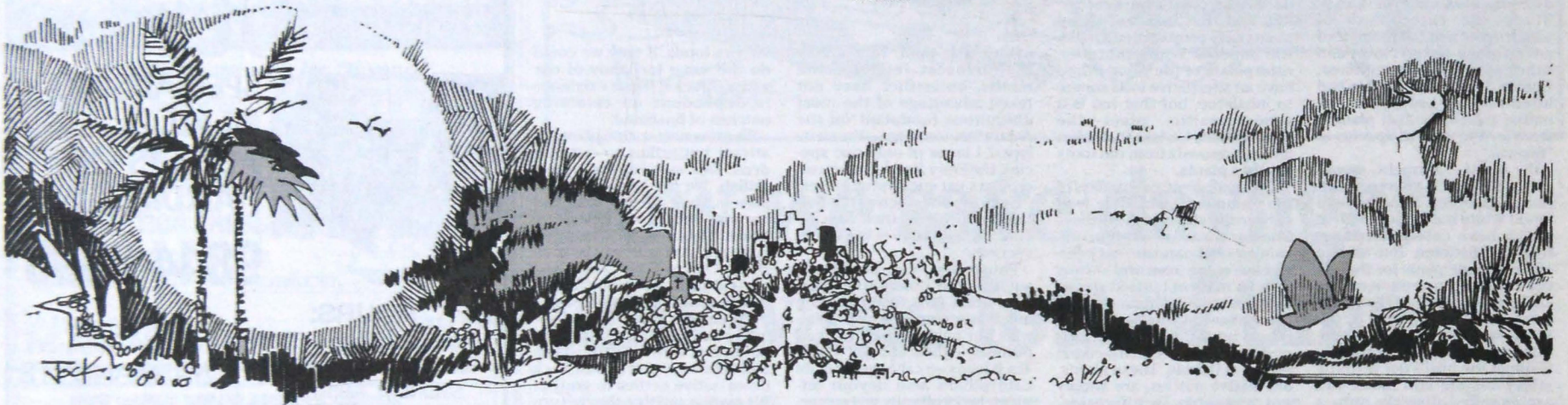
The red sun disc sinks behind river valley, white cockatoos rise, fly and screech.
Rose-hued, dusky sky, white plumes softly falling—
floating in shallows between shady ferny banks.

IV Evening Light

Over rising volcanoes and terraced plantations,
red batik swirls and streaks,
fountaining palms silhouetting, purple sky interlacing—
Garuda's shadowing wings.

A star-flecked beach, white scented blossom scattering,
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A hundred hands cup a hundred flames—
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Yarra Brae: a secret place

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YARRA Brae is a long muscular slit in tough silurian rock. It lies like an animal sloughed open by a sharp stone axe. Maybe the axe of Mo-Yarra, Slow-and-Fast-Running.

The narrow gorge hems Yarra Yarra in with sheer rocky shoulders, its steep slopes carved by the ancient, finely honed tool; the axe of water. The trimmed stone, flaked off to tumble downslope in colluvial collusion, is swept into the Yarra where boulders turn to sand and smooth riverstone in the churning tide of time.

On the floor of the gorge, bars of stone defy the axe as their muscular arms of rock wrestle the riverflow. Holding back the waters they bank up the stream, forcing Yarra Yarra into fast flowing rapids, finally releasing it into deep, slow running pools: an unfolding drama that still creates excitement in its story telling.

If Mt Lofty is the Middle Yarra "gateway", then Yarra Brae is the "hallway" leading to its secret inner chambers. Yarra Yarra twists and turns in serpentine contortions, fighting for release from the hallway of rocky shoulders. Thrashing to slice through the rock, Yarra Yarra braids into separate riverflows divided by islands, giving birth to some of those secrets called the Bend of Isles.

Red Box runs riot in Yarra Brae, an island of Red Box running across from the Nillumbik terrain. Nillumbik—the "poor stony country" in Wurundjeri language—fuels the celebration of Red Box in Yarra Brae. Red Box stands astride the Yarra and so dominates the bony ridges of Yarra Brae that another eucalypt is hard to spot. Red Box races down to the river's edge, pushing the Manna Gums out to the brink of the riverbank where giant Black Sheoaks stand guard on the rapids, enjoying the secure anchor of rocky bars.

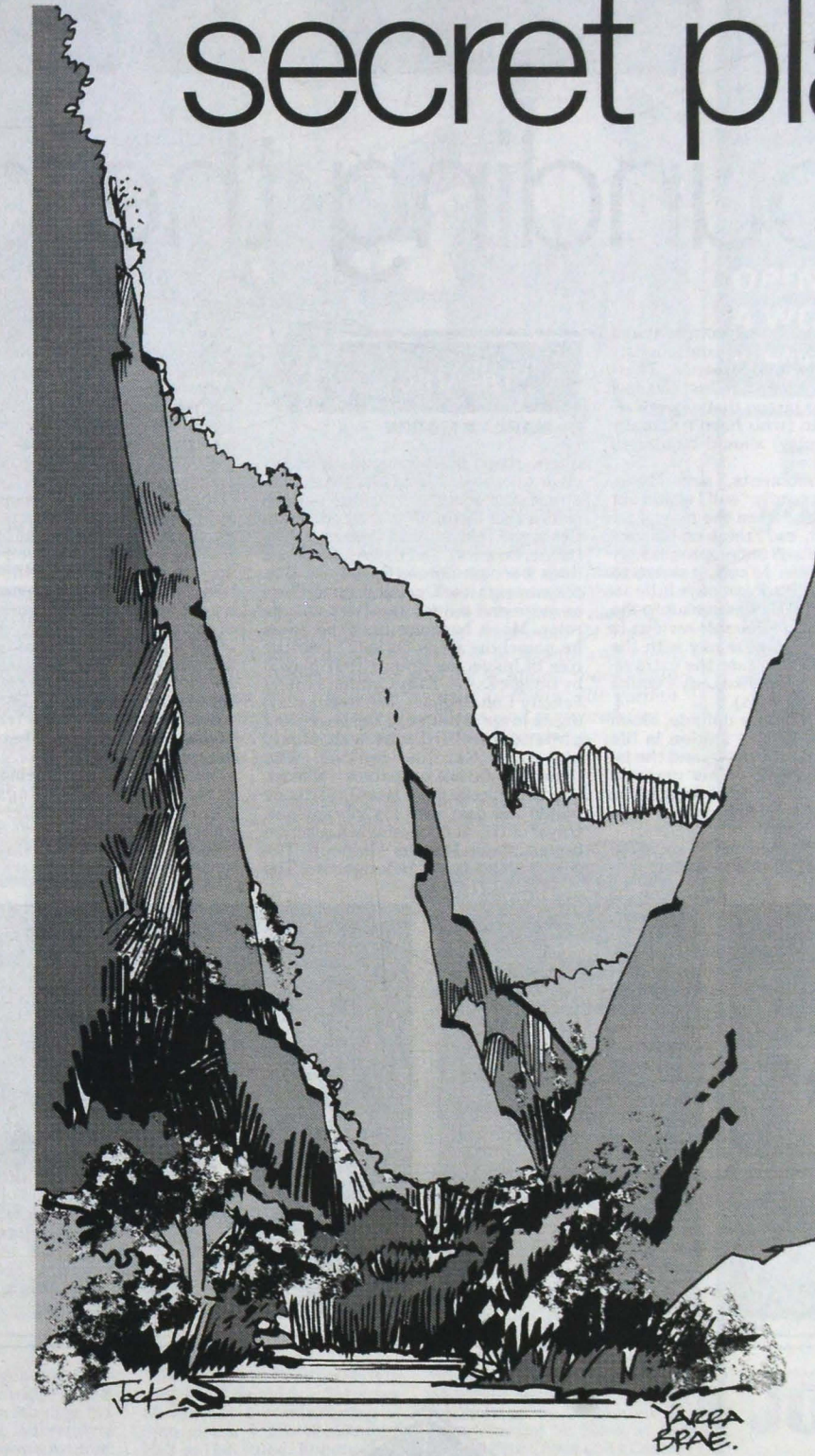
Away from the cadence of the rapids and the incessant Bellbird metallic tinkle, Yarra Brae has an eerie quietness to it, almost a feeling of mystery. It peels off people from its surface, resisting the human invasion. There is an edge to this country, slightly uncomfortable and inhospitable; a strangely solitary land.

Whereas Mt Lofty often has Bujil, the Wedge-tail Eagle flying overhead surveying the landscape, Yarra Brae is home to the lonely wanderers, Warin the Wombat and Wimbi the Black Swamp Wallaby.

In the middle of the Bend of Isles, flowing from the north, comes the salty waters of Watsons Creek. If we leave Yarra Brae and follow Watsons Creek upstream we head towards the Great Dividing Ranges which begin at One Tree Hill, also the birthplace of Watsons Creek. This is the pathway towards Kinglake. It provides a faunal corridor for animals to disperse. Without a pathway for migrating species, local extinction is assured. The arrival of Lyrebirds in the Bend of Isles two years ago illustrates the importance of this link.

One Tree Hill Reserve is almost as pristine as it was on the "first day". One bright, sunny day in early spring, I watched the Wizard of One Tree Hill fertilise the rare Rosella Orchid. The rosy pink Spider Orchid grows in only four places in the world, all in Nillumbik. It was discovered and recognised as a new species to science by Cam Beardsell. It is a rare plant because it lives within the tight confines of narrow ecological relationships.

The fungi that the Rosella Orchid requires to convert minerals from the soils into available nutrients will only grow in close proximity to existing plants. Normally, it is only fertilised by the male of one scientifically undescribed species of native Bee, from the *Leioproctus* genus. The male *Leioproctus* Bee



uses the Rosella Orchid pollen as sexual decoration and possibly as a sexually attractive perfume. The female requires the flowers of both Golden Wattle and Coral Pea to make a damper to store with the fertilised eggs when she lays them. All these plants, insects and fungi need to be in place for everything to work. Cam Beardsell hand-fertilises the Orchids to ensure pollination and provide more seeds to allay the fear of extinction. As his hands cross the pollen, the male *Leioproctus* Bee buzzes around Cam's hands, anxious at the possible loss of his "mojo" pollen. Rareness is a fact of life for Rosella Orchids. On the other hand, Red Box has a wider distribution, stretching up to northern New South Wales.

Cam Beardsell is as rare a person as the Rosella Orchid he tends. He has a profound understanding of the ecology of the Middle Yarra. It is an understanding akin to an artist's knowledge of a subject; a knowledge diffused with empathy for the natural world that transcends the naming of things. Synthesising species and ecological functions, Cam has the skill to "see" into the bushlands and to make sense of the story. He is a Wizard within the Fellowship.

After the El Ninos in 1965, 1966 and 1967, a plan was made to remake the Moorool in the form of the Yarra Brae Dam. The MMBW planned to wedge a dam wall on Yarra Yarra

in Stane Brae, somewhere near Bouchiers Road, and flood the narrow gorge of Yarra Brae. The water would also extend up the valley of Watsons Creek. Flooding all the narrow shoulder flats, it would have drowned the Bend of Isles and all the Yarra Gums *Eucalyptus yarraensis* on the islands; an ecological disaster.

But Stane Brae Dam never became an engineered Moorool. It was saved by the Fellowship, the "Great Watchers" out at the Bend of Isles, and the people of Warrandyte, who convinced the rulers of the day of the foolishness of this plan.

The steepness of the Yarra Brae gorge protects a rare remnant of *Banksia marginata*, a once common plant that grew in great groves, described by early explorers as Honeysuckle Forests. One was mapped in 1835 in the area where Banksia Street runs into the Yarra at Heidelberg. They were an important ecological component for honey-eating animals that have almost vanished. Now there are only two stands, of around 30 plants, remaining in the Middle Yarra. They await an accident of nature or the catastrophe of fire to exterminate them. There are other *Banksia marginata* stands elsewhere in Victoria, but these are the last local ones left. Extinction begins on a small local basis and spreads out from there.

Yarra Brae is poor country, even by

Wurundjeri standards. Its importance is that it shows that every piece of land is now going to be fought over. Every piece of land is connected. The Fellowship does not see waste land. It sees potential for the survival of the rare. Every fragment of country is essential. No matter how small the island of Red Box, or Ironbark, or whatever, we are throwing our protective arms around it; nothing will be let go.

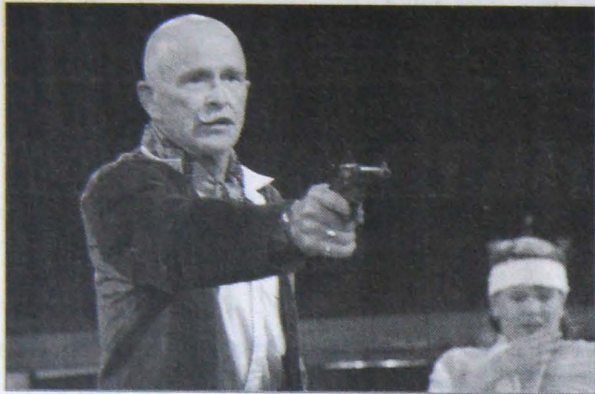
"When Melbourne was established, the tribe (the Wurundjeri of the Woiworing-speaking people) divided into three parts. One, called Kurnaje-berring, was sub-divided into those who, under their headman Beberjern, occupied the country from the Darebin Creek to the sources of the Plenty River and those who, under their headman Billi-billeri, lived on the east side of the Saltwater River (Marybyrnong) up to Mount Macedon. The second division lived about the Yarra Flats, under their headman Jakki-Jakki and occupied also the country on the northern slopes of the Dandenong Mountains. The third division was the "real Wurundjeri" who dwelt on the western side of the Saltwater River, and as far as Mount Macedon, under their headman Bungerim". (W. Howitt)

Yarra Brae and Stane Brae are the last two properties representing something of the nature of holdings in the first colonial subdivision of land in the Middle Yarra. Pushed by the first colonists, surveyors sliced the land into square mile chunks; straight lines of subdivision across the flow of the country, cutting it up like a lamington cake, dividing it into saleable pieces. Although both properties have been reduced by subdivision around their edges, their size represents part of the heritage of the region. Their large size is also of significant environmental benefit to the Middle Yarra.

When, in the 1970s, it was decided to form a contiguous park along the Yarra Yarra, a small strip at the river's edge was secured from private ownership. This is a long, narrow strip of land inside the Warrandyte State Park, mostly running from the ridgeline of the riparian escarpment down to the river. Negotiations to secure that river strip were difficult enough, however it is a shame that more land was not included into public ownership. The thin sliver of land that is Yarra Brae is difficult to defend against weeds and pest animals and to keep the forces of fragmentation and ecological decay at bay.

There is a point along the ridgeline of Yarra Brae that provides a "balcony view" of the surrounding country. Looking eastward and towards the river is Clifford Park, site of the 1945 World Scout Jamboree. Beyond Clifford Park is the grassy baldness of Mt Lofty, cleared by hand last century, the Warramate Hills and then the mountains of the Upper Yarra. The Sugarloaf, the rounded crest of Mt Graham, is easy to spot. Out north is the volcanic mound of the Kangaroo Ground memorial lookout. Westward the tall buildings of Melbourne mark the skyline like the bones of fallen dinosaurs.

There are stone chips on these ridges marking where humans sat and trimmed stone, flaking off fragments of chert and silcrete in the production of tools to hunt Wimbi and Warin. Deep inside Yarra Brae is Wimbi's favoured habitat; steep escarpment country with secret valleys and tiny alluvial river flats covered with green grass. They provide refuge for the solitary Wimbi as it moves across the slopes, avoiding the axe and scattered stones in homage to the sloughed beast of Yarra Brae.



Confounding the critics

ENTER Mrs Drudge, shufflingly lazy housekeeper and eavesdropper extraordinaire, into a grand Victorian drawing room. On a little side-table, the phone rings. Mrs Drudge picks it up and puts on her poshest Hyacinth Bucket voice.

"Hello. The drawing room of Lady Muldoon's residence, one morning in early spring."

The audience laughs and is immediately hooked. What a brilliant start! Already we know that this is going to be an uncompromisingly overacted 1920s-style drawing-room comedy, and Keryn Wood has brought Mrs Drudge wonderfully to life in just the first sentence. We also suspect that it is going to be a murder mystery, because just before the lights went up, somebody came and wriggled himself into a dead body pose under a couch on-stage.

And indeed this little 1968 cliché-packed piece by celebrated playwright Tom Stoppard unfolds right along those lines, although the plot itself is immaterial. The real action is taking place in the audience, where theatre critics Moon (Bill Connolly) and

Birdboot (David Tynan) comment and soliloquize more or less continuously throughout the performance. Their comments are hilarious. Just the sort of meaningless jargon that any self-respecting critic (who hasn't actually watched the play) should be able to rattle off.

"There are moments," says Moon, gesticulating grandly, "and I would not begrudge it this, when the play, if we can call it that, and I think on balance we can, aligns itself uncompromisingly on the side of life. Je suis, it seems to say, ergo sum?" Birdboot pays little attention to Moon. He has sunk into the slough of writing favourable reviews in exchange for a bit of nooky with the leading lady, in this case the extravagantly dressed sylph-like Lady Cynthia Muldoon (Trish Evans).

As the plot on stage unfolds, Moon is busy lamenting his station in life (that of second-rate critic) and the inexplicable absence of his nemesis Higgs, while Birdboot, wallowing in the murky mire of self-justification, lusts after Lady C.

Just at the point where the audience wonders where all this is leading, the

THEATRE

By MARILYN MOORE

phone rings. Birdboot leaps from his chair to answer it, and Mrs Drudge, in a repeat of scene one, enters and assumes that Birdboot is the cad Simon Gascoyne (played first time round by Darren Bowers), and indeed, Birdboot does become Simon Gascoyne. The play repeats itself, gaining momentum as more and more characters change roles. Moon becomes involved when he somehow steps (briefly) into the role of Inspector Hound, first played by Dougie Esson. Lady Cynthia's friend Felicity Cunningham, the tennis-playing ex-lover of both cad Gascoyne and philanderer Birdboot was nicely played by Caroline Jenkins (who thankfully did not swap roles—at least, I don't think she did). Hans Dulke completed the cast with his vibrant portrayal of the domineering wheelchair-bound Major Magnus Muldoon. The (first) dead body belonged to Tim

Plumb.

The remainder of the plot defies description. However Dougie Esson (originally Inspector Hound) and (I might be mistaken in this) Darren Bowers (formerly Simon Gascoyne) did finish up in the critics' seats. The entire play, and I would not begrudge it this, became a complete farce, if we can call it that, and I think on balance we can, and aligned itself uncompromisingly on the side of the ridiculous. Nevertheless it was very clever, and a fun way to send up both the country-house-murder-mystery genre and theatre critics with an over-inflated sense of their self-worth.

The highlight of this production was undoubtedly the convincing performances of Bill Connolly (Moon) and David Tynan (Birdboot). In turn, these two well-written characters are the highlight of the script. They are incarnations of the Yiddish schlemiel and schlimazel, schlemiel being the character who makes things happen (Birdboot) and schlimazel being the character on the receiving end (Moon), and are a recurring theme in several of Tom Stoppard's works.

Birdboot must have been quite an obsession; at one time Stoppard worked as a London drama critic under the pen-name of William Boot, and later his own marriage broke up after he indulged in an affair with leading lady Felicity Kendal.

Director Adrian Rice's decision to perform the play in the round was a good one on the whole. It drew the audience in nicely, and one almost wondered who might be next to join the plot. The drawback of the arrangement was difficulty in seeing all that was happening "on stage", from the third row, anyhow. The production was efficient and neat; the lighting and stage managing crews in particular rose well to the challenge of having to focus on the centre of the hall rather than the usual stage area.

What a pity that world events and our litigious society have created the necessity for the evening to begin with an announcement along the lines of: "...the gunshot that you are about to hear is not real, the gun is not real, and no actors will be harmed in the staging of this play..."

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Fire

Yarra Warra Pre-school are having a fire appeal at a market to be held on Sunday November, 24 from 10am to 2pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall, corner of Mitchell Avenue and Yarra Street, Warrandyte. There will be plants, children's clothing, leather goods, books, hair spraying, face painting and much more.

Auction

Warrandyte Lions, North Warrandyte CFA and Casa Pallotti are running a charity auction at the Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes Street, on Sunday, November 10, commencing at 9am. Good clean items are needed, including furniture, bikes, boats, canoes, TVs, radios, tents, motorbikes, tools and antiques. 15 percent commission applies to all items. Goods for auction can be dropped off at the school on Saturday, November 10 until 5pm. Further information from Barry on 9844 3989 or Lauri on 0419 594 366.

Stories

Signed copies of Pat Coupar's delightful book "Green Over Gold", a collection of stories from the *Warrandyte Diary* over the years, will be on sale at the December market at the FOWSP stall. Other Warrandyte outlets are the post office, newsagency, Bakery Cottage Bookshop, Historical Society Museum and Australiana Aspect.

Seminars

Coming Green Wedge Seminars include "Manningham Rabbit Program" on Thursday, November 7 and "Environmental Weeds" on Thursday, December 5. The seminars are held at the Currawong Bush Park conference room in Reynolds Road, Doncaster East commencing at 7.30pm. On November 7, Steven McPhee, a consultant to the Department for Agricultural Technical Services will discuss monitoring the Rabbit Calicivirus disease in Victoria with a focus on Warrandyte. On November 5, Adam Muyt will



As part of Australia's Open Garden scheme the "Mallows Garden," home of local artists Mary Jupp and Digby Watson (pictured above) will be open for public viewing on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 from 10am to 4.30pm. This garden is home to several collections of older style plants, happily sharing bushland spaces with native birds, frogs and other occasional fauna. The garden includes frog ponds, interesting follies and memorabilia. The address is 9 Marbert Court, North Warrandyte and admission is \$5.



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Seniors

The 40th annual birthday concert of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens will be held on Thursday, November 14 at 1pm at their clubrooms in Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte. The afternoon is entitled "Around the World in Music and Dance". You are invited to join the group as they travel the world by sea with the music and dance of different countries. Fare is \$5 per head including afternoon tea. For enquiries and bookings ring 9844 2437.

AGM

The 2002 annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Pre-school will be held on Monday, November 25 at the Warrandyte Pre-school in Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte, commencing at

8pm. General business will be discussed and office-bearers will be elected.

Markets

As well as the regular monthly market at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 7, the Rotary Club of Warrandyte is organising two special markets at the reserve, on Saturday, November 16 and Saturday, December 21.

History

Warrandyte Historical Society are holding a Christmas stall at the Community Market on Saturday, December 7. Homemade jams, crafts etc., and home-grown produce will be available along with some of the society's historical productions. Any donations would be most welcome. Please contact Jo on 9844 3694 or Andy on 9844 3662 if you can help.

Dance

The next South Warrandyte dance will be held on Saturday, November 9 commencing at 8pm at the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road. Enquiries to 9723 3892. For bookings for the

New Year's Eve dance please ring Betty on 9844 3763.



Studio

Syd Tunn and Ona Henderson will open their studio, corner Henley Road and Oxley Road, Kangaroo Ground on November 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 12noon to 5pm each day. Paintings, prints and art cards will be on sale. This is part of Nillumbik Artists' Open Studio program. Other studios open on November 9 and 10 include those of Jane Annois, Shan Shnookal, Peter Oyston, Jane Viola, Michael Skewes, Sally Nihill, Veronica Holland, Leanne Mooney and Elizabeth Vercoe. For more information ring 9433 3161.

Exhibition

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Worst hit was gardener Judy Green. Determined such vandalism would not occur again, she netted her plot, as did several of the other gardeners.

But Judy went one better. She made a scarecrow (above left), stuffing it with hay and dressing it in cast-off clothing even the opp shop wouldn't want. The cockies haven't been back.

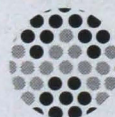
Another gardener, Jan O'Neill, who tends a plot one up from Judy's, decided the male scarecrow looked lonely and forlorn. So she made a lady friend (above right), and stuffed her with old plastic bags.

Judy's scarecrow stands stiff and straight on guard duty, but Jan's sports cupid's bow lips, floor mop hair and a coquettish wave. Reports of the nocturnal appearance of phantom baby scarecrows have been discounted as romantic wishful thinking.



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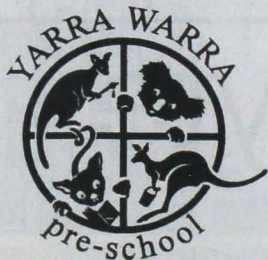
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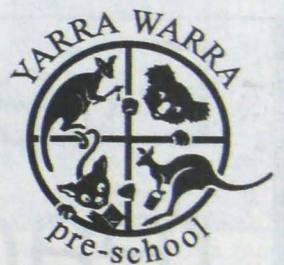
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Council will hold a Special Meeting to discuss the 2001/2002 Annual Report at 7.15pm on Wednesday, 20 November 2002 at Nillumbik Shire Office, Civic Drive, Greensborough. Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained before the meeting from the Shire Offices or on the Council's homepage at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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Redbacks so near and yet

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Basketball Association fell short of their achieving customary glory last month in the finals of the Friday night junior championship.

The Redbacks had 11 teams in this year's competition and three of them made it through to the preliminary finals on October 11.

Unfortunately, they could go no further.

Best credentialled of the Warrandyte hopefuls were the Under-12 Metro 1 boys coached by Damian Arsenis. They finished third in the home-and-away season, lost their qualifying semi-final 30-27 to Diamond Valley but backed up to advance to the preliminary final with a 31-27 win over Hawthorn.

Surprisingly, their preliminary final opponents were Nunawading, who had carried all before them during the season. They finished two games clear at the top of the table and were fully expected to advance directly into the grand final.

Warrandyte were still hampered by an injury to ace goalscorer Jordan Beltramin, but were pumped for the game, played on a neutral court at Ringwood.

Both teams took time to settle down, with Warrandyte doing slightly the better, baskets by Ryan Holloway, Shaun Turner and Andrew Clough giv-

Title hopes bow out in preliminary finals

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ing them an 8-3 lead midway through the first half.

Neither side could effectively penetrate, but the Redbacks held sway 9-5 at the break.

Nunawading changed tactics in the second half, trying outside shooting in an attempt to open up our defence, but Warrandyte scored the first two baskets to run to an eight-point lead, the biggest of the game.

However, Nunawading were starting to find holes in the Redback defence and slowly ground their way back to tie it up at 13 all with 10 minutes to go.

The next seven minutes were a story of Warrandyte scoring (through Holloway, David Hughes and Julian Philippou) and Nunawading producing the quick reply.

With less than two minutes to go, Nunawading broke the deadlock to hit the front for the first time in the match.

Desperate efforts by the Redbacks to grab back the ini-

tiative were denied and Nunawading ran the clock down to win 22-19.

Nick Peters had his Under-16 girls in the preliminary final, having defeated Whittlesea in the qualifying semi-final then going down to the physical Melton side in the first semi.

They met Whittlesea again in the preliminary final but were unable to reproduce the heroics of the earlier encounter.

Whittlesea had the height under the basket and their quick counter-attacks always had the Redback girls on the back foot.

A piece of inspired play by Amy Caudry, who scored a basket and then forced a charge foul in defence, was not enough to spark a second half revival.

A 27-17 half-time scoreline blew out to 45-21 at the end, with Whittlesea scoring freely in the final minutes.

Topscorers for Warrandyte were Lindel Thomas (10 points), Andrea Peters (5) and Amy Caudry (4).

Warrandyte's other preliminary finalists were the Under-18 boys coached by Norm Dunn.

Their opponents were Woodbridge (an Eltham team)



Families join the huddle as coach Damian Arsenis (centre foreground) implores his Under-12 boys to lift against Nunawading. Clockwise from Arsenis are Shaun Turner, Troy Ratcliffe, Matt Molloy, Julian Philippou, Ryan Holloway, team manager Liz Costa, Daniel Hughes, Jordan Beltramin (nursing a broken hand), Michelle Hughes, Andrew Clough, Ashlee Hughes and Ellie, Lina and Dean Beltramin.

and despite a good opening, the Redbacks could not maintain the pressure and concentration when it mattered.

A six-point lead at the interval was lost in the second half as Woodbridge lifted the pace and, urged on by some very

vocal support from their coach, ran out 38-26 winners.

In an innovation for this competition, Warrandyte met the Melbourne Tigers in a "bronze medal" game on October 13.

It was a highly entertaining match played in good spirit be-

tween two teams who obviously respect each other.

Warrandyte led 31-20 at the break and went on to close it out 64-44.

Top scorers were Tim Given (15) and Chris McDonald and Jake Tempelton (14).



Warrandyte's Under-18 boys preliminary final side. From left: Coach Norm Dunn, Jake Templeton, Nick Caudry, Hayden Wall, Michael Whittingham (partly obscured), Tim Given, Paul Whittingham. Front: Gavan Hennessy. Absent: Luke Drake, Chris McDonald, Darren Wooster.



The Under-16 preliminary final girls. Back row: Lindel Thomas, Sarah Brown, Narelle Petersen, Andrea Peters. Front: Coach Nick Peters, Kaitlynd Bottomley, Sarah Patterson, Amy Caudry, Leanne Britee.

So far so good in a summer of content

By TONY OLIVER

The Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association's summer season bounced into action on October 12, Warrandyte fielding 44 teams from Under-8s to Under-20s.

The first five rounds are grading games and several of the top Redback sides are performing well in the higher grades.

Gavin Whitmore's Under-12 boys recorded an outstanding win on October 26 in a high-standard game against the Nunawading Vikings at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

Whitmore's charges had drawn their first two games against Bulleen and Eltham and held a 16-14 advantage over the Vikings at half-time.

The early part of the second half was basket for basket, but Warrandyte opened up a five-point lead which, in the context of the game, looked enough to carry the day.

But Nunawading responded with two unanswered goals to narrow the margin to one point going into the last minute.

Warrandyte were in possession and were able to draw the fouls from a desperate defence.

Tom Fitzpatrick converted for a final score 29-26.

Fitzpatrick finished the game with 10 points, one more than Julian Philippou.

"A good controlled game" said coach Whitmore. "The lads will need to tighten up in defence and offence, but they will be more than competitive in A-grade this season."

Despite their experience, Paul Whittingham's Under-18 boys — essentially the Friday night representative team — suffered a heavy loss against Nunawading but were possibly unlucky to go down in a close tussle with Eltham.

Their third grading game was against the undermanned Doncats in the late game at WCSC. One of the Doncats players was running late and despite being outnumbered 5-4 on court, the visitors took it right up to Warrandyte.

Right on the half-time break, a foul sent the Doncats to the line for two successful shots to lead 17-16.

They resumed at full strength but had no substitutes to rest players and Warrandyte were able to lift the tempo of the

The first of many, Zac

Top-grade players have to start somewhere and sometimes it takes a while to get on the board.

One of Warrandyte Basketball Association's Under-8 boys sides, coached by James Singh, are very largely first-timers and lost their first three grading games in the Saturday competition.

But in a sign of good things to come, Zac Ballard shot the fledgling side's first-ever basket in the third game — much to the delight of teammates and parents.

game, forward Tim Given getting behind the defence to score easy baskets.

Warrandyte established a 10-point lead with five minutes to go but were unable to extend that margin until Jake Templeton scored in the final seconds for a 38-26 scoreline.

Jerrod Gibson topscored for Warrandyte with nine points, followed by Given and Templeton with eight.

The going has been tougher for Ian Wood's Under-16 boys, going down for the third time — the latest a 48-30 loss to Ivanhoe.

Dean Lucas topscored with 16 points, but the Redback de-

fence needs to tighten considerably.

In other boys results, Frank Gatti's Under-8 boys defeated Doncats 29-3 (Mathew Petroni 10 points, Ryan Tester nine, Jake Whittle six), while the Under-10s of Damian Arsenis lost badly to Nunawading 57-4, Michael Solty and Lachlan Chapman the Redbacks' only scorers.

In the girls division, Kim Singh has been given the opportunity of coaching the Under-16s, who lost by four points to Nunawading before demolishing Whitehorse 44-12.

Their next game was against Koonung, who have had the

wood on Warrandyte in recent seasons, and this was to be no different, the Redbacks going down 40-33.

Koonung's game is built around two strong players and the Redback defence was unable to control them.

The scoreline could have blown out, with Koonung opening up a 12-point lead late the game, but Warrandyte responded to close the gap to three points thanks to some scintillating play from Louise Yates and strong shooting by Emma Razzi.

Koonung scored the last two baskets, but the result was encouraging for Warrandyte, who were without Stephanie Simpson and will be strengthened in both offence and defence with her return.

Centre Jenny Byrne is playing some of the best basketball of her career and is finding more room under the basket.

Nick Peters, in charge of the Under-14s, has coached a number of these girls in previous seasons and the positive effect of the combinations is showing through, with a 34-14 win against Balwyn on October

26. The side is built around tall players Kara Hibbert, Jess Solty and Lindel Thomas and the speed of guards Amy Caudry and Stephanie Smith.

So far this season they have accounted for Doncats and Koonung in A2-grade and will be moved up a grade.

Warrandyte's Under-12 girls recorded their first win with a thrilling 18-17 victory over Koonung, who started aggressively and led 11-5 at the half-time break.

The Redbacks were able to get back into the game through Ashleigh Bingham (seven points) and Ashlee Collins (four). Fiona Rennie suffered an injury as Warrandyte held a two-point lead in the final seconds. Koonung had a chance to draw, but could only land one from two from the free-throw line.

The Under-10 girls recorded their third win of the season with a convincing victory over Koonung.

And the Under-8s coached by Ann Cousens completed a successful weekend for Warrandyte with a 24-12 win over Eltham.

The golden opportunity

The Warrandyte Phantoms were very nearly golden girls at the World Masters Games in Melbourne last month.

As it was, they settled for silver in the 30-35 years basketball section of the games, which drew thousands of sportsmen and women from all over Australia and overseas.

The Phantoms — Anne Marie Reid, Ann Cousens, Kelly Taylor, Sally Jackson, Sharon Bensch, Marie Mahoney and Alison Aldenhoven — are very largely the same team who won gold at the Australian Masters in 1997.

This time they were beaten 68-46 in the gold medal round on October 12 by Step n Sports,

another Victorian team they had edged out by a point in the first of five matches played.

That early game was notable for a classic black eye sustained by Alison in the heat of battle.

"We knew Step n Sports were going to be very tough to beat in the gold medal round," said Sharon.

"We just weren't good enough on the day, but the World Masters were a great experience and we thoroughly enjoyed being involved with them."

The Phantoms' opponents on their way to finishing on top of their pool had included Sri Lanka.

Pay day for our tennis juniors

By JUDY GREEN

Warrandyte Tennis Club juniors celebrated a year of achievement at their presentation night late last month at the clubrooms. Presentations followed a barbecue for both the juniors and their parents.

Pennants were presented to winning and runner-up teams for both the summer and winter seasons of the Eastern Region Tennis competition played on Saturday mornings and the winning team playing in the summer season of the Diamond Valley Tennis Association on Friday nights.

The winning teams in the Eastern Region summer season for 2001-2002 were Boys singles/doubles 7, captained by Nick Lawrence; Boys singles/doubles 11, captained by Kyle Robinson; and Girls doubles 13, captained by Alison Trotter.

The winter 2002 winners were Boys singles/doubles 3, led by Darren Zygmunt and Girls singles/doubles 9, captained by Tessa Cudmore, with Joel Greve's Boys singles/doubles 9 runners-up.

In the Diamond Valley unisex competition, Section 4, captained by Daniel Wiltshire, were victorious in the summer season.

Trophies were presented to all winners and runners-up in the recent club championships and medallions to the winners (Daniel Wiltshire and Tamara Valentino) and runners-up (Jarrod Hodgson and Linda Stanzel) in the club's 2002 Junior Masters event.

Certificates were presented to members of the club's junior talent squad trained by club coach Aaron Nolan and to players who won positions in the Eastern Region development squad (Daniel Wiltshire, Nick Lawrence, Sam Lawrence, Joel Greve and Jenna Hodgson) and represented Eastern Region teams in the Victorian junior competition (Stacey Freedman, Rory Ashton, Trent Valentino, Tristan Valentino and Alex Beltramin).

Special awards were presented to Daniel Wiltshire and Linda Stanzel, who won the club's annual scholarships to the Australian Sports Camps Tennis Super Camp, and to Nick Atkins for the most improved junior over the past 12 months. This perpetual trophy, donated by the Oriander family, has been awarded annually for many years.

Trophies were also presented to the new juniors who had played their first tennis season in winter 2002. These included Jordan Beltramin, Bianca Cash, Stephanie Carver, Chris Capon, Jeremy Rogers, Troy Donis, Penny Mealy, Katherine Hlasko, Daniel Matthyson, Brynton Ashton, Stephen Pinolo and Ben Robertson.

Club president Mark Bence commented on the continuing growth and success of the juniors and thanked junior convenor Michelle Gilling and her committee for their work in ensuring this remains a strong and healthy section of the club.

A presentation was made to Michelle by two of the juniors, Daniel Wiltshire and Nick Atkins, and IGA was warmly thanked for its continued sponsorship of the junior club championships and Masters events.

The evening culminated with a karaoke night.



Above: Nick Atkins, winner of the most improved junior award. Below: The 2002 Junior Talent Squad. Back (from left): Adam Waugh, Nicholas Crosbie, coach Aaron Nolan, Tulloch Greve, Tristan Valentino. Front: Chris Robinson, Daniel Buckley, Joel Greve, Jordan Beltramin. Absent: Eric Blyth-Elvin.



CORRECTION

In its October coverage of the Warrandyte Tennis Club's junior championships, the *Diary* reported that Tristan Valentino had defeated Joel Greve 8-2 in the 12-and-under boys singles. In fact, Greve defeated Valentino 8-2.



Never short of surprises, trophy-rich Matt Blagrove obligingly rolls his eyes for Jan Tindale's camera.

His bag of tricks

It was, Matt Blagrove admitted, an embarrassment of riches.

Already crowned Warrandyte Football Club champion for 2002, Blagrove collected two other trophies at presentation day at Club Warrandyte last month — most courageous and the one he said he perhaps valued most, the players' award judged by his teammates.

And as he sat back at a table laden with booty he managed to roll his eyes in typical Blagrove fashion at just the right time for the *Diary's* camera.

Blagrove has become quite a cult figure since joining the Bloods for season 2001.

Known as "Shaggy" (out of the Scooby Doo

cartoon series) or "Spike" (out of the movie Notting Hill), he copped some early ribbing from his teammates by arriving for training and on match days with his football gear in a plastic shopping bag.

He responded to that by bringing it along in (among others) an onion bag and a hazardous waste bag!

"People sometimes don't know how to take Matt," said Bloods captain Chris Cornell, who played alongside him at Eltham College and Preston in the VFL before talking him into coming to Warrandyte.

"But he's a great bloke, a great character and a great mate."



Above: The decorated Ryans — from left, Lisa, Terry, Julie and John. Below: Jeff Evans and wife Barbara. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

Time of her life

It would have been the first time Julie Ryan had missed a Warrandyte Football Club presentation night or day — but she and husband John were renovating at home and she thought her time would be better spent there.

It took a phone call from Bloods treasurer Jeff Evans to change her mind and get her along to the 2002 awards last month.

"Look, Julie," said Jeff, "don't mention it to anyone, but Terry and Lisa (son and daughter-in-law) are going to get get clubpersons of the year and you wouldn't want to miss that, would you?"

"Of course not," said Julie — and along she went.

Nobody applauded more enthusiastically when Terry and



Lisa Ryan's awards were announced — and nobody was more surprised than Julie a few minutes later when her own name was called as recipient of life membership!

The honour was bestowed in recognition of long and outstanding service to the club, particularly in the canteen. Julie joins John on the life mem-

bers list. He was honoured "seven or eight years ago".

Jeff Evans was also inducted as a life member. In his long association with the club he has been player, committeeman, team manager, treasurer, vice-president, president for four years and treasurer again for the past two.

Bloods shop early for 2003



Andrew Brown

By LEE TINDALE

An energetic recruiting campaign has already netted Warrandyte Football Club two big names for their 2003 EFL Third Division campaign.

Quick out of the team-building blocks, the Bloods have signed First Division senior premiership player Adam Williamson and will welcome back Andrew Brown, one of the heroes of Warrandyte's 1999 flag.

Williamson, an aggressive 27-year-old centre half-back, comes highly credentialled. A former Teal Cup representative, he was drafted by the Brisbane Lions in 1993 and played 32 games with Fitzroy and Melbourne reserves.

He has run up 120 senior games with East Burwood and was a member of their 1999-2000 premiership sides.

Brown, a homegrown junior star, left Warrandyte two seasons ago for First Division club East Ringwood, won the reserves best and fairest there last year and was runner-up this year.

The Warrandyte football faithful still discuss his booming last-quarter goal with a heavy ball which contributed largely to the Bloods' one-point win over Knox in the 1999 grand final.

A class act, he will be a very significant addition to the Bloods' 2003 list.

While the senior coaching appointments — Scott Hunter assisted by Stuart Wynd — have already been announced, Warrandyte are seeking a playing coach for the Reserves.

And another concerted campaign will be run over summer to resurrect an Under-18 side for next season.

There is unlikely to be a changing of the guard at the club's annual general meeting at Club Warrandyte on Thursday, November 28, starting at 8pm.

The existing executive — president Noel Taplin, secretary James Logan, treasurer Jeff Evans — is expected to be returned, very likely unopposed.



Senior coaches Scott Hunter (above) and Stuart Wynd.



Brittle bats blow it in double debacle!

By ROBERT WHITE

Warrandyte's bowlers will again be asked to save the side on November 9 when their RDCA Wilkins Shield match against Bayswater Park resumes.

The Dytes' brittle batting was again exposed on the first day when they were dismissed for a meagre 108 after being well placed at 0-38.

But some fiery bowling by Campbell Holland and disciplined spells by Gerald Walshe and Robert White had Bayswater Park 5-80 overnight.

Sent in to bat, Matt Chapman and Colin Dorning were on top of the bowling and looked set to lay the foundations for a big score. But in a collapse that has been seen many times before, Warrandyte lost three wickets without addition to the score.

The disappointing fact was that six of the Warrandyte batsmen reached double figures but none could make anything of his start.

A highlight was the performance of first eleven debutant Daniel Wellesley, who looked at home at senior level until he was dismissed with a loose shot.

But despite the unfortunate dismissal, he showed patience to defend the good ball and then take full toll of the bad delivery.

His brilliant catch in the gully proved critical and prompted a collapse of the Bayswater Park top order.

The second eleven, sitting on top of the ladder, were in a strong position to defeat Bayswater Park.

Steve Warr was the key bowler for Warrandyte with 4-59 and he was well supported by Eddie Cauchi (3-26) as Bayswater Park collapsed to be all out for 143.

Warrandyte made a sound start in the run chase and were 1-42 at the close.

The thirds could manage only 82 and Bayswater Park took first-innings points on the first day with 5-111.

Warrandyte's Veterans teams have played twice with the Over-50s losing to Mount Evelyn and the Over-40s defeating Wantirna.

Seniors: Warrandyte 108 v Bayswater Park 5-80 (Holland 3-15).

Second: Warrandyte 1-42 (Gee 2-4) v Bayswater Park 143 (Warr 4-59, E. Cauchi 3-26).

Thirds: Warrandyte 82 v Bayswater Park 5-111.

It was a similar tale of batting woe in the senior eleven's previous game, against last season's Wilkins Shield runners-up North Ringwood. Set a very

Derby's back in town!

A commanding unbeaten 76 by captain Dave Mooney gave Warrandyte Cricket Club first blood in the resumption of local derbies against newly-promoted South Warrandyte on October 13.

It was the first time the two clubs had played each other for premierships points for almost 25 years. They will clash again in the final home-and-away round of the Wilkins Shield competition.

To highlight the importance of the game, the Grand Hotel donated the "Warrandyte Cup" which will be an ongoing trophy for contests between the two clubs.

"It was a great initiative by the management at the hotel," said Warrandyte president Robert White. "It helped build local interest in the game and I don't think I have seen so many people at Warrandyte to see a cricket match."

"South Warrandyte are to be congratulated for their contribution to the game and we look forward to visiting Colman Park in February to defend the cup."

South Warrandyte batted first in the one-day game and Mooney took the gamble of opening the attack with Adam Beardall. The play paid dividends, the young leg spinner taking two quick wickets to get Warrandyte away to a good start.

South Warrandyte struggled for runs after the fall of their third wicket and looked in real trouble

modest 134 to win, the Dytes could manage only 131.

The Warrandyte bowlers, who have toiled well in all games this year, again held their talented opponents with a disciplined line, backed up by aggressive fielding.

Campbell Holland was clearly the pick of the bowlers with 3-23 off 17 consecutive overs.

Veterans Walshe and White, again showed the value of experience and patiently worked away at the batsmen, providing few chances to score.

Overnight Warrandyte were 2-44 and with only 90 to get were in a sound position to take the



RDCA president Steve Pascoe presents the Warrandyte Cup to Dytes skipper Dave Mooney as South Warrandyte captain Scott brasher looks on.

until Steve Garrett took to the attack with a rapid-fire 27 to help his team to a competitive total of 157.

Ben Neagle was the best with the bat for the Hawks with 36 while Beardall, Dean Gidley, Campbell Holland and Robert White each took two wickets.

Warrandyte were in trouble early against some attacking bowling from Scott Brasher and Chris Springett and with Matt Chapman and Greg Creber both going cheaply, it was left to Mooney and Cameron Day to steady the innings.

It was Mooney who gave his side the lead, disposing of the loose ball on both sides of the wicket.

He was always prepared to wait for the bad ball and when it came he was able to take full advantage with an uncanny ability to find gaps in the field.

Warrandyte were also assisted by some wayward bowling late in the innings as South Warrandyte conceded 28 extras.

valuable premierships points. But the collapse started almost immediately and only Greg Creber, with 23, and Holland (33) gave Warrandyte a chance.

With 14 to win, last pair White and Adam Beardall edged towards the target but fell two runs short.

Warrandyte's Brett Kline is a runaway leader of both batting and bowling averages in the Wilkins Shield seconds competition.

He followed up his unbeaten 55 against North Ringwood with a sensational spell of bowling that returned 6-11.

Warrandyte 6-159 (Mooney 76 n.o., C. Day 26) d South Warrandyte 157 (Gidley 2-24, Holland 2-25, Beardall 2-38, White 2-38, Walshe 1-32).

In the seconds, Travis Cauchi, playing only his second game for Warrandyte, took 6-15 in a devastating spell of off-spin bowling to lead his team to a comfortable win over South Warrandyte.

The Hawks were well placed to overtake Warrandyte's score of 164 with only two wickets down. It was then that the 17-year-old unleashed his eight-over spell and South Warrandyte crashed to be all out for 135.

The thirds were no match for Mooroolbark, who scored 7-169 in reply to Warrandyte's 132.

Steve Goddard was in sound early-season form for Warrandyte with 67.

Seconds: Warrandyte 164 (Bird 38, C. Cloke 31) d South Warrandyte 135 (T. Cauchi 6-15, T. Cloke 2-21).

Thirds: Warrandyte 132 (Goddard 67) lost to Mooroolbark 7-169 (Croft 2-15).

The Seconds produced one of the best batting performances for many years to amass 5-343.

Brendan Baker failed by only six runs to reach a century while Andrew Jarvis put together a stylish 59 and Steve Goddard thrashed the bowling to score 47 in only a handful of overs.

The Thirds were forced to forfeit their match as the club again searches for players.

Seniors: Warrandyte 131 (Creber 23, Holland 33) lost to North Ringwood 133 (Holland 3-23).

Seconds: Warrandyte 5-343 (B. Baker 94, Jarvis 59, Kline 55 n.o., Goddard 47) d North Ringwood 135 (Kline 6-11, E. Cauchi 2-16).

Hawks chase outright victory

South Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven will be chasing outright points when they resume their Wilkins Shield battle with undefeated North Ringwood on Saturday, November 9.

This is defining game for the Hawks in relation to identifying their place in Wilkins Shield cricket, having been promoted this year from the RDCA's Newey Place.

They have already claimed first-innings points against North Ringwood, — bowling them out for just 81 and replying with 7-120 — and will be pressing hard for the outright to square the ledger at two wins and two losses in pursuit of a top-four position.

South Warrandyte lost the toss and fielded on day one, fully aware that they would have to bowl very well. Chris Springett and Steve Garrett opened the attack and executed the game plan of tight bowling on off stump exceptionally well.

They applied intense pressure and

Garrett ended his first spell of six overs with figures of 2-7. Springett's nine overs yielded 2-26, with North Ringwood a shaky 4-36 after 18.

The standard was set for the change bowlers as the Hawks persisted with their game plan, dismissing the high-rated opposition for 81.

Garrett finished with 4-20 off 14 overs. Springett with 2-29 off 12, Scott Brasher 3-14 off nine and Nick Barrett 1-7 off five.

But the fireworks were far from over yet. With 32 overs left before the close of play, South Warrandyte got off to a nightmare start and were 4-15 after four overs.

Ian Donaldson showed just why he is the competition's premier bowler by ripping into the top order, but Garrett and Cam Head steadied the ship before the fifth wicket fell at 69.

Garrett hit a brisk 35 — and broke two bats in the process! The target was safely negotiated and South Warrandyte will resume at 7-120, Nick Barrett on 21

and Jeremy Neagle yet to open his account.

The first eleven's season so far: South Warrandyte 138 (Careedy 21, Haworth 28) lost to Croydon North 169 (Garrett 2-41, Brasher 3-36, J. Neagle 2-27, Haworth 2-27, Barrett 1-26).

South Warrandyte 157 (Jones 30, B. Neagle 36, Springett 22, Garrett 27) lost to Warrandyte 6-159 (J. Neagle 3-37, Springett 1-12, Brasher 1-31, Garrett 1-34).

South Warrandyte 4-361 (Brasher 111, Careedy 85, Johnson 74, Head 57 n.o.) d Bayswater Park 162 (Springett 6-44, Brasher 1-21, Barrett 2-33, J. Neagle 1-20).

South Warrandyte 7-120 (Garrett 35, Barrett 21 n.o.) v North Ringwood 82 (Garrett 4-20, Springett 2-29, Brasher 3-14, Barrett 1-7).

The second eleven posted their first win of the season in Round 3 in a high-scoring encounter at Bayswater Park after poor batting had let games against

North Croydon and Warrandyte slip away. The Hawks were set a formidable target of 261 and Marty Smith, with 30, and Mick Wilmot (45 retired) got the run chase off to a fine start.

But the hero was Damian Smart, with a sensational, unbeaten 122. He had a great ally in Stewart Rough (54 not out) and the run target was reeled in with five overs to go. Some lusty hitting with the game in the bag saw South Warrandyte finish at 4-320.

The seconds' game against North Ringwood is delicately poised, the Hawks reaching 202 thanks to a magnificent last-wicket partnership between Josh Barrat (20 not out) and Brett Fitzjohn which rescued the side from a very precarious 9-125.

The E-grade eleven have won two of their first three games and the G-grade side, who played in the one-day competition last season, broke the ice in Round 3 with an eight-run victory over Chirnside Park.

Cricket kids are looking good

Warrandyte Cricket Club's juniors have started the new season full of promise.

The club are fielding four teams and after two completed rounds have the Under-14/2 eleven and the Under-12/2s sitting first and second on their respective ladders, both undefeated.

The Under-16s began the season in the top grade but have since been relegated a notch and will see more success in that division.

And the Under-14/1s are in the middle of a pack with one win and one loss.

"This year our players are all wearing our new uniform," said junior coordinator Lee Dehmel, "and they all go on to the ground looking like cricket players."

"We have had other teams comment on our new look, saying how professional we look."

"We look like a team and are playing like one," he said.

For the first time this year the club are conducting individual coaching for their junior players.

The sessions, under Ian Broome, start on Monday, November 11, and will run over five consecutive weeks. All spots have been filled.

"We are very excited about this course as it is about providing our players with individual assistance which will improve their skills and knowledge of the game at an accelerated pace," said Dehmel.

The club are also conducting the ACB's Milo Have A Go program for boys and girls aged 5-10 and more than 55 children enrolled at registration day on October 27.

The program starts at 9.30am on Sunday, November 10, on the big oval at the recreation reserve and new enrolments will be accepted on the day. Any child wishing to enrol should be there at 9.15.



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