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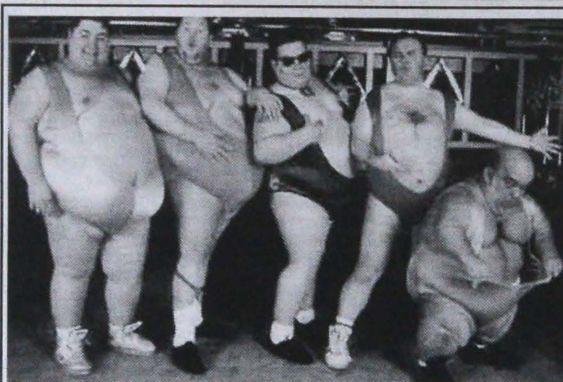
Don't you knock her Ashley or Gayle might run over you



There'll be none of that overly-caricatured "he's not good enough for my daughter"

mother-in-law sentiment in the air when local lad Ashley Grybas marries Julie Taylor on November 27. Julie's mum Gayle reckons he's a bonzer bloke — and while she's driving her brand new \$33,000 two-door Citroen convertible she won't hear a word said against him. Julie was given two tickets to Channel 9's *The Price Is Right* last month and of course was going to take Ashley along. Unfortunately that particular episode clashed with his night school class in horticulture, so Gayle got the guernsey instead. And did her number come up! Called to the podium from what would have been Ashley's seat in the audience, she picked up three pairs of sunglasses worth \$500 first time around and hit the jackpot — the Citroen — in the big one. Ashley, a member of our footy club's 1993 premiership team, says it couldn't have happened to a nicer person — but you'd say that about your future ma-in-law anyway, wouldn't you?

IN RED & WHITE



We're indebted to the *Diary* to Dennis J. Hoiberg for his coverage of all things pertaining to Warrandyte Junior Football Club. If only we could rein in his wicked sense of humour! Dennis' emailed copy is both irreverent and hilarious and one of these days the naughty bits are going to slip under the sub-editorial net and it will rain defamation writs. Never mind the dangers, he brings levity to our otherwise drab, wretched existences and we think we should share his latest contribution with you to lift your flagging spirits as well. He swears the above picture is an exclusive candid shot of the junior club's new committee. Nice one, Dennis J.

supper any old time! Malcolm, of Yarra Street, emerged triumphant from a recent Sunday Show competition on ABC radio which invited listeners to sing for 60 seconds over the phone. Sang up a storm, he did, walked away with the final and as part of his prize was guest artist on the show's October 10 edition live from the Spiegel Tent in the city. Felt right at home there, too, because his accompanist was local piano teacher and Bellbird Singers leader Lise Moran.



Possession may historically be nine points of the law, but the question of ownership is somewhat more ambiguously defined in the rules according to the Shire of Nillumbik. Ask to cut down a tree on your property and they'll likely say sorry, but that's *our* tree, not *your* tree. Ask, as a North Warrandyte family did last month, if council has jurisdiction over a nest of big brown snakes outside the back door and they'll say sorry, they're *your* snakes, not *our* snakes. Seems to depend on whether the living thing in question wears bark or scales. The family said they'd happily share their snakes with the civic fathers, but there were no takers.



Ashley Grybas ... boy is he in sweet with the traditional enemy!



No assignment is too big, too small or too bizarre for us here at the *Diary* office and if you happened to see two mature-age ladies walking the river bank the other Saturday afternoon hollering the name Ross, that would have been our advertising/accounts manager Rae Danks and her mate Denise Farran playing good samaritan. Rae had just taken a call from an Aspendale woman (never did get her name) who explained that her husband Ross was kayaking competitively near the bridge, had locked his

keys in the car, phoned home and asked her to drive all the way to Warrandyte with the spare set. She'd said okay, then got to thinking about their long-term RACV membership and decided she'd save herself the trip by looking up Warrandyte entries in the phone book and finding a white knight. That was us. So could someone please get to the bridge, find Ross and tell him there's been a change of plan and the RACV is on the way? Not a problem, said Rae. The RACV bloke was already there when Rae and Denise arrived at the bridge, but he'd been unable to locate Ross or the car and had a backlog of calls on his books. "Gotta go," he told our heroines. "If you find him, tell him to call me back." They found him all right and the story must have had a happy ending because his car had gone when Rae drove home an hour or two later.



Not quite hot, but warm at the very least, on the heels of *150 Not Out*, the very worthy chronicle of Warrandyte Cricket Club's long and colourful past,

will come an historical publication celebrating the footy club's centenary in 2006. Former Bloods president Noel Taplin has been spending a couple of days a week in libraries and burning the midnight oil to put together a first draft retracing the club's origins, development, personalities, fluctuating fortunes and what have you since the very beginning. At last count he had it covered from 1906 to 1980. The book, yet untitled, will contain heaps of fascinating stuff and we're sure Noel won't mind us leaking you a sample. It's 1937 and Warrandyte are at home to Olinda: "The Olinda boys received a right royal welcome on the occasion of their first visit to the home of the Cave Men. The beauties of the township and the glamour of the rippling Yarra so entranced the mountaineers that it was 3.19pm before they could be induced to start the afternoon's play."



No chance of Warrandyte Theatre Company trouper Malcolm Needham ever going hungry — he could sing for his



Ever get mournful when summer threatens to turn your garden into a wasteland? Then cheer up because the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery at Pound Bend (Melways reference 27 C 10) is offering right now a couple of very hardy natives which will thrive when all around them wilts. The clustered everlasting, says indigenous flora authority Pat Coupar, is one of Warrandyte's most attractive native daisies, with dense bundles of small bright yellow flowers that contrast beautifully with the narrow smokey-grey leaves. Grows to around one metre and equally at home in sun or shade. Then there's the prickly tea-tree, an only slightly prickly shrub that flowers for long periods over summer, readily attracts butterflies and, if you're lucky, jewel beetles. For more information, 0408 317327.

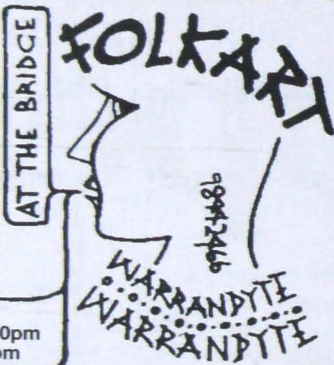


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OUR NEWSPAPER

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

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



I see the Manningham Urban Design Framework Report suggests that Nillumbik change their Planning Scheme to prevent inappropriate development spoiling the view across the river.....

WCA park challenge

“Contrived justifications for restricting horse riding and walking dogs...”

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Warrandyte Community Association is strongly challenging restrictions by Parks Victoria on horse riding and dog-walking in the Warrandyte State Park.

Commenting on aspects of the recently-issued draft management plan for the park (see last month's *Diary*) WCA claims, “unfortunately there are contrived justifications for restricting horse riding and walking dogs on lead”.

The draft plan states that horse riding in the park should continue to be limited to motor vehicle tracks designated as bridle trails. It claims that research has shown that horses spread weeds through their manure.

WCA states that “an attempt to find such a research reference using the electronic databases at La Trobe University failed. References to cattle spreading weed seeds in dung were found.”

The association claims that “horses are the most fastidious eaters of all stock animals,” refusing to eat almost all weeds. “The weeds seen in horse paddocks are there because they have an ecological advantage—they are not grazed by horses. Horse faeces has been a popular fertiliser used by gardeners in part because of its low weed burden.”

The Wyena Pony Club grounds in Croydon Road “give no evidence that significant weeds are spread there despite the very numerous numbers of horses present, four or more times a month for very many years. If horses are restricted to motor vehicle only tracks, the chance of a rare weed seed establishing would be extremely unlikely.”

The draft management plan also indicates that sections of the bridle trails that are “susceptible to damage in wet

periods” will be temporarily closed. WCA argues, however, that designated trails should be retained and upgraded to reduce pressure on other, more sensitive tracks. “However, as motor vehicle trails are required for park management they must be maintained to vehicular standards. And vehicles do far more damage to wet trails than horses.”

Dogs have been banned from all parts of Warrandyte State Park for many years. The draft management plan indicates that this will continue.

“Dog owners are treated very poorly,” the WCA document states, “and again with contrived reason. The only one given in the plan is that they unnecessarily disturb wildlife.”

The association argues that “any predator walking through the park will disturb wildlife. Man is one such predator. It is quite fanciful that a person walking through the park on a motor vehicle only track with a dog on a lead will have a significantly greater impact than if walking alone.”

They further suggest that a family with small children or a small group of teenagers “will have an even greater impact, especially if riding bikes, often at speed.”

“Such restrictions are clearly artificial,” WCA claims. “There is no practical reason why dog owners should not be able to walk dogs on a lead on any motor vehicle only tracks on which cyclists can ride. However, dogs on leads should not be permitted on narrow pedestrian trails.”

Although WCA has dealt with the controversial issue of horses and dogs in the park at some length, advocating a radical change in policy direction, the organisation appears to embrace most other aspects of the draft management plan.

They state the plan “is thorough and makes informative reading, giving a good insight into the problems faced. All who enjoy Warrandyte would ben-



Warrandyte Community Association believes present park rules limiting horses are too restrictive. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

efit by obtaining a copy. It is easily downloadable from the net at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.

“Of special interest are lists of endangered species of plants and animals of statewide and national concern. (However) the document is repetitive in so far as there is little difference between defined management aims and management strategies.”

“Because some of its aims are going to be difficult (to achieve), simply re-

defining the aims as strategies does not help the public understand the processes to be used.”

As they consider various aspects of the plan, the association frequently comments: “There is very little indication in the plan of how this will be achieved”.

Clearly, full reinstatement of the state government's maintenance budget funding for the park, reduced by 90 per cent following the High Country

bushfires, would be a positive start towards realising some of the main aims of the draft management plan.

WCA states: “It is interesting to note that surveys of visitors to the park in 1998 and 1999 listed their satisfaction with WSP as average, or slightly below average, compared to other parks managed by Parks Victoria. We would imagine that with the recent severe budget cuts, a repeat of this survey would have even more negative views”.

CLYDE & OCKER



“Baghdad... Wonga Park... what are they complaining about, Ock?”

Wonga Park heliport opposed

By **DAVID WYMAN**

Residents of Wonga Park, Kangaroo Ground, the Bend of Islands and Warrandyte have sent strong objections to Manningham council on a proposal to construct a heliport on Hartley Road, Wonga Park.

Council has received a permit application from W.M. Bos, Lorenzini Group, Church Street, Hawthorn for the use and development of land for a heliport for private use at 45-51 Hartley Road, Wonga Park.

The application is expected to be considered at a council meeting in December or January.

Residents, community and environment groups, and Nillumbik Shire Council have sent a large number of letters, statements and a petition to Manningham council opposing the development.

Most of the objections are concerned with noise and air pollution from helicopter operations, as well as potential danger to human life in the event of a mishap, and disturbance to wildlife, livestock and domestic animals.

Warrandyte Community Association in its submission to council said a private helicopter operating in the area would be detrimental to

the living amenity of the area.

Wonga Park Environment Group noted the likely noise impact on residents and animals, and added that granting a permit would create a precedent for others to seek to operate a private helicopter.

Council has received a petition, signed by 68 people, from Bend of Islands residents; the Bend of Islands Conservation Association pointed out that the “heliport is less than 1.5km from houses in the Bend of Islands”.

Nillumbik Shire Council, in an official letter to

Manningham, said the operating hours of the helicopter were unknown, and that the project and intended use of the development were inconsistent with government regulations, and council's planning and overlay controls.

Wonga Park Residents Association repeated the major objections and added, “Wonga Park residents are fed up with gradual erosion of our suburb,” caused by new residents, many of whom ignored planning controls.

Ray Mooney, of Kangaroo Ground, said helicopter noise pollution was already

out of control in the area. “We suffer police emergency practice procedures, commercial photography ... and television news flights.”

Manningham council has called for an “acoustic report” from the applicant which is expected to detail noise/hearing data from a particular Bell helicopter.

It is believed that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Environment Protection Authority may be involved in approving the proposed helicopter operations.

The Lorenzini Group list its businesses as “building surveyors, development consultants, subdivision specialists”.

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Jeff appreciates Shan's criticism

Replying to Shan Shnookal. Thank you for your feedback regarding the Fire Management Planning Project.

It is true that as a result of working in a large complex organisation the risk of becoming "infected with the management-ese virus" is high. However there is an antidote. In a nutshell it is about staying in touch with the community.

Your words are a timely reminder of the importance of being able to explain the project in language that is easily understood by all people regardless of where they live and work.

In the interests of clarifying my earlier comments about this project I would like to have another crack at explaining what I am doing.

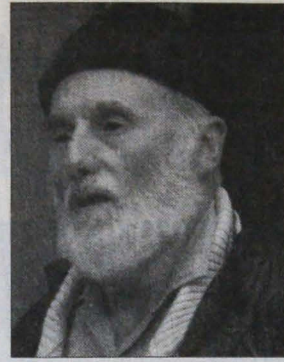
As a result of the Victorian

DEAR DIARY

Bushfire Inquiry recommendations, CFA has been appointed as the lead agency to head up the integrated fire management planning project. This project is about bringing all agencies together to develop a common state-wide approach to how we go about planning for and managing fire. Once we get this right we will then expand this process to include the planning and management of all emergencies.

All enquiries can be directed to 9262 8687

Jeff Adair
CFA project manager



Ray Maino

Is green enough?

All candidates for the Warrandyte area in the upcoming Nillumbik elections claim to be green. Protecting the environment is serious business and claiming to be green is not enough. To make the decisions that have to be made requires in-depth knowledge. Time is running out for cosmetic environmentalism.

Ray Maino
national president
Threatened Ecosystems Network (Yanakie candidate)
Diamond Creek

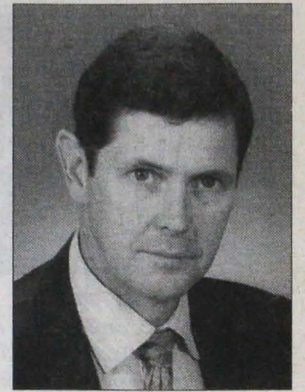
WAA thanks

On behalf of the committee of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association, thank you for the obituary for our late member Pauline Grayling.

We also thank you for your past and continuing support of our organisation over many years with advertising, editorial and critiques. It is very much appreciated.

Pauline Cross
committee member
WMI&AA

Kevin Andrews returns



Kevin Andrews

It is a great privilege and honour to be elected as the Member for Menzies. I wish to thank and assure the people of Menzies of my commitment to work and serve the whole electorate in the years ahead.

As we face new challenges together, I will work to bring harmony to our community and in the best interests of the people living in Menzies.

I shall continue to support three priorities which I believe are important to our nation—healthy families, caring communities and vibrant business.

My commitment is to work to keep Australia a strong and secure place to live.

Kevin Andrews
federal MP for Menzies

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

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



Corks for the elephants

Matthew Gilling of Warrandyte, a Grade 2 pupil at St Anne's primary School in Park Orchards, has organised all his schoolmates into collecting corks for recycling, to raise money to help support the elephants at Melbourne Zoo. Matthew, a member of FOTZ (the Friends of the Zoo), set up a competition to see which grade could collect the most corks. The kids collected a grand total of 7270 corks! Pictured is Matthew with Nan Williams, a FOTZ volunteer, the corks, a painting created by one of the elephants, and a boot for a temporarily lame elephant.

Matt Moran
Warrandyte

Bringing home Bramble

We would like to thank those kind people who were involved in catching our elderly dog Bramble who, terrified by the storm on Thursday, October 7, found herself in a blind panic on the main road down from Webb Street.

We were overseas at the time and came home to a son and daughter-in-law full of praise for Warrandyte folk.

Seemingly, Bramble's capture and safe return involved many people who went out of their way to help.

We don't know you by name but please accept our heartfelt thanks—we are extremely grateful to every one of you.

Heather and John Ingram
Webb Street

Concert triumph

The Theatrical Showcase Evening that was held at Luther College on Friday, October 1, was a resounding success. An enthusiastic audience in excess of 300 joined 80+ performers for a spectacular night of entertainment. Many of our performers and audience were from Warrandyte.

Around \$3500 was raised, and has been forwarded to the Carmelites Mission in East Timor and the Lutheran World Service's Darfur appeal.

Thank you to everybody who supported the event, including Frenchams, Victory Supa IGA, Phoenix Estate Agents, and our fantastic audience.

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NILLUMBIK COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Facing the people

By SAM DAVIES

North Warrandyte councillor Bob Stubbings has defended his council record amidst criticism from fellow candidates standing for election to Yanakie ward that it was "poor" and "lacked judgment".

Speaking at the Warrandyte Community Association's Nillumbik candidates' forum late last month, five candidates joined Cr Stubbings before an audience of 30 residents to outline their policies and field questions.

The candidates were Ray Maino, Andrea Buckland, Angela O'Connor, Warwick Leeson and Penny Mullinar. A total of 14 candidates have nominated for election.

Mr Leeson, an ardent critic of Cr Stubbings, told the forum the fact that 13 candidates were standing against Cr Stubbings reflected a strong dissatisfaction with his term in office.

Residents probed candidates on issues including the environment, rates and services—well aware that one of the six could become their official council representative until 2008.

The audience remained calm as each candidate delivered a three-minute opening statement, but became progressively boisterous once the meeting opened to questions from the floor.

Environment

On the issue of the environment, candidates were as eager to promote their green credentials, as residents were to listen. Cr Stubbings said anyone who lived in the ward had to be "green": "All we're talking about, is what shade of green," he said.

Mr Maino, qualified in engineering and environmental management, described himself as a committed environmentalist who had chosen to stand in Yanakie because it had "the best environmental conscience" of all the wards in Nillumbik.

"If I had a chance of getting onto council, this would be the ward where I would have the greatest chance," he said.

Ms O'Connor, standing for the Greens party, said residents could trust that her commitment to the Green Wedge and to the local environment and its character was genuine.

Subdivision

While the Melbourne 2030 plan cements the Green Wedge and urban growth boundaries, residents still sought reassurance that Nillumbik's wedge would be protected from subdivision and inappropriate development.

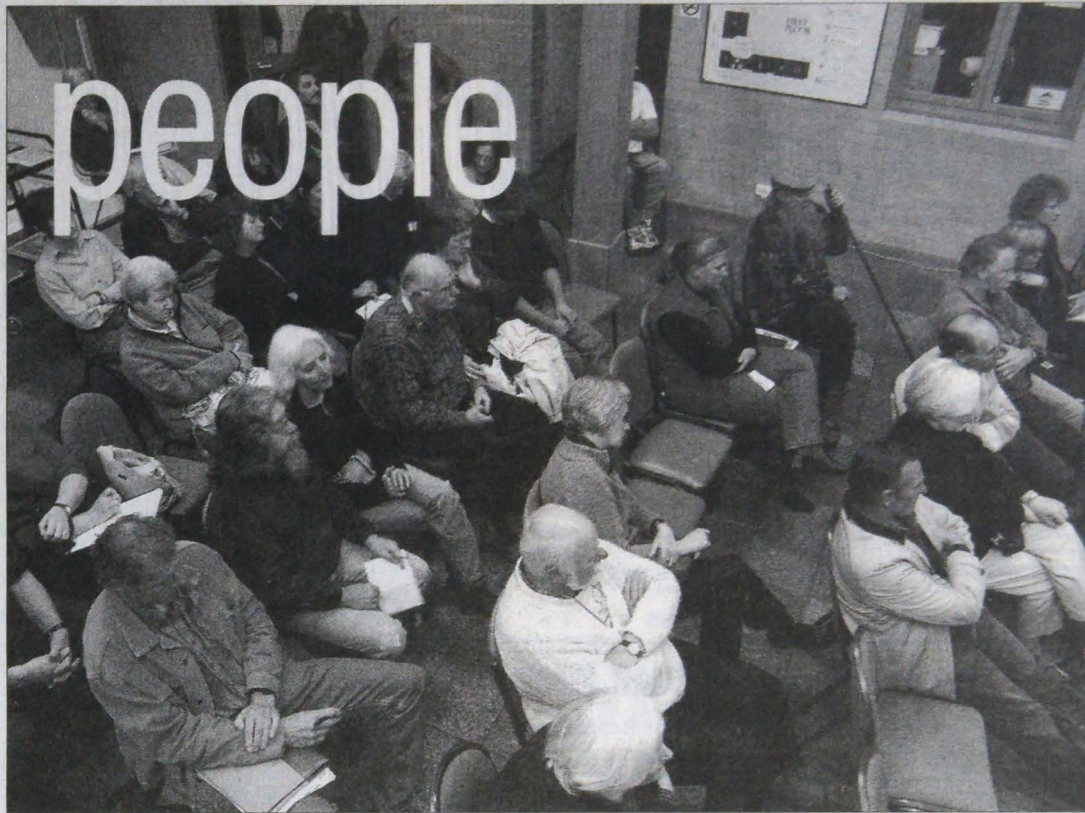
Ms Buckland, a relative newcomer to the area, said she had moved from an area that had been ruined by development. "I'm very concerned about what's happening here," she said.

Resident Pamela Hipwell drew strong applause from fellow audience members when she asked where candidates stood on subdivisions. She claimed Nillumbik council recently approved a controversial development on the property next door to Ms Hipwell. Cr Stubbings denied that the property Ms Hipwell referred to would be subdivided.

But Mr Leeson said Cr Stubbings had a poor record when it came to looking at subdivisions throughout the shire.

"These can be recorded whenever council had divisions on subdivision applications," said Mr Leeson. Cr Stubbings later denied the charge, referring to his strong opposition to a subdivision in Osborne Road.

Penny Mullinar said councillors needed to introduce stronger policy on planning to protect the environment. "Unfortunately on quite a few the present council has voted to overturn officers' recommendations which for various subdivisions have been inappropriate," she said.



Rates

Another popular issue at the forum was council rates. No candidate ruled out a rate rise, however Ms Mullinar promised to index any rises to the consumer price index.

Mr Leeson said the present council had been hypocritical on rates. "This council was elected on a promise of low rates, yet they have in fact imposed a 14.67 per cent increase in our rates over the last 30 months. This is highest rate increase in Nillumbik's history. We are the third highest rated shire in the metropolitan area, and the fourth highest in the state," Mr Leeson said.

Cr Stubbings struggled to rebuke the criticisms within the time frame allocated for each candidate to respond to questions. When reminded to adhere to the two-minute limit, he replied

with exasperation "This is a unique forum to get facts out that people need to know, because all we get is sound-bites."

He said that rate rises should be treated in context. "When we came to power, we were the highest rated shire of the 79 shires in the state," he said.

"We're now fourth highest—the highest is Manningham. In the last two years we were in the bottom six shires for rate increases. We have worked to curb the rates. I don't like the idea of rate rises, but it's a fact of life and it will continue to happen," said Cr Stubbings.

Ms O'Connor said council needed to make sure rates were well managed and well used, and not concentrated in the urban areas. But, she said, "I don't think people care just about money. The significance of council is beyond that".

Services

A retiree named Ken endeared himself to the audience and steered the forum dialogue towards services, with a lengthy and animated statement about the decline in standards of care for the elderly. Eventually he asked the candidates, "Will you people look at elderly people and consult on the services provided by you?"

Cr Stubbings said consultation has been constant over the past six or seven years, and laid blame for the poor standard of service with the state government, which he said had gradually withdrawn subsidies to council for such service. "We're the baddies if there's any strain on these services. I think under the circumstances, councils have done a damn good job," he said.

Ms Buckland said councillors should represent the interests of all the community, "regardless of who they are or where they live". She labelled aged care accommodation as a significant issue. "People who've lived here for 30 years are forced to move elsewhere because there's no facilities in Warrandyte," she said.

Ms O'Connor said council had a role to lobby against state government cuts to child welfare and health services. She said the process of consolidation of services at state level and the contracting out of services at the local government level had removed "the human touch" from many services.

Independence

Residents placed a strong emphasis on candidates being independent. All six candidates claimed they would represent the community above all, even when they were affiliated with political parties.

Mr Maino said he would not be "pushing any barrows" if elected. "I would be using common sense to agree or not agree with other councillors," he said.

Ms O'Connor defended her affiliation with the Greens, and said she was concerned people thought she would be "toeing a party line".

"I'd like people to be aware that the Greens are subject to huge misrepresentation," she said. "We're a dynamic group, we feed back and forth with each other, it's a grass roots organisation, and we rely on community consultation for policy development, so it's not that I would lose a voice in being a Greens party person," Ms O'Connor said.

Mr Leeson said while his membership of the Liberal Party had given him experience in dealing with politics, he was "totally opposed to any use of political parties at a local government level".

Other candidates running for election in Yanakie are Irene Wu, Eric Floberg, Andrew Forsyth-Grant, Tracey Ritchie, Jeff Ashelford, Vikki Tonissen, Rohan Thornton and Ann Bolam-Marsh.

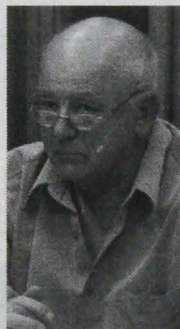
We canvass council hopefuls

Seeking responses to important questions facing the North Warrandyte community, the Warrandyte Community Association forwarded a questionnaire to the five Yanakie Ward candidates in the Nillumbik shire elections known at the time. Their responses are published below.

ANDREA BUCKLAND



WARWICK LEESON



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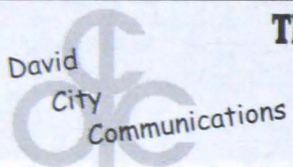
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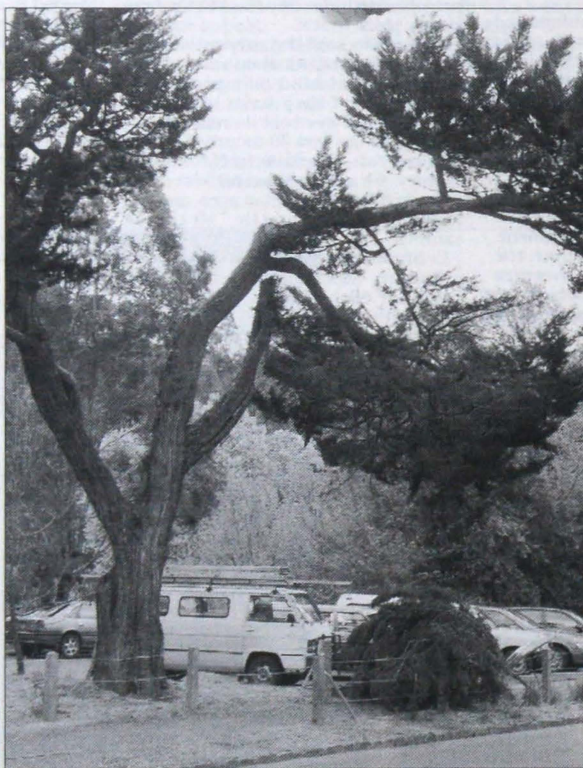
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High winds and driving rains hit Warrandyte on Wednesday, October 27, bringing down trees, flooding roads and swelling the Yarra into a raging torrent. Stephen Reynolds went forth, braved the elements and brought back these pictures.



Stormy weather...



Down but not out: the old Diary tree in Yarra Street falls foul of last month's storms. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

By CLIFF GREEN

Last month's storms took out yet another branch of that battered old cypress tree in the car park opposite the Bendigo bank in Yarra Street. Known as the "Diary Tree" and officially listed as such on Manningham council's heritage plan, the old tree owes its name—and its fame—to the earliest days of this newspaper.

When we began the *Diary* as a little local newsletter back in 1970, the paper was produced on the kitchen tables of the editors. So the local community could have access to its columns, we had a letter box made, which we had fastened to this tree; a central place where everyone could post their news items, letters and assorted whinges. (Which explains why our community news page is still called "Out of the Box") We called it our "branch office".

Of course, the box had "Warrandyte Diary" lettered thereon, the Warrandyte Dairy was just down the road, and the mistaken transposition of the two letters occasionally resulted in people posting money to pay their milk bill into our box, or a note to change their milkman's order. We even had, through the early years, one anonymous eccentric who occasionally dropped pre-decimal coins and 10 shilling notes

through the slot.

Concerted official attempts to widen Yarra Street threatened its existence in the 1980s as did the extension of the car park, but community will prevailed, and its heritage listing came out of those two little shindigs.

Someone attempted to break into the box on one occasion. They didn't succeed but they wrecked the box. So we had a new one built of welded plate steel.

The tree was struck by disease at one point, and when Telecom placed their phone lines underground along that side of Yarra Street they cut through the old veteran's roots. But an arborist performed his miracles and it survived each of these setbacks, blossoming forth with renewed, if slightly lopsided, vigour.

The box continued to serve this community until 1991, when the new community centre was opened and we moved into our office. Material now comes through a letter slot in our front door, or via the new-fangled inventions of fax and e-mail. So next time you cross Yarra Street at the "legs" crossing, cast a glance at the old cypress, remember its history and thank nature and humankind that it has once more survived the forces of storm and tempest.

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Not enough pride in this place

A year ago, in November 2003, the *Diary* announced the awarding by the state government of \$50,000 to enable Manningham council to undertake an urban development framework survey in Warrandyte township under their Pride of Place initiative. Council hired a consulting team and two public meetings and 12 months later the UDF draft report has been released. The Warrandyte Community Association has serious misgivings about the direction this project is taking and they have issued the following statement...



“...recent examples of inappropriate development...”

The process

The UDF draft contains many very positive ideas and concepts for the Warrandyte township. For example suggestions for lowering the speed limit to 40km/hr, placing the power lines underground, upgrading dangerous footpaths and so on. However the WCA does not believe the document goes far enough, and has serious reservations about key aspects of preservation.

Since requesting council in August 2002 to apply for the Pride of Place grant, the WCA has tried to be as proactive as possible in the process. Unfortunately our continued requests to council for greater involvement have met with little success. The greatest disappointment was to have been excluded from the steering committee.

This is despite Council Actions 2004-2005 Objective 1: “Encourage and promote community connectedness and belonging; and Strategy 1.4: Facilitate opportunities to become involved in decision-making and advocacy on local issues.”

Despite continued requests we have not been able to contribute to the original brief, be informed of council’s vision for Warrandyte, be part of the selection process for the consultants, be part of the steering committee, have access to minutes

from the steering committee, have prior access to draft minutes from the reference group prior to circulation to ensure accuracy, have copies of the original submissions from the consultants, be aware of corrective instructions applied to the consultant’s original submissions, have copies of any correspondence between the consultants and council, or be aware of the content of meetings or discussions between them.

While we greatly appreciate the opportunity we have had to contribute, we believe this has to date been only on a very limited level. WCA believes we have been kept at arm’s length even though we believe our greater involvement would have help produce a better product.

Heritage and local policy

The most significant failure of the draft document is that it fails to take advantage of the combination of strong heritage guidelines and the development of a local policy.

As the pressures of development and tourism will inevitably increase in the township it is important to understand the significance and difference between guidelines and a local policy, and how they would work in conjunction to preserve Warrandyte’s character.

Guidelines are a list of suggestions that are produced to aid in the assessment of planning applications. These suggestions generally describe options that can be utilised to maintain the character of an area. A local policy involves specific changes to the planning scheme outlining what is or is not allowed. The latter has statutory weight and is much more likely to withstand a challenge at VCAT.

Warrandyte at present has outdated guidelines and does not have a local policy. Many think this is the reason for the recent examples of inappropriate development, and why Warrandyte is not equipped to withstand future pressures. Bulleen Gateway and Doncaster Hill have their own local policies, and WCA believes Warrandyte deserves its own as well.

The combination of a specific local policy for Warrandyte and a complete rewrite of the outdated heritage guidelines is the only way to preserve the township. The consultants stated this and incorporated it in their preliminary draft document.

They were very specific about this in the last reference group meeting, however council officers disagreed with this, and discussions were held after this meeting without the involvement of the WCA, and the inclusion of a specific local policy was removed from the draft.

WCA views this decision as a most fundamental error of judgement in relation to the long term preservation of the character of the Warrandyte township, as well as being inconsistent with the brief. The WCA believes that the council officers involved in the process of the UDF are dedicated and genuine in their intent to produce a good outcome for the UDF. However WCA is extremely disappointed that the process has resulted in this outcome.

Floodway rezoning

The other significant concern WCA has about the draft is the inclusion of the rezoning of five properties in the Urban Floodway Zone. In the last reference group meeting the consultants specifically stated that this aspect was not covered in the draft because it was not consistent with the brief. However after specific instruction from council it has now been included.

The argument for the inclusion of the rezoning is that without it the properties could become abandoned. Council has suggested that the properties be rezoned so as to remove certain restrictions, and allow greater flexibility for their use.

The argument against the inclusion of the rezoning is that it will produce a more intensive use of these sites and thus damages the area’s existing character. The onus for rezoning should be upon the owners of these properties to pursue this matter. However none of the owners have previously requested this in writing and there has only been one planning application made to alter the use of the land. This issue is clearly being driven by council, and while the WCA agrees that the properties should not be allowed to become derelict it is inappropriate to include it in the Pride of Place project at the expense of issues that are more aligned to the project’s brief.

Parking and traffic

The parking survey that was undertaken took place on Sun-

day, April 18, 2004, at the end of school holidays and when weather conditions were not conducive to produce true peak demands. The report states “...car parking demand will be seasonal with higher demands expected during warmer periods...”

Thus we still lack statistically reliable information that is representative of peak periods.

In a recent council delegation report, responding to yet another car parking waiver, the officer stated “...parking has not yet reached saturation...”

WCA is therefore concerned that as yet we have no definition of what “saturation” is, whether we have already reached it during the warmer periods, and how much more stress the parking capacity of the township can handle.

Signage

Results of the UDF survey indicated that the majority of residents believed signage is a major issue and whilst WCA were encouraged to see original recommendations that signage clutter should be reduced, we are most disappointed that it has not been taken up by council. A local policy specific to Warrandyte and its enforcement is the only way to preserve the township’s character in this regard.

WCA’s request

The WCA requests members of the community to make submissions to this draft, and to consider supporting us in our stance, specifically towards the production of significantly updated guidelines and a local policy for the preservation of Warrandyte’s character.

We also strongly believe that we need to insist that a steering committee be set up with community representatives on board from now on to deal with matters of the combined UDF and Warrandyte River Reserve management plan. These two projects will have the potential to significantly alter Warrandyte and should be combined to allow a clearer picture of what is being proposed, and the direction should involve significantly greater community involvement.

The community also needs to express its opinion on the rezoning of the Urban Floodway Zone.

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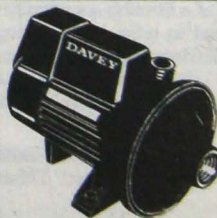
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Local history happens

What makes Warrandyte a special place? This question is being asked by the Warrandyte Historical Society, which is planning to publish a new history of Warrandyte and is seeking input from residents.

"What makes Warrandyte special? Many visitors would say that it is its environment—the attractiveness of its natural landscape and the charm of its riverside setting," said Richard Morton, historian and long-time Warrandyte resident, who is the general editor of the proposed publication.

"But for those of us who have lived here for some time it is equally the strength of its community spirit."

What the new history aims to do in retelling the story of Warrandyte's past is to identify those elements that have contributed to the formation of this community identity.

"We know, for example, that the goldminers working in Warrandyte in the 1890s were reluctant to join the Australian Miners Association, which was to become one of the cornerstones in the development of modern industrial unionsim, at

a time when that body was beginning to flex its industrial muscle," Dr Morton said.

"The Warrandyte miners had, in fact, already formed their own association to lobby government and to look after their industrial interests; they saw unionism as offering them few practical advantages. They showed an independence of spirit and were prepared to work outside the mainstream.

"This desire to do things differently, to defy convention and to look for innovative solutions has been amply demonstrated in other community activities: in the support for a very early experiment in alternative education (Koorung School); in the formation of an artists' colony; in the development of a craft cooperative (Potters Cottage); in the active encouragement of the community arts movement and in the formation of self-help groups to meet community needs or in response to natural disasters such as bushfires, floods and mining disasters."

The Warrandyte Diary is a prime example of a community acting to fill an obvious need.

"Most local histories are written from the records of formal organisations or from the reminiscences of individuals," Richard Morton said. "We are more interested in tracing the patterns of informal social interaction—the networks within the community through which people have organised their occupational, social, recreational and cultural activities.

"We are particularly keen to hear from people who have personal or family records, photographs, recollections or anecdotes that capture the community in action—anything that brought the community together: celebrations, ceremonies, parades, public meetings, formal or informal festivities and social events, dances, picnics, picture shows, performances, sporting events, working bees and exhibitions. Who organised them? Who participated?"

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The exercise will involve CFA appliances from around the area as well as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Parks Victoria and Department of Sustainability and Environment.

There will also be firefighting aircraft, which will be patrolling the area during the period.

"The brigade wants to involve local residents in the exercise," Troy Lowther of the North Warrandyte CFA told the *Diary*. "This would give residents an opportunity to test their personal fire plans, listen to a large-scale incident on their scanners and see how hard it is to unscramble details of what is happening."

"We will have a number of facilitators in the area at the time to liaise with residents and answer any questions."

North Warrandyte CFA is holding a residents meeting on Thursday, December 2 at the North Warrandyte Fire Station, 115 Glynn's Road at 7.30pm.

"This is for all the Fireguard groups and for everyone else who wishes to participate," Mr Lowther said. "Then we will hold a meeting after the event to see how it went and see what lessons we have learned."

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Fire information in your neighbourhood

As the fire season draws closer, the CFA will be conducting a number of street corner and public meetings at various locations in and around the Warrandyte area over the coming summer.

Entitled "Fire Ready", this public education program is a revamped version of the old Bushfire Blitz campaign.

"During these meetings, important information will be provided on the wildfire risk in the local area," Kate Murphy of Warrandyte CFA told the *Diary*.

Residents will learn "what a fire may be like in this area, as well as information on what they can do to reduce their risk. They will learn how to make sure all members of their families are safe, how houses are threatened during a bushfire

and how to prepare homes and properties prior to a bushfire."

Fire Ready meetings will be held in Warrandyte at:

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Local bike riders Paul Gleeson and Austin Polley (pictured left at journey's end) recently travelled to Britain to ride from one end to the other of the British Isles. The iconic Lands End to John O'Groats ride is an attraction for cyclists worldwide and the two intrepid locals told the *Diary* they thoroughly enjoyed every minute (well almost — there were some pretty steep hills!).

"We rode 1870 kilometres in 24 days and despite an indifferent summer in the UK had some great weather," said Austin Polley.

The pair took their bikes with them and carried their luggage in panniers (no support vehicle). Their equipment behaved very well and they only had three punctures between them. They stayed in youth hostels or B&Bs and visited such local attractions as the Eden Project in Cornwall.

"British drivers were patient and considerate and the locals friendly and helpful," Mr Polley said.

"However the highlight of the trip was riding through some beautiful landscapes," said Paul Gleeson. "Especially through the Lake District, Glencoe and the Scottish Highlands. Overall it was a great ride and we were very pleased to have completed it."

The two cyclists ride regularly as part of a Warrandyte cycle group. While Austin Polley will be participating in the Great Victorian Bike Ride in December, there are no other long distance overseas cycling trips currently planned.

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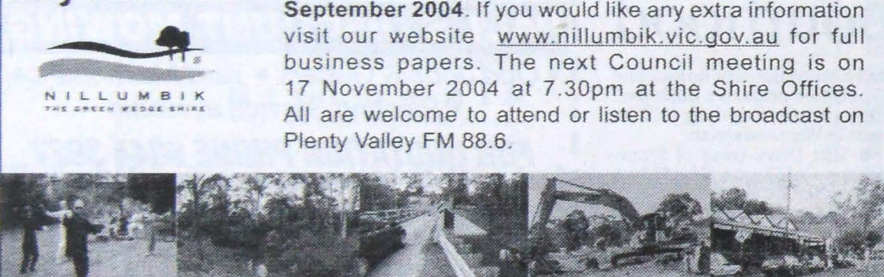
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Key Decisions These are some of the decisions made by Council in **September 2004**. If you would like any extra information visit our website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for full business papers. The next Council meeting is on 17 November 2004 at 7.30pm at the Shire Offices. All are welcome to attend or listen to the broadcast on Plenty Valley FM 88.6.



Community, Health, Culture, Sport and Leisure	Land Use, Planning and Environment	Transport and Infrastructure	Economic Development
<p>Adopted the Plenty Park Master Plan.</p> <p>Endorsed the recommendations of the Grant Makers for the Youth Support Grants 2004-2005; and thank the Grant Makers and all applicants for their participation in the program.</p>	<p>Resolved to give public notice of Council's intention to rename the northern section of Ramptons Road between Manning Road and Ryans Road; the western segment of Ramptons Road from the T-intersection, Colric Place; and the central section of Ramptons Road, Warringah Crescent.</p>	<p>Resolved that Council release the Draft Road Management Plan for public consultation.</p> <p>Resolved that Council proceed with consultation and detailed design for the Thompson Crescent/ Brenda Road Area, Research and for the Margaret Street and Afton Street, Research Special Charge Schemes.</p>	<p>Resolved that Council not proceed with a Special Charge Scheme for constructing Bellbird Lane, Kangaroo Ground; impose a three year moratorium for future investigation into the construction of Bellbird Lane, Kangaroo Ground; and notify property owners accordingly.</p>

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Winning for school and glory

Tom Hughes, a Grade 5 pupil from Andersons Creek Primary School was named a zone winner in the "Nestlé Write Around Australia" program. Tom was presented with his prize and a certificate last month.

Tom was among four zone finalists from the Andersons Creek school.

The others were Annushia Andrews, Mitchell Hall and Lachlan Chapman.

A spokesperson from the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation, organisers of the program within their zone, told the *Diary* that "Write Around Australia" is a creative writing project which "targets children in Years 5 and 6 across Australia."

"It aims to develop their creative writing skills by entering a writing competition and participating in creative writing workshops conducted by published Australian children's authors."

"A total of 2150 entries were received in our zone and 23 judges read and scored the entries."

Twenty zone finalists were selected. They attended special workshops presented by popular children's author, Archie Fusillo.

The winners from each of the 10 Victorian zones will attend a state presentation in November.

"The stories from each of the state winners will then be judged and Year 5 and Year 6 Australian winner will be selected," the spokesperson said.



Andersons Creek "Write Around Australia" finalists (from left) Mitchell Hall, Annushia Andrews, winner Tom Hughes and Lachlan Chapman at their zone prize-giving with teacher Lyn Regan and principal Des McKenzie.



Ali and Maeve of Warrandyte Primary School (pictured left) successfully represented their school at the annual Manningham public speaking presentation. Warrandyte High School hosted the event, and Prep to Year 6 students from Manningham schools participated.

Name your leading citizens

Nominations for Manningham council's citizen and young citizen of the year awards are now open.

The awards are presented annually to local citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the community. Manningham mayor, Cr Pat Young, is urging residents to nominate suitably qualified citizens for either award.

"The awards are broadly based and made on the basis of merit and any field of endeavour/performance may be recognised by the awards, Cr Young told the *Diary*."

"This includes contributions in such fields as community service, environment, sports, arts, education etc."

The awards are to be presented at the citizenship ceremony on Wednesday 26 January, 2005.

To be eligible for Citizen or Young Citizen of the Year, nominees must be Australian citizens, however they need not reside within the City of Manningham.

Citizen of the Year must be 25 years or older and the Young Citizen of the Year must be under 25 years of age as of January, 26 2005.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the corporate support unit on 9840 9210, from the customer service desk at the municipal offices, from libraries within the municipality and on Manningham council's web site (www.manningham.vic.gov.au).

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Peering into the future through a glass darkly

IT all started with the toothbrush mug. Because we live in a superior household, it won't surprise you to discover that we keep our tooth cleaning impedimenta in a pewter tankard. I can understand your amazement but, just to add fuel to the fire, your envy will escalate when I tell you that the tankard looks well next to the Bohemian cut crystal water tumbler and the reproduction Victorian gold-plated taps. All this sits in front of the oil-slicked mirror tiling.

Naturally, we spend a lot of time keeping all this in pristine condition, so it was not unusual that I had the empty tankard in my hand and was cleaning out the gunk that invariably builds up on the bottom of such receptacles, even with pewter tankards! I have no idea why it had never struck me as odd before, but this time I became aware that the bottom of the tankard was made of clear glass. My first reaction was one of annoyance as it is more difficult to get glass looking cleaner than grey pewter. My second reaction was a flash of remembrance. Years ago I learnt that the tankards were made with glass bottoms so surly drunkards could see if anyone was attacking them whilst they were drinking. At the time, I took that on face value and I'm still prepared to believe that was the reason, but I'm not so convinced that the New Inventors panel of judges would choose the innovation for their prize of the week.



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"Years ago I learnt that the tankards were made with glass bottoms so surly drunkards could see if anyone was attacking them..."

Just think about it. You've been at sea for months and have sailed into port and have headed straight for the tavern after first reacquainting yourself with some attractive cousins in Madame Easy's house. There are lots of jolly tars in the tavern and the atmosphere is heavy with testosterone, spilled ale, methane and profanities. The serving wenches, who as yet haven't learnt to lap dance, are ensuring that tankards are full and that the tars' pockets are empty. So all is set

for a normal evening's carousing at The Grouse Thyme. After a few hours of jolly japes, stories of other places and the odd risqué yarn, the effects of the ale and the lightness of pocket create a different atmosphere. Eyes become blurred, as do perceptions and the scene is ripe for proving whose yardarm is the biggest or for settling old scores. It's just for such occasions that the glass-bottomed tankard was invented. The idea I'm sure, is that everyone would be unwilling to "have a go" at another if his opponent were eyeballing him. Consequently, the see-through bottom would act as a deterrent; a bit like the nuclear deterrent. If nobody has an advantage, then nobody begins the fracas. Well I assume it must be a deterrent because it couldn't be a serious defensive technique. Just imagine: blurry eyes, dark ale, low lighting and confusing activity. Add to this the stage of drinking the ale. Early on in the process, the glass would be totally covered by opaque ale and when there was so little liquid that the roisterer could see an approaching assailant, he would be too tipsy to do anything about it. Which is why so many of the other pewter tankards around have pewter bottoms. As I replaced the toothbrushes and toothpaste, I got to thinking about how some of our gadgets might be regarded in the future. Just as we don't need glass-bottomed tankards any more, what other innova-

tions will become obsolete? My first contenders are the myriad corkscrews that litter our appliance drawers. Once we sensibly transfer to screwtops on wine bottles, what will happen to the equipment for the ritual that is cork removal? What else be done with the "waiter's friend" that is neither pocketknife nor an implement useful for the removal of stones from car tyre treads? And what of those hydraulic syringe-type removers that, in the future, could only be seen as some type of illegal drug injecting appliance. Or the mini Bobcat, complete with corkscrew, multiple fulcrums and a box the size of the Yellow Pages to keep it in? The second contender is the leaf blower/sucker. When we reach a time in humankind's history when we have no more trees and, therefore, no more leaves, what will be made of the "air whooshers"? Will we be accused of having practised some sort of sexual perversions or perhaps it will be deemed to be a machine for clearing away children from the paths of parading politicians? And what will be made of the singing, twitching, stuffed mechanical trout beggars conjecture! I replaced the tankard and walked into the living room and, suddenly it struck me; 1970s hand-thrown, asymmetrical vases and lamp bases. What will future generations make of those?

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Defeating the bush invaders in a sliver of no-man's-land

THE T-shaped corridor of bushland in North Warrandyte was one of the worst weedscapes I have seen. The land runs alongside road, river and houses, but ownership is unclear as boundaries are blurred between council, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and private. Regardless of who has authority over which bit, no one, it seemed, wanted to take responsibility for the weedy unnamed creek that flows intermittently into the Yarra River.

Although highly visible from the narrow gravel road that services the houses and gives access to a low-key riverside State Park reserve, the site has never had priority for weed control. Things only started to happen when the local Landcare organisation, with a grant from the National Heritage Trust (NHT), arranged for some huge pine trees to be cut down along the weedscape as part of a large scale eradication of pines in the area.

Following this a Green Corps group removed some of the honeysuckle, but it was only a nibble at a very large infestation and it was never followed up. Growing densely on the slopes of the gully and plateau above the riverbank, under a canopy of Manna Gum and Yellow Box, was one of Warrandyte's most contentious weeds—Cherry Plum, *Prunus cerasifera*. If there was ever any doubt that these spreading, multi-trunked European fruit trees can, and do, invade remnant bushland, here was the proof and the missing middle-story of the corridor was the devastating result. Blooming prettily for barely two weeks of the year, *Prunus* flowers have little value for native insects that are on the wing later than their cold



NATURE

By **PAT COUPAR**
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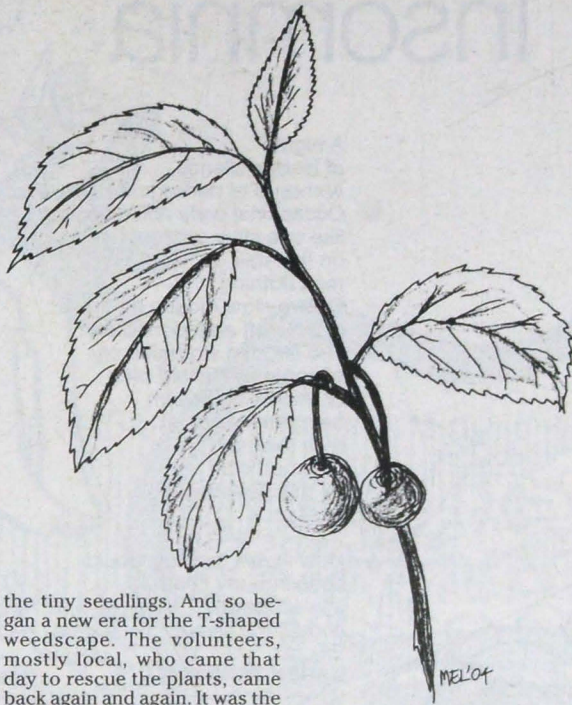
climate cousins. In addition, the leafless state of the trees over several months is poor habitat for most native fauna.

Eighteen months ago, again funded by Landcare, systematic control of woody weeds was carried out. Every hawthorn, cotoneaster, as well as every *Prunus*, was killed by a lethal injection of Roundup. At the same time, 10 metre high columns of honeysuckle were cut off at the base. Each stem, from wrist-thick trunks to tiny tendrils, was sawn or snipped and dabbed with herbicide. It was a tedious task. Within a few weeks, as leaves shriveled and died, it was easy to see those that had been missed. Follow-up was essential if eradication was to be achieved.

By comparison the removal of blackberry, ivy, periwinkle and tutsan was a less onerous task. This just left the Bridal Creeper, Verbena, Forget-me-not, thistles, a carpet of Angled Onion, three species of Oxalis and a suite of grassy weeds!

One year ago, with the death of the *Prunus*, some amazing things started to happen. Responding to an increase in light and a decrease in competition for water and nutrients, seeds of those missing middle-story shrubs began to germinate. However, if these young Pomaderris, Christmas Bush, Bursaria, Goodenia and the like were to survive they needed immediate protection from rabbits.

The call went out and willing helpers descended on the site to place plastic guards around



the tiny seedlings. And so began a new era for the T-shaped weedscape. The volunteers, mostly local, who came that day to rescue the plants, came back again and again. It was the birth of a new Friends group.

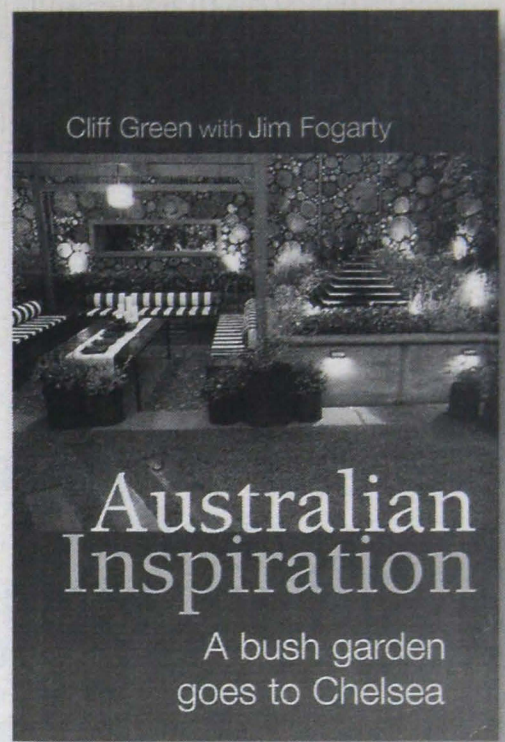
With a reshuffle of staff last year at the Warrandyte State Park the group and the site finally received the support and encouragement it had been desperately seeking. In autumn the park's summer crew of project firefighters cut, piled and burnt all the dead *Prunus*—immediately and dramatically improving the aesthetics of the site.

Remarkably the original seedlings survived the hot dry months of summer and autumn and have grown above their guards. The guards have since been removed and placed around this year's seedlings. With the bush repairing itself, there has been minimal plant-

ing and follow up of all previous weed control requires little effort.

The creek is no longer unloved or unnamed having been christened by the group Wombat Creek after the maze of wombat burrows in the vicinity. In the year since their inception the Friends group has grown in number, experience and passion by dedicating just two hours of their time once a week they have transformed the T-shaped weedscape into vibrant bushscape.

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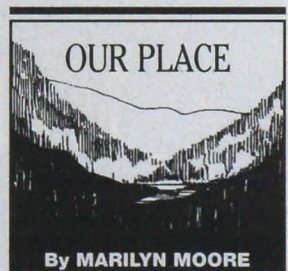
Spin doctors invade car game

WE Warrandytians enjoy a blissful respite from Melbourne's grid-locked roads and the incessant hassle of city traffic. But we can't do without our own cars for more than about five minutes.

Having said that, we did manage without our car once, for a whole week. At the time I thought it would be educational. Things worked out well on the whole, although walking the last three kilometres home late at night had whiskers on it. It was so dark that we couldn't see a thing; the first we knew about puddles was when we stepped in them. It was certainly educational. How pleased we were to get our car back!

So when the Wonderwagon recently went wonky, we dumped it at the garage, hoping it could be quickly fixed. Life is much too busy to spend time paying attention to a misbehaving car.

The Wonderwagon, somewhat unnecessarily and quite childishly I feel, retaliated by throwing tantrums. What fun it would be to behave perfectly for the mechanics, then to keep leaving us stranded on some of



OUR PLACE

By **MARILYN MOORE**

Melbourne's busiest roads! In short, it kept stalling, with no intention of restarting, and nobody could work out why. And just to entertain us between times, it revved wildly as if we'd floored the accelerator. This had a predictable outcome when the traffic lights changed to green, although I wouldn't have thought that I looked much like your typical drag-art-ist.

Our trusty mechanic almost wore a groove in his skull from three weeks of head-scratching. And he was not alone—auto-electricians all over the district were equally flummoxed. Finally, even the manufacturer's chief expert swore he had never seen anything like it.

So here we are. Car-less again. Unsurprisingly, I find little consolation in being the owner of the most baffling cot-case in the history of the motorcar. I'd be so much happier if somebody would just fix the damn thing.

As the days pass, we are kept amused by the manufacturer's public relations department. Their attempts to put a good spin on things sound increasingly desperate, as they give far too many assurances that the problem will undoubtedly be rectified. By tomorrow. Absolutely. The PR chap runs through not only his own curriculum vitae, but also those of his highly qualified team. At the end of this impressive recital, he congratulates me on the fact that today my car is going to receive its Complimentary Clean.

The fact that the company needs to employ such a skilled spin doctor at all is something of a worry. I'd rather be told straight out by a good old-fashioned mechanic that the problem hadn't been found yet. In fact I think I'd rather have a good old-fashioned car full stop, one of the sort that has every working part readily visible under the bonnet. Faced

with the inscrutability of an electronic fuel injection system, I have found myself positively pining for a split heater hose, a broken fan belt or even a defunct alternator. Ah, those were the days, my friends.

Our recent traffic-stalling experiences have been highly embarrassing, and I hereby apologise to anybody who has been stuck behind us. I must say a couple of you are a bit tetchy, though. It's not terribly helpful to sit there blasting away on your horn. Believe me, we are doing everything we can. It's just that car tantrums don't seem to be in anybody's handbook. Now that the culprit has finally been packed off to an appropriate correctional institution (and won't be coming home until it can behave), we should be out of your way.

The timing of all this is not great, with the VCE exams in full swing and my alternative transport being at the bike repair shop. However, we are puddling along nicely, albeit rather bemused by the incomprehensibility of computer-dependent technology. At times like this, Warrandyte suddenly seems such a long way from everywhere else!

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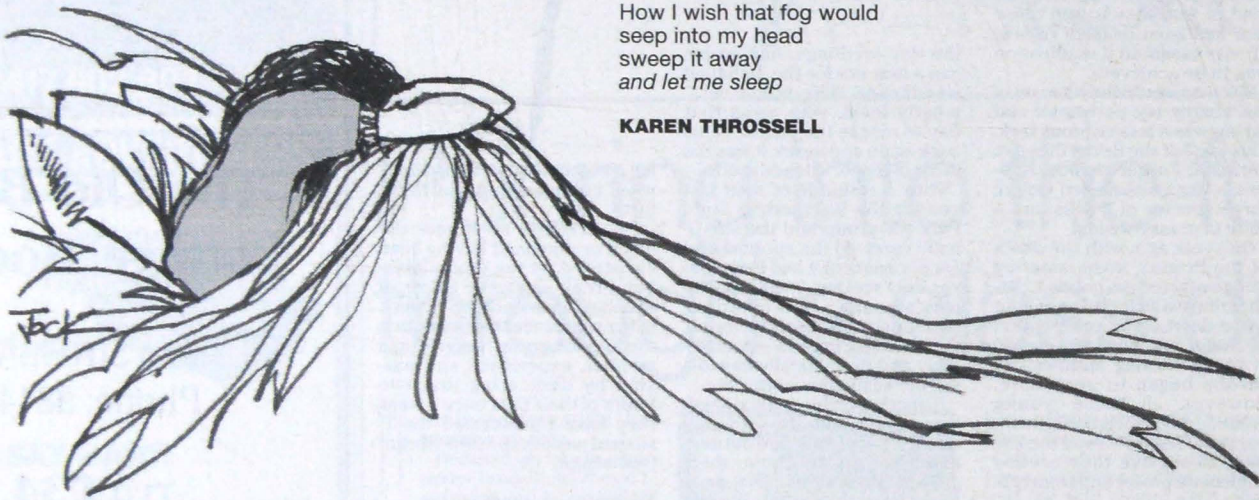
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on the stair
then nothing.
Or two slow motion bounces
of a far off abandoned ball.
The sudden strangled cry
of some demented bird
or maybe a possum
being mangled
by a feral cat.
All smothered
by that eventual fog
of silence.

How I wish that fog would
seep into my head
sweep it away
and let me sleep

KAREN THROSSELL



**Without the human community,
one single human being cannot survive.**
[Dalai Lama]

**Laughter
is the shortest distance between two people.**
[Victor Borge]

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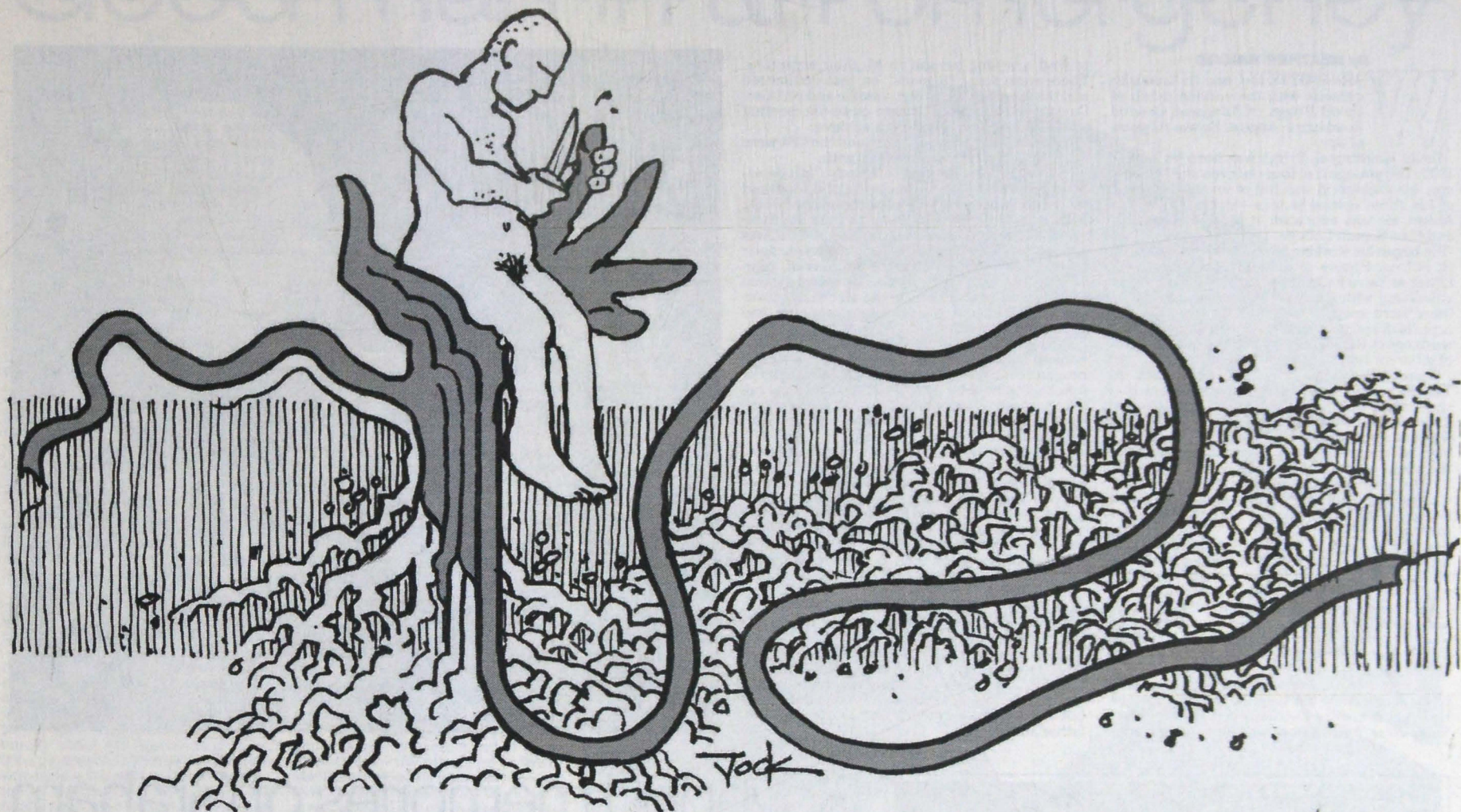
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Through the valley of life

The end point of sequential time is now. All that preceded us and all that comes after depends on us. What we do matters so powerfully that to evade our responsibilities is to call down chaos.

— Deborah Bird-Rose

LIKE one long continuous seam of consciousness the Yarra pours through the Warrandyte Gorge making its way past the valley of Barneong, past Yarra Brae, Stane Brae, Jumping Creek, Black Flat, Island, the village and on to Pound Bend. The village is almost the halfway mark on the Yarra's trip from the mountains to the sea. In the middle of this middle is the huge meander named Pound Bend. The belly of the beast. The navel that we can gaze upon when we seek succour from nature.

Pound Bend is unique. It is the largest incised meander in the southern hemisphere. Big story. Once, when the Yarra Glen floodplain and the Chandler Basin Floodplains (Ivanhoe) were connected, the land of the Nillumbik plateau began rising and the meandering Yarra cut its way, incised its journey into the rocks as it rose, thereby keeping the same course. It kept true to its course and produced a landscape of breathtaking beauty.

Chiseled through the Middle Yarra Valley, the river winds its way with sheer cliff walls to the outside of the flow, creating large river terraces of alluvial land along the inside of its turn. Glimpses of the river come from high escarpments, heavily forested riverbanks escorting the Yarra before it twists out of view around the next bend.

Large river terraces mark the shapes of previous river incarnations, as Pound Bend looks east to the ridgeline that runs along the Research-Warrandyte Road. The ridgeline is broken by the valley of Stony Creek, only to rise to great heights again with the escarpment of the ridge along which Glynn's Road lies. Secure and pleasant places are created by this landscape; Pound Bend has these in great measure. The ambience of Pound Bend is one of joyful contemplation; a peacefulness pervades its land-

FELLOWSHIP OF THE FORESTS

By GLEN JAMESON

scape. Just the place for the Fellowship to sit upon the banks and wonder where humans fit into this landscape?

Humans are naturally part of the landscape and its ecology. Every day each of our actions registers on this landscape and correspondingly things react and change according to our actions. Although for some time now we have treated landscape and nature as a pleasant piece of scenery, something that provides a background to our lives, the ecological disasters that humans have created in Australia demand that we pay attention and develop more of an understanding of what is going on.

Salinity, soil erosion, climate change, land degradation and the highest level of mammal extinction in the world: Australians have a lot to ponder. The changes that European Australians have wrought upon the country since settlement are beginning to accumulate and threaten our long-term survival. The landscape reacting to us invites the development of a more sympathetic vision of our place in this world: "The (European) invasion is not a process of the past which is now finished. The process is on-going and is continuing to destroy people and land. Conquest is based on desire and on the illusion of winners and losers. One wins by disabling not only the opposition but the very life systems in which the opposition is embedded. This is a fatal error, for there are no other life systems."

How do we stop this process of destruction and acquire more knowledge, where does this information come from? There are more scientists alive on earth than ever before and they have important things to say, but we still seem to be having great difficulty with the sustainability debate. Perhaps we are yet to develop a cultural understanding and philosophical framework in which to place ourselves. Maybe that the landscape, the plants and animals, the rhythms of the seasons, can teach us

something, for: "Country is alive with information for those who have learned to understand". Aboriginal philosophy may assist us in the quest for insight and knowledge about this landscape, for "Dreaming and ecology intersect constantly, providing a rich understanding of universal and social life".

"Aboriginal law derives from the matrix of relationships that occur in the landscape. Relationships between plants and animals, rock and water, soil and stars. It is law that they believe is immutable, not changed by parliament, but observable and permanent. Law carried down from the beginning of time. Dreaming law is everywhere; everywhere localised and culturally distinct; it is also everywhere the same."

Are there lessons written in the earth, scrawled across the landscape for us to read and absorb? According to the world's oldest continual living human culture, "To us alive now, one of the most important aspects of Dreaming is that the marks do not wash away. In this sense the Dreaming is quite literally "grounded". The earth is repository of blood from Dreaming births and deaths, sexual excretions for Dreaming activities, charcoal and ashes from their fires. Dreaming life has this quality that defies change...compared to the ephemeral existence of living things now, Dreamings carry on forever."

Observations of the natural world could assist by developing a more relevant philosophical cosmos, one less destructive and perhaps one that has a non-human centre. One that reflects the environment around us which is not hierarchical like the systems that we impose upon the world. Hierarchical systems allow too few people have too much power, with the potential of allowing destructive processes: "The primary cause of conquest is arrogance and greed. Aboriginal people know these human frailties are facts of life; the problem is how they came to be 'laws' by which humans live. There is a moral obligation to learn to understand, to pay attention and to respond. For symmetry in opposing and balancing each other, parts must be equivalent because the purpose is not to 'win' or to dominate, but to

block, thereby producing further balance; autonomy. No species or group or country is 'boss' over another; each adheres to its own law. Authority and dependence are necessary parts but not between parts."

Each and every living thing, every rock, every bone is a sentient being, with its own Law, its own consciousness of the world. "It is one thing to say that all beings have a right to exist and another thing to know that the potential for disaster is built into the structure of the cosmos, and what prevention depends on is all living things taking responsibility." Do we have time in our busy lives to go looking for such information? How long do we need to observe the bushlands and landscape before we begin to make sense of it?

The forest that grows in our backyards and across our neighbourhood is not just scenery, but a collection of individuals. Individual trees, shrubs and grasses. "Every species is seen to have its own right to exist of and for itself. Less a hierarchical chain than a network, feeding and taking care, nurturing all life. (Aboriginal) people believe that if they take care of country (burn it, perform increase rites, sing the songs, visit and use it) country will take care of them. This is a cyclical process in which the knowledge and care which humans put into the system form part of the essential part of human survival in the system, making people, other species and country healthy."

Is it through our interaction with the landscape that we become human? Do we get our shape and form through our relationships to all the other forms that inhabit the earth? "Human culture requires that we engage with each other; the ideal is symmetrical inter-dependence. The values of nurturance, dependence and autonomy are alive and well in our hearts and minds. Cultural values, spiritual awareness; these are essential means through which people all over the world heal themselves, and their earth."

The author is indebted to Deborah Bird Rose's Dingo Makes Us Human and to the Yarralin people for direct quotes and for many ideas for this article.

David is fondly remembered

By HEATHER BRIGGS

WARRANDYTE lost one of its favourite citizens with the sudden death of David Briggs of Kangaroo Ground Road late in August. He was 67 years of age.

David Waddington Briggs was born on June 6, 1937. The youngest of four children and the only son, his childhood was full of lovely memories of his three doting sisters—Shirley, Enid and Alison. He was educated at Malvern Grammar and then Scotch College.

He began his working life as an industrial chemist at Drug Houses of Australia, then joined his father at Yarra Falls, thus beginning his long involvement with the textile trade. His first years there were spent learning about the technical aspects of spinning and dyeing yarn, including the workings of the machinery and the complexities of different types of fibre.

Some time later he was seconded to TascoDowning, a new and exciting company that specialised in man-made fibres. The managing director, Ron Downing, was a very astute man who gathered around him a group of very capable and loyal employees. They worked well as a team and were very successful. Ron had a delightful sense of humour, an example of which was the grazing of some sheep in the front of their factory—which of course dealt only with man-made fibres!

Such was the regard clients held for David that they presented him with a Yarmulke and made him an honorary Jew. He remained in the textile trade until he retired in 2001.

David and I married on October 27, 1962. We bought the Lowen's house in Kangaroo Ground Road and moved into Warrandyte on March 15, 1963, so beginning our long association with the community.

Shortly after moving in, David was introduced to local affairs by our neighbour James Wright. He became involved with the North Warrandyte Ratepayers Association, who were very happy

to find a willing person to be their secretary. There were some "legends" on that committee and the meetings were often volatile and verbose. David's main ambition was to close the meeting at 9.30, a feat he did not often achieve.

The Warrandyte kindergarten and the CFA were other areas he became involved with.

The local Beefsteak and Burgundy Club developed his love of fine wines and good food and led to him becoming quite an accomplished cook.

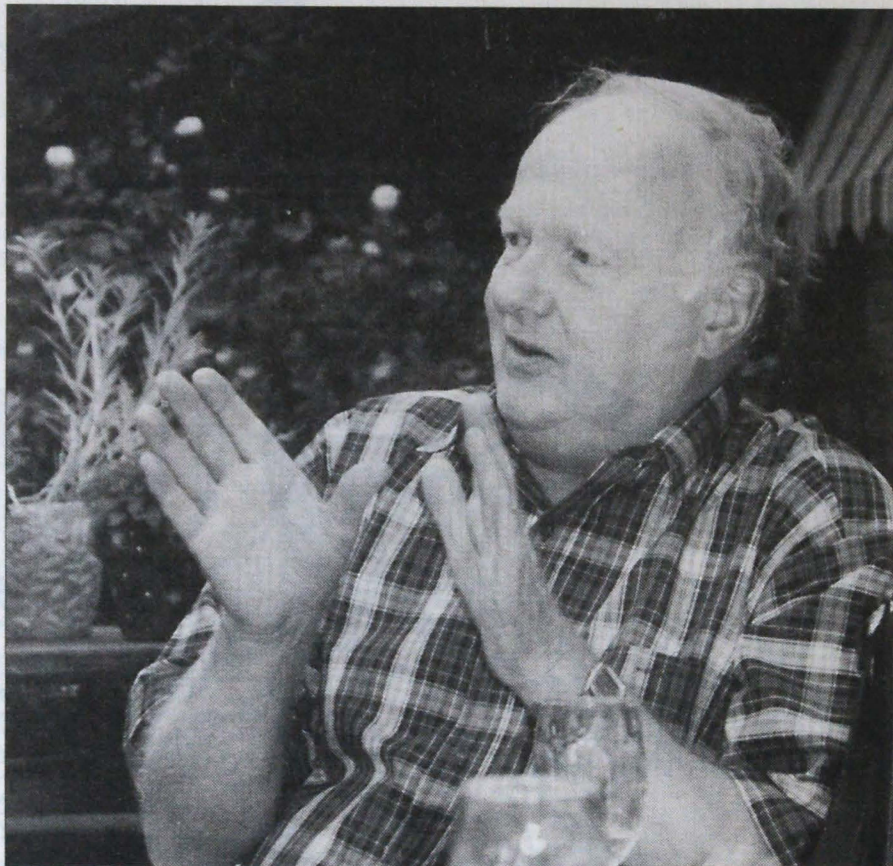
Living in a community such as ours we naturally became involved with the Warrandyte Arts Association. David actually sang alongside such luminaries as Pi Beecham, John Verrall, Alan Tisdale and Anthony Burgess. The sound system used for the productions in the Mechanics Institute Hall was a source of great fun during the time of his involvement.

Music was always a passion of his, and he spent endless hours listening to his favourites, which ranged from the classics to jazz. As our girls, Amelia and Phoebe developed their musical talents he spent a lot of time listening to them perform, always in tune with their feelings and with a proud tear in his eye.

Apart from his family, his other interests were test cricket, AFL—in particular the Mighty Bombers, photography and cats. His fondest memories were of Tom, a big black stray that selected our home to live in. Tom and David were the greatest of mates. Dogs were rather forced on him until the advent of Hilda, a large brown dog given to him by our daughter, then in the last two years his devoted companion Lotte, who selected David at the Lort Smith Animal Home.

Last year we fulfilled one of David's ambitions by driving across the Nullarbor to visit our daughter Amelia in Perth.

David died at home on August 26. We were all devastated by our loss, but take some comfort in the fact that the whole family was together the weekend before he died. We miss him dreadfully but are grateful for having him as our husband, father and friend.



Country cousins: Deborah Silva (Nellie Clutterback) and Craig Willis (Jim Ferguson), stars of Clutterback Farm. (Picture by Ken Virtue)

Boyhood memories of Graham

GRAHAM Williams, born and bred in Warrandyte and a man of many talents, died last month, aged 51. This obituary is taken from the eulogy delivered by his wife Helen.

Graham Williams was the fifth of nine children — five girls, four boys — born to Patricia and Jack Williams.

He had a wonderful childhood at Warrandyte and spoke fondly of his memories of his life in the stone house at West End Road.

There were no fussy eaters in the Williams family or someone else would eat your food!

There were the great neighbours, the Lishkey family, and the swimming hole in the Yarra. And of course his longtime friend Rogan Bayard, who just lived across the road.

Growing up in a large family, Graham learnt many skills to become a great adult.

In his rebellious teenage years he ran away to Western Australia and worked on a sheep station for nearly a year. It was a highlight of his life and he often talked about his experiences there.

During his early life Graham's father had farms and Graham spent time working on them, the cattle properties at Merton and Kinglake and the potato farm, also at Kinglake.

But like his father, Graham went into the marine industry. After a few small marine jobs he started work as a deckhand in 1978 with Esar on the oil barge Bunker One in Port Melbourne.

At 26 he went to Essendon Airport to learn to fly light aircraft and at the Galaxy Flying School he met Helen.

They acquired their private pilots' licences, married in 1980 and bought a house in Ascot Vale which the resourceful and multi-skilled Graham renovated and extended.

Two children were born — Ben in 1982 and Tim in 1985 — and brought great joy to Graham, especially as they gradually outgrew him in height

until he was the shortest in their family!

Graham had a strong work ethic and he had great pride recently when his sons found permanent employment, Ben as a musician with the Royal Australian Air Force, Tim as an apprentice motor mechanic with Alan Mance Mitsubishi in Footscray.

During the 1980s Graham continued to work on the bunker barge and in 1989 he achieved his marine master's ticket. So he was now the captain of the Bunker One and had a great reputation as a fair and capable skipper.

But in 1992 Graham was re-trenched. This began a most interesting aspect of his life as now he became extremely multi-skilled with diverse occupations. From 1992 he worked in computer networking,

maintenance, casual work on the barge, tiling, welding, fabricating displays, building houses, milking on dairy farms and farm management.

Graham was diagnosed with melanoma cancer 18 months ago. He received treatment and always maintained a positive attitude.

He had been in remission since June this year and was looking and feeling very well. The week before his death he was in Adelaide working at a trade display. He became ill on Friday night, October 15, and passed away on the Sunday morning.

Graham was a special man with a bright smile and a kind word for all. He was a true friend and a principled person who was positive with life in an easy-going manner.

One of life's generous and true gentlemen.



All the fun of the farm

ANIMAL Farm comes to Warrandyte—in panto garb—as a team of bush and farm animals join forces to foil a villainous developer.

Warrandyte Theatre Company's Christmas pantos bring a touch of local vaudeville to the traditional family show.

The same creative team behind last year's success, Princess Gorgeous in Neverland, Warrandyte writer Keryn Wood and composer and lyricist Jack Stringer, have joined forces to produce Clutterback Farm—another all-singing all-dancing comic extravaganza.

Clutterback Farm starts with a simple theme—the farm animals uniting with their bush adversaries to foil developer Bentley Daim-

ler's plans and save the farm and lovely Nellie Clutterback.

"But a simple theme is only the beginning," director Ken Virtue told the *Diary*.

"Clutterback Farm has a playboy possum, tap-dancing chooks and a villain in mid-life career crisis.

"The music and dancing in this show are a stand-out—as we are coming to expect from the theatre group. And a few local identities are throwing themselves into their characterisation of pigs, bunnies, kangaroos and foxes."

Clutterback Farm will be staged at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on November 26 and 27 and December 3 and 4, with matinees on both Saturdays. Bookings through Joan Rogers at the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop, 9844 1744.



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Good man in an emergency

ANYONE wanting to phone Alan Alder when he's at home in Webb Street might choose a time when he's not mowing the lawn. Having cleared the three-quarter-acre block by hand nearly 50 years ago he now asks his wife Sally to take a message whenever he's out pushing the mower.

"I carved it out of the scrub with a handmower and sickle," Alan said. "It's relatively flat but the place's so big I've got to keep the thing working to keep the grass short."

Alan Alder has an outstanding history of community involvement in Warrandyte. Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1996 for his contribution to community services through the SES, he's also won the Paul Harris Rotary award and two years ago he was Manningham Citizen of the Year. He's controller of the Doncaster SES unit, chairman of Warrandyte Housing and Support Services, a founder member and long-standing treasurer of the Warrandyte Historical Society, chairman of the Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park police community consultative committee, a life fellow of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services and a member of the Manningham local safety committee.

How, and why, does he do it?
"I thoroughly love what I do now," he said. "When I was working I did it because I had to."

"When Sally and I came to Warrandyte in 1957 with two brand new twins there was a shortage of running water and flush toilets but the community was brimming over with spirit. I want to put something back into the community which has been so kind to us. It's a pleasure to live here with people who feel for the town and who contribute to Warrandyte and of course I'm totally supported by Sally with the kids in the background."

Sally's father Reg had been a rubber plantation owner in Malaya and he and his wife Hilda were both in Changi during the war. They settled in Warrandyte, where Hilda, an accomplished singer and musician, became a founder member of the arts group. They were "olde worlde people, Hilda rather imperious", and the next generation of Alders followed them there.

"It was really pioneering stuff in those days and a real community. Sally would have to push the twins in the pram up and down Webb Street hill to do the shopping but if any of the other girls were going they'd either do her shopping for her or take her with them. Fortunately Sally's parents had a car but I'm not sure if we would have survived without the support of the girls," Alan said.

"We had Susan seven years later. The women stuck by each other. They helped each other out and this created a bond. People don't know their next door neighbours now but then, you would knock on the door if you hadn't

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

seen anyone for a day.

"If you had a car you would give anyone a lift but I see the kids walking up the hill with a load of books and if you offered them a lift now they'd scream and run."

Alan grew up in Somerset, where his father was a high ranking RAF officer who served in Singapore and was then posted to Australia. The family settled in Caulfield in 1940 when Alan was 13 and he and his brother went to Melbourne Grammar where "I was a normal student, didn't excel". He spent some time as a jackaroo and trained as a salesman with International Harvesters before joining the interim RAAF in 1946.

"Although the war was over it was very sticky in Malaya at that time and then Korea raised its ugly head. I saw a reasonable bit of Australia as a leading aircraftsman, a radio communications chap, but I didn't go overseas."

In 1954 Alan joined a refinery in Altona. "It was interesting to see how the Americans did things like building refineries. They gave their employees a great deal of consideration—they were treated more like family and friends than the 'bosses and slaves' attitude of the English and Australians."

Alan worked shifts for 17 years, then moved to a petrochemical complex nearby, but it was hard for the Alders who were living in Warrandyte with a young family of three. "I had to come to work from the other end of town, taking one and a half hours, too bloody long. It was normally done by riding a motorised bike from Warrandyte to Ringwood, then taking the train to Williamstown. It was the hardest thing I've ever done."

"I was terribly fit but it was great to graduate to a motorbike, then our first car."

A plant manager, Alan later worked for Vinidex—"they make all those pvc pipes you see around the place"—and a plastic powder coating company. He retired from professional life in 1991 and stepped up his involvement in community work.

"The fire season was very sticky in the 1960s and I got involved with the civil defence organisation, the original SES, and then the historical society, something I love dearly. It's a wonderful organisation which attracts a peculiar sort of bird—some show lifelong interest and others help when they can."

"I'd be loathe to agree that there would be a better photographic museum around Melbourne. The Rotherhams' photos, Andy Bevan-Jones' computer skills, it's all wonderful. And the housing service is another



Picture by Jan Tindale

example of volunteers helping people in need."

Alan holds enormous respect for other community leaders such as Margory Lapworth and Keith Walker. "Marg is very driven, at great personal cost, and she has excellent skills when dealing with people. From financial advice to a shoulder to cry on, you'll ring her and she'll say she can't talk now as she has to stand up for someone in court. The housing service is an unfunded group—the emergency relief money goes straight to the recipients—and we just keep our head up through the community market," he said.

"Warrandyte has a wonderful community copper in Keith Walker. Senior police people may or may not like his methods but they send young policemen out to look at his community policing."

Alan is keen to improve safety in the

community, especially among people with non-English speaking backgrounds. The Manningham safety committee is promoting this project through centres such as the Doncaster mosque and through the Chinese and Italian communities who use council facilities for playing cards and other social occasions. "We want to show them why not to be frightened by coppers but it's particularly hard getting to the elderly," said Alan, who's 76.

Examples of the police and community committee which Alan has been on for 11 years was the creating of the community garden below the Warrandyte police station, undertaking safety surveys and the drive to have pedestrian operated lights at the crossing outside the bank in Yarra Street.

He sees the national emergency services institute as a voice in the hierarchy where police, firemen and the SES

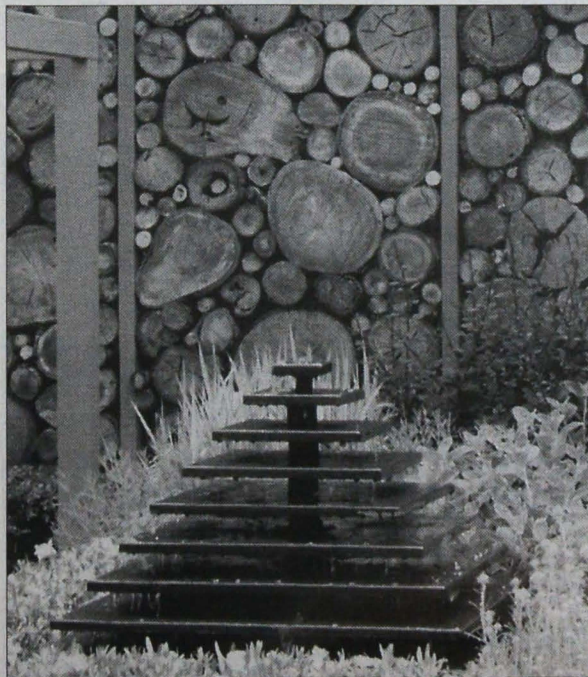
in all states can represent their views. A major issue at the moment is the matter of insurance for volunteers in these services and through the AIES there's a direct link to government.

But it's issues close to home in Warrandyte that make Alan's blood boil. On the committee looking into the local streetscape, he's incensed by the way developers can get round local laws.

"It gets up my left nostril that council can say 'no, you can't build it,' then the builder goes to VCAT, tells them he's spent a lot of money and gets permission to go ahead."

"Warrandyte is proud of its rural community approach and the streetscape is open to the public for comment but the system can be mucked around with. It's my own view, but that's an abortion of a building next to the post office. How did it get there?"

The intrepid story of a Chelsea garden



Picture by Judy Green

WHEN four men from Victoria took Australia's first ever show garden to Chelsea, they put Australian horticulture on the world map and laid the foundation for others to tread in their path.

Gardeners in the know are likely to be familiar with the Chelsea Flower Show, which celebrates the highest standards of horticulture and design—hailed as the greatest flower show on earth. But what does it mean to win a medal at Chelsea? And is it a mark of distinction worth chasing?

With a touch of bravado and a lot of spirit, a bunch of Australians joined ranks with the world's top designers and horticulturalists at the UK's most established and prestigious flower show in 2004. Australian Inspiration—A Bush Garden Goes to Chelsea, is the story of this adventure—one of the great Australian successes of recent years. It takes you through every stage of this incredible journey—the team's vision, challenges and sheer determination to trans-

REVIEW

By MELISSA KING

form their dream into reality. In doing so, they inspired a nation.

As Englishman and renowned landscape designer Julian Dowle (doyen of Chelsea gardens) so perfectly puts it in his foreword: "Australian Inspiration! Who would believe that we could be inspired by Australian designers, landscapers or horticulturalists? We have been doing gardens for centuries here in the UK—who could they possibly inspire? Well me for a start!"

In Chelsea to film for the ABC TV program Gardening Australia, I had a unique opportunity to experience this inspiration first hand. Within a few short hours of the show opening, Australian Inspiration had become a must-see for visiting gardeners—a London garden with Australian style.

I will never forget the atmos-

phere on the morning of judging—hushed anticipation, concerned faces anxiously awaiting the result. Had all the hard work, stress, heartache and determination paid off?

This is just one of the breathtaking moments captured in the pages of Australian Inspiration. The story unfolds in a logical fashion. It traces the journey from the vision, to being accepted and eventually exhibiting at Chelsea, accompanied by a good background account of the whole design and construction process, all captured vividly in inspiring photographs by Jay Watson.

Few Australian design and construction teams have the expertise and experience to produce an award-winning show garden at Chelsea. The early chapters give us insight into the personalities and career aspirations of the four key players—designer Jim Fogarty, construction manager Martin Semken, logistics/team manager Mark Bence and nurseryman/sponsor Wes Fleming. Even in those first few pages, you realize that if anyone can do it, these guys

can.

Author Cliff Green and designer Jim Fogarty succeed in giving us a behind the scenes portrait of Chelsea and vivid insights into the challenge to create an award-winning Australian show garden. Cliff Green brings his considerable skills and experience in scriptwriting, and writes with inimitable charm and honesty.

Jim Fogarty, a shining light among landscape designers, has a conversational style that draws you into his world, as if you are taking the journey with him. Throughout the book the team reveals all the hurdles that had to be overcome and with each step, the constant, niggling thought: "what are we doing this for?"

Whether you have an interest in gardens or not, you will find it hard to resist Australian Inspiration. It is a treasure trove of Australian spirit and excellence that is guaranteed to inspire you.

(Australian Inspiration: A Bush Garden Goes to Chelsea by Cliff Green with Jim Fogarty. Published by Lothian Books; rrp \$34.95)



Cool kids in concert

Andersons Creek Primary and Warrandyte High School bands participated in the Oxfam/Community Aid Abroad charity concert held at Box Hill last month.

Andersons Creek's now famous Marimba Band showed off its talents, joined by Warrandyte High School's Symphonic Band under the baton of Wendy Harvey.

Later in the evening Warrandyte High's Big Band (Winners of the Gold Shield at the recent Victorian school bands competition) took to the stage conducted by music co-ordinator Janelle Manley.

In the week prior, both the Junior Jazz and the Big Band performed at the Rotary Jazz Festival in Doncaster.

**Pictures by
STEPHEN REYNOLDS**



Blessing the animals

Warrandyte Uniting Church is holding their annual Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, November 21, between 10.15 and 11.15am at their church in Tarooma Avenue. Everyone is invited to come along and bring their pets—cats, dogs, birds, guinea pigs—whatever. The service will be followed by morning tea in the church hall. There will be free food samples for all the dogs. Local vet Dr Derek Fairley will be there to answer questions about your pet.



These animals were welcome participants at a previous blessing of the animals service at Warrandyte's Uniting Church. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



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Toys

Warrandyte Toy Library, situated in their temporary home at the Warrandyte Community Centre following the destruction by fire of the North Warrandyte Community Centre, will be returning to North Warrandyte following the opening of the new centre on the old site in Research-Warrandyte Road on Saturday, November 20. Enquiries to Kelly Mulqueen, 9876 1848.

Pantomime

Warrandyte Theatre Group will present their Christmas pantomime in the Mechanics Hall on November 6 and 27, and December 3 and 4 at 8pm with matinees at 2pm on November 27 and December 4.

Carols

The annual Carols by Candlelight is being presented by the combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 18 at 8pm. It will feature many local artists and choirs, plus the Eltham Concert Band, conducted by well-known local musician and composer, Barry McKimm. Further information from Rick Gordon on 9844 2242.

Seminar

The Manningham council environment seminar for December will be held at the Function Room, Grand Hotel, 120 Yarra Street, Warrandyte at 7.30pm on Thursday, December 2. David Van Bockel and Anthony Owen will discuss fire ecology, talking about fire as a conservation tool and its role in bushland ecology. David is a ranger at Warrandyte State Park and Anthony is an environmental consultant.

Seniors

Warrandyte Senior Citizens invites you to their 42nd birthday concert Back in the Good Old Bad Old Days, a tribute to Ron Ginger. It will be held on Thursday, November 11 at 12.50pm at the Centre in Tarooma Avenue, Warrandyte. Donation \$8 includes afternoon tea. Please book tickets from the club or

club members. Enquiries to 9844 2437 (A.H. Margaret Perrow 9844 2794)

Awards

Kevin Andrews, federal member for Menzies, has called for nominations for the 2005 Community Australia Day Awards. Their purpose is to recognise the valued contribution many people make to our local community and to celebrate our national identity. If you wish to nominate someone please contact Kevin Andrews' electorate office on 9848 9900. Nominations close Friday, December 3.

Market

Christmas Hills Community Market and Car Boot Sale will take place on Sunday, November 14 from 9am to 2pm at the Christmas Hills Primary School, 1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road.

Networking

Connecting Nillumbik Business are organising a series of brainstorming and networking sessions during November. The last two will take place on Monday, November 22 at Ellendale Farm, Gatsons Road, Eltham from 1pm to 4pm and on Monday, November 29 at Eltham RSL, 804 Main Road, Eltham from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. The program allows local business people to network with each other, share ideas, experiences and concerns. For bookings phone 1800 440 455.

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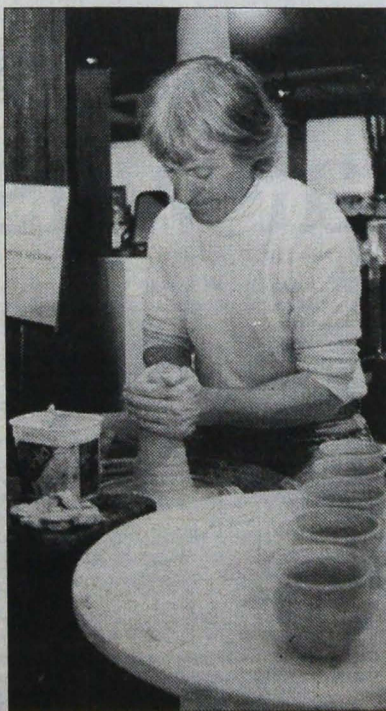
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Open days at studios



Potter Peter Accadia will be throwing pots as part of the Nillumbik Open Studios project on the weekends of November 13, 14 and 20, 21. (Picture by Tony Summers)

A wide range of Kangaroo Ground and Bend of Islands artists will be exhibiting their work during the annual Nillumbik Open Studios project across two weekends in November, on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14, between 11am and 5pm. Shan Shnookal, at 85 Menzies Road will be exhibiting stained glass hangings. *Diary* artists, Ona Henderson and Syd Tunn, will be displaying a large range of drawings, paintings, etchings, lithographs, reproductions and art cards in their studio at the corner of Henley and Oxley roads. Robina Summers at 191 Catani Boulevard will be showing works painted, drawn, dyed and woven onto fabric and paper, and husband Tony will be displaying his photographic works in various media. Peter Oyston's paintings will be on display at 51 Ironbark Road. Sally Nihill is at 70 Gongflers Drive, where you will find her "translucent, soulful" paintings. Michael Skewes and Veronica Holland are offering their pots and paintings at 512 Henley Road. Kaya Storm has sculptures and photographs to be viewed at 710 Henley Road. Liz Vercoe has paintings inspired by the natural environment on display at 14/149 Skyline Road. Jane and John Hewish are displaying their original sculptures at 42 Hoebegin Lane.

Launch

The work of two well-known locals will be celebrated at Artstreams Gallery early next month. A volume of poetry by *Diary* poet Karen Throssell will be launched by federal MP Jenny

ARTYFACTS

Macklin and award-winning poet Robin Rowlands and an exhibition by veteran Warrandyte potter Gus McLaren will be officially opened. The launch and opening will be held on Sunday, December 5, commencing at 1.30pm at Artstreams Gallery, 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte (on the Forbes Street corner). RSVP please on 9844 1540 or 9844 0248.

Landscapes

An exhibition of abstract sculptures and oil paintings on canvas by local artist Piers Brown, depicting natural settings of Warrandyte will be held on Tuesday, November 23 at Bolero's Cafe Restaurant, 188 Yarra Street, Warrandyte between 1pm and 5pm.

Talent

Stonehouse Gallery is displaying the diversity of talent of their clay and textile artists at their Christmas collection exhibition this month. The gallery is at 323 Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, Warrandyte.

Furniture

Out of Order is the title of an exhibition of unique and innovative furniture showing at the Manningham Gallery between November 9 and 27. The exhibition includes works from 12 emerging designer-makers who are graduating from the Diploma of Arts (Furniture Design) at Box Hill Institute. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

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The Bloods vote Green for 2005

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club will launch their 2005 EFL Third Division campaign with their coach in as many seasons.

The Bloods have appointed well-credentialed Peter Green, 32, whose playing days included stints with the Sydney Swans and Carlton in the AFL, Central Districts in the SANFL, Northcote Park in the Diamond Valley, and EFL power clubs East Burwood and Montrose.

Green was assistant senior coach and reserve coach at Montrose last season. He replaces Ash Hamilton, who led a very young Warrandyte list into seventh spot in the 10-team Division 3 competition with six wins from their 18 games.

Hamilton had succeeded Scott Hunter, who had verbally accepted a fourth term at helm but withdrew at

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the last minute to coach Second Division Knox and was followed there by a bevy of experienced players he had brought from East Burwood, in Division 1.

Green was one several applicants, including Hamilton, for the Warrandyte job, which was advertised in accordance with club policy. He will bring with him a strong Montrose presence, with colleagues Brendan Darveniza and John Potter appointed assistant coach/chairman of selectors and fitness coach respectively.

David Young, who coached our reserves to the very brink of the finals last season, has been re-appointed.

Green was zoned to the Sydney Swans from the Riverina as a teenager in 1992 and played reserves with that club until he required a knee reconstruction at 18.

He was drafted by Carlton in 1994 and played one senior and 22 reserves game for the Blues before being recruited by Central Districts, where his 50 games included the first and second grand finals in the club's history.

Green switched football codes in 1998 and played senior rugby union for Woodville, winning the club and league best and fairest and a place in the South Australian representative side.

He played in Northcote Park's first division senior premiership team in 1999 and was part of two East Burwood reserves flags in 2000-01.

In three years at Montrose he played senior football until the end of season

2003 and was heavily involved in the coaches box last season, his reserves finishing third and the seniors second.

"Peter is very much a people person," WFC president Phil Treeby told the *Diary*. "He is very interested in the development of the individual."

"Our core committee group interviewed Peter twice and the appointment was made on October 26."

"He will be introduced to players and supporters at a meet-the-coach function in the clubrooms on Thursday, November 18. It will be a barbecue, starting at 6.30, and Warrandyte Cricket Club have kindly agreed to share the clubroom facilities with us that night."

"We'd like to see as many supporters as possible there to meet the man who will be directing the Bloods' on-field fortunes in 2005," Treeby said.

WANTED

Warrandyte Junior Football Club are already seeking coaches for season 2005.

"All positions are open," said new club president Steve Blakey. "We need coaches for all teams — Under-9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and Colts."

"The club will pay for all coaches to attend at least Level 1 coaching clinics. The candidates must be willing to undergo police checks."

"Coaching at this club is a great opportunity to have a great time, be part of a great community and to make a difference to many of our junior players," he said.

For further details contact club secretary Kevin O'Mara on 98442964.

Redbacks making the grade

By TONY OLIVER

The Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association's summer season is well under way, with several Warrandyte sides vying for top honours in the grading phase.

Among them are the talented Under-14 boys, coached by Gavin Whitmore, who faced their toughest challenge when they played Nunawading Vikings at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre on November 6.

Nunawading had the edge in height but Warrandyte were playing a fast, expansive game and although neither side fully capitalised on scoring opportunities, the Redbacks led 11-8 at the break.

The second half followed the pattern of the first, with both sides attacking. Warrandyte pulled away to score the first seven points of the half before Nunawading staged a late challenge to lock up the game at 18-all.

It was left to ever-reliable Troy Ratcliffe to break the deadlock for Warrandyte with the final three points to see them home 21-18.

Ratcliffe and Andrew Clough topscored for the Redbacks with eight points apiece.

Coach Whitmore liked what he had seen but did not want to single out individuals. "Unde-feated so far, but it's a team game," he said.

Success also came the way of Warrandyte's Under-18 boys, coached by Michael Whittingham, who easily accounted for Park Orchards 56-29 after leading 26-13 at the break.

The margin was not a true indication of the game, however, because the Redbacks' lead for most of the second half was around 14 points. It

was only in the final minutes that the tiring Park Orchards were really overrun.

All players contributed to the result, Josh Collins showing the way with 21 points, followed by Dean Lucas with 10.

Tall centres Tom Jamieson and Cameron Rappel established dominance in the contests to give Warrandyte's running players good service.

In another strong result, Warrandyte's high-profile Under-20 girls side put together an excellent second half to defeat Ivanhoe 46-11.

The first half was tight, with the Redback girls taking a 13-9 lead into the interval, but it was one-way traffic thereafter. Warrandyte's speed was the dominant factor, although Ivanhoe were severely hampered by having only five players and their tall centre's movements severely restricted by injury.

Kim Singh led the scoring for the winners with 11 points, followed by Jess Kemp with seven and Casey Hawley and Nicola Crisp with six each.

In a positive sign for the future both Under-8 Redback sides scored good wins.

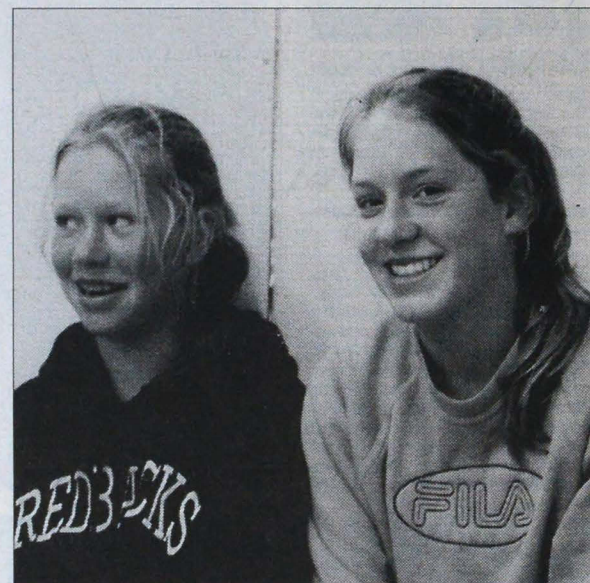
The boys recorded their second victory of grading with a 34-6 result against Koonung. Their coach Mandy Ratcliffe is focusing the training sessions on developing basic skills of shooting and dribbling and the benefits are showing.

James Appleby topscored with 12, followed by Connor Gardiner with eight and Nathan Delacy with six.

The Under-8 girls comfortably defeated Ivanhoe 14-4, Madeline Edsell contributing six points and Madison Tucker and Lauren Robertson each four.



Redback sisters Nicolette (left) and Madeline Prior were at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre to see kid brother Campbell (above) in action for the Under-10s. He didn't let them down either, Warrandyte defeating Park Orchards 21-3.



Stand-in coach David Holsten revs up the Under-8 girls on their way to a 14-4 win over Ivanhoe. Above right: Under-14 Redback Ashlee O'Brien, who manages to play netball for Warrandyte on Saturday mornings and basketball in the afternoons.



That was the season that was

By NICK PETERS
(Championship coordinator)

Whatever happened to the Friday night basketball season? How quickly it goes!

It seems only yesterday that we were determining the Warrandyte teams for the 2004 championship season and yet the season has already passed us by and we are fast approaching the eve of another.

As with most seasons, we lost several players to other clubs, which is one of the most disappointing aspects of our Friday night program.

To learn that a player has left and has been placed in a team which is sometimes lower than the one he/she would have played in at Warrandyte is a real concern and undermines all the effort put into running the program.

It was a challenging season for many of our Friday night teams who finished outside the finals and particularly for those who finished towards the bottom of the ladder.

However, we need to assess if the season was successful in other ways for the teams who represented the

Warrandyte Basketball Association.

I know from watching many of our teams play that the development of individual players was again clearly evident throughout the season and by this measure I think we can say it was a successful season.

The highlight was again the magnificent effort by Lorraine Parfitt's Under-12 girls. They managed to stay on top of the ladder for almost the entire season and deservedly won the grand final in a terrific game. To all the girls and Lorraine, congratulations on a wonderful season.

The Under-12 boys coached by Damian Arsenis also had a fantastic season, bearing in mind that all players were eligible for Under-11s. Their effort was recently recognised by an achievement award from the Eastern Qualifying Conference.

Our Under-16 Boys coached by Malcolm Anderson maintained a high standard throughout the season and were unfortunate to miss the finals.

They had some very strong results early, beating many of the teams above them on the ladder, but could not

maintain the momentum to ensure a finals position. A great season's effort just the same

The Under-16 2 boys of life member Ian Wood found the going tough from the outset but stuck the whole season out and managed a few wins.

I know they enjoyed the experience of learning from one of the club's best coaches.

We very nearly had a team — Emma Collins' Under-14 1 boys — represent Warrandyte in VC for the first time. They just missed out on a berth in the top VC grade and played in Metro 1, which in itself is a credit to the team and coach.

Playing in Metro 1 was never going to be a cakewalk and the challenge was a bit too much for them, but simply being exposed to that level has given the boys a taste of what the competition is like and a real feel for what it takes to make the elusive VC competition.

We look forward to seeing these boys try for VC as top-age Under-16s in 2006.

Fielding a second Under-14 team

gave eight Warrandyte players the opportunity, some for the first time, to experience Friday night basketball.

We also had two first-time Friday night coaches in Luke Dimmock and Matt Camm, who successfully juggled their coaching role with their own playing commitments in the Under-18s.

Again, the team found the going tough at times but certainly had their moments of celebration.

Our Under-18 boys started the season coachless and with a few players who were making their debuts for Warrandyte in the Friday night competition.

Steve Camm, with the assistance of Bruce Delacy, stepped up to the coaching role and moulded the team into a competitive unit.

Despite finishing towards the lower end of the ladder, the boys had some terrific wins and developed their personal skills levels.

Jenni O'Brien coached the Under-14 girls, who found the challenge of the Metro competition a little daunting. To their great credit, they stuck to their

tasks and while wins were scarce, they are to be congratulated on a gutsy season.

Having just missed out on Metro 3, Peter Clough's Under-16 girls played in the Eastern Qualifying competition where expectations of a finals berth were high.

In the absence of an injured guard, they struggled to find consistent rhythm and had a mixed season, winning as many games as they lost to finish midfield.

My Under-18 girls started the season well in Metro 3 but slumped after the first month to lose games they should have won.

They found form again after the Queen's Birthday Weekend tournament in Ballarat and recorded some strong wins, but the early-season slump cost the girls finals experience, finishing just three points outside the top five.

A pleasing season, however, with all the girls making a terrific contribution.

Well done to all Warrandyte players and I look forward to seeing you all represent the Redbacks in 2005.

Heaven helps the Hawks

By LEE TINDALE

With a little help from the rain gods, South Warrandyte Cricket Club approach their fourth game of the Ringwood District season sitting fourth on the ladder and confident of big things ahead.

Having dropped their opening Chandler Shield game against Wonga Park — a two-day affair reduced to a one-dayer by the condition of their Colman Park ground — the Hawks rebounded with a big away win over traditionally strong Lilydale.

But they were in big trouble next up, at home on October 30, 7-42 chasing Ainslie Park's 117 at stumps on the first day.

That's when the freak spell of sodden November weather came to their rescue, washing out all second-day fixtures on November 6.

South were on good terms with themselves after dismissing Ainslie Park so cheaply, new recruit Mark Steiner, 19, doing most of the damage, sharing the new ball with captain-coach Steve Garrett and taking 4-31 from 12.5 overs of lively left-arm pace.

Garrett chipped in with 2-31 off 17 overs, Scott Brasher took 2-10 off seven and Chris Jones 2-25 off seven.

The Hawks had to see off 30 overs before the close and Garrett believes his batsmen brought themselves undone by playing too conservatively.

"They were just trying to survive and they didn't play their natural game," he said.

Soggy skies bring salvation

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The scorebook at stumps was a sorry sight, wickets having fallen at one, 10, 18, 25, 25, 26 and 34.

The rain that bucketed down in the days before the scheduled resumption of play was indeed a blessing.

A better indication of South's talents was the game at Lilydale on October 16-23.

Sent in by Garrett, the home side looked headed for a big total with 74 on the board without loss going into the 40th over. But how that was to change!

One for 74 suddenly became 4-80, the second, third and

fourth wickets falling at that total.

A middle-order fightback led by Cam Parker, (who matched opener Daniel Kelly's 40 runs) saw Lilydale to 5-154, but the innings was wrapped up at 172.

Garrett took the bowling honours with 3-20 off 15 overs and had plenty of support from Barry Williams, with 2-23 off 12 and Steiner (2-53 off 21).

South Warrandyte lost only two wickets in the run chase, openers Brett Careedy and Jones setting up the assault with 70 and 33 respectively and Ben Neagle and John Eldridge unbeaten on 67 and 43. The Hawks were 2-229 and thoroughly enjoying themselves at game's end.

"We go into the next game, against Kilsyth, in fourth posi-

tion after a win, a loss and a draw," said Garrett.

"A bit of luck has gone our way but we know we can do it.

"Lilydale are traditionally a benchmark of the competition early in the season and we beat them comfortably."

Club president Barry Williams was also satisfied with the season so far.

"Numbers are good at both senior and junior level — we have 70 juniors involved — and the new players have fitted in well," he said.

"We are looking to bigger and better things and a successful season both on and off the field."

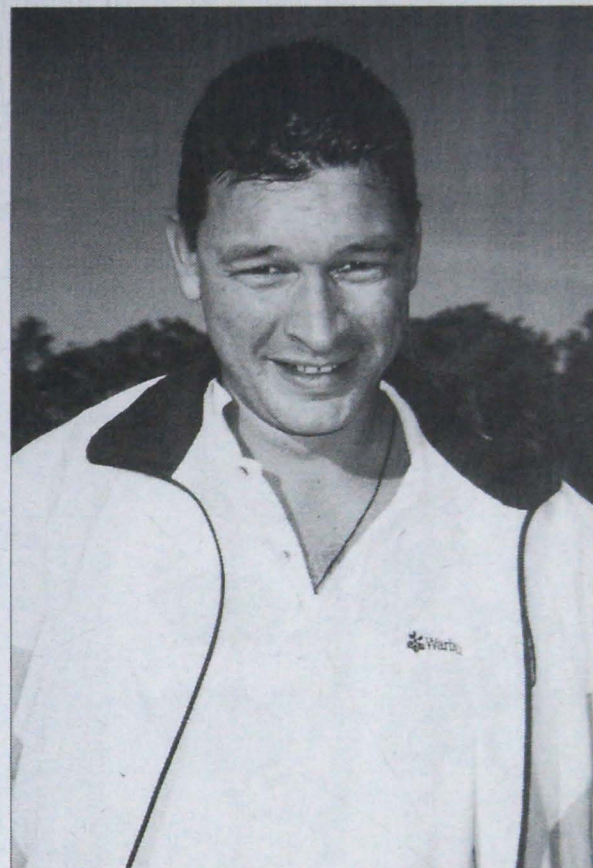
The Second XI are yet to open their winning account and scored their first points in three games in the washed out fixture.

The Thirds have won two and lost two to be fourth on their ladder, but the Fourth XI are struggling, their only points from four games coming from the rain-enforced draw.

Details

FIRST XI: South Warrandyte 2-229 (Careedy 70, Jones 33, B. Neagle 67 n.o., Eldridge 43 n.o.) d Lilydale 172 (Garrett 3-20, Williams 2-23, Steiner 2-53).

South Warrandyte 7-42 drew with Ainslie Park 117 (Steiner 4-31, Garrett 2-31, Brasher 2-10, Jones 2-25).



Brett Careedy ... 70 runs set up a big win over Lilydale.

It's house-warming time!

South Warrandyte Cricket Club's fully-renovated clubrooms at Colman Park will be opened in grand style on Saturday, November 13.

A wine and jazz night, it will be a major event for the Hawks and one not to be missed.

Other upcoming social occasions:

● Christmas Party — fun for the whole family — on Sunday, December 5.

● Comedy Night (details to be announced) on February 5.

● Trivia Night (always a big hit) on Saturday, February 19.

For further information and bookings: Darren Johnson (9737 1776, 0408 359539).

Warrandyte's fairytale derailed

“We snuck up on the competition last year but now we're the side everyone wants to knock off”

— Dave Mooney



Warrandyte Cricket Club's fairytale start to its 150th anniversary season has been derailed by two successive losses.

After starting with impressive wins over Croydon Ranges and St Andrews, Warrandyte have suffered defeats at the hands of Norwood and Montrose.

Their latest game, against top-of-the-table North Ringwood on November 6, was washed out.

Warrandyte must now reassess their planning as they seek to go one better than last season's finish as losing grand finalists.

Senior captain Dave Mooney, has warned his players that Warrandyte were now the "hunted team" in the competition.

"We snuck up on the competition last year but now we are the side everyone wants to knock off so we are under greater pressure," he said.

The telling loss was in Round 3 when Warrandyte went down to Norwood by a solitary run. Chasing a total of 183, Warrandyte lost 5-25 (the last three wickets for one run) to lose the seemingly unloseable match.

Andrew Jarvis with 51, Matthew Sazenis (49) and Matthew Chapman (29) were sound contributors, but more was needed from other batsmen.

The one-day match against Montrose proved to be a "slogathon" as their batsmen took on anything the Warrandyte attack had to offer.

Montrose hit eight sixes in their total of 6-208 but the score looked well within Warrandyte's reach at 3-83. But three run-outs proved costly. Mooney and Sazenis each contributed 28, but Warrandyte fell well short.

Campbell Holland was the best with the ball with 3-30 but in the end it was Montrose's big hitting that won the game.

With five rounds now played, Warrandyte sit 2-2 and face must win games against South Croydon and Bayswater Park to complete the first half of the season.

They are hopeful that leading players Adam White and Steve Bell will return to the side following lengthy work commitments and their inclusion would certainly bolster both the batting and bowling line-ups.

The Second XI have yet to break through for a win but the performance of Craig Lincoln continues to impress.

Lincoln took six wickets against Norwood and followed up with three against Montrose.

A tireless opening bowler, he is improving with each game and is certain to be pressing for

senior selection. Justin Cleaves is another who will come under notice following his 72 against Montrose.

The Third XI continued on their winning way with a 41-run win over North Ringwood, John Prangley the stand-out player with 23 runs and 3-17, which included a hat-trick.

Prangley, who is known in winter for his no-nonsense attack on the ball with the Warrandyte Football Club, opens the bowling with similar enthusiasm.

The Fourth XI, made up of players from the junior grades and their fathers, remained on course for a finals position with a big win over Knox.

Lee Dehmel, who scored 60 in the previous game, continued his good form with 45.

The newly-established Fifth XI were left without a game when their opponents forfeited.

The previous week, in their first outing for the season, they were defeated by Wantirna, veteran John Chapman making a return to Saturday cricket with 36. His second son Tim scored 44 when Warrandyte were asked to bat a second time.

Details

First XI: Warrandyte 163 (Mooney 28, Sazenis 28) lost to Montrose 6-208 (Holland 3-30).

Second XI: Warrandyte 182 (Cleaves 72, Goddard 43) lost to Montrose 6-211 (Lincoln 3-22).

Third XI: Warrandyte 9-109 (Prangley 23) d North Ringwood 68 (Prangley 3-17 including hat-trick).

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 7-156 (L. Dehmel 45) d Knox 123

Fifth XI: Warrandyte won on forfeit.

The boys from Garboldisham

The recent wet weather has made two special guests of Warrandyte Cricket Club feel right at home.

George Alston (left) and Tom Melvin have travelled from Garboldisham Cricket Club in England to further their careers.

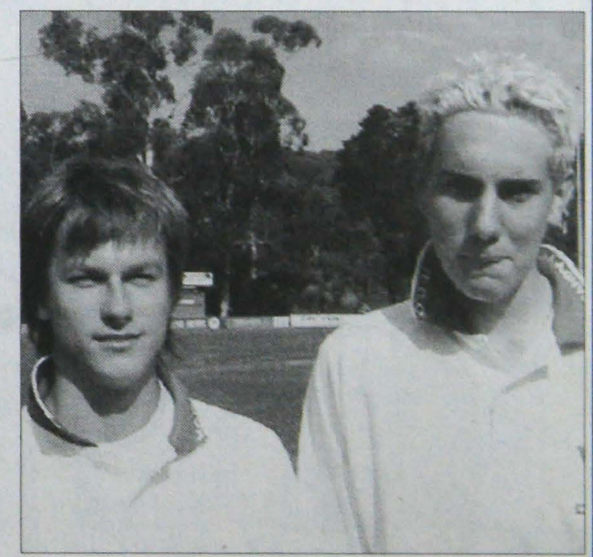
Their visit is another chapter in the relationship between the two clubs.

WCC secretary Andrew Jarvis played with Garboldisham in 2000, the favour being returned by Charlie Wright playing with Warrandyte in 2001.

Warrandyte's Campbell Holland played with the English club in 2003 and invited Alston and Melvin down under this year.

Melvin, a tall, lean opening bowler, has been among the wickets early and Alston, an elegant batsman, is acclimatising to Australian wickets.

Their early impression of the Warrandyte club: "All the lads seem okay and the place is very welcoming," said Melvin.



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