

# WARRANDYTE DIARY



No. 363, April 2004

PRICELESS

34th year

For the community, by the community Advertising: 9844 3819 Diary office: 9844 0555 Fax: 9844 4168

# Park depot concern

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte Community Association is concerned that a relocatable building promised for Warrandyte State Park will be inadequate and the depot is still under threat.

Earlier this year, following the discovery of asbestos in the depot building, the state government assured the community that the building would be replaced by a "relocatable" and the depot would remain open.

Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, told the *Diary*, "the work centre at Warrandyte is definitely not slated for closure," although "temporary accommodation is necessary to ensure the safety of the staff".

She further stated, "Of course temporary accommodation is only the first step, because plans will need to be made for permanent accommodation in the future."

A rumour that the Warrandyte State Park rangers would be transferred to Westerfolds in Templestowe has been circulating in the district for some time.

WCA believes that the promised relocatable building has been costed up to \$150,000.

In a letter to Danielle Green, Dick Davies, president of WCA stated they believed that for this expenditure, "all you get is a big closet, not a functioning office".

The current building—apparently now condemned—was formerly an orchard cool store, converted many years ago to an office complex and staff facility.

Mr Davies is concerned that the promised relocatable would be totally inadequate if the ranger staff is to remain at Warrandyte. He believes that all the relocatable "would be used for is to shelter staff who go down there (from Westerfolds) on fire watch or to service the Friends of Warrandyte

State Park when they meet to work in the plant nursery".

"It will be of no real use, no substitute for a real work centre building," he wrote.

"Our concern is that the community is being fobbed off and the main operation of Warrandyte State Park will be moved to Westerfolds and the temporary facility will not be used much.

"Whilst a permanent building would cost double that—\$250,000 to \$300,000—it would ensure continuity of representation of Warrandyte State Park in Warrandyte and full use of the facility."

Mr Davies believes this situation further underlines community concern regarding Warrandyte State Park.

"The Warrandyte community has fought long and hard for this park," Mr Davies told the *Diary*. "We helped create it, we've resisted all previous efforts to undermine it. We've helped maintain it and we're going to keep it. It's our park."

WCA is also concerned that no guarantee has been received from the state government that the maintenance budget, cut by 90 percent to help pay for bushfire rehabilitation in the High Country, will be restored.

"The level of maintenance at the park has been eroded over recent times, and if funding is not restored it will further degrade.

"Blackberries, weeds, fire hazards will return. Park rangers have done a tremendous job against the odds. Specialist activity on flora and fauna has been sacrificed for maintenance work on weeds and litter.

"If the Pound Bend depot closes there will be no one on-site and conditions will further deteriorate," Mr Davies said.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park recently announced a bargain sale of plants unable to be planted in the park because of budget cuts. This has concerned Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte and shadow minister for

the environment.

"For our local rangers and volunteers to be reduced to having to sell off their stock of native plants for 50 cents and a dollar a plant indicates how bad the situation has become," Mr Honeywood told the *Diary*.

"Many of these plants were grown for the sole purpose of being planted to regenerate our local state park system."

"He compared this situation to being "reduced to flogging off the family silver".

"We are getting assistance from our local MPs on this issue," Dick Davies said.

"The community will have an opportunity to further discuss this issue at a public meeting, being held on Thursday, April 22 at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall. We will be inviting local MPs and councillors."

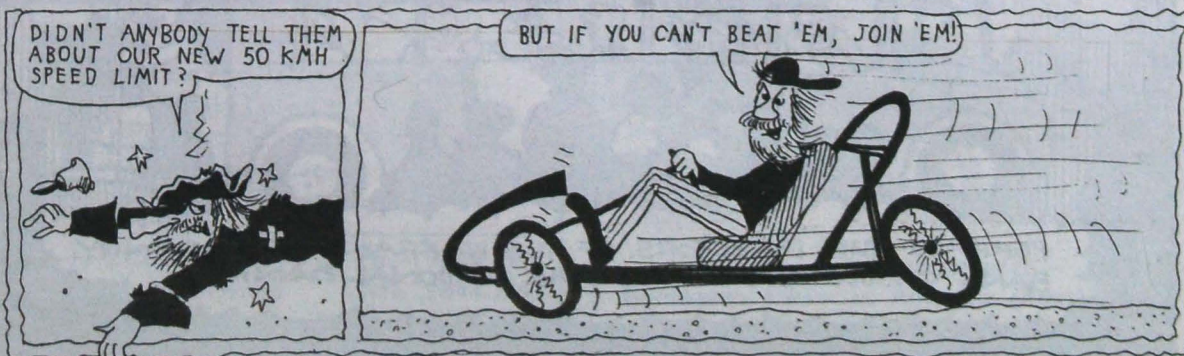
When the *Diary* went to press, Danielle Green had not yet responded to the WCA statement.



Front running! Casey Carter takes out the Warrandyte Festival billycart derby. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



# ACE PLANT HIRE

Portable toilets, Builder's toilets, Horse floats, Car trailers, Motorbike trailers, Security fencing, Portable coolrooms and Furniture vans.

Telephone 9844 1888

# Riveresque

## Curtains and Accessories

- Free Measure & Quotation
- All Window Furnishings Available

## FLOOR STOCK FURNITURE SALE

Email: riveresque@netspace.net.au  
Website: www.riveresque.com.au

**WARRANDYTE**  
158-160 Yarra Street  
**9844 0960**

**April**  
Tibetan Thanka Paintings

232 YARRA ST.  
WARRANDYTE  
Ph 03 98442466

**HOURS**  
Tues-Sat: 11am-5.30pm  
Sun/Mon: 1-5.30pm

**AT THE BRIDGE**

# WARRANDYTE DIARY

**EDITORS:** Cliff Green and Lee Tindale  
**PUBLISHER:** Warrandyte Diary Pty Ltd, (ACN 006 886 826 ABN 74 422 669 097) as trustee for the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust.  
**POSTAL ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.  
**EDITORIAL:** Chief of staff Jan Tindale, 9844 0555.  
**ADVERTISING & ACCOUNTS:** Rae Danks, 9844 3819 or 0414 745 212.  
**CIRCULATION:** Peter Norman, 9844 3268.  
**FAX:** Editorial and Advertising, 9844 4168.  
**DIARY OFFICE:** 168 -178 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, 9844 0555  
**INTERNET EDITOR:** Sandy Burgoyne, 9844 2680  
**EMAIL ADDRESS:** thediary@vicnet.net.au  
**INTERNET ADDRESS:** http://www.vicnet.net.au/~warrandy/  
**PRODUCTION:** Rachel Schroeder, 9725 6699.  
**PRINTING:** Streamline Press Pty Ltd, 155 Johnston Street, Fitzroy.  
*Published on or about the second Wednesday of each month (except January).*

### ADVERTISING RATES

\$5.50 a column centimetre (casual), \$5.20 (permanent), \$550 full page, \$365 half page, \$200 quarter page, \$65 front page "ears". Preferred positions: page one 100%, page two 30%, page three and back page 20%, other nominated pages 10%. Mini-ads: \$4.60 for four lines, then \$1 each additional line. Mini-ads pre-paid unless by prior arrangement. All rates plus 10% GST.

Readers are advised that the Warrandyte Diary accepts no responsibility for financial, health or other claims published in advertising in this newspaper.

**Copy closes last Friday of each month**

### 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 4000 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. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. 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.

# A great home-brewed lager and a great survivor as well



Neil Dusting, a fun lover not unknown to readers of this column, has at last discovered the secret to successful home brewing: relative temperance born of patience and willpower. For years, Neil had been whipping up a batch of bootleg and drinking it in virtually the same movement and some of the stuff he turned out ranged from barely drinkable to bloody awful. It was with no great confidence, then, that he put a lager in the Warrandyte Festival home brewing competition and, to avoid possible embarrassment, entered it in the name of his unsuspecting mate Lex McDonald. And what a lager it turned out to be, winning its section and overall Champion Beer, which carried a prize of \$250 worth of liquor from the Grand Hotel. But how to claim his prizes when the lager carried Lex's name? Easy. Scratch that one out and substitute his own. That ruse also worked for Ross Thomas — the third member of a tennis club terrible trio — who put Lex's name on what he considered to be a rather lacklustre stout and took out that section.



Lex didn't emerge from the affair entirely empty-handed. Neil was gracious enough to give him the two very fine glasses which were his section prize and has named his champion beer Lex's Lager. "Carlton and United have been beating a path to my door, but at the moment I'm not selling the recipe," he said. And what about that secret of success, the relative temperance bit? "Let 'em mature," he said. "That lager was eight months old. Darned if I know how it escaped!"

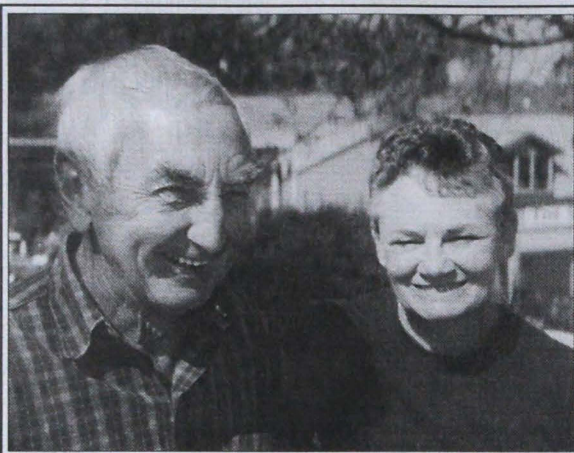


There are those who say that John Boyle should be knighted for the years of toil and devotion he has put into running the Warrandyte Festival. And there are those who believe that would be insufficient recognition. One of those believers amended the wording on the paper plate denoting the St Johns Ambulance site by the river during festival weekend to read: "St John Boyle. Canonised!! About time."



The drought and the lack of flow of the Yarra took its toll on the festival Duck Race, which was the slowest on record. But competition was

## IN RED & WHITE



Ron and Jan Day: a 34-year association with the Diary.

Something of historical significance is missing from this edition of the Diary and you'll see it no more. It's Ron Day's ad and the historical significance is that Ron was the second advertiser signed up by our founding father Cliff Green when he was launching the Diary in 1970. The late Peter McDougall was our first client and Ron just happened to be parked in his truck outside Peter's office when Cliff emerged. "Yeah, I'll be in that," said Ron — and he's been in it ever since, whether the ad be for the trucking business he founded in 1957, the Soil Shop or the Soil Shop Nursery which he has since run. Now, at 73, he's announced his retirement — but don't expect one of the busiest blokes in Warrandyte to sit back and take things easy. "I've got heaps to do on the property at Pound Bend," he said, "and what I look forward to most is Jan and I being able to take a holiday and stay a couple of extra days if we really like the place."

still very keen. Ethan Hale-Vaughan recognised his decorated duck running a strong second as it neared the finish line but was dismayed to see it snag in bushes near the bank. Another entry managed to sneak past as Ethan and his mates frantically threw sticks at the stuck duck, which managed to free itself and finish third. Hope Ethan backed it only for the place.



The Billycart Derby was another huge success, with regular competitors the Haytons, Johnstones, Carters and Laverys challenged this time by some notable newcomers. Tommy Mentick's machine came with its own parachute and Miles Reynolds' bright yellow Flying Banana was another stand-out. Victory again eluded crowd favourite Jaimie Hayton,

who for years has single-handedly carried the flag for the girls, but maybe 2005 will be her year. This is a great event for getting the kids away from the TV set and/or computer during the year and out into the shed with tools and paint.



Maybe it was the distracting sight of Peter Burns carrying a huge packet of toilet paper that tripped Neighbourhood House stalwart Jackie Ziino at the festival, badly spraining her ankle. But how handy was that packet when it was used to cushion her head as she lay waiting to be stretchered to the St Johns Ambulance facility? It wasn't a great day for the Ziinos. Husband Brett broke a hand playing cricket and the couple compared pain at Maroondah Hospital.



We'd harboured suspicions that Jock Macneish might be a closet Republican, so it surprised us somewhat to see him and the lovely Di crowned festival king and queen. And didn't he take the part seriously. Obviously influenced by the promos for ABC TV's two-parter Henry VIII, Jock was heard to threaten beheading for any subject who stepped out of line.



Warrandyte and the Diary have won a great fan in Luca Grechi, of Moonee Ponds, a recent visitor who timed it badly enough to miss the festival. "What a beautiful place!" she enthuses by e-mail. "I saw the museum, the market and enjoyed the walk along the Yarra River. I took with me a copy of your newspaper (February issue) and I would love to have the March edition with the program of the Warrandyte Festival. Where can I buy a copy?" You can't, Luca — as our masthead says, we're priceless. But Rae Danks, our advertising/accounts manager, has mailed you a copy, along with the program that circulated among the festival throng.



The kids in Denise Farran's Grade 2 at Warrandyte Primary were having a whale of a time working on a project about the sea and one seven-year-old cutie came up with this written observation: "The sperm has an enormous brain." There must be a lot of single mums who would dispute that proposition.



"We are wattle-rich!" declares native flora guru Joan MacMahon, pointing out that if you added the introduced species to our 17 indigenous varieties you'd have close to 30. And the really good news is that two of our rarer natives — "precious gems found at only a few sites and even then in small numbers" — are available right now from the Friends of State Park nursery at Pound Bend. They're the myrtle wattle (*Acacia myrtifolia*) and the juniper (*Acacia ulicifolia*) and Joan can't speak highly enough of either. The nursery (Melways reference 27 C 10) is open each Thursday from 10-noon.

**Smokey Joe**

## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



# Subdivision plan 'disturbing'

By DAVID WYMAN

Manningham council has received an application for a planning permit for a two-lot re-subdivision and vegetation removal on vacant land at 100 Brackenbury Street directly above the Warrandyte Community Centre car park. The land, including the Brackenbury Street road reservation, is now covered in natural bush, and straddles the waterway known as Specimen Gully which used to flow down the Community Centre site. The applicants, Mr and Mrs G Eldridge, through their consultants, seek to alter the configuration of the original subdivision which showed two lots each with a frontage to Brackenbury Street. Their new plan shows two lots running across the site with frontages to Mitchell Avenue and Webb Street.

The consultants plan shows access driveways for each of the lots from Webb Street with 13 trees marked "tree to be removed". Council has received two objections to the proposal, from the Warrandyte Community Association and from a family in Webb Street, both strongly objecting to any tree removal. The Webb Street residents believe the land should be left as it is to preserve the bushland character of Warrandyte. The community association, on behalf of its over 250 members, points out that the area is covered by Significant Landscape Overlays Schedules 2 and 3 "which attempt to preserve the unique amenity of Warrandyte's township and surrounding bushland". The association says the cutting down of mature native trees is unacceptable

and that "the felling of nine trees along Webb Street to accommodate a new access point to the lot is particularly objectionable". Association vice-president, Jonathan Upson, said: "We would hope that the primary goal of such a massive realignment (of lots) would be the preservation of native trees and flora, but this does not appear to be the case. "Most disturbing to the WCA is that one of the largest trees on lot 1 has two perfect bore holes just above ground level. The tree, as the planning consultants point out, appears to be of 'doubtful health'. One possibility to explain the two holes and the tree's 'doubtful health' is that the holes were drilled into the tree to introduce a poisonous substance to kill it." A report to council by the De-

partment of Sustainability and Environment said it was possible to avoid removal of roadside vegetation by use of an existing access to lot 1 from Mitchell Avenue, and redesigning house configuration to avoid the need to remove trees on the private land. A council planner's report also recommended use of the existing driveway to lot 1 and realignment of the access to lot 2 to avoid tree removal. Realignment of building envelopes on both lots would also avoid felling of trees, the report said. A decision on the planning application is not expected in the very near future. ● The issue of small, "infill" subdivisions in the Warrandyte township will be discussed at the WCA public meeting at 8pm on Thursday, April 22 at the Mechanics Institute Hall.



This tree was certified of "doubtful health" following the boring of two holes at its base.



"Need to do something to reduce the level of erosion."

## Scouts deny canoe launch ramp claims

Scouting Australia has rejected claims that a canoe launching facility, proposed to be built on the Yarra at the Clifford Park Activity Centre in Wonga Park would "affect the sensitive river environment". The report, in last month's issue of the *Diary*, was based on a submission made by Mr Ray Mooney, who lives across the river, to Manningham council, objecting to the proposed launching facility. In their statement, the committee of management of the centre claims "the application for a permit to design and build a more satisfactory canoe launching facility on the river bank was the result of four years of deliberation with council, the State Park, Melbourne Water and the Department of Sustainability and Environment. "Although the authorities mentioned remain responsible for the river frontage, we have been asked to act in the community interest and lodge an application for a permit." The committee of management further states, "our proximity to the river

has made us aware that not only has the riverbank been seriously eroded by canoes launching and landing at what has been a swimming hole for more than 70 years, but also the access track to the river has been badly degraded through years of neglect. "Many canoeists call into Clifford Park for an over-night stay on their canoe journeys. "To suggest that the existing canoe ramp upstream at Whittens Reserve should be upgraded and used instead of Wonga Park demonstrates ignorance of canoe activity on the river. Canoeists delight in travelling downstream. "To say the riverbank is 'in near pristine condition', the statement continues, "suggests that the person making such a statement has not actually been near the area proposed for the canoe landing. "Any casual visitor would be easily convinced of the need to do something at the site to reduce the level of erosion of the bank and degradation of the surrounding land."

## State government looking at Green Wedge zones

The state government appears to be reconsidering controversial new planning zones in the Green Wedges. This follows some alarm being expressed by Green Wedge residents and local community groups that the proposed new zonings could be too restrictive. As reported in last month's *Diary*, the Department of Sustainability and Environment was considering a rural conservation zone that would allow the building of only one house for every 40 hectares. Local MP Phil Honeywood pointed out

that "the typical Green Wedge property in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge has always been only eight hectares. "With 90 of the current local Green Wedge properties still having no residence, this much higher lot sizes minimum will cause massive claims for compensation." Fears were also expressed that this could lead to a revival of the division and bitterness that existed in these communities for many years, prior to the banning of further subdivision in the wedges, following the bipartisan passing of the 2030

legislation. In response to an enquiry, a departmental spokeswoman told the *Diary*, "The government has asked councils for advice on transitional issues in the application of the two new Green Wedge zones. "The government has received submissions and is working through them in detail. We will announce our decision shortly." ● LETTER: Page 4 Green Wedge idyll at South Warrandyte. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



**PETER GARDINER LL.B**  
**BARRISTER & SOLICITOR**

For Legal Work including:

- Property Conveyancing
- Family Law
- Court Representation
- Wills and Estates
- Sale of Business

Office 1, 2 Colin Avenue Ph: 9844 1111  
(Cnr. Melbourne Hill Road) A.H. 9844 1192  
West End, Warrandyte Fax: 9844 1792

**GOLDFIELDS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Level 1/158-160 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, 3113  
Phone: 9844 0300  
Lindsay Hodgson

- ◆ Wealth Accumulation
- ◆ Salary Packaging
- ◆ Risk Insurance
- ◆ Self Managed Superannuation Funds (Establishment and Management)
- ◆ Shares and Property
- ◆ Finance (mortgage and vehicle)
- ◆ Superannuation and Retirement Planning
- ◆ Estate Planning
- ◆ Taxation Planning

Authorised Representatives of  
**BONGIORNO FINANCIAL ADVISERS (AUST) LTD**  
Australian Financial Services Licence No. 238976

**RUSH & HAMPSHIRE**  
Barristers & Solicitors

- Conveyancing & Leases • Equestrian Legal Issues
- Family Law • Personal Injuries
- Sale & Purchase of Business • Wills & Probate
- Criminal & Traffic Offences

Previously Geraldine M.T. Rush B.A. LL.B.  
167 Yarra Street, Warrandyte  
**9844 4646**

# Kinder fat-losing fundraiser worry

I refer to the item in last month's "Out of the box", about the way Yarra Warra Preschool are raising funds for their new playground.

I am really worried by the unintentional message a "Fat-a-thon" is giving to the whole community, and especially to our young children. It is teaching them at a very vulnerable age that only certain shaped people are acceptable, and also appears to make fun of people who are overweight. Children should be oblivious to body size and shape and only be aware of the need to eat healthily.

It is likely that not only clinically "obese" people will participate in such an important fundraiser. It is highly probable that there will be conscientious, slim mothers who think they could "lose a few kilos", without necessarily even knowing what a "healthy weight" is. As small children learn by copying, a Fat-a-thon could lead to children mirroring their parents' dieting behaviour, or learning this as a behavioural choice for when they reach puberty—the danger age for eating disorders.

For many years I have had deep concerns about the constant portrayal of unnaturally slim bodies by magazines, TV,

billboards etc, particularly to young girls. The age of onset puberty is now commonly 9 to 11 years old for girls, (not much older for boys), a few short years from preschool age.

As an adolescent health nurse practitioner and educator I am well aware of the enormous problem obesity is in society. There are many causes for this and it is these that we should be addressing; that is, by eating healthily, reducing the high fat/sugar snack foods so available, and increasing our exercise levels.

How much more positive would it be to create a health focus in the fundraiser for example a "Fit-a-thon" where people were sponsored to increase their exercise levels. People of all ages will benefit from this, thereby creating a strong positive message.

In summary I believe it is our responsibility as parents and community members to challenge society's poor attitudes to body image in any way we can. The preschool has a wonderful opportunity to create a strong positive message, by refocussing the fundraiser.

Please consider these issues carefully.

Julie Cottier  
Mitcham



King Jock accepts the homage of the crowd at this year's Warrandyte Festival. (Picture by Mary Green)

## Nillumbik zoning problems

The nine metropolitan "green wedges" share Manningham's problem ("Wedge friction feared", *Diary*, March 2004).

Minister Delahunty's "proposed new zoning permits the building of only one house for every 40 hectares".

Manningham has 90 out of 900 local Green Wedge properties of about eight hectares in size, having no residence.

In Nillumbik there are more than 3500 properties in this Environmental Rural Zone which the minister intends transferring into the new 40 hectare Rural Conservation Zone.

Most of the properties are for rural residential living and are one, two or eight hectares in size. A few larger rural residential properties are 40 hectares.

Despite two council submissions and many 2030 submissions by residents, the government is ignoring the reality of current zoning and seeks to impose a new unworkable zone in two-thirds of Nillumbik.

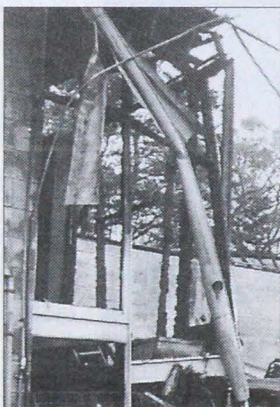
Mr Phil Honeywood is right. The government's new 40 hectare "lot size will cause massive claims for compensation".

June English  
Eltham

## First centre at Glynn's Road

I would like to draw readers' attention to the news item in the last edition of the *Diary* regarding the renewal of the community centre etc, which was destroyed by an arsonist a few months ago and to clarify the point that the news item seems to indicate that the original community centre was built on this site. This is not so.

The original community centre was built by the former North Warrandyte Residents and Ratepayers Association, primarily by the use of funds they had available, voluntary labour and capitalising on government subsidy. As finance was limited, there not being sufficient to purchase a building site, permission was granted by the council to build on the council reserve which existed at that time in Glynn's Road. It was understood by the NWRRA that as all buildings on council property were covered by the council's insurance cover, it was not necessary for them to take out fire insurance cover. The centre was burned down by the bushfire of January, 1969. Following which, a new committee was formed and eventually the present site was purchased and built thereon. One can only assume that if



Not the first: remains of North Warrandyte Community Centre.

the council collected any fire insurance money for the building on the Glynn's Road reserve and the sale of the reserve, any such monies would go towards the cost of the existing site and the building on it.

I have no wish to upset anyone's equilibrium on this issue, but merely to set the record straight.

J. Gilbert  
Valias Street

## Community spirit triumph

What a festival! John Boyle and his team of volunteers are yet again to be congratulated on an event of outstanding quality. Nowhere within our shire or elsewhere have I seen its equal. The sheer community spirit of the parade has to be experienced to be believed, and the festival itself shuns the commercialism so prevalent elsewhere to present a snapshot of community spirit without compare.

One sour note from my point of view is the fireworks. For a community so concerned with its caring for our environment, we unthinkingly frighten and traumatise countless number of livestock, pets and wildlife each year. It is necessary? Could not the money be utilised better elsewhere?

Speaking of money. When each of the two councils contribute their respective amounts each year I assume they see it as part of a social obligation. But do they stop to

### DEAR DIARY

think of the flow-on effect? Set aside the purely commercial enterprise stalls, and even the Mum and Pops craft stalls, and think of the charities, church groups, kindergartens and community stands such as the CFA etc, who gain from this weekend.

From a position of some slight inside knowledge, I would guesstimate well over \$100,000 is collected by these stalls with say 50 percent being profit to pour directly back into the community.

Add in the community togetherness that is created, and I would say the two councils gain a very good return for their investment dollar.

(Cr) Bob Stubbings  
Bradleys Lane

## Remember those who volunteered

Thank you for a wonderful festival. It was all made possible by a fantastic committee who are all volunteers:

Adie Courtney, Andrea Gleeson, Carol Woolcock, Claire Dawson, Diane Haskings, Glen Jameson, Heather Lawrence, Hugh McSpedden, Jan Cornell, Janet George, Jill Parker, Joan Rogers, Judy Finger, Justine Seehusen, Kylie Frowd, Linda Carol, Liz Law, Mal Parsons, Maree Burns, Marion Winton, Marilyn Imbery, Mary Ann Gibson, Natalie Papez, Rick Gordon, Robert Cousens, Terri Mason and Fiona Kelley.

If you see them around the town please give them a pat on the back. Thanks also to this very supportive community who raked sawdust, emptied bins, made cups of tea, supplied trucks and did every other thing to make the weekend such a success. Thank you everyone.

John Boyle  
Osborne Road

### NEXT ISSUE

The May issue of the *Warrandyte Diary* will be published a week earlier than usual. It will appear on Wednesday, May 5. Please note earlier copy closing day—Friday, April 23.



# Ming's Warrandyte

CHINESE RESTAURANT — BYO

OPEN

SUNDAY, TUESDAY,  
WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY  
5PM-9.30PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
5PM-10.30PM

MONDAY CLOSED  
except Public Holidays  
or special occasions

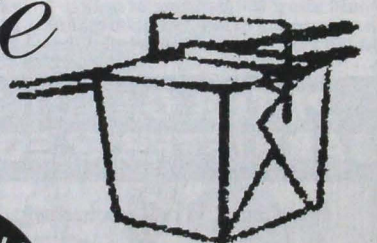


## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Sunday 9th May — 11.30am-3pm

Banquet — \$26 per person: Special Gift for Mum

BOOK  
NOW



NOODLES  
IN A BOX

— Takeaway only

APRIL SPECIAL: 10% OFF any Takeaway order over \$35

SHOP 6 GOLDFIELDS SHOPPING CENTRE, 92 MELBOURNE HILL ROAD, WARRANDYTE • PHONE 9844 2288

# Residents seek input

## Have your say in council urban design framework

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte Community Association is concerned that the Pride of Place project, announced with great fanfare last November, could be concentrating on traffic, retail issues and tourism.

When Manningham council was awarded \$50,000 by the state government to conduct the study, it was stated that these grants were intended to assist local councils to work in partnership with their communities to create attractive and safe local activity centres.

Council has appointed a consulting firm to conduct this survey, and WCA fears its focus may be too narrow.

In a submission to council, the association says, "It is stated that Urban Initiatives (the consultant) will consult with 'local traders association, shop owners and the Warrandyte Business Association'. There is no mention of the Warrandyte Community Association."

Announcing the study in November, Sarah Lees, council's urban designer, told the *Diary*: "Many council officers, residents and traders feel that Warrandyte township's popularity is going to cause its demise, unless a sustainable urban design framework is drawn up with a focus on traffic and parking, and Yarra Street's appearance.

"It is intended the project will improve road safety, parking

arrangements, signage, business and tourism as well as both physical and social cohesion within the township."

Warrandyte Community Association is deeply concerned that social issues may not be addressed and that wider conservation and heritage matters could be ignored.

At the time of the project's announcement, the *Diary* reported, "the Pride of Place project will take a holistic approach to conserving the character of Yarra Street. The type of signage used in Warrandyte's main street is one of the considerations."

In their submission to council, Warrandyte Community Association has stated, "WCA feels very strongly that every effort (must) be made to reinforce the heritage/artistic aspect of Warrandyte and that council and the consultant acknowledge the fact that residents want its character maintained and preserved. These points must be made at the outset to the consultant team to avoid any misconceptions.

"The community is very conscious of its past rustic ambience and would like it returned."

WCA's Dick Davies told the *Diary*: "The community association wants to ensure that the whole cultural, environmental and heritage issues, not just the traffic, tourism and retail aspects are considered.



Yarra Street at festival time. "Pride of Place" is not just a merchandising slogan in Warrandyte.

"We are looking to the Warrandyte community to strongly back us on this issue."

Ms Lees told the *Diary* in November, "The Warrandyte Community Association has been instrumental in raising the profile of the Warrandyte township and the association will con-

tinue to play a key role influencing the outcome. However, a wide range of stakeholders, including residents and other interested parties, will be consulted throughout the process."

Mr Davies believes council will be calling for public comment. "We want everyone—lo-

cal organisations and concerned residents—to be involved, to make submissions.

"You can tell us what you think about this issue at our public meeting on Thursday, April 22. The meeting will be attended by local politicians and councillors."

● Manningham council has called a community meeting to discuss the Yarra Street urban design framework. It will be held at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre in Taroona Avenue at 6.30pm on Tuesday, April 27. (See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.)



Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch expects another big turnout for its Anzac Day march and service on Sunday, April 25.

The march will start from the carpark opposite Whipstick Gully at 10.30am. The service will be held at the memorial in the RSL grounds opposite the bridge at 11.

It will be conducted by civil celebrant John Byrne. Army cadets will form the guard of honour.

"There has been an upsurge of interest in Anzac Day Australia-wide and attendances at our march and service for the past two years have been the best in recent memory," said sub-branch president Dave Parker.

"Given fine weather, we'd expect another big crowd this year.

"We encourage everyone to join the march and members of the public are more than welcome to lay wreaths."

Refreshments will be served in the clubrooms after the service.

## ... and tell them about 'character'

Residents seeking to monitor or influence the "character" of their local area will be interested to know that Manningham council's draft residential character guidelines have been completed and are now on exhibition.

These guidelines were formerly known as the neighbourhood character study.

Mayor Cr Patricia Young said the guidelines form a vital document that addresses how Manningham will accommodate, direct and manage future residential growth, in line with both council's priorities and the context of the state government's Melbourne 2030 Strategy.

"The residential character guidelines are in keeping with what council and local residents are seeking to achieve

and respond to community concerns about the direction and management of residential development in our municipality.

"I would encourage all residents to take the time to understand the guidelines as they are an important first step in developing the blueprint for the future residential development of our municipality," Cr Young said.

The guidelines have been placed on public exhibition for six weeks between April 7 and May 21. Council will hold a public information session on Wednesday, May 5.

Residents wishing to comment on the guidelines can make written submissions and forward them to Teresa Dominik, Manningham coun-

cil's manager of economic and environmental planning.

Cr Young said that once all submissions are received and assessed, the revised guidelines will go before council for formal adoption.

"For the guidelines to have statutory weight, there needs to be an amendment to Manningham planning scheme. The amendment will be exhibited giving the opportunity for further public comment and council review.

"This will be followed by a panel hearing and recommendation before the amendment is forwarded to the minister for planning for approval and gazettal. The entire process could take anywhere between 12 and 18 months," Cr Young said.

# PUBLIC MEETING

## & WCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

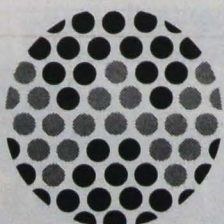
All residents are urged to attend to discuss —

- State Park crisis
- Township subdivisions
- Pride of Place survey
- WCA's year, etc

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 8PM — WARRANDYTE MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL**

Local MPs and councillors will be in attendance.

Further information: Dick Davies on 9844 4686.



Warrandyte  
Community  
Association

# WARRANDYTE Osteopathy

For conditions such as...

- Back & Neck Pain
- Headaches
- Sports Injuries
- Hip/Knee/Shoulder Pain
- Pain with Pregnancy
- and many more...

Why not visit our clinic to see how Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy can restore your body to optimal function.

BRING THIS AD IN FOR \$10 OFF YOUR NEXT VISIT

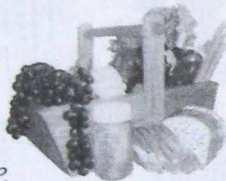
Limit one per person

Warrandyte Osteopathy  
Shop 2, 90-92  
Melbourne Hill Rd, Warrandyte

9844 2465

# Organic Central

now open



Not just for the taste

127 James Street, Templestowe Village  
Tel: 03 9846 5551 • Fax: 03 9846 5501

## Select Metal Roofing

Metal Roofing  
Guttering & Downpipes

LICENSED ROOF PLUMBER

9844 3619  
0411 267 490

## Injured wildlife?

CALL:

Wildlife Victoria  
0500 540 000

Help for Wildlife  
0417 380 687

## WARRANDYTE GLASS

All types of glass, glazing, mirrors, shower screens

Terry Ryan

9879 0373

OR

Mobile: 0418 369 294



## MR. BULBS GARDEN MAINTENANCE

PLUS

- Possum and Parrot Boxes
- Tilling
- Retaining Walls and Steps
- Rejuvenation & Staining/Painting of timber decks & facias
- External Handywork/Repairs

Phone: 9844 3704  
Mobile: 0417 519 040

## POTTERY CLASSES COTTLESBRIDGE

- DAY EVENING AND WEEKEND CLASSES
- FRIENDLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
- BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED STUDENTS
- CHILDREN'S CLASSES

JUDY TREMBATH  
9719 7431

## DOMINIC BARRO RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

HIA 522019  
Registered Building Practitioner D.B. 04170

HIA Accredited Renovator Member  
HIA Tradesline Member  
HIA NKBA Member  
National Kitchen & Bathroom Assoc.



PROMPT SERVICE  
FREE DESIGN/QUOTATION

9850 3592 • 0412 331 464  
Experience Counts for Everything

## PAUL'S DISCOUNT MOWING

- Odd Jobs & Gutters • Yard Maintenance
- Painting Service available

FOR QUOTATION PHONE 9844 3927

SUPPORT LOCAL ADVERTISERS

# Our Pat is top of the town

By ALANA HORDERN

Patricia Young describes herself as a "bit of a rev head". Not exactly a comment you'd expect from the newly elected mayor of Manningham council. The professional charity worker and grandmother of five enjoys nothing more than jumping in her 1962 Austin Healey Sprite and zipping down our beautiful country roads with her fellow Sprite club members, remembering those times when she used to drive racing cars in her younger days.

Pat Young has been a Warrandyte resident for many years, and a Manningham councillor since 1997, when a friend suggested she should enter local politics. She believes that "in local government we get far closer to the community than state or federal governments ever do, and yet we don't get the same recognition. We try very hard to put the residents' feelings forward and try to make our rules and regulations at council fit in."

When first elected to council seven years ago, the residents of Warrandyte and surrounding areas had one request. To preserve the Green Wedge. Cr Young answered reassuringly, saying she would do "as best I could. We want it to be there for our children in the future." Even before the state and government had issued statements on subdivision, Manningham

council had already prohibited it. Another move Cr Young has taken since becoming a councillor has been to "help the larger landowners regenerate their land". The land in our Green Wedge was degenerating due to lack of awareness. Now training programs have been provided by council to educate landowners on eradicating vermin and regenerating or "re-greening" their properties.

Another request the people of Warrandyte voiced to council was the building of a library. However, "because of the cost of setting up libraries now, it would be impossible". So they did the next best thing and established an e-library, where people can order their books, have them delivered and drop them off in their local area. This is a combined project by Manningham council and the Whitehorse Library.

Cr Young is keen that Warrandyte should be "a fun place" for young people. "We were desperate for the kids to have something to do, so the Skate Park was a big thing on our list," she said. This took three years to realise, but the fun keeps coming with the recently established BMX jumps track at Wonga Park, completed with the help of the community. "We're very thrilled that it was a community and council effort, and it shows that if we work together, we can get much more



Her Worship, Cr Pat Young.

done."

Pat Young has devoted her entire working life to charity organisations. After working for years at Yooralla, she has been employed in the fundraising department of Paraquad Victoria for 11 years. This organisation offers services, accommodation and care for paraplegics, quadriplegics and people who have recovered from polio. She is now trying to divide her time between this vocation and her duties as Manningham mayor.

"Look at the council as the QE2. The officers and staff are the engine room, the councillors are the navigators, the mayor is the commodore and the residents are the passengers. If the passengers are not enjoying the trip, if they don't like the direction the ship's tak-

ing or the cost is too high, then they are not going to be happy."

She remembers the birth of her grandchildren as among her proudest moments, but Cr Young believes that becoming mayor of Manningham comes awfully close. "It's nice to know the community wants me," she said.

"I am looking forward to growing old with my grandchildren", continuing to work at Paraquad, and "working for the residents of Manningham, continuing in my quest to make sure the government doesn't change its mind about the Green Wedges."

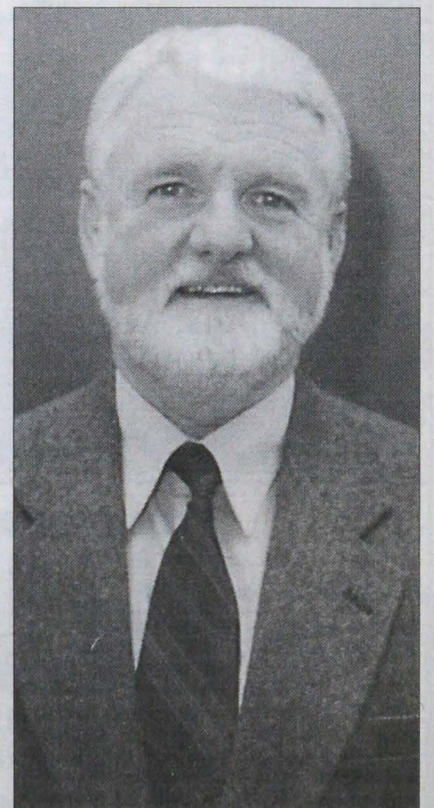
"To me, residents and rate-payers are the most important people and we're there to make their sailing as smooth as we can."

# Where's Glenn?

Whilst the Warrandyte estate agency of Spencer Martin & Co Pty Ltd has closed its doors, local identity Glenn Martin is alive and well and still in Real Estate.

Glenn has joined the long established Ringwood based Carter Real Estate and is still very much available to serve his clients' needs in the Warrandyte district as well as the Ringwood district.

Glenn can be contacted at Carter Real Estate on 9870 6211 or on mobile 0427 852 806 or after hours 9844 3535. He would love to hear from you!



## Art Classes

- Botanical Drawing & Painting classes: Beginners & Advanced
- Intensive introduction to drawing from nature with an emphasis on observation skills, design elements and rendering skills
- Learn a variety of techniques using pencils, watercolour & gouache

9 SESSIONS  
TUESDAY 9.30am-12noon  
from April 20th

Warrandyte Community Centre  
Phone Susie 9754 6157  
Dip Art Des, Grad Dip Ed, B.A.  
Psych Soc, MA (A.Th)

## BIMBADEEN NURSERY 20% OFF PLANT SALE

APRIL  
Saturday 17th  
10am-5pm  
(or phone for appointment till end of month)  
104 Webb Street  
Phone 9844 3906

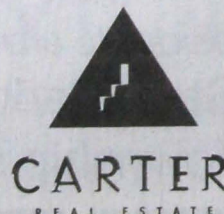
Care about your environment?

Naturally!

Why not think about joining your local environment group?

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

Joan MacMahon 9844 3213  
or Mike Coupar 9903 9567



128 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

www.carter.com.au

info@carter.com.au

9870 6211

# Scouting for info



Do you know when this photograph was taken? The local scout group believes it marks the opening of the Warrandyte Scout Hall in Yarra Street, adjoining Stiggants Reserve. Their information places that event in 1954. But according to the historical society it was opened in 1957. The First

Warrandyte and Park Orchards Scout Group was planning a 50th anniversary, to take place in August this year, coinciding with World Scout Day. But now they are not so sure. It is believed the following are included in the photograph: Sir George Reid, Helen Couch, Enid Bird, Ken Gedge, Bill Betton, Ray

Crabtree, 'Bus' Couch, Beth Couch, Robin Hawkins, Ian Ewing, Rod Ewing (or) Daryl Pike. Group Leader Don Hughes wants to hear from anyone with any information about this photo and about Warrandyte scouting in general. You can call him on 9844 0900. (Picture courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society)

## Pick up dog poo, please

Are you one of the few dog-walkers still left in Warrandyte who fails to pick up after pets? Shame on you.

With 300,000 dogs living in metropolitan Melbourne, producing 30 tonnes of dog poo each day, councils across the metropolitan area are faced with the ever-growing challenge of educating dog owners about cleaning up after their pets.

Manningham council is joining the state-wide attack on the dog poo problem and is launching an education campaign in the municipality.

Mayor Cr Patricia Young said we have seen a major change in the behaviour of dog owners over the past 10 years resulting from the state government's and Manningham's responsible pet ownership programs.

"While we have many dog owners who are excellent role models in our community there are still those who are lacking in this critical area of responsible pet ownership," Cr Young told the *Diary*.

"Dog litter is a serious issue that arouses much passion in the community and consistently registers as a major community concern. These concerns stem from the potential health and environmental impact of the litter.

"While the streets and parks

no longer have the decaying piles of dog droppings that they used to, there is still too much and it is councils across the state who bear the brunt of complaints."

Council's program includes educational activities such as park patrols and such giveaways as pooch pouches. Council is also seeking community perception of the issue, views on council's action to date and improvement opportunities.

Dog owners are also reminded that they run the risk of being fined \$200 if caught not picking up or carrying a receptacle to clean up after their dog.

Cr Young said dogs and pets in general are an important part of many people's lives, with studies showing they bring physical and psychological health benefits to individuals and society as a whole.

"Through council's campaign we want to eradicate dog litter from our environment so we will have a cleaner, safer and more pleasant municipality," Cr Young said.

All registered dog owners within Manningham can collect a free pooch pouch from the council offices. If you require any further information about domestic animals please contact the health and local laws unit on 9840 9333.

## They're burning to reduce bushfire risk

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria will be undertaking a number of fuel reduction burns in the Warrandyte State Park over the next month as part of the autumn burn program.

Areas targeted for these burns include main gully of Timber Reserve (14 hectares) and Harris Gully Road burn (1 hectare).

Residents and visitors to the Warrandyte area can expect to see smoke in the air as the department continues its autumn controlled burning program.

DSE's fire manager for Port Phillip, Bernard Barbetti, said that fuel reduction burning is one of the key tools used in fire prevention and suppression.

"Fuel reduction burning is the most practical way to reduce fire hazards in our forests and reserves and is designed to protect houses in the nearby community and complement fire-breaks and other suppression activities in the area, in the event of a bushfire."

Mr Barbetti added that au-

turn is the preferred time to conduct fuel reduction burns as the mild temperature and low winds provide the optimal weather conditions necessary for safe burning.

For further information on scheduled burns (weather permitting) call the Victoria bushfire information line on 1800 240 667 (free call).

### CLYDE & OCKER



"Quickest way to reduce forest fuel, Ock, is to have a real good bushfire!"

## Fond farewell to a mum's and bub's special friend

Local mothers will fondly remember Pam Rosso, who has retired after 27 years caring for families in the municipalities of Manningham and Doncaster and Templestowe as maternal and child health nurse.

During her time, Pam Rosso became a well-known figure in the various communities, having assisted mothers and babies for almost three decades.

Cr John Bruce joined council staff in a farewell morning tea to celebrate and recognise Pam's long career in the area.

Cr Bruce said Pam is looking forward to a very healthy and action-packed retirement—

travelling, camping, bush-walking and looking after her much-loved 12 month old grandchild.

"Pam began working for Doncaster and Templestowe council back in 1976 and her loyalty to this municipality and its residents has been outstanding.

"Twenty seven years is a long time to work for one employer and the changes in that time have been enormous. She has cared for the mothers and children of this municipality and on behalf of council and the community I would like to thank Pam for her valuable service, and wish her all the best in her retirement," he said.

MID YEAR ENROLMENTS 2004-05

Diploma in Transpersonal

## Art Therapy



IKON Institute of Victoria

Accredited 2 year part time Diploma  
Begins JulyFor Prospectus and details phone: (03) 9510 4264  
Website: www.phoenixinstitute.com.au  
Email: ikonvic@netspace.net.au  
15 Chatham Street, Prahran 3181

## ESSENTIALLY HAIR

BY EMMA

SPECIALISING IN ALL ASPECTS OF HAIRDRESSING

## WELCOME BACK JO!

EMMA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT JO IS RETURNING TO THE SALON AND IS AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT

### HOURS:

Mon to Fri: 9am-5.30pm  
Tues & Thurs: until 9pm  
Saturday: 8am-2pm

9844 0898

104 YARRA ST  
WARRANDYTE

Next to Video Store

## SUPPORT DIARY ADVERTISERS

## Belly Dance Classes with Anita

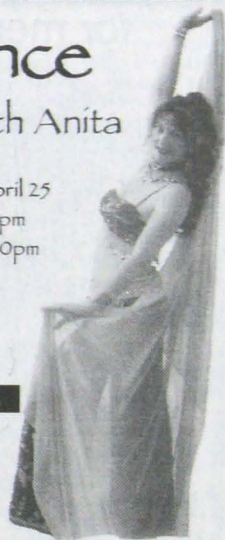
Classes start on Sunday April 25  
Beginners 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Intermediate 7.40pm - 8.40pm

Cost \$70 for 8 lessons

at Warrandyte Mechanics Hall  
Bookings Telephone 9437 2939

FREE INTRODUCTION CLASS

Sunday April 18 6.30pm

Classes also at:  
Hurstbridge and Preston  
Anita is available for performances

## Scandles

World of Candles

www.scandles.com.au

207 Yarra Street  
Warrandyte Vic 3113Ph: (03) 9844 3011  
Fax: (03) 9844 4921

### NEXT ISSUE

The May issue of the *Warrandyte Diary* will be published a week earlier than usual. It will appear on Wednesday, May 5. Please note earlier copy closing day—Friday, April 23.

### FIND US IN CYBERSPACE

Diary website: [www.vicnet.net.au/~warrandy/](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~warrandy/)  
Email: [thediary@vicnet.net.au](mailto:thediary@vicnet.net.au)

## Scandles

Homewares &amp; Furniture

www.scandles.com.au

133 James Street  
(Cnr. Anderson Street)  
Templestowe Vic 3106Ph: (03) 9846 4200  
Fax: (03) 9844 4921

## Warrandyte Interior Renovations

COMPLETE HOME RENOVATION SERVICE

**JOINERY:** 25 years Trade Experience  
REPLACED OR REPAIRED

**CARPENTRY:** Friendly Local Service  
QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

kitchens  
new or  
laundries  
resurfaced  
bathrooms

Phone Andrew on 0411 114 012

David City Communications

### THE REPAIR SHOP

Economical Repairs to:

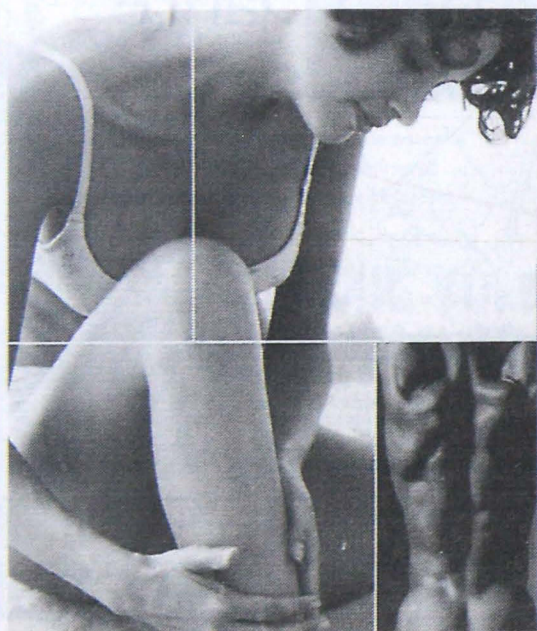
- TVs
- Computers
- Toys
- Microwaves
- Hi-Fi
- Games
- Telephone Systems
- VCRs
- CD Players
- Dryers
- etc

David Hogg 9844 1858

## WARRANDYTE BEAUTY CENTRE

### Permanent Hair Reduction

for men and women



INTENSE PULSED LIGHT IS FAST, PAINLESS AND LONG LASTING TREATMENT FOR PERMANENT HAIR REDUCTION FOR FACE AND BODY.

9844 3477  
102 Yarra St, Warrandyte

**SUPPORT LOCAL TRADERS**

### bradley curtis

**ELECTRICIAN**

- ▲ Domestic
- ▲ Commercial
- ▲ Industrial and Air-conditioning Installation and Maintenance all areas

Phone 9844 2135  
Mobile 0418 333 979  
NO JOB TOO SMALL  
REC no. 6161

### BRICKWORK

STONEMWORK PAVING Etc.

Phone:  
Bud Stringer 9844 2448 or  
Alex Stringer 9876 6007  
Mob 0414 761 754

## Hard rubbish won't vanish!

Moving around Warrandyte on the Manningham side of the river, locals are often distressed to see piles of domestic hard waste, dumped by the side of the road. Sometimes this rubbish remains untouched for months.

It is clear some residents do not understand how council's hard rubbish collection works, believing this material will be picked up automatically. The reality is that council must be telephoned and a hard rubbish pick-up booked.

Manningham council provides an ongoing hard rubbish collection for unwanted household items. Two collections per property, per year are allowed.

Bookings can be made by telephoning council's customer service on 9840 9333 by 3pm on Friday, the week before the required collection.

Each collection may not exceed two cubic metres (two standard trailer loads) in volume or 44kg in weight.

The following items may be included:

- White goods (for example, old fridge, washing machine)
  - Hot water service, television
  - Furniture, mattresses
  - Sheet glass, securely wrapped
  - Scrap iron, waste metal (items less than 30kg each)
  - Car tyres only (no 4x4 or light truck tyres), parts, tools
  - Empty paint tins—LIDS MUST BE OFF
  - All plastic containers must be empty.
- Items not included:
- Garden waste, i.e. logs and branches
  - Car bodies, roofing iron, large steel or metal
  - Building/demolition material, (i.e. bricks, timber, concrete, rubble, fencing)
  - Dangerous or hazardous waste
  - Any material that can be placed in your bins.

## Mandy made her mark at school

Parents, children and past pupils at Warrandyte Primary School have been saddened to learn that their principal, Mandy Dunn, is leaving the school to take up a position as principal Kew East Primary School. A school spokesperson has told the *Diary* that under her inspired leadership and guidance, WPS has established a comprehensive curriculum and a wide variety of enrichment programs.

"Mandy has fostered a great sense of belonging, where students, teachers and parents feel supported and respected."

Ms Dunn arrived at Warrandyte in 1999. Since then, "she has guided, encouraged and challenged the teaching staff to using innovative approaches to deliver curriculum. As a result the school is functioning at a high level," the spokesperson said.

Last year, the school's outstanding achievements were recognised with a National Literacy Award.

"Mandy will be warmly remembered by students. She has made student welfare and well-being a major focus.

Regular teaching commitments and visits to all classrooms have enabled her to make strong links with all the children. "They have created a farewell book and their comments reflect their appreciation and affection."

"The entire community thanks Mandy for dedication and commitment over the past five years," the spokesperson said. "We wish her well in her continuing journey to inspire our most precious resource—the children."

Mandy Dunn: five happy years at Warrandyte Primary School.



JUMPING CREEK  
POOL SERVICES

Nick Cutler  
'The Water Wise Guy'

Ph: 9722 1504  
0409 722 407

Servicing all aspects of your swimming pool and spa  
Specialising in regular programmed maintenance and water quality.

Fully accredited technician  
Over 20 years experience

### WARRANDYTE UPHOLSTERY

Winner of Top Upholstery Award

Francis J Briffa  
11 Everard Drive, Warrandyte

Phone 9844 2416

### New Organic Foodstore

in Warrandyte is seeking to employ a STOCK CONTROL MANAGER

part time potentially becoming full time.

Email sunsong2012@hotmail.com for job description.

## PLUMBER AND GASFITTER

CONCESSIONS TO PENSIONERS

*Electric Sewer Cleaner Available - 14 Cemetery Rd, Warrandyte*

**JOHN RYAN 9844 2552 MOBILE PHONE 0415 332 777**

### DIARY MINI ADS

**GARDEN MAINTENANCE:** Mowing, grass cutting, weeding, pruning, planting and decorating. Covering the local and surrounding areas of Warrandyte. Phone Nicole 9844 1467.

**BARGAIN:** Mitsubishi Colt Hatch 1989. Manual. 12 mths reg. VGC. STF 368 \$2750.

**Bluebird Wagon** S111 1985. Very nice manual. A/C NWO 582 \$2500.

**Toyota Celica** Convertible RA65. Low kms. Excellent car. NDR 972. \$7000. 9844 2510 or 0438 089 535.

**CHEAP PEA STRAW:** \$9.50 per bale pickup. \$10.00 per bale delivered. Phone 9844 0343.

**SUGARLOAF ELECTRICS:** REC 13207. Prompt service. Reasonable rates. Ring John 9844 2816 or 0407 094 965. No job too small.

**CIVIL CELEBRANT:** Meaningful ceremonies for all occasions. John Byrne 9844 2155, 0418 995 189.

**IRONING HELP NEEDED:** Weekly. Sally Anne 9844 2756.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Brother knitting machine with accessories. Phone Jessica 9844 1032, 0402 559 170.

**YOGA:** Iyengar style. Classes are ongoing for experienced students wishing to explore and expand. Beginner course for those new to yoga. Emphasis on posture work with breath awareness. Term 2 commences Mon 19th April at 6pm & 7.45pm. Paula 0425 759 823.

**BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS** Fabulous panels to fit any window or door and enhance your home. Any style, small panels a speciality. Free quotes. Shan 9712 0024.

**STOP SUFFERING:** Time for a change? Why not live your life free of anxiety, fear, depression, low self esteem, guilt, anger. Resolve the original cause and try Private Subconscious Healing (PSH) in just three sessions. Ring 9844 2322.

**HOUSE-SIT** (caring for pets/gardens) required by teacher/Steiner parent for 7-10 months or rental to \$180 in Warrandyte/Hurstbridge area. Phone Louise 9885 3853.

**SUSAN'S BOOKKEEPING:** Do you need help with your accounts? Bookkeeping for small business. Experience with QuickBooks and MYOB. On/off site. Phone 9844 0872 or 0438 161 295. Email: Susanbookkeeping@aol.com

**BOOKKEEPING:** Overdue BAS statements a speciality. Experience in both MYOB and EXCEL. No job too small. Ring Fia Clendinnen on 9844 3454.

**CIVIL CELEBRANT:** Weddings, child name-giving and renewals.

Bruce Shand, JP. Phone 9879 6726. Website: www.bruceshand.com.au

**DRAFTING SERVICE** Qualified structural, civil and geotechnical draftsman, 25 yrs, (Autocad 16 yrs). Ring Ian 9844 5279, 0401 050 191.

**SCHOOLBASED THEATRE & DANCE** project requiring creative input/actors/dancers. (Rehearsals on voluntary basis). Louise 9885 3853.

**BELLY DANCE CLASSES** with Anita. Starting Sunday April 25. Beginners: 6.30-7.30pm, Intermediate: 7.40-8.40pm. Cost \$70 for 8 lessons at Warrandyte Mechanics Hall. Bookings: 9437 2939. Free introduction class Sunday April 18 at 6.30pm. Classes also at Hurstbridge and Preston. Anita is available for performances.

**BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS** Fabulous panels to fit any window or door and enhance your home. Any style, small panels a speciality. Free quotes. Shan 9712 0024.

What are you buying mum for Mother's Day? Not sure? **UTILIZE: MYTIME** will find her something special on your behalf. Contact Nicolle on 0407 512 585 or visit [www.utilizemytime.com.au](http://www.utilizemytime.com.au)

**WANT A DIARY MINI AD?** The cheapest way to send your message to the Warrandyte community. \$4.20 for 4 lines, then \$1 each additional line, prepaid. Phone 9844 3819.

To advertise phone  
9844 3819

**EDITORIAL AND AD COPY DEADLINE**  
LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH





# 2004 Warrandyte Village Festival: Feel Free!

## 'Full of crashes and crazy carts'

By GILCHRIST CLENDINNEN

Those readers who went to the Warrandyte Billycart Derby would have seen some interesting sights. You would have seen the cart with a parachute for a brake flip over the tanbark pile and the driver land painfully on his head. You would have seen Luke Skewes beat Jamie Hayden in one of the heats by a hand-span. And you would have seen the Carters back and in full force, following Casey's disappointing absence from last year's race due to a broken arm.

The preliminary rounds of the derby were, as usual, full of crashes and crazy carts. The crashes (thank goodness) did not result in any serious injury, though they always looked spectacular. There were constant readjustments being performed on carts at the top of the hill, even though some of them seemed extremely pernickety or just downright crazy. One big brother spent most of his time filling his little brother's cart up with rocks and Shaun Johnstone oiled the wheels of Luke Skewes' cart every five minutes.

This year the carts seemed a lot more competitive, with Casey Carter having a few close wins early on. Luke Skewes and

Jamie Haydon, first and second place-getters last year, lined up against each other in an early round. Luke Skewes' heavier cart took longer to gain speed, allowing Jamie to take the lead. But Luke caught up and edged in front, though only by around half a cart length. Five metres from the line Jamie seemed to draw level and from where I was standing I wasn't sure who had won. The judges on the line had a better view and proclaimed Luke the winner in what was probably the best race of the day.

As the derby progressed there were two contestants who seemed to be faster than everyone else: Luke Skewes and Casey Carter.

The top four was finally decided after many races. They were: Casey Carter, Luke Skewes, Mark Johnstone and Tom Mintie. Luke Skewes raced Tom Mintie for the right to contest the grand final and Luke won. But there was a problem: Luke's front wheel was loose. The situation was desperate. The most important race was coming up and they needed to fix that wheel. Eventually Luke's pit team made some changes and the problem seemed to be solved.

Casey Carter won his race and

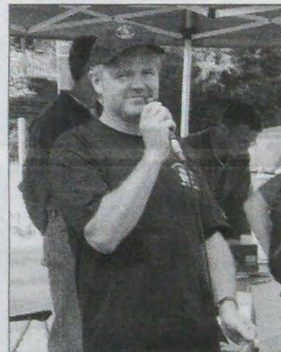
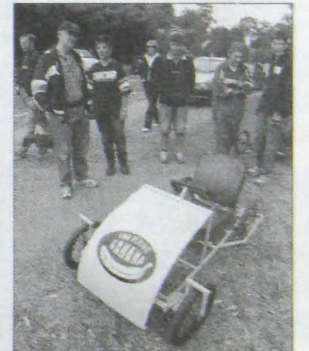
it was time for the bronze medal playoff. Tom Mintie's cart was just that much faster than Mark Johnstone's and he claimed the bronze. Now it was time for the finale. Luke Skewes made some final adjustments to his front wheel and the competitors chose their lanes. Everyone guessed that Casey Carter would take the lead, but then Luke's heavier cart would begin to catch up.

The question was, would Luke catch up enough to win?

The race started as predicted, with Casey Carter taking the lead. Casey seemed to take the corner better than Luke, and was well in front by the end of the turn. Luke Skewes did not seem to be catching up fast enough and only began gaining speed at the three-quarter mark.

It was too little too late, and for the second time in three years, Casey Carter won the Warrandyte Billycart Derby. His older brother proudly pushed a triumphant Casey back up the hill and Casey mounted the podium.

All in all, the Warrandyte Billycart Derby lived up to expectations as one of the highlights of the festival and if you missed it this year make sure you go in 2005.



### FESTIVAL RESULTS

#### DUCK RACE

- 1 Leah Milburn-Clarke
- 2 Brittany Flynn
- 3 Ethan Hale
- 4 Lauren Mueller
- 5 Billy Kyrtis



#### PARADE

- Best Overall Entry—Warrandyte & District PreSchool
- Most Warrandytish—Warranwood Primary School
- Most Colourful—Andersons Creek Primary School
- Most Imaginative—Bulleen Heights School
- Best Costuming—Warrandyte Primary School

#### TENNIS SERVING

- Open
  - Men: Shane Aldenhoven, 186kph
  - Women: Kylie Bevan, 141kph
- Veterans
  - Men (over 50): John Allgood, 142kph
  - Women (over 45): Cass Harding, 90kph
- 16 & under
  - Boys: Justin Cleaves, 180kph
  - Girls: Samantha Dehmel, 122kph
- 14 & under
  - Boys: Adam Waugh, 168kph
  - Girls: Jenna Hodgson, 135kph
- 12 & under
  - Boys: Rhys Aldenhoven, 178kph
  - Girls: Rowena Goodwin, 127kph
- 10 & under
  - Boys: Daniel Tester, 135kph
  - Girls: Jessica Kennedy, 68kph

#### BILLYCART DERBY

- 1 Casey Carter
  - 2 Luke Skewes
  - 3 Tommy Mentinic
- Best Cart—Miles Reynolds
  - Best Effort—Thaine Jones

#### HOMEBREWING CONTEST

- Champion Beer—Neil Dusting
- Best Lager—Neil Dusting
- Best Other/Cider—Ray Exon
- Stout—Ross Thomas
- Bitter—Peter Godfrey
- Pilsner—Ray Exon
- Draught—Ray Exon
- Ale—Ray Exon

#### WARRANDYTE IDLE TALENT QUEST

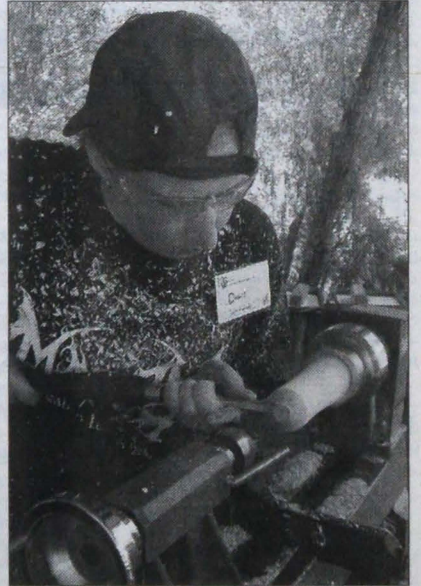
- Under 12—Lollipop Girls: Jade, Tori, Kate, Emily
- Under 20—Joshua & Taryn

#### COMMUNITY BANK GUESS THE PIGGIES

- (\$25 Bendigo Bank Account)
- Demi Joy, Tim Nilsson, Josh Hilton, Rebecca Gilling, Nicholas Macmennan

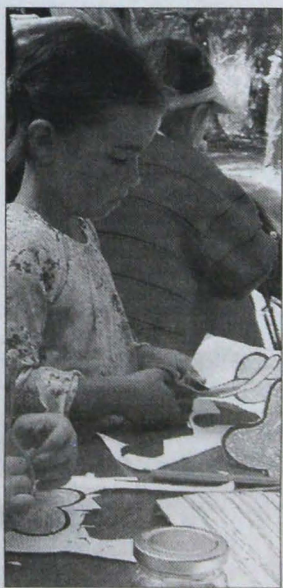


# 2004 Warrandyte Village Festival: Feel Free!





# 2004 Warrandyte Village Festival: Feel Free!



# **EASTER** **TRADING HOURS**

Thurs	8th April	7am-10pm
Fri	9th April	Closed
Sat	10th April	7am-10pm
Sun	11th April	8am-8pm
Mon	12th April	8am-8pm
Tues	13th April	7am-10pm


## Come in and see our Award-winning **Meat** **Department**



To our valued customers  
**Wishing you all a happy  
 and safe Easter**

from all the staff at Victory IGA supermarket

★ ★



WARRANDYTE DIARY VICTORY IGA (\$100 Shopping Voucher)

**Citizen of the Month**  
Joan Rogers

*In recognition of many years of voluntary service to the Warrandyte Theatre Company and the general community.*

★ ★



402 Heidelberg/Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte

Telephone: 9844 3089 • Facsimile: 9844 4866

Email: victoryiga@localgrocer.com.au

Website: www.victoryiga.localgrocer.com.au

PROUD MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE WARRANDYTE FOOTBALL CLUB

# vicki gardiner and associates

real estate pty ltd

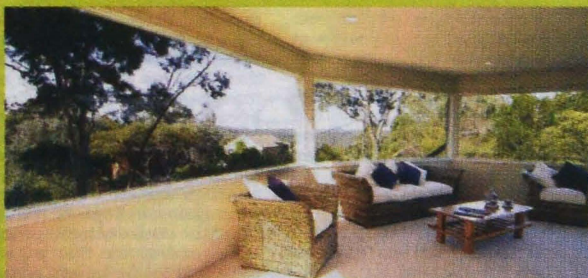
COMPLETE PROPERTY SALES AND MANAGEMENT



would you  
let a bunny sell  
your nest egg?

don't risk it!  
before you sell your  
home, call Vicki and  
Russell and let us  
make yours  
... a good move

they may not be chocolate, but they're just as tempting...



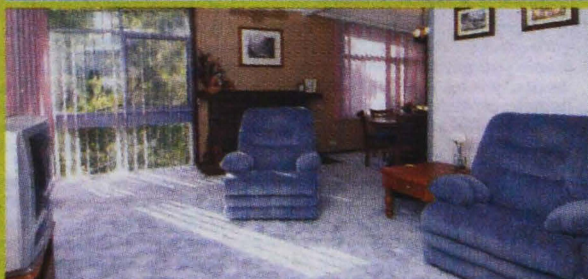
**warrandyte** private sale  
Spectacular 3 bedroom + home office residence with  
180° views of the Yarra Valley



**warranwood** auction 1 May at 11am  
Gleaming 4 bedroom home, new kitchen, 2 new bath-  
rooms, spa, landscaped gardens



**warrandyte** private sale  
Architect designed 3 bedroom plus study home,  
includes stunning spa ensuite.



**warrandyte north** private sale  
4 bedroom family home, freshly painted, new carpets,  
large entertaining deck



**warrandyte south** private sale  
Magnificent 1 acre and allotment in quiet cul-de-sac



**warrandyte north** private sale  
2 acre allotment, vendor says "sell!"

## warrandyte rental centre

effective property  
management solutions

our service makes  
the difference

## this month's feature rental property



location location location

\$320 per week

ideal family home in quiet tree-lined street,  
2 levels, fully renovated, 4 huge bedrooms, ensuite,  
blackwood kitchen, double carport, gas heating, air conditioning  
and landscaped gardens, short walk to primary school,  
shops and river.

2B Webb St, Warrandyte  
T 03 9844 0052

E office@gardinermcinnies.com  
www.gardinermcinnies.com



vicki gardiner and associates  
REAL ESTATE pty ltd

**MANNINGHAM**  
BALANCE OF CITY AND COUNTRY

**YARRA STREET  
URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**6.30pm Tuesday 27 April 2004**  
Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Centre  
Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte  
(Melways Ref: M35 C1)

Manningham City Council has received \$50,000 from the Department of Sustainability & Environment through their 'Pride of Place' funding program, to carry out an Urban Design Framework in Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

You are invited to a community meeting to put forth your vision for Yarra Street.

Enquiries: Sarah Lees, Urban Designer, Manningham City Council  
Telephone: 9840 9432  
Email: sarah.lees@manningham.vic.gov.au

Victoria The Place To Be

**YARRA STREET  
VIDEO**

**APRIL RELEASES...**

LOONEY TUNES BACK IN ACTION  
THE MATRIX REVOLUTION • CALENDAR GIRLS  
SEABISCUIT • WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE  
MASTER AND COMMANDER • KILL BILL VOL 1  
LOVE ACTUALLY • SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

106 YARRA ST WARRANDYTE VIC 3113  
PHONE 9844 0544  
10AM-9PM SUNDAY TO THURSDAY  
10AM-10PM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY

**Australia Post**

- Giftware ■ Greeting Cards
- Photocopying ■ Faxes sent and received
- giroPost Bill Paying Service ■ EFTPOS
- Commonwealth Bank & National Bank Agency
- Foxtel & Manningham City Council Rates can now be paid here
- Private Post Boxes available for \$1 per week
- Agent for Penguin Dry Cleaners

**PARK ORCHARDS POST OFFICE**  
Shop 6, 13 Hopetoun Road, Park Orchards  
Telephone: 9876 1291 • Fax: 9876 1443  
Proprietor: Harold & Michelle Bradfield  
Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 9am-12noon

**COPY CLOSES ON THE  
LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**THE WARRANDYTE SOUTH  
GENERAL STORE**

486 WARRANDYTE-RINGWOOD ROAD  
WARRANDYTE SOUTH. PHONE 9844 3361

Full range of:

- HORSE & STOCK FEED
- POULTRY, BIRD and PET SUPPLIES
- PEA STRAW
- STRAW BALE HIRE for functions

**Free delivery local area**




# Sinister saga on a sea of salty superstition

I 'VE just had a Saxa experience. For the more trendy amongst you, perhaps I should say that I've had a Maldon Sea Salt experience.

I was filling the saltshaker and the jar slipped from my hand and a pile of salt fell on the bench. Instinctively, I picked up a pinch and threw it over my left shoulder. At least I was protected from the Devil for a time.

Just as I heaved the pinch, Herself walked into the room and almost copped a face full of sodium chloride.


"What on earth are you doing chucking salt around the room?"

"I thought that would be obvious. I'm protecting myself from bad luck."

"How?"

Now, my mother was not a formally educated woman but she did have a storehouse of wisdom that had been passed down through the generations. From childhood, I had been instructed about the dangers of carelessly disposing of body hair, nail parings or eyelashes as these could be collected by the evil spirits and used in spells to work against me.

I spent a lot of my childhood terrified of breaking a mirror lest I be held responsible for the family having seven years of bad luck. On one occasion when a hand mirror was broken accidentally, I was led down to the vegetable patch where the shards were buried far below where the potatoes or carrots



**KIBBLED**

**"You know you're vulnerable. You were born left-handed and you know what that means!"**

couldn't reach. I was told that this was one of the best ways of breaking the bad luck cycle.

When I was old enough to begin to question these odd beliefs, I bundled up enough courage to ask why I was encouraged, no expected, to fling spilled salt around the kitchen over my left shoulder but if I spilt some other food on the table, I would be punished for slopping food on the tablecloth. Heaving Irish stew from one end of the kitchen to the other would have had some purpose to it but why boring old salt?

"You know you're vulnerable. You were born left-handed and you know what that means!"

"It means I have trouble with scissors and writing without smudging the ink," I offered.

"Don't be flippant. You know that good spirits live on the right side of your body. You have too many evil spirits on your left side and, therefore, we can't let your evil spirits get even more powerful. The Devil always approaches from the left. Good spirits keep watch over us and always warn us when the bad spirits are approaching. They do this by making us spill the salt. This is a cue for us to pick some up and throw it into the face of the approaching evil spirit and even you must know that salt not only preserves food but it also preserves people from harm. So don't you get too big for your boots, young man! If I wasn't here to protect you from harm, where would you be?"

Years later when I remembered this conversation my answer would have been, "A hell of a lot less screwed up than I am now!" But at the time I retreated, grateful that my mother had cast a circle of safety around my childhood.

Why, oh why did I mention circles? We all know that the Devil has no power against the power of the circle so let's just move on!

Now that I'm older and wiser, these old superstitions don't rule my life but I am pleased to see that they still have an influence on a large number of our population.

Just look around: tattoos and

earrings. Years ago, when people like my mother had gone, we thought we had outgrown all their lessons and we gave up the age-old protections. Tattoos became unpopular and were only worn by navvies and pierced earrings only by vulgar hussies who didn't know that earrings are circular protections against evil spirits, the ear being the centre of intelligence.

It's good to see that we are returning to the beliefs of our forebears. The rock stars have led the way. They have gone back to the old documents to search out the solutions to today's troubles. They have discovered that sailors, centuries ago, had tattoos applied as a protection against drowning and smallpox. I think some historians went a little astray, however, when they interpreted some sailor's "I love Mary" tattoos as having religious significance.

So it's good to see that the current campaigns against the possibility of drowning in hotel pools and of the need to protect ourselves against transmissible diseases have made an impression on our international role models. And that the knowledge of the power of the tattoo has resurfaced. What other explanation can be offered for the outbreak of indelible talismans!

My mother must be rolling in her grave with glee, but only if she's clutching a bunch of garlic.

**ROGER KIBELL**

**Counselling & Therapy**

- Individuals & Couples
- Parenting & Family matters
- Depression & Self esteem

**Bernadette Walsh**  
Psychologist  
**9844 1427**  
Private Health Rebates



**W.C. CARPENTRY**  
ABN 55 654 605 417  
**SPECIALISING IN:**  
**WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT**  
**EXTENSIONS - RENOVATIONS - PERGOLA'S**  
OBLIGATION FREE QUOTES  
- WARREN COTTRELL -  
**MOB: 0417 902 802**

# No love lost for the yellow, red, brown leaves of home

**T**HE Latin for "to fall down" is *deciduous*—hence deciduous tree. I have never liked deciduous trees. Their russet autumn tones do not move me to eloquence. But I do understand why, at this time of year, people flock to places like Bright and Marysville to feast their eyes on the fiery hues of European trees.

Our species relies heavily on visual senses. Without sight life is difficult, without colour it is dull. Colour influences our choice of clothes, furnishings, cars and even food. We like our nature colourful too—our flowers, birds and butterflies—we like our sky blue, but we don't always like our trees green. Rarely do we consider the meaning or purpose of colour in the natural environment, but many plants and animals use colour in various ways, as an attractant, a deterrent, for camouflage, to mimic, or as an indicator.

Green leaves, as they age and die, lose their chlorophyll and turn to brown. It is a process that all trees go through, it's just that the deciduous variety do it all at once and replacement is a long time coming. The leaves of deciduous trees are broad and thin and not designed to withstand the rigours of winter. Triggered by temperature and day length, the trees shed their frost-tender leaves as life processes slow. Eventually, through lack of light and warmth, growth comes to a grinding halt.

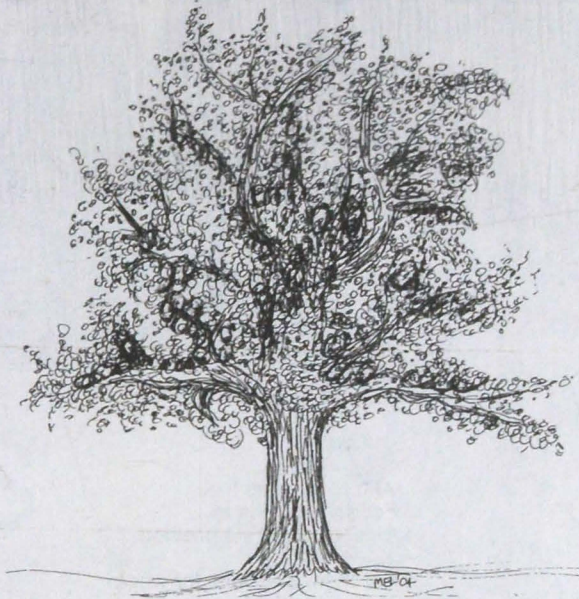
Winters in England are longer, colder and darker than here. I have written about Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) before. It is a real phenomenon, I know, I was a sufferer. To me, growing up in England, the au-

**NATURE**  
By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

tumn colours were a prelude to prolonged periods of greyness, days of drizzle and bouts of bone-chilling cold. Confined indoors, I would gaze out at the skeleton trees devoid of life and count the days until spring. Even as a child I craved the blue skies and warmth of a southern sun.

While deciduous woodlands and forests dominate the cool temperate latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, they are by no means confined to those regions. In Africa, most of the woodlands and savannahs are deciduous. There are also extensive deciduous forests in Asia and South America. However, there are no great deciduous forests in Australia. Some tropical species like the Boab, Kapok and Kurrajong lose their leaves in the dry season and the White Cedar, a rainforest tree, and Tasmania's Southern Beech also shed their leaves, but these are the exceptions rather than the rule. Our landscapes are dominated by evergreen trees—eucalypts with thick sclerophyllous leaves that have evolved to cope with Australia's infertile soils and unreliable rainfall.

Interestingly, in the less fertile rocky areas of the Northern Hemisphere conifers and pines replace the oaks and beech. These evergreens are similar in many ways to our eucalypts. Despite poor soils, both are quick-growing and both have tough, aromatic leaves that are long-lived. For trees growing in



nutrient impoverished soils it is a disadvantage to drop all their leaves at once. Evergreen trees in general drop fewer leaves than deciduous trees, but because they are so tough they decay more slowly and for that reason eucalypt leaves do not make good compost.

The early pioneers found our forests somewhat sombre and infinitely monotonous. To provide some colour and to remind them of home they planted Oak, Ash, Elm, Sycamore and Poplar and used Willows to stabilise river and creek banks. Their legacy of European and North American trees can still be seen in the towns and valleys throughout north-east Victoria. Unlike those early settlers I have no desire to seek that autumn flush of colour to remind me of what once was my home-

land. Perhaps I would feel differently if the great forests and woodlands that once covered Great Britain were still there, but they are long gone—cleared to make way for agriculture. Today, less than five percent of Britain's original native vegetation remains.

A few months ago I was taken on a scenic flight over the forests of East Gippsland. To use a much clichéd word—because I can think of no other—it was breathtaking. No reds, golds or browns, just subtle shades of green, forming a seductive tapestry of trees on a grand scale. Dowsed in sunshine, the forest spread out below me, a natural, native, Australian forest, the place I yearned for as a child—the place that is now my home-

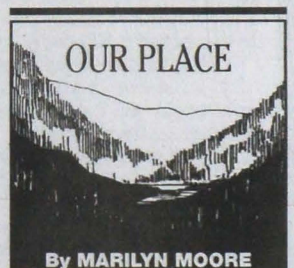
## Maybe run it on the Yarra?

**R**EALLY, I must speak to the management at Surf Life Saving Australia. This is the third year in a row that they've scheduled their Australian championships to coincide with the Warrandyte Festival. Outrageous cheek! We're suffering terrible withdrawal symptoms here.

We wouldn't normally go near the Gold Coast, but "Aussies" is a weekend not-to-be-missed, the biggest event in Australia barring the 2000 Olympics. And with two participants in the family, we are somewhat obliged to attend.

Imagine two kilometres of wide white beach simply teeming with activity.

Bronzed swimmers race into the pounding surf before becoming a line of little black specks rounding the buoys far out in the deep blue water; paddlers and boardies struggle out through the lines of towering breakers; boat crews carve a powerful course through the crashing surf, the balance between control and slewing broadside into the foam always a fragile one; beach competitors sprint and dive for flags in a flurry of fine dry sand, or rehearse their relay changes. At



**OUR PLACE**  
By MARILYN MOORE

the water's edge, a washed-up oar or a broken ski indicates yet another failed attempt to breach the break.

Large grandstands, maybe 20,000 spectators, line the back of the beach, and the grassy hinterland is piled six or eight deep with surf skis and boards, official marquees and food stalls.

Helicopters and watercraft capture continuous TV footage, which is also relayed to a big screen centre-beach. All the legends are there, including several Olympians. Some have left their track and pool training to compete, even at the risk of jeopardising their chances in the Australian team for Athens.

Swimmer Ky Hurst was a cen-

tral player in one of this year's big heart-stoppers. Speculation surrounded his participation in the six-man Taplin relay (the glamour "iron-man" team event): would he really risk a berth in the 1500m at Athens? But how could he not anchor his club (Tugun) to a record third consecutive victory?

Olympics come and go, but your club is your family. With names like Holmes, Mercer, Baggaley and Kenny competing, Hurst couldn't resist. Tugun had to win the Taplin. But Northcliffe, their chief rival, had Olympian Nathan Baggaley leading out. After huge seas split the field, it became a two-horse race between Tugun and Northcliffe. The lead changed again and again—the competitors were always at the mercy of the sea, the whim of a wave. An uncanny ability to read the water is as much a part of this competition as the strength and speed of the participants, and young Dane Hurst hit the lead in a sensational sleight of hand to give his brother a slender start on the final leg.

Nothing we'd seen so far prepared us for what followed. Ky Hurst powered through that water like Cathy Freeman floating down the track to win the

400m at Homebush—a level of human achievement both awesome and sublime—and the crowd went wild. You just can't see it on the telly.

Our contribution to the proceedings was pretty exciting, too. The girls team did brilliantly, but number one son had a glorious time, his Anglesea beach relay team successfully defending their 2003 national junior title with a faultless display of strength, speed and technique. This year was also his last chance to have a crack at the Australian junior sprint title, and he finished second by a whisker. The wee laddie finally left Kurrawa with a gold, two silvers, and a huge smile for the cameras.

God only knows what his team got up to in Surfers that night, but he turned up on time next day for the long haul home. We all slept on the plane. Midnight at Tullamarine was like midnight at the morgue, and it took lots of big yawns to oxygenate my brain during the endless drive home. The troops slept in the back, oblivious, heads lolling. Dreaming of Aussies, reliving the euphoria, exhausted from the fun.

Almost worth missing the Warrandyte Festival for!

*The Blue Bicycle Cafe*

Look out for our new winter warmers... coming soon!

**Buy any breakfast roll and get tea or coffee half price**

Valid until 12pm for the month of April on presentation of this voucher — 7 days a week

**NOW OPEN 7 DAYS**  
Phone: 9844 4951

Cnr Webb & Yarra Streets  
Warrandyte

**WARRANDYTE WELDING**

All materials welded. Your place or mine. No job too small

**RING NEIL CARTER 9844 2547**

**counselling & psychodrama**  
all life issues & concerns

**john devling M.Sc.**,  
over 25 years experience  
individual, relationship & groups

**9730 2313**

Christmas Hills & Richmond  
sliding scale fees based on ability to pay

**TOM KERKHOFF TELEVISION SALES AND SERVICE**

*Servicing the area for 36 years*

Service to all makes of Television, Video Cassettes, Stereo Systems, Microwaves, Antenna Systems Installed.

**TV RECEPTION PROBLEMS?**  
Then why not convert to a digital set topbox—now available.

27 Mitchell Avenue Warrandyte 3113

Ph: 9844 3970  
Mob: 0408 175 274

CARING FOR WARRANDYTE PETS FOR 30 YEARS

**HOT DOGGIE**

The complete grooming service for all breeds of dogs

Call Linda on **9844 3686**  
135 Harris Gully Rd Warrandyte 3113

**Warrandyte Veterinary Clinic**

Mon-Fri: 9.30-11am & 4pm-6.30pm  
Saturday: 9.30am-12 noon

WE CARRY A FULL PET PRODUCT RANGE

**Catering for all small animals, exotics and wildlife.**

**Dr Derek J. Fairley (B.V.Sc.)**  
Lwr Cnr Melbourne Hill & Houghton Rds, Warrandyte  
Consultation by Appointment—Phone 9844 3071

**Earth Harmony Shop**  
Earth Harmony Healing Centre

- Crystals, Silver Crystal Jewellery...
- Books, Music, Gifts...
- Therapies, Readings, Classes, Workshops...

272 Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113  
Next to Post Office, near the bridge p/f: 9844 5155

**TAXATION AND ACCOUNTING**

- Taxation Return Preparation
- Electronic Lodgement Service
- Accounting & Business Consultants

SHOP 5, 35-37 DRYSDALE ROAD, WARRANDYTE  
9844 2661 A/H 9844 2540

**JOHN ROBERTS**  
and Associates  
Certified Practising Accountants

**Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association Inc.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held in the WMI&AA hall  
Cnr Mitchell Avenue & Yarra Street  
Monday, May 3, 2004, at 8pm

**ALL WELCOME**

**PURITY NATURAL BEAUTY THERAPIES**  
5 Tarroona Ave, Warrandyte

**JANESCE & ROSEHIP OIL PRODUCTS**

**Treatments include:**  
• Relaxation Massage • Facials

**APRIL OFFER**  
FREE GIFT with any facial or massage

AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT  
Tues, Fri and Sat — Phone  
9844 4881 or 0416 023 642



JKF

# Not one more swallow

Her body,  
Her temple  
You nourished and fed,  
With fruits of the earth.  
Soil food.  
Soul food

But now you see  
that gaunt shadow face  
with its small brave smile,  
and watch her soul  
leak out  
through huge hollow eyes.

Our body,  
our engine  
with food as its fuel.  
For some fuel is all,  
for some food's a passion.

But there are those for whom  
each morsel is torture,  
begrudging and loathing  
each meagre bite.

Forgetting entirely,  
the reason we do it.  
Forgetting entirely,  
that without it we die.

*"It must have been me"*  
maternal guilt cries.  
I did something wrong  
made too much of a fuss.

If I'd been like the rest,  
bought white squishy bread  
and poured bright coloured drinks  
that makes them all smile;

believed what they said  
that it really was food,  
you might be still eating  
you may even cry  
"good on ya mum"

But the culprit's not mum  
whose role's long usurped—  
in a world which cajoles us  
to constantly eat,  
but also exerts us  
to be foodlessly thin.

It's not just the body  
that denies and denies.  
It seeps from the mind  
where a dark creature lurks—  
a hate voice, a death voice,  
a hissing Mr Hyde.

Her body  
her temple,  
you're fighting to save.  
Your own flesh and blood,  
your lovely young girl,  
from those skeletal fingers,  
that voice which says 'no'  
that voice which without you

will surely say 'die'.

**KAREN THROSSELL**



## coming soon to Warrandyte

1 Mahoneys Court  
Warrandyte  
(opp Pound Road)

For all your  
building  
and garden  
supplies

9844 3329



## THE SOIL SHOP

- RECYCLED MATERIALS
- SOILS – mountain soil, screened organic soil, garden mix
- TOPPINGS – Castella, Lilydale, Coldstream and Dromana
- Mansfield RIVER ROCKS
- Colac, Granite and Coldstream LANDSCAPING ROCKS
- SLEEPERS – Redgum, Treated Pine, Cypress Pine
- GARDENING SUPPLIES – weed mat, fertilisers, lawn seed, herbicides, potting mix
- Large variety of MULCHES
- IRRIGATION supplies
- Gardening & Tradesperson TOOLS
- All at very COMPETITIVE PRICES



Free Delivery to Warrandyte  
on presentation of this ad

[www.thesoilshop.com.au](http://www.thesoilshop.com.au)





# Fireflies fight fear

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Members of North Warrandyte CFA are putting their community leadership grant from the Office of Women's Policy to good use. Last month 12 female firefighters completed an adventure course designed to build team, communication and problem solving skills.

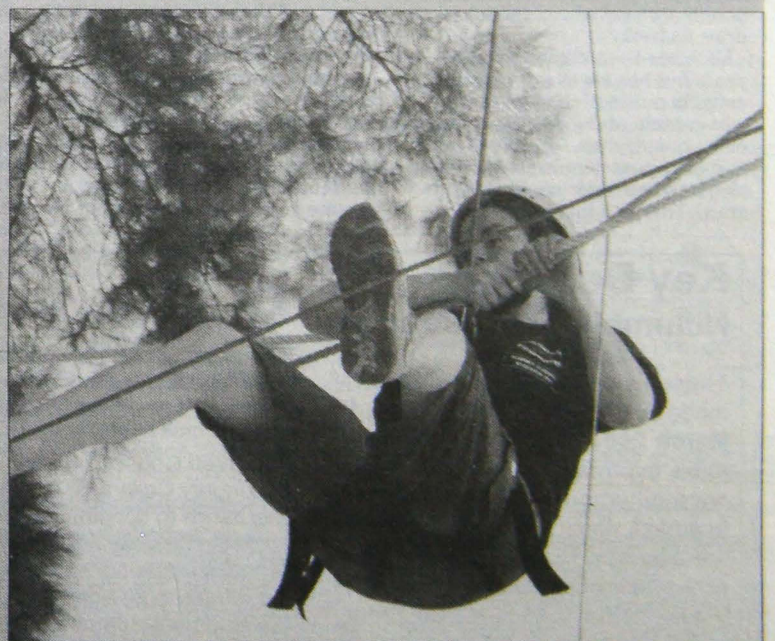
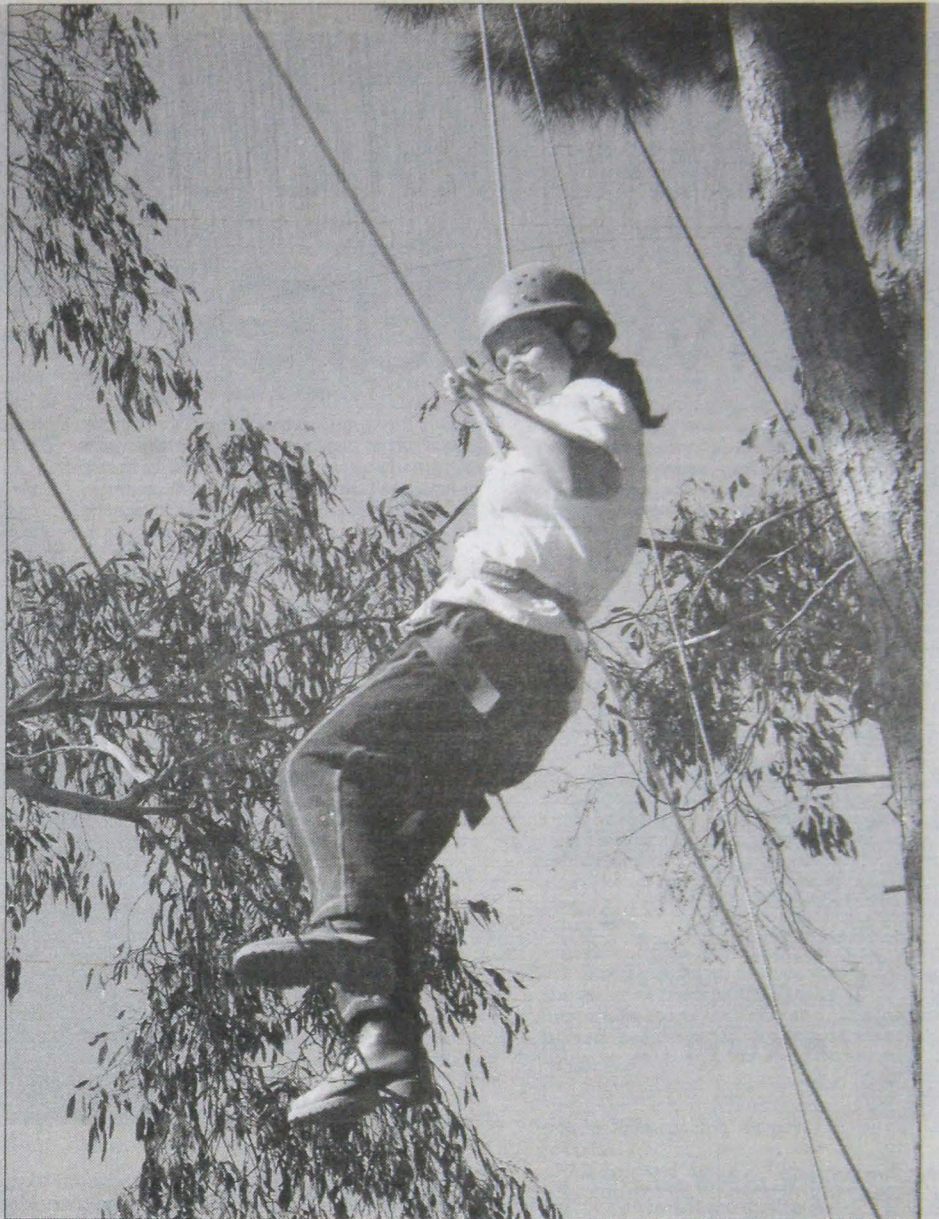
On the first day the group went abseiling in the Cathedral Range. "We did a training run at the bottom of the range — at a place called the Boulders," Sandi Quick, North Warrandyte brigade secretary, told the *Diary*. That drop was about twice the height of a single storey house.

"Then we climbed to the top of Sugarloaf peak and abseiled down the 75 metre drop with a rope change half way down on a narrow ledge. Some of the girls found that very challenging," Ms Quick said. "That was an individual challenge. Then we got to day two and that was team problem solving. We had hired a company to take us out on this course and they gave us challenges such as — how will you get across the quicksand?"

The North Warrandyte firefighters believe that their communications and solution finding skills have improved. "That is something we can interpret to our firefighting activities — the need for communication.

"I think a lot of the girls have found that it's really brought them out of themselves. They are able now to be more active within their firefighting roles. They have more confidence in themselves to be able to do the more challenging aspects of firefighting," Ms Quick said.

The weekend ended with a team dinner with state local MP Danielle Green. North Warrandyte women firefighters' future plans include a motivational address by a female executive from one of the emergency services.



Pictures by SANDI QUICK and KATE MURPHY

# Heart-stopping adventure

A young  
Warrandyte  
climber  
challenges  
nature at  
the top of  
the world

**C** LIMBING an 8000 metre peak is far from the average national sporting pastime but one young Australian's passion has taken him into an elite group of world mountaineers.

Warrandyte signwriter, Mick Parker, is a quiet-natured, unassuming man just 30 years old and yet he has achieved more in the climbing world than most people could dream of.

Mick thrives on the spectacular beauty of the world's highest mountain regions, the sense of achievement in reaching a summit and successfully returning, and the diversity of people with the same aspirations.

"The simplicity of life in the mountains, the complexity of nature and the challenges are all special," Mick told the *Diary*.

"It's a matter of reaching the summit whilst minimising the dangers. You experience the camaraderie of fellow climbers and the mountain people who act as a magnet to draw us back."

Mick has been climbing for 10 years but has always been interested in outdoor challenges. He was captain of the Wesley College cross country team in school years and continues running and cycling as part of his rigorous fitness program. This also includes walking

with heavy packs and rock climbing with an intense training schedule for at least four months prior to a planned climbing expedition.

His first serious venture into mountaineering was completing a technical ice-climbing course in the alpine region of the South Island, New Zealand. Training under the watchful eye of top international alpine guides also involved glacier work and climbing some of the smaller peaks in that country. At the age of 21, this was followed by a trekking trip to Nepal with an Australian group to climb Mera Peak, his first foray into altitudes of around 6500m.

Mick claims any peak in high altitude is challenging but you have to be inspired to succeed. He believes the prime age for a climber is between 30 and 40 when the lungs are at their peak.

Good climbing technique and careful judgment is essential to minimise the risks.

The atmospheric pressure at the summit of Mount Everest is only 30 percent that of sea level. The heart pounds at 100 resting and 140 exercising, so both youth and experience are critical. Another important factor is that the body starts to degenerate above 5000m with loss of fitness and energy. This is particularly so for Mick who is in an elite group climbing in these al-

titudes without oxygen.

On experience, Mick comments, "mental strength is more critical than physical strength and there must be a total trust and confidence in your fellow climbers, otherwise you might as well be making a solo climb."

His climbing achievements to date include Aconcagua in the Andes, Ama Dablam, a steep and technically difficult mountain in Nepal, and an unsuccessful attempt on Mount Kongur in the Kun Lun region of China close to the Russian border near the Old Silk Road. This peak has been ascended only once, in 1980 by an expedition of four British climbers led by Chris Bonington.

"Kongur is difficult to reach because there is more than six km to traverse through the world's largest glaciers. The climb is highly technical through rock and ice with dangers including slab avalanches where whole slopes come away and rock falls are prevalent," Mick said.

"Access to this mountain is through Kashgar, a remote and somewhat inhospitable township for westerners, then to Karakol Lake where the walk with heavy packs and camels begins. The trek to camps two and three takes you through very dangerous terrain, exposed to the elements with ava-

lanches and rock falls likely at around 7200m. From here the real climb begins with technically difficult challenges all the way up to the summit."

Earlier this year Mick made an attempt on Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest peak at 8598m which is considered by many as possibly the most demanding in the world to climb. It is often referred to as the mountain on a mountain with the most technical aspect of the climb in steep rock and ice well above 8000m.

The 8200m peak of Cho Oyu has been Mick's most recent success as a member of an international team of three Spaniards, a Swede, an Englishman and three Poles including two experienced women climbers. The mountain is in the range separating Nepal and Tibet. The team climbed the northern side from the Tibetan plateau.

At base camp Mick found a "chorten" erected by the Sherpas in memory of Paul Carr, the Australian police officer who had tragically died on the mountain some weeks earlier. The chorten, a rock stack with a flat face, bearing an inscription carved by a local Tibetan, serves as a memorial plaque and a mark of respect from the local people.

Looking to the future, there is no doubt that the 14 of the world's

8000m plus peaks are calling this young climber. The next one, planned for April, is the 8473m peak of Mt Makalu, in the Khumbu region, close to Mt Everest. Mick explained, "Makalu means Big Black Pyramid in the local language".

Next year, 2005, will be the jubilee year for Kanchenjunga and planning is well advanced for celebrations which will include George Band, one of the peak's first climbers. Another attempt will be made on the mountain by the same team that was unsuccessful in the spring of 2003.

K2, with its very steep pyramid shape, located in Pakistan/China, plus another attempt on Mt Kongur are certainly on the agenda as are a number of technically difficult peaks less than the magical 8000m level. K2 is also celebrating a jubilee year in 2004.

Recognised now as a competent international mountaineer and a member of the elite 8000m club, invitations to join international expeditions are opening up more opportunities for the young Warrandyte signwriter.

The cost of climbing is always a factor and sponsorship from businesses is an ongoing part of the achievement plan for this young adventurer. Mick can be contacted on 9844 1259.

## Key Decisions

### Nillumbik Shire Council

These are some of the decisions made by Council on **Wednesday, 17 March 2004**. If you would like any extra information visit our website [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au) for full business papers. The next Council meeting is on 15 April 2004 at 7.30pm at the Shire Offices. All welcome or listen to the broadcast on Plenty Valley FM 88.6.



Customer Service 9433 3111



### Community, Health, Culture, Sport & Leisure

**Resolved** Council to endorse the revised Childcare Fees for 2004 for the Nillumbik Shire Council Living and Learning Centres' Playhouses at Eltham and Panton Hill.

**Resolved** Council supports the application by St Helena Secondary College to the Community Facility Fund for assistance to construct a soccer pitch; supports the application to the Community Facilities Fund by Panton Hill Primary School for the upgrading of the School's outdoor netball/basketball court; agrees to support the Yarrambat Family Development Hub as a potential project for an application to the Community Facility Fund, for development in the 2005/06 budget year; and seeks advice from local schools about their intentions regarding the subsequent rounds of the Community Facility Fund.



### Land Use, Planning and Environment

**Resolved** Council to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit at 17 Silver Street, Eltham for the purpose of seven dwellings and the removal of 12 native trees.

**Resolved** Council to defer Application for the development of six detached dwellings at 25-27 Batman Road, Eltham for one month to allow a consultation meeting to be held at which objectors can directly discuss concerns with the applicant.

**Resolved** Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the St Andrews (Market Site) Advisory Committee.



### Transport and Infrastructure

**Resolved** Council review its landscape maintenance standards and practices at roundabouts and intersections to ensure that safe standards are achieved.

# An inspirational woman

## VILLAGE PEOPLE

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING



Picture by  
AUSTIN POLLEY

**W**OMEN and the power of the women's movement have been crucial in the life so far of Val Polley, long-time Warrandyte advocate.

Born in England, Val spent her childhood in a small village in Suffolk—"Constable country"—where her father was a fitter and turner and her mother a needlewoman. Val's father died in a road accident when she was seven.

"My mother was a very inspirational woman. When my father died she had three small children—my brother was born after his death—and things were very different then. There were no loans or money or mortgages and she worked and got over it all. Before women's lib she made her daughters feel all things were possible.

"When my father died I had no sense of what happened. It was very bewildering and you didn't realise the implications of it. Now children get counselled but then, it was a case of get on: it took place and make the best of it.

"You didn't go to the funeral." She said society treats grief differently and better now than it did before.

Val was surprised by the impact of the death of her mother, who was in her 80s, earlier this year. "We were quite ready for it and knew it was going to happen but I was very unsettled and it was quite a different grieving. It was very strange after losing my father so young."

Aged 21, Val and her husband Austin came to Australia "to do something different" after Austin returned from National Service in Kenya, travelling to Melbourne because of work contacts. The Polleys first lived in Black Rock and Brighton but they had friends in Eltham.

"It was such a gorgeous area, such a different place. You left the built-up area around Box Hill and found rolling hills and open space. We decided to buy a house and stumbled across Warrandyte. We took one look and agreed 'Yep, let's live here.'" Val stopped her clerical job to have daughters Jane and Clare who grew up in Warrandyte.

"Shortly after moving to Warrandyte I was quite sick with the flu. I remember Joan Golding coming round with a passionfruit flummery and Ros Browne doing my ironing. Warrandyte was a great place to live and various local women are still doing a lot of

good things and are very inspirational—women like Karen Throssell, Margory Lapworth, Kerrie Boyle and Marj Beecham. They play a pivotal role in the community," she said.

But Val found it very different coming from England to Australia, with married women not being able to work here and childcare very rare and difficult. "I'm pleased my daughters have choices compared to what I had. Attitudes have changed in the last 60 years and there've been many changes for women who can work or not. I've been pleased to be part of the movement to make it possible."

Val had a craft gallery in Eltham in the early 1970s and was later co-ordinator of the arts and crafts centre at Monash University. At 40 she completed an arts degree at Monash as she hadn't had the opportunity to do so as a younger person.

"It was something I wanted to do to prove myself. I sometimes think a university education is wasted on young people. When you're older and with a bit of life experience you get a lot more out of it—where to go, what to do. The young flounder.

"However, in hindsight, I would have liked to do my degree earlier and see where it took me.

"The opportunities were greater and the horizons wider than mine were at 40 and it may well have opened opportunities. But it certainly did for me at a mature age.

"I was into conservation all my adult life: dual interests of arts and conservation." Val took various roles in the National Parks Authority, "community liaison officer, the wetlands unit, the office of the environment and community programs.

"Joy Henkie mentored me and Cliff Green encouraged different aspects of my life. The Warrandyte Environment League, the Yarra Valley Conservation League, it was a real introduction to the community while the girls were small.

"Rupert Hamer's passing reminded me of a very exciting time. If we weren't careful the whole area would have rolled over and the suburbs spread. Rupert Hamer had a strong sense of the arts and the community in people's lives and not much has been seen since."

Val was awarded a Centenary Medal for community services, having been a city councillor, mayor of Doncaster and

Templestowe in 1991-92 and for her work with the community centre which was threatened with changes by council. "About three years ago we formed a group and the committee won rights to run it. People like Jock Macneish put in so much time and energy. If everybody did just one year of community involvement they'd be amazed at what they could get out of it."

Being mayor was "a very interesting and a new experience" and Val lists the highlights as good planning, getting a conservation officer onto council staff and good work with the Green Wedge and other planning issues.

"I think people are put off being volunteers—but it's so rewarding. Over the years I've been involved in so many groups. All three school councils, an inaugural member of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park."

At the moment Val is using her expertise on Planning Panels Victoria "keeping my hands on, working on planning". She's also a director of the Warrandyte Community Bank. "I was in the tent at the festival for the bank and someone came in and said 'it's nice to see you'. She was from the spinning group—there are so many facets of life you forget." Val's creative interests are quilting and knitting and sewing for her grandchildren and she has a small collection of glass and fine pieces of china. "I'm not a huge collector but if I see something I like then I'll buy it."

What now for Val and Austin Polley? They are shortly going to Europe. "We're reaching the stage of thinking about where we're going to be in the next five years. We have a reasonable sized, steep block. How long are we going to be able to manage the house and garden here? We've been in Warrandyte since 1967 and can hardly consider somewhere different, but it's part of the review process.

"We've loved living in Warrandyte. It's been very good to us. Coming from a small country place in England we found the suburbs daunting and it was so fortuitous being here."

Val sees her legacy as having made a difference, "although it's very difficult to quantify where you stand". She says it's hard to see yourself as others see you. "My mother's style was you didn't put yourself forward, people will tell you if you're any good.

"My family is my greatest achievement. Most women would say the same thing."

# Fame, fortune and fans in Follywood

**A**LONG with many others, we left it too late to book for the annual and ever-popular Warrandyte Follies. No Friday or Saturday tickets! How could this happen? We've scarcely missed a Follies production in 20 years. It's obviously more popular than ever.

So, in the middle of swearing to myself that next year we'd be better organised, I was doubly delighted to score the job of reviewing the 2004 *Follywood* extravaganza.

And indeed what a sorry thing it would have been, to have missed it! We had a delightful time, perched up high under the bio-box with hot pizza on our laps, an ample supply of cool green grapes and chilled cider, and the grandest view in the house.

The before-the-show preliminaries create quite an anticipatory din: checking out the audience, catching up with friends and acquaintances, and admiring the culinary achievements on surrounding

tables. Whilst it is customary for some of the more elegant members of the audience to tote along the full silver service, most patrons confine themselves to the production of magnificent platters. In the scheme of things, our humble pizza clearly scored nil for effort; however, the Follies is Warrandyte at its eclectic best, and pretty much anything goes.

At last the lights dimmed and all heads turned towards the stage. From the first wink of the Hollywood lights to the last hurrah of the final chorus,

*Follywood* was a great success. Directed by Phyl Swindley and produced by Rae Danks, the cast was excellently served by an unfussy yet glamorous stage design and very efficient backstage and lighting crews.

The *Follywood* sketches provided a nicely balanced program that included everything from Saltbush George (a witty commentary on the Iraqi situation) and Startrek Down Under, to the Academy

## THEATRE

By MARILYN MOORE

Awards. The lament of Arnie's mum ("When is he going to get a proper job?"), acted with great gusto by Keryn Wood, rubbed shoulders with the likes of popular John Howard impersonator (Bill Mitchell) rigged out in his wild western gear ("I always wanted to be a Deputy"), the exciting harmonies of local quartet 4 in a Bar (Jack Stringer, Dick Pengelley, Lisa Upson and Jan Nance), a Chaplin-style sketch, a couple of mini feature films ("What really goes on in Warrandyte" and "The perfect picnic") and dazzling drag queen Shirley Knott in La Jazz Hot (delightfully supported by tappers Roz Gaffney and June Buck).

The high calibre of the sketch writing was particularly evident in the Academy Awards, which were very funny. Adrian Rice was unfor-

gettable as the director of the Best Foreign Film, Caroline Shaw left Halle Berry for dead as Best Actress, Bill Connolly's award-winning efforts as a cinematographer were presumably made at a time when his blood alcohol level was somewhat lower, and Ian Craig's rendition of the schizophrenic Gollum as Best Supporting Actor were among the great joys of the night.

*Follywood* also gave us a splendid opportunity to bask in the talents of local singers Heather Jameson, Malcolm Needham, Libby Skeels, Daphne Fraser and Bill Mitchell, whose solos lifted the calibre of the evening from a mere string of skits to an integrated and substantial show.

Alan Cornell, in inimitable fashion, had the audience in the palm of his hand during his solo performance of "Deliverance—the musical", a complete change in mood following Raine Dinale's Monroesque "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend". Stealing the glamour

spotlight however was Knott and Gaffney's "Mamma, I'm a Big Girl Now" in a very strong performance. On a more refined note, the smooth harmonies of Keyna Paulin, Susan Bowman, Deborah Silva and Noelene Cooper, who joined Libby and Heather in "Chattanooga Choo Choo", blended beautifully, indicative of many hours of practice.

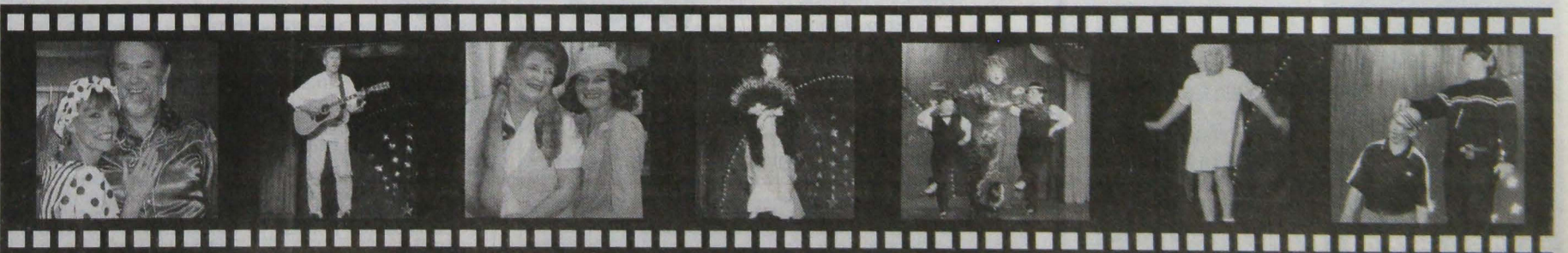
Although the Follies is a light-hearted production, there is nothing lightweight about it, as the cast clearly takes its job very seriously.

So seriously in fact that ... gosh, who's this staggering through the bar-room door?

"SPIT ... thwack! ... ding!"

Ah, yes, Saltbush George ... well, you just keep right on looking for those weapons, son. I've a more productive job to do — checking out the real estate, "Some-wh-e-r-e, O-ver the ri-ver ...". See ya!

Pictures by  
LIBBY SKEELS and  
PHYL SWINDLEY



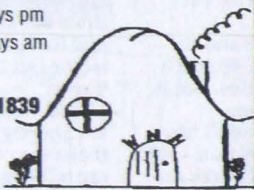
# Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

TERM 2 COURSES, 2004

- Yoga:** Mondays, Thursdays pm
- Belly Dancing:** Tuesdays pm, Thursdays am
- Warrandyte Walkers:** Mondays am
- Busy Needles Craft Group:** Tuesdays am
- Strong Women Stay Young:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays am
- Getting to Know Heide:** Tuesdays am
- Tai Chi (Night):** Tuesdays pm
- Friday Lunch & Discussions:** Fridays pm (monthly)
- Community Singing:** Mondays pm
- Children's Dance:** Tuesdays pm
- Children's Drawing:** Mondays pm
- Adult's Drawing:** Thursdays pm
- Flexibility, Wellbeing and Pilates Movement:** Tuesday pm
- MYOB (computer business skills):** Wednesdays pm
- Ayurvedic Medicine for Women:** Fridays pm
- Alternatives to HRT Fridays pm:**
  - **French Speaking club:** Wednesdays pm
  - **"How do I know what to say?":** Saturday pm Workshop
  - **Men's Group:** Wednesdays pm (fortnightly)
  - **Bringing back the Bush:** Mondays pm
  - **Painting on Location:** Wednesdays am
  - **New this term**

ENQUIRIES & ENROLMENT: 9844 1839

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House gratefully acknowledges funding from the following organisations: Manningham City Council, Department of Human Services and Doncare



# Friends in harmony



Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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

As part of the Communities Together project, supported by the Australian government's Living in Harmony initiative, a community event will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168-178 Yarra Street, Warrandyte to promote understanding of the contribution of Muslim families to Australia. The program, including Muslim speakers, a photographic display and art exhibition, henna body art and Arabic calligraphy, will run from 10am to 1pm on Thursday, April 29. Admission is free and a light lunch will be provided. The event is organised through the Migrant Information Centre and is the fourth in a series of 10 being held in neighbouring municipalities. Places are limited so please book by contacting the Migrant Information Centre on 9873 1666.



On show: Janet Forde, Richard Forde, Helen Edwards, Walter Magilton and Chris White at the Rotary Art Show.

## Rotary art show celebrates

Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Warrandyte, this year's Rotary Art Show at the Warrandyte Festival attracted work from more than 300 artists. First prize went to Chris White for his piece "Steiglitz", Walter Magilton's "Harmony of Hattah Lake" took second prize and Helen Edwards came third with "Reverie". A new category, the youth award, attracted 12 students from Warrandyte High School who submitted works in mixed media. The prize was awarded to Rhiannon Barclay for an untitled work on three panels.

### Driver

Manningham Community Health Service, in conjunction with RoadSafe Inner Eastern, is offering a Wiser Driver course for older residents over a four-week period in April. The course will be held on Fridays between 1.30 and 3.30pm. For further information call Jackie on 9848 5236. Gold coin donation per session.

### Farmers

Easter Sunday is the day of the first farmers' market in Nillumbik, to be held at the Kangaroo Ground Primary School. It will be run by Highland Events Management who run similar markets in Geelong, Werribee and Essendon and will take place on the second Sunday of each month. The market runs from 9am to 1.30pm with entry set at \$2 for adults and children free. There will be fresh farm produce, gourmet foods, quality wines and children's entertainment. If you are interested in being a stallholder call Stuart Wilson on 0408 501832 or Julie French at Nillumbik council on 9433 3315. A proportion of gate takings will go to the primary school.

### Dreams

Are you interested in joining with other local women to meet regularly, share ideas and encourage each other so that your "meaningful" project, dream or opportunity can be shaped into reality. This creative working group plans to meet fortnightly in Warrandyte with each person sharing their dream or project and helping each other with brainstorming and sharing of ideas. To register your interest

or obtain further information call Sallyanne Stone on 9844 2756.

### AGM

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association will take place on Monday, May 3 at the hall in Yarra Street at 8.15pm.

### Seminar

The next Manningham Environment Seminar will take place on Thursday, May 6 at the Function Room, Grand Hotel, 120 Yarra Street, Warrandyte commencing at 7.30pm. Local park ranger Glen Jameson will tell "Stories from the World Parks Congress" which he recently attended in South Africa as a representative of the Victorian Rangers Association. He will provide a fascinating overview of conservation on a world scale and management issues of the future. Glen is currently lecturing in Conservation Management at RMIT while on a year's leave from Parks Victoria.

### Market

The Christmas Hills community market and car boot sale will take place on Sunday, April 11 from 9am to 2pm at the Christmas Hills Primary School, 1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road. More stallholders are welcome. Call Liz on 9712 0414 or Rob on 9710 1512.

### Tea

Australia's "biggest morning

tea" is to be held this year on May 24 and the Anti-cancer Council is calling on people to host a morning tea and join in the fight against cancer. To register to take part call 1300 656 585. As a host you will receive a kit containing everything you will need to host and promote your event. Last year more than 5000 Victorians hosted a morning tea and raised \$600,000.

### Expo

Nillumbik council is conducting a community volunteer expo on Saturday, May 22 at the Diamond Creek Community Centre. Registrations for stalls are invited from community groups wishing to recruit volunteers. This event, held immediately after National Volunteer Week, will focus on encouraging local people to come along and discover the depth of opportunities that the community has to offer. Further information from Jenny Gregory on 9433 3136.

### Dance

The next South Warrandyte social dance will be held in the South Warrandyte Hall, in Hall Road, on Saturday, April 10. Old-time and new vogue dancing will be featured. Call 9729 8192 for more information.

### Renascent

The Renascent College of Intuitive Sciences, 143 Research-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte, offers community services in natural health and healing including public healing, Qi Gong, kinesiology, chromotherapy

and reiki by donation. Call 9844 5888 for further details.

### Friends

St John Ambulance community care branch is seeking volunteers for their Visiting Friends program which provides companionship to lonely residents of aged care homes. Call Jim Humphrey on 9736 2130 for further details.

### Tell us

The *Diary* is your newspaper and we love to print news of your group's activities. Jot down all the details, including date, time, venue and contact number and drop it through our letter slot at the community centre, fax it to 9844 4168 or by post to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113. We close copy on the last Friday of each month for publication in the second week of the following month.



### Rumours

An exhibition entitled "Rumours" by Western Australian textile artist Elizabeth Morely continues at the Stonehouse Gallery, 323 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road until Monday, May 31. The regular April exhibition at the gallery features pots for house and garden by Margaret Perry, Barbara Ratcliffe and Lydia Uhl. Call 9844 3629 for more information.

AVAILABLE NOW

**JURLIQUE**  
FOR MEN

Jurlique's unique range of organic, herbal products made just for him.

Because great skin is more than a close shave!

**Warrandyte Fullife Pharmacy**  
5 Goldfields Plaza Shopping Centre, Warrandyte Road  
Warrandyte Ph: 9844 2029

**GOLDFIELDS CELLARS**

Celebrating our 12th year!

- Wine Tastings: Wednesday Friday & Saturday nights
- Over 300 different wines
- Over 60 types of local and imported beers
- Friendly Service & Advice
- Ice Tub and Glass Hire Free with Party Orders
- Coffee beans ground and blended to your liking

Shop 9 Goldfields Plaza  
402 Warrandyte Road  
(opp Football oval)  
Warrandyte 3113  
Telephone 9844 1993  
Facsimile 9844 3469

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
— ample parking

Specialising in:  
newsletters, magazines,  
book publishing and  
advertising materials for  
letterbox distribution

**THE Ink Spot**

print & copy centre  
34 COOLSTORE ROAD, CROYDON. PHONE: 9725 6699

**ACT GLOBALLY —SHOP LOCALLY**

**Easter church services**

Details of Warrandyte and Park Orchards Easter church services are as follows:

Stations of the Cross will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday at 10am. Other services include: **Uniting** (9844 3476)—Thursday April 8, 7.30pm, Good Friday 9am, Easter Sunday 10.15am. **Anglican** (9844 3473)—Good Friday 2pm, Easter

Sunday 8am, 9.30am. **Catholic** (9876 1509)—Good Friday 3pm, Park Orchards, Easter Saturday 7.30pm Park Orchards, Easter Sunday 8.30am Warrandyte, 10.30am Park Orchards. **Community Church** (9844 4148)—Good Friday 9am, Easter Sunday 9am and 11am.

# Warrandyte's six of the Saturday best

By **STEPHEN BENDLE** and **JASON TURNER**

The Warrandyte Redbacks made a habit years ago of bringing home the booty from their basketball grand finals — and the March 27 climax to the Saturday summer season was no exception.

Warrandyte had fielded 49 teams in the competition, with 16 making the grand finals and six going all the way.

They also collected a host of MDP awards, Jesse Monteiro, Kurtis Law, Stephanie Smith and Darcy Jones among the recipients.

The premiers included the Under-10 WR3 team coached by Jason

Turner, who defeated Bulleen Templestowe 23-11.

It was goal for goal early, with Warrandyte slowly but surely putting their stamp on the game.

There were many individual highlights — Jack Cousens stealing the ball and putting it straight in the ring, little Cyrus Gordon surprising every one with his speed and trapping defence and Aran Spottiswood providing many assists.

Caleb Brodrick just kept running and jumping no matter how red in the face he was getting, Michael Holloway and Callum Chapman brought the ball forward at lightning speeds (Chapman

also putting both his free throws in), Nicholas Tookey-Knowles rebounded non-stop and Kurtis Law collected MVP for his great defence, offence, assisting and scoring.

Kyle Newman, sidelined with a broken finger, missed involvement in the moments of glory but was an excellent contributor all year.

Other successful grand finalists included the Under-14 boys, defeating Doncats 41-29 in an AR grand final.

One of the highlight clashes was the Under-20 A-grade girls premiership battle between the Redbacks and Bulleen. Warrandyte had to win through to the grand final via the pre-

liminary final and had yet to defeat the strong Bulleen side.

The core of the Warrandyte side had been very successful over recent years, collecting Under-17 and Under-18 A-grade premiership trophies along the way.

The game opened up with both teams strong in defence and Warrandyte, traditionally slow starters, were looking good at 10-all midway through the first half. But Bulleen were able to capitalise on a few defensive errors and went into the break leading 16-10.

The Redbacks were primed for a better second half, but injuries to Jess

Kemp and Melinda Walsham disrupted the balance of the side.

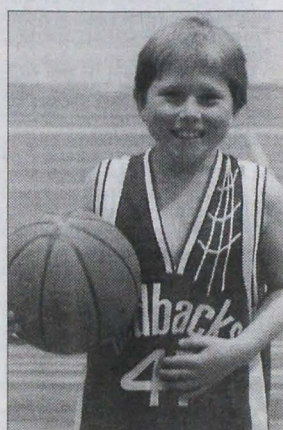
Their only chance was a three-point game when Kim Singh nailed one in the final few minutes.

However, Bulleen were up to the challenge and came away to win 40-23.

The Redbacks were gallant in defeat, with Chelsea Ransom among the better players.

Warrandyte will be sporting a brand new look when the Saturday winter season starts later this month. They will be kitted out in new uniforms, which will be featured on this page of the May Diary.

# The Redbacks reel them in!



Winning's not everything, eh Michael? Redback Under-12 Michael Holloway can muster a big grin despite a 32-21 defeat by Knox.

By **TONY OLIVER**

A thrilling 40-38 win by Warrandyte's Under-16 Metro 3 boys over Keilor highlighted play in the Friday night junior championship basketball competition at home on April 2.

This was the first game of the night at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre and the Redbacks, coached by Malcolm Anderson, were out to impress the home crowd.

But they were anything but impressive in the first half, Keilor rattling on nine points before tall centre Ben Power opened Warrandyte's account.

The margin had blown out to 15 points before the home side staged a fightback, but they were still trailing by 26-16 at the break.

Keilor were applying pressure over the whole court and were looking much the better team.

The opening minutes of the second half would be critical,

and although Keilor opened with a free throw shot, Wade King scored the opening basket for Warrandyte, followed by goals to Matt Clough and Mitchell Smith (with a three-point play) to give the Redbacks a sniff.

Tom Fitzpatrick was fouled in the act of shooting and put the two away to give Warrandyte the lead for the first time, with just over three minutes to go.

The final minutes were action-packed and nerve-racking, with first Keilor and then Warrandyte getting their noses in front.

With 40 seconds to go, Clough scored again to give the Redbacks the most slender of leads, but the visitors levelled in heavy traffic under the basket and appeared to have condemned the game to a draw with just seconds left on the clock.

A desperate Redbacks play relayed the ball down the court via Wade King to Ben Power to Clough, who put the ball in the basket as the buzzer sounded.

"A gutsy fightback which will give the boys a lot of confidence," said coach Anderson after the game.

It was the boys' third win by fewer than three points this season and they may well be challengers at the business end of proceedings.

They had entered Metro 3 via a qualifying route but have put impressive performances together.

Scoring was shared around against Keilor, Power leading with 10, followed by Clough with eight and Fitzpatrick seven.

The Under-18 boys coached by Steve Camm figured in a controversial 31-all draw with Eltham.

The Redbacks looked to have the game well under control, leading most of the way and enjoying a 18-10 advantage with three-point shots from Shane Holloway and Luke Dimmock and effective inside work by Richard Domeyer and Aaron Delacey.

But Eltham came back hard and tied it up at 29-all with 90 seconds to go.

Delacey scored again to give Warrandyte a two-point lead, but Eltham drew one back from the free throw line.

Holloway appeared to have opened up a match-winning break for the Redbacks by scoring twice from the charity line and while Eltham dragged another point back, the scoreboard showed a 33-31 win to Warrandyte, who were in possession on the buzzer.

Tragedy, however, was in store for the local boys. The frantic excitement of the final minutes had produced a scoreboard error and the individual scores total showed a 31-all draw.

The referees checked the scores several times and had no option but to declare it a dead-heat.

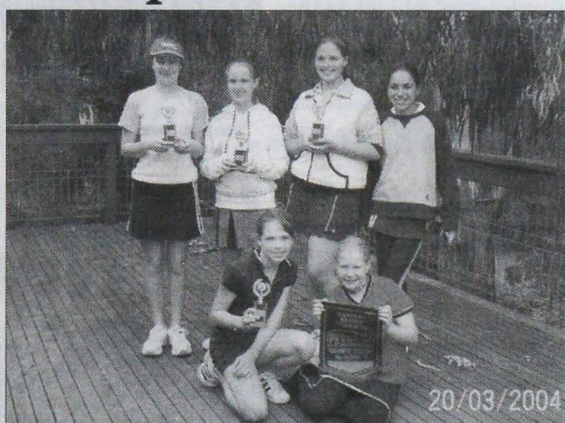
This Warrandyte team will need to work on their tactical play, especially when pressure is applied. They should have played percentage basketball in the last 30 seconds, which would have given them the win



Above: The Warrandyte Under-18 boys who managed to snatch a draw from the jaws of victory. Left to right: Aaron Delacey, Matt Belgioivane, Bryce Petalas, Nick Kosovac, Matt Camm, Jason Turner and Richard Domeyer. Below: The second half about to get under way in the Under-18s game.



## Tennis girls home in a photo finish



Warrandyte's premier Girls 11 outfit. Back (from left): Lauren Walker, Georgia Courtenay, Emma Ring, Stephanie Lambrianidis. Front: Jordyn Day, Elise Northover.

By **JUDY GREEN**

Warrandyte Tennis Club brought home two grand final pennants from the Eastern Region summer season.

The juniors had one winning grand finalist and one runner-up. The Girls 11 doubles team of Elise Northover (captain), Lauren Walker, Georgia Courtenay, Jordyn Day, Emma Ring and Stephanie Lambrianidis, were playing their first ever tennis season and finished second on the ladder after losing just three matches for the year.

They won their semi-final by just one game in a real nail-biter one game and followed with the grand final win by that same margin. Final scores were Warrandyte three sets 25 games to Heatherdale three sets 24 games.

The Boys 1 singles/doubles team of Alex Beltramin, Nick Lawrence, Nick Atkins, Darren Zygmunt (captain) and Adam Waugh also finished second on the ladder and comfortably won their semi-final but went down to the top side in the grand final.

They were poised to bring off an upset when leading four sets to two with the last two doubles remaining, but Burnt Bridge came back strongly, claiming both sets and closing the match out — again by one game — four sets 38 games to Warrandyte four sets 37 games.

In the senior competition, Open Sets 4 were victorious after qualifying in second place. They defeated Parkwood in the semi-final five sets to one and went on to easily beat Willison Park six sets 48 games to 27 games.

The team consisted of Carmen Hill (captain), Michelle Gilling, Mark Hill, Paul Lynch, Neil Sproat and Paul Gilling.

In Open Sets 6, the team of Bill Parry, Tony Silva, Jarrod Hodgson and Rashmi Somu reached the grand final after being comfortably on top at the end of the home-and-away matches but were beaten by a Canterbury team in the grand final.

## Kids court on camera

Warrandyte junior basketballers are being groomed for television stardom! Well, not exactly stardom, but for roles as extras in a new Channel 9 children's series.

The Redbacks have been asked to provide some of the talent for Holly's Heroes, a series based around a young girl's quest to succeed in her basketball team.

The court action will be filmed at Warrandyte High School and the young Redbacks will be among the extras in the opposition teams trying to beat Holly.

Stay tuned — and don't rule out a Logie or two!

despite the scoreboard discrepancy.

Topscorers were Holloway with 10 (including two three-pointers), Dimmock with eight and Delacey with six.

In an earlier game, Emma Collins' Under-14 Metro 1 boys went down 53-49 to Frankston.

Warrandyte are finding the going tough in Metro 1, but they were challenging for a Victorian Championship spot early in the year, so much is expected of this team.

Frankston led 25-20 at the break and extended the advantage in the second half.

The Redbacks were paying for

a number of intercepted passes and a low shooting percentage in the key but tightened their defence and lifted their intensity.

With two minutes to go, Jordan Beltramin reduced the deficit to seven by scoring on a fast break. Frankston replied, but Warrandyte's Matt Molloy answered that with interest by scoring his second three-pointer of the game.

Beltramin scored again, but Frankston were able to use up time on clock when in possession.

Ryan Holloway, Molloy, Dan Hughes, and Zac Brodrick were

the Redbacks' best in an even team performance. Topscorers were Hughes and Beltramin with nine each, followed by Molloy with eight, Shaun Turner with seven and David Holman six.

Coach Collins is well aware of her team's habit of starting slowly and being forced to play catch-up basketball.

"We need to work on shooting and then we will be grouse," she said.

These boys have defeated the talented Eltham team and were unlucky to lose the previous week in the "Land of Giants" when they went down by two points to a much taller Dandenong side.

Damian Arsenis' Under-12 Eastern Qualifying boys went down 32-21 to Knox.

Arsenis has plenty of work to do with these young players, who certainly have the talent but are currently lacking team cohesion.

Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Jacob Ballard with seven and Jack Cousens with six. David Molloy was a very good player both in offence and defence.

# Battered Dytes fall short of a fairytale



Preliminary Final hero Adam Beardall.

## Neagle scoops the Hawks pool



Ben Neagle: the best everything.

All-rounder Ben Neagle has made a clean sweep of South Warrandyte Cricket Club's first eleven awards for the 2003-04 season.

Neagle won the batting, bowling and fielding honours and the club champion trophy.

It was a fitting reward for the son of club coach Bob Neagle and brother of senior player Jeremy. Neagle had consistently stood tall with the bat in a disappointing run-making season for the Hawks.

He was also a damaging change bowler and an inspiration in the field.

Prolific run-getter Paul Milne took the team champion and batting award for the second eleven. David Cutler took the bowling honours and Andy Uren was judged best in the field.

The other team champions were Scott Adams (third eleven) and Rob Jones (fourths).

Josh Barrett was named most improved player and Veronica Williams, wife of club president Barry Williams, best clubperson.

The awards were made at presentation night at Alfred's Homestead on March 12.

The recipients:

**FIRST XI:** Ben Neagle (batting, bowling, fielding, club champion).

**SECOND XI:** Paul Milne (batting and team champion); David Cutler (bowling); A. Uren (fielding).

**THIRD XI:** Duncan Head (batting); Tom Craven (bowling); Rick Savage (fielding); Scott Adams (team champion).

**FOURTH XI:** Rob Jones (batting, team champion); Andrew Duncan (bowling); Brett Onken (fielding).

Most improved: Josh Barrett. Best clubperson: Veronica Williams.

Warrandyte Cricket Club's fairytale tilt at the Ringwood District's Wilkins Cup premiership turned into a nightmare finish in the Grand Final against Croydon North.

Set 183 to win, the Warrandyte batting line-up was no match for a powerful and lethal Croydon North fast bowling attack and bundled out for 92.

The Dytes were battered and bruised in the encounter. Opening batsman Tyson Brent was felled by a bouncer that hit him in the jaw while coach Ian Broome has undergone surgery to repair a badly fractured cheekbone after he was hit by a rising ball.

"We were disappointed with the loss but we were very proud to have reached the premiership match," said club president Robert White.

"No one gave us a chance at the Christmas break but we played as a team and fought back to win matches from improbable positions.

"It's tough to win three finals matches in a row and Croydon North are as tough a team as there is.

"They kept the pressure on our batting line-up and would not let go."

Warrandyte were very much in the match at 2-43 half an hour before tea on the second day (March 21), but the run-out of opener Matt Sazenis and the dismissal soon after of Adam White proved to be the turning point.

Warrandyte went to tea at 4-57 and when Matt Chapman was dismissed in the first over after the break and Campbell Holland followed shortly after, the task was beyond them.

The Dytes' unlikely premiership challenge started in the last round of the home-and-away season when they lost only two wickets in their defeat of second top team South Croydon wickets to grab them third



Warrandyte skipper Dave Mooney: a proud club again.

## SPORT

position on percentage.

The First Semi-Final was at home against St Andrews and it was again Warrandyte's bowling which put the team in a winning position, restricting their opponents to 156, which we reeled in with four wickets to spare.

But it was the Preliminary Final against North Ringwood that produced one of the club's finest performances.

On a slow outfield, Warrandyte dismissed North Ringwood for 146, with Sazenis taking 7-60 in a copybook display of left-arm orthodox slow

bowling. Sazenis bowled 30 consecutive overs and had every batsman in trouble with a disciplined mixture of flight and spin.

Only 19, Sazenis has been a crucial part of the team's success this season.

His performance against North Ringwood was even more important as veteran fast bowler Gerald Walshe was forced to leave the field with a torn groin muscle after bowling only six overs.

It was then left to leg spinner Adam Beardall and young quick Holland to step into the breach and they provided ideal back-up for Sazenis.

The total looked to be well within Warrandyte's reach but the early-season batting woes

returned to haunt them and just before tea they had slumped to 6-47.

Beardall and captain Dave Mooney looked to have steadied the ship with a 30-run partnership but Mooney's dismissal left his side at 7-77 and appearing to have little chance of reaching the target.

In limped Walshe and, with the help of a runner, he and the fearless Beardall steered Warrandyte to within 20 runs when a top edge to slip saw Beardall heading back to the pavilion.

It was then left to the injured Walshe and veteran Robert White to somehow eke out the necessary runs as overs began to slip away.

They stole quick singles off

## Juniors go all the way!

By LEE DEHMEL

The Under-13/1s were the toast of Warrandyte Cricket Club after winning the premiership on March 14.

The young Dytes did it easily, losing only three wickets in pursuit of Mooroolbark's score of 123.

It was a fine team performance led by all-rounder Chris Barry, who took 4-4 and made 33 runs. Barry received a medal from the umpires as player of the final.

Other very good Warrandyte players were Patrick Begg, with 2-9, and Jake Sheriff, who topscored with an unbeaten 45.

The Under-14/2 eleven also made the grand final and bowled and fielded very well on the first day to restrict Parkwood to 123 from 50 overs. But their batting let them down and they fell short of the target.

the bat and then the pad before White was able to square cut one of the few boundaries for the day to ease the pressure.

A few more scrambled singles and finally a glide through slips by Walshe gave Warrandyte an astounding win with only eight balls remaining.

The victory had again proved the team's resolve and there was a quiet confidence that Warrandyte could pull off what would have been a major Grand Final upset against Croydon North.

Walshe returned to the team after extensive treatment during the week and broke through with the first wicket.

Sazenis again proved difficult to tame and he picked up two wickets, one thanks to a brilliant catch by Chapman, while Robert White bowled 10 successive and miserly overs before the break for one wicket and just 14 runs.

After tea it was left to Walshe, Holland and Broome to play their part but a score of 182 on a slow ground and on a wicket playing tricks was competitive in a Grand Final.

It turned out to be far too competitive as the Croydon North quick attack tore the heart out of the Warrandyte batting.

"We have shown that we are again a proud club," said skipper Mooney after the match.

"Most of the clubs in the competition didn't really rate us as a side, but I think we have proved we have the young talent and the determination to make this year a stepping stone to First Division honours."

## Details

**PRELIMINARY FINAL:** Warrandyte 9-148 (Beardall 45) d North Ringwood 146 (Sazenis 7-60).

**GRAND FINAL:** Warrandyte 92 lost to Croydon North 182.

# Adam's season of plenty

Warrandyte all-rounder Adam White has capped off an outstanding season by jointly winning the Steve Pascoe Medal for best player in the RDCA's Wilkins Cup competition.

Steve Pascoe is a former president and player at Warrandyte and is now president of the RDCA.

White, a former junior player at Warrandyte, returned to the club this season after two years in a coaching role at his former school.

He not only was named joint winner of the RDCA medal but also won the association's Wilkins Cup batting average.

Highlights of his season included a five-wicket haul and 78 not out against Croydon North and 131 not out against South Croydon.

White has also won the Jack McAuley Shield as senior club champion and the first eleven batting average. Veteran fast bowler Gerald Walshe also had an out-

standing season and won the club's senior bowling award.

Enthusiastic H-grade all-rounder Ken Miller won the Daryl Valentine club championship for senior players other than the First XI while Under-13 all-rounder Jake Sheriff won the Maria McGhee Memorial Award for the best-performed junior in the senior ranks.

The award topped off a great season for Sheriff, who was also a member of the club's Under-13 premiership team.

Senior award winners for 2003-04, announced at presentation day on March 28:

**FIRST XI:** Matthew Chapman (fielding); Adam White (batting); Gerald Walshe (bowling); Adam Beardall (captain's award).

**SECOND XI:** Andrew Jarvis (fielding); Greg Creber (batting); Brett Kline (bowling).

**THIRD XI:** John Prangle (fielding); Eddie Cauchi (bowling); Algis Sazenis (captain's award). No qualifiers for batting award.

**FOURTH XI:** Graham Rees (fielding); Ken Miller (batting and bowling, averages 44.90 and 21.20 respectively); Andrew Hukin (captain's award).

**JACK MCAULEY AWARD** (best performed senior player in the First XI): Adam White.

**DARYL VALENTINE AWARD** (best performed senior player excluding First XI): Ken Miller.

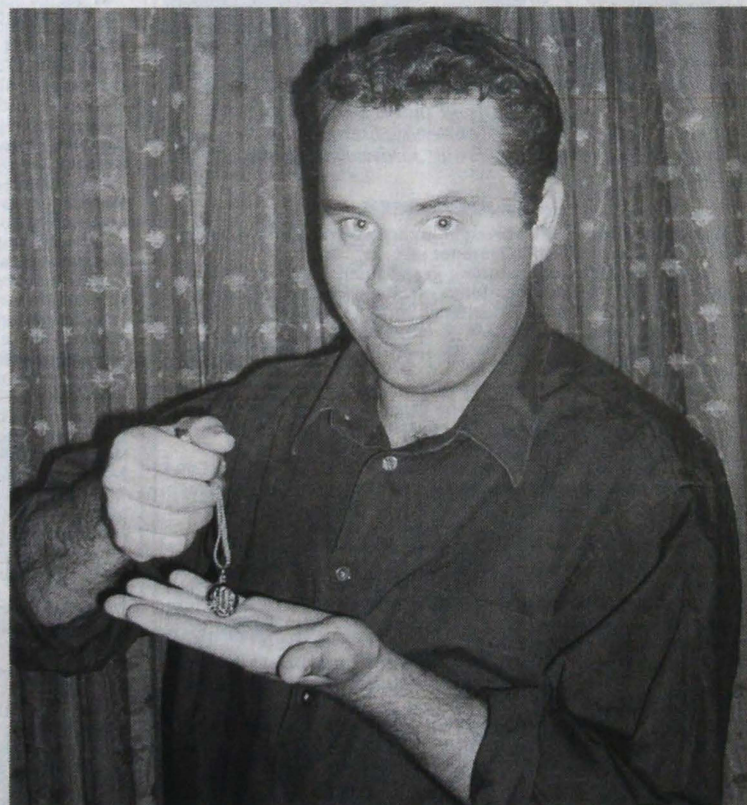
**MARIA MCGHEE AWARD** (best performed junior in senior competition): Jake Sheriff.

**MCCARTIN FAMILY SHIELD** (clubperson of the year): Daniel Wellesley.

**CENTURIES:** Adam White (First XI) 131 not out versus South Croydon; Tyson Brent (Second XI) 114 versus Norwood; Charlie Wright (Second XI) 105 versus Bayswater Park; Ken Miller (Fourth XI) 110 versus Croydon Ranges.

**BOWLING AWARDS:** Matthew Sazenis 7-60 versus Ringwood North, First XI Preliminary Final; Eddie Cauchi (Third XI) 7-18 versus Croydon Ranges.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** Eddie Cauchi.



Warrandyte club champion Adam White shows off his Steve Pascoe Medal.



Gerald Walshe: bowling honours.

# Baby Bloods belted

## Third-quarter shocker wrecks otherwise promising start

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club's youth development policy went on trial in the EFL Third Division season's opener at Rowville on April 3 — and the jury may be out for quite some time.

One unanimous verdict already in, though, is that these young Bloods must learn that a game of football is of four quarters, not three.

For three quarters they matched it with highly-rated Rowville, unbeaten Fourth Division premiers last year who had recruited well in the off season.

But their third term was an absolute shocker. While the hosts helped themselves to 8.5 with consummate ease, Warrandyte did not cross the half-forward until the last minute of the quarter — and then for no result at all.

Killed in the centre clearances department — as they were for most of the day — the Bloods were powerless against a much taller and experienced team who took the direct path to goal and reaped the rewards.

They regrouped in the final term to kick 3.3 to Rowville's 3.5, but the horse had bolted way out of sight.

Warrandyte fielded a team unrecognisable from that which played in last season's first semi-final. Missing were last year's coach Scott Hunter, prolific full-forward Stuart Wynd, rover Adam Barlow, defenders Dean Hunter, Darren Payne and Adam Williamson and ruckman-forward Ross Bradshaw (most of whom are now with Division 2 club Knox) last year's club champion Todd Holman and runner-up Liam Riley (also elsewhere), much-decorated ruckman Kimberly O'Connor (retired) and veteran midfielder Dale Vitiritti (injured).

In their places were three members of last year's Under-18 side — Rene Pigeon, Jeff Zach and Josh Eyre — former record-breaking Under-17 full-forward Michael Morello and a host of other youngsters

SPORT

The experience was provided by the likes of co-captains Matt Blagrove and Matt Wood, Chris Cornell, Matt Treeby, Craig Dick, Stewart Rough, Warren Ruehland, Aidan Davey and Rick Templeton.

The most interesting newcomer was Morello, who in 2001 set a new Colts goalkicking record with Warrandyte Junior Football Club by booting 77 for the season.

Morello kicked three goals against Rowville, missed a couple of very gettable shots and did enough to suggest that he will be a very dangerous player at senior level.

It was never going to be an easy assignment at Rowville, but the new-look Bloods looked a million dollars in the opening minutes despite kicking into a slight breeze which was to strengthen.

Young Zach put our first goal on the board within two minutes, sinking a long shot from a free, and when Matt Treeby found the target on the run a minute later the Warrandyte faithful were on excellent terms with themselves.

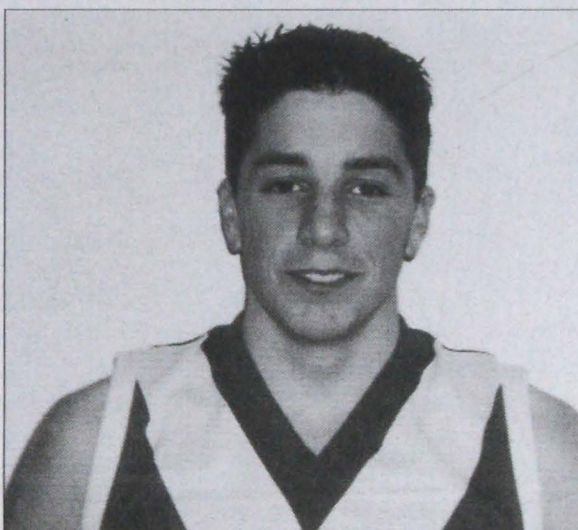
James Dodd to Morello at six minutes for his first goal in the big time was even better news, with the home side not yet on the board.

But Rowville corrected that situation a minute later with a goal after marking in front and kicked their second 14 minutes later after a succession of behinds.

A very questionable Rowville mark produced the behind it so richly deserved, but the hosts hit the front by running into an open goal 22 minutes in and took advantage of a penalty five minutes later to skip away to a nine-point lead.

Had the Bloods already run their race? Not yet.

Treeby to Morello for his second at 29 minutes and a mere three-point deficit — 4.7 to 4.4



This is Michael Morello as a record-breaking 15-year-old full-forward in 2001. Now 18, he'll kick a lot of goals for Warrandyte in senior football, too.

— at the first change represented a satisfactory entry into 2004.

The season had started at a pretty hectic pace, punctuated by the usual first-game fundamental errors, but Warrandyte were giving as good as they were getting and coach Ash Hamilton implored his players in the huddle to win the next quarter.

They didn't quite do that, but they certainly gave it a shot, kicking 2.4 to Rowville's 3.4 in the second term.

Loose defence allowed the home side in for the first goal, at nine minutes, but Blagrove to Dick four minutes on pulled that one back and Wood to Morello for his third, with the quarter half gone, put the Bloods back in front, 6.6 to 5.9.

Rowville reclaimed the edge with a goal at 20 minutes and regained breathing space with another right on the siren.

At half-time it was Rowville 7.11 (53), Warrandyte 6.8 (44).

The first half had given not the slightest indication of what

was to follow. It took Rowville six minutes to improve their goal tally, but when they did, a crack appeared in the floodgates and they opened wide.

Three more in the space of five minutes and the game had turned from a real contest into the makings of a rout, Warrandyte now 35 points adrift.

The Bloods were suddenly making every basic mistake in the book and trying their hand at a few that aren't.

The Rowville tallies — and there were any amount of them — were dominating the air and their smalls monstrosity the centre clearances, putting the Warrandyte's defence under enormous and constant pressure.

And when the Bloods were in possession they fiddled while Rowville took the direct route to goal.

Goals at 14, 21, 22 and 24 minutes blew the deficit out to 62 points — 15.16 (106) to 6.8 (44) — and when our only forward thrust of the quarter died short

of goal, Warrandyte supporters could have been excused for looking for a place to hide.

Assistant coach Andrew Hamer told a rather subdued three-quarter time huddle that Warrandyte were "not throwing in the towel here". He said they had followed instructions in the first half but lost accountability thereafter.

Hamilton raised a few eyebrows by insisting the game was not out of reach and the Bloods would run it out like they had never run before.

Cornell pointed us in the right direction when he goaled two minutes after the resumption — our first score of any description since the 25-minute mark of the second term — and Blagrove threatened to put us into double figures when he split the middle eight minutes later.

Blagrove to Wood for another 19 minutes in gave us a skerrick of respectability, but Rowville were having none of that and kicked the next three for a final scoreline of 18.21 (129) to 9.11 (65).

Someone with an eye for detail pointed out that at least they hadn't doubled our score. And that was right — they'd fallen one point short of doing that. Scant consolation.

Hamilton gave his troops a controlled reading of the riot act in the rooms after the game.

"We did not stick to instructions," he said. "We lost our concentration, discipline and commitment and the third quarter was a result of that."

Bloods president Phil Treeby found much to like in the performance of his young brigade.

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of youth," he said. "Rowville got away from us in the third quarter, but apart from that I thought we performed well."

Warrandyte's goalkickers were Morello 3, Zach, Treeby, Dick, Cornell, Blagrove and Wood. Their best were Rough, James Powell, Treeby, Ruehland, Davey, Blagrove and Mark Spiliotacopoulos.

## Reserves put in a bad one as well

Much like the senior side, Warrandyte's Reserves put in three very respectable quarters against Rowville and one best forgotten.

The Bloods trailed by just seven points — 6.1 to 4.6 — at the last change but could manage just two behinds thereafter while the home side rattled on 5.4 to win by 39.

Still, new coach David Young saw encouraging signs for 2004.

"We didn't punish them enough on the scoreboard in the first three quarters," Young said. "And we ran out of legs a little in the last."

"But Rowville will be one of the power sides of this competition and we pushed them hard."

"It's certainly something to build on."

Warrandyte's best were Jarrod Dick, David Mock, Heath Decker and Tom Naughtin.

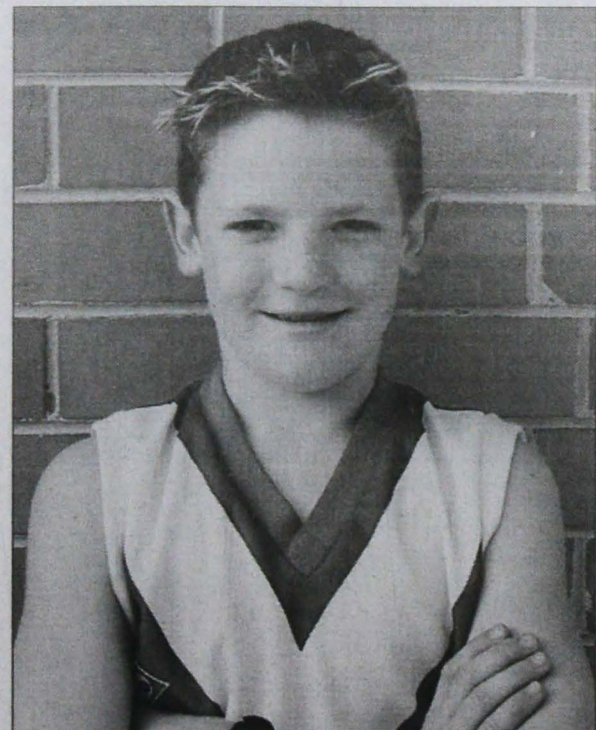
● The Under-18s season was to start after Easter for Warrandyte in a joint venture with Fourth Division club Heathmont.

The young Bloods, who made the finals last year in partnership with Doncaster East, were to link up this season with Division 1 club Donvale. But that arrangement fell through when Donvale could not muster numbers.

Heathmont are believed to have about 14 Under-18s on their books.

The Warrandyte-Heathmont combine will compete in Division 4.

# Juniors find early going tough



Warrandyte expect big things this season from outstanding Under-12 prospect Ethan Hale-Vaughan, who figured prominently last year in Yarra Junior Football League Under-11s best and fairest voting. The junior club regard him as a future leader.

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's 2004 season kicked off on April 4 with mixed results.

The young Bloods won two and lost five of their opening encounters, the Under-15s having the bye first up.

The Under-17 colts had a tough introduction to the new season against Beverley Hills and went down by 37 points. But coach Mathew Matheou remains positive about the year.

"Many of our boys were making their debut at this level and were up against older players, so we can't be too disappointed," he said.

"Players such as Joe O'Mara, David Wildsmith, Chris Watson and Jesse Monteiro are all very good footballers and won't take long to find their feet in this company."

"We are essentially a new team made up of players from last year's Colts and Under-15s and it will take time to find rhythm."

Steve Blakey's Under-14s were put to the acid test in their introduction to the elite Gold Division, going down by 55 points to St Mary's.

"The final score wasn't a fair reflection of the game," Blakey said. "We found the game certainly faster than we were used to but we acquitted ourselves well and face the rest of the season in a confident frame of

## It's raining Under-9s!

Warrandyte Junior Football Club are inclined to believe the cold wet winter of 1995 has created a boom in their ranks.

The club have been inundated with Under-9 players to the extent that a second team is being organised. "We have 30 players at the Under-9 level" said coach Steve Ballard, "so we have decided to split them into two teams to give everybody a fair go."

"We are inviting any player — boy or girl — to come down and have a great time playing junior footy."

"They will enjoy a very safe team environment. At this level, the rules mean there is no tackling, so the players are well looked after," he said.

"The coaches walk the ground with the players telling them what to do and so these kids learn pretty quickly."

Parents who would like their children to represent Warrandyte as Under-9s can call Ballard on 0411 137179.

mind. Last year's stars like Jamie Pollock, Tyson Rees, Davan Rennie, Luke Saunders, Ed Saunders and Daniel Skurnik acclimatised well and are set to repeat their efforts of last year."

Wayne Moore's Under-13s were beaten by a similar margin by Kew, but the coach believes his charges will finish the season on the credit side of the ledger if they remain focused.

"Players like Jeremy Andrews, Tyson Barber, Joshua Blakey, Zac Boyce, Nick Branch and Chris Carver showed in their first game that they have lost none of their skills of last year," he said.

New Coach Chris Appleby had a great first-up result with his

Under-12s — a six-goal win over Camberwell Black.

"I'm still learning the ropes and the boys and I are still getting to know each other. But I have some great quality players such as Paris Taylor, Tristan Valentino, Mitchell Ventura, Andrew Whittle and Dane Willshire and we're looking forward to a very successful season," Appleby said.

The Under-11s were well beaten by Hawthorn Citizens, but coach Clem Mifsud was by no means fazed by the result.

"These boys really developed last year," he said, "and we are looking to the likes of Sam Allardice, Tom Appleby, Jordan Beltramin, Zac Brodrick and

Charlie Bullard to keep developing and step right up to the mark this year.

"We have a great bunch of kids and it is a pleasure to coach them."

Greg Edwards' Under-10s were the first round's big winners, accounting for Macleod by 50 points.

"These boys are special and we are looking to big things from them," Edwards said.

"Players like Sam Tansley, Dan Tester, Nick Tookey-Knowles, Liam Vear and Stephen Wildsmith have the talent to take the team right up there this year."

The Under-9 Tackers do not play for premiership points, so the result of their game against Heidelberg was academic.

Strictly for the record, however, they lost by two goals — but thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

● The Unibic Anzac medal for the player demonstrating the best teamwork on the day has returned to Warrandyte this season.

"We are the only junior club in Australia who provides this award and we thank Unibic for their wonderful sponsorship" said WJFC stalwart Mick Buzzini.

For more information about the club's activities, contact president Mathew Matheou on 0418 542434.

# Wilson McDougall

The Warrandyte property market is still very active and buoyant. We have a substantial data bank of qualified buyers looking to relocate to Warrandyte.

Wilson McDougall is Warrandyte's longest established Estate Agency. If you are thinking of selling or would like a confidential market appraisal on your property, please call.

Andrew Wilson 9844 4747 - Shirley Gower 9844 2759 - Kerrie Stafford 9844 0458

Mr & Mrs H  
have sold and are  
looking to purchase in  
Warrandyte township.  
3 bedrooms plus.  
\$450-\$500,000

Mr & Mrs M  
-into natural therapies-  
are looking for a 4 bedroom  
home with extra facilities  
to work from home.

Mr & Mrs C  
would like a flat block  
close to Goldfields.  
3 bedrooms and garage.  
Around \$400,000.

Mr L  
looking for a renovator  
anywhere in Warrandyte.  
Under \$400,000.

WARRANDYTE \$375,000



1/2 acre of gently sloping land. An elegant 3BR home, new kitchen and bathroom, ducted heating and double carport.

AH Shirley Gower 9844 2759 or 0419 565 350

WARRANDYTE \$360,000



This large two storey home on a level allotment and close to all facilities comprises 5BRs, study, 2 bathrooms, generous living & dble LU garage.

AH Shirley Gower 9844 2759 or 0419 565 350

KANGAROO GROUND \$730-780,000



Set on 20 acres, this solid brick split-level family home comprises 4BRs, full ensuite, separate study, open plan living, timber-lined cathedral ceilings.

AH Kerrie Stafford 9844 0458 or 0418 599 826

WARRANDYTE \$395,000



In a quiet country lane with views over Professors Hill, 3 bedrooms, large rumpus.

AH Andrew Wilson 9844 4747 or 0408 315 927

WARRANDYTE \$460-\$510,000



Set on 1/2 acre. 4 double BRs, renovated bathroom, kitchen, meals area, stunning lounge, large entertaining deck. Slate paving, landscaped gardens.

AH Kerrie Stafford 9844 0458 or 0418 599 826

WARRANDYTE \$470-\$490,000



Spacious family home on half an acre of landscaped gardens, in ground pool and stunning outdoor entertaining areas.

AH Shirley Gower 9844 2759 or 0419 565 350

WARRANDYTE \$469,000



Two storey renovated home, with a multitude of uses including home office, in-law accommodation or a large family home.

AH Kerrie Stafford 9844 0458 or 0418 599 826

WARRANDYTE \$479,000



Character-filled home on 1/2 acre of native gardens, comprising 3BRs, new kitchen & bathroom.

AH Andrew Wilson 9844 4747 or 0408 315 927

WARRANDYTE NORTH \$399,950



Charming chalet style split log home on approximately 3/4 acre. The house comprises 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, two light-filled living areas, 2 decks.

AH Shirley Gower 9844 2759 or 0419 565 350

Supporting our local community

OPEN 7 DAYS TILL 7PM

Call us now for a FREE market appraisal



183 Yarra Street  
Warrandyte

9844 3085

www.wilsonmcdougall.com.au