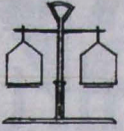


GOLDFIELDS
PLAZA



W · A · R · R · A · N · D · Y · T · E

DIARY

No. 377, July 2005

peter gardiner LL.B.

FAMILY LAWYER
&
GENERAL PRACTITIONER

9844 1111



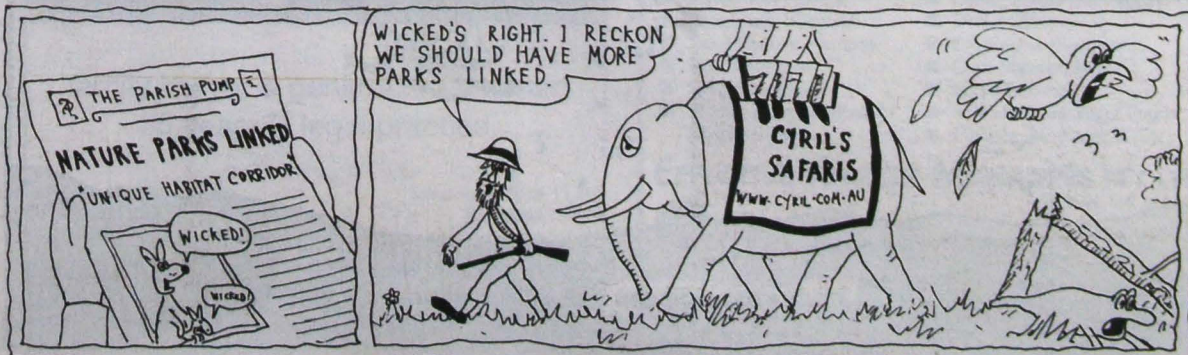
PRICELESS 35th year For the community, by the community Advertising: 9844 3819 Diary office: 9844 0555 Fax: 9844 4168



Flowers in winter: Warrandyte Market in July. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



ACE PLANT HIRE

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

Telephone 9844 1888



Crowson Jazz

Riverésque
Curtains and Accessories

158-160 Yarra St, Warrandyte • 9844 0960
Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm
Saturday 10am-3pm or By Appointment
FREE MEASURE & CONSULTATION

JULY
Bohemian Beads
Earflap Hats
*
232 YARRA ST.
WARRANDYTE
Ph 03 98442466

AT THE BRIDGE

FOLKART

98442466

WARRANDYTE
WARRANDYTE

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

WARRANDYTE
DIARY

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

ADVERTISING RATES

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

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

Copy closes last Friday of each month

OUR NEWSPAPER

The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small
local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it
has retained its strong community character, being produced
by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community.
Financed solely through advertising, it guards its not-for-
profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice.
The Diary carries a strong editorial bias towards the people,
environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly
circulation is 4000 copies and it is available in Warrandyte,
North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga
Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and
Research.

A SPECIAL PLACE

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

Sounds like dirty work, but what about the red T-shirt!



Ever lusted after executive status and the power and perks that go with it? Ever dreamed of collecting a grossly-inflated salary by leaving the luxurious genuine-leather chair in your plush office only to bark orders at the lackeys and take long, extravagant lunches? Fancy swanning about the CBD wearing ultra-expensive gear and a perpetual smirk? Then we're sorry, but the following job is not for you. The Warrandyte Festival Committee is calling for applications for what it describes as one of its most prestigious positions: Director of Garbage. It's a hands-on job, a proven record in domestic recycling is essential, standard hours are early mornings and late evenings and satisfaction is guaranteed. Remuneration is zilch, but a uniform — a beautiful red T-shirt — is provided. The position has become vacant because the incumbent, Julie Roy, had already arranged an overseas trip when next year's festival was rescheduled from traditional March dates to April 8-9 to dodge the Commonwealth Games. It's a one-year appointment only because Julie will be back on the trash trail in 2007. Give her a call on 9844 2880 if you'd like to add WFCDOG to the letters already after your name.



Rae Danks, our advertising/accounts manager, is in the habit of taking a two-bar electric heater into the bathroom to moderate the chill factor while she showers these brisk mornings and Milly, her 11-year-old Jack Russell, is in the habit of following her. Mid-shower the other day, Rae smelled something burning — and yes, it was Milly, who'd nodded off beside the heater and was gently smouldering. Rae doused the damage with wet tissues and her pet has nothing worse to show for her misadventure than an extra patch on her back. But she will be known henceforth as Hot Dog or Silly Milly.



Rae wasn't the only one having dramas with pets in bathrooms. A naked Bruce Liddell, of Research Road, had no way of knowing what lurked within when he reached behind the curtain and turned on the shower. Turned put to be daughter Madeline Quinlan's lazy, flat-faced persian cat Ophelia — and all hell broke loose. Turning quite ballistic in

IN RED & WHITE



Yes, we do have bananas!

You'd have to be bananas to try to grow tropical fruit in frosty old Warrandyte, wouldn't you? Not at all. Laurie Holmes has been cultivating and harvesting bananas at his place near the high school for 30-odd years. And very tasty they are, too. Laurie planted his first banana palms simply because he liked the look of them and, defying climatic reason, they not only survived but thrived. Their success has inspired Smokey to rip out his own noxious weeds display and prepare a pineapple and pawpaw patch.

search of an escape route from what she probably considered a watery grave. Ophelia struck frantically at the curtain but managed only to compound her problem by embedding her claws in it. Eventually freed, she took off like the proverbial scalded cat. Bruce managed to see the funny side of it all. Ophelia certainly did not.



The passage of 81 years might have played a few tricks on local living legend Gus McLaren's memory, but it has done nothing to dull his wit. Sent along to IGA the other day by long-time partner Denise Farran for a bundle of bacon bones (do we perceive pea soup in the wind?), Gus came home with just the one — and a pretty unimposing specimen at that. "I wanted 500 grams," said Denise. "Oh, I thought you said five," said Gus. "It's my memory — and it's no good going crook at me because I'll only forget that as well!"

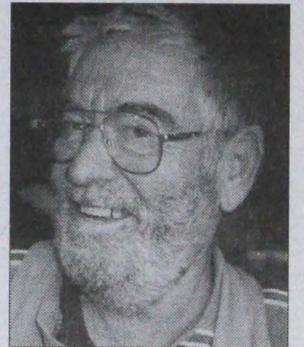


Extraordinary scene outside the community centre: Schoolboy finishes his carton of hot chips and instead of leaving the container on the seat beside him or dropping it on the footpath actually takes the trouble to walk a few paces to the dustbin. Better dirty up your habits, kid, or you'll become an outcast among your peers!



Hungry for Page 2 bits after a spell out of town, we caught up with Alan "Coatsy" Koetsveld at the local pub and asked what was new. "Well, Stupid's got a new kennel," he beamed. Oh, right. How so? "Traded in the Ford panel van on a Ford One-tonner," he said. By way of explanation, Stupid is Coatsy's faithful healer who accompanies him to work — wherever the job takes him — six days a week and sits in the vehicle barking incessantly while his master plies his trade as a builder-carpenter. Not an

angry bark or a bark born of discontent, frustration or anything like that, but a bark purely for the sake of barking. And his plush new day-time quarters have silenced him not one decibel. By way of further explanation, the dog's given name was Matey Boy — but he answers only to "Shutupstupid".



Coatsy: never a pretty sight, but this is ridiculous!



Just when we were getting all excited about the proposed beautification of Warrandyte ("Village makeover", Pages 1-6-7 last edition), Coatsy has set the concept back an inestimable number of years by growing a beard. There are two possibilities here: he did it for a bet, or to supplement his income by moonlighting in the househaunting business.

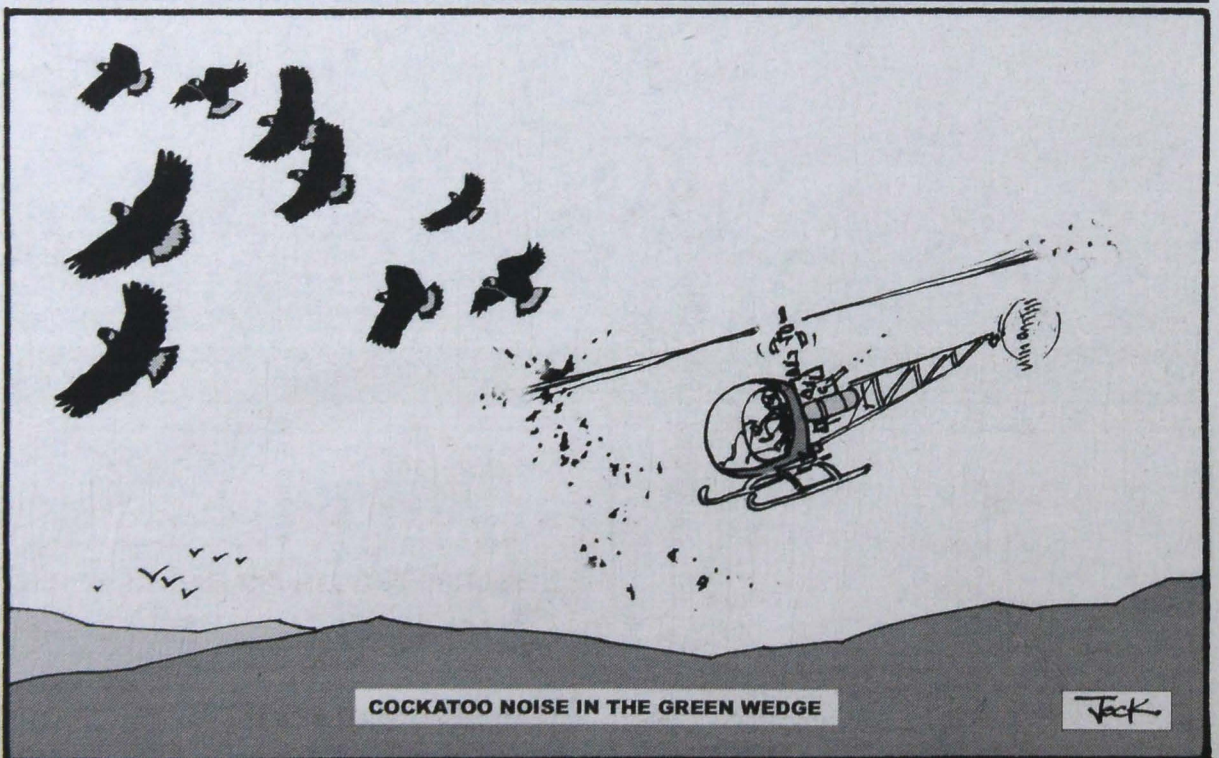


What clever little plants are the carex species. Native sedges that provide very commendable vegetation in damp locales — river banks, creeks and swamps — they also do the environment a big favour by soaking up run-off containing unwanted nutrients which spread weedy grasses. If you have a wet and weedy spot in your garden, then the carex is your go — and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery has two species available right now. There's the *Carex iynx* (pronounced incs), a spreading tussock which grows to about 40 centimetres and produces attractive white flowers on long stems, and *Carex breviculmis*, a smaller, densely-tufted variety which will tolerate drier conditions. The nursery is at the rangers depot at Pound Bend and the manager will happily provide further information on 0408 317327.

Smokey Joe

OVER THE HILLS

By **JOCK MACNEISH**



COCKATOO NOISE IN THE GREEN WEDGE

Jock

Nature parks linked

Creating 'a unique habitat corridor...'

—Danielle Green

By DAVID WYMAN

Warrandyte State Park will soon be enlarged to include Melbourne Water land which will provide a continuous park link along the Yarra River from Homestead Road in Wonga Park to Jumping Creek.

The transfer of the land, while not finalised yet, is part of a move to include about 1000 hectares of Melbourne Water and crown land into Warrandyte State Park and Kinglake National Park, and into a new reserve to be called the Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve.

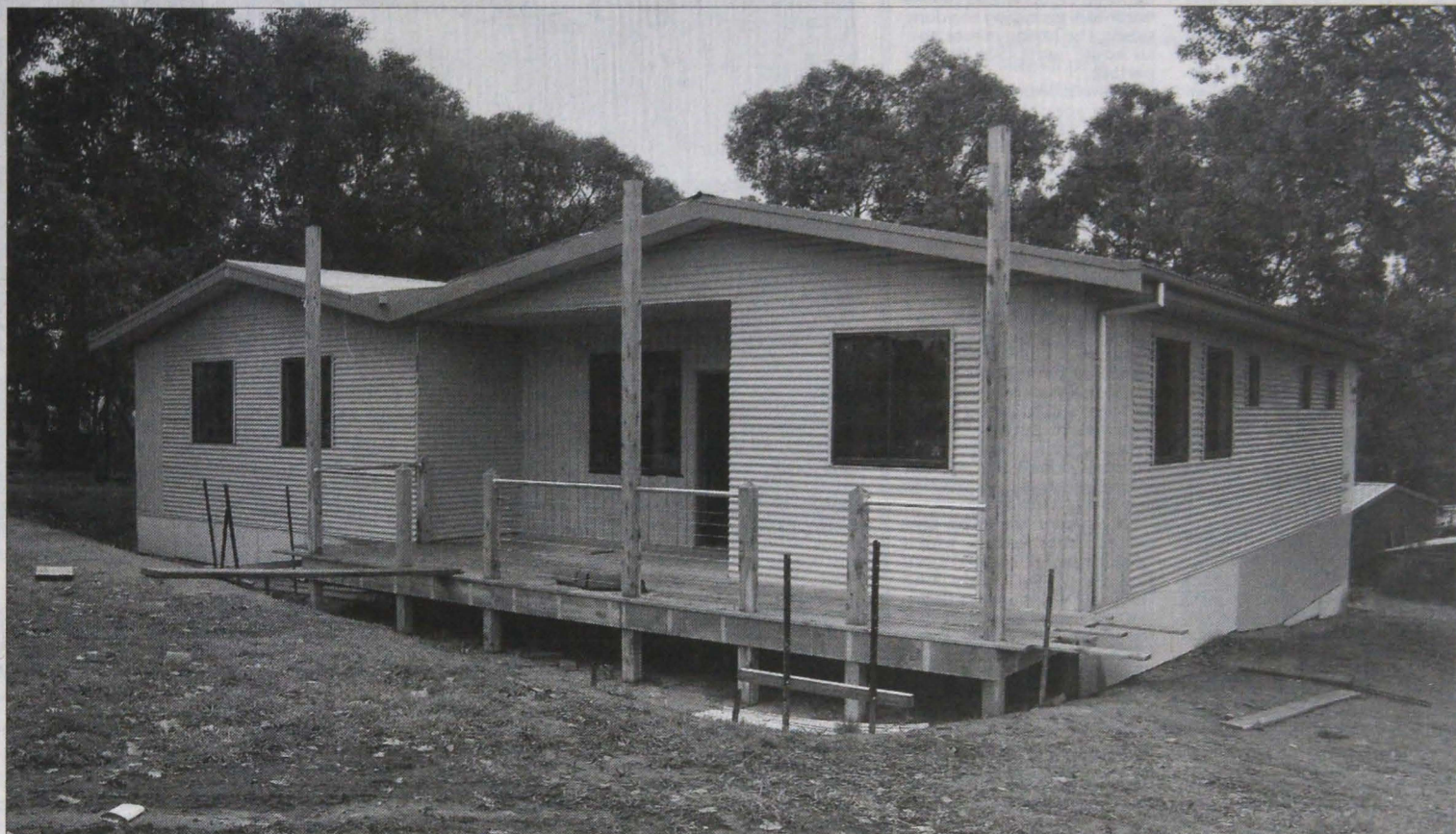
The transfer will, in effect, connect the Warrandyte park with the Kinglake park.

Local MPs, Danielle Green, member for Yan Yean, and Heather McTaggart, member for Evelyn, announced the land transfers jointly and said the new status of the transferred land would provide greater protection for fauna and flora.

"The consolidation of Warrandyte State Park will strengthen the habitat for threatened species such as the Regent Honeyeater.

"By protecting the wildlife and vegetation along the Yarra River we are also helping to protect one of our most valuable resources, the Yarra itself," Ms McTaggart said.

"The additions to parks will be accompanied by a significant boost in funding for parks in the 2005-06 budget. The government has allocated a further



At long last, the new depot at Warrandyte State Park is nearing completion. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

\$91 million to Parks Victoria."

Danielle Green welcomed the historic formation of the Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve. The 660-hectare reserve would incorporate the existing One Tree Hill Reserve and include several areas of Melbourne Water land at the Bend of Isles.

"The area has extremely rich biodiversity values and will form the missing link between the Warrandyte and Kinglake parks. It will create a unique habitat corridor all the way along the Watsons Creek valley," she said.

Wildlife, including the Powerful Owl, the Brush-tailed Phascogale and the Common Bent-wing Bat would be protected by the new reserve.

Ms Green said a combination of crown and Melbourne Water land, transferred to create the new reserve, would be managed by Parks Victoria.

Kinglake National Park will be enlarged by 750 hectares with the addition of Toorourrong Reservoir and the surrounding forested catchment, Jehosaphat Gully and the extension of the St Andrews area to Buttermans Track.

Greening the Yarra

Manningham council has been granted \$180,000 by the state government to fund its part in the Corridors of Green program, aimed at improving and protecting the Yarra River and its tributaries.

"We are delighted to hear that further funding has been made available to assist landowners, community groups and councils in revegetating and improving the waterway environments," Manningham mayor, Cr Bill Larkin, told the *Diary*.

"The Yarra River and the local stream network are vital to the health of the municipality and are a high priority of this council.

"As part of the capital works program, council has spent \$62,000 for sediment control, fencing, river bank access and revegetation work at Wittons Reserve in Wonga Park and \$15,000 was received from Melbourne Water to fund the replacement of the canoe ramp (pictured below).

"Of recent times, council has been successful with three funding application for Corridors of Green grants, with money allocated to Wittons Reserve (\$1160), Mullum Mullum Creek stage 2 (\$6490) and Mullum Mullum Creek stage 4 (\$6830)," Cr Larkin said.



Helipad approved

By DAVID WYMAN

A decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to grant a permit for the use and development of land for a private helipad on a property in Hartley Avenue, Wonga Park, has angered local residents who claim the decision was made "only in the interests of the proponent".

The VCAT ruling overturned a permit refusal for the helipad by Manningham City Council. Secretary of the Wonga Park Residents' Association, Philip Glenister, told the *Diary* that two councils and all community groups and residents opposed the helipad and operation of a helicopter in Wonga Park. "The only one in favour of it was the proponent" he said.

Mr Glenister said residents were "obviously upset by the

decision".

While the VCAT member, Margaret Baird, laid down many conditions for construction and helicopter use, Manningham council will have responsibility for ensuring that most of the conditions are met by the property owner, Mr W. Bos. These include one flight to land and one flight to take off per day, and normal use of the helipad no more than five times weekly. "Designated flight paths must be followed and no flights may take place before sunrise or after sunset.

It is understood that the helicopter will be used to transport Mr Bos to and from his place of work at Tullamarine.

Jonathan Upson of the Warrandyte Community Association said the VCAT ruling was not unexpected. "The ancil-

lary use (of land) loophole continues to grow, allowing 'swifty' planning consultants to obtain approval for uses that are either not permitted or prohibited in the planning scheme," he said.

"I was not impressed at all that the council did not call any expert witnesses—that's what it is all about at VCAT, as the council would know very well," Mr Upson said. They did not present any evidence that the Lilydale airport, just 10 minutes away from the property, could be used by helicopters "because it's so bleeding obvious".

During the VCAT hearing a solicitor appeared for Manningham council, and two respondents appeared for Nillumbik shire council. Mr A. Bonny appeared for the Bend of Islands Association.

● Letters: Page 4

peter gardiner LLB

family lawyer & general practitioner
35 years in legal practice

office 1, 2 colin avenue
warrandyte
(adjacent to goldfields)

telephone 9844 1111
fax 9844 1792
peter@pgardiner.com

"When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff"
—Cicero

EWM

SOLUTIONS TO ALL YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS

- Investment Advice
- Retirement Planning
- Tax Effective Planning
- Risk Insurance
- Salary Packaging
- Wealth Accumulation & Management
- Equity Trusts (Aust & Intra'l)
- Direct Shares
- Property Investment
- Cash Management
- Fixed Interest
- Self Managed Super Funds
- Finance, Mortgage & Car

EFFECTIVE WEALTH MANAGERS PTY LTD

ABN 36 110 193 989



FPA
FINANCIAL PLANNING
ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA
PRINCIPAL MEMBER

Level 1
158-160 Yarra St
Warrandyte 3113

T: (03) 9844 0300
F: (03) 9844 0311
E: info@ewm.net.au

Authorised Representative: Bongiorno Financial Advisers (Aust) Ltd
AFS 238976 Level 2, 437 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004

RUSH & HAMPSHIRE

*A Boutique Legal Practice
exclusively for existing clients*

now at 24 Bradleys Lane, Warrandyte

61 3 9844 4646

lawyers@warrandyte.com

"ad libea:)"

*Surpassing Legal Advice with Humour
... for EVERYONE*

61 3 9844 4646

Memories of a beloved friend

In October 1980 a foal was born. His sire was Loch Sloy Jamie and his dam Strathconan Gabrielle. He would be known as Rodger and was registered with the Australian Pony Stud Book Society as Strathconan Sambuca.

After he was broken in he successfully competed in led events as an Australian Stud Book pony. However as he grew, he reached 14.2 hands which is outside the limits of the stud book pony registry. His breeders decided to sell him.

He was bought by Pam and Bill Duggan for their daughter Lisa, an enthusiastic 12 year-old, who had been riding since she was eight and had outgrown her pony Lilac.

Then began a great love affair between rider and horse. This would last for 23 years until early last month when Rodger died in Lisa's arms.

Lisa was a member of the Wyena Horse and Pony Club in South Warrandyte at the time she began riding Rodger: a beginner rider at Grade 4 or 5 level. Rodger was a young horse, with only showing experience.

Together they went on to become a Grade 2 eventing team, Grade 3 dressage team, Grade 3 show jumping combination and PCAV state games finalists. Lisa remained at Wyena Pony Club until she was 21, the maximum age for members. She then joined Wyena Adult Riding Club.

Horse and rider grew and

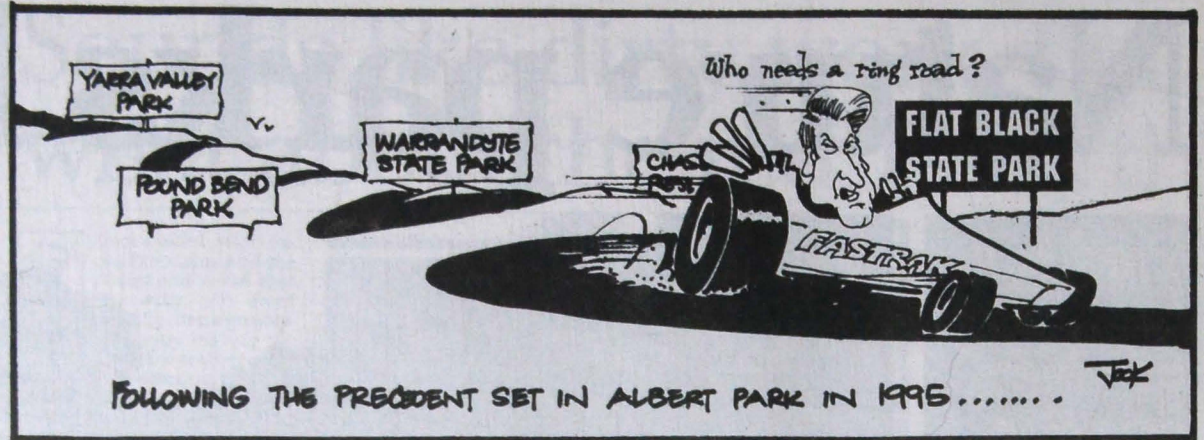
matured together, the elderly horse still giving joy to young riders, the loving owner now an adult; until this time of parting.

To own a horse for 21 years is very special. Rodger was not just an animal that was part of Lisa's competitive sport—riding—he was part of her life. Rodger and Lisa met as young child and young horse. They learned and grew together. The horse taught Lisa responsibility and commitment. He coped with the changes from childhood to teenage to adulthood. He progressed through these years, from pony club, trail rides, swimming in the Yarra, riding to the milk bar for such treats as Twistees, to riding to the Warrandyte bottle shop for drinks, riding in the High Country, competing at adult riders' events and winning his last horse trials at age 24.

Throughout the years Lisa owned other horses, which were used for competition. But there was only one Rodger. He was always there, always her companion and friend, part of her life.

Now there is a void. No doubt Lisa will own other horses during the course of her life, but the bond that existed between Lisa and Rodger will not be there. This bond took a child to adulthood, with wonderful experiences along the way.

Pam Duggan
South Warrandyte



How Diary cartoonist Jock Macneish saw the ring road issue in June 1995.

Is a ring road the answer?

An open letter to MPs Danielle Green and Phil Honeywood

I listened to you both address the recent public meeting at the North Warrandyte Community Centre, and I was more than a little puzzled by your unanimous attitudes of opposition to any linking of Melbourne's ring roads through the Yarra Valley. It seems that, unless I'm missing something that has yet to be communicated to the public, both sides of state politics are adopting attitudes of burying your heads in the sand on the imminent problems that are looming on this issue.

You must surely know that the Ring Road, after travelling all the way round Melbourne from Geelong Road, stops at Greensborough, and then, the new Mitcham-Frankston tollway, once it is open, will pick up the circuit traffic, to continue the ring around Melbourne. Obviously up till then, Springvale Road and other smaller southern routes are serving this function, and are becoming severely overloaded, hence the need for a new tollway.

You must also know that traffic wishing to get from one artery across the Yarra Valley to the other, must pass through your constituencies to cross



DEAR DIARY

the river at either Eltham or Warrandyte—there is currently no other river crossing within easy reach—and even a casual observation tells you that these crossings are already overloaded, especially during morning and evening peak times. Once the tollway is open, there can be no doubt that it will get even worse.

You would also be aware that the Melbourne wholesale fruit and vegetable market is to be moved from Footscray to Epping, conveniently sited just off the Ring Road, and linked directly to it by the newly-opened Hume Highway Bypass. It's not difficult to conclude that this will increase the traffic considerably from the new market to the southern suburbs and the Peninsula.

The majority of it will pass through the Yarra Valley on its way to and fro, and it will be early morning traffic!

It seems to me that some time very soon, a political party is going to have to make some hard decisions regarding just how these two arterial roads are going to link up to channel

their traffic through the Yarra Valley.

From my own observations, the feeling amongst our communities, already being directly affected by the increased traffic loads on our residential roads, namely Warrandyte and Eltham areas, is that something has to be done.

We don't know what, we're not traffic experts, but we do know that we don't want the Yarra Valley's narrow, winding bush streets and roads clogged with through traffic, and we don't like sitting in long, crawling lines of traffic waiting to get across the river from one part of our town to the other for schools, shops and community activities.

As an example of the problems already happening, every week-day morning, hundreds of drivers wanting to cross the Warrandyte Bridge from Research Road have no choice but to illegally force their way into the constant stream of traffic on Kangaroo Ground Road also wanting to cross. It is not right that either of these lines of drivers must break the law simply to get across the bridge. And every weekday evening, hundreds of vehicles clog Warrandyte's main street, inching forward to eventually get

across the bridge while Warrandyte residents try to get to the local shops, businesses or homes.

In Warrandyte, as in Eltham, we accept that our environment is attractive as a day-trip destination, and we generally tolerate with good grace the visitors to our community. What we don't like and shouldn't have to accept, are the vast numbers who use our streets as a thoroughfare, greatly increasing the danger to them in their intention of getting across the river and on to wherever they might be going as quickly as possible.

Considering how long these matters take to get some action, there should already be plans put forward and leadership being shown, particularly when taking into account the difficulty of this situation. Please don't stand up in public and say, "We have no plans" on this issue, as that to me is of great concern, and you are being seen as seriously shirking your responsibilities as our representatives.

Brian Laurence
Kangaroo Ground Road

● The Diary would appreciate readers' comments on this matter.

Helipad decision confuses WCA

An extraordinary decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal puts helicopters in the Green Wedge and makes a farce of the stated intent of the 2030 Melbourne plan which is "to protect Green Wedges from inappropriate development".

An applicant to VCAT "needed" a helipad on his property in Wonga Park, which abuts the Warrandyte State Park, for "personal transport use" to go to his work at Tullamarine amongst other trips. (Why can't we all have a helipad—just like James Bond?). The proposal was opposed by both Manningham and Nillumbik councils, and by residents' associations in Wonga Park and Warrandyte.

The area can be justifiably designated the "jewel in the crown" of the Green Wedge and is presumably why the applicant is living there in the first place.

Lilydale airport is about 10 minutes away and Tullamarine a 40 minute drive on the Ring Road. Nevertheless, VCAT found in favour of the helipad which would "add to the range of transport options available to the occupant". Quite!

VCAT went on to observe that the area "while being relatively quiet there are noises associated with (for example) aircraft, cars, cockatoos..." As someone

who works from home in Warrandyte, I can attest that there is quite enough clatter from helicopters and light aircraft as it is, without any more from residents unable to handle a 40 minute drive to the airport. I have also observed the endangered red-tailed black cockatoo, symbol of the Commonwealth Games, in my road. It seems VCAT is determined to wipe them out before the Games start.

VCAT rejected objections that granting a permit would set a precedent, stating "Approval of this application cannot be used as a precedent". It then went on to cite, in justification, the precedent of a doctor in NSW 30 years ago who needed a helicopter to visit patients. Really! It's just not good enough.

Planning minister Hulls has a real problem here. VCAT is overly legalistic and unresponsive to community concerns and political planning. Local community groups cannot match the firepower of barristers and expert witnesses, bottom feeders on VCAT, brought on board by developers to argue their case. If the Green Wedge and the red-tailed black cockatoo is to survive, VCAT—like helicopters—should be grounded.

Dick Davies
president, Warrandyte Community Association

Helipad again

What an extraordinary decision VCAT chairperson Margaret Baird has handed down in permitting the use of a Wonga Park property for helicopter commuting. Almost as worrying as the findings in relation to noise and technical planning issues is the apparent attitude back-grounding the decision.

Ms Baird says: "There may well be some pollution from the helicopter but I am not persuaded that is a factor against the review site. Several cars on the site inspection caused greater impact by their exhaust emissions than I believe would be noticeable from a helicopter."

How can this be right? I looked up the Bell website and it advises an owner to budget 106 litres an hour of jet fuel to run such a machine. The whole thing has echoes of Russ Hinze dismissing locals and bird lovers in the run-up to the development of Sanctuary Cove.

Doug Seymour
North Warrandyte

Gospel chapel windows

In reply to the letter in the June edition of the *Diary* from Dwayne Schulyer, owner of the historic Gospel Chapel building, the Warrandyte Historical Society would like it known that it is a volunteer community group not constituted to financially assist private heritage projects.

However, as owner of a building listed on the Manningham council's heritage register, Mr Schulyer should be aware that annual heritage grants may be available for maintenance of such buildings on application to Manningham council.

With regard to your reference to our non-response to your previous correspondence, your lack of return address seemed to preclude any response. We trust you have read the comments we sent to the council planning department, which noted that your plans appeared to be in sympathy with the heritage of the building except for the removal of the rear memorial windows. We wish you well

with your efforts to preserve this historic building

Jo Laurence
president
Warrandyte Historical Society

Dwayne Schulyer, as a co-owner of the Gospel Chapel, is seeking financial support from the Warrandyte Community Association for the restoration of the stained glass windows in the building (*Diary* letters June 2005).

The WCA is a community group not constituted to raise money for private projects. However, we do support the Historical Society's concern about the heritage value of the windows.

The association has offered to canvass individual support from its members and to establish a trust account so that concerned residents can support preservation of the windows. This offer is conditional on receipt of a report and contrac-

tor's quotation. Funds donated would only be disbursed by the trustees' satisfaction and in accordance with the report and quotation.

Dick Davies, president
Warrandyte Community Association

Thanks

On behalf of the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade, I wish to express our thanks to the *Warrandyte Diary* for your assistance in promoting our recent fundraiser, the Warrandyte Comedy Festival.

It is only with the help of organisations such as yours that we were able to hold such a successful event. I hope we can continue to work together in the future for the benefit (and amusement) of the people of Warrandyte and district. Again, thank you for your support.

Paul Buck, captain
North Warrandyte CFA

Warrandyte Veterinary Clinic

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

WE CARRY A FULL PET PRODUCT RANGE

Catering for all small animals, exotics and wildlife.

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

Scandles
Candles & Homewares

www.scandles.com.au
scandles@bigpond.com

207 Yarra Street
Warrandyte Vic 3113

Ph: (03) 9844 3011
Fax: (03) 9844 4921

THE REPAIR SHOP

Economical Repairs to:
TVs Microwaves VCRs
Hi-Fi Computers
CD Players Appliances
Phones Dishwashers
Electric Tools Dryers
Washing Machines, etc

David Hogg
9844 1858

Computers:
Repairs Advice Cleanup
Virus Removed
CD Burners installed

Telephones:
Building Cabling Moves
Extra Phone Sockets
ACA Licensed Cabler



Maintain the integrity: Warrandyte's Green Wedge (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Wedge takes priority

Maintaining the integrity of the Green Wedge was a key issue when state government and opposition ministers visited Manningham council recently.

A spokesperson told the *Diary* that council appreciated the opportunity to speak with both the government planning minister and the shadow cabinet about a range of issues facing the local community.

"Planning issues are of great concern to many Manningham residents and it is not every day that the state planning minister makes time to visit our municipality.

"So the visit by Rob Hulls was an outstanding opportunity to update the govern-

ment on council's planning initiatives and issues facing the local community."

During the briefing session, Manningham chief executive John Bennie gave a strong presentation that touched on the Green Wedge strategy, Doncaster Hill strategy and the Residential Character guidelines.

The spokesperson said council called on the state government to maintain the integrity of the vision for Melbourne 2030 and spoke on the importance of providing an educational campaign on the significance of Melbourne's Green Wedges and highlighted the need for state government support in a whole range of planning issues

confronting our municipality.

"Council is looking to the state government for increased funding, clearer guidance, more proactive advice and more support for ESD initiatives.

"Council has also asked for assistance from the state government for the investigation of alternate transport options for Manningham," the spokesperson said.

During the presentation, issues such as storm water quality and pest plant and animal management were also discussed. Council expressed its desire to work more closely with the Department of Sustainability and the Environment.

Top cop in town

By CLIFF GREEN

Police chief commissioner Christine Nixon visited Warrandyte last month.

Many of the residents who gathered at the Community Church to welcome her believed this second visit to Warrandyte within a few years was, at least in part, a tribute to Keith Walker, our highly respected police sergeant.

The local Police and Citizens Consultative Committee invited the chief commissioner to come to Warrandyte and organised the reception.

In her address, Ms Nixon paid tribute to the strength of the Warrandyte community, and commented, "Keith Walker is a signifi-



"A significant part of your community." ... Commissioner Nixon with Sgt Walker. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

cant part of your community." She thanked the community, in turn, for the support given to her people.

"Our members are a part of the wider community," she said, but with a special responsibility. "The community has a need to go about their lives in safety." Ms Nixon pledged that her people would ensure that this would continue.

She confirmed that Warrandyte was to have a new police station. "We're rebuilding a lot of police stations," she said. She invited the community to become involved in its planning.

Entertainment was provided by local young people—choirs from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools and the Warrandyte High School jazz band.

Ms Nixon thanked the young performers and said, "Kids in that band must be looked after, especially when they begin to drive. They'll have mobile phones; they'll want to party. Look after them."

Many local residents were able to chat with Chief Commissioner Nixon during the buffet luncheon that followed.

Do you have low back pain?

Low back pain can present as a:

- constant dull ache
- sharp pain with or without movement
- buttock pain
- leg pain/numbness/pins & needles

Osteopathy is a system of musculoskeletal health care that can help with the management and prevention of low back pain.

Osteopathy focuses on the treatment of joints, muscles, ligaments and connective tissue with hands-on techniques such as deep tissue massage, manipulation, stretching and joint articulation.

Warrandyte Osteopathy

Shop 2, 90-92 Melbourne Hill Rd, Warrandyte
Please call 9844 2465 to make an appointment

Hurstbridge
Funky &
Outrageous

cake
designer



Our resident kitchen artist is on hand daily to design any cake idea you have.

No theme too big or too small.

Come in and view over 500 cake photos to help inspire your own designer cake.

SPECIALISING IN UNIQUE PARTY FUNCTIONS:
FROM FINGER FOOD COCKTAILS TO SIT-DOWN EVENTS.
(20 TO 40 PEOPLE) LUNCH OR DINNER

The Historic Wattle Cafe Hurstbridge
806 Main Street, Hurstbridge • 9718 1378

TOM KERKHOF TELEVISION SALES AND SERVICE

Servicing the area for 36 years

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

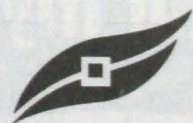


TV RECEPTION PROBLEMS?

Then why not convert to a digital set topbox—now available.

27 Mitchell Avenue
Warrandyte 3113

Ph: 9844 3970
Mob: 0408 175 274



MANNINGHAM

STREETSCAPE DESIGN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Community Representative

Council is seeking to appoint one Community Representative from the Warrandyte and Wonga Park areas on the Streetscape Design Task Force Committee.

The Task Force Committee meet six times a year and the aim of the Committee is to oversee the design and development of the Council's Streetscapes.

Nominations are sought from persons with experience in streetscape development and related disciplines to provide advice to Council on the implementation of its Street Tree Program and the design and development of other components of the streetscape.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the Committee may be obtained from Paul Molan on 9840 9386 or e-mail Paul.Molan@manningham.vic.gov.au

Nomination Forms can be obtained by contacting Arlene Gray on 9840 9386 or e-mail Arlene.Gray@manningham.vic.gov.au

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 12 August 2005.**

RESEARCH MOWERS & CHAINSAWS

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

1532 Main Road, Research

Phone: 9437 1393

SALES, SERVICE & REPAIRS

Natural Health Care

- Wellness enhancement
- Lifestyle coaching ■ Dietary advice
- Herbal prescriptions

Qualified and experienced practitioner

Andrew Francis

B.BSc (Hon), PhD Dip.H.Sc

Clinic: 165 Yarra Street Tel: 9844 4499
Mob: 0400 180 262 www.warrandyteherbal.com



MANNINGHAM COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS 2005/06

Applicants are invited to apply for funds from the 2005/06 Community Development Grant Program.

The Community Development Grant Program supports non-profit community organisations in Manningham to develop projects, programs and events, which benefit and meet the needs of the community.

Applicants should obtain a copy of the funding guidelines and application form prior to applying for funds. Intending applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project with Council staff prior to submitting an application. An interpreter can be arranged to assist community organisations with understanding the grant program guidelines upon request. Requests for this service must be received three weeks prior to the closing date.

It is recommended that all potential applicants attend an information session to be held on:

**Wednesday 20 July 2005
6.30pm - 8.00pm**

**Function Room 3, Municipal Offices,
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.**

Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday 15 August 2005.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website www.manningham.vic.gov.au or by contacting Lisa Waters, Cultural and Leisure Services Unit, on 9840 9305 or at the information session.

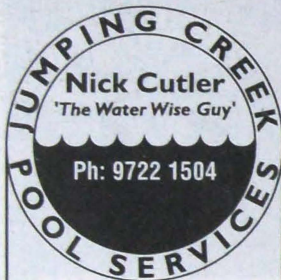
Works of Nature



Anne Marie Reid
Landscape and Garden Solutions

Specialising in Garden Cleanups & Maintenance

0408 323 330
Ph/Fax 9844 0713



Nick Cutler
'The Water Wise Guy'

Ph: 9722 1504

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

Fully accredited technician
Over 20 years experience

Injured wildlife?

CALL:
Wildlife Victoria
0500 540 000
Help for Wildlife
0417 380 687



Kids score nest eggs

Warrandyte Community Bank is sponsoring the chookhouse at Warrandyte Primary School's new garden. Bank manager Mark Challen is shown with Megan from Grade 2, Molly from Grade 3 and several residents. "We have named the bantam rooster Russell Crowe," principal Gillian Binger told the *Diary*. "But he is better behaved than his namesake. By popular vote, the Junior School Council has named the chookhouse Chookutopia."

Kids Weecycle

WAREHOUSE

RECYCLED & NEW TOYS

Fisher Price, etc

ALSO STOCKING

NEW RANGE OF KIDS' CLOTHING

to suit 6 months - 7 years

HOURS: 10am - 5pm, Monday to Friday
3 Colin Ave, Warrandyte • 9844 3484

a mecca for grandparents

Pony clubs' training day



Wyena Horse and Pony Club held their annual combined training day on Sunday, June 26 at their Croymon Road grounds in South Warrandyte. The event was well attended with 80 riders representing 20 pony clubs.

With the addition of a new 60m x 20m arena funded by Manningham council, Wyena were able to run an extra dressage event for pony clubs, grades one to five.

"Despite a very cold start the day soon brightened up, and all who attended had a very enjoyable day of dressage and show jumping competition," a spokesperson said.

April Heath trots her paces.

Today I did something for the good of the community. I did all my banking.

When it comes to benefits for our community and for me, Community Bank® branches have several strong points:

- Face-to-face service from friendly, local staff.
- Opening hours that suit me better. (We are open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 12noon.)

- The full range of banking products and services.
- More money stays in my area because our shared profits are used to help our community's future.

You can now do all your banking at 144 Yarra Street, Warrandyte or phone 9844 2233.

Warrandyte Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank

Bendigo Bank Limited, Fountain Court, Bendigo, VIC 3550.
ABN 11 068 049 178. AFSL 237879. (S7937) (14/04/05)

RINGWOOD

2/15 OLIVER STREET



A Warrandyte Welcome!

Add a dash of individuality, pinch of serenity, loads of expression plus character — mixed with MUD BRICKS, slate flooring, timber lined ceilings/exposed beams! Warm interior offers open plan kitchen-family-meals, 2 BRs (BIRs), incl main BR (full ensuite), open gallery, spa bathroom, carport, paved entertaining area under pergola. Tranquil/treed block, handy to Eastland, bypass, bus & rail. Experience the point of difference... be quick!

Barry Plant DOHERTY

THE RED CARPET REAL ESTATE AGENTS
269 MAROONDAH HWY, RINGWOOD

\$260,000-\$290,000
AH KAREN VOGL 0438 072 370
Ringwood Office 9870 5555
MELWAY REF: 49 J6

Garden of dreams

By CLIFF GREEN

Mark Bence of South Warrandyte has recently returned from London where he was part of a team that made history at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

Many *Diary* readers will remember Mark's success last year when his firm, Semken Landscaping, built the first Australian garden at Chelsea, winning a silver-gilt medal.

That garden was designed by Melbourne designer Jim Fogarty.

This year, noted English designer Julian Dowle invited Mark, Jim, Martin Semken and two landscapers from Semken Landscaping to join him in building his last Chelsea display garden. Also in the team was a group of Japanese designers and landscapers.

"This was a great opportunity to work on a large Chelsea garden with a top international designer and observe the different ways the English and the Japanese go about building a show garden," Mark Bence told the *Diary*.

Entitled the Ecover Chelsea Pensioners' Garden—A Soldier's Dream of Blighty, it was devised to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe. A thatched village pub, surrounded by a cottage garden, vegetable plots and a meadow, it was built in 18 days.

"It was a perfect garden," Mr Bence said. "You couldn't fault it. It looked as though it had been there for 100 years."

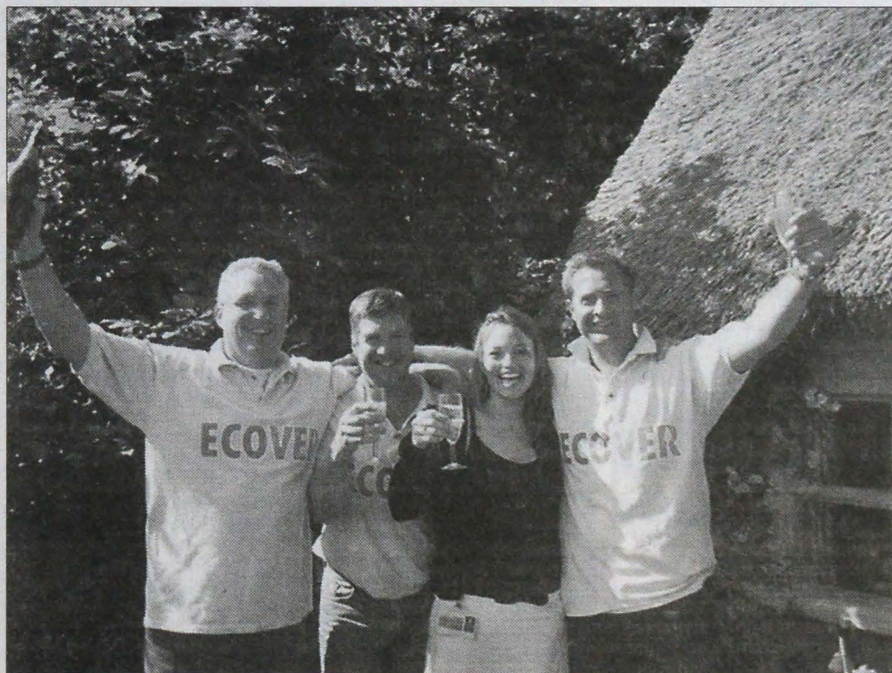
The garden scooped the awards pool, winning a gold medal, best in show and the BBC-TV people's choice award. This is the first time all three awards have gone to the one garden.

Sponsors Ecover are a leading British manufacturer of biodegradable cleaning products.

A separate Australian garden, by Melbourne designer Jack Merlo, also won a gold medal at this year's Chelsea show.



"A Soldier's Dream of Blighty."



The Australian team toasts their success.

BODY SCULPT

Angela Dooking
beauty therapist

Silvana Dragone
nail technician

10% OFF
ALL TREATMENTS
OVER \$30



BODY SCULPT
beauty comes from within

230 YARRA STREET, WARRANDYTE • 9844 4515

Yarra View Conveyancing

FOR PROPERTY SALE & PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS IN VICTORIA

phone: 9844 5002 fax: 9844 1409
mobile: 0414 540 792
email: sueyvc@bigpond.net.au
p.o. box 226, warrandyte 3113

member of the Australian Institute of Conveyancers (vic division)

Experience, Expertise and Personal Service

SUPPORT LOCAL TRADERS

Select Metal Roofing

Metal Roofing
Guttering & Downpipes

LICENSED ROOF PLUMBER

9844 3619
0411 267 490

counselling & psychodrama

all life issues & concerns

john devling M.Sc.,

over 25 years experience

individual, relationship
& groups

9730 2313

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

W.C. CARPENTRY

ABN:55 654 605 417

SPECIALISING IN:

WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT
EXTENSIONS - RENOVATIONS - PERGOLA'S

OBLIGATION FREE QUOTES

- WARREN COTTRELL -

MOB: 0417 902 802

Care about your environment?

Naturally!

Why not think about joining your local environment group?

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

Joan MacMahon 9844 3213
or Mike Coupar 9903 9567

SHAPES BOBCAT & TIPPER HIRE

DRIVEWAYS

CLEANUPS

SITE PREPARATION

LANDSCAPING

PHONE 9844 2117
0410 402 046

COPY CLOSES ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Rough Edge Art

FURNITURE CUSTOM MADE FROM RECYCLED TIMBERS

As a local business we have done countless jobs in the area and attend Warrandyte Market.

Call Adam for a quote.

We come to you to ensure your needs will be met. We can also post a disc of our work free of charge.

Contact Adam on 0419 882 844
www.roughedgeart.websyte.com.au

YARRA STREET VIDEO

YARRA STREET VIDEO

STILL UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP THAT HAS CONTINUED TO BRING THE LATEST MOVIES TO WARRANDYTE FOR OVER 8 YEARS.

See instore for specials

JULY RELEASES...

MILLION DOLLAR BABY • FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
THE PACIFIER • MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES
CONSTANTINE • ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS

106 YARRA ST WARRANDYTE VIC 3113
PHONE 9844 0544

10AM-9PM SUNDAY TO THURSDAY
10AM-10PM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY

WANTED!

Volunteer staff for Warrandyte Diary, Australia's best community newspaper

REPORTERS
FEATURE WRITERS
SPORTS WRITERS

Journalistic experience necessary

CALL:
Cliff Green, 9844 2096
Lee Tindale, 9844 3719

Riverlea Winery Restaurant

DINNER & LUNCH
Thursday to Sunday

BREAKFAST
Saturday & Sunday

Phone 9844 2150
485 Warrandyte-
Ringwood Road
South Warrandyte

Christmas in July



Fireside dining in rustic charm
of Restaurant 1912

Seeking stories from the past



Members of the 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts troop visited the Warrandyte Historical Museum last month. Josie O'Neill and Grace Bubner, both from Warrandyte, showed a keen interest in the Aboriginal display. The museum, in Yarra Street, is open each Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 4pm.



Park kids give pasta a twirl

The Out of School Hours Care program at Park Orchards Primary School enlisted the help of the "Nonnas" to show the kids how to make pasta. "These wonderful grandmothers showed them how it's really done," OSHC co-ordinator Judi Prowse told the *Diary*. "The students made a terrific mess, but the following week they were cooking the pasta. They couldn't wait!"



Don't rubbish our roadsides

Hard waste material placed illegally on nature strips is once more becoming a problem in the area.

Some people believe they only have to pile it up outside their properties and it will disappear—as if by magic!

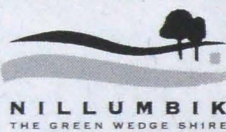
Householders living south of the river can use Manningham council's "at call" hard waste collection service by phoning 9840 9333. Each property is entitled to two collections a year.



"The Diary's the best newspaper published in Warrandyte, Ock!"

"It's the only newspaper published in Warrandyte, Clyde!"

FOR ADVERTISING CALL 9844 3819



Key Decisions

May 2005

These are some of the decisions made by Council on **Tuesday 17 May 2005.**

If you would like any extra information visit our website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for full business papers and 2005 meeting dates.

All are welcome to attend or listen to the broadcast on Plenty Valley FM 88.6

Land Use Planning and Environment

Resolved to defer consideration of the application at 205 Menzies Road, Kangaroo Ground (re-subdivision of two existing lots and the use of lot two for a dwelling) for one month to allow for further discussions with objectors.

Resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit at 127-141 Black Gully Road, Diamond Creek (development of the land for a dwelling and tennis court and associated vegetation removal) subject to conditions.

Resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit at 28-50 Kurrak Road,

Yarrambat (use and development of the land for the purpose of an integrated tourism, health and conferencing facility, sale and consumption of liquor in specified areas and subdivision of the land into two lots) subject to conditions.

Resolved to advise the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector that Council generally supports the draft Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2005; however, recommends modifications to strengthen the relationship with local planning scheme requirements for vegetation protection.

Governance

Resolved to make appointments to Council's Advisory Committees; thank those people who nominated and advise them of the outcome; nominate Councillor Helen Coleman as Councillor delegate to the Early Years Advisory Committee 2004-2005; seek further nominations to the Recreation Trails Advisory Committee and Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee; amend the Terms of Reference for the Environment Advisory Committee and Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee; and seek a further report on the Audit Advisory Committee.

hmsBlaze 106481

DIARY MINI ADS

NEED A SITTER? 5 yrs babysitting exp. Good cooking & cleaning skills. Transport provided. Comp Rates. Availability: Evening & Weekends. Some weekdays. References avail. Call Kate 9844 1442.

FOUND: Young male grey tabby cat found at Warrandyte Primary School. 9844 0068.

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

COMMODORE VK6 Cyl manual Low kms, RWC \$2700 0438 089 535.

SALSA CHA CHA TANGO: Have fun and learn the basics in a 10-week Beginner Program in Warrandyte. No partner required. Carol 0417 015 439.

ASHTANGA YOGA: Daytime classes Warrandyte. Beginning 20th July. Deborah 0400 529 897 or 9444 0097.

BROTHER SEWING MACHINE: Mint condition. \$141.60 9844 2229.

FLUTE, CLARINET & SAXOPHONE tuition. Leonie (B.Mus.) 0438 848 565.

FEELING FRUSTRATED? Emotional? Time for a change? Why not live your life free of anxiety, fear, anger, depression, low self-esteem, guilt or eating disorders. Resolve the original cause and eliminate the problem in 3 sessions with PSH Private Subconscious Healing. Call Kathie Bishop on 9844 2322.

WANTED TO RENT: Artist's studio space/barn/out-building needed urgently for artist moving into the Warrandyte area. Require access to electricity and water. Contact Richard on 0425 860 226 or 9499 1864.

HELP AROUND TOWN: Do you need a Mrs Doubtfire in your life? Innovative meals prepared. Weekly or casual cleaning by police-checked staff. Shopping to ensure life runs smoothly. Call Jane 0417 019 229 for further details.

SKATEBOARD BEARINGS: Hellrazer Abec5 \$25 set 8. Now stocked at Kids Weecycle, 3 Colin Ave, Warrandyte. 9844 3484.

CIVIL CELEBRANT: Ceremonies with style and meaning. Susan Daff, 9844 3121 or 0417 353 026.

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

CIVIL CELEBRANT: Weddings, child name-giving and renewals. Bruce Shand, JP. Phone 98796726. Website: www.bruceshand.com.au

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

FRENCH & ENGLISH tuition for school students and adults. Leonie 0438 848 565.

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

WANT A DIARY MINI AD? \$4.60 for 4 lines, then \$1 each additional line, prepaid. Phone 9844 3819.

CONCRETE INNOVATIONS

FOR PROMPT, PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY SERVICE PHONE

STUART - 0400 442 533
DARREN - 0400 442 633
concrete_innovations@yahoo.com

- Exposed Aggregate
- Slate Impression
- Faux Brick
- Coloured Concrete
- Natural Stone Paving
- Retaining Walls
- Water Features
- Garage & Shed Floors
- Steps & Ramps

POTTERY CLASSES

COTTLESBRIDGE

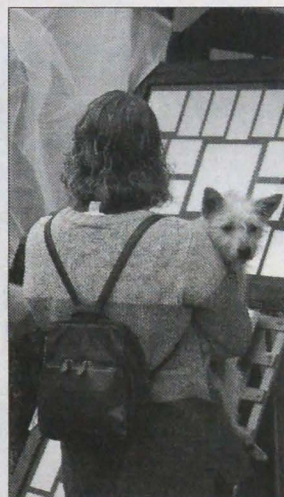
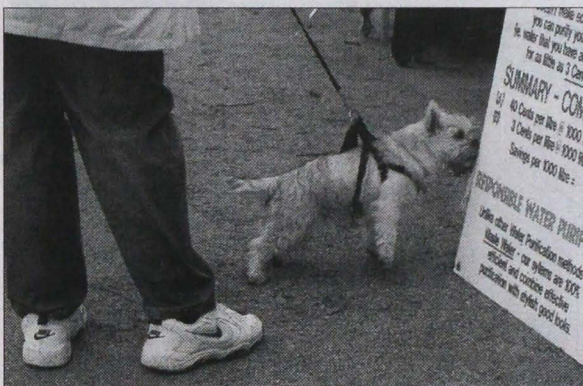
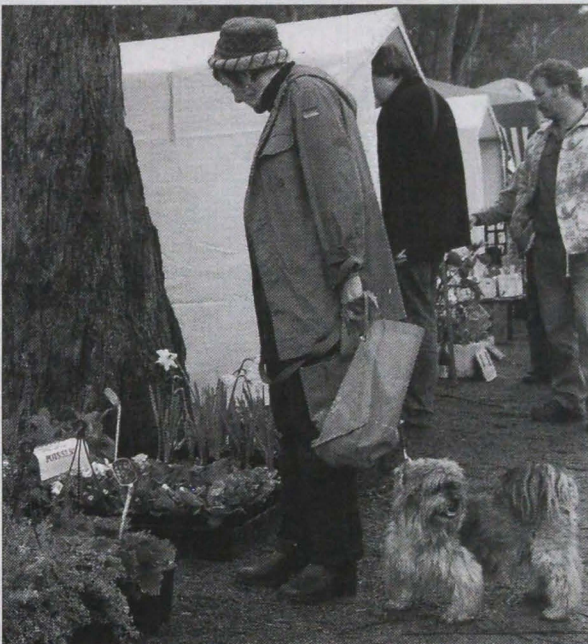
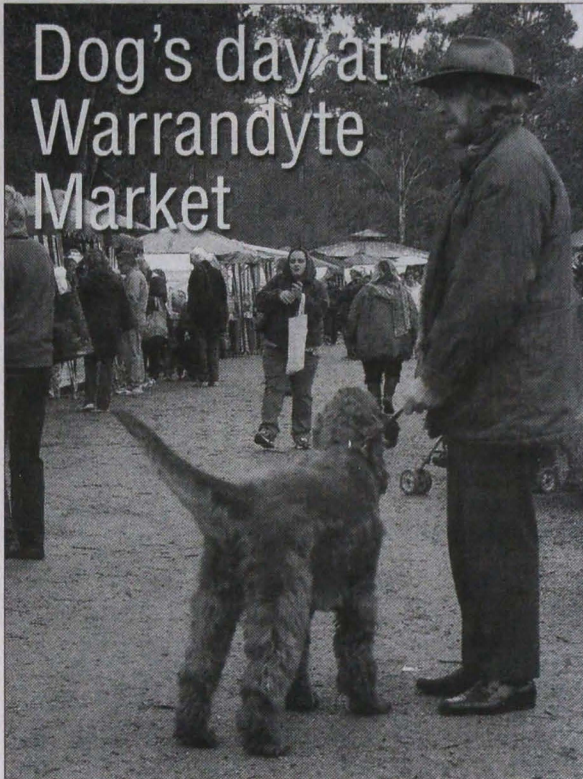
- WINTER ENROLMENTS
 - DAY EVENING AND WEEKEND CLASSES
 - FRIENDLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
 - BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED STUDENTS
 - CHILDREN'S CLASSES
- JUDY TREMBATH
9719 7431

PLUMBER AND GASFITTER



CONCESSIONS TO PENSIONERS

Electric Sewer Cleaner Available — 14 Cemetery Rd, Warrandyte
JOHN RYAN 9844 2552 MOBILE PHONE 0415 332 777


Dog's day at Warrandyte Market



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Your local Aussie Adviser



- Expert home loan assistance
- Our service costs you no extra
- I'll come to you day or night, 7 days a week

Need home loan finance?
I'll find the right loan for you.

Call Dave Carty
on 0414 441 920

AUS5996/DC

WARRANDYTE GLASS

All types of glass, glazing, mirrors, shower screens

Terry Ryan

9879 0373
or
Mobile: 0418 369 294

KAREN ELVIN
ADVANCED REMEDIAL THERAPIST

Shiatsu Therapy

NOW AVAILABLE AT
SIMPLY NATURAL THERAPIES

FOR BOOKINGS CALL
9842 7033
0402 408 663

jenny's produce

HORSEFEED, DOGFOOD, POULTRY FEED, BIRDSEED, BRIQUETTES

warrandyte home delivery service

9844 3361
0413 269 224




bradley curtis
ELECTRICIAN

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

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

DOMINIC BARRO
RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

HIA 522019
Registered Building Practitioner D.B. 04170

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




PROMPT SERVICE
FREE DESIGN/QUOTATION
9850 3592 • 0412 331 464
Experience Counts for Everything

PAUL'S DISCOUNT MOWING

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

FOR QUOTATION PHONE 9844 3927

Best kept secret in Warrandyte?

Come and enjoy organic coffee, cake or glass of wine by the fire!

- Gigs on Fridays**
- July 8 The Teskey Brothers
 - July 15 Invention in Time
 - July 22 Mihi Rangī
 - July 29 The Counterfeit Gypsies



Wellness Therapies available at Ginkgo Upstairs Clinic

Naturopathy – Massage: Relaxation, Sports, Traditional Thai — Hawaiian Massage: Lomi Lomi (deep relaxation), Temple Style (therapeutic) and Hot-Stone Massage.

COMING SOON: Organic Rapture Winter Package — Acupuncture — Traditional Chinese Medicine — Shiatsu — Transformational Kinesiology — Bowen Therapy — Pranic Healing

7 days ■ 152-156 Yarra Street Warrandyte ■ 9844 3282 ■ Store 'til 6pm weekdays

SHOP AT Victory Supa IGA Supermarket

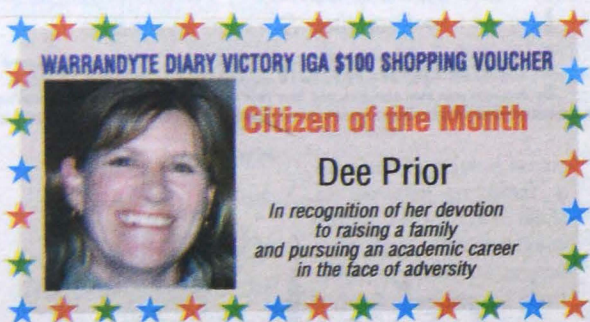


and
SAVE 4c
per litre*

IT'S EASY:

1. Fill up your family car at any service station.
2. Shop at our store and spend \$30 or more
3. Bring in your fuel docket
4. We will reimburse you 4c a litre off your grocery bill

* Conditions apply. see instore for details



Victory



Warrandyte

402 Heidelberg/Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte

Telephone: 9844 3089 • Facsimile: 9844 4866

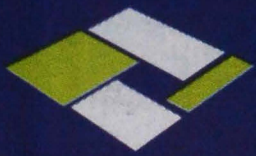
Website: www.victoryiga.localgrocer.com.au

Warrandyte Flowers & Coffee

Shop 11, Goldfields Shopping Centre

402 Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte 3113 • Phone: 9844 1735

specialty floral arrangements • flowers fresh daily from growers
hampers made to order • coffee & chocolates • pure fruit juices squeezed fresh



vicki gardiner & associates

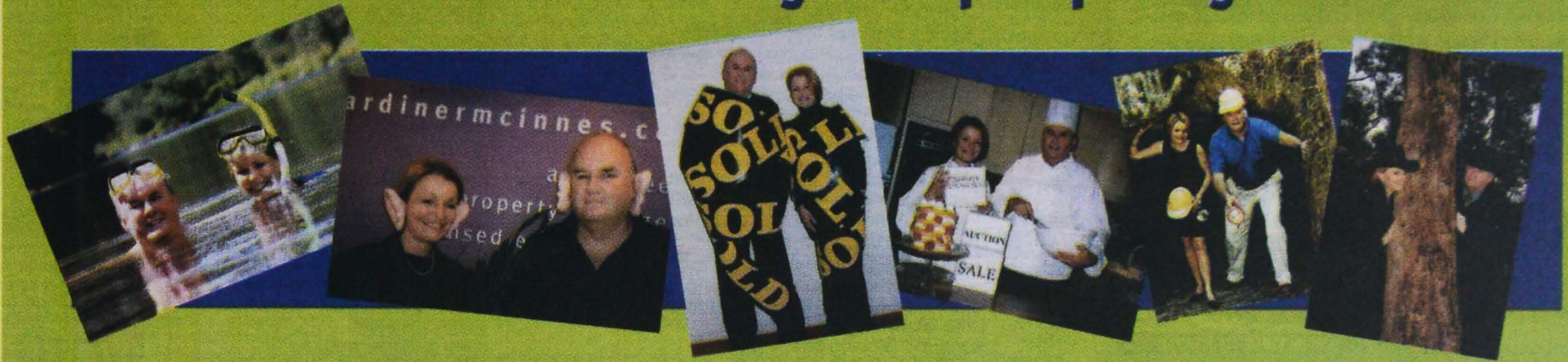
REAL ESTATE PTY LTD

real estate agents

auctioneers

property managers

we'll go to any length to get our advertisements – and your property – noticed!



warrandyte private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$300k–\$340k
 a white picket fence, wisteria and fragrant lavender, this 2BR cottage on 872sqm approx is a delight and has direct yarra river views!



warranwood private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$340k–\$370k
 calling all first home buyers!
 charming 3BR open plan family home on near 1/4 acre allotment



warrandyte private sale \$360k
 paddle your own canoe! unrivalled opportunity to secure 3BR family home, set on a landscaped near 1/4 acre allotment, just a hop, skip and jump to the best of warrandyte, walk to river, schools and village



kangaroo ground private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$400k–\$450k
 affording uninterrupted views of the yarra river and mt lofty this 2BR mudbrick home set on 5.5 acres is your own private retreat, how's the serenity!



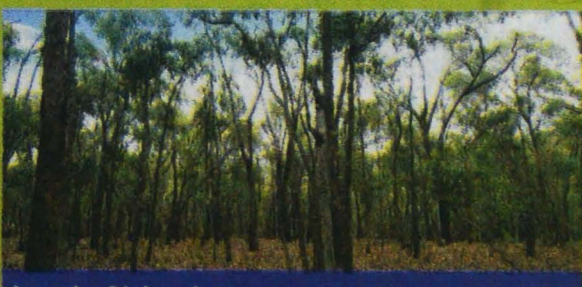
warrandyte north tender closes 5pm 2 august unless sold prior
 buyer enquiry range \$500k–\$550k
 reward yourself and your family with this light and airy open plan 4BR home on a near 3/4 acre allotment with 3 living areas and IG resort-style pool



warrandyte private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$380k–\$415k
 3BR brick veneer home in prime warrandyte location, set on a near level 1/4 acre allotment of fully fenced gardens — even a double garage!



warrandyte private sale \$600k
 architect designed 4BR family home in heart of warrandyte, offering 2 separate self-contained living zones, walk to river and village



bend of islands private sale \$350k
 lightly treed near 4.5 acre allot, situated in the heart of the bend of islands conservation zone, offering state park and river access



warrandyte south private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$920k–\$990k
 a magnificent 19.5 acre approx allotment of rolling pastureland, complete with dam and majestic gum trees

proud finalist — real estate category 2005 manningham business awards

open 7 days
 2a & 2b webb street, warrandyte

T 9844 0052
 F 9844 0152

E office@gardinermcinnes.com
 W www.gardinermcinnes.com

WARRANDYTE
mobile trailer service
 SERVICE, REPAIRS &
 SAFETY CHECKS
 High Pressure Cleaning Service available
 VACC MEMBER
RING HANS 0408 714 929

PAINTING & LIGHT CARPENTRY
 Quality Workmanship
 Reasonable Rates
GRAHAM
9844 3974

PURITY NATURAL BEAUTY THERAPIES
 5 Taroona Ave, Warrandyte
JANESCE & ROSEHIP OIL PRODUCTS
Treatments include:
 • Relaxation Massage • Facials
JULY OFFER
 FREE GIFT with any facial or massage
 AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT
 Tues, Fri and Sat — Phone
9844 4881 or 0416 023 642

PRINT & COPY CENTRE CROYDON
 At the Ink Spot you'll get the right price first time, every time!
PRINTING SERVICE
 High Quality Printing for your business cards, carbonless books, brochures, flyers, business stationery, etc.
Specialising in:
 Short-run Newsletters, Magazines, Books and Advertising Materials for Letterbox Distribution
COPY CENTRE
 High Quality Digital Copying B&W and COLOR from disk, email or hard copy most Mac & PC formats supported
Binding & Finishing:
 Folding, Collating, Stapling, Laminating, Guillotining, Comb Binding, Perfect Binding, Saddle Stitching
 34 COOLSTORE RD, CROYDON. PHONE 9725 6699
 Fax: 9725 5384 Email: inkspot@bigpond.net.au
 EFTPOS & CREDIT CARD FACILITIES

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House
CLASSES FOR TERM 3 2005 ENROL NOW
 Yoga — Mondays, Thursdays pm
 Belly Dancing — Mondays am, Wednesdays pm
 Warrandyte Walkers — Mondays am
 Busy Needles Craft Group — Tuesdays am
 Strong Women Stay Young — Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays am
 Tai Chi — Tuesdays pm
 Friday Lunch & Discussion — Fridays pm (monthly)
 Community Singing — Mondays pm
 Children's Dance — Friday pm
 Children's Drawing — Mondays, Tuesdays pm
 Flexibility and Pilates Movement Class — Wednesdays pm
 French Speaking Club — Wednesdays pm
 Feng Shui — Saturday (workshop)
 Men's Group — Wednesdays (fortnightly)
 Tibetan Meditation — Fridays pm
 Mosaics — Thursdays pm
 Creative Writing — Tuesdays pm
 Book Club — Wednesdays pm
 • Alternatives to HRT — Wednesdays pm
 • Mental Illness Support Group — Thurs pm (fortnightly)
 • Creative Creatures (fantasy dollmaking) — Thursdays pm
 • Quilting — Mondays am
 • Drama for Kids — Wednesdays pm
 • Card Making (workshop) — Saturday
 Website: www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au
FOR ENQUIRIES & ENROLMENT RING 9844 1839
 Warrandyte Neighbourhood House gratefully acknowledges funding from the following organisations: Manningham City Council, Department of Human Services and Doncare.
 * new this term

The nearness of the longest night

The nearness of the longest night seems more significant now. If we had to stay it would be a long slow dawn, as slow as the sunset's haste.

Until this very short day the nearness of the longest night merely meant rising grumpy in the dark feeling the black imposition of untimely leaving warm nest.

Until this very short day, we complain as the dark follows us home from work and the bright day already done, we shut the door on its urgent insinuations look to artificial light and anticipate the solstice.

On this benign bush-walking day, the slow seep of sliding sun, trees lit by long late fingers for miles and miles ahead, the nearness of the longest night seemed much more significant.

Walking too fast to see its beauty: the evening light strokes the edges the feathers of the casuarinas flashing past like urgent film clips hardly seeing the blooming banksias their cocky yellow beacons not bright enough.

Walking fast down sliding tracks willing the exquisite glow to freeze and the slip and stumble, tree roots, moss, path still beckoning white.

But soon we can only find our way by assuming the space between the blackening sentinels. Ironbarks silently benign solemnly showing us the way—all through the long, slow face.

And then we're stepping blind folded branches groping clutch become the walls that hands pat for assurance.

But even if your outstretched arms have boundaries your blind and slipping feet have none. Each timid step is testing sharp or soft? precipitous edge, or sucking mud?

The dark soaks in slowly insistent, soon a dense web, impenetrable. And finally we stop, smothered by seeping black, sinking, dreading the longest night.

KAREN THROSSELL



WARRANDYTE WELDING
 All materials welded. Your place or mine. No job too small
 RING
NEIL CARTER
9437 2556
0418 357 282

Organic Central **now open**
 Not just for the taste
 127 James Street, Templestowe Village
 Tel: 03 9846 5551 • Fax: 03 9846 5501

BRICKWORK
STONEWORK PAVING, etc.
 Phone:
 Bud Stringer
 9844 2448 or
 Alex Stringer
 9876 6007
 Mob 0414 761 754



Fire in the landscape

By GLEN JAMESON

SOMETIME — or rather at several critical junctures — in the saga of Australia, the island continent opted for fire. A sequence of environmental events made fire possible as soils deteriorated, aridity became seasonal and drought common, ancestral rainforests broke up into a suite of tough, woody weeds, and storm tracks hurled fierce winds from the interior deserts. Fires kindled and spread, and they interacted with the emergent biota in often extraordinary ways. Fire acquired a signatory rhythm and power that indelibly identified it with the bush it shaped. And then man arrived." (Pyne)

Sometimes we humans overestimate our role in forming the natural environment. We forget that the environment has been shaping itself over millions of years and that the forces that create the environment are largely beyond our control.

That is not to say that we do not contribute to the state of things, we do, and in increasingly negative ways. Climate change associated with enhanced greenhouse effect appear likely to lead to a higher frequency of extreme events such as periods of prolonged high temperatures and droughts, with implications for the preva-

lence in major wildfire events. However for us to understand the state of things it is necessary to look away back into the deep time of the past.

Climate is the key environmental factor in establishing a fire regime. There was a warm and wet time some 100 million years ago, when luxuriant rainforests covered Australia, which was part of the super-continent Gondwana. Even in the now desert inland, there were rainforests where Eucalypts existed then on the fringes of these wet forests. Once Gondwana began to break up into its separate land masses, an isolated Australia headed north into a long term process of aridification, where its climate changed from warm and wet to cold, dry and fiery.

A critical climatic change occurred during the Miocene geological period some 23.7 to 5.3 million years ago when fire became the most powerful determinant shaping Australia, with the consequent development of a flammable biota. Plants and animals that responded to, and often required fire to thrive. Fire came from ignition in the form of lightning strikes and with no geographic barriers, such as great rivers or mountain chains to halt its spread, it expanded into all but the most fire-sheltered habitats.

The process of aridity was deepened dur-

ing the last 2.4 million years with the onset of the Ice Age. Changes in vegetation occurred as seasonal aridity, high winds and increased evaporation and fire frequency accompanied the drying-out stages leading to the glacial peaks. Contrary to general belief, it is the effect of these glacial stages that meant increased dryness: more wind and cold. Cold climatic conditions that drive aridity rather than the hot. Even before the arrival of humans, Australia had probably crossed the biological threshold that bound it irreversibly to fire.

One delineation of the different fire regimes that have imposed themselves on the Australian continent is "the pre-human (fire regime), when lightning started massive wildfires and enabled fire-adapted species to eventually subordinate the Gondwanan rainforests throughout the continent; the Aboriginal, when bushfires were tamed; and the post-Aboriginal (or) current period, when fire became feral." (Bowman).

By feral, Bowman is suggesting we need to adapt more effectively to this fire-prone land, not fight against the inherent flammability of the environment. This presents a tremendous challenge, because our homes and our infrastructure have often been established in bushland. We lack a landscape perspective that is informed by a scientifically based, eco-philosophical viewpoint.

Land of eternal summers

IT was the first week of June, a brilliant blue sky day. And warm. Tee-shirt weather.

I began my inspection of the garden on the roadside at the top of the driveway where, on the bank below the letter box, even the resilient salt-bush was showing signs of severe stress.

Progressing down the driveway, I noted that the wallaby grasses on the slope had also desiccated from lack of water — barely a green blade, just the pale straws of last year's flowering stems.

I took the small track that led around the side of the house, passing dejected Rock Correas with down-turned leaves. By now they should be in full flower. The cluster of Pomaderris were in a similar state of wilt, so too the soft-leaved Snowy Daisy-bush.

I carried on down the series of stone steps to the back of the garden. Here things were no better despite the more sheltered aspect. Plants like the Victorian Christmas-bush had fared badly, their thin aromatic leaves inrolled and hanging limp to conserve what moisture they could. One or two plants hadn't made it — a twiggy old correa and a couple of small eucalypts were dead. The swathes of Weeping Grass, usually so lush and green at this time of year, were dull and withering. And everywhere, the soil was powdery and dehydrated.

A February scenario, not June surely. What was going on? But I knew the answer before I'd even asked the question. Climate change. Global warming is accepted by all but the most intransigent sceptics. The fact is that human activities are having a major effect on the world's

NATURE

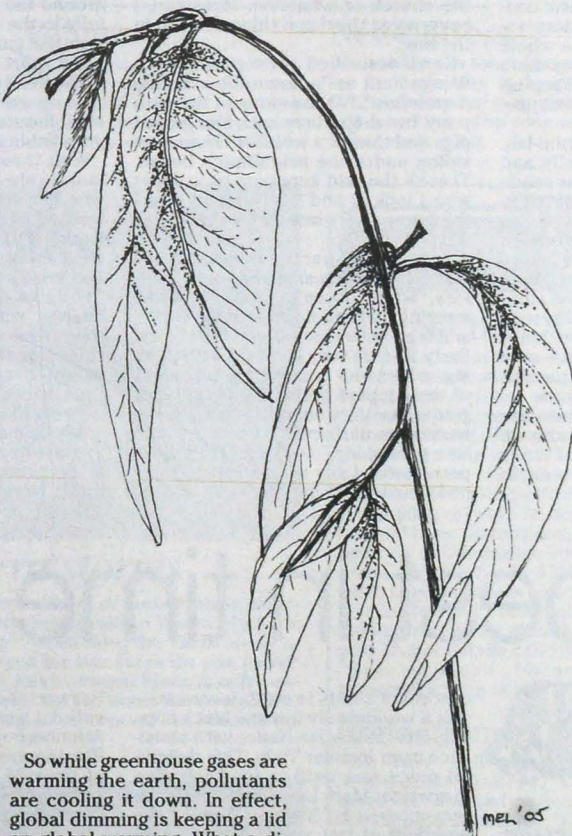
By PAT COUPAR

climate. Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, methane and other pollutants, released as a result of burning fossil fuels (coal, gas and oil) and deforestation, become trapped in the atmosphere and warm the earth like a fuzzy blanket.

There is no doubt that fire too significantly contributes to the greenhouse effect, not only by the release of carbon, but by destroying the trees that soak up carbon dioxide. I wondered how bushfires — deliberate and natural — compare with burn-offs. Do the many regular, small-scale fuel reduction burns release more carbon dioxide than the occasional wildfire?

While global warming has been known about for several decades, another equally alarming occurrence has been identified only recently. Known as global dimming, it is, literally, a reduction in sunlight. It has been estimated that since 1950 the amount of solar energy reaching the earth has been gradually falling from between 9 per cent in Antarctica to around 30 per cent in Russia.

The cause of global dimming is pollution. As well as greenhouse gases, burning fossil fuels also produces visible particles such as soot, ash and sulphur dioxide. These pollutants have the ability to change the optical property of clouds, making them more reflective. Acting like a mirror, polluted clouds reflect sunlight back into space. As well, they prevent moisture being drawn from the oceans into the atmosphere and falling as rain.



So while greenhouse gases are warming the earth, pollutants are cooling it down. In effect, global dimming is keeping a lid on global warming. What a dilemma! If pollution is reduced, global dimming will decrease, but if nothing is done about greenhouse gases, global warming will increase.

I thought about the future. I worried about the rise in temperatures, the melting of the ice caps, the rise in sea levels flooding low-lying islands and coastlines. I worried about the impact on marine life and coral

bleaching. And drought, the effect on the world's food production. It was too much.

My attention returned to my poor long-suffering garden. The plants were hanging in there in every sense of the word, but the rain would come eventually and they would revive. Meanwhile the surprisingly warm June sun was shining on my bare arms. And it felt good.

TAXATION AND ACCOUNTING

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

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

JOHN ROBERTS

and Associates

Certified Practising Accountants



Earth Harmony Shop & Wellbeing Centre

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

272 Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113

Next to Post Office, near the bridge p/f: 9844 5155

www.earthharmony.com.au

STONEHOUSE GALLERY

"REFLECTIONS"

1st JULY TO 28TH JULY

By Diane Alle, Merryn Auldlist, Pam Towle & Lydia Uhl
Emotions translated in clay, silk and photography

Quality local and Australian gifts for all occasions
OPEN DAILY 10am-5pm

323 Ringwood/Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte. Phone 9844 3629

WARRANDYTE

extensions & RENOVATIONS

Registered Building Practitioner DBU 22829



Friendly Local Service
27 years Trade Experience

QUALITY BUILDER

extensions • renovations • alterations
kitchens • bathrooms

PHONE ANDREW

9844 0068 0411 114 012

CARING FOR WARRANDYTE PETS FOR 30 YEARS

HOT DOGGIE

The complete grooming service for all breeds of dogs



Call Linda on 9844 3686

135 Harris Gully Rd Warrandyte 3113



WARRANDYTE THEATRE COMPANY

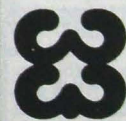
AUDITIONS

for

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN MONEY AND SEX

by John Marshall

Thursday July 14 at 8pm
Sunday July 17 at 2pm



AT MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL
Cnr Mitchell Ave & Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Warrandyte Opportunity Shop at the Community Centre

10.30am-4.30pm (MON-FRI)
11am-5pm (SAT & SUN)



A Lions Club of Warrandyte project

WARRANDYTE UPHOLSTERY

Winner of Top Upholstery Award

Francis J Briffa
11 Everard Drive, Warrandyte

Phone 9844 2416

Animals are a part of their community

A CHANGE in Warrandyte community and perhaps more importantly, a change in how people treat their animals, are features of what Derek and Kerri Fairley have seen over their 27 years in Warrandyte.

The Fairleys have owned and run the veterinary surgery in Melbourne Hill Road for that time, and although now living in Wonga Park they are still an integral part of Warrandyte. Kerri is the practice manager and senior vet nurse, and Derek is sole vet.

"There's a broader community in Warrandyte now, the expectations have changed," said Derek. "People who fought for things, the backing has got a bit less. More people are coming into town for services, so gradually it's losing its sense of community. We're generally seeing a change."

But he also felt people were looking after their animals better. "It gives us pleasure to see the rewards people are getting from their animals. The older person who usually walks their dog, ringing us up after he's been in for treatment, to ask if they can walk him today."

"It's a joy to get an animal fixed and back to the owner in a good state, whether they can afford it or not. However, people really annoy me who know there's something wrong with their pet and don't do anything about it—I could maybe have fixed it if I'd seen it two days earlier."

Kerri said she sees a lot of good things, like lots of caring people. "But there's lots of gross stupidity—you see it with animals all the time. I can't tolerate stupidity—I can understand ignorance but not stupidity when it affects animals and wildlife. I'm a typical redhead and your tolerance level goes down as you get older but I bite my tongue better than I did."

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

Derek grew up on a fat lambs and sheep property near Cobram, spending his leave as a boarder at Scotch College giving the sharefarmer a break from dairying once irrigation came to the district. He got into vet science through rural science. "I didn't get enough marks to go straight in—I was 48 out of 50 on the list for vet but not many wanted to do cats and dogs," he said. He spent two spells as a country vet in Colac before coming back to Melbourne where he met Kerri working for a Doncaster practice.

"The range of people I see has diversified a lot. Many want the basic consultation, while other want more sophisticated services. There's a whole range of diagnostic equipment as there is for humans. It's difficult to keep up with technology and provide what people want."

The Fairley practice has a mini-lab, which can diagnose more rapidly, and critical-care animals Derek now sends to the animal emergency centre in Blackburn overnight.

"I used to check the animals twice a night, going down from Wonga Park, so that's changed things quite a bit. Monitoring is a big problem, you need more staff, but I reduced my availability with our children wanting to do more things in the evenings. It's still a one-man practice. It could have been expanded but that would have meant more responsibility. Running a small business is very taxing. Since BAS came in there's been more work, but I enjoy keeping up with what's happening in the business."

Both Fairleys have been recognised for their work with animals. Kerri has a Centenary Medal, for services to wildlife and the Warrandyte community, and Derek has a Manningham citizens' award for his voluntary contribution to wildlife.

"I don't know to this day who nominated me for the Centenary Medal," Kerri admitted. "I didn't realise what it was when I filled out some paperwork. I was very proud as my background was very fragmented and whoever it was had put it all together but I haven't got a clue who they are."

"It's a bit of community service: you give back to society through school, the church or whatever. Mind you, I never wear the damn thing. It's still in the box."

Kerri described their property at Wonga Park as "a home for a mobile population." "At the moment there's a pony, two dogs, three cats, four guinea pigs and there's a wombat I reared residing under the neighbour's house. There's the odd kangaroo or wallaby who I look at and say 'are you who I think you are?' when I think I've reared it."

She is property manager for Warrandyte's housing and social services, "which doesn't entail committee meetings where nothing gets done", and is an active member of the Liberal Party. Kerri is very involved with Guiding, where she is currently president of the support group. "The values of guiding are very important and if there were more of them in society it would be a good thing," she said. "I'm a blunt person and I say what I mean. Some people can find me offensive and in-

timidating."

With 90 per cent of his time given to the vet practice, Derek said he regretted not having more time to give to the community, although he supports Kerri with practical help at the crisis housing centre. "The Uniting Church I support and it's supported me," he said. "I think I've done a good job for Warrandyte and the family with my service and standards but it's got to the point where things are not going to change at work. I'm God in my own little world which is rewarding in some ways."

"I'm now looking forward to doing all the things that haven't been done around the house," he added. "Hopefully in the next year or two I can get into the garden, do some study and more sport." At the moment he walks in the bush with his dogs two or three times a week and shoots clay targets at Melbourne gun club. Every year he goes fishing for a fortnight.

With three daughters, Kerri is also looking ahead to more time for herself, whether it be learning to draw, more reading, study courses or travel. The Fairley girls, Hilary, Celia and Georgina, went to Warrandyte Primary School and are all studying at tertiary level. "They're doing all right. They're healthy, active and intelligent. I give them a boot in the bum from time to time but they're turning out quite nicely," Kerri said. "We've had our gullies and undulations along the way but we've puddled along."

"My own dad died when I was 11 and in those days widows were not helped, it was pretty tough," she said. "I grew up in North Balwyn which was the

back of Bourke in those days. I was a bit of a tomboy and I had lots of animals and I used to go yabbing on the creek where the freeway now is. I had cats and birds and I was the sort of person that dogs followed home. I can remember a cow looking in my bedroom window. Wildlife is a passion, even if it means putting animals out of their misery."

Kerri has faced more serious dilemmas, deciding recently to move her own mother into a nursing home. "My mother has dementia. It's really hard for her as she was conscious of it but it was too dangerous leaving her at home. She had a very, very good brain and a maths brain and to watch it go down the gurgler and know she was doing so without being able to articulate it was so difficult for her. Women of that generation were an entity to themselves and making the decision to put her in the home was playing with someone else's life."

Derek feels he has had a relatively easy life, "although working when you're ill is very hard. Life has gone on, ruled by the vet practice". The hardest thing in his professional life is convincing a young girl that her horse which has been hit by a car at 11 o'clock at night has got to go to heaven. "One of the most challenging aspects of the job is to explain to someone who can't see what is wrong with an animal that it has to be destroyed. It's not just a young girl, it's anyone, the roadside destruction of wildlife and explaining to people what has to happen."

"At two o'clock in the morning that is one of the challenges."



Picture by Stephen Reynolds

Four of the best in time for winter

A PROGRAM of four one-act plays was recently staged by the Warrandyte Theatre Company down at the Mechanics Institute. Four plays in one evening sounded like a challenging sort of night out—would we still remember the first by the time we'd seen all four? Yet for these one-act pieces, four turned out to be an excellent number. Vivid depictions of quirky characters, once seen, are never forgotten.

Perhaps the linking theme, if there was one, involved character perspective. Each play focussed on one or more characters whose image of themselves did not quite mirror the way other people saw them. Confident performances across the board underpinned a varied and ambitious program that increased in intensity from each play to the next.

"Travis" was something of an extended TV-style skit, written and directed by young Warrandyte actor Josh Mitchell. Starting slowly, the script picked up as it went along. Travis (Bill Mitchell) is an overly zealous nightclub bouncer. His obsession with cracking the identities of underage (or otherwise unsuitable) patrons resulted in a pocketful of confiscated ID cards: from a man (Simon Shearing) whose NZ accent was as fake as his ID, a girl (Gemma Tully) whose winsome ways got her nowhere, hilarious drunks (Simon Shearing and Kirby Shearing) who seemed to be in grave danger of disgracing themselves, an ill-matched threesome of dorky dude

THEATRE

By MARILYN MOORE

(Kirby Shearing), silly chick (Amy Lawless) and no-nonsense lass (Caz Seal), and finally a tipsy bride-to-be (Amy Lawless) and her two giggly friends (Gemma Tully and Caz Seal) out on a hens' night. Just when one started to wonder whether there was anybody at all inside the nightclub, out stormed the manager (Simon Shearing) who roared the tripe out of Travis—evidently this self-styled guardian of the people had been sacked some months previously. The would-be patrons were avenged as Travis was unceremoniously moved on, and one got the feeling that the writer may have failed to get his own ID past a bouncer on more than one occasion.

This was an entertaining piece that not only the younger members of the audience identified with. The characters were excellent—one could have put real names to most of them. The spooky overture set a great atmosphere but then did not seem to relate to anything that followed—did I miss something? Travis's taciturn manner with the customers was in marked contrast to his philosophical monologues, which added considerable power to his character; however, shortening the monologues a little would have picked up the pace.

The second play, "Avatar"—as in the

descent of a deity to earth, incarnate—was a wonderfully farcical black comedy, directed by Jan Nance with assistance from Jennifer Tully. This delightful piece was written by Australian playwright Mark Lucas, who might be remembered for his play "Verve", the highlight of last year's one-act play season.

The plot explored, in a most imaginative way, the concept of nobody being who they seemed. Virgil the burglar (Ian Craig), was really the archangel St Virgil, protector of virgins, who was really a burglar. Anastasia the gullible (Deborah Silva), perhaps all the more so on the occasion of her recent bereavement, was really the canny wife of an elderly millionaire, but in truth was unbelievably gullible. Charlotte (Lisa Upson), Anastasia's best friend, was anything but gullible, and in the end definitely nobody's best friend.

The storyline defies description—suffice it to say that it brought the house down. Wonderful acting, excellent sets and lighting—this was a perfect little drawing-room comedy that matured over the two-week season into a performance of considerable substance.

"Time Flies", written by multi-award-winning American playwright David Ives, is as cleverly written as a short play could be. Encapsulating a bit of everything from the meaning of life to biblical analogies and your classic Shakespearean romantic tragedy, this mini-drama follows the brief lives of mayflies May (Simone Kiefer) and

Horace (Kevin Gregg-Rowan). Narrated breathily by Sir David Attenborough (Alastair Rice), the mayflies innocently go about the business of their 24-hour lives ("meeting and mating, meeting, mating...") until they tragically glimpse themselves from a human perspective. It's not "a day in the life of...", but rather "a life in the day of...". Carpe diem.

The pond setting for this piece was visually stunning. Set design and costuming (Caroline Shaw, Gail Macrae and Pam Merlo) were simply magic, and the sound effects (Brian Laurence) were appropriately evocative. Directed by Caroline Shaw with assistance from Gail Macrae, this piece was hugely enjoyable, in fact the highlight of the night for many.

"Restorations", written by John Marshall and directed by Noelene Cooper with assistance from Adrian Rice, was a challenging and powerful piece. I wondered at the wisdom of putting it last, as it left the audience squirming rather. However to have placed it elsewhere amongst such an otherwise amusing program might have belittled its seriousness.

The writing was excellent, pacy and direct and, in spite of the topic, it had its entertaining moments. Beth (Kerstin Anderson) and Ruth (Lynne Counsel) are the daughters of Reg (Howard Geldard), a sleazy old child-molester. Reg is a complete waste of space—a bullying, drinking, gambling, uncouth no-hoper with no apparent redeeming qualities other than a certain ability at repartee. As the awful-

ness unfolds, we see how the lives of both daughters have been ruined by Reg's Friday night molestations. Ruth, the elder, has become estranged from her younger sister. She obsesses over cleanliness, as if to clean away the stain, and cannot even bear to leave her own children alone with their probably blameless father. Beth, the younger, leads a no-frills existence at home with Reg and finds a perverse pleasure in tormenting him, especially with the men she brings home on Friday nights. Finally the girls seize the opportunity to share bitter memories and rebuild their harrowed lives.

John Marshall, a Sydney lawyer who now lives locally, has achieved the seemingly impossible for a male writer—he has convincingly got onto the wavelength of the female victims of incest. This is clearly not a pretty topic. However the stage is as good a place as any to remind people of the shocking fact that incest and abuse are widespread vices hidden in our community. Marshall has obviously been powerfully affected by his knowledge of such a case. He has translated this basis remarkably well into a riveting piece of theatre that digs deep into the human condition. Beth and Ruth, despite their depressing situation, have an underlying strength that in the end is quite uplifting. This play could never be enjoyable, but it was certainly impressive.

Four very different short plays, each a gem in its own right. I thought this one of the best nights ever put on by the WTC.

Special day for trees

National Tree Day occurs this year on Sunday, July 31. The Friends of Warrandyte State Park, in conjunction with the Osborne Peninsula Landcare group are holding a planting morning along the Northern River Frontage Reserve of Warrandyte State Park in North Warrandyte. A free barbecue and lunch will be provided following the planting. If you wish to be involved, you can park at Koornong Crescent, North Warrandyte (Mel 23 J8) at 10am and follow the signs.



Conducted by **JUDY GREEN**

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

Auditions

Warrandyte Theatre Group are holding auditions for their next production on Thursday, July 14 at 8pm and Sunday, July 17 at 2pm in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute hall in Yarra Street. The production is a comedy farce "There's More to Life than Money and Sex" written by John Marshall. Dates for performances are September 8 to 10 and 15 to 17. There will be a seven week rehearsal period and you will need to attend every rehearsal, to be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Arthritis

The Manningham Arthritis Support Group are holding a meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 2pm at the Manningham Community Health Service, 1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East. Professor Tzi Chiang Lin will speak on "Traditional Chinese Medicine and Arthritis". Cost is \$1. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries to 8841 3000.

Probus

Members of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Probus Club have just returned from a most enjoyable eight-day trip to Norfolk Island. Tour co-ordinator Val Spargo is now investigating other exotic destinations for the club's next trip. Any retired persons wanting information about the club should call the secretary, Terry Bainbridge, on 9844 2460.

Seminar

The next Manningham City Council environment seminar will be held on Wednesday, August 3 at the function room at

Like to help with the festival?

The Annual General Meeting of the Warrandyte Festival Committee will be held at 8pm on Monday, July 18 at the Warrandyte Community Centre in Yarra Street. If you are interested you would be most welcome. Call John Boyle on 9844 3120 for further information.

the Grand Hotel, Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Melanie Birtchneil will discuss "Tree Decline in Jumping Creek Reserve". The seminar is free and commences at 7.30pm with supper provided.

Volunteers

Do Care are seeking volunteers to bring companionship and support to older or disabled people in the community. If you can help please call 9762 5211.

Newsletters

Want to keep in touch? Looking for a simple way to keep the *Diary* informed of your group's activities? Put us on your newsletter mailing list.



In search of Yarra stories

Environment Victoria, a non-government organisation, is offering a dinner for two at a riverside restaurant in Warrandyte for the best Yarra River "mini-story". What does the Yarra mean to you? What memories of, or hopes for the Yarra do you have? Put it down in 100 words or less. Environment Victoria will publish a selection of the mini-stories on its Yarra River website. Email to — your-river@vicnet.org.au or contact Vin Maskell on 9341 8113.

ARTYFACTS

Competition

Box Hill Community Arts Centre is celebrating its 15th birthday in October with a celebratory art competition. Artists are invited to submit their work. Finalists will be included in an exhibition in October. The competition, comprising artwork in both two and three dimensions, is open to all Australian residents. First prize is \$3000 cash, plus two weeks gallery hire at Box Hill Community Art Centre. Entries close August 19. For details call 9898 3544 or email bhcac@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Reflections

The July exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery, 323 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte is entitled "Reflections". It illustrates emotions—translated in clay, silk and photography—by Diane Allen, Merryn Auldiss, Pam Towle and Lydia Uhl. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Vibrant

Manningham Gallery is hosting a special exhibition featuring the work of disabled artists. Organised with Scope Victoria and entitled "ME Exhibition 2005", a gallery spokesperson described it as a "diverse and vibrant exhibition of art and craft works that features paintings, sculptures, mosaics, ceramics and water colours from participants in the Eastern Recharge program". ME will run from Tuesday, July 26 until Saturday, August 13. The Manningham Gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and is open Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm and Saturday, 2pm to 5pm.

Alan Vitiritti
0412 593 314

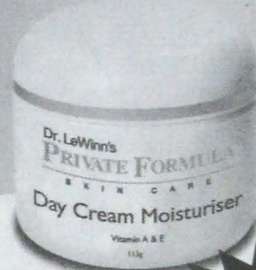


Painter & Decorator

Save \$20

\$49.95
RRP: \$69.95

Day Cream Moisturiser



- An anti-ageing moisture rich cream recommended as a daily moisturiser
- Assists in smoothing out fine lines and wrinkles
- Produces outstanding results on mature, sun-damaged skin
- Suitable for Normal/Dry skin
- Can be used as an aftershave moisturiser

For a limited time only purchase Dr. LeWinn's Private Formula Day Cream Moisturiser at \$49.95 (RRP \$69.95) VALID TO 31st JULY

Warrandyte pharmacy

5 Goldfields Plaza Shopping Centre, Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte. Ph: 9844 2029

Australia Post

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

PARK ORCHARDS POST OFFICE

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

COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA

Corey celebrates joining of the the Warrandyte-Kinglake habitat corridors



Warrandyte Community Market

Under the gum trees, beside the Yarra on Stiggants Reserve, Yarra Street, Warrandyte. First Saturday of each month — except January, 9am-1pm.



Netball's high-flying Under-15s

By SONIA RAPPELL

Business is booming at Under-15 level at Warrandyte Netball Club. Forty-eight girls represent the club at this level in the Doncaster and District Saturday competition in the current winter season. They make up five teams named traditionally

after local native birds and animals and ranging across four sections.

Warrandyte's Under-15/1s and 2s both play in Section 1 and the 3s, 4s and 5s in Sections 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

The coaches report here on the progress of their teams.



UNDER-15/1 MAGPIES:

Coach: Natalie Dusting

Team: Aisling Bolton, Nicole Cukierman, Brittany Duncan, Stephanie Freemantle, Bonnie Jones, Jenny Parkes, Shana Poly, Emma Stanley, Georgia Walker.

Natalie says: "It's been an honour coaching the 15/1 team with their talent and netball skills. They will go far and I wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season."



UNDER-15/5 WOMBATS:

Coach: Narelle Link.

Team: Sinead Darcy, Dael Gaffney, Kirsty Mallia, Hayley Medley, Ziah Piantah, Camille Savoia, Natalie Smith, Krystina Thomas, Ashlee Wareham, Alicia Wiltshire.

Narelle says: "The Wombats have been a great team to coach this season, always giving their best and willing to give anything a go. Even though they've had some losses they have also had some great wins. I wish them all the best for the future. Keep up the good work."



UNDER-15/2 ROSELLAS:

Coach: Rochelle Roodhouse.

Team: Ashlee Collins, Lauren Fraser-McKelvie, Emilee Hassall, Caitlyn Hurst, Georgia Nichol, Ashlee O'Brien, Simone Reid, Laura Roodhouse, Fiona Tansley.

Rochelle says: "This season has been a very challenging one and we look forward to finishing it on a positive note. The girls are to play the remaining games against teams that have beaten us in previous rounds. Those games were fought hard and I am sure our girls will prove a threat to the opposition."



UNDER-15/4 WAGTAILS:

Coach: Samantha Hassall.

Team: Catherine Douglas, Alexandra

Dyason, Morgan Humble, Kathleen Kopietz, Madeleine Lawrence, Alysce Maclaren, Tamika Pettigrove, Chloe Simpson, Leah Watson, Bethany Whitcher.

Samantha says: "This is a really

great group of girls. Each has improved her game throughout the season, some of them even having to adapt to new positions. Congratulations, girls, on such a great season. Finals, here we come!"



UNDER-15/3 KOOKABURRAS:

Coach: Jane Link.

Team: Lisa Anneveldt, Melissa Curulli, Maxine Lockie, Lois Fraser, Shannon Lowe, Elizabeth Pichut, Megan Seymour, Rhiannon

Simpson, Elin Twite, Donna Van Scoy.

Jane says: "The team struggled at the start of the season, having fill-ins every week. Now they have settled and with enthusiasm have started to climb the ladder. All the girls are a pleasure to train and always encourage each other."

Warrandyte High School's Sixth Annual **SATURDAY JULY 30TH!**

TRIVIA NIGHT

"Christmas in July"

Warrandyte High School Basketball Stadium, 7.15pm

Book a table with a few friends or we can group you in tables of ten.

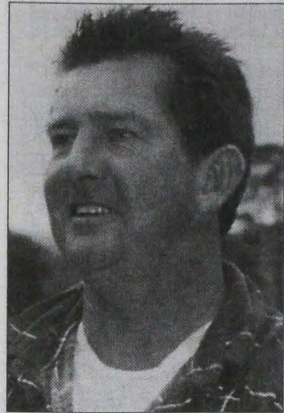
Only \$15 per head. BYO Drinks & Nibbles.

Great Fun Night for All! • PRIZES • RAFFLES • ENTERTAINMENT • SILENT AUCTION

Please support our Major Fundraiser for the year!

BOOKINGS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE: 9844 2749

Hawks on the wing



Barry Williams

By LEE TINDALE

South Warrandyte are a cricket club in search of a ground. The Hawks will vacate Colman Park for the new season while Manningham council resurfaces it and replaces the wicket.

At the moment the club have no idea where they will be training and playing the home games in 2005-06.

"We're looking for a new ground for the season and talking with the council," said club president Barry Williams. "Colman Park is certainly in need of an upgrade to bring it up to standard and the cricket club will be much better off for it."

The ground improvements will complement a total makeover of the clubrooms, which reopened last season.

The Hawks will again field four senior teams in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's elite Chandler Shield competition and six junior teams. They will also rerun the popular Milo Have A Go program for youngsters.

As previously reported, Steve Garrett and Chad Rogers have been reappointed captain-coach and deputy captain-coach respectively and the club have already recruited two well-credentialed senior players for their new campaign.

Indoor training begins next month at Topline Sport in Baywater.

Warrandyte Cricket Club's preparation for the new season begins in earnest indoors at Maddocks Sport at Blackburn on Monday, August 1, from 8-9pm. The last session there will be held on August 30 before training moves outdoors at the recreation reserve.

Again the Dytes will have five senior teams, including the highly-successful eleven made up of junior players and their fathers.

Any new players keen to get a game with Warrandyte are invited to contact president Greg Creber on 0418 381103.

"We're very much looking forward to the 2005-06 season," said Creber. "We have a great committee and we're very keen to try out some new ideas and improve on the near-misses of last season."

Junior registration day is at the clubrooms on August 28. Any parents who'd like to see their sons represent Warrandyte should contact junior coordinator Lee Dehmel on 9844 2834.



Greg Creber

Walking wounded survive a thriller!

By TONY OLIVER

Round 9 of Saturday junior championship basketball was completed on July 9. The competition in Term 3 started earlier than usual, in the last week of school holidays, leaving a number of teams under strength.

Warrandyte achieved some good results, however, with the Under-13 A-grade boys recording a thrilling 27-26 win over an Eltham side at the local high school court.

Redbacks coach Ari Pianta, had only six players, one of whom, his brother Kyle, was carrying an ankle injury. The situation was further complicated when Andrew Clough was forced off the court just before half-time with a serious ankle injury.

Warrandyte led 15-8 at the break and the question in the second half was if the depleted home side could hold on.

Eltham were applying all the early pressure and scored the first four points of the half.

The game was being played at a fast pace and all Redback players were making strong contributions, including Toby Versteegan and Zac Brodrick in broken play.

Warrandyte looked home when Charles Johnstone scored his third basket of the half to extend the margin to nine points with four minutes to go.

The Eltham coach was calling for a substitution on every violation in the last three minutes, stopping the clock on each occasion.

Eltham were slowly narrowing the gap, but just fell short when their final basket went in on the buzzer.

Johnstone and Jake Miller led Warrandyte's scoring with eight points each, with Kyle Pianta contributing seven despite his injury.

Not so fortunate were Paul Whittingham's Under-15 boys against Bulleen Templestowe, who were on fire in the first half with a high success rate and good outside shooting. Warrandyte on the other had were having trouble buying a basket and Bulleen were in control 30-10 at the break.

The game was quite physical and Warrandyte were able to match the visitors in the second half with talls Matt Peters and Daniel Hughes working



Former US collegiate star Maree Vincent revs up her Under-15s during their Saturday game against Balwyn. It worked, too, the Redbacks winning 29-7.

hard in the key. They won the second half but had conceded too great a start and went down 46-31. Ryan Holloway led the scoring with 10, followed by Peter Whittingham with eight and Matthew Peters with five.

In the lower age groups, both Redback sides went down. Mandy Ratcliffe's Under-9 boys were missing two key players but did well to be within striking distance at the break, down 13-18. The margin flattered Eltham and Warrandyte, inspired by Zac Plishka, had closed the gap to one point with five minutes of the half to go.

But Eltham's strong bench shut down the Redbacks in the second half and they went on to win 40-17. Plishka top-scored with nine, with four each from Nathan DeLacy and Zac Ratcliffe.

Damian Arsenis' Under-11 boys could not match Bulleen in the following game, going down 34-12. Jake Wintle led the scoring with five, with contributions from Jack Power, Jack Cousens and Sam Holsten.

Warrandyte's Under-13 A-grade girls had a strong 29-7 win over the top Balwyn side. The Redbacks' shots were clean,

exemplified by Sophie Richardson's outside shot in the second half for a beautiful swish. Unfortunately for her, the rules for Under-13s meant the shot counted for only two points.

All players contributed on the score sheet, led by Richardson with eight and Myka Johnston with six.

The team are forming a strong bond with their coach, former US collegiate star Maree Vincent, who combines their training with the Redbacks' Under-15 A-grade girls.

Lorraine Parfitt coached both her lower-aged sides to wins. The Under-9s defeated Eltham 22-16 after the scores were locked at 12-all at the break.

Warrandyte's centre Megan Keppell was proving troublesome for Eltham and led the scoring with 12, ably assisted by Simone Caruana with eight.

The Under-11 girls followed up with a 23-17 win over Eltham. Casey Taylor opened the scoring from the opening play for Warrandyte with a good lay-up, followed soon afterwards by a point to Kelly Peters from the free throw line.

Tall players Peters and Emma Miller were gaining valuable

possession in the key and good work around the court by Olivia Allardice and Jessica Killey saw the Redbacks comfortably in control 17-6 at the break. Eltham had the better of the second half but Warrandyte came home comfortable winners.

Peters led the scoring with seven, well supported by Gabi Mitchell with six and Hannah Bensch and Taylor with four each.

Warrandyte's Under-17s were unable to complete a good day for the top girls sides, going down 42-35 to Bulleen, who opened strongly and led 30-16 at the break.

The Redbacks welcomed a new player, Kristin Schmidt from Germany, who is staying with local basketball identities Gabi and Peter Byrne for six months. As the visitor settled in with her new team mates, Warrandyte were slowly coming back, and when Andrea Peters scored a three-pointer with 10 minutes to go to cut the margin to 10 points, there was a chance of an upset.

Bulleen were able to steady, however, and answered every Redback challenge.

Baskets galore for the big boys

Peter Clough's Under-18 Regional 1X boys kept their Friday night junior championship basketball hopes very much alive with a 50-40 win over Ringwood in an entertaining crossover game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre on June 24.

The result maintained the Redbacks in fifth spot in a closely competitive group.

The first half was tight, the Redbacks opening up an early lead and Ringwood coming back with the last score to trail by just one point at the break.

Warrandyte were able to maintain scoreboard pressure and established a winning lead with just under four minutes to go when Matthew Clough and Wade King teamed up in the key to extend the margin to 14 points.

With the game won, the pressure of the game was released and both sides put their scoring ability on display.

Hamish Hosking, with 16, and Luke Dimmock (15) led Warrandyte's scoring, but all players contributed to the result.

Earlier in the night, Ian Wood's Under-16 boys put on a professional display to defeat Knox 51-21. Knox were competitive to half-time, when they trailed 23-13, but their scoring dried up in the second half.

Ben Power (24 points) and Gavin Yates (16) were lead scorers in a game that maintained the Redbacks' excellent percentage and pressure on section leaders Eltham.

In Under-12 Metro 2, Damian Arsenis' boys recorded a solid 39-33 win over Cranbourne. Warrandyte are in eighth place but still in with real finals chance. Key games in the next couple of weeks will define the outcome.

In the Eastern 3 group, Malcolm Anderson's Under-12 boys had a lucky draw with Kilsyth with a 23-all result in a crossover game.

Kilsyth side led 13-11 at the break and appeared to have the match in hand with a three-point lead in the final seconds. But Warrandyte's last surge resulted in a three-point play to Michael DeLacy when he was fouled while putting up the successful shot.

The shot from the charity stripe found its mark to split the points with the visitors. Warrandyte remain clear section leaders.

Jenni O'Brien's Under-16 girls had an important win at Warrandyte High School court, defeating Waverley 33-25. The Redbacks started well and opened up a strong early lead with early goals to Ashlee O'Brien, Fiona Rennie and April Richardson, but Waverley came back towards the end of the half.

Waverley were closing the gap but Warrandyte were able to steady to share the points in the second half.

Key scoreboard contributor in this half was Rennie, with an impressive six out of a possible eight from the free throw line. Rennie finished with 14 points, Richardson 10 and O'Brien with seven.

Warrandyte are in a tight five-way battle for the final two places in the finals but have been in good recent form.

Signing on for summer

Warrandyte Basketball Association will hold their registration day for the next summer Saturday season on July 23, from 9am to 5am at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

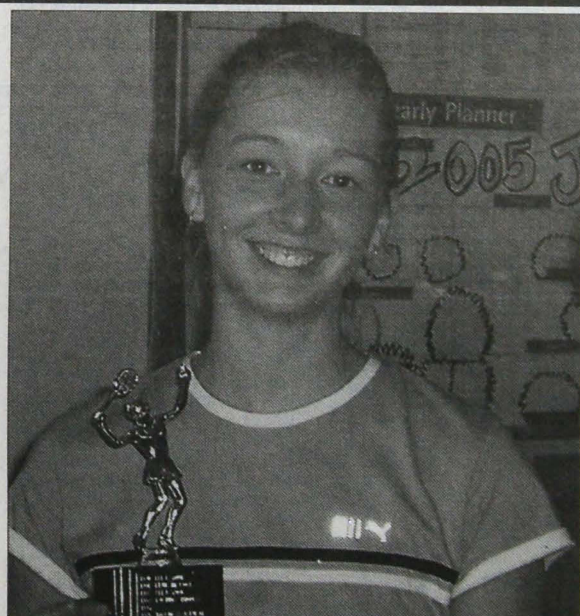
Registration forms for Under-8s to Under-20s, boys and girls, are also available on the association's web site and credit card facilities are available.

For further information, Tony Oliver on 9844 4287.

Young tennis guns are top guns



Outstanding Warrandyte Tennis Club prospects Joel Greve and Claire Bence won the 2005 titles in the recent Junior Masters event — the Top Gun Tournament



— at the Taroona Avenue courts. The tournament for the club's top group of juniors has been running annually since 1990.

Ballistyx fire the final telling shots



By CLINTON GRYBAS

Ballistyx are back atop senior men's basketball in Warrandyte after defeating Baghdad 56-45 in last month's Greyburn Cup grand final.

Captain Andrew Howey (10 points) proved the difference in an exciting finish by scoring key baskets and hauling in valuable rebounds.

A former NBL player who once boasted his own cheer squad in games at the Glasshouse, "Hammer" was delighted with the win.

"It's always fun to win with your mates, guys you grew up with, but it was hard work," Howey said. "We're not getting any younger."

"They are a very good team with lots of good shooters."

"Our job was to try to make them drive to the basket and then manage their press."

"They pressed the whole game and it's hard to maintain that intensity."

Ballistyx led 27-22 at half-time despite Baghdad's Dean Murray (a game-high 18) sparking from long range with four three-pointers.

The margin was just four points with eight minutes remaining before Dave Bolton (13 points) sparked a Ballistyx run with a lay-up.

Steve Killey (10) and then Paul Aspin eased the margin out to double figures with strong inside play and Ballistyx were home.

"They played the better basketball," said Baghdad's Alastair Henderson. "They controlled the boards, Andrew Howey was their go-to man and he controlled proceedings well."

Gavin Eddy contributed eight points for the winners and Tony Davis 11 for Baghdad, who had incited Ballistyx' only loss for the season, a 46-39 result in a semi-final.

Ballistyx then beat River Rats 50-37 to qualify for the big one.

The plastics won the B Division final against the Yellow Devils, David Watts scoring 11 points and Warwick Dickson 10 for the winners and losers respectively.

Tony Davis won the Cup's most valuable player award, edging out Darren Murphy by one vote, 29-28. Ashley Grybas and Luke Mitchell ran third and fourth, with 27 and 26 votes, in a blanket finish.

The new season began on Wednesday, July 13. Entries can still be taken through Gavin Eddy on 0418 800704.

Winners certainly are grinners as Ballistyx celebrate their Greyburn Cup victory. That's skipper Andrew Howey in the No 5.

Under-12s all the way

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte's Under-12 boys coached by Damian Arsenis came home with a premier-ship from the big annual Nunawading basketball tournament over the June holiday weekend.

Seven Warrandyte sides competed in the event and produced a number of other very satisfying results including a runners-up cup.

Arsenis' boys were unfortunately graded in the same division as those of Malcolm Anderson, who lost the all-Warrandyte Saturday clash 33-14.

Camberwell edged out Anderson's boys 30-29 in the round robin, putting the enthusiastic young Redbacks out of the semi-finals.

Competition in this grade was keen and close, Arsenis' side finishing on top and defeating Diamond Valley 40-31 in the preliminary final.

The final between Warrandyte and a second Diamond Valley side started slowly, the Eagles opening the scoring and Warrandyte



SPORT

when Nunawading quickly scored the first five points. Despite the result, coach Nick Peters was happy with his charges, noting that the final scoreline was one of the closest Nunawading had experienced.

This was also the last tournament for a number of the Redback girls, so the result was tinged with some sadness. Andrea Thomas, Lindel Thomas and Chelsea Crisp all scored for Warrandyte.

Lorraine Parfitt's Under-14 girls were the unlucky Redback side, missing out on the final on percentage. Three sides finished equal top with one loss each, but Warrandyte had the poorest percentage.

Parfitt had used some of the easier games to give all players good court time, which will pay dividends in the long term.

Jenni O'Brien's Under-16 girls lost their preliminary final 38-25 against ultimate section winners Diamond Valley.

when Nunawading quickly scored the first five points.

Despite the result, coach Nick Peters was happy with his charges, noting that the final scoreline was one of the closest Nunawading had experienced.

This was also the last tournament for a number of the Redback girls, so the result was tinged with some sadness.

Andrea Thomas, Lindel Thomas and Chelsea Crisp all scored for Warrandyte.

Lorraine Parfitt's Under-14 girls were the unlucky Redback side, missing out on the final on percentage. Three sides finished equal top with one loss each, but Warrandyte had the poorest percentage.

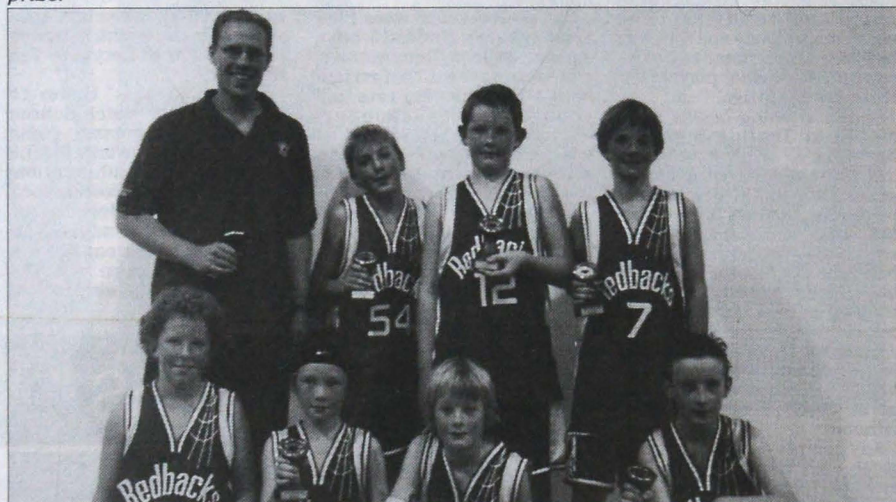
Parfitt had used some of the easier games to give all players good court time, which will pay dividends in the long term.

Jenni O'Brien's Under-16 girls lost their preliminary final 38-25 against ultimate section winners Diamond Valley.

More basketball Page 17



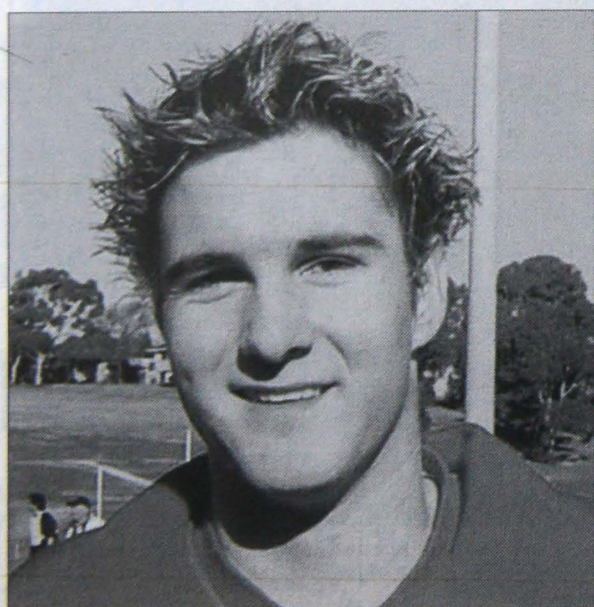
It's a drink and a pep talk from coach Damian Arsenis in at half-time in the Under-12 boys final at the Nunawading tournament. And to make it all worthwhile (below) the ultimate prize.



Goal kicking record under threat

Michael Morello's long standing goal kicking record at Warrandyte Junior Football Club is under threat from young man mountain Josh Cunningham (right).

The 2001 record of 77 goals in a Colts season is exposed, with Cunningham just seven behind with five rounds to go. Thanks largely to his "super boot" the Colts are sitting second on the ladder. In two consecutive rounds this season he kicked 24 goals.



Juniors aim for five

By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

With five rounds to go, Warrandyte Junior Football Club are realistically aiming at having as many as five teams in the Yarra league finals.

Only two of the club's seven teams — excluding the Under-9s, who do not play for premier-ship points — are out of the running.

Shaun Wilson's Under-17 Colts are a clear second on their ladder and while they rue a draw earlier in the season, their percentage of 180 and continuing good form will see them play finals football.

After a 138-point thrashing of Fitzroy and a 17-point win over Bulleen Templestowe, their recent 35-point loss to top-placed Doncaster (13-12-90 to 8-7-55) was a timely reality check.

A 13-point win (89-57 to 68-44) win over Doncaster Heights 2 at their latest outing reinforced their position.

"These boys had had a couple of tough games — especially against Doncaster — which was a useful reminder to players like Alex Beltramin, Hamish Hoskings, Beau Tobin, Travis Parsonage, James Johnson, Nick Mead, Scott Allwood, Pat Nicol and Luke Saunders that they have to play the full four quarters every game and stick to the plan," said team manager Brad Curtis.

The Under-15s have had an amazing month of football with wins over Fitzroy (53 points), St Damien's (45 points), Richmond (16 points) and most recently Park Orchards (84 points) to have them leading

their ladder with a 9-3 win-loss ratio.

"The boys knew they had to put together back-to-back wins and they are facing the rest of season full of confidence" said team manager Sharen Vaughan.

"Ben Power is giving us the drive we need and he is well supported by players like Patrick Eddy, Heath Corke, Tom Lavery, Luke Miller, Peter Whittingham, Jordan Hutchins, Clayton Pearce and Jack Wright, who give a path direct to goal."

Big wins over Doncaster Heights by 108 points and Surrey Park by 203 points (33.12-210 to 1.1-7) have the Under-14s one game out of the four but still with a real chance of playing in the finals.

"While we are out of the four,

That sinking feeling

Fourth Division looms larger for the Bloods

By LEE TINDALE

Despite turning in perhaps their gutsiest performance of the season, Warrandyte Football Club plunged deeper into the EDFL relegation zone on July 9.

The young Bloods went down by 19 points to Nunawading at home in a result in doubt until the last few minutes. But any gloss associated with a very honourable defeat was removed immediately after the game when they learned that Heathmont — the only other contenders for the Third Division wooden spoon — had moved a game and further percentage points clear of them with an upset win over Mooroolbark.

Warrandyte now face an herculean task in their last five matches to avoid their first-ever visit to Fourth Division. They must pick up at least one of their next four games — while wishing the worst upon Heathmont, last season's Division 4 premiers and the only team they have so far beaten — and defeat them again in Round 18 on August 14.

A tall order indeed. The two clubs have almost identical runs home, Warrandyte's starting away against middle-of-the-ladder Mooroolbark and Heathmont's against unbeaten Doncaster East on July 16.

"Win two games and we stay in this division," Bloods coach Peter Green told his players after they had received a winners' reception after the game against Nunawading.

Despite the loss, Green was full of praise for his troops. "It's fantastic that you're starting to show some passion," he said. "Fantastic to see you guys sick of losing."

"We were not quite good enough, but the desire, intensity and commitment were there. There was hunger out there today."

Indeed, the final score of 8.9 (57) to 5.8 (38) in a game condemned by the weather to a four-quarter arm wrestle probably flattered the visitors.

It was never going to be pretty and for the most part it was downright ugly — but rain-affected football is rarely a thing of beauty.

The game started in the best possible way for the Bloods, with big Campbell Holland freed in front within a minute and making the most of it.

Nunawading took more than 10 minutes to respond, those minutes seeing the ball more often than not at the bottom of packs. And with it at the bottom of most of those packs was Matt Wood.

The Warrandyte skipper spends a lot of time down there, when he's not performing the kicking-out duties and setting up play around the ground and his game was outstanding.

Much of the first quarter was confined to Nunawading's forward half, but Warrandyte were defending fiercely and giving very little away. Still, goals at 16 and 23 minutes sent the visitors into the first break with a 12-point lead, 3.2 (20) to 1.2 (8).

Green entreated his players to adapt to the conditions, kick long and forget about high marking and think chest.

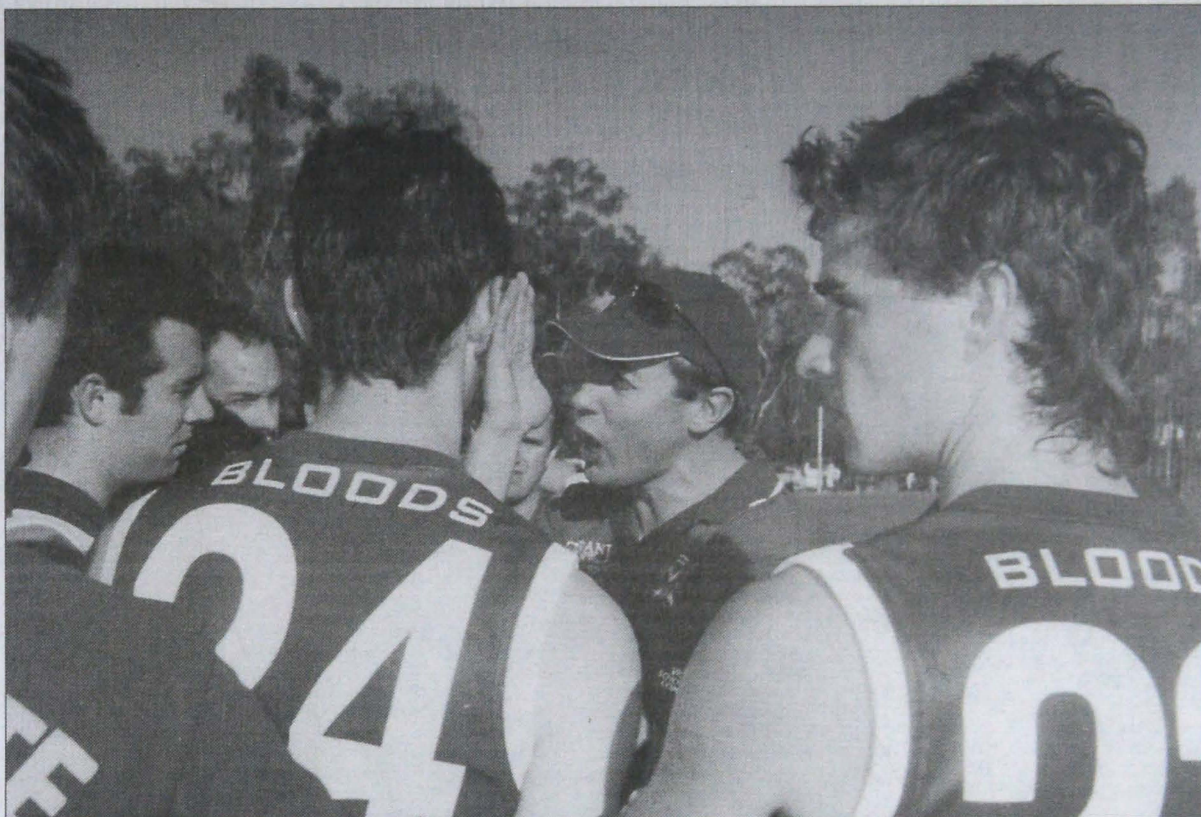
The Warrandyte defence was again under pressure early in the second term, but goals were harder to come by than free kicks our way.

Almost half the quarter had elapsed before the goal umpires were obliged to reach for two flags when Nunawading split the middle from an acute angle, but Clint Wheatley pulled that one back almost immediately after marking in front and Craig Dick to Adam Kearney at 17 minutes saw us just seven points adrift.

It had become Warrandyte's turn to apply the pressure up forward, but two set shots by Kearney produced just the one behind and Nunawading made us pay by snapping a late goal in one of their few recent attacks.

At half-time it was 5.3 (33) to 3.3 (21) and we had quite a game on our hands.

If goals had been scarce so far



Warrandyte coach Peter Green lays down the law at three-quarter time. Unfortunately, the Bloods were not quite up to it.



they were even more so in the third quarter. Nunawading managed just two behinds and the Bloods would have been similarly starved but for Wheatley, who took a great grab on the siren and steered it through to make it a five-point ball game, 5.5 (35) to 4.6 (30).

Little can be said about the general play because it was generally all you could expect, given the conditions. But it was tough, uncompromising football, with Warrandyte giving as good as they got, and perhaps with interest.

Wood continued to epitomise the Bloods' commitment to winning the hard ball — and there weren't a lot of easy ones in this game.

"We've got them on the ropes, now we've got to get them out of the ring," Green told the three-quarter-time huddle. "You guys want it more."

"One goal will win this game. The team who kick it will win it — and that's going to be us."

For quite a while there it looked as if one goal would indeed be enough — but how elusive it was. Behinds were traded as first one team then the other forced the ball forward with brute force, but the

breakthrough came for Nunawading after 14 minutes when a free kick in front — a decision roundly booed by the local crowd — gave them a 13-point break, 6.9 (45) to 4.8 (32).

But Warrandyte were not quite done yet and when Aidan Davey marked and goaled seven minutes later it was just seven points again.

Unfortunately, that situation was to last less than a minute when a glaring mistake by a defence which had held firm all afternoon saw Nunawading run into an open goal.

The Bloods continued to throw everything into the fray, but 13 points became 19 when the Nunawading threaded one through with 26 minutes gone.

Game over — but not the hostilities, a skirmish in front of the pavilion after the siren giving an already vocal crowd a little more to shout about.

Warrandyte's goalkickers were Wheatley 2, Holland, Kearney and Davey. Their best were Wood, Dick, Rick Templeton, James Logan, Davey and John Potter.

The reserves, who had broken the season's ice the previous week at Coldstream, were well beaten by Nunawading, a top-four side.

Final score was 9.13 (67) to 4.5 (29), the Bloods best served by Brian Elliott, Ricky Bourke and Cal Haskins.



Warrandyte Football Club were presented with a cheque for \$500 last month as a winner earlier this season of TXU-Football Victoria's Community Club of the Week Award. The award, which also carries a plaque, recognises a football club's input into the community. Here, WFC president Phil Treeby accepts the cheque from Football Victoria's Peter McDonald.

We'll all drink to that!

Warrandyte Football Club have joined the Good Sports program aimed at the responsible serving and consumption of alcohol among sporting clubs.

The Victorian Government-sponsored program is run over three stages. Warrandyte have already completed and passed the first stage, which deals with proper signage at the bar underlining the liquor laws.

"The Good Sports people acknowledge that the service of alcohol at sporting clubs is a matter of making money but say it should not be the No 1 priority," said WFC committeeman Brian Williams.

"They have found that by introducing such occasions as family days, what is lost across the bar is made up in increased membership."

of a kind in a footy season of plenty

our high percentage gives us the opportunity to keep the heat on the top teams and you never know," said first-year coach Andrew Gordon.

"Our latest result, a 33-point win over Doncaster, keeps our dream alive. We will look to players such as Nathan Brown, Nick Moore, Tyler Arnold, Andrew Bird, Morrison Birznieks, Pat Pardoe and Sam Casey to keep up their work rate."

The Under-13s, sixth on the ladder with a 7-5 record after a slow start to the season, will struggle to make the finals, but coaches Chris Appleby and Jim McKee continue to keep them motivated and keen to perform.

Consecutive victories over Greythorn (53 points), Doncaster (six points), Fitzroy

(49 points) and Ivanhoe (56 points) have rescued their season.

Team manager Paul Van Der Zant nominated such players as Alex Sabo, Jake Van Der Zant, Jack Berriman, Lachlan Chapman, Anthony Haikal, Josh Harris, Jake McKee, Toby Veerstegen and Sam Allardice as prime movers behind the team's improvement.

The Under-12s have had a tough year and have virtually no chance of playing in the finals, but a 3-9 win-loss ratio belies their potential.

The boys, undersized and undermanned, bounced back from a defeat by Doncaster to beat higher-placed Beverley Hills by 52 points and were anything but disgraced by a 20-point loss to second-placed Kew. Their latest

result was a 35-point loss to Surrey Park.

"These boys have an amazing work ethic," said coach Andrew Wildsmith, "and players like TJ Law, Mitchell Gaffney, Michael Ashfield, Taylor Hayton, Nicholas Tookie-Knowles, Sam Beasley, Dan Tester, Stephen Wildsmith and Johnny Dobbie are improving with every game."

Greg Edwards's Under-11s continue to share top spot on the elite Gold Division ladder after easily defeating Camberwell White. They had previously accounted for after accounting for Hawthorn Citizens (11 points), Canterbury (63) and Park Orchards (eight points).

"Players like Darcy Lang, Rowan McKenzie, Jarrod Buzzini, Andrew Woodward,

Toby Ward, Neil Brown, Matt O'Neil, Tom Ellis, Daniel Nilsson, James Fisher, James Mitchell and Nathan Upson are finding Gold Division to be a massive learning curve and their football skills are benefiting from the experience," said team manager Isabelle Woodin.

Despite a last-start three-point loss to second-placed Bulleen Templestowe, the Under-10s are clear leaders on their ladder and had sweet revenge recently against St Mary's, the only other team to have beaten them.

"If these boys remain focused, support each other and stick to the game plan we will give the finals series a real shake," said coach Shane Newman.

"I am confident that players of the calibre of Michael Holloway,

Callum Chapman, Bas Falcone, Joe Hardy, Aaron McFarlane, Levi Polkinghorne, Matt Collins and Bradley Stone will continue to respond to every challenge."

It has been a big year for Peter Stafford's Under-9 Tackers, who play for the fun of it and have had impressive recent hits against such competitive teams as Banyule Blue, Banyule Maroon and St Damien's.

It's well worth going along to see the likes of Tara Brown, Matthew Wilson, Lachlan Wintle, Brendan Stafford, Sheldon Schuyler, Joshua Rowarth, Kyal Norris, and Hewitt Murray demonstrate their fast-developing skills.

For more information about the junior club, contact president Steve Blakey on 9844 4993 or Kevin O'Mara (9844 2964).

Bendigo banks on the kids

The local branch of the Bendigo Bank has kicked another goal for the community by taking Warrandyte Junior Football Club under its sponsorship wing.

Branch manager Mark Challen presented club president Steve Blakey with a cheque at a training session last month.

It is the latest on a list of Bendigo Bank financial contributions to local groups, sporting and otherwise.

LANDFIELD

domain

realestateview.com.au

www.landfield.com.au

realestate.com.au

4 times the exposure

When it comes to the internet why limit yourself to just one site? We quadruple your exposure & cast the net wider to reach more buyers for your home.

Call now and let us show you how to maximise your market — 9844 3085.

9 8 4 4 3 0 8 5

1 8 3 - 1 8 7 Y A R R A S T R E E T W A R R A N D Y T E

FOR SALE WARRANDYTE

26A Mullens Road

"Investment Opportunity"

Currently leased till December 2005, this delightful 3 bedroom home would appeal to investors and home owners alike. Offering family room with open fire place, kitchen/meals, family bathroom and a large deck.

Price: \$360-390k plus
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE NORTH WARRANDYTE

109 Research Warrandyte Rd

"Embrace me or replace me"

Situated on a generous allotment (approx 1/4 acre) in a basic, but liveable condition, this home will appeal to those looking for an affordable foothold in the area or those looking for land to build their dream home. The cottage comprises 2BRs, bathroom with spa bath, kitchen with meals area and informal lounge/dining room.

\$280-320k
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE NORTH WARRANDYTE

9 Hamilton Road

"You can't take the view away"

Keep the views forever with this quiet, convenient and comfortable home with feature brick, cathedral ceilings, timber dado, lounge with OFP, fully equipped kitchen, formal dining, meals, 3 robed BRs, ensuite, bathroom plus hydronic heating, rumpus/games & office, fenced pool, spa, carport & bitumen drive.

Price: Mid \$500's
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE WARRANDYTE

22 Osborne Road

"An acre of views & Yarra"

A Warrandyte acre with outstanding views is tempting and made all the more appealing with Yarra frontage. But the clincher has to be the sensational tri-level home with 3 living areas, fully equipped kitchen, meals area, 4 robed BRs, ensuite, den/retreat, main bathroom with spa. Also a deck with views, carport, and wellworn track down to the Yarra.

Price: \$525k plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE NORTH WARRANDYTE

73 Kangaroo Ground Road

"Wonderful tri-level home"

3BRs (master with ensuite & WIR) open plan study, large family, mod kitchen with sep meals and park-like 1/3 acre block (approx). Features include duct heating, evap cooling, in/out bitumen drive with option to convert under house storage into a rumpus.

Price: \$380-420k plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



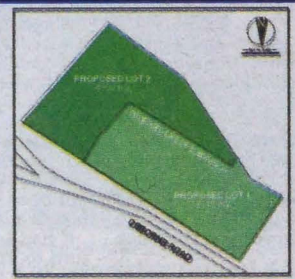
FOR SALE NORTH WARRANDYTE

38 Osborne Road

"Choose your acre with plans and permits"

There can only be one thing better than an acre 50 metres from the Yarra — and that would be a choice of two blocks! Both have plans and permits and only one block will be sold with the other retained by the vendor. Choose your block, build your home, and enjoy the great views, wildlife, the sounds of the rapids and location, moments from Warrandyte. Inspection by appointment.

Price: \$380-420k buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE WARRANDYTE NORTH

33 Blooms Road

"Large family living"

When space is what you need, look no further than this large family home with 5BRs plus study (or 6th BR), large rumpus, lounge/dining, kitchen/meals. Also ducted heating/vacuum, fresh paint, new carpet and 1/3 acre block.

Price: \$460k buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE KINGLAKE

1140 Glenburn Road

"200 glorious acres"

A short drive off the Melba Hwy this picturesque property of 200 prime grazing acres includes a basic weekender shack, crystal clear spring water fed into large s/s tanks, dams, sheds, good fencing. Offered as land only or as walk-in, walk-out venture with existing stock and machinery. \$790k plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161



FOR SALE KANGAROO GROUND

305 Kangaroo Ground Road

"The views are free"

A glorious partly cleared 17.5 acres offering stunning views, cleared home site with driveway and room for a pony or two. Only moments from Warrandyte and Eltham, this is a rare opportunity not to be missed.

Price: \$650k plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR LEASE OR SALE WONGA PARK

68-70 Jumping Creek Road

Expressions of Interest

Wonga Park's Jumping Creek Inn (Orianos) offers an amazing freehold opportunity for the investor or restaurateur. Fully licensed with 80+ seat capacity, fully equipped commercial kitchen, walk-in cool-room, parking & space downstairs that could be separately tenanted. Register your interest for sales & leasing. \$700k plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161



FOR SALE KANGAROO GROUND

85 Donaldson Road

"Oakfield Hall"

This magnificent Yarra Valley property offers 12.5 acres of fertile ground with a further 3 acres of landscaped gardens. The grand architect designed 4 bedroom plus study home of award winning builders comes complete with a separate historical bungalow, tennis court, swimming pool and more.

Price: \$2 million plus buyers
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



FOR SALE WARRANDYTE SOUTH

488 Ringwood-Warrandyte Rd

"The charm of yesteryear"

This new 2 bedroom home offers the charm of yesteryear with a sleek modern interior. It features air conditioning, open plan living spaces, mezzanine master bedroom with WIR, soaring ceilings, polished timber floors and a rear deck with amazing views.

Price: Mid \$300's
Anthony Hansen 0417 850 950
Dominic Cruz 0409 410 161
Andrew Wilson 0408 315 927



www.landfield.com.au