

Helpers' new home

Coping with the crisis: WH&SS coordinator Margory Lapworth in her 'new' office in their delightful restored cottage (pictured right).



Words and pictures by SANDY BURGONYE

Warrandyte Housing and Support Services has a new address—in the restored cottage, opposite the entrance to Whipstick Gully on Yarra Street.

As reported in last month's *Diary* the WH&SS, which assists families to find accommodation, had to deal with its own housing crisis.

The service had notice to vacate the old police house on the corner of Yarra and Forbes street by the end of June.

The co-ordinator of WH&SS, Margory Lapworth, told the *Diary*, "we just didn't know where to go. There was nowhere in Warrandyte because we don't have any money. We are a voluntary organisation and all we get is the money that the Warrandyte market gives to us for administering the market—\$4000 a year."

The future looked grim for the WH&SS until the final week of June when the Warrandyte Rotary Club stepped in and funded the organisation to move to the cottage.

The transfer was seamless—the organisation quietly closed its doors at the former police sergeant's residence on the last Friday in June and re-opened in its new location the following Monday morning.

The WH&SS did not want to interrupt its services in any way. "You know there are people still out there in crisis whether we move our office or not. Luckily for us Rotary have come to our assistance and we have moved into this property", Ms Lapworth said.

The WH&SS received many calls and offers of help from the community after its plight was revealed in last month's *Diary*.

"We would like to thank everybody for their best wishes and for their help over the trying time we've had over the last month. And we just hope that we can continue doing our job and assisting the people in need in the community," Margory Lapworth said.

The service's new office is in an ideal position, as it is next to a car park and

a bus stop and is close to the village's central business strip. The cottage also has a larger space.

"We only had two little rooms at the police house. That was the total of our office and now we've got five rooms", Ms Lapworth said.

"You have no idea how nice it is to have a decent place to work from. We call it the Whitehouse now." The larger area allows for an additional interview room, space for people to wait for appointments and has a fitted out kitchen.

The WH&SS uses the Yarra Street level rooms and the Rotary Club has plans to utilise the downstairs space in the future.

The cream-painted cottage at 95 Yarra street, has a bright welcoming ambience. The rooms look onto the garden and beyond to the river bank eucalypts and the Yarra.

"The environment part of it is pretty important, because our clients can be quite anxious," Ms Lapworth commented. The children of clients can play safely in the garden or walk down to the river to feed the ducks.

The WH&SS serves a surprisingly large locality outside Warrandyte, with people from Box Hill to Healesville using its services. Agencies such as Centrelink, the Office of Housing and Wesley Mission refer clients to the service.

The organisation also distributes funding to help people with financial shortfalls. "We get funding from the government and we are able to assist people with the electricity, gas, those sorts of bills", Ms Lapworth said.

The organisation also distributes from the food bank that John Cox established some 20 years ago. Many community groups, such as schools, Rotary and the Lions Club regularly stock this resource.

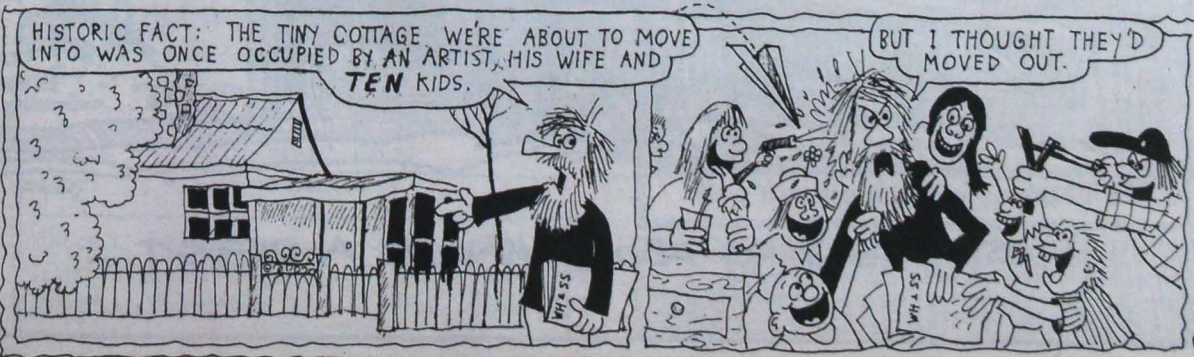
The WH&SS has notified its clients of the change of address and left notices at the old police house with directions to the new premises.

The *Diary* believes the old police residence will still be used by the state Office of Housing for emergency accommodation, but it will no longer be under local control.

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OUR NEWSPAPER

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 3900 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.

What David Neitz did to our Brian Dunn just ain't fare!



Self-proclaimed Warrandyte Tennis Club living legend Brian Dunn is no tee-totaller, but in all his years nothing stronger than a beer had touched his lips. No fancy drinks for this bloke. But all that changed on Friday, June 20, at a work function at Crown casino. It was a pretty lavish lunch and a freebee as well and, like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he was inveigled into tasting forbidden fruit. And boy, did he make a glutton of himself! A whole new world opened up before him and Brian drank deeply from a well of top-shelf stuff, some of which he couldn't identify, let alone pronounce. About 1am he decided it was time to head home to Fossickers Way — but the cab drivers on the rank outside Crown must have mistaken him for David Neitz because they said they didn't want his fare (which is 50 bucks to Warrandyte these days, so they must be travelling okay). Anyhow, Brian retreated back into Crown, hoping that particular bunch of drivers would go away and be replaced by a different lot who would welcome his patronage with open arms. No such luck. They must have thought he was David Neitz too



Our candid camera catches Brian Dunn at the footy clutching a stubby of beer (light, of course).

IN RED & WHITE



— and so did the bunch who knocked him back when next he emerged from the casino. Time to reach for a lifeline. Phone a friend, as Eddie McGuire would say. As Brian sought a public phone inside, the doorman, who'd been watching the ongoing drama, asked him to please make this his last entrance as the David Neitz unlookalike. And the friend our thrice-rejected passenger phoned was a friend indeed. He got out of bed, drove into town, picked Brian up and delivered him to his door. It takes a lot to keep Brian Dunn away from the local footy of a Saturday afternoon — but a top-shelf hangover managed to.



Noddy and Lumpy might sound like the title of a kids' book or cartoon series, but it is actually a synonym for good fortune. Robert "Noddy" Ireland and Mark "Lumpy" Fitzgerald — two Warrandyte footy club stalwarts if ever you saw them — shared the \$3000 jackpot at the Bloods' "Pay Off The Credit Card" draw at the Grand Hotel on June 29. The draw boiled down to their joint ticket and that of Steve Beaumont, who owns the pub. Many years' experience have taught Noddy that it pays to treat your publican kindly and he says he's sorry Steve lost out. "Then again," he said, "Lumpy and I probably need the money more than he does."



It started out looking like a mushroom, the "thing" that grew on the embankment beside the pool at Brad and Heather Curtis' place in Brogil Road, North Warrandyte. A BIG mushroom. Yum! But as it grew even bigger almost before the eyes — peaking at 21 centimetres across and 15 high — it turned dark and feral. It also developed a very unpleasant smell. We think we've identified it as *Cortinarius aff. largus* in the excellent reference book *A Field Guide To Australian Fungi* by learned Melbourne authority Bruce Fuhrer — and we're pretty confident you wouldn't want to cook it up and serve it with a steak.



Briallen Curtis and the "thing" that grew beside the pool.



Gee, the bargains know no bounds at our Lions Club Opp Shop. It wasn't that long ago that Smokey picked up for a song a pair of priceless Indian brass vases to which Her Indoors took an instant dislike and condemned to a darkened room. And more recently, and for a mere dollar, a magnificent, toe-tappin' country and western tape by the Charlie Daniels Band to which Her Indoors quickly developed an acute aversion. But these purchases pale into insignificance beside a little gem which caught the eye the other day. A portable dunny on a sturdy, folding aluminium frame capable of supporting 200 pounds (in the old money) and complete with six plastic bags. Just the thing for the great outdoors. Brand new and a "steal" at \$6. Smokey would have snapped it up — but how would he have concealed it for life from Her Indoors?



Still talking toilet-type topics, you'll read elsewhere in this issue that Nillumbik council is replacing its two-per-household wheelee bins with new sets of three. One for kitchen garbage, one for recyclables and the third for stuff that can't be composted or recycled. And that, council tells us, includes plastic bags, film, window glass, light globes and ... and nappies ("scrape and wrap"). Scrape and wrap? Yuk!



We've sung the praises in this column before of Ben Jones and his work for the local RSL Sub-Branch selling Anzac Day badges and Remembrance Day poppies. And we're going to sing his praises again. Thanks largely to Ben and his family, the RSL's 2003 Anzac Appeal raised a record \$5313.45 — about twice as much as usual. The money all goes to the welfare of returned service personnel and the sub-branch says onyer Ben, you've done it again. It also thanks the community for its support and says as an afterthought that Tuesday is \$2-a-pot night at the club and you're very welcome to drop in.



It's called Common Billy Buttons — which is a misnomer because it's a rarity here — and native flora authority John MacMahon recommends it as a very worthwhile addition to your garden. It's both a small herb and a daisy with a golden flower and it likes a dampish spot. Why are we telling you this? Because it's available right now from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend (Melways reference 23 C 10). Joan also recommends the Black Sheoke, a small, graceful, fine-leaved tree which is easy-going in terms of planting locations. "Good idea to plant a few together as the sexes are strictly segregated and you don't know what you've got until the plants mature," she says. The nursery is open Thursdays from 10-noon and on the first Sunday of each month (except January) from 2-4pm.

Smokey Joe



OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT MAKING A DEPOSIT....

Mine tunnels closing

Final position of gates still 'open'

By DAVID WYMAN

Installation of steel gates in the tunnels of old gold mines in Fourth Hill and Whipstick Gully has begun with the recent fitting of a gate in the Geraghty mine tunnel and another gate due to be installed in the Victory mine tunnel in a few weeks.

Erection of the gates, despite some continuing community opposition, has been accelerated to prevent vandalism in the tunnels while contractors complete a clean-up of the inside areas before a new system of public access is established.

Parks Victoria's new Yarra District chief ranger, David Sewell, said the gates were due to be installed when the clean-up work was completed, but vandals had been disrupting the contractors' work so the gates were being installed earlier than planned.

"We would like the gates to remain where they are or will be—about 10 metres inside each tunnel," he said. "But that's not our decision, as the Mines Department has the final say, and have indicated they would prefer the gates to be at the entrance to the tunnels."

Mr Sewell said he was well aware that many people were mistakenly concerned that the erection of gates in the mine tunnels would deny them future access. "There was never any view that the mines would be blocked off forever—and that would be the end of it."

The Mines Department and Parks Victoria had been very concerned about the safety of people inside the mines and the fact that no accidents had occurred over a long period of time was no guarantee that they would not occur in the future, he said.

"The last thing that we want is someone going into the mines and getting hurt, so after the clean-up work, we will go through a process of establishing a system of public access, working with the local community and studying how any other mines in the state have been opened up," Mr Sewell explained.

A committee member of the Warrandyte Community Association, Dr Ron Garrett, told the *Diary* that the current action by Parks Victoria was a compromise solution to the concerns of community groups.

"I don't believe the gates are necessary," he said. "Providing gates inside the tunnels places the potential for acts of vandalism at the very face of the mines."

Dr Garrett said he was concerned that the oxygen level inside the



No admittance: Peter Hanson, Warrandyte Historical Society's mines expert, examines (above) the steel door 10 metres in from the entrance (pictured right) in the Geraghty mine on Fourth Hill. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

Geraghty mine would be further reduced by installation of a gate. Tests had shown that the oxygen level in the tunnel was about two percent below the level in the open air.

"A gate would reduce the cross section of the tunnel by about 25 percent which could lower the oxygen level even further. This has the possibility of causing breathing problems when large groups of people assembled in the mine," he said.

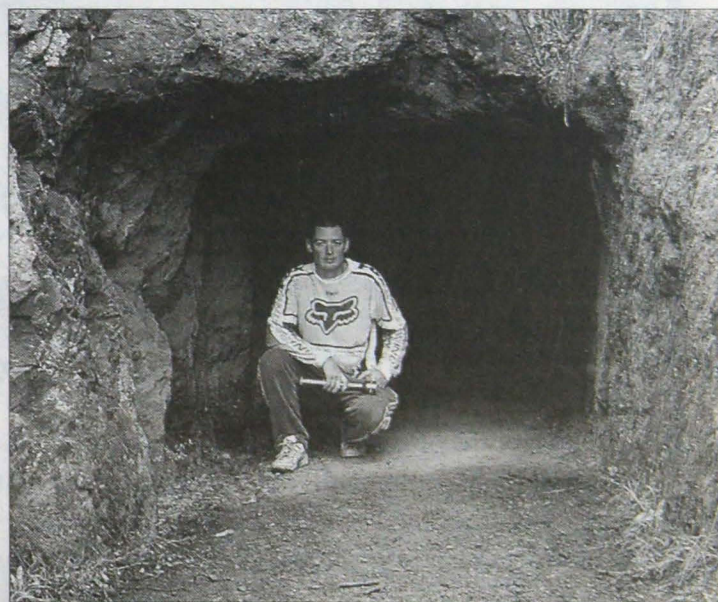
Dr Garrett said the relevant mines act only covered mines under construction and the Department of Mines authority over defunct mines may not exist. He had been in contact with the Minister of Mines' office in order to clarify the situation.

David Sewell said Parks Victoria was "managing the old mines on behalf of the government and had a duty of care". He added that while

he had not yet attended any meetings of the Warrandyte consultative group, he believed that "in general they understand that we have to do something to ensure safe access to the mines".

Mr Sewell said that once the safety of mine access had been established, the mines would be registered as a tourist destination, and a system of public access would be determined. "I would think that some sort of permit system would be introduced so that we would know who was going into the mines and when."

In past issues of the *Diary*, Warrandyte Community Association, Warrandyte Historical Society and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park have all expressed opposition to control over public access to the mines. Concerns have also been raised about the access of bent-wing bats into tunnels fitted with gates.



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Venue: Tour bus leaves from Nillumbik Shire Offices, Civic Drive, Greensborough.

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Thursday 28th August

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Time: 7pm - 9pm

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Thanks for coverage

Thank you for the excellent coverage of the accommodation predicament facing Warrandyte Housing and Support Services. It elicited a lot of sympathetic comment and made a large number of people aware of what we are all about. Unfortunately to date it has not won us an "eviction" reprieve and we are naturally deeply concerned for the future of the services provided by WHSS should we have to shut up shop, which is one possibility.

We have noticed a massive dropping off recently in the supply of support services to the needy, giving us the impression that we are about the only group left providing them in our neck of the woods.

In the short term we carry on living in hope.

Again, thank you,

**Alan Alder
Chairman, Warrandyte
Housing and Support
Services**

Benefits

My association with the Friends of Warrandyte State Park has had three benefits.

First, I have met and can claim as friends some very charming and knowledgeable people.

Second, I have had satisfaction in making a small contribution to the preservation of our local ecology.

Lastly, my modest familiarity with accountancy enables me to record and report on the Friends' finances.

However, your letter notifying me of being citizen of the month was greatly appreciated. I confess that a pat on the back is very satisfying.

My thanks to the *Diary* and to IGA.

**Ray Clark
Doncaster East**

DEAR DIARY

Seeking railway pioneers

I am a railway historian researching the life and times of the Victorian Railways Block and Signal Inspectors. I propose to write a book on the history of this interesting position that was created in the 1880s.

Further information is required on the following people who were former Block and Signal Inspectors. Family and friends are urged to contact me at PO Box 503, Boronia 3155 if they can assist. Years of birth in brackets:

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**Brian Coleman
Boronia**

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

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



Warrandyte has done its bit for cancer kids over the years. Challenged by police sergeant Keith Walker, local identity Andrew Wilson (pictured) went under the razor for "Crop a Cop" in September, 1997.

Heartfelt thanks from Leukaemia Foundation

Each year, the Leukaemia Foundation is amazed at the generosity of Australians and their willingness to participate in the World's Greatest Shave for a Cure.

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**Damien Bowen
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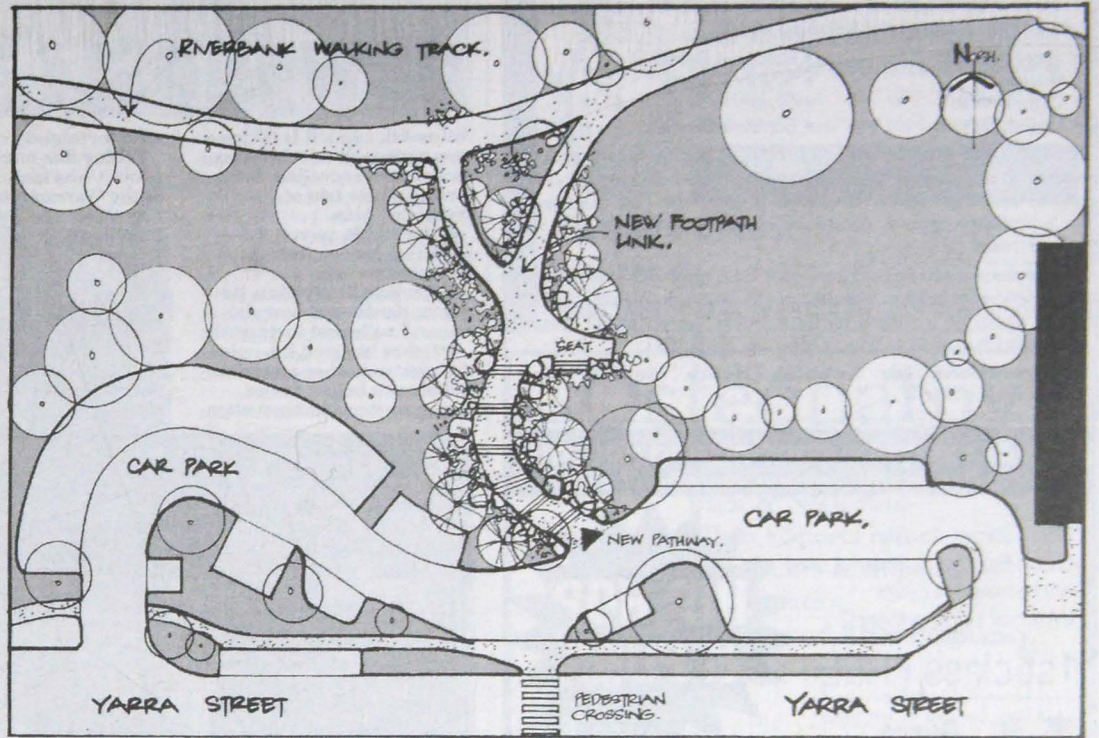
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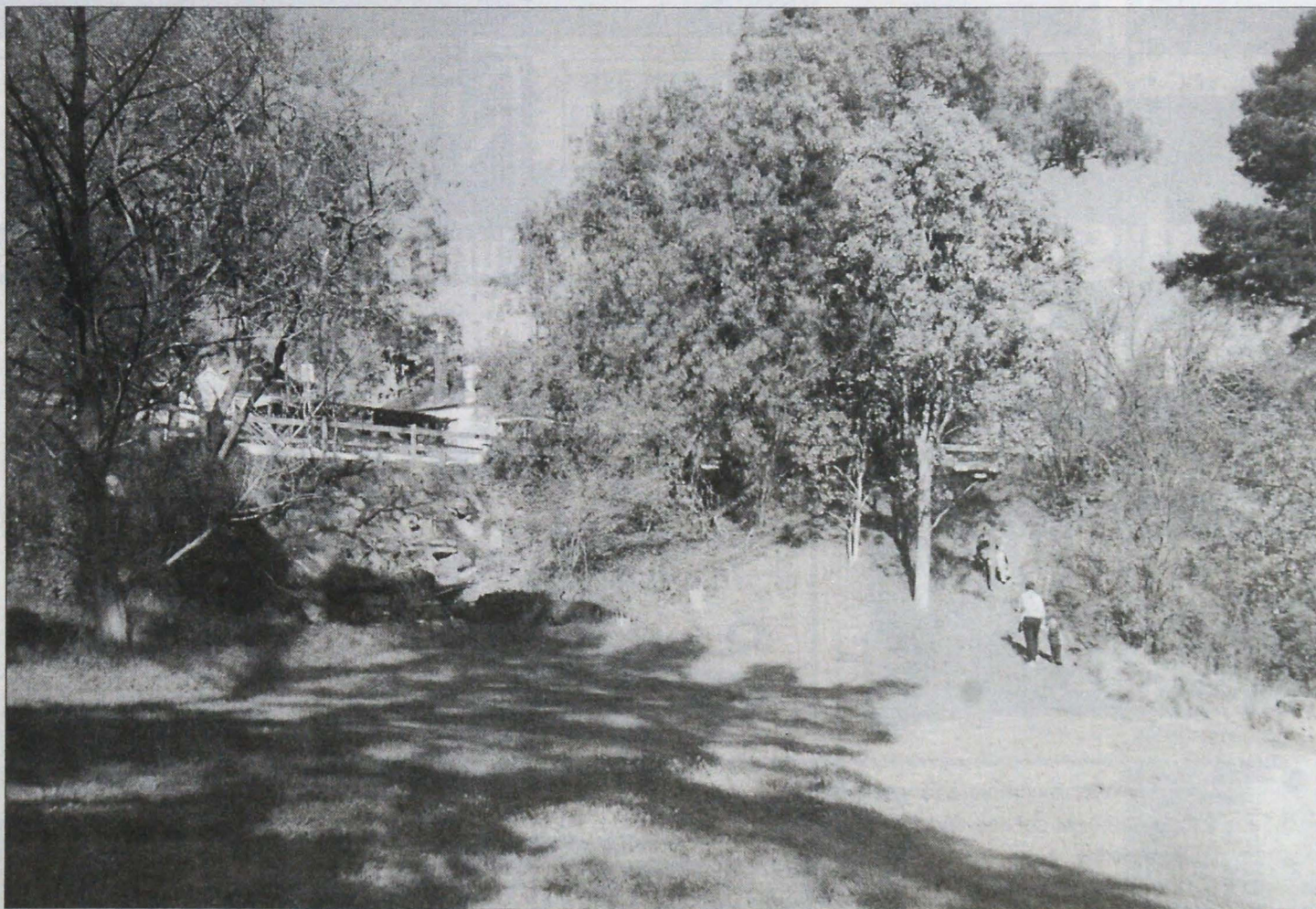
Resembles a tip site: Bev Hanson below the carpark fill.



Warrandyte landscape designer, Bev Hanson, has believed for many years that the area on the river side of the Grand Hotel car park could be more aesthetically pleasing. Instead, it has remained in an unfinished state since the car park was

upgraded. "Viewed from the river, the area shows that it has never healed and resembles a tip site," she said. Now Bev has come up with a landscape design for the area that links the hotel and shops car park in Yarra

Street with the riverbank. "In the 1970s and 1980s, many plans were put forward by the then Doncaster and Templestowe council for car parking areas until the present one was constructed," she told the *Diary*.



"There is no pedestrian access to the river from the car park because of the steepness of the fill batter, left in an unfinished state. People do try to access the river there, sliding down the dangerous steep slope. "By filling the area to make it a more gentle slope with an informal stairway, seating nooks and judicious placing of large local rocks, this could be a great asset," she said. "The obvious location for the work is opposite the pedestrian crossing, with a pathway meandering between existing trees down to the lower level."

Bev Hanson believes the landscape work would provide a place to show off some of the beautiful local plants, and add enormously to the environment of the riverbank and village.

Historically, Australian country towns turned their backs on the rivers. They became sewers and sites for such noxious industries as fell mongeries, slaughterhouses and soap factories. In Warrandyte, gold was dredged from the Yarra, coffer dams were built and water wheels powered such mine machinery as stamping batteries.

This landscaping project aims to connect village and river, building a link between the Yarra and the main street.

● The *Diary* invites readers' comments on this proposal.

This could be a great asset: a pathway could meander down to this grassed area and beyond to the river. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

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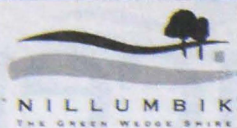
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Registrations are currently being invited for control of Spanish Heath. To receive a registration form and further details on the program, or to be placed on a mailing list for the other weeds, please contact Council's Environment Project Officer on 9433 3211.

Registrations for Spanish Heath close Friday 29 August 2003.

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Nillumbik council is taking a new approach to rubbish collection and recycling, introducing a new trio of "wheelie" bins.

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- Recycle bin (yellow lid—paper, cardboard and containers) collected fortnightly.
- Other bin (red lid—plastic bags and other materials not able to be put in the Green or Recycle bins) alter-

nate fortnightly collection.

Earlier this month, the project was launched locally at the Warrandyte Community Centre by Cr Bob Stubbings.

Right: Cr Bob Stubbings considers the community centre display.

Below: No, that's not our new garbo, that's Cr Bob delivering the new bins. (Pictures by Jan Tindale)

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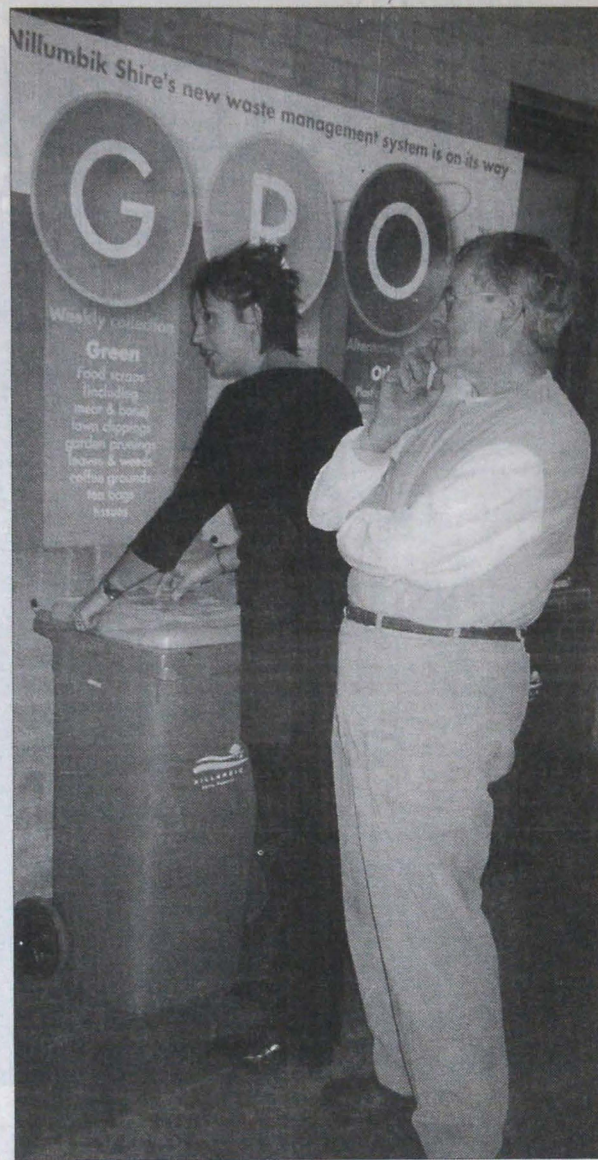
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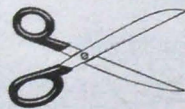
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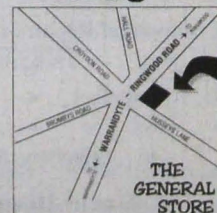
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Wedge welcome out north

By FIA CLENDINEN

Robert Marshall, an ex-councillor who served for 20 years on both the old Shire of Eltham and the existing Nillumbik council, said he is "thrilled" by the passing into legislation of the ALP's Melbourne 2030 planning strategy.

As was reported in the *Diary*, the ALP last year released Melbourne 2030, "a 30-year blueprint to curb Melbourne's urban sprawl and ensure sustainable growth". A key part of the strategy is legislative protection for Melbourne's Green Wedges.

Last month the policy finally became legislation and Mr Marshall, who has followed the process with such interest that he travelled into state parliament several times to listen to debate on the bill, said the final result had lived up to all his expectations.

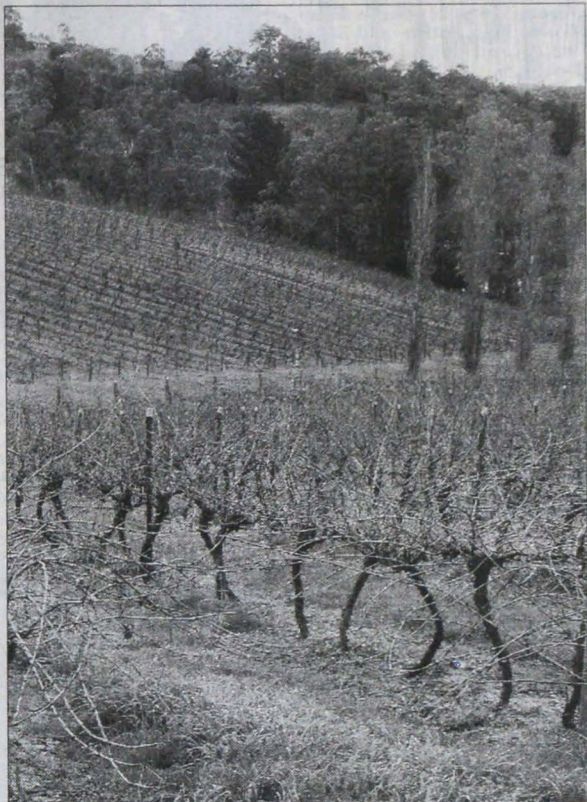
"Melbourne 2030 is probably the most significant planning legislation that Melbourne has ever seen," Mr Marshall told the *Diary*.

"It is of significance internationally as well. It's not just for Melbourne. This is an example to the international community as to how major world cities can and should be planned."

Mr Marshall's comments come in stark contrast to those of Phil Honeywood, state MP for Warrandyte.

In the May issue of the *Diary*, Mr Honeywood expressed his disappointment at the new legislation and accused the government of "watering down" its pre-election commitment to the Green Wedge.

But Mr Marshall stressed the new legislation had bipartisan support, which he said was essential if Melbourne's Green Wedges were to remain viable into the foreseeable future.



Nillumbik's Green Wedge: council's submission criticised.

"Both the Liberal Party and the Labor Party should be highly congratulated for having the courage to put forward such firm, definite and far-reaching,

creative planning," he said. Mr Marshall also pointed out that although the ALP had opposed the current legislation, the Liberal Party drafted the

initial Green Wedge theory, over 30 years ago.

"It was the Liberal party through Dick Hamer that put the whole Green Wedge concept into being in the first place, in 1971," he said.

But despite Mr Marshall's enthusiasm for the new legislation and the protection it will finally bring to the Green Wedge, he does still have one serious concern and his worry is shared by many conservationists north of the Yarra.

The government has invited submissions for the legislation and over 1500 have been received. These submissions will all be considered before the legislation is finalised, a process that is expected to take until the end of the year.

Mr Marshall said the state government intended, through discussion of the submissions, to "tidy up little areas where there might be some anomalies".

Nillumbik council has put in a submission and its contents have been criticised by many in the community as being against the very spirit of Melbourne 2030.

As was also reported in the *Diary*, Nillumbik council's submission seeks to move the Urban Growth Boundary and thereby reduce the Green Wedge by 350 hectares.

"What Nillumbik council is doing is not just tidying up a few areas," said Mr Marshall. "It's wholesale onslaught of urban areas marching into Green Wedge areas."

However Mr Marshall said he was cautiously optimistic the government would reject Nillumbik council's submission, but at the same time he said it was impossible to be absolutely certain.

In other news the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) last month overturned a planning decision by Nillumbik council to allow an 11 lot development on a 104 hectare farm in Nutfield, in a win for the Green Wedge Protection Group (GWPG) who took the case to the tribunal. This is the second time the GWPG have successfully appealed to VCAT to overturn planning decisions made by the present Nillumbik council.

Yet another case, concerning a proposed subdivision in Henley Road, Kangaroo Ground, is expected to come before VCAT in the next few months.

For the third time the GWPG are appealing against planning decisions made by Nillumbik council and they are quietly confident that this time their case will also be successful.

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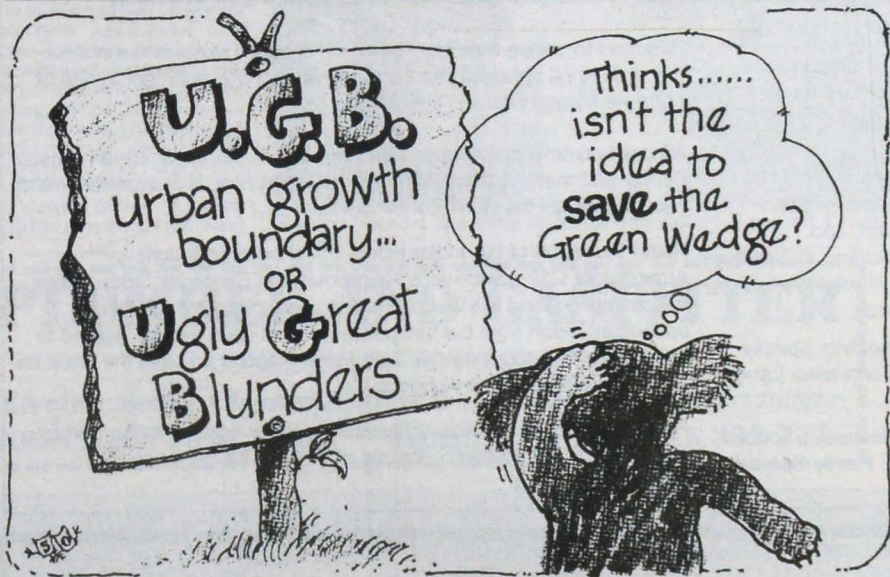
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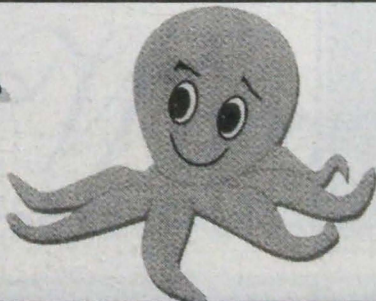
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Lions roar on

Brian Wales is the new president of Warrandyte Lions Club following his installation at the club's change over dinner at the Karrylyka Centre on June 27. He will lead the club as it enters the 31st year of its charter.

Approximately 70 Lions, their partners and guests, including many of the volunteers from the opportunity shop and friends of the president, were in attendance when charter member Ian Abell conducted the installation ceremony for office bearers of the club for the forthcoming year.

Outgoing president Daniel Singh provided a very comprehensive report on the club's activities during the past year; a year that has been an extremely busy and rewarding one for the club in the number of activities participated in, and the assistance the club has been able to provide to worthy causes.

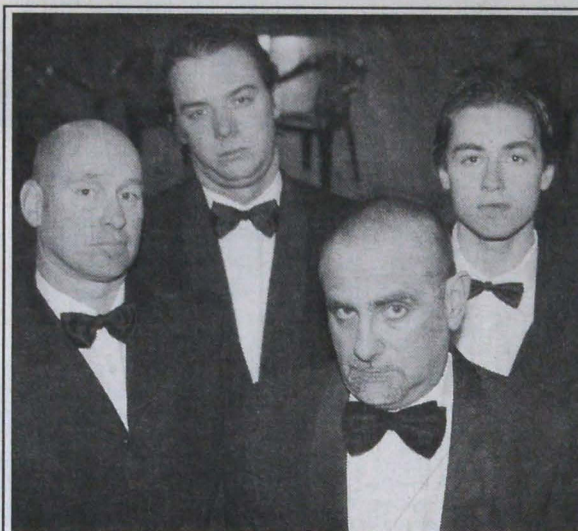
In addition to the work of the members and their partners,

Daniel acknowledged the dedication of the manager and volunteers of the "opp shop" in making much of this possible.

A new member, Pete Maloney, was inducted, and awards for 20 years service to Lions were made to Geof Wood and Dennis Robertshaw. President's awards were received by Geof Wood, vice presidents Tony Rowe, John Mitton and Brian Wales and treasurer David Dobbs.

The Lance Vizard president's award, in memory of the club's charter president, was presented by Lance's widow June to Dieter Retz for his outstanding contribution to the club over many years. Dieter has served the club in almost all positions as an office bearer and will continue to act as secretary this year.

The next major project for the club will be the club's annual youth award, which will conclude this year at the club's meeting at the end of August.



Bouncers four: Bill Mitchell, David Frazer, Adrian Rice, Josh Mitchell. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

Bouncing into Warrandyte

Been wondering about those posters around town, announcing the imminent arrival of "Mr Cinders"?

Mr Cinders is the name of a fictitious North England night club, setting for "Bouncers", Warrandyte Theatre Company's forthcoming production, directed by Adrian Rice.

"Mr Cinders is the place to be," Mr Rice told the *Diary*. "The beer is pricey but the atmosphere is intoxicating. The lads are well set after 15 pints and a vindaloo, and are on the look out for 'a pull'. The girls are out celebrating Rosie's 21st and aiming for some action too. They can be fussy though; nothing too drunk or ugly—but Suzie isn't so particular..."

The four bouncers take up the narrative and illustrate

the "kinds of things that happen late, when the beer's been downed and the pubs are shut". Four actors play multiple roles to bring the stories to life, and the bouncers establish and move the story on while being part of it themselves.

Adrian Rice warned that "Bouncers" is rated M. "There's some strong themes and language," he said.

The show is running at the Warrandyte Mechanics Hall, Yarra Street, across six nights: July 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26, commencing at 8pm. "And don't be late," Mr Rice warned again. "No late entries until interval on this one!"

Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 concession from Joan Rogers at the Bakery Cottage Bookshop, phone 9844 1744.

Cash for safety

The Warrandyte Basketball Association has received state government funding for safety initiatives.

Local MP Phil Honeywood told the *Diary* that a number of sporting clubs within the Warrandyte electorate had recently been approved for a grant under the 2003 VicHealth Sports Injury Prevention Scheme.

"A vast number of sporting clubs, representing a broad range of different sports contacted my office for application forms. I am pleased to see so many successful clubs in our local area," he said.

"This year's program was very competitive with approxi-

mately 900 applications from around the state applying for VicHealth funding. Due to the high level of interest of this funding round, the grants were capped at \$1600. All successful sporting clubs in the Warrandyte electorate received this maximum amount."

Warrandyte Basketball Association was among the successful applicants.

The grants, which are designed to improve the safety of sporting environments and reduce the likelihood of injuries, this year included funding for first aid training for staff of sporting clubs and the purchase of sports safety equipment.

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Key Decisions

Nillumbik Shire Council

These are some of the decisions made by Council on **Wednesday, 18 June 2003**. If you would like any extra information visit our website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for full business papers and Council monthly meeting dates. Next Council meeting is 16 July 2003 at 7.30pm at the Shire Offices. All welcome or listen to the broadcast on Plenty Valley FM 88.6.



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Governance

Resolved to adopt the *Council Plan 2003/2006*.

Resolved to submit a proposal to the Registrar of Geographic Names to name the recreation reserves in Hurstbridge – Hurstbridge Memorial Park and Fergusons Paddock.



Transport and Infrastructure

Authorised further consultation regarding proposed footpath construction in Ely Street and Withers Way, Eltham; and authorised further consultation regarding road sealing in Bradleys Lane, North Warrandyte; Hamilton Road, North Warrandyte; Howell Road, Plenty; and Storey Avenue, Research.

Resolved Council will not proceed with a road sealing *Special Charge Scheme* in Rockliffe Street, Eltham or Cochranes Lane, Hurstbridge; property owners to be advised.

Resolved Council give notice of its intention to declare a *Special Charge* for the construction of the Heard Avenue, Plenty *Special Charge Scheme*.



Land Use, Planning and Environment

Resolved to advise the Department of Primary Industries Council is prepared to be appointed as the Committee of Management for the St Andrews Market Site and surrounding reserve.

Adopted comments and responses outlined in the Rural Zones Review Report and make a submission to the Department of Sustainability and Environment on the Rural Zones Review.

Noted the report of the Independent Panel on submissions to Amendment C12 - Shire-wide Neighbourhood Character Study. Noted the options outlined in the report and agreed to make public any addendum report from the Independent Panel upon receipt. Agreed to invite community comment on both Panel Reports and that the issue be further considered in the August cycle.

Resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a permit to the land at 1635 Main Road, Research for use of the land for the purpose of materials recycling.

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Neighbourhood House takes time out for mothers

By KAREN THROSSELL

When my kids were little I used to read them a story called "Five minutes peace" about a mother elephant that tries to get a small break from her three clamouring baby elephants. She eventually gets into the bath with her toast and cup of tea, lies back and sighs in bliss. She lasts exactly three minutes and 27 seconds before, one by one, they all join her.

It was one of those books that was equally loved by mother and children. For me, it was because it was so true, showing just how difficult it often is for mothers at home with small children (sorry at-home fathers) to get any time to themselves.

This was the original rationale for the establishment of our "Time out for Mums" program at the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House. We wanted to offer a program which gave mothers a couple of hours for themselves, where they could relax, share stories and strategies, meet other women in the same situation and, with the help of a facilitator, learn some new skills.

The program ran throughout 2002 with funding from Doncare and help from Keystone and attracted about eight women. It is running again this year with a Manningham City Council community development grant.

I spoke to one of last year's participants, Sondra Hobson, a young mother of two little girls (Leah now aged four and Bonita, aged two and a half). "Last year was particularly difficult for me with the children so young, and no family around, no-one to call on. I had no break at all from them, and as much as I love them, I felt I was losing myself. The idea of having a small amount of time to myself during the day when I was alert

(at night I just crashed when the girls did) was fantastic."

When I asked what was so good about this group, Sondra was enthusiastic.

"I can't encourage mothers enough to take time out for themselves. We all need to feel grownup for a while, as well as be able to have a blubber like a baby as well. The program provided the sort of environment where you felt safe and supported."

"You knew your kids were nearby and happy in that fabulous childcare centre, and that you could have a whinge or an unwind with the assurance of total confidentiality."

I mentioned that our occa-

sional childcare program is part of the "Take a Break" scheme, and asked how this program was different.

"Even if you put your children in care and go home, there is always stuff to do there. It is impossible to justify doing nothing. To have a structured program to go to—to give yourself permission to do something just for you."

And what sorts of things did you do? I asked Sondra.

"I particularly liked the creative stuff. We had a wonderful creative art therapist (Carolyn Noel) who got us involved with exploring ourselves using art materials. We had a great time with that. I also learned to medi-

tate which felt fantastic."

I asked her whether she found time to practise it, already knowing the answer.

"I just can't seem to find the time," she said, even though she only needs between five and 20 minutes.

The "Time Out for Mums" program is running again in Term 3 on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon and is looking for new members. It is coordinated by Mary Chandler and includes a range of different "pampering" activities, such as belly dancing and creative arts.

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Sondra Hobson, the little Hobsons and Karen Throssell. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

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Leaping to life...

Students from Warrandyte Primary School and Donvale Christian College have worked together to create a kangaroo, under the direction of sculptor Jenny Rickards. Pictured are Laura and Bethany from Donvale Christian College and Tory and April from Warrandyte Primary. The completed work will be installed beside the Mullum Mullum Linear Trail.

College Wedge project

Donvale Christian College and Manningham council are working side by side to protect the local environment and enhance the Green Wedge.

"With council's support, the college has taken big steps to enhance wildlife habitat and natural areas on the school grounds," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The school's environmental coordinator, Mr John Harris, said the college has always had a strong environmental focus, planting indigenous natives on their campus for nearly 20 years and the council initiatives are compatible with their environmental goals.

"Teachers and ground staff have undertaken council's

Property management planning course, which now plays a significant role in the college's master planning process. The course has enabled us to concentrate on the environmental qualities of our college, as a basis for current and future environmental restoration and regeneration of our campus," he said.

One such project, implemented with financial assistance from council's LEAF program, was to fence off an area of environmental importance that contained orchids, lilies, native peas and Red Box.

Year Nine students assisted college staff in each stage of the fence construction, learning valuable skills along the way.

The college has also had preliminary discussions with council about a joint venture to restore four hectares of White's old orchard, which council has purchased to link into the Mullum Mullum Linear Reserve.

"Donvale Christian College is looking to develop an environmental education focus in the near future, especially for Year Nine and our recent acquisition of White's orchard is an integral part.

"The college sees such joint ventures as having significant benefits for its students, the council and community. This venture and the college's own plans are set to further enhance the environmental qualities of the Green Wedge," Mr Harris said.



How does our garden grow?

Warrandyte Primary School preps Gina and Luke enjoyed planting and watering during the preps' club program last month. As well as gardening, club activities include woodworking, cooking, mask making, finger puppets, jewellery and collage. Skilled parents and grandparents have helped.

The bus that walked

Have you ever seen a "walking bus"? You might quite soon. Manningham council has been granted \$30,000 by Vic Health to implement a Walking Bus program in the municipality.

The Walking Bus program allows students in a group to walk to school under adult supervision, with the volunteer parent "driver" walking along set routes and picking up children as "passengers" at designated spots on the way.

The program will be a partnership between council, Manningham YMCA and Manningham community health services and is designed to:

- Encourage children to walk to school in safety.
- Raise the awareness of the benefits of physical health activities.
- Reduce traffic congestion around participating schools.
- Reduce greenhouse emissions and
- Support the development of local social and

community networks.

Mayor Cr John Bruce said the Walking Bus program would offer a great deal to the school communities involved.

"There are many student safety and health, traffic congestion and even environmental concerns facing local schools these days," Cr Bruce told the *Diary*. "The Walking Bus is a wonderful program that will go a long way to addressing these issues by encouraging children to adopt healthier lifestyles and putting fewer cars on the district's streets and roads.

"The Walking Bus will be closely supervised both to and from school, removing the concerns of parents that children's safety would be compromised.

"In addition, the children will learn safety procedures such as crossing roads, the correct way to use a pedestrian and school crossing and how to operate pedestrian lights."

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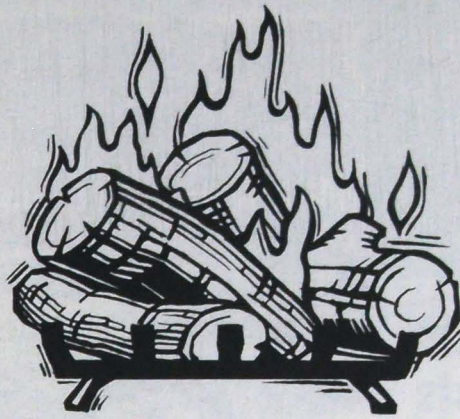
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Where there's smoke...



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According to Bruce Dawson, EPA Victoria's environmental strategies director, smoke from wood heaters is a major cause of air pollution in Victoria and contributes about 60 percent of all Melbourne's particle pollution during winter.

Mr Dawson hoped Victorians would change the way they used their wood heaters to ease the situation this year.

"A smoking fire is not only wasting your money, but the air pollution it causes can also affect our health," he told the *Diary*.

"Wood smoke contains a number of noxious gases and fine particles, which go deep into the lungs.

"These pollutants can cause breathing difficulties even at relatively low levels, especially for people suffering existing respiratory conditions, such as asthmatics, and for

very young children and frail older people.

"There are some simple measures you can take to reduce air pollution from wood heaters," Mr Dawson said.

"For example, burn dry, seasoned hardwood and regularly remove the ash from the firebox.

"Complaints about wood smoke are the number one call to many councils at this time of the year. It is important that people take responsibility and use their wood heaters correctly.

"If you can see or smell smoke then you are causing a problem for yourself, your family and your neighbours by contributing to poor air quality. If your fire is smoky, increase the air supply and keep the flame lively and bright."

Mr Dawson said people considering installing a woodheater should consider one that meets the Australian Standard AS/NZS 4013 and when operated correctly produced significantly less particles than heaters that do not meet the standard.

"Before purchasing new heating, investigate all energy-efficient alternatives that can be incorporated into the design, building and renovation of your home.

"Improved use and operating practices will reduce emissions and improve air quality, helping to reduce the incidence of health problems related to air pollution from woodheaters."

The sustainable energy authority urged Victorians to consider energy efficient heating alternatives, to help cut greenhouse pollution and household energy bills.

"Heating accounts for more than half the average household's energy costs, so it is important that you think carefully before making a decision on how to heat your home," advisory services spokesman Warren Edwards said.

"You can reduce your heating costs by taking measures such as insulating your home, sealing draughts, protecting windows and choosing a heating system wisely."

Quick tips for reducing pollution from wood heaters

DO

- Burn dry, seasoned hardwood
- Regularly remove ash from the firebox
- Clean the flue at least once a year
- Regularly check for cracks or changes to the firebox surface
- Check your heater complies with the Australian standard
- Ensure that your flue is higher than your neighbour's roofline
- Keep the flame lively and bright
- If your fire is smoky, increase the air supply.

DON'T

- Leave your wood heater smouldering overnight
- Use green or wet wood
- Overload your wood heater
- Burn rubbish or painted or treated wood
- Use a heater that doesn't comply with the Australian standards
- Burn just one log
- Store your wood where it's exposed to moisture or water
- Try not to operate your heater on smog alert or still days.

Digging deep for water

Water accumulating in the bottom of the disused quarry in Warrandyte-Templestowe Road is being used as an alternative water supply by Manningham council.

"Melbourne is in its seventh year of drought and with water storages currently at 40.4 percent, water conservation has become a high priority for council," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Mayor Cr John Bruce said the prolonged drought has highlighted the need for council to look for new, more efficient ways to use water.

"The sustainability of this valuable resource is a vital issue for the whole commu-

nity and with the trigger for stage two water restrictions looming, council needed to become more innovative," Cr Bruce said.

"Council had previously pumped ground and surface water that accumulated in the bottom of the now disused Doncaster quarry, into the Mullum Mullum Creek.

"Thinking outside the square, council investigated (with the approval of the EPA) the possibilities of re-using water from the former quarry, to reduce the need for mains water."

Testing showed that the water had a satisfactory pH level but a high salinity level.

Unusable for irrigation purposes, but still ideal for dust suppression on gravel roads, street cleaning, drain cleaning/maintenance and road base preparation.

A pump and tank system was installed, with the main pump installed at the base of the quarry to pump water to the two tanks 60m above at the top of the quarry.

The water stored in the tanks is filtered and pumped up to the quarry entrance gate where council's maintenance crew can refill the trucks and tankers.

"The pump and tanks system is fully automated," the spokesperson said. "During

high flows (when the reserves are high but the water demand low) the water that is pumped by the main pump will bypass the tanks and overflow into Mullum Mullum Creek."

Cr Bruce said council maintenance crews are now using the water at a variety of locations across the municipality, resulting in the reduction of the need for mains water in maintenance operations.

"Water is a valuable resource and council is committed to ensuring that all available water resources are managed in a sustainable way in the present and into the future," he said.

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Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C13

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C13 to the Manningham Planning Scheme.

The Amendment came into operation on 12 June, 2003.

The amendment introduces the Special Building Overlay (SBO) and defines land affected by the SBO on the planning scheme maps. In addition, the Amendment identifies additional land subject to the provisions of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) on the planning scheme maps. The Amendment also amends the wording of Clause 21.19 to provide a strategic basis for the introduction of the SBO.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at:

Department of Sustainability and Environment, Planning Information Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne

Manningham City Council, Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Any queries to this amendment should be directed to Chad Griffiths of the Economic & Environmental Planning Unit, on 9840 9124 or by email: chad.griffiths@manningham.vic.gov.au

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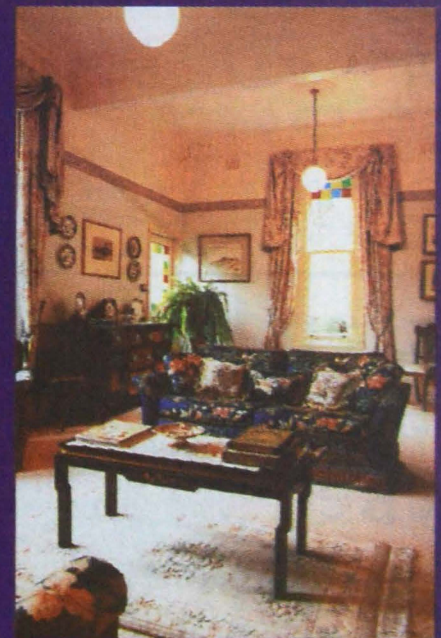
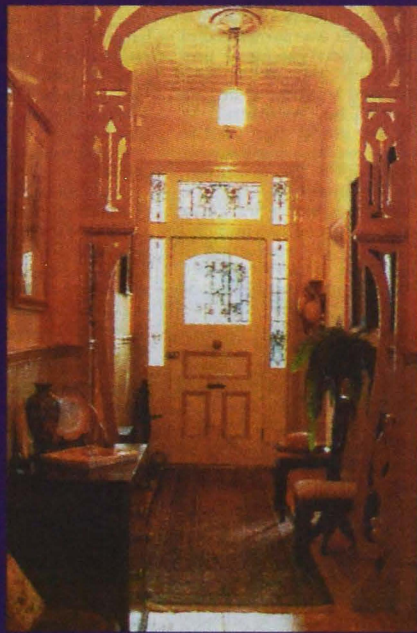


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Wandering weeds focus on the colour question

IT'S not until very recently that I've thought of myself as a Jonah. Indeed, until only a few weeks ago, I'd always considered myself to be a harbinger of good, not the bringer of bad fortune. The sort of person welcomed by others as helpful and one who is always ready to provide comfort and moral support to those in need. So it came as a bit of a shock when I was told about my failings by no other authority than Herself.

We were gardening and I had been removing all the weeds from the recently planted garden beds. The weeding had been a tedious job as I'd left it for too long and the feral plants had decided to squat. Like all squatters, they seemed to come from nowhere.

One day the beds were nice and middle class with bare earth interspersed with acceptably bred specimens. Then, before you could say, "I'll have a slice of frittata and a short black," the refined, if not politically incorrect plants, were cheek by jowl with guys from the wrong side of the tracks.

Now, the bad guys are no more politically unsound than those to whom we had granted asylum but the line had to be drawn in the sand and it was in our carefully nurtured and composted sandy-loam that the Maginot Line was set. And, I accept that I am not Mr Howard and my garden is not completely girt by sea but it is mine



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and I contend that I should have the right to decide which trespassers will be prosecuted!

So, as I ripped the interlopers from my patch of earth and sent them packing, I felt the warm inner glow that comes from knowing that you are doing good. I was preventing the miscegenation of our plants and was allowing room for the chosen to prosper. On second thoughts, I did feel like John Howard and, I too, knew that I was right.

I had finished weeding and had taken the pathetic rem-

nants to a spot at the far end of the block. I had some depressions left after the sewer trunk line had gone through. I was now in the process of filling it with whatever was unwanted in the rest of our garden. I had surrounded the area with barbed wire to show that this was not to be considered as part of the grand plan for the garden.

At this stage in the afternoon, Herself had finished what she had been doing inside and came out to help spread the mulch. I always enjoy the spreading of the mulch as it performs two important functions. First, it conserves water and helps prevent the growth of weeds and, second, it unifies the garden beds. On these points we agree. The problem arose about how to spread the mulch.

I adopt the scatter approach, by which I mean that I like to cast the mulch across the bed in order to effect an even spread. A bit like casting grain. Herself adopts the more tentative carefully-placed-handful approach. With my technique, once the mulch has been cast, I give the plants a careful shake and they're left sitting proudly atop their protective layer of eucalyptus shavings.

I'm a tolerant man and was quite prepared to coexist with a different stylist. After all, we were both after the same results. However, I noticed that the vibes I was getting from Herself were less conciliatory.

Each time I looked, she was looking from me to the plants and would then shake her head but ever so slightly. I assumed she was upset by the slow growth of the plants, or by some flakes of mulch that may have floated in her direction, so I got back to the job in hand.

"You know you give them black spot!"
"Sorry! Are you talking to me?"

"You know doing it like that gives them black spot?"
I was a bit gob-smacked by this. Here I was thinking that what I was doing was positive and all the time my co-policy maker was planting the seeds of uncertainty. Was there to be a palace coup?


"But you told me that the way I water the roses causes black spot. Surely everything I do doesn't cause disease."

The silence indicated that that was all for the day. But like all coups, there would be additional skirmishes.

On the way back to Melbourne, we drove in silence. I kept my own counsel and concentrated on the road. Halfway home, we approached an intersection. As I slowed, I noticed a sign with dark lettering. As I neared it, I read "Danger—black spot."

"You see, I have support!"
For the rest of the trip I knew what it must feel like to be a refugee.

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Ancients blessed, tourists tolerate, farmers cherish

ONE of my earliest memories of Healesville Sanctuary is not of the animals inside the enclosures, but those on the outside. Namely, the Ibis. They were everywhere—mingling with the tourists, milling around the picnic areas and the cafeteria with one thought in mind. Food. And it was not just leftovers dumped in bins or dropped on the ground, the Ibis were harassing people as they ate.

These wild wetland birds had been invited into our environment, so how can we blame them when they take advantage of it? After all, we have invaded and exploited their habitat.

It all began about 40 years ago when Healesville Sanctuary obtained several White Ibis nestlings from Kow Swamp, near Kerang. Soon the birds were breeding in their new home, some had their wings clipped and were released outside the aviary, but the sanctuary got more than they bargained for.

The released captives lured wild Ibis and mated with them and before long a wild colony had become established. By 1970 there were an estimated 700 birds, 10 years later this had swelled to around 1600 and the sanctuary had a major problem on their hands. To reduce numbers, they gave birds to other sanctuaries and zoos in Sydney, Canberra and the Gold Coast. But the Healesville birds took their bad habits with them. Allowed to free-range they scavenged for food in suburban parks, raiding rubbish bins and frightening children. The Ibis had transgressed from novelty to nuisance to undisputed urban pests.

In another time, in another



NATURE

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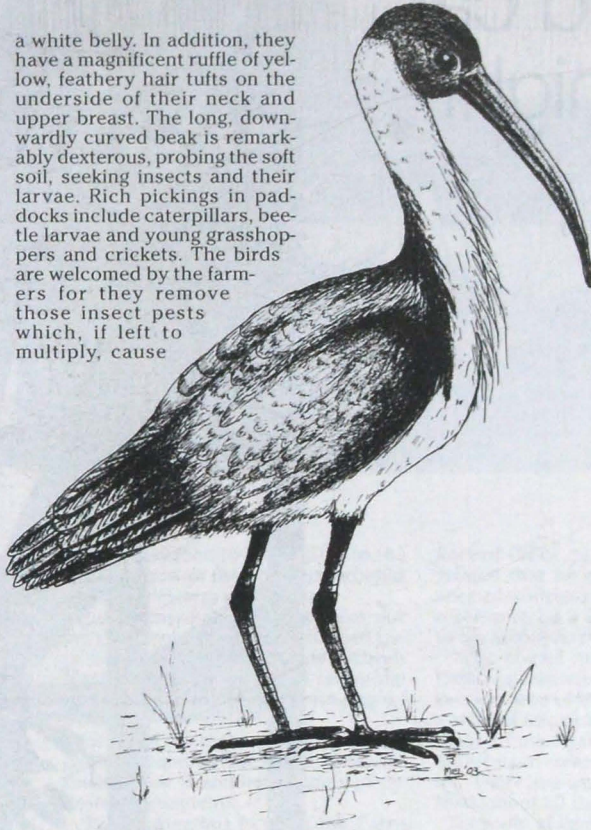
place, another Ibis was viewed very differently. The African Sacred Ibis, a close relative of our own, was one of several animals worshipped by the ancient Egyptians. Live birds were kept and tended in temples, when they died they were mummified and placed in an animal necropolis. Centuries later up to half a million birds have been found in these places of ancient burial, wrapped in linen bandages and sealed in pottery jars. Although Sacred Ibis can still be found in other parts of Africa, they became extinct in Egypt in the mid-19th century due to destruction of their wetland habitat.

In Australia we have three species of Ibis. Along with Healesville's White or Sacred Ibis, there is the Straw-necked and the Glossy. While they share a similar distribution each has found its own niche in the natural and human environment.

Whites, named for their predominantly white plumage—more often a grubby grey—make use of wet and dry habitats. The smaller, shimmering black Glossies feed almost entirely in wetlands, while Straw-necked are the most terrestrial feeders with a preference for paddocks.

Straw-necked Ibis resemble the White Ibis in size and shape, but are rather more resplendent with a contrasting combination of deep, shiny green plumage on the back and wings and

a white belly. In addition, they have a magnificent ruffle of yellow, feathery hair tufts on the underside of their neck and upper breast. The long, downwardly curved beak is remarkably dexterous, probing the soft soil, seeking insects and their larvae. Rich pickings in paddocks include caterpillars, beetle larvae and young grasshoppers and crickets. The birds are welcomed by the farmers for they remove those insect pests which, if left to multiply, cause



enormous damage to crops and grazing fodder. Ibis droppings are an added bonus because they act as a valuable fertiliser.

An open paddock devoid of trees is not usually worth a second glance, except at this time of year when it is not unusual to see huge flocks of Straw-necked Ibis, sometimes mixed with other Ibis species, foraging

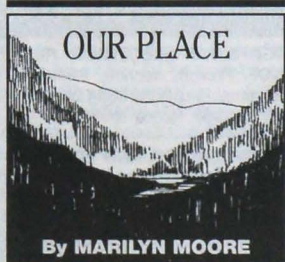
for food in the grass. Of all wetland birds only the Ibis have been able to adapt to our way of life, availing themselves of the huge variety of food items on offer. So successful are they, it is almost certain that these large lanky birds with their curved oversized bills will be around for a long time to come.

Living life in the steep lane

LIFE on our lumpy bumpy driveway provides plenty of thrills and even the odd spill (our kids have scars to prove it). One day we'll splash out on a grader and a truckload of gravel, but in the meantime, who needs to pay a fortune to go to Wet'n'Wild? Right here at home we have obstacles a-plenty: potholes, skids, puddles and bumps, as well as less savoury items such as the wombat's steaming heaps. You never know what you'll hit next.

Last week, for example, I was struggling down the steep and slippery hill with a large carton of waste paper for the recycling collection. It was the witching hour, and the blackest of nights—not even a faint glimmer of starlight to illuminate the path. I trod carefully, feeling with my feet for the grassy ridge between the potholed wheel tracks. A stumble in the vicinity of the largest puddle could be tragic for the socks, if not the entire box of papers.

When a change in slope told me that I'd safely passed through the gateway (hopefully well clear of a fresh heap), I thankfully dumped the weighty



OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

carton next to the bins, scrambled about under the bushes for a log to weigh down a loose pizza box, then turned confidently back uphill. So much easier to see, facing the house, with warm light filtered through silhouetted trees and reflected dimly off murky puddles. Skirting the deepest of these, my leg brushed against a wet ...

GGRRRRRRRRM PHHH! Thump!

Bloody hell, what the...! A dark shadow stirred. "Wombat! What's your problem?"

He didn't bother to reply, but crossly waddled away on ridiculously short and bandy legs. A patch of chewed-up fur on his haunches suggested an

altercation of some sort. Either that, or mange. He paused for one last bewildered stare, then trotted with surprising speed across the flourishing weed-patch that we fondly think of as the front lawn.

Just as well he wasn't waddling up the drive a couple of nights earlier, or he would have found an even larger obstacle to his progress. She-who-shall-remain-nameless tried to dodge a particularly cavernous pothole while towing the Sulo bin up the steepest part of the hill, ran the car way off the wheel tracks, stopped, realised too late that it was impossible to continue upwards from a standing start at this point, and promptly rolled back into the sleeper retaining wall, blocking the driveway completely to all traffic, including 4WDs with winches, tow-trucks and wombats.

Hell's bells! Talk about stuck.

It was difficult over the phone to convince Roadside Assistance that the situation was dire. "But you must be able to drive either forwards or backwards," insisted the bright young man in customer service. "You can't possibly not. I mean, the car had

to get there, didn't it?" Poor bloke. He should get out more. An after-dark tour of some of Warrandyte's more interesting driveways should be a prerequisite for that job. Finally persuaded that our predicament was fair dinkum, however, and helpful to the last, he did the only sensible thing he could think of for two damsels in distress—he sent a Man.

So half an hour later, there was this chap standing in the driveway looking askance at the strangely parked vehicle. "Yeah, well, I saw another case like this, once. Couldn't get a truck in, so we found about 20 people to lift the car sideways." He scratched his head thoughtfully. "Too steep here, though."

Too steep for anything that anybody could think of, in fact. It would clearly take a small miracle to get the car out unscathed. Nevertheless, with the expert guidance of Man, we rolled up our sleeves and finally somehow wrought that miracle. What a pity that nobody but old Wombat was around to witness it.

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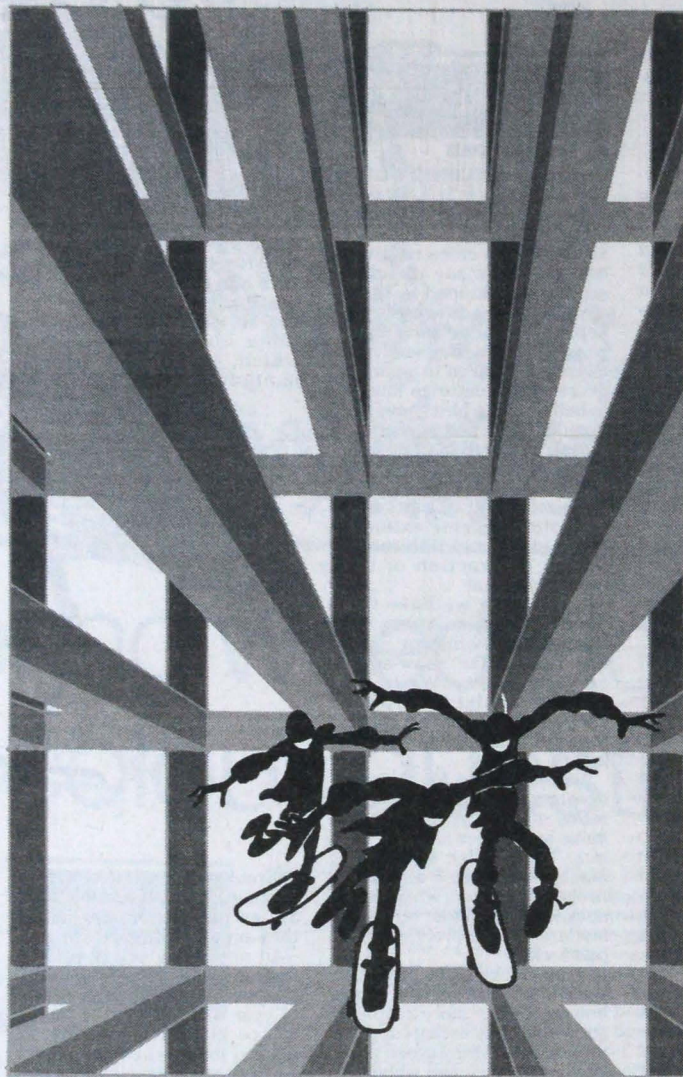
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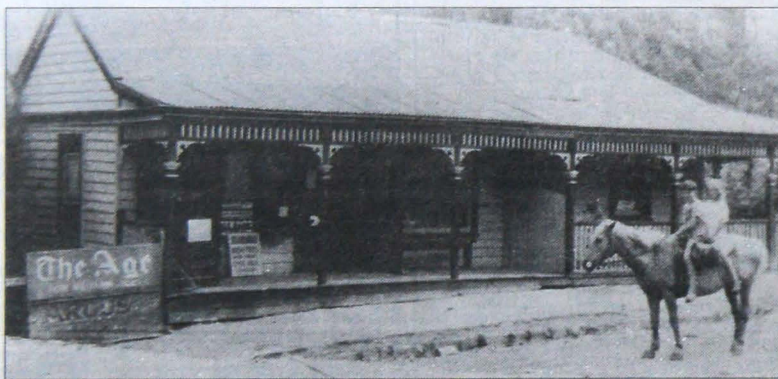
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The courthouse and police station at Andersons Creek.

THE inaugural police magistrate and goldfields warden of the Caledonian diggings, W.C. Brackenbury, was appointed on January 7, 1856, with a small troop of Bourke District mounted policemen under his jurisdiction. His administration was initially centred at Queenstown (now St Andrews), but he visited the Creek regularly to issue business licences and miners' rights.

As well as these administrative duties, Brackenbury also had to adjudicate in disputes between miners and landholders. In the months prior to his appointment, the private property identified on contemporary maps as Thomson's Pre-Emptive Right—which had been named "Bonny Town" by the earlier 1840s settlers, James Dawson and George Selby—had been identified as a potential source of quartz gold. Situated on the south side of the Yarra, between Thomson's Gully and Narrmeian (Jumping) Creek, this property encroached on traditional Wurundjeri camping land (today's Black Flat). In 1855-6 it was leased as a dairy run by Henry Frencham, a journalist and prospector. By the time Warden Brackenbury was appointed, a confrontation between Frencham, wishing to farm his homestead, and 40 or 50 miners, wishing to prospect and dig, had already risen. Brackenbury, with police support, was able to negotiate an arbitrary (but at that time illegal) compromise. Both the *Argus* and the *Herald* on 13 February 1856 reported:

"The matter was arranged with peace and quietness. At the suggestion of the Warden and Bourke District Police Inspector P. Le Poer Bookey, Messrs Thomson and Frencham consented to open the gully, and let it be worked, on condition that the diggers paid for each claim of 12 feet square £1, and to fill up the holes afterwards, and to insure the performance of which, each party should deposit £1, to be afterwards refunded when the work should be finished.

"To these proposals the diggers, after half an hour's consideration, consented, allowing Messrs Thomson and Frencham to take claims by ballot. A Committee was appointed for the carrying out of the arrangements; and on Thursday morning the money is to be paid and the gully opened. There is every prospect of a good harvest from it to the diggers.

"It is to be hoped that the diggers will ever respect the rights of private property, as they have in this instance so happily concluded their difference."

But Brackenbury felt that such informally mediated arrangements would not always guarantee law and order and on April 1, 1856 he wrote to Bourke District police headquarters advising of "the necessity of having a Police Station at Andersons Creek diggings". In response, an internal police memorandum of May 1, advised that "as there are so few persons working there at present, I do not consider a police station absolutely required". However, by the middle of the year, the core population at Andersons Creek had achieved some stability, and the local populace added their voice to the request for law and order. This presu-

ably provided the necessary stimulus, and a further internal police memorandum of 1 October 1856, noted "the Constable House for this Station (Andersons Creek) has been conveyed to its destination and will be erected in a few days". On October 16, 1856 a further report mentioned that "the house is being erected on a section containing 8 to 10 acres". On 24 October 1856 it was advised that "land is surveyed and the town allotments will be sold immediately".

Meanwhile Brackenbury divided his time between Queenstown and Andersons Creek. On September 15, 1856, the Andersons Creek correspondent to the *Argus* reported that "Mr Brackenbury, the Warden, has taken up his quarters among us, and gives general satisfaction in the discharge of his duties". But his dwelling place—as it had been on the occasions of his previous visits to the district—remained a tent. He was still associated with the goldfields court at St Andrews, where on December 23, 1856 he gained approval for a by-law covering the period of December 26, 1856 to January 6, 1857, which prevented claims being jumped while miners enjoyed their Christmas holidays. At that time he was having a small wooden house built at Andersons Creek adjacent to the site of a new courthouse, which was also to be constructed in the months following.

The establishment of a goldfields court at Andersons Creek was also initiated on November 29, 1856. Backed by a committee of nine local miners elected by their peers, this court was chaired by the warden, who in his additional capacity as police magistrate also held courts of petty sessions for the general public in the same building. For the inaugural sittings Brackenbury came on horseback from Queenstown to sit in judgement. In March 1857, contracts were let to construct office premises for the warden, and erect police officers' quarters and stables at Andersons Creek. By May Brackenbury had occupied his timber cottage at the Creek.

A goldfields school

For the families of the diggers who had stayed on in Warrandyte, the first goldfields school (in the form of a "tent" school) was established in late 1856. It was instigated by Scots miner, William Masterton, the "patriarch" of Andersons Creek, who was the first really successful quartz miner of the First Hill. Masterton believed that all children of parents who held miners' rights should be given free education. The *Argus* noted that "one of the National School Inspectors has lately visited this place, for the purpose of establishing a school; he obtained the names of 50 children, who will attend the school". The National Board, in approving the use of a tent school at Andersons Creek diggings in October 1856, also suggested that the miners should consider constructing:

"a permanent weatherboard edifice... This they agreed to do as quartz crushers were being set up to treat the yield from the 7 district reefs; and many diggers, who had their families in Mel-

bourne, planned to bring them to the field as soon as the crushers brought more money into circulation."

But permanent buildings were not yet the norm. The *Argus* described the primitive conditions under which Masterton and his wife had set up the home in which they were bringing up a family:

"Some of the diggers' tents have enclosed ground, in which vegetables are raising their useful heads, amid gayer flowery ornaments.

"He (Masterton) is quite the Patriarch of Anderson's Creek, and is deservedly and universally respected. We entered his comfortable canvas dwelling upon the crest of the hill. The various apartments presented that cosy and orderly appearance, which indicated the busy hand of woman. A convenient yard was fenced in with the tents.

"The good wife of this happy home was a thrifty old lady of Lanark, whose deep concern seemed to be the moral welfare of her large family, upon a diggings wholly destitute of educational and religious advantage."

The opening of the tent school was imminent, but the lack of adequate and economically viable quartz crushing facilities was to frustrate many a miner for some decades to come.

Mining boards created

At the beginning of 1858, mining boards replaced the local courts that had set regulations and adjudicated in mining disputes on the goldfields since the middle of 1855. Boards lost the judicial role previously exercised by the local courts and concentrated on the legislative function of setting regulations and unifying the prolific by-laws introduced by the local courts. This meant that the Andersons Creek local court lapsed, and the St Andrews Division, encompassing both the Andersons Creek and Caledonian goldfields, became part of the Castlemaine District administered by the Castlemaine Mining Board. St Andrews elected only one of the 10 representatives who were to comprise the board. From that time then, future decisions regarding conditions at Andersons Creek were predominantly those that most concerned the mining fraternity centred on Castlemaine.

On June 4, 1858 Brackenbury was succeeded by C. Warburton Carr as resident gold warden and magistrate. Mounted Constable J. Feathers Dunlap policed the district. The Creek's miners and residents thus received long overdue protection from claim jumping and thefts, and enjoyed sensible "English style" administration. Also the following year, as a consequence of the establishment of the mining districts, the recording of mining licences and surveyed leases was re-instituted. At Andersons Creek this became the responsibility of the newly appointed mining surveyor for the St Andrews Division, James Murphy.

Early in Carr's stewardship, and consistent with the opinions of the majority of the white miners, his attitude towards the dwindling Wurundjeri population soon become apparent. In his 1858 letters retained by the Public

Record Office, he has clearly demonstrated that he considered the presence of Aborigines in and around the reserve to be a disturbing drawback to his administration of the gold field:

"The blacks rarely or never make their appearance amongst us without two or three of their number being in a state of intoxication. It would be difficult to ascertain who supplies the unfortunate creatures with ardent spirits. There are many 'Sly Grog Shops' throughout all the diggings.

"I cannot suggest any plan by which the Aborigines of this country might be saved from ultimate extinction, nor can I resist confessing that I can see no good likely to result, morally, socially, or commercially in the preservation of a race so utterly useless and irreclaimable, except it be the desirability of preserving a few specimens of the lowest form of humanity for the investigation of Science. I do not think any efforts on our part could induce them to abandon their present uncivilised and wandering habits."

Carr's judicial decisions, in his capacity as a police magistrate, were recorded by Feathers Dunlap. For example, his notes regarding the trial of miner William White at Andersons Creek Police Court for shooting "Bobby the Aboriginal" at Brushy Creek, indicates that "White was acquitted of shooting with intent", and was only "fined £5 for discharging fire arms in a public place", with the fine money being "handed to Guardian Wm. Thomas Esq., J.P., as compensation for the Blacks". Despite Carr's abhorrence of the Wurundjeri, and of their introduction to liquor by Europeans, it apparently took him six years to effect his first convictions against illegal liquor suppliers, involving a gang of three white men, who each rated a similar fine. According to Feathers Dunlap, in February 1864 the "three men were convicted at Anderson's Creek Police Court and fined £5 each for selling spirituous liquor to Aborigines". The time of their convictions is puzzling, as there were few, if any, prospective indigenous "customers" for their liquor still living freely in the locality. Some two years earlier the remnants of the Wurundjeri clans had been forcibly removed to a reserve on the Acheron.

About the end of 1858, some of the miners, who had briefly made Warrandyte their home, were intent on penetrating the forests and prospecting the little known alluvial regions of the Upper Yarra and Dandenong Ranges of the new mining district, rather than working the difficult-to-crush quartz of the local field. Among

them was the Irish hotelier, Patrick Geraghty, who in 1856 had established one of the Warrandyte miners' favourite watering holes, Geraghty's Inn, the business of which he had commenced in a tent. In November 1858, Geraghty organised one of a number of parties that sojourned in the ranges for months at a time. These parties made valuable contributions to the discovery of the Emerald, Nicholson, Britannia and Warburton goldfields, which extended the territory for which Goldfields Warden Carr and Mining Surveyor Murphy held responsibility.

By the following year the Andersons Creek constables were required to inspect these new goldfields as they were progressively exploited. This often involved travelling long distances, sometimes even beyond Warburton. As no police stations had then been established in these districts, inspections were made by Carr and/or one or other of the Andersons Creek mounted constables under Feathers Dunlap's supervision. Each officer was required to submit a written report on his return. Constables John McAdam, William H. Purcell, Short, William Davey and Feathers Dunlap himself compiled such reports.

By 1859 gold mining had accelerated the demise of the Warrandyte Aboriginal Reserve. The gold surveyor-registrar, James Murphy, mentions in his official reports that "significant gold mining activity had been occurring within and around the reserve, with claims granted for alluvial (sluicing, tub washing) and quartz mining right throughout the region". These claims inhibited to an even greater extent the limited access that the remnants of the then considerably decimated Wurundjeri clan might have otherwise had for collecting their meagre "hand-outs" at the commodities' station. Effective functioning of the reserve therefore became virtually non-existent, and it was to be officially revoked some two years later. Shortly after its closure—in 1862—the itinerant Wurundjeri, who until then had still been able to come and go through the outskirts of the district as they pleased—together with the remnants of other Kulin and Kurnai clans—were shunted off to the Acheron Reserve, prior to eventually finding their "home" at Coranderk in 1863. At this stage only 22 Wurundjeri members of the formerly proud clan, which had numbered several hundreds, were still alive.

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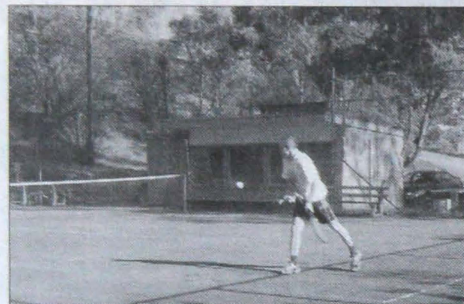
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By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

SOMEONE—or should I say, some man—with strong local connections who is looking for an outlet to use them for good works could contact the Warrandyte Lions Club.

Committed to the ideal of people dedicating their time, energy and resources to the betterment of the community, the Lions Club began in Warrandyte in 1972 with its motto of "We Serve". Although perhaps best known for the Op Shop at the community centre, the club achieves a great deal for the disadvantaged and disabled especially, according to former secretary Geoff Taylor.

"Few people would know of it, but the Lions Club gives all sorts of emergency assistance for those who are maybe in a housing or financial crisis, it supports youth in the area, provides free health testing, runs the public tennis courts at the

bridge, fundraises for charities and runs camps," Mr Taylor said. "We also like to celebrate the tremendous youth in the community with an arts award and the youth of the year award."

The Warrandyte youth arts award is a \$6000 scholarship for a young artist who would otherwise be unable to do so, to pursue a career in Australia or internationally, while the youth of the year award recognizes an outstanding year 11 or 12 student at a school within five kilometres of Warrandyte. This student, nominated in one of five areas of academic, sporting, community involvement, community leadership or artistic endeavours, wins \$600, with a similar amount going to her or his school. The awards are made every two years alternately.

Mr Taylor said the highlights of the Lions calendar were the "In the Driver's Seat" program — "a huge hit" — and a watersports weekend for CanTeen, the organisation of young people with cancer, at Eildon. The former gives visually-im-

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paired Victorians the opportunity to drive dual-controlled cars at Sandown with driving instructors, while the Eildon weekend offers water skiing, jet skiing, speedboats, houseboats and fishing in conjunction with the local boat club.

"Warrandyte Lions are also responsible for a house at a camp at Licola in East Gippsland where Warrandyte children who are possibly socio-economically disadvantaged and would appreciate a break can stay at no cost during the holidays," he said. This house, recently gutted and refurbished at a cost of \$25,000, is also used by residents from the Monkami centre for intellectually disabled adults. The camp is "very user friendly for disabled groups, with good wheelchair access and so on".

Warrandyte Lions sponsor exchange students who come to Victoria for three weeks from all parts of the world.

The club runs two sessions annually for local pre-school and prep children to have free hearing tests as well as annual vision testing for children and adults within Manningham. Fundraising includes running a food stall at the Warrandyte Festival, selling Christmas cakes to make up hampers for needy families, raffles and of course the Op Shop, which had a turnover of about \$120,000 this financial year.

Mr Taylor, 52, the principal at Warranwood Primary School, said the club was now hoping to attract "the next generation" of members. "Most of our members are fairly senior. Most have been in the club since the 70s and 80s and are at or above retirement age."

Current secretary Dieter Retz said he joined the club after retiring from business. "Warrandyte had been good to me and my family, it was time to give something back and this organisation fulfils that desire," he said. "New retirees and those with time on their hands can have years of work skills and

crafts they've acquired. Plumbers, electricians, solicitors and company directors—each has some skill the club can use. And the fellowship and socialising are the glue that keeps the club together."

But Mr Taylor says for the moment, "no progress has been made on permitting women to become members. At the moment the club has elected a men-only enclave." But according to him, it's only a matter of time before there are women in the Warrandyte Lions Club. "Women have an empathy for people working with depression, alcohol and drug abuse and gambling afflictions. They're good fun as well. Women bring another view and a different perspective on the different problems within the community. Men and women together can work to meet these challenges."

● The Warrandyte Lions Club meets every second and fourth Thursday. For further information contact the secretary Dieter Retz on 9712 0326.



Lions' Opportunity Shop.

Pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

History at home

Interested in local history? The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society will be held at the society's museum, situated in the town's old post office at 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Sunday, July 20 at 2pm. Following the meeting guest speaker, Mrs Betty Barber will provide "An Entertaining Look at Victorian (Unmentionable) Underwear". All are welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Walk

Mick Woitwod is leading a "Gawa Aboriginal Food Resource Trail Walk" at Watson's Creek Reserve (Melways 264 F3) on Saturday, July 12 as part of NAIDOC week. Call Mick on 9712 0563 for further information.

Auxiliary

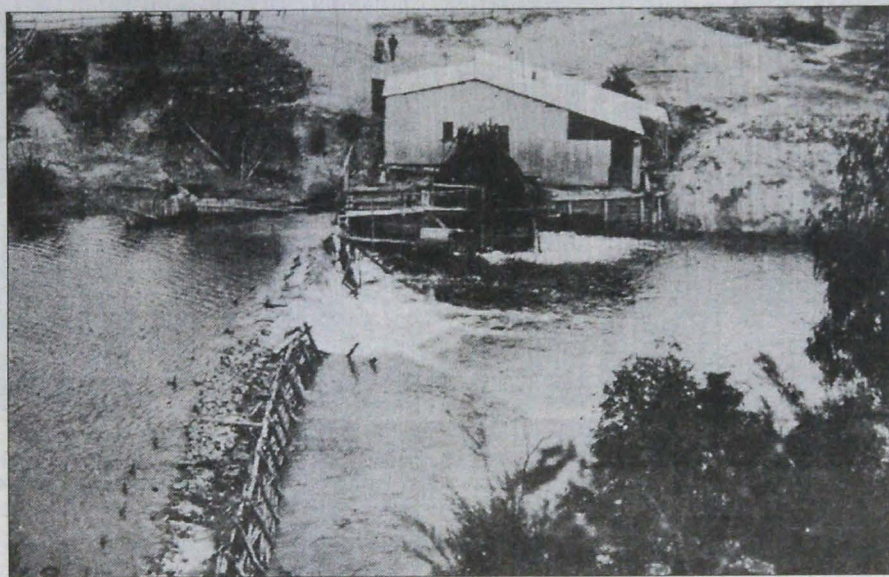
As reported in last month's *Diary*, the Warrandyte Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary recently shut up shop after more than 70 years of active local service. Its place has been taken by the Warrandyte branch of the Maroonah Hospital Auxiliary, supporting hospital facilities closer to home. They are holding a Tupperware party at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre in Tarooona Avenue, Warrandyte, on Thursday, July 17. The fun begins at 2pm and afternoon tea will be served. All are welcome.

Environment

The next Environmental Seminar, to be held at the Function Room, Club Warrandyte, 120 Yarra Street, Warrandyte will be on Thursday, August 7 commencing at 7.30pm. Speaker, Glen Jameson, *Diary* writer and environmental team leader, Parks Victoria, has entitled his talk "Restoring Ecological Processes—or Just Putting Sticks in the Ground?". He will evaluate progress in environmental management during his 20 years experience in the Middle Yarra region.

Friends

Friends of Nillumbik, a conservation group based north of the river, is looking for support among Warrandyte residents. The group is pledged to promote conservation and aims to achieve a productive, vibrant and high quality environment for residents, visitors and future generations. They believe Nillumbik's current council does not have the concept of an environmental shire in its thinking. They can be contacted through Bill Penrose, PO Box 168, Pantoon Hill, 3759. Email: friends@fon.dlist.com.au



The Caledonia battery, on the River Yarra (pictured above as it appeared in 1906) is part of Warrandyte's rich golden past. You can enjoy exploring this history and assisting in its preservation by joining the Warrandyte Historical Society. Call president Jo Laurence on 9844 3694 for more information.



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Dancing

If you like old time or new vogue dancing, the South Warrandyte Dance Committee will be running their next dance in the South Warrandyte Hall, in Hall Road, on Saturday, July 12. For further information call 9729 8192.

Do Care

Wesley Do Care are looking for volunteers to assist older or disabled persons in the community. For further details please call Wesley Do Care on 9762 5211.

Indigenous

"Tracks" is an exhibition of needlework, sculpture and silk work by Elizabeth Savage Kooroonya, being shown during NAIDOC Week. According to the artist, the exhibition "reflects my indigenous heritage as well as my non-indigenous heritage". The exhibition is running from July 3 to 22 at the Eltham Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham. More information from 9433 3136.

Exhibition

Di Allen, Robin Carter, Anna Sowards and Lidia Uhl are showing their works in the July exhibition at the Stonehouse Gallery, 323 Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, Warrandyte. The exhibition is entitled "Freshwater" and consists of interpretations of water vessels in clay and interior and exterior works of art, all drawing their inspiration from water.

Auditions

Auditions for Eltham Little Theatre's end-of-year Music Hall—including the melodrama "Love or Lassos"—will be held on Sunday, August 3 at 7.30pm at the Eltham Performing Arts Centre, Main Road, Research. Call 9439 2017 for further information.

Infidelity

Bend of Isles resident, playwright Ray Mooney is producing "Infidelity" a dynamic season of 13 short plays which ex-

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amine the universal issues of romance, love, obedience, betrayal and revenge. The production is by the Melbourne Writers Theatre to celebrate their 21st birthday. Performances are from June 25 to July 12, Wednesday to Saturday at 8pm and Tuesday and Sunday at 6.30pm at the Carlton Courthouse Theatre, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton. Tickets only \$10. Bookings on 9459 5391.

Gondoliers

The Diamond Valley Singers are performing The Gondoliers, in conjunction with the Diamond Valley and Eltham Community Orchestra, at the Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road, Warrandyte on July 9, 11, and 12 at 8pm and July 12 at 2pm. Tickets \$18 (\$13 concession) can be obtained by calling Jennie on 9459 2804.

Gallery

The current exhibition at the Manningham Gallery features recent works by Sarah Karlslake, Joan Kelly, John Renkin and Ian Steele. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and the exhibition runs between July 8 to 19 and is open Tuesday to Friday, July 8 to 19, between 11am and 5pm and Saturdays 2pm to 5pm.

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It's the girls' night out

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It speaks heaps for the spirit of this village when about 50 of our finest examples of young womanhood happily put their warm, desirable and nubile bodies (whoops, we've been reading too much Harold Robbins again) on the line for charity.

They did just that again at the recreation reserve on the very cold night of Saturday, June 14, in the annual football match between the Bloods beauties and the Pup Power peaches, their Grand Hotel counterparts.

A big, boisterous and well-lubricated crowd saw not just a couple of scantily-prepared teams thrown together for a bit of hit, miss and giggle, but a fair dinkum game of footy.

The girls had trained for several weeks and it was great stuff. And thanks to the organisers, the players, their coaching and support staff and a lot of very generous sponsors around town, the Kids With Cancer movement is \$4600 better off.

Match stats don't really matter on such occasions, but for the record the footy club girls repeated last year's success, getting home by five points, 4.1 (25) to 2.8 (20).

Neither side showed a lot of goal sense in the first of four 15-minute quarters and neither bothered the scoreboard attendant at all in the second to have Pub Power take a four-point lead into the interval, 0.5 to 0.1.

The goals began to arrive in the third term, the footy club answering coach Dale Vitiritti's appeals by booting three to Pub Power's two to lead by a point at the last change.

Pub Power coach Grant "Socks" Egan was probably somewhere near the money when he told his girls: "We've had 80 per cent of the ball but we haven't done the one thing you need to do to win a game of football: kick goals!"

"Kick the first goal of this



Above: "We are Warrandyte, we are the good old red and white" ... the triumphant footy club girls celebrate — and rarely has the club song been performed in such dulcet tones.

Left: He might have got his TV shows wrong, but Pub Power coach Grant "Socks" Egan was pure inspiration in his three-quarter time address. You can tell by Jesse Moyle's purely-inspired expression.

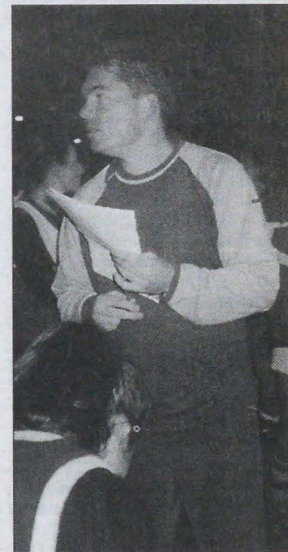
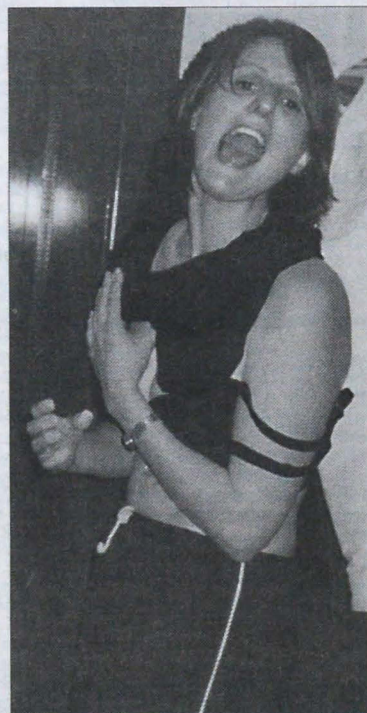
Below: Footy club coach Dale Vitiritti, who'd just put in a very good game for the seniors against Nunawading, plots Pub Power's downfall.

quarter and we're home and away!" he said.

We think Socks meant "home and hosed". Or maybe he meant "Neighbours". Whatever, his troops gave it their all — only to see Aimee McKelvie nail the game for the football club with the only goal of the final stanza.

The celebrations and commiserations then began — and if you think having a beer after playing a game of footy is purely a blokey thing, then think again.

You're wrong, too, if you think these girls can't hold a mark, kick a ball and tackle hard. Some of them are so good they might be able to pass on a few tips to our senior blokes, who had played like sheilas at times before eventually subduing Nunawading that afternoon.



Right: "Oh no — not with my bra straps showing!" says Jenny Seedy as she undresses/dresses for the big game. Too late, love. Felicity Smith was not nearly so coy about showing us her nice tummy.

Right: No signs of big-match nerves here from Pub Power reps Jai Brussel (left) and Kara Payton.



Below: Pub Power's Mikhailha Greve (left) and her skipper Alison Aldenhoven — who organised the whole event — listen to their coach's words of wisdom.



The footy club's Sarah Parr prepares to sock it to 'em. Ashley Cho togs up with a smile for Pub Power.

Well worth the trip

By NICK PETERS and MANDY RATCLIFFE

Three of Warrandyte's top junior basketball sides were on the road over the Queen's Birthday weekend, one of them returning with a championship pennant.

The big Nunawading tournament proved a happy hunting ground for Peter Clough's Under-16 boys, who took out the B-grade final in dramatic fashion.

The Redbacks had some easy preliminary games to finish top of their group but ran into trouble in the preliminary final against a local Nunawading side.

Nunawading started well and held the advantage for most of the game, but Warrandyte were well served by tall forwards Josh Collins and Hamish Hosking and with scores all locked up at full time, extra time was called.

The Redbacks were starting to show their class, with Jake Ratcliffe and Shane Holloway finishing off with some great assists and Nick Kosovac chipping in with some good shots. Nunawading were in foul trouble and Warrandyte were able to convert to set up a grand final date with Diamond Valley with a seven-point win.

The grand final was a great tussle on the boards, with Warrandyte seven points up at the break, but the game swung back toward Diamond Valley, who got to within four points with two minutes to go.

The Redbacks played smart position basketball, however, with the defence being drawn out.

Collins put up a basket to give the Redbacks a five-point lead. The last score came from Diamond Valley, who sank a three-pointer with 0.4 seconds on the clock to see Warrandyte prevail by two points.

The Under-14 Metro 3 girls also took part at Nunawading and coach Bill Bottomley was happy with two wins from five games against opposition considerably tougher than they encounter in their regular competition.

The Under-16 girls represented Warrandyte at the Ballarat tournament.

This was the first "away" tournament for most of the girls and early wins and only one loss — a close 35-34 result against South Australian side Norwood — put them into the preliminary final against Eltham.

With 15 seconds remaining, Warrandyte held a two-point lead but lost possession to Eltham, who were able to tie up the game.

Enter Sarah Pattison. With 4.9 seconds left the ball was inbounded to her and she took off like a rabbit being pursued by a pack of greyhounds.

With less than two seconds remaining, she broke into the Redbacks' half after evading all bar two the Eltham players and shot a buzzer-beater which "swished" to win the game for Warrandyte 27-25.

The Redbacks met Broadmeadows in the final and were equal to the task early.

Nicole Dadswell was scoring easily from under the basket and Andrea Peters, Leanne Brittee and Sarah Pattison also found the net to keep Warrandyte in with a chance.

Amy Caudry hit a three in the dying seconds of the first half to go in at the break just three points in arrears.

The second half was also a good contest, but Warrandyte were unable to counter Broadmeadows' point guard who set up many of their scoring opportunities.

Caudry kept the Redbacks in it with her eight points and Dadswell and Pattison also hit shots, but Broadmeadows were simply too good and got home by six points, 39-33.

Under-12 girls carrying the Redbacks banner

By TONY OLIVER

The Under-12 Metro 1 girls are showing the way for Warrandyte at the halfway mark of the Friday night junior championship basketball season.

Coached by Lorraine Parfitt, they are in top spot on the ladder, a game and percentage clear of second-placed Bulleen.

The girls confirmed their dominance with a comfortable 45-25 win over visiting Sandringham before the school holiday recess.

Sandringham opened strongly and were matching the Redbacks early, but a 21-11 half time scoreline was a fair indication of the Redbacks' superiority.

Sandringham opened the second half with two early goals before the Redback girls got back into action, but accurate shooting by Warrandyte and a more aggressive attitude put the game out of the visitors' reach.

Courtney Petalas led the scoring with 20, followed by guard Nicolette Prior with 10 and Zanetta Hosking (seven).

A critical time is facing Sam Smith and her Under 18 Metro 2 girls. Warrandyte lack consistency, recording good wins against top-five sides but going down to lower-ranked teams.

The team are suffering from the unavailability of such key players as Anna Middleton, Gina Oliver and Stephanie Simpson, but were still good enough to defeat third-placed Cranbourne 38-34.



Hamish Hosking ... topscored for Warrandyte in an Under-15s thriller.

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The girls were in high spirits as they took on 10th-placed Sherbrooke, only to lose 26-24 after apparently having the game in their keeping.

Warrandyte led 13-8 at the break, with reserve players Stef Smith and Simone Gemmell performing well, and looked home when they held a six-point with seven minutes to go.

However, they squandered attacking opportunities and Sherbrooke came back to lead by four points just inside the three-minute mark.

Warrandyte lifted but could not find the lead again, a low shooting percentage from the free throw line contributing to their downfall.

Emma Collins topscored with eight points, followed by Melissa Pritchard with six.

Warrandyte still hold down sixth place and are far from out of contention, but they will need to show significantly more consistency.

Nick Peters' Under-16 girls recorded an away win against the odds, defeating top-five side Eltham 28-24. These Metro 2 girls are normally slow starters but this time there was only two points in it at the break and Warrandyte held on for a very good win.

They do not realistically have a chance of making the playoffs, but if they can play strongly



Above: Coach Damian Arsenis marshals his Under-11 boys at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre. Below: Sarah Clough fires a few practice shots before an Under-14s game.

from the opening whistle they will trouble all sides above them.

The Under-14 Metro 2 girls went down 34-23 to Diamond Valley and have little chance of making the finals.

Ann Cousens' Under-12 North West side came up against top-of-the-ladder Broadmeadows and although the scoreline was 48-4, the much smaller Redback girls are playing well as a team but suffering from a low shooting percentage, as well as the pressure from taller sides.

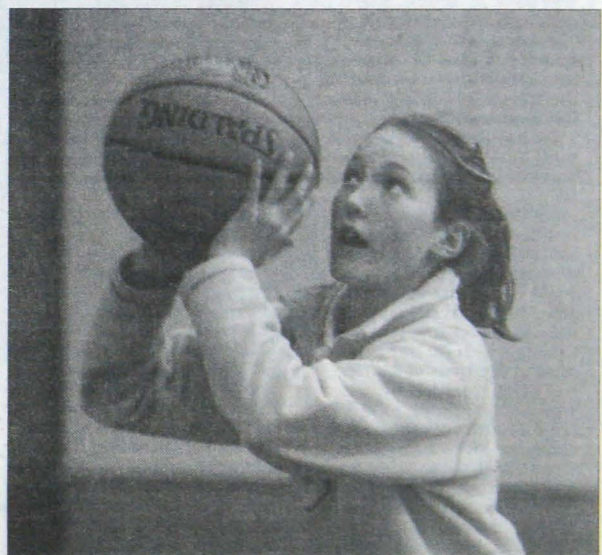
In the boys' division, Damian Arsenis' Under-12 Metro 2s bounced back from a recent reversal with a 35-32 win against fifth-placed Cranbourne.

That maintained the Redbacks clearly in second place, with only percentage keeping them out of top spot.

The Under-16 boys coached by Peter Clough are putting some form on the board, with a strong 42-24 win over Hawthorn.

It was a great team effort, particularly in the first half, with the boys putting into practice ideas they had gleaned from a session with legendary visiting coach Ray Tomlinson. Their use of the ball in offence and constant movement and penetration frustrated Hawthorn, Shane Holloway and Jake Ratcliffe each collecting 10 points before half-time.

Hawthorn jumped into the game in the second half and potted eight unanswered points



before the Redbacks settled with a time out and got their momentum going again.

In the Under-14s, Ian Wood's North West boys continued on their winning way with a 69-33 demolition of sixth-placed Melton to reaffirm their top placing.

David Thomas' Under 14-2 boys are also continuing to show good form and now are

only one game and percentage out of the top five.

Their recent 38-32 win over Collingwood at Warrandyte High School court was a pointer to the future.

Also on a positive note, Warrandyte Under-20 boys are starting to play positive basketball despite a 62-26 defeat by top-placed Darebin at their last outing.

The big ones that got away

By TONY OLIVER

Excitement abounded — with Warrandyte on the wrong end of a couple of cliff-hangers — as the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association competition went into mid-season recess.

Two Redbacks teams were beaten by a total of three points and a third figured in a draw.

In an amazing game, Warrandyte's Under-15 boys went down by a single point to the top Eltham side.

The Redbacks led 12-8 at the break at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre and an upset was on the cards, although no one was prepared to call the winner at that stage.

The second half was a real thriller and when Warrandyte scored with 18 seconds to go it was a two-point ball game, 30-28 in their favour.

A time-out was called and the Redbacks needed only to contain the visitors.

Eltham inbounded the ball when play resumed and a Redback foul was called as a three-point shot went up. No score, but Tyler Foxwell went to the line for Eltham and all three shots went in, the second tying the score and the third getting Eltham home 31-30.

The scorecard was carefully checked before the result was confirmed. So near and yet ... but the game was a credit to coach Gavin Whitmore and his boys.

Hamish Hosking, who continues to dominate under the basket, led the scoring with 16.

As expected, the Under-16 girls coached by Nick Peters were too good for Eltham 4, winning 24-17.

Despite having only five players, Eltham matched Warrandyte in the second half but could not make up for a sustained effort by the Redbacks just before the interval. Chelsea Crisp (eight points) and Jessica Solty, with seven, were the topscorers.

In the late home game, Warrandyte's Under-18 girls went down 24-13 to Balwyn.

The Redbacks were hard hit by the unavailability of a number of players, but Chelsea Crisp, Katherine Neilson and Althea Alexander stepped up to fill in.

Crisp topped the scoring for the Redbacks with five points in her second game for the night and Louise Yates contributed four. Yates is returning to the strong form she showed early in the competition.

Damian Arsenis' Under-11 boys pushed Eltham's bottom-age side all the way to go down 21-19.

Warrandyte appeared out of the game when trailing 14-6 at the break after Eltham had capitalised on turnovers and broken play.

They applied considerably more pressure in the second half, but simply could not get their noses in front.

Toby Versteegen and Andrew Clough

did best on the scoreboard for Warrandyte with six points apiece.

A highlight home game earlier in the day was the clash between Chris Staggard's Under-16 boys and the visiting Whitehorse.

It was goal for goal in the first half and 14-all at the break.

Whitehorse opened up what appeared to be a match-winning break in the second half until Warrandyte's Daniel Mullens sparked a revival with a sweet three-point shot to narrow the gap to a single point.

It was 29-all with the clock running down and both teams had the opportunity to win in from the free throw line in the dying seconds.

Neither set of shots was successful and the game ended in a draw — a fitting result as both teams had played good, fast basketball.

Topscorers for Warrandyte were Matthew Belgiovane with 10 and Jesse Monteiro (nine).

There's no final siren for John O'Brien

By LEE TINDALE

As football comebacks go, John O'Brien's is pretty special.

At 36, this highly-decorated Warrandyte warrior is preparing to break back into senior football after an injury which might have ended the careers of those half his age.

O'Brien suffered the footballer's worst nightmare — a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament — midway through the first quarter of Warrandyte's season opener last year.

He'd already picked up half a dozen possessions in a defence under siege at home from eventual premiers Wantirna South.

The 300-game veteran, three-time club champion, dual premierships player and 1999 premierships captain must have imagined he could defy medical science because two weeks later he was back in action. She'll be right. No, she wouldn't.

O'Brien lasted just one quarter, a Kilsyth opponent involuntarily compounding the injury by falling across the damaged knee.

So that was it. Surgery. A total knee reconstruction and the end of an illustrious career.

But John O'Brien would not be lost to Warrandyte football. He was appointed assistant to senior coach Scott Hunter and helped steer his beloved, embattled Bloods through relegation-infested waters. But he sure missed the heat of battle.

O'Brien decided he wouldn't be going to the local footy this season because he knew itchy feet were going to be a big problem. But if you can't keep a good man down, you sure as hell can't keep this fellow away from Taroona Avenue of a Saturday afternoon.

He watched Warrandyte suffer their first of just three defeats so far this season (a 41-point embarrassment at home to Coldstream in Round 5 on May 10) and



John O'Brien ... you can't keep a good man down.

their second loss (by 70 points at Doncaster East on May 31).

And that's when he decided he still had something to offer this team.

Former teammates had already sounded him out about the possibility of returning to active service — and O'Brien resumed training.

One June 21, in Round 10, he ran out with the Reserves at home against Mooroolbark in Round 10. Remarkably, he had never played reserves football, graduating directly and permanently to the Seniors after winning best and fairest in the Under-18s in his one and only season at that level. He had also played in an Under-16s premierships.

So this was to be a defining moment in an ambitious comeback plan — and he was one of the best on the ground. More importantly, that knee stood up to it.

It was fine, too, against

Norwood Reserves the following week and so was his form. And again up at The Basin on July 5.

Now John O'Brien says he's just about ready to re-turn to the senior ranks.

"I've discussed it with Scott (Hunter) and he's indicated there's a spot for me in the team," he said. "So it's a matter for me of head down and bum up and keeping my hand up for a place in the side.

"I'm not much of a one for early mornings, but the Reserves experience has been good. The knee's good, too.

"I've been wearing a brace on the field, but that will be coming off soon," he said.

Seasoned Warrandyte supporters have no doubt that John O'Brien will make a successful comeback to senior football. And it couldn't happen to a nicer or more dedicated bloke.

Footy kids massing for finals

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club teams have responded magnificently to the challenges of winter and are threatening mass representation in the Yarra league finals.

All sides with the exception of the Under-9s, who do not play finals, are in a position to be there at the business end of the season.

The Under-9s continue to play with an infectious spirit. The boys recently learnt what wet weather football was all about, quickly and happily responding to coach Steve Ballard's challenge to "see who could get the muddiest."

In a close finish, such players as Josh Edwards, Rory Chipman, Mathew O'Neil, Aaron McFarlane, Jayden Clay, Billy Lavery and Levi Polkinghorne did themselves proud. Apparently, the boys' mothers have yet to speak to Ballard since the challenge.

Jan Brigden, Daniel Tester, James Munks, Nicholas Tookey, and Kieran Sproule-Carroll are among the players who are leading the Under-10s' charge towards the finals.

After 11 rounds, they are well placed within the top four and, if they maintain their skills level and strategies mapped out by coach Greg Edwards, will see finals action.

The Under-11s are equal top on their ladder. Coach Clem Mifsud has given increased responsibility to such players as Lachlan Moyes, Luke Costin, Nathan Campbell, Cameron Ventura and Zac Broderick and they have repaid him in kind.

"Direct kicking, support, hard tackling, respect for the opposition and pride in our jumper are all the values being drilled into these boys and they are playing like champions," said Mifsud.

The Under-12s are in fourth spot, thanks to the innovative coaching of Wayne Moore and hard work of such players as Morrison Birznieks, Sean Ma-



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son, Jim Taylor, Taylor Beaumont and Braydan Hodges.

Despite figuring in two draws which could have severely affected their ladder position, they have continued to play hard and kick big scores when needed.

They have a healthy percentage of 105.4 and remain one game ahead of traditional rivals Greythorn.

Despite having a higher percentage than some above them, Steve Blakey's Under-13s are just outside the top four. But Blakey is confident they will make the finals.

"The boys are working hard and playing hard together and if things come together at the right time, we'll be there," he said.

Blakey nominated Ben Power, Ayrton Dehmel, Jack Wright, Zac Boyce, Nick Woodward and Matthew Versteegen as some of the players who will be critical to "get the team over the line".

With a 6-5 win/loss ratio, Craig Lincoln's excitement machine — the Under-14s — must keep winning to experience the finals feeling.

Lincoln, one of the club's younger coaches, continues to build up a following for his team based on the way they play and the attitude they take into every match.

"We have suffered from losing a number of key players through injury, but this only gives players such as Michell Canham, Pat Nichol, Peter Cudmore, Mathew Denton and

Tim Beasley the opportunity to step up to the mark," he said.

"The standard of the games has improved as the season progresses — but fortunately so have the boys," said team manager Paul Johnson.

The Under-15s are fourth on their ladder and look finals bound. In conditions that have not suited them, players like Ryan Hollingdale-Plapp, Christopher Douglas, Steve Aili, Tulloch Greve, Hamish Hosking and Mark Scanlon have all lifted.

"The good team about the team," said coach Shaun Wilson, "is that even when we lose the boys are keen to review and learn from their mistakes.

"Every game, you can see the boys building on their experience and playing a more attacking brand of football. It has been a pleasure to coach them this year."

The absence of a number of players on a school trip to Central Australia has affected the standing of the (Under-17) Colts. Placed seventh and with a 5-6 win/loss ratio, the boys will need to be "on their game" to get into the finals.

"While we are where we are, I'm confident that we can make it," said coach Mathew Matheou.

"Players of the calibre of Bernie Opteynde, Ryan Parker, Clinton Pike, Matt Short and Nathan Vella all have the ability to lead the team into the finals. We have a favorable run home."

● For more information about the junior club's activities, contact president Matheou on 0418 542434 or secretary Kevin O'Mara on 9844 2964.

It's toe-tappin' time!

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's annual dinner dance will be held at Alfred's Homestead on July 25, starting at 7pm.

All members and supporters are welcome to a great occasion where the junior club let their hair down. All funds go to the club.

Tickets to the big night are available from secretary Kevin O'Mara on 9844 2964.

Our Magpies fly into the big time

By JACINTA HENNESSY

Warrandyte Netball Club's Under-15 Magpies covered themselves in glory on centre stage at the State Netball Centre last month.

Two Warrandyte Under-15 units, the Magpies, coached by Jacinta Hennessy, and Teresa Knott's Legends, were invited to play their Round 11 games at the centre on Saturday night, June 21.

The Legends went down by a solitary goal to DYC, but the Magpies reversed that result when they played East Doncaster Ravens.

The game was played on the "show court" as a curtain-raiser to the national league match between Melbourne Phoenix and the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

The Magpies were down by five goals at quarter-time but went on to win the hair-raising match by one spectacular goal!

The accurate goaling of Elli Freemantle and Stefanie Natsis combined with fantastic centre court work of Amie Dusting, Yvonne Messig and Jacinta Kemm comple-

mented the ever-strong defence of Sarah Brown, Tegan Humble and Courtney Merbis.

Quite understandably the Warrandyte girls hit the court with a few nerves, but sheer determination and enthusiasm took over as they played a hard and fast brand of netball, giving the huge crowd something to scream about.

Families, friends, teams and coaches of all the Under-15 Section 1 teams, umpires and Doncaster and District Netball Association officials then watched the Phoenix-Thunderbirds game in awe! The Phoenix, led by elite athletes Eloise Southby, Liz Boniello and Sharelle McMahon, won by 15 goals.

The event was a wonderful experience for all the Warrandyte people involved and a great night out.

The Magpies team comprised Jacinta Kemm, Amie Dusting, Tegan Humble, Elli Freemantle, Yvonne Messig, Stefanie Natsis, Jacinta Hennessy (coach), Courtney Merbis and Sarah Brown.



300 games up and she's 'just a kid'

At the tender age of 21, Amy Green (pictured) played her 300th game for Warrandyte Netball Club on Saturday, June 28.

As far as records show, she is the first player to achieve this monumental milestone.

Amy began her netball life at eight and has played two seasons each year for 13 years.

She has been lucky to remain almost injury free and is currently a valued centre court player in Warrandyte's Open A team the Woodies.

Amy's enthusiasm, determination and love of the game have seen her represent the Doncaster district as a player and coach — but her first love is the Warrandyte Netball Club, where she has coached various teams for 10 seasons, (around 125 games). She currently coaches the very talented Under-17/1 side.

WNC congratulate Amy on her extraordinary achievement and her dedication and commitment to the sport and to the club.

First you gotta have heart

Whatever happened to good, old-fashioned football barracking?

Is it now politically incorrect to roar your support for your team? Have umpires suddenly acquired immunity from criticism? Is it an offence to joust verbally with the opposing camp, trading good-natured insults without trading blows?

Or do we no longer really give a stuff if we win or lose?

We're not talking here of Essendon supporters (once described as Collingwood supporters who can read and write) or indeed of Collingwood fans themselves. They're two standouts. They have real passion — and God help the AFL competition without them.

STIRRING THE POSSUM

By LEE TINDALE



No, we're talking of Warrandyte supporters who regard a Saturday afternoon at the local footy as simply a social occasion.

And there'd be nothing wrong with that either — if they'd remember from time to time that their team are involved in a game out there.

Too few people pay to get into one of the competition's most picturesque grounds and too many have their

backs to the play as they chat about things far removed from football.

Too few stick around to applaud their players up the race after a win and even fewer bother to say "Bad luck, fellas" after a defeat.

Fewer still venture into the clubrooms for post-match and to spend a quid in support of their club.

The folk of Bay 13, on the Andersons Creek flank, were notable departures from the malaise.

They'd barrack like hell and give the opposition heaps. Good for the lungs, they'd say.

But even The Bay has declined in numbers and decibels and we don't see the campfire burning there these days.

Thankfully, the Reserves players, their girlfriends and mates now mass in the forward pocket at the IGA end and have taken up where Bay 13 appears to have left off.

And how badly we need their gusto and brand of vocal support to infect the terraces.

Heaven forbid that we should try to incite a riot, but we wonder why this town stayed away in droves from a critical Seniors match on June 14 yet turned up en masse for the girls game — sure, a very entertaining event in aid of an absolutely noble cause — which immediately followed.

But support for Warrandyte Football Club, an icon which celebrates its centenary two seasons hence, is not about

going along to a one-off annual novelty. It's about being there on Saturday afternoons and putting in.

Maybe you'll get to enjoy so much you'll even make the supreme effort and go along to the odd away game to join the hard-core red-and-white faithful.

Warrandyte are playing damn good football this season, from the Under-18s joint venture with Doncaster East — in the four, remarkably, in its maiden season — through to the Reserves and Seniors, who just might win premierships.

But it must be terribly difficult to sustain passion and intensity on the field when there's bugga all of it off it.

Home and glad to be!

By LEE TINDALE

The best thing to be said about Warrandyte Football Club's road trip to The Basin on July 5 is that we won and kept our EFL Third Division premiership aspirations alive and well.

We won comfortably on the scoreboard — but only after four quarters of sub-standard football the purists would have gone a long way not to see.

This was the fourth-placed Bloods versus the cellar-dwelling Bears, who did not win a game in Division 2 last season and have not won in 12 tries since relegation.

Warrandyte won the Round 3 encounter at home by 111 points, but those who'd anticipated something similar here were clearly unfamiliar with history.

This is a small, inhospitable ground which The Basin traditionally play well by making space out wide and many a team have been suckered in by adopting similar tactics in unknown territory rather than taking the direct route to goal.

Factor in a uniquely vociferous home crowd who are not at all averse to questioning the parentage of the opposition camp and the fact that the Bears on this occasion were desperate for a win — any win, but particularly over an old enemy — and you never know.

And until about 10 minutes into a pretty torrid last quarter we weren't at all sure that we'd be taking the premiership points home.

Warrandyte won by 49 points — 16.14 (110) to 9.7 (61) — after leading by just 17 at the last change.

Coach Scott Hunter had expected better, but was happy enough.

"It wasn't a great game," he said, "but we'd divided our season into three sets of six games, aiming to win at least four of each."

"We're 4-2 in this set, with six games to go, which makes us eight-and-a-half out of 12."

"So we're ahead of schedule."

The Basin may have been seeking their first win a long while, but you wouldn't have guessed it as burly young full-forward Grant Noonan marked strongly and steered through the afternoon's first goal with the game but a minute old.

Peter Fotiniotis to Stuart Wynd in the goal square grabbed that one back a minute later, but The Basin whipped the ball upfield from the centre bounce for Noonan to do his stuff again.

Hey, this was supposed to be a percentage booster. What the hell's going on?

So far so good for the home side, but the game began to show signs of developing into a scragball contest, rugby-style scrums forming at the fall of the ball, and unfortunately it wasn't going to get any better.

Ross Bradshaw to Wynd for a strong mark in the pocket 10 minutes in put Warrandyte in front for the first time and



Matt Blagrove ... "incited outrage" by kicking a couple of crucial goals.



Stuart Wynd ... six of the best up at The Basin and 72 for the season.

Bloods' clean sweep

Warrandyte's Reserves took a clear lead on their ladder on July 5 with another runaway win in a clean sweep by the three local teams.

And the Under-18s broke into the four with a huge away victory over Coldstream.

The Doncaster East-Warrandyte Under-18s combine won by 151 points — 25.16 (166) to 2.2 (14). It was another chapter in a remarkable success story for a bunch of young players who didn't even know each other's names until they got together on the pre-season training track.

"They're exciting to watch," said Shaun Wilson, the Warrandyte "half" of the joint coaching team.

"We've seen them improving with each game and their teamwork has reached the stage where they're switching play and doing the professional things."

The Under-18s are a game clear in fourth spot. Their best against Coldstream were Dave Harry, John Daou and Matt Shanks.

The Reserves game at The Basin saw the emergence from premature retirement of last season's Seniors captain Chris Cornell, who starred. Expect to see him back in the firsts very soon.

James Logan and Jarrod Dick were other excellent players in the Bloods' 95-point win, 23.11 (149) to 8.6 (54).



Chris Cornell

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ruckman Craig Dick muffed an opportunity to extend the lead when he missed a sitter from a free kick.

Never mind, Todd Holman covered for that with a goal on the run from the kick-out and when Wynd marked strongly in the pocket and kicked with his trademark deadly accuracy, the Bloods had run to a 14-point lead.

That became 20 points when Matt Wood capitalised on an advantage decision after a free to Dick, but the home side responded to that one after a "screamer" in the goal square.

At the first change it was 5.3 (33) to 3.1 (19) Warrandyte's way, but if the Bloods thought the comparative ladder positions meant they would automatically break the game open in the second term they were much mistaken.

Within four minutes of the resumption, The Basin had two unanswered goals on the board to make it a three-point ball game.

Warrandyte had gone handball happy and were taking the long way home (not that they were often in attack) and the quarter was half gone before the ever-busy Wood found Wynd on the boundary and the eagle-eyed full-forward threaded a beauty.

The Basin claimed that one back five minutes later, but defender Hunter gave the Bloods breathing space travelling into the interval by taking matters into his own hands, going for-

50 years on, a party

They're coming from near and far to celebrate 50 years of reserves football in Warrandyte at the clubrooms on Saturday, July 12.

Lawrie Sloan and his past players committee have cast the net wide and a big roll-up is expected for an informal buffet-style luncheon and lots of reminiscing, exaggerating and downright fibbing.

"Yes, we're expecting a big crowd — and the more the merrier," said Sloan. "But you don't have to have played for Warrandyte to be a part of it. Everyone is welcome."

The luncheon will precede the senior game against Upper Ferntree Gully and Sloan (9876 0850) and Andrew Rodgers (0411 519671) are handling bookings.

ward and goaling in heavy traffic.

At half-time it was Warrandyte 7.6 (48), The Basin 6.2 (38).

Not a pretty scoreboard. Not a pretty game of football.

The last thing we needed was for The Basin to kick the first major of the third term — as they'd done in the first two — and Bradshaw took care of that, goaling four minutes in after receiving from Wood.

Adam Barlow to Liam Riley (playing perhaps his best game of the season) to Wynd in the square blew the lead out to 22 points, but The Basin were by no means done for yet and a big grab in front of goal steadied their ship.

The hosts were still doing their best — and doing it quite fiercely — to lock the ball into their forward line, but when we managed to break downfield Glen Carle sent a long bomb through from the boundary and some kind of comfort zone had been restored.

It was even cosier when Wood snapped truly two minutes later, but when The Basin ran

into an open goal and threw a blatant rugby pass to produce another, this game was still very much alive.

Warrandyte took a 17-point lead into the last change and Hunter berated his troops in the huddle for "lairising ... playing selfish football".

"We're playing so far below our standard it's not funny!" he said.

If the first three quarters had not been pretty, the last was to be downright ugly.

Wood weaved through congestion at six minutes to snap what the goal umpire considered a goal but what the home crowd swore — in more ways than one — was a behind.

Warrandyte supporters who had their doubts deemed it at worst to be poetic justice for the throw and resultant goal The Basin had got away with back late in the third term.

Neither The Basin players nor their supporters seemed able to get their minds totally back on the job in hand after that Wood "goal" and Warrandyte captain Matt Blagrove, who'd

Wilson McDougall



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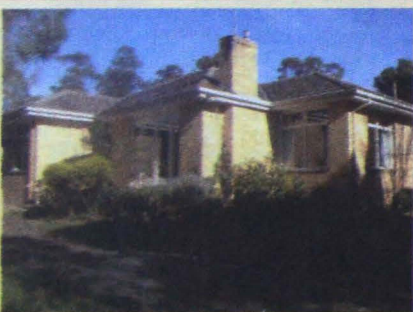


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