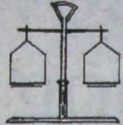


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'Yes' to extension at cemetery

Tribunal gives interim approval

By SAM DAVIES and CLIFF GREEN

The controversial proposal to further enlarge the Warrandyte cemetery appears set to proceed.

The Andersons Creek Cemetery Trust has been given interim approval to expand the cemetery.

Two panel members of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal handed down the interim decision in favour of the trust in mid-July, on the condition plans were modified to increase the distance between graves and the house at 22 Brackenbury Street.

A group of concerned local residents, previously vocal in opposition to the cemetery expansion, declined to comment on the decision.

The trust has been seeking additional space for the cemetery for a number of years.

In November 2001, residents in Tindals Road grew alarmed at the prospect of an annexe to the cemetery being built in their area.

By late 2003 attention had shifted back to land adjoining the cemetery, formerly owned by the Catholic Church. "We've paid a deposit and purchase is subject to the land being rezoned by council and a planning permit being issued," John Chapman, chairman of the trust, said.

Residents living close by strongly objected. "Everybody's totally opposed to the idea," Judy Cook told the *Diary*. Lack of parking was a principal reason, but as the residents' campaign progressed, a number of other issues were raised. These included noise associated with grave digging, the emotional effects of distressing scenes of grief and the environmental impact of toxic material escaping from graves and seeping into groundwater, then waterways, creeks and ultimately the Yarra River.

The problem with groundwater was dismissed by the EPA, DSE and Yarra Valley Water and a consultant hired by the trust.

The trust argued that a proposed buffer of trees and land-

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"Everyone will be dying to get a plot, Ock!"

scaping would sufficiently insulate the extension from nearby houses.

The campaign was bitter and hard-fought. Large banners stating "No, no, no new cemetery!" were draped along Yarra Street and more than 250 objections to the proposal were lodged with Manningham council.

In September 2004, council refused to rezone the land for use as a cemetery, acting against the advice of their officers.

The opposing residents were delighted.

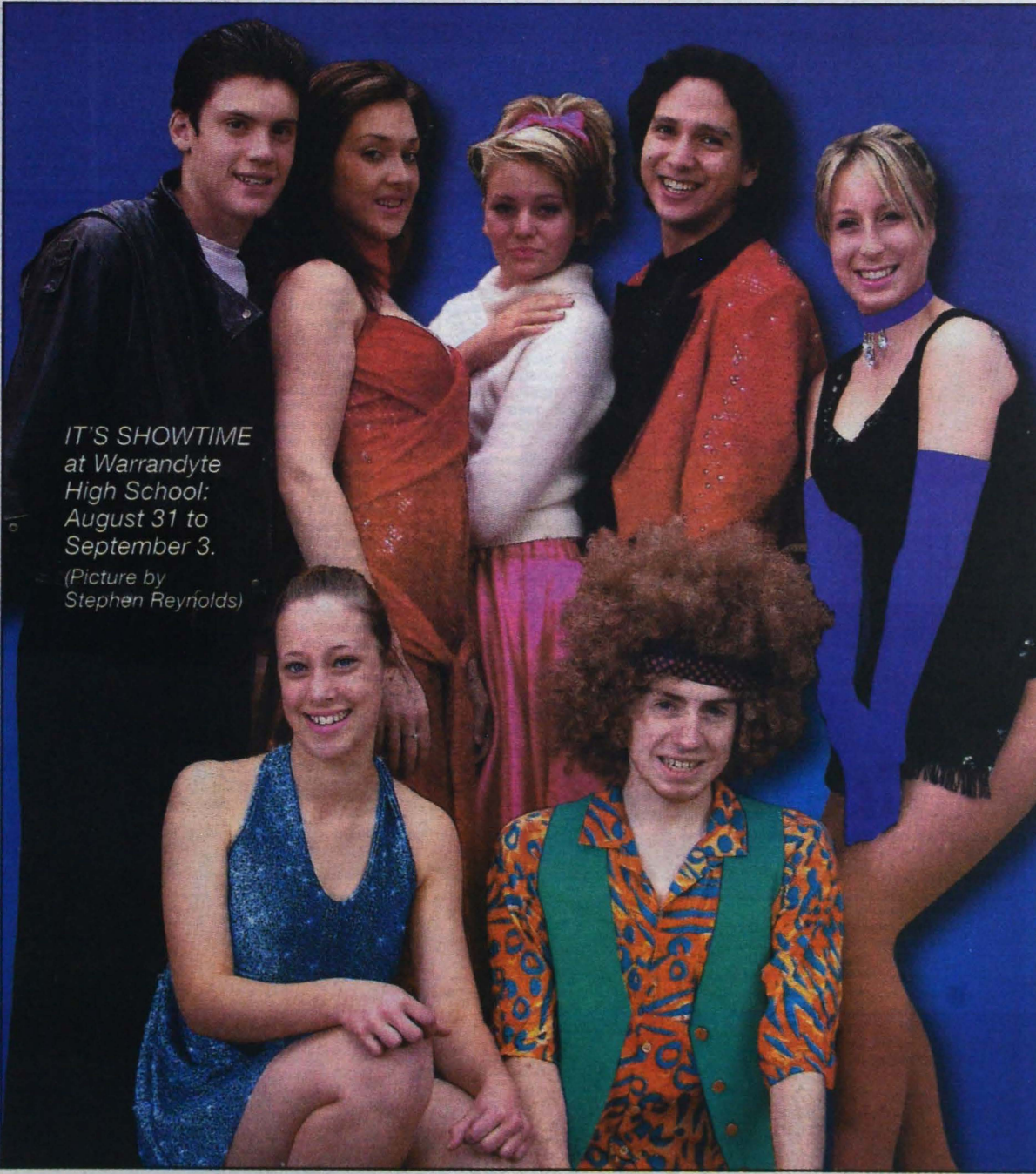
Meanwhile, the trust had sought a planning opinion and were advised that rezoning was unnecessary. The current zoning permitted use of the land as a cemetery.

The trust approached council once more, this time for a permit to carry out "earthworks and vegetation removal for development and use of the land for a cemetery".

Once again, council officers supported the application, stating: "It is considered an appropriate use and development of the site. The extension will provide an essential public service. The impact will be minimal with appropriate landscape treatment along all boundaries."

But once again councillors voted it down.

The trust then appealed to VCAT, requesting the overturning of council's decision. This was granted.



IT'S SHOWTIME at Warrandyte High School: August 31 to September 3. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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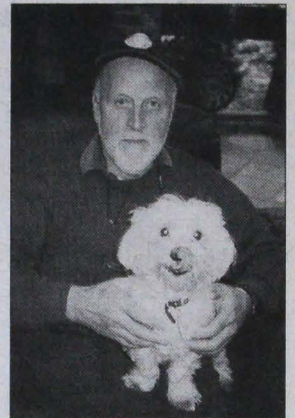
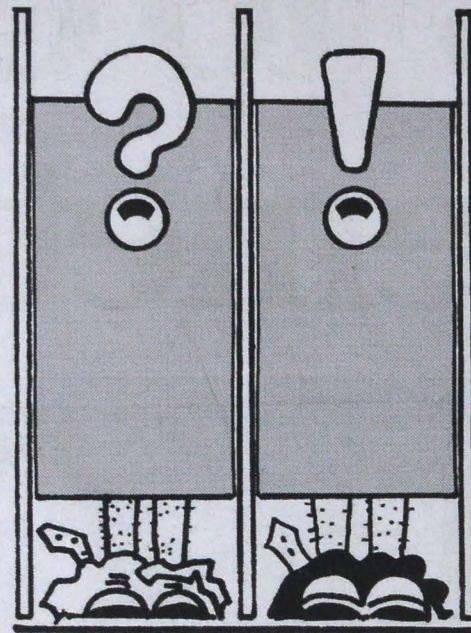


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Communication breakdown in a swish Melbourne bog

 Ray Haynes, our noted musician of Castle Road, did his good deed for the month by taking an elderly friend into the city for a medical appointment and while waiting was caught somewhat short. A resourceful fellow, he found his way to the very nice public toilet of one of Melbourne's most prestigious hotels and had no sooner got himself seated and comfy than the guy in the next cubicle said: "G'day!" Ray rather nervously returned the greeting and the guy followed up with: "Howya been going?" "Good thanks," Ray replied. "So whattaya been doing?" asked his new-found buddy. "I've just brought a friend into the city for a medical appointment," said Ray. At this point the guy said: "Listen, sorry mate, I'll have to call you back later. The idiot in the next room keeps trying to have a conversation with me!"



Terry Booth


told us: "Old Paradians defender Terry Booth celebrated his 100th game against the Blacks by playing one of his 'best ever' games. Terry was the fourth member of the 'famous' Booth family to represent Paradians. His father Bill was a player in the early years of the club. Older brothers John and Peter had by now played 370 games between them with more to come." Terry's in his early 60s now and his knees are less than 100 per cent, but the way the Bloods have been going this season he could be a superstar once more should he decide to pull on the boots again at the local reserve in 2006.

 Only a couple of days after TXU spent all our electricity bill money on changing its logo to TRU, the folk of Castle Road had an unpleasant surprise. A transformer on a pole chucked a wobbly and put 415 volts down the mains of most homes in the road, popping just about every appliance that was plugged in. Damage claim forms have been dished out. The TV commercials assure us that TRU is excited about electricity. But the folk of Castle Road are somewhat less so.



In her excellent 2001 book "Green Over Gold", *Diary* nature writer Pat Coupar made it quite clear what she thought about the agapanthus, which she described as one of the most planted plants in gardens throughout Melbourne, including Warrandyte. "I loathe them," Pat said, pointing to this South African lily's nasty habit of stepping out of line and going walkabout in the bush to integrate with our native vegetation. We didn't have the nerve, then, to tell Pat that some folk up on Research Road were not only cultivating her pet aversion but giving the bloody things away. Generous, well-meaning folk, to be sure, but environmentally misguided.

 Another excerpt from a book (working title "Bloodstained Warriors") to be released early next season to celebrate 100 years of football in Warrandyte: "The 1986 season saw the committee bow to petticoat rule by allowing wives and girlfriends to travel to away games on the team bus. The choir work on the trips home had been crying out for soprano voices — and it certainly cleaned up the lyrics!"

 Gee, how modest a bloke is Terry Booth? Terry, of Drysdale Road, has lived among us for a lot of years now without once (to our knowledge anyway) strutting about spruiking his credentials as a football hero of yore. We expose him now courtesy of the "Retrospective" page in a recent edition of the Amateur Footballer, the Victorian Amateur Football Association's weekly record. Harking back to 1965, it

 And what's on offer (among other things) this month from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery? The purple-sheath tussock grass (*Poa ensiformis*), one of our most attractive native grasses, whose reddish-purple sheath around the lower part of the leaf makes it a stand-out. Quick growing and fond of the damp, it is most effective when planted in groups on a slope, its long, bright green leaves forming a dramatic fountain. The nursery is at the rangers depot and the manager will happily field inquiries on 0408 317327.



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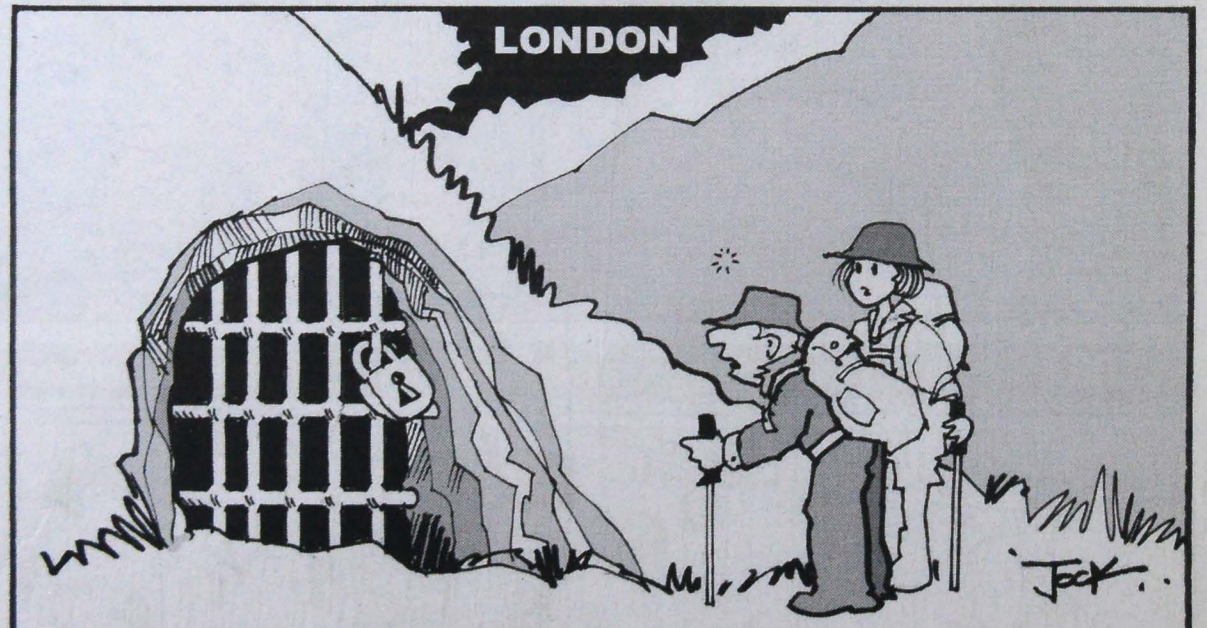
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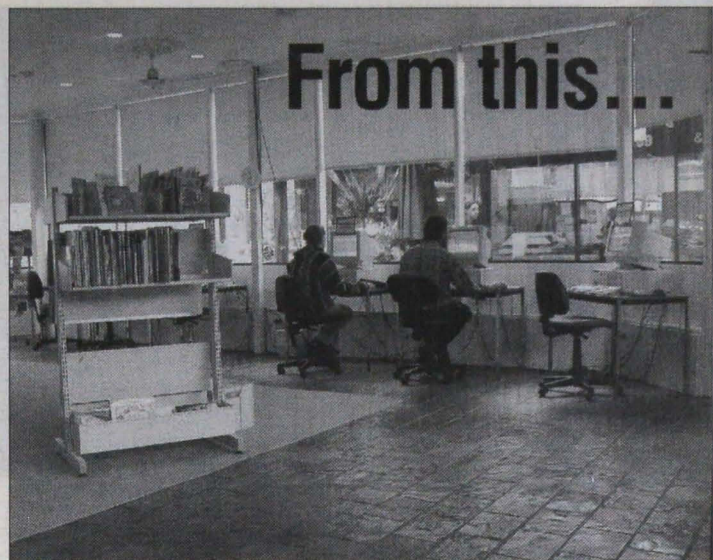
A SPECIAL PLACE
Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 24km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character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

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



I reckon Parks Victoria could teach the Poms a thing or two about underground security...



From this...



...to this

Our books are on the move

A decision by Manningham council to re-locate and enlarge Warrandyte's virtual library brings a long-held local dream of a full-blown municipal library in the town that much closer.

Council, in conjunction with the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation, is moving the Warrandyte virtual library to higher-tech, bigger and more accessible premises.

The library is moving from its current site in the Goldfields Shopping Plaza to a new location at shop 2, 100 Melbourne Hill Road, opening on Tuesday, August 16.

A council spokesperson told the *Diary* that the virtual library was first developed in 1999 when council examined ways of providing library services to the eastern section of the municipality.

"It was the first of its type in Victoria and removed the barrier of distance and offered an innovative and cost-effective way of providing library services to previously under-served areas," the spokesperson said.

"The virtual library has enabled

the delivery of library services to patrons without requiring them to physically visit a library branch location to search the catalogue, place reservations, renew items on loan or to make reference requests.

"We are sure that users of the current service will appreciate the advantages of the new location with an increased book stock, improved layout, extra program space, five internet terminals with wireless technology, audio visual services.

There will also be a range of magazines and newspapers, a children's area and other facilities. Story time will become a regular feature at the library.

The library will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 2.15pm and 5.15pm, on Friday between 9am and 12noon and on Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Local residents are also able to access library catalogues and other information 24 hours a day from home, school or the office by contacting the Whitehorse Manningham Library Corporation's website at www.wev.vic.gov.au.

Above left: The virtual library at Goldfields Plaza. Above: New library premises at 100 Melbourne Hill Road. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

One step closer to a 'real' library

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte had a library more than 125 years ago, when a Mechanics' Institute was first established, but a full-blown municipal library has never existed in the town.

When the new community centre was being planned, it was assumed that a branch library would be included. However, The Pines shopping centre was built, and council believed the library there would adequately serve Warrandyte.

In May 1997, local resident Anthea Philippou, a librarian, circulated a petition calling for library facilities in Warrandyte, especially for the young and elderly. She believed locals should be able to walk or cycle to their library.

A few months later, the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research announced in the Weekend Australian that Warrandyte had the greatest number of potential book buyers

per capita in Australia. Their survey found that we spent an estimated \$5.65 per week on books, the highest in the country.

The institute conducting the survey explained that Warrandyte had relatively large households with children, and most importantly was well represented by educational professionals.

The Warrandyte community hoped that Manningham council would take the hint and provide the town with proper library facilities.

Eighteen months later, Manningham council announced that Warrandyte was to get its long-awaited library—a "virtual library without walls", operated electronically by computers. But virtually without books, although a few were added later.

Now this virtual library is shifting to larger premises, with more books and improved services. One step nearer to a full library service.

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"A virtual library is a library you get when you're not getting a library, Ock!"



Firefighting funds on offer

Warrandyte State Park has received \$30,000 to assist with bushfire preparedness.

Granted under the Australian government's bushfire mitigation program, this funding will be spent on the construction and maintenance of local bushfire trail networks and on signage along the trails.

"Fire trails are important resources in the facilitation of bushfire prevention and mitigation works," local federal MP Kevin Andrews told the *Diary* as he announced the grant earlier this month.

State government agencies, local councils and other key local stakeholders will be involved in the development of applications, or as partners, where matching funding is available.

The federal government is making available \$24million

over three years to assist local communities better prepare for bushfires, with \$15million allocated towards the bushfire mitigation program.

These funds will be matched by the states.

"The bushfire mitigation program complements existing fire risk management activities in Victoria," Mr Andrews said.

"The program works in conjunction with the state bushfire mitigation priorities and assessment procedures."

Governments, industry and the community can minimise the impact of bushfires on life, property and the environment.

Applications for funding of suitable projects under the program in 2005-06 will be open until September 30, 2005, through the Country Fire Authority.

Further information about the bushfire mitigation program is available from the Country Fire Authority at 9262 8391 or at www.dotars.gov.au.

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One for the ring road...

What an excellent letter from Brian Laurence in last month's *Diary* on the need for the ring road. When we moved to Research Road some 24 years ago you could stand at the bottom of our driveway and listen to the birds in the trees and the ripple of the water in the stream that fronts the road. Now we live on a major road and are drowned out by the constant sound of traffic. Research Road, the bridge and Ringwood Road now form a main arterial for commuter traffic from Greensborough and Eltham on one side, to Ringwood, Croydon and Bayswater on the other. These roads were not designed for, and are not

suitable to take this traffic. Yes, please, let's have the ring road completed and another bridge across the Yarra. It is thanks to the actions of protesters in the past that today's freeways can be designed and constructed with due consideration for the environment and for minimising noise to residents. Let us put our efforts into encouraging completion of this road in as environmentally friendly a fashion as possible, and take this through traffic off our village streets.

David Hogg
Research Road

...and one against

Brian Laurence suggests that a tollway extension of the Western Ring Road through Warrandyte would be beneficial. He thinks that it would stop the week-day morning congestion of hundreds of cars waiting to get across the river. But would these drivers be willing to pay a toll?

We know that tolls are unpopular. The Opposition believes that its strongest chance to defeat the Bracks government lies in the toll that the government wants to charge on the Mitcham-Frankston Tollway (or EastLink).

If drivers are not willing to pay a toll, then they will continue old usage patterns and there will be no decrease in traffic congestion. Indeed the

development that comes from such a road (just think of what lies beside the Western Ring Road) could easily cause an increase in congestion of local streets.

I am also concerned about the monstrous impact this would have on local flora and fauna. How are our kangaroos and wallabies going to cross a six-lane road? The wildlife corridor linking Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground state parks should not be obliterated under the cut-and-fill required to carve acres of tarmac through our steep hills and deep valleys.

Stephen Clendinnen
North Warrandyte

DEAR DIARY

And one for the bush

Recently, because of roadworks near Springvale Road, I had occasion to drive through a part of Donvale I had never seen before.

I was transported into a different world that might have been Hollywood, and I wondered what would be the future of my beloved Warrandyte, for I didn't think I could identify one native plant in the area I drove through.

Certainly the area was quite lovely, but not to me. This was something separate and apart from nature. It was a botanical garden fantasia of every exotic plant imaginable, where the Australian flora and fauna had no place.

I feel in a rural area such as this, rural land if subdivided needs to be planted with indigenous plants to retain the rural feel of the area, but more importantly to increase species and not make them extinct because of indifference and ignorance. If we could all plant one-third or even two thirds of our gardens with indigenous or native plants, we could retain the rural character of this beautiful area, to some extent at least.

Unfortunately in this country we suffer from a cultural cringe where we prefer any international influence to our own. The flora and fauna of this country is as unique as any in this world and is worth preserving.

Ron Bence
Hawkes Road



Kayakers and canoeists request river access above the Pound Bend tunnel. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

Track closure

On passing recently, I noticed with much disappointment the closure of the track giving access to the eastern end of the Pound Bend tunnel on Everard Drive, perhaps as a result of the coronial inquiry into last year's drowning, which is now underway.

This track provides access to walkers, and in summer, many people who enjoy the thrill of riding li-locs, tyre tubes or any floating device through the tunnel.

If the track is to be permanently closed, denial of access to the river at this particularly unique location will be sorely missed, mostly by kayakers and canoeists.

Kayakers and canoeists alike are able to drop in at this location and paddle virtually a full loop around Pound Bend, returning approximately 300 metres away from where they entered the river.

I understand the track has been closed due to its severe state of disrepair and it is dangerous, requiring re-grading of steps and handrails to

conform to Australian Standards.

I am deeply concerned that we may lose access to the river at this location if funding is not made available to repair it.

Chris Donald
West End Road

They were friends

Old-timers in Warrandyte recall stories of Professor William Alexander Osborne, for whom Osborne Road in North Warrandyte is named, talking freely with the bus driver, the factory worker and electrical linesman. Professor Osborne was for 37 years professor of physiology at the University of Melbourne, a linguist and lifelong classics scholar who wrote nature notes.

Is Warrandyte still a place where intellectuals and tradesmen can exchange news and views?

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Chapel windows safe

"Both sides have compromised, we can understand their concerns, and we knew there was history, ... I don't think anyone will be disappointed when they see the end result."

— Dwayne Schuyler

By SAM DAVIES

Work has started on renovations to the former Gospel Chapel, with five historic leadlight windows to remain in place following successful consultation with the owners, council and community groups.

The Warrandyte Historical Society and the Warrandyte Community Association objected to the original plans which would have removed the windows.

The memorial windows were donated by well-known local families in 1948.

The extension will involve extensive re-stumping and chapel co-owner Dwayne Schuyler said he had initially received poor advice about how to preserve the windows, but after consulting with a local lead-light specialist, he was confident the windows would no longer be adversely affected by the changes.

Mr Schuyler has applied for a Manningham council heritage grant for further assistance in maintaining the windows.

WCA had also objected to the proposed construction of a timber decking which they feared could increase commercial activity at the site and set a "dangerous precedent" for further planning applications along Yarra Street.

Mr Schuyler said the decking had since been decreased in size. "Both sides have compromised, we can understand their concerns, and we knew there was history, but we had a budget too. I don't think anyone will be disappointed when they see the end result," he said.

Mr Schuyler has indicated that the decking, at the rear of the building, was needed to maintain the roof, given current safety restrictions concerning scaffolding and use of ladders.

Kerrie Boyle, WCA committee member, told the *Diary* that the association had agreed to the deck, providing it was reduced in size, and "so long as it was only used for maintenance. WCA is still very concerned about any development towards the river, but because we appreciated they need safe access to the roof, we have withdrawn our objection."

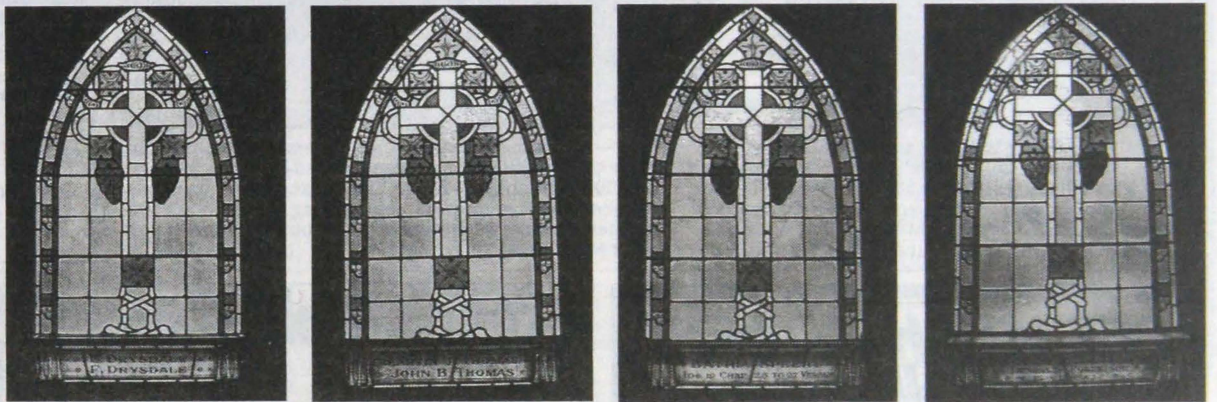
Ms Boyle said "council has assured WCA that outdoor dining on the deck would not be permitted".

The renovations include new paintwork, and Mr Schuyler said he was looking for colour options as recommended in the new urban design framework.

He hopes to have new tenants at the Gospel Chapel by November.



The Gospel Chapel in its previous guise as The Club Store. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



These stained glass windows will remain. (Pictures courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society)

New playground disappoints



New playground equipment at Stiggants Reserve: "It's for little kids". (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

By SAM DAVIES

Young locals have shunned Manningham council's newest play-space at Stiggants Reserve, describing it as boring and "too small".

On a Saturday afternoon last month, the new playground was deserted while the Federation play-space behind the bakery was alive with children and young families.

The new Stiggants Reserve play equipment consists of a blue twin-slide, two seats on springs, and, about 10 metres away, a double swing set.

It is estimated this equipment cost about \$4500.

In 2002, council rejected a donation of new playground equipment valued at \$20,000.

The present units have replaced a sprawling adventure playground that was part-funded by community mothers more than 20 years ago, but had since become dilapidated.

A four-year-old girl told the *Diary* she did not use the play-space because the swings were too small for her. "It's for little kids," she said.

Eleven-year-old Alex Jackson, who lives opposite, said the previous equipment was better with the swings and flying fox.

"I don't like the new one, it's too small, there is not enough things there."

Manningham council's Sharon Thomas, from the cultural and leisure department, said the Stiggants play equipment was designed for children between five and 12, and said a sculptural play-space, to be added on the flat by the river, would be more appealing to older children.

Parents have complained that the position of the swings, away from the slide unit, makes the entire play-space hard to supervise, but

council said the odd placement was due to significant grasses which had to be left untouched.

The original adventure playground at Stiggants Reserve became local news in 2002, when a resident reported to the *Diary* that council was removing items as they fell due for maintenance.

At the time, council said that ultimately there would be no playground on that site.

They claimed the land was "too steep" and the existing playground did not conform to current safety standards.

"Children will have to be more creative and use sticks and dirt in their play," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Within weeks of council's announcement, local businessman Ken Aly, then associated with a company called Australasian Playgrounds, offered to donate equipment valued at \$20,000 for Stiggants Reserve.

"They certainly didn't want my offer," Mr Aly told the *Diary*.

"They didn't want the playground to go in Stiggants, where I wanted it to go," Mr Aly believes council turned its back on an offer of \$20,000 to install equipment worth \$4500.

He believes the stand-alone slide unit at Stiggants "costs about \$1500, and a swing set is about the same. The spring animals are between \$750 and \$800 each."

A council spokesperson could not comment on why the offer was rejected.

The steadily diminishing adventure playground equipment—some of it quite challenging—was still well-used before its final removal, especially on market days and during the Warrandyte Festival.

Seeding the future...



Warrandyte Primary School students, under the direction of parent and indigenous plant expert Anthony Owen, are collecting seeds from Red Box trees as part of a program, developed this year with the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and Manningham council to revegetate their school ground—abutting the State

Park—with indigenous shrubs and trees. "Anthony's aim is for every child to recognise the Red Box tree," principal Gill Binger told the *Diary*. "This next generation needs to recognise the importance of saving our unique environment." Our picture shows Anthony demonstrating plant identification techniques.

Cash grants for school computers

Warrandyte schools are to receive substantial grants to enable them to upgrade their computers.

Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, has announced all three Warrandyte schools will share in a statewide multi-million dollar information technology upgrade.

Local schools would receive a total of nearly \$30,000 for new computers and IT equipment.

Andersons Creek Primary School will receive \$8902, Warrandyte Primary School \$4800 and Warrandyte High School \$15,431.

"Each school will be able to purchase more computers to better match needs and numbers of students," Ms Green told the *Diary*. "We all recognise the role technology now plays in changing how children learn and what they need to learn."

"IT is an essential part of primary and secondary education and the state government is providing them with the resources they need."

"We are also making sure Victorian teachers are provided with a high standard of IT training through the Leading Schools initiative and we are spending an additional \$23 million to provide principals and teachers with laptop computers."

"This is an investment in our children's future and Victoria's future. We want to ensure our children are at the leading edge of IT learning by investing in the latest equipment."

"Every government school across the state will receive a minimum of \$2,400 for new computers."

"In this year's state budget the government also allocated \$89 million to upgrade access in every school in the state to the high speed fibre optic broadband network."



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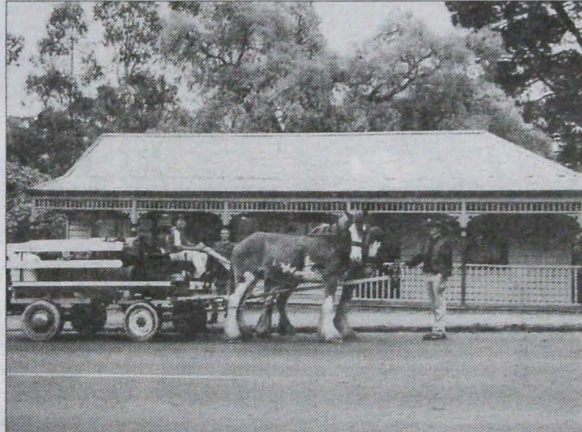
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We will listen to the past

By SAM DAVIES

Residents and tourists can lend an ear to Warrandyte's gold-mining past, when a Manningham council project to install audio listening posts at six historic sites has been completed. The listening posts, a council initiative with collaboration from local associations, will recount historical accounts of goldmining in the area. Three posts will be installed at Whipstick Gully, the Warrandyte Historical Society museum at the old post office and the Mechanics Institute, each with several buttons that will access different information, presented in narrative form.

A further three audio posts will be installed at the Stonehouse Café, Information Warrandyte and the Federation Playspace if the federal government matches the \$20,000 funding already put forward by council. Manningham council's Julie Wilson said the story of Warrandyte being first to find gold was of "statewide interest", and hoped to create something "enjoyable to listen to". "We'll probably go for anecdotes, to make it fairly lively, and refer people to the historical society's displays and books for more information if they are interested," Ms Wilson said.

"We are aiming to talk maybe about the bushfires, how would people be dressed in the gold rush times, what would you see if you looked out from the Mechanics Institute in the 1860s, at the turn of the century, perhaps in the 1920s; when we had floods and fires," she said. Historic recordings, such as an interview with Warrandyte's last mounted postman, may also be included. "The hard part will be what we will leave out, not what we include," Ms Wilson said. The Warrandyte Theatre Com-

pany will be involved in narrating the material and it is planned that a professional writer will be preparing scripts. Warrandyte Historical Society's Jo Laurence, said the project would address a "lack of knowledge" about Warrandyte's history. "It's helping to generate knowledge of our history and for people to appreciate it when they come to Warrandyte or even live here," she said. Council plans to have the project installed by the end of the year.

Have band (and money!) will travel



Ella Thompson and the band The Dynamic Groove (pictured) recently won \$5000 in the 2005 Big Break competition. A five-piece blues and soul band of young Warrandyte musicians aged 16-20 years, Ella and the band have "been given a huge break towards travelling to the USA and pro-

moting alternative Australian music," a spokesperson for Big Break told the *Diary*. "We would like to extend our band's skill, knowledge and dept of understanding by meeting musicians from the blues and gospel traditions at their source—Harlem, Memphis, Chicago and New Orleans," Ella said.

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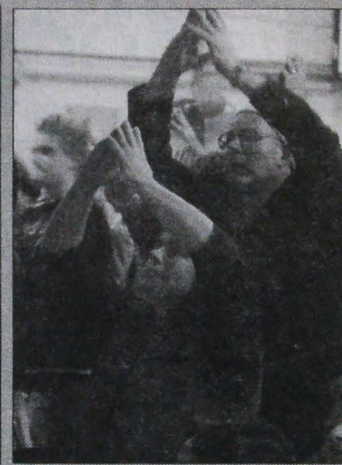
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It was "Christmas in July" at Warrandyte High School's annual trivia night, held last month.

Principal fundraiser for the year, the festive spirit prevailed throughout the evening, with Christmas decorations, seasonal quiz questions and carols from the music students.



STEPHEN REYNOLDS pulled on his Santa hat and took these pictures.



Nillumbik's Environmental Workshops Program August/September 2005

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The Green City - Sustainable Homes, Sustainable Suburbs

Monday 8 August

Authors Nicholas Low, Professor of Architecture at the University of Melbourne and Dr Ray Green, a landscape architect, environmental planner and Head of Landscape Architecture at the University of Melbourne will discuss in clear terms how one idea - ecological sustainability - can be embodied in the everyday life of homes, communities and cities to make for a better future. Informative and yet highly practical, The Green City is an important tool for understanding the role that sustainable development can play in urban planning.

Time: 11.30am - 1pm

Venue: Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3210 - Megan Andrews or email: Megan.Andrews@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

First Rate - 5 Star Energy Efficiency

Wednesday 17 August

Come along and find out about the 5 star energy rating for new homes and what it means for the new home builder. This seminar is delivered by the National Centre for Sustainability @ Swinburne and is designed to familiarise new home builders or those thinking of building with the regulations required to achieve a 5 star energy rating.

Find out what an energy assessor will be looking for when rating your home. Information regarding Council programs will also be available on the night. One lucky participant will receive a free home energy rating report (value \$170.00) on the night.

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Saturday 20 August

Come along and learn about the benefits of designing a garden using indigenous plant species. This introductory workshop will cover basic concepts which need to be considered when developing your garden and help you to identify the types of indigenous plants available for garden design.

Time: 10am-12.30p

Facilitator: Judy Allen, Victorian Indigenous Nursery Cooperative

Cost: \$10

Bookings: 9430 1301 - Living & Learning Nillumbik

Weed Expo

Sunday 21 August

Do you have pasture, a bush block or a creek that is being invaded by weeds?

If so, come along and listen to expert presenters. View a range of exhibits and talk to local display holders about weed control options and techniques for bushland, pasture, garden and pest animals. The afternoon session will include a bus tour covering weed identification and integrated control options, demonstrations on the range of equipment available and safety requirements. FREE lunch for all participants. This event has been organised jointly by WACMAC Landcare and the City of Whittlesea. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Time: 10am-5pm

Cost: Free

Venue: City of Whittlesea Council Offices, Ferres Boulevard, South Morang. (Melway 183 A11)

Bookings: 9217 2195 - City of Whittlesea

Composting in practice

Saturday 10 September

Come along to The Food Farm and learn all you need to know about establishing and making great compost. Wendy and Ross Mather have developed their garden using the principles of composting and self sufficiency to produce organic fruit, vegies and herbs all year round. If you currently compost come along for some additional tips or to troubleshoot any problems you may be experiencing with your compost.

Time: 10am-12 noon

Venue: Details will be available upon booking

Cost: \$15 (includes a scrumptious morning tea made with fresh ingredients from the Mathers' garden)

Bookings: 9430 1301 - Living & Learning Nillumbik

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Nillumbik's greywater expo

Sunday 11 September

Come to this practical expo and find out everything you have ever wanted to know about Greywater. A range of onsite exhibits, expert advice and product information will be available. Guest speakers will be talking throughout the day on a range of topics including grey water regulations, product options and uses for greywater.

Don't miss this jam packed event. For a full program visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Time: 10am-3pm

Bookings: 9433 3210 - Megan Andrews

Weed identification and tour

Saturday 17 September

Join us on this tour to learn everything you have ever wanted to know about weeds. Learn which ones are a threat in Nillumbik and how they can spread. A tour of several properties will demonstrate some great practical examples of how weeds can be controlled. The tour will commence from Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre. Free indigenous plant to every participant. Lunch provided.

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

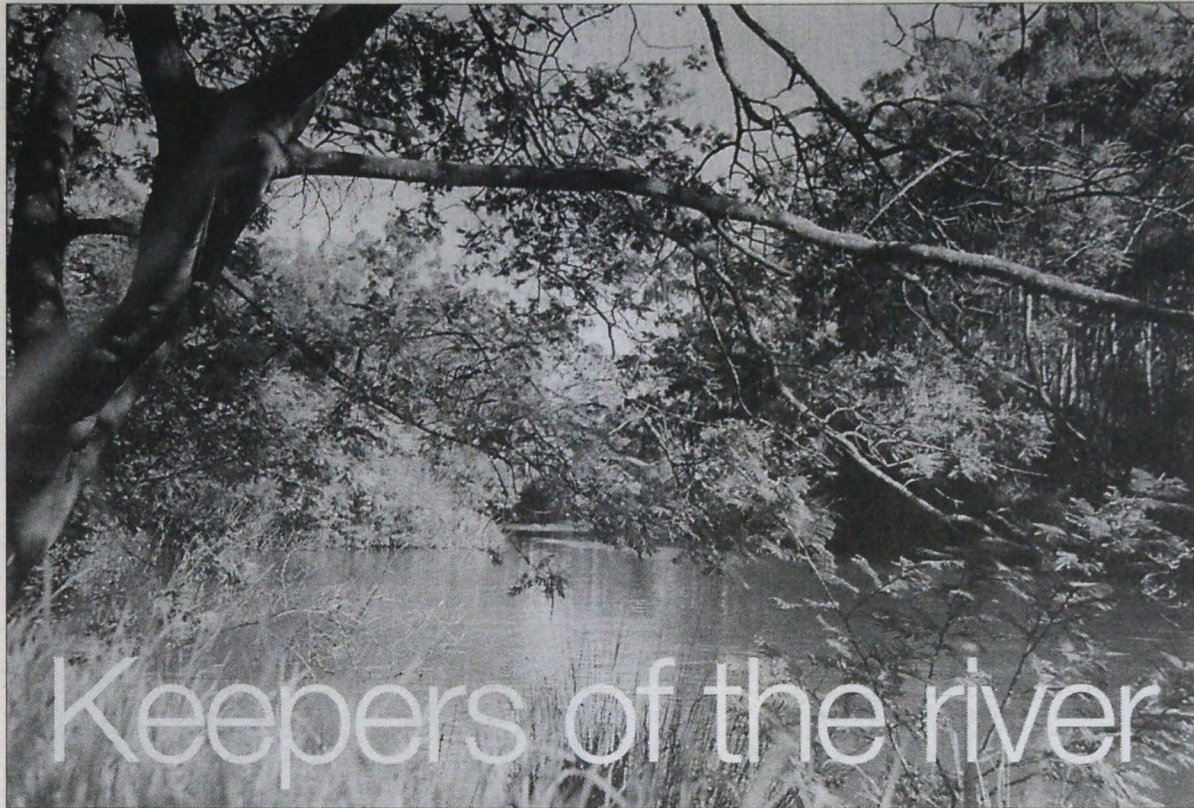
Time: 10am-3pm

Bookings: 9433 3210 - Megan Andrews by Friday 9 September

For further information about environmental events in Nillumbik visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call Narelle Liepa, Environmental Projects Officer on 9433 3214.

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Chief Executive Officer



Keepers of the river

By DAVID WYMAN

Formation of a new group, the Yarra Riverkeeper Association, appears certain to give increased impetus to efforts to improve and maintain the health of the river. The organisation describes itself as the "independent community-based association that is working to look after the long-term health of the Yarra River from its source to its mouth".

Inaugurated in July last year, the association lists among its many objectives "to build and foster relationships with all stakeholders" and "to establish a realistic funding base that can support projected activities".

An 11-member committee of management, with representatives from all parts of the Yarra, has been formed and three standing committees representing the upper, middle and lower sections of the river are now active.

The association has brought together an impressive group of people with experience in, and dedication to, restoration and protection of the health of the rivers.

Among these is soon-to-be Warrandyte resident Ian Penrose who is upper Yarra representative on the committee of management of Yarra Riverkeepers. Now renovating a home in Warrandyte, Ian sees Yarra Riverkeepers as an opportunity to give the Yarra a voice.

"Environmental flows, water quality and encroaching development are among Yarra Riverkeepers' main issues," he said.

While there are many groups now caring for the river, the new organisation is keen to support these groups and "be at the table, representing the community and the river, when governments are making decisions about the Yarra".

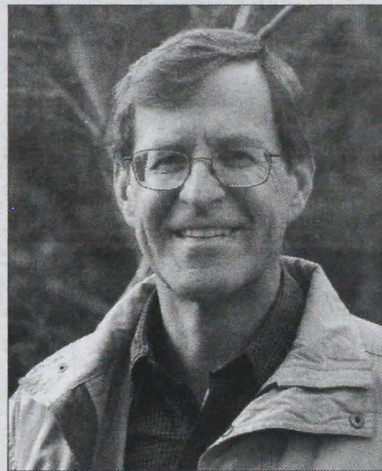
Ian Penrose told the *Diary* that the Yarra was important to Melbournians.

"We need to take more care in the use of the river and its health," he said. "The river is stretched because we live so close to it and use a lot of its water. You can only load so much onto the authorities in terms of river care, but when the community understands and appreciates the river more it will also take more responsibility."

After working for Shell for many years, Ian capped off his career as director of the project to restore flows in the Snowy River. This three-year appointment with the Department of Sustainability and Environment was completed last year.

He is now a member of a Melbourne Water advisory group conducting studies on the water flows in the Yarra, essential to maintain its health.

In Warrandyte, Ian and his wife Ann are endeavouring to be good stewards of the land. "We're learning about the bush, tapping into the resources of the local shire



Ian Penrose: "We need to take more care in the use of the river and its health". (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

and the landcare group," he said. "The Yarra is in good condition here and the bird life is prolific. It's a wonderful part of Melbourne."

Cash for water savers

Local groups interested in undertaking water conservation projects could share in a federal grants program.

After many years of drought in Australia, residents are becoming increasingly aware that water is a precious natural resource and water conservation is the way of the future.

Now local groups in Manningham have the opportunity to share in federal government community water grants of up to \$50,000 for community

projects aimed at saving and protecting this precious natural resource.

Mayor, Cr Bill Larkin said the grants are an important opportunity to turn clever ideas for saving, reusing, recycling and improving the quality of water into local projects with real results.

"While the colder weather has finally arrived and with it a few drops of rain, we still need to be mindful of pressures on our water resources," Cr Larkin told

the *Diary*.

"We all have a role to play when it comes to conserving water. So I encourage all sections of the community with some good water saving ideas to pursue them."


"These grants are not just open to environment groups but schools, service clubs, sporting associations, hospitals, nursing homes and childcare centres."

"Council's conservation officers will assist any local groups

applying for these community water grants by providing advice on planning, environmental and health regulations and any relevant guidelines for their proposals," Cr Larkin said.

For more information about the Australian government's community water grants visit www.communitywatergrants.gov.au

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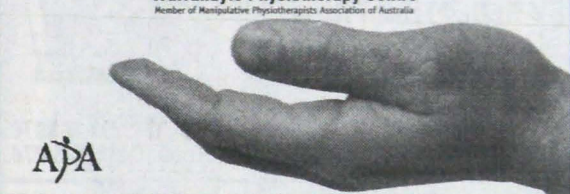
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For a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and a nomination form contact Eva Louey on 9840 9393 or email eva.louey@manningham.vic.gov.au

Nominations are to be submitted by **Friday 26th August 2005** and addressed to: Wendy Dunstan, Manager - Cultural & Leisure Services, Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster, Vic. 3108.

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Local Lions share it around

Angela Cameron, a student at the Steiner School in Warrandyte has won Warrandyte Lions youth of the year award.

Angela is "a community-minded person concerned with social justice and environmental issues," Lions vice-president Garry Clues told the *Diary*. "Multilingual, she has travelled extensively throughout Europe."

The award was presented at Kellybrook last month. Leah Wiggs and Jessica Jones, both of Warrandyte High School, were runners-up.

Nominations for the award may be made—each July—by any community organisation, club or school.

"The award is about identifying and celebrating the achievements of our local youth," Mr Clues said.



Lions vice-president Garry Clues congratulates youth award winner Angela Cameron.

Local resident Ian Abell has been selected to carry the baton in the run-up to the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

A life member of Warrandyte Lions, Ian has been involved in community service for nearly 50 years, including sports administration in Queensland, Rugby coaching in NSW, scouting in South Australia and Lions International.

Tony Rowe was sworn in as Warrandyte Lions' new chairman at a ceremony at Karrylyka Centre recently.

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Ian Abell: he'll be carrying the baton.



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"Extensive consultation over the last few years has resulted in the Scouts agreeing in principle to the implementation of lease and service agreements that outline guidelines for amenity use," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"The service and lease agreements mean we now have clear guidelines to ensure that facilities are well kept, safe and pleasurable to use," the spokesperson said.

"The Scouts are integral to the make-up of our community and it is important that we continue to work together to continually improve services."

The negotiations covered the financial viability of maintaining halls; maximising use of Scout halls; justification for renovation and repair of halls; possible closure, change of use or demolition or removal of some halls; establishment of new lease arrangements and development of service agreements.

Negotiations also dealt with the development of a "work program" for the maintenance of Scout hall buildings and surrounds; and the ongoing maintenance of all facilities on council land.

Health plan now out

Manningham council's draft municipal public health plan is now out for public comment.

The plan has been developed through extensive consultation with community organisations as part of an integrated planning approach, a council spokesman said.

"The plan builds on the work undertaken in the 2001-2004 plan to promote partnerships and collaboration to address the health needs of our community."

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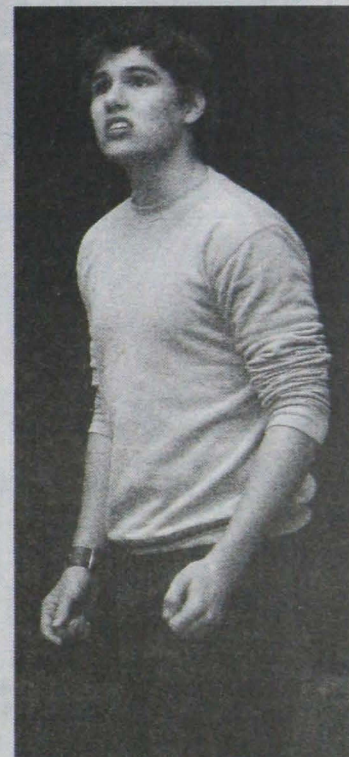
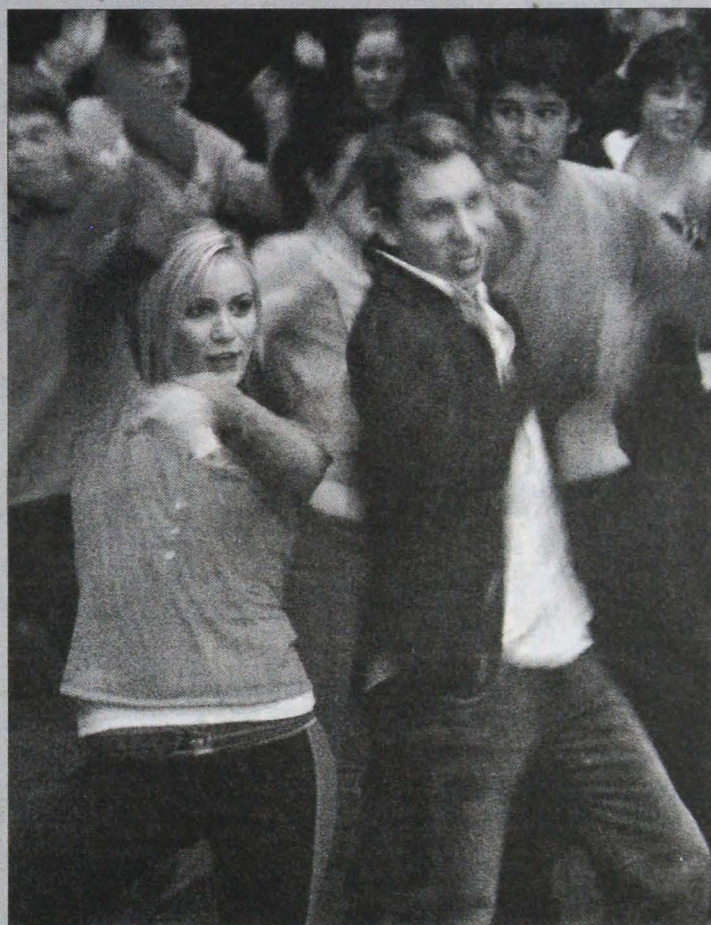
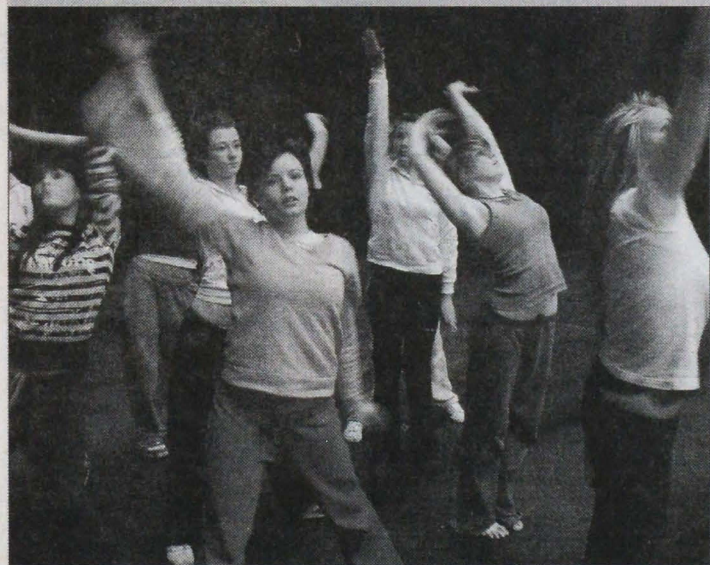
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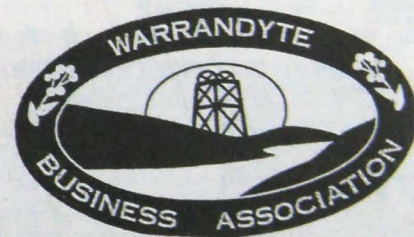
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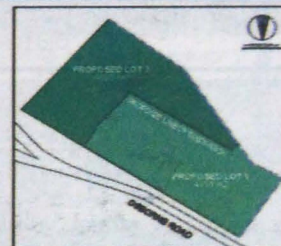
"Wonderful tri-level home"
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Actually, I don't know whether this recipe for pickling olives is correct and anyway, it's irrelevant as our three four-year-old olive trees managed to produce no more than five olives this year. Which is better than the one olive that friends are deciding what to do with. At the moment, it sits in the middle of a dinner plate in the middle of the dining room table, just waiting for the family to turn up one weekend ready for the olive bottling festa.

The conversation had drifted towards all things olive because a close relllo was up to the first harvesting of their olives. They have gone into olives in a big-gish way, with over a thousand olive trees all irrigated and cosseted as befits olives growing on the Mornington Peninsula. Scientific folklore had determined that it was the time for all the local peasants to turn up for the manual stripping of the trees.

A few months earlier the situation was less rosy. A dark cloud descended over the new estate owner when "the great



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"It is essential to have slave labour ... With friends and rellos, all you have to do is lay on a bit of nosh and some stagnant pondwater and you can get almost a decent day's work out of most of them."

storm of February 2005" hit just as the olive blossom was involved in rampant procreating.

"Doom, gloom, disaster. All the blossom has been blown away. We'll have no olives. This primary production business has got knobs on it. You're at the mercy of the weather!"

I felt his grief and would have reacted similarly, but his Her-self was less pessimistic.

"I think you're overreacting. Let's just wait and see. I'm sure

it won't be as bad as you imagine."

And she was rightish. Which is why we had all gathered on the appointed Saturday morning ready to begin the ritual of the olive harvest.

Now, the trees are still relatively fragile so there was no way that we could use a mechanical harvester. The only realistic solution was to pick by hand. Which is why it's good to have avoided alienating friends and relatives over the preceding 12 months. In fact, it is essential to have slave labour, as it would be economically disastrous to have to pay real people. With friends and rellos, all you have to do is lay on a bit of nosh and some stagnant pond water and you can get almost a decent day's work out of most of them.

We had to pick only two types of olives that weekend, so the chatelaine rushed ahead marking the appropriate trees with festive blue tape whilst we stripped the trees like locusts.

It's fun for the first hour and then reality hits. We began on the high side of the property where we picked, concentrating on picking every one of the small fruit on each tree. This was therapeutic in a way and was fun until you changed your gaze from the immediate to the distant. Up close, the trees were benign but there, before us, was an ocean of olive leaves and that could only mean one thing; that beneath those leaves lurked thousands of green and black olives, all needing to be individually picked.

It's strange how you develop a rhythm and a technique. By morning tea we had all progressed from rank amateurs to almost proficient. By lunch, we were experts and could discuss the relative merits of olive strains and the anticipated weight of the harvest.

During the pre-lunch session, a neighbour drove up to inspect the harvesting. As he left, he shot the lord of the manor some advice.

"Don't give 'em any grog for lunch or they'll be useless this arvo!"

Strange how wise some of these farmers are.

The afternoon session was less animated and less enthusiastic than the morning's. As the afternoon wore on, more and more bodies could be seen, prostrate, under laden trees. Things were starting to look a little ugly. More and more pickers were obviously pickled and it was not time to pack up stumps. And then Mother Nature smiled.

We reached the storm-affected trees just as the labour force looked knackered. These were the trees whose blossom had been blown off, resulting in fewer olives to pick. The labour force completed the picking, just as the last soldier hit the deck.

We stayed overnight and drove home the following day. As we entered the house, we spied our five lonely olives. We caught each other's eye and both breathed a sigh of relief.

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Bush creatures: now you see them, now you don't

“66 WOULD you like that in a bag?” she asked. “No thanks,” I replied, popping my newly purchased book straight into the green Eco bag I was carrying. To my surprise the assistant took five cents from the till and placed it in a jar. “For every plastic bag that is not used,” she explained, “we donate five cents towards the Tassie Devil facial tumour research.”

The shop was Australian Geographic. Of course they can afford it, but the fact was they were actually doing something to draw public attention to this cruel disease about which so little is known.

Tasmanian Devil facial tumour is a rare type of cancer that is transmitted from one animal to another. The mode of transmission is uncertain, although one theory is that the cancer is passed on by implementation of cells through biting during fights over food. The facial cancers appear as small spots or lumps in and around the mouth and develop quickly into full-blown bulging tumours and finally grotesque open wounds that engulf the face and neck. It is a distressing disease that, as it progresses into the floor of the mouth, pushes out the teeth preventing the animal from feeding, causing many to die from starvation.

Since the condition was first noticed in the north-east of Tasmania about five years ago it has spread rapidly over 65 percent of the Devil's range, from Cradle Mountain in the north to the upper Huon Valley in the far south. Only the animals on the west coast seem, so far, to be unaffected. The disease has had most impact in areas of great



est population density with up to 100 percent mortality in some places. At present the cause and a cure are unknown.

The Tasmanian Devil is a thickset bulky scavenger that snorts, screeches, growls and whines, bearing its teeth at fellow Devils as it squabbles and fights for food—usually rotting carrion it devours, bones and all.

The Devil is certainly not one of the world's cute and cuddly animals, but it is uniquely Tasmanian, having been eliminated from the mainland over 600

years ago. Now it is in trouble on the island state. Numbers are plummeting. Predictions are that, if no cure is found for the facial tumours, more than half the population could be wiped out in the next few years. Because the Devil has only a six-year life span in the wild, does not breed until it is two years old and produces only small litters of pups, there is concern that the species may reach a point from which it cannot recover. For these reasons the Tasmanian Devil has been nominated to be listed as vul-

NATURE
By **PAT COUPAR**
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nerable under the threatened species legislation.

While the decimation of the Devil is hugely alarming, we should not overlook the plight of one of the country's most iconic animal—the koala. It too is suffering a decline in numbers according to studies carried out at over 1000 sites. Major problems for the koala are habitat loss from urban and agricultural development and from logging, and habitat degradation from increased salinity, inappropriate fire regimes and weed invasion. In addition, road kills, attacks by feral and domestic animals and disease regularly take their toll. Shrinking habitats have caused many populations to become isolated. In Warrandyte we have a somewhat false impression that koalas are thriving, but here too numbers are dropping.

Like the Tasmanian Devil, the koala has also been nominated to be listed as vulnerable nationally. If these nominations are accepted it will open the door to funding for research and recovery programs. Currently Australia has the second highest number of threatened animal species of any country in the world.

Our record for extinctions is shameful.

There are already too many animals on the critically endangered list. Many probably will not make it. We cannot allow the Tasmanian Devil and the koala to suffer the same fate as the Thylacine. We cannot afford to wait.

Learning it all at mother's knee

As our kids disappear over the horizon, armed only with a set of P-plates and an abundance of youthful confidence, I can't help wondering whether we've taught them enough of the right things.

At some point they must have realised what school was for, as they did get into their preferred university courses.

At least one of them didn't start off on the right foot though. A grade 2 teacher at WPS was laying down the law one day along the lines of “... and you're all here to learn, you know!” when, to everybody's amazement, one of her small charges started shouting with laughter.

“You don't come to school to learn,” gasped the little one. This was the best leg-pull she'd ever heard. “You learn by your mum!”

I blame all the co-curricular stuff. School is just so much fun these days. I can see, for example, that 20 years of music lessons between our two was a worthwhile investment.

How else would they have acquired the know-how to com-

OUR PLACE
By **MARILYN MOORE**

pose their own polyphonic ring tones? Twenty-six years of English lessons has equipped them thoroughly for on-line chatting. (I'm sure the spelling mistakes are intentional jokes). Sixteen years of Japanese lessons, four of French and six of German have just about qualified the troops to watch “Inspector Rex” on Thursday nights. Maths gave them a good start in the cryptic fields of ticket machine operation and bus timetable interpretation. I don't know where they picked up their extensive knowledge of MP3s and jpgs. Probably in the Caf at lunchtime.

And what did they learn from their mum in the end? Hopefully a bit about how to get on with it, how to keep their eye on the ball, their noses to the grindstone and how to leave the windbags to bicker amongst themselves. I suppose a lifetime of solving cryptic puzzles might

have given them a headstart in the specialised field of SMSing. A lifetime of healthy eating has certainly fostered the art of devouring everything in sight. In contrast, a lifetime of being asked to pick up clothing off the floor, and not to leave dirty dishes in the sink, has had no impact at all. The finer points of our excellent washing machine and the laundering of favourite garments, skimpy blouses of distressingly fragile manufacture, also still await the appreciation of GenX.

Educated as we are, we all-embracing baby-boomers seem to have spawned the first generation of kids to have lifestyle expectations completely out of touch with reality. Reality as in having the skills to grow food, conserve resources (including money!), make and use hand tools, team horses, understand soils and drainage and the nurture of fresh water, build a working chimney, repair engines and spin wool, just to name a few. Such capability, that doesn't involve the use of electricity (AC or DC), seems irrelevant to most kids.

Visiting old homesteads like

the original Chirnside residence at Point Cook confirms this suspicion. Rabbit-catcher's quarters, hanging rooms for meat, a dairy, harness room, smithy's foundry... these are reminders of a lifestyle dimly remembered by us but simply unimaginable to our offspring. And the elements!

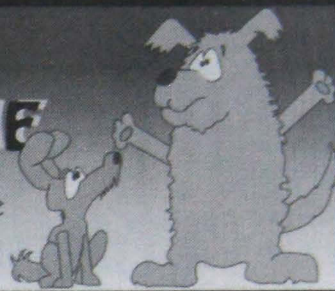
Even on a quiet day at Chirnside the wind roars across the headland. Stunted eucalypts strain and thrust towards the sea, riding every gust with the buoyant ease of long practice. On a windy day it takes a determined effort to walk outdoors, and two strong hands to stop an open door being blown off its hinges. Any carelessly wandering chook could find itself miles away in minutes.

Would our kids be so favourably impressed by the vigour and freshness of this air, the stickiness of the clay soils, the bracing temperatures, that they'd clamour to settle here? I think not. This ring-tone generation has become far too dependent on artificial climates and labour-saving devices. Now I wonder where they learnt that?

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long enough
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to be old enough
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your voice,
your smile

Yes, you wanted to kick
that oval ball,
run with them through
autumn leaves
and take them on wild
adventures
into the backyard
and to faraway places.

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but you did keep holding on
to the tomorrows,
laughing and spending
special times and
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to see them walk...
to see them go to school.

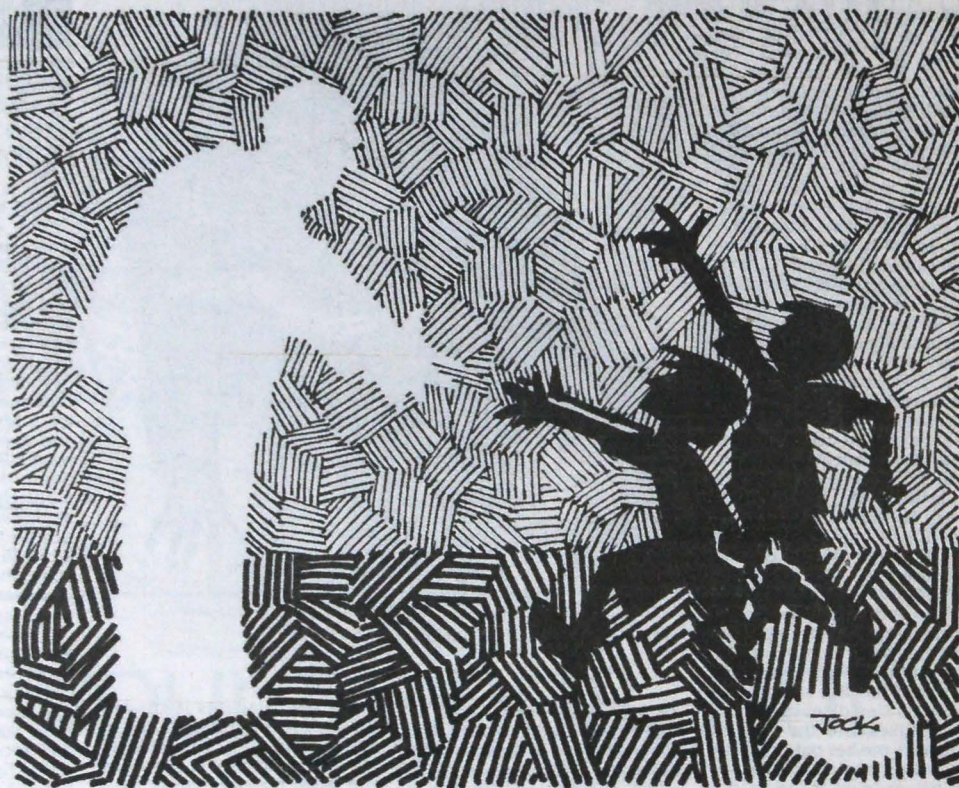
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You always said
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And they will remember
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sharing their sunshine,
their rainbows
their rainy days

You were here watching
them grow
and you will go on doing
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watching from a place
with a better view...
holding on
forever.

CORINNE KING



June 2005

Key Decisions

*These are some of the
decisions made by Council
on Tuesday 21 June 2005.*

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

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listen to the broadcast on
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Community, Health, Culture, Sport and Leisure

Resolved to release the Draft BMX Jump and Mountain Bike Track Policy for public consultation; and receive a further report on the matter after public consultation.

Governance

Resolved to increase external membership of the Audit Committee to three; appoint Councillors Bendtsen and Yates as Councillor representatives; appoint Professor Kim Langfield-Smith as Chair of the Audit Committee; and appoint Roger Male and Linda McCrae as external members.

Land Use Planning and Environment

Resolved not to support the subdivision of the land at 297 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty (65 lots and common property, associated works, removal of vegetation and development of a dwelling on each lot).

Resolved not to support the development of the land for a dwelling and associated removal of native vegetation at 134 Thompson Crescent, Research.

Resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to the land at 20 View Hill Crescent, Eltham to subdivide land into five lots and associated removal of native vegetation subject to conditions.

Resolved to support the granting of a permit to the land at 16 Wombat Drive, Eltham for the purpose of use and development of the land for a place of worship and associated reduction of car parking requirement and vegetation removal subject to conditions.

Resolved to issue a Refusal to Grant a Permit for the land at 205 Menzies Road, Kangaroo Ground for the re-subdivision of two existing lots and the use of lot two for a dwelling.

Noted the recommendations of the Regional Catchment Strategy and opportunities for advancing municipal projects with the Catchment Management Authority; and pursue opportunities for initiatives that are consistent with the Regional Catchment Strategy and the Nillumbik Environment Strategy.

Resolved to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel to consider the submission to Amendment C38 (proposed rezoning of part of Eltham North Reserve to Public Park and Recreation Zone); and advise the submitter of Council's resolution.

Resolved to write to the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and the Member for Yan Yean, seeking an urgent review of applications for Authority to Control Wildlife (the permit issuing process for kangaroo culling) in Green Wedge and Rural Conservation Zones.

A man with his roots in the soil



IN many ways life is coming full circle for David Watson, who came from a family growing their vegetables in village allotments in England and who is now one of the mainstays of Warrandyte's community garden. David came from the brewing town of Burton-on-Trent where he was a keen gardener and horticulturist. Training in biochemistry and then as a brewer, he made several moves around the UK before moving to Australia with his wife Betty and family in 1966 to work for Courage Brewery.

"Brewing is a very natural industry in the town where I grew up, it's a very science-based industry for someone with an interest in biochemistry and biology, and I was seven years in the laboratory before I went out into production," he said.

"When I was growing up my family was always involved in allotments for food growing, which reached a boom during the war with the 'Dig for Victory' slogan. It's gone through a resurgence again in the UK, largely through consumer reaction to mass produced materials. It's a healthy pursuit.

"It's not very strong here although there are a lot of smaller community gardens and the children's farm in Collingwood. I was very pleased to get involved in the garden here—I thought I could help the group and keep fit—I'm 78 now and developing arthritis. It's back full circle to allotment days."

The Watsons lived in Eltham when their four children went to school. "We were in Eltham originally as I was working in Broadmeadows and we didn't like that area, it was flat and not very interesting," he said. "Eltham was convenient and a nice place. We were going to move to Tasmania but plans changed so we found a house in Warrandyte, which was great." They still live on their two-thirds of an acre overlooking the Yarra.

One of the biggest brewing centres of the world, Burton-on-Trent is a town of 65,000 people. "In a small town like that you have many small amateur grower exhibitions such as for the biggest chrysanthemums and the largest beetroot. My father was always keen on these sorts of pursuits; we had a

large apiary as well. Our allotments were much bigger, 10 to 20 times the size of individual lots here, say 15 by 50 yards. You could really be self sufficient," he said.

"It is a much easier climate to grow in England. You have long summer days—although they're short in winter—and you're not short of rain. There are very long summer evenings at the different latitude, where it's daylight until 10pm in summer—people would go and work in the garden then go to the pub with their biggest vegetables to show off. Really the enthusiasm in gardening is much stronger in England than here for the obvious reason of the harsh climate."

David is a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. "You pay for it," he said. "I was working in London when I was put up for it, you have to have a real interest in gardening. It gives you special privileges such as the Chelsea Flower Show and to other exhibitions and the RHS gardens at Wisley."

He helped to establish the Warrandyte community garden in 1999. "It was hard yakka but we had enormous assistance from the police department because it is on their land. It has a low rental and it is extremely well supported by Sergeant Keith Walker." The garden was built with considerable support from local societies and suppliers of horticultural products.

"The garden gets people involved and they get to know each other better," David said. "The monthly working bees aren't well supported during winter—people like to go when it's time for the tomatoes. The greenhouse was donated and a very nice gazebo, then we're left to our own resources to operate the garden." There are 25 plot holders who grow principally a range of vegetables. "Everyone has tomatoes, zucchinis and salad plants. Everyday vegetables you would otherwise buy in the supermarket—you can get them fresh. They're not big plots so you can't do a massive amount.

"Most people there are pretty well organic. We make a lot of our own compost, use mushroom compost and I use commercial organic fertiliser. A lot of people use the biodynamic approach—plant when the time is right. In my plot I've got Chinese vegetables, carrots, beet-

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

root; I'm starting think about summer now and what to plant. People go any time, on the first Sunday of every month there's a working bee, mostly concerned with weeds growing round sides of beds and so on. We send out a newsletter twice a year. Above all, it's a nice communal activity," he said.

What does he think of the difference between bought and home-grown produce?

"I honestly don't think that in terms of appearance and the general quality that there's a great deal of difference but the real point is there is a fair amount of travel to get produce into the supermarket—tomatoes are picked half-ripe, ripened, then stored. They're a week old by the time you buy them, the quality does deteriorate especially in the vitamins. They still look all right but they've already gone through some ageing.

"Where vegetables are handled through commercial chains you don't know to what extent they've been treated. Apples are always very shiny when you buy them at the supermarket. You can grow in a simple way in the community garden without using questionable modern aids, not much pesticides and other nasties and sprays."

In his career David was "top of the tree" as chief executive of a new brewery, Harp, in Hampshire and in Australia became Elders' international marketing manager for brewing materials, particularly hops and barley malt which are substantial exports. He joined a hop-growing cooperative in Tasmania and was managing director for a company handling other brewing materials of biological origin, "things like enzymes, absorbants, filtration materials, industrially processed material".

He likes lager beers. "Particularly the German style because of its particular quality, it's still brewed to a prescribed formula. Beer can only be made from natural materials, Reinheitsgebot, malts and hops are god above all," he said. "But having said that, the standard and quality in all breweries is very high." Of Australian beers he pre-

fers Hahn Premium and of the German probably the wheat beer Weinstephan from Munich, although he admits to only moderate consumption these days because of diabetes.

"Beers have changed," he said. "The brewing industry over the second half of the century was independent, small local breweries serving small local regions. But it's now gone like everything else into industrial rationalisation and large groups.

"So beer has got to be widely acceptable in its flavour. Brewing companies service large areas, exporting and trying to ship beer across continents using a special technique for stabilising which by and large doesn't improve the product but means it is extremely consistent, with a high clarity and good head. But there's still a wide choice of specialist beers for those who want to look for them. There's a number of imported beers now—when I came there was just Carlton United."

Globalisation, the loss of identity in countries and people, disturbs him. "There's a lack of willingness to accept what is happening in the world, global warming, water, not enough is being done and I don't know if it's solvable.

"The obvious answer is people should be solving it but there's not enough social protest about what's happening. We have lost our identity as individuals—as countries and communities—through globalisation which includes commercial rationalisation. It's a rather sad change taking place, too dramatically for me.

"The international situation at the moment is a reflection of that and not least in this country. There's a lot spoken about human rights and a lot spoken about land rights. That concerns me at the moment although I've not got many more years.

"There's been a big change in my lifetime, loss of identity and loss of standards and ideals. People are more cruel and political construction in the world is largely taken out of the hands of the common man. It's more than that but these are just the reflections of a normal man.

"I don't think you can turn the clock back, not a considerable time. Politically it's going in a set direction and I don't think people

are sufficiently upset at the moment to look for change. I don't like politics, I'm very critical, but perhaps growing old I see people in a more favoured light than they probably deserved. Consumerism. Old values I suppose. Old man, old attitudes."

Looking back, David feels less relevant in society. "The opportunity to make a contribution for whatever reason; you don't have the opportunity at 78 to do anything dramatic to change the world, a new career or politics, although you maintain an interest and are critical. You don't think you feel that there's a great deal you can do about it, sitting back and nursing your pains.

"You're at the fragile rheumatic stage when you look at other people and say 'good heavens, I knew him some years ago, he's got old.' The little vegetable plot down there is as much as I can manage. It's very nice to have an interest like that. You need these ongoing activities especially those that are creative and your brain is still active—if you're lucky."

A former rugby player, David enjoys baroque music and reading books on science, history and cosmology. "I still read Stephen Hawking's Brief History of Time periodically but I fail to understand it. Why it became a bestseller for 50 weeks, God knows, I can only understand parts of it."

Three of the four Watson children live in Warrandyte. "They were all born in England and they are all now Australians but with a fondness for England. It's nice to see one's grandchildren growing up. What's left of one's cultural background, respect for things one's done in one's life, getting married. Periods when you've had a stroke of luck, been at the right place at right time and being able to profit from it. That's enough to survive on.

"Growing old, one is less mobile, there's more degeneration. That's common to everybody and you just have to adapt and live with it. I'm still interested in things and I don't think of time lapsing. I hope I've done no harm. You look back and see alternative directions you could have taken but no, you don't feel like that, you still plant a tree. A legacy is for those who are left. I thought, therefore I was. That's the end of the story."



Lovely as
a tree...

Local tree-lovers had a good day out last month when more than 30 people gathered along the northern river bank in Warrandyte State Park near Koornong to celebrate National Tree Day. They planted hundreds of trees and grasses to help restore the riverbank. The planting was organised by the Osborne Peninsula Landcare group and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

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Follow the food trail

As part of a series of progressive lunches happening in the Manningham area this winter, "Wanderings through Warrandyte" will be held on Wednesday, September 7. Featuring local and organic foods, this lunch begins at Riverfront Deli, followed by organic food at Gingko, then on to visit and taste the bread at the wood-fired Bakery then to Thyme on the Terrace for the next course. The lunch will finish with a walk to Stonehouse Cafe for cake and coffee. For further information phone Julie on 9840 9310 or Meredith on 9844 2527.



Manningham Gallery on 9840 9367.

Seminar

The topic for the next Manningham Environment Seminar will be the "Growling Grass Frog". It will be conducted by Heath Butler in the function room of the Grand Hotel, Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Wednesday, October 5 commencing at 7.30pm. These seminars are free with no booking required and supper is provided.

Neighbours

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House will be holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 7.30pm upstairs at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street. All welcome, supper provided. Please RSVP by August 24 to 9844 1839.

Funding

Arts funding is available for artists and art or community organisations through the Arts Victoria 2005-06 funding program. There are 11 categories, supporting a wide range of arts activities and projects that will benefit individual artists and community organisations. For information, guidelines and application forms call 9954 5000 or visit www.arts.vic.gov.au

Probos

Members of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards Probus Club recently 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.

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.



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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.

Asthma

Manningham Community Health Service employs an asthma educator who will be on hand to discuss concerns about children with asthma at a free parent session on Tuesday, August 16. It will take place in the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street from 7.30pm to 9pm. The educator will discuss asthma action plans and their regular review, correct delivery of medications, signs and symptoms, triggers and first aid for asthma sufferers. Please RSVP to Paula on 8841 3000 if you wish to attend.

Wattle Week in Warrandyte

Friends of Warrandyte State Park are celebrating "Wattle Week" next month, commencing at their stall at the Warrandyte market on Saturday, September 3. There are 16 different indigenous wattles in Warrandyte with growth ranging from half a metre to 15 metres. A display of some of these will be at the market and plants of many of the varieties will be on sale. They can also be bought from the nursery at the park in Pound Road (Mel 23 C10). This is open every Thursday from 10am to 12noon and on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm.

Theatre

The Manningham Arts Centre is holding a series of theatre skills workshops from August to October. They are held at 177 Foote Street, Templestowe. Saturday, September 17 will be devoted to stage make-up and there will be an audition workshop on Saturday, October 22. To enrol or find further information call Manningham Arts Centre on 9840 9381 or

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Annual

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ARTYFACTS

Paintings

Well-known local artist Walter Magilton (pictured) will be exhibiting his paintings at his Stony Creek Studio in Albert Road, Warrandyte from 1pm to 5pm each day on the weekends of August 27 and 28, September 3 and 4 and 10 and 11. He will also have an exhibition of major works at the Hurstbridge Galleries at Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge from October 16 to November 30.

Photography

Mongolia—the country, the flora and fauna, the people and their spirituality—is the focus of a photography exhibition to be held at the Manningham Gallery from Tuesday, August 16 to Saturday, September 3. The photographs were taken by Lisa Edwards and Warrandyte resident Jenny Grinlington during a trip to Mongolia in 2004. At the opening of the exhibition, a charitable foundation to facilitate and foster cultural, artistic and educational exchanges between the people of Australia and Mongolia, will be launched. It aims to supply Mongolian children with much-needed pens, paper and computers.

Stonehouse

Stonehouse Gallery will be exhibiting works by Ron and Maree Muller during August. Past residents of Warrandyte, Ron will be showing watercolours from his recent trip overseas, along with some Australian work, and Maree will be showcasing her free-form basketry, silks, clay and textiles. The exhibition will run until August 31 at the gallery, 323 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte.

Plays

Warrandyte Theatre Company is presenting an additional Warrandyte performance of four popular one-act plays, first presented by the company in June. The plays are Avatar, Restorations, Travis and Time Flies. They will be performed at the Mechanics Institute Hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue, at 8pm on Saturday, August 13. Tickets cost \$15 and can be booked at the Old Bakery Bookshop, phone 9844 1744.

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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.

Netballers in with a lot of chances

By SONIA RAPPELL

Warrandyte Netball Club sent 10 of a possible 15 teams into the Doncaster District winter finals this month. The grand finals were looming when this edition of the *Diary* went to press and details, with pictures, will be in the September issue.

Warrandyte ran 19 teams this season. Their four Under-11 sides do not play finals, but four of the five Under-13s, three of five Under-15s, two of

three Under-17s and one of the two Open teams made it through, maintaining the club's high standing in the district competition.

Presentation night will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Sunday, August 14, starting at seven.

In the meantime we complete a rundown on the girls who represent Warrandyte by focusing, through the eyes of their coaches, on the Under-17 and Open teams.



OPEN A/1 WOODIES:

Coach: Lorraine Green.
The team: Melissa Aitken, Joanne

Bolton, Amy Green, Tahlia Hoegel, Cathy Kinnear, Brooke Lashford, Sacha Poly, Tanya Puglia, Regina Rigetta, Shona Woodhouse.

Lorraine says: "This is a very

talented group of players — they finished on top of the ladder — and many of the girls are umpires or coaches of other teams. We also have several district representative players in the team."



OPEN A/2 EAGLES:

Coach: Natalie Dusting.
The team: Megan Bowen, Erin Carter, Leanne Cornish, Raquel Cukierman, Natalie Dusting, Amy Fitzpatrick, Kirstie Halcomb, Patricia Illing, Teresa Knott, Cassandra Lowe.

Natalie says: "The team were put up a section for the winter season and the girls have struggled, but their spirit remains. Hopefully, we will have a more successful spring season. Best of luck to the team."



UNDER-17/3 KANGAS:

Coach: Martin Post.
The team: Erika Dyason, Stacey Hokke, Jessica Jones, Sophie Post, Madeleine Prior, Carly Sayer, Jessica Southall, Alice Thurtell.

Martin says: "We've had a very good season, losing only one game up to the finals. The team have looked forward to the finals. The girls have been very positive in the way they go about their netball."



UNDER-17/2 HAWKS:

Coach: Michael Hassall.
The team: Cherise Angelotti-Casey,

Amelia Fraser-McKelvie, Samantha Hassall, Jacinta Kemm, Narelle Link, Courtney Merbis, Alice Saunders, Kristie Turner.

Michael says: "The team may not have

won many games but have succeeded in the true meaning of team sport — to go through a season with only one win yet still maintain all players. It is a testimonial to their good character."



UNDER-17/1 FALCONS:

Coach: Teresa Knott.
The team: Erin Carroll, Hannah Cox, Amie Dusting, Ellie Freemantle, Mandy Gammilonghi, Sophie Groth, Julia Knott,

Lauren Reid.
Teresa says: "It's been my pleasure to put these players on the court. As the season has progressed they have applied themselves to whatever position has been requested of them. They were undefeated, top of the ladder, going into the finals and still have much more to give."



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Under-18s sprout wings

By TONY OLIVER

A stunning come-from-behind win by Warrandyte's Under-18 boys highlighted an important round for all Friday night junior championship basketball teams on August 6.

The finals are fast approaching and a number of local sides need to maintain a winning streak to cement a position. On paper, Peter Clough's third-placed Under-18s should have been considerably too good for visiting Pakenham, lying ninth.

Pakenham have, however, recorded good recent wins over higher-placed sides and an upset was on the cards when they came out running and established a 9-4 lead.

Warrandyte were at full strength but inaccurate under the basket, with Pakenham rebounding strongly. Speedy defensive play from Jason Turner and good offensive work by Luke Ebzery kept the Redbacks in it, but Pakenham hit four three-point shots in the half to apply continual scoreboard pressure.

It was 25-14 in Pakenham's favour at the break and the game looked beyond the Redbacks when the visitors scored first in the second half after another failed Warrandyte attack from the opening ball.

With eight minutes to go and Pakenham holding a 13-point lead, Warrandyte had a sniff with some inspired play from Luke Dimmock, who hit a sweet three-point shot then forced a turnover from the end ball and scored with a lay up.

It lifted the entire Redbacks side. Hamish Hosking was able

Sluggish starters turn it all around

to take some telling rebounds, quickly feeding the ball to his guards for goals to Matthew Clough and a reverse lay-up to Wade King to narrow the gap to three.

Pakenham had lost dominant centre Tim Hendrix, which allowed the Redbacks more space in the key.

Shane Holloway scored for Warrandyte with the flow of the game all our way, but Pakenham broke the momentum when the Redbacks fouled and a three-point play soon after put the underdogs four points in front.

Enter Dimmock again with a three-pointer and some brilliant defence from Holloway gave Warrandyte possession with three minutes on the clock.

With just over 80 seconds remaining, Holloway scored again to give the Redbacks the lead for the first time.

In possession again after a Pakenham error, they slowed the game down looking for the good shot.

Jake Ratcliffe was fouled and scored with one of his shots from the free throw line to extend the margin to three, but Pakenham now had the ball.

A shooting foul was called and although Pakenham missed both shots, they scored from the rebound to make it a one-point ball game. But

Warrandyte had possession and Dimmock scored again for a memorable 46-43 hometown victory.

Top scorers for The Redbacks were Holloway with 12, Dimmock with 10 and Hosking eight.

Warrandyte will need to keep winning as the battle for the final four is intensely close.

Also under pressure for a finals place are Damian Arsenis' Under-12 Metro 2 boys. They have performed strongly over the last two months, their results including a controversial draw against top-placed Waverley, a scoresheet error costing them victory.

Their cause was severely dented, however, when they went down 33-29 to lower-ranked finals contenders Eltham.

Warrandyte had far the better of the first half, leading 20-13 at the break, but their game fell apart thereafter.

It was 20-all with eight minutes to go, but Eltham were more potent under the basket. Jack Cousens scored for the Redbacks from the top of the key to cut the margin to one point as the clock ticked down to three minutes, but Eltham rebounded immediately to lead by three points. The opportunities were there for Warrandyte, but they went unconverted.

Lead scorers for Warrandyte were Cousens and Jack Power with eight each, assisted by Jake Wintle with six and Ryan Tester with four.

Despite a poor start to the season Warrandyte are still a chance for the finals but play a number of top sides along the way.

Warrandyte second Under-12 boys side, coming off a recent run of two losses and two draws



Warrandyte's Under-18 Friday night boys take stock during a time out in their fast-finishing victory over Pakenham.

with line-ups depleted by injuries and illness, met Western Port in a crossover game. But the outcome will be of little assistance to coach Malcolm Anderson, Warrandyte romping home 83-8.

All players contributed to the scoreboard, with Matt Ratcliffe (22) and Campbell Prior (18) leading the way.

Warrandyte are still leading their group and are assured of a finals spot, but Anderson will have to wait for better opposition to come along to see if his side are fully over their recent setbacks.

The Under-16 Redback boys defeated Dandenong 58-23 to restore confidence after a re-

cent disappointing loss to Cranbourne. Ben Power led the scoring with 25. Warrandyte are still second on the ladder, with the best shooting percentage.

The Under 18-2 boys had a strong 51-36 away win against second-placed Whittlesea to maintain their standing in the finals group.

On the girls side, the Under-18 girls easily accounted for Werribee 52-27. The first half was tight, the visiting Redbacks holding a five-point lead at the break.

The tempo picked up in the second half with some individual creative work from the girls on top of an excellent de-

fensive effort. Key players for Warrandyte were Andrea Peters and Jess Soltz, but there were strong contributions all round.

The Redbacks still have a strong chance of playing finals, with a game in hand against a lowly-ranked team they would be expected to defeat.

Jenni O'Brien's Under-16 girls stayed in the hunt for a finals position with an encouraging 37-24 win against McKinnon at Sandringham. Warrandyte were never really challenged and Natalie Medcalf led the scoring with 11.

In a low-scoring game, the Under-14 Metro 1 girls lost to Camberwell 12-9 after trailing 6-4 at the break.

Still time for the summer

Late registrations are still being accepted for the summer Saturday basketball season, particularly for the Under-8s. Inquiries: Tony Oliver, 9844 4287.

The 2006 Friday night championship season will start in October. Expressions-of-interest forms are available from the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre court or from Nick Peters on 9846 1516.

The competition ranges from Under-12s to Under-18s for both boys and girls (ages defined at December 31, 2006).

Saturday Redbacks rack up the wins

By TONY OLIVER

Round 13 of the EDJBA Saturday championship was completed on August 6, with Warrandyte's top-age boys sides all recorded encouraging wins.

Highlight game was provided by the Under-15 A-grade boys, coached by Gavin Whitmore, who stayed at the top of the table by defeating second-placed Eltham 33-30.

Warrandyte were in control at the break, leading 16-10, but Eltham drew level at 20-all late in the game.

Gavin Yates scored a key basket from a full-court drive and lay-up to restore the lead but neither side could break away as they swapped goals.

Tall centre Ben Power grabbed the lead again for the Redbacks with a close-in goal, but Eltham had the chance to reply when a block on the drive sent them to the line with just under a minute to go. One out of two to Eltham left Warrandyte with the narrowest of leads. The Redbacks were in possession following a strong defensive rebound to Ben Power and Yates was fouled with just 3.6 seconds on the clock.

Both shots found their mark to give Warrandyte a three-point buffer and the last shot of the day from Eltham from well outside the three-point line bounced quite harmlessly off the backboard.

The Under-17 boys finished strongly to record an impressive win over Nunawading.



Why so glum, girls? Warrandyte's Under-13 A-grade girls really had plenty to smile about on their way to 30-11 win over Nunawading Vikings.

It was 19-all after a somewhat lacklustre first half, but Warrandyte were able to lift to establish a lead. Nunawading challenged late in the game but Warrandyte responded by digging deep in defence to keep Nunawading scoreless for the last eight minutes while adding 10 points themselves with goals to Mitchell Hawley, Josh Collins, Luke Dimmock and Shane Holloway.

The result saw Warrandyte retain third place in the A-grade competition.

The Under-19 boys were never seriously challenged in a 50-33 win over Banksia. Grant Godwin led the scoring with 11 points in each half, including two three-pointers. Dean Lucas contributed 13.

This was a good hit out for the sec-

ond-placed Redbacks against the fourth-placed side.

At the other end of the age scale, Warrandyte's Under-9 boys had a 22-20 win against a fast-finishing Koonung, Zac Plischka and Nathan DeLacy topscoring with five and four respectively.

Nick Peters' Under-17 girls had a strong 36-21 win against Ivanhoe — level with them on premiership points — at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre. Warrandyte were weakened before the game when aggressive guard Madeleine Prior was unable to take the court with an ankle injury sustained earlier in the day and they started sluggishly, eventually hitting the front midway through the first half with a rebound goal to centre Jess



Warrandyte's Ben Power leads the race to the ball ahead of teammates Tom Fitzpatrick and Troy Ratcliffe in a 33-30 win over likely grand final opponents Eltham.

Soltz. The lead see-sawed before Warrandyte went into the break leading 16-11 following good offensive play from Chelsea Crisp and Amy Caudry.

The Redbacks threatened to run away with the game when guard Kristin Schmidt scored the opening goal of the second term, but Ivanhoe not about to surrender came back hard to tie it up.

The deadlock was broken by a goal to Lindel Thomas, quickly followed by another to Jess Soltz, who was playing a strong game in both offence and defence.

Any chance for Ivanhoe was snuffed out with three-pointers to Andrea Peters and Thomas.

All players were on the scoreboard, Thomas, with nine, and Jess Soltz

(eight) showing how.

Maree Vincent's Under-13 girls easily accounted 30-11 for Nunawading. Warrandyte were never threatened in this A-grade game after leading 18-2 at the break.

Leading the scoring were Myka Johnston with 10 and Nicolette Prior with nine.

Lorraine Parfitt Under-11 A-grade girls could not maintain their first-half effort, going down 23-9 to Nunawading after trailing just 9-7 at the break.

Nunawading were able to put too much back-court pressure on the Redback girls in a clash of the third and fourth-placed teams.

Warrandyte have a hard run home and might miss out on the A1 final group.

Fab five face off for the finals!



Bring it on, say Baby Bloods

These are the youngest of five Warrandyte teams contesting the Yarra Junior Football league finals. And they can't wait for the ball to be announced!

The Under-11s (top) and Under-10s each finished with 11 wins from 16 games and who's to say they can't go all the way? Certainly not their coaches ... or their mums and dads.



By DENNIS J. HOIBERG

Warrandyte Junior Football Club have five of a possible seven teams in the Yarra junior league finals.

They will be represented by the Under-10s, 11s, 13s, 15s and Colts, improving on last season's performances, which saw three teams playing off.

"Given that all our teams are in higher divisions this year, it is a real tribute to our coaches and their staff," said club president Steve Blakey.

"All the teams have played consistent football and we have seen virtually every player within the club improve his football skills and team play."

"The club are blessed with very good coaches and we are seeing this in the results."

"Our goal as a club is to have the teams reach the finals. It's great if they can go one better and win premierships, but the real satisfaction is to ensure our teams are competitive and the players enjoy themselves."

As an illustration of this, Blakey nominated the Under-14s, under first-year coach and inaugural club captain Andrew Gordon.

"These boys had the third-highest percentage in their division, yet finished one game out of the four," he said. "But they have consistently proved to be one of the high-performing sides."

Andrew Gordon came into the coaching role later than ideal but, supported by team manager Wayne Moore, has developed a great relationship with the players, who have played some great football.

"They kicked the Yarra league season's highest score of 33.12-210 to prove just how good they are."

Gordon and his staff have overseen the development of players of the calibre of Duane Cox, Rhys Aldenhoven, Jim Taylor, Sam Fisher and Jarrod Goodwin, who will play leading roles next season as Under-15s.

The Under-14s completed their season on August 7 with a 48-point loss to Ivanhoe after accounting for Doncaster (by 33 points), Banyule (16 points) and Emmaus Tally Ho (100 points) to finish with an 11-5

win-loss ratio and a percentage of 211.5.

The season also ended on August 7 for the Under-9s, who do not play for premiership points.

"What a season it has been!" said coach Peter Stafford. "The time has just flown and I hope the kids enjoyed the year as much as Dean Gorrie (assistant coach), Vicki Ladhams (team manager) and I have."

"The kids won more games than they lost and, more importantly, they had a heap of fun. It has been a delight watching the likes of Kurt and Kyle McMennemin, Adam Mitchell, Cameron Caffin, Tara Brown, Michael Bilos, Chris McDougall, Matthew Wilson, James Appleby and Pat Curry really develop their football skills as well as make new friends."

"This is a great bunch of kids and I look forward to seeing them develop and stay with the club over the coming years."

Stafford is already talking with the local Auskick people to recruit new faces for the Under-9s next season.

"Any parents who would like to see their children involved with us next year should come to the club or watch out for registration day early next year," he said.

Andrew Wildsmith, another first-year coach, saw his Under-12s play a thrilling 5.8-38 draw with fifth-placed Greythorn to add to their three wins in what was a very tough season.

These boys showed consistent improvement and there was certainly no disgrace attached to hard-fought late-season losses to Surrey Park (by 35 points), Park Orchards (30 points) and Kew (21 points).

"The drawn last game just topped off a frustrating season for the boys," said assistant team manager Michael Colborne. "We have a talented bunch of boys who just couldn't put it all together when it counted, but this team get an A for effort."

"Such players as Michael McDougall, Mitchell Gaffney, Taylor Hayton, Michael Ashfield, Nic Tookey-Knowles, Sam Beasley, Johnny Dobbie, Heath Fitzpatrick and Tom King

Brother, that was quite a football trip!



Warrandyte's Nathan Gordon (pictured) represented the Yarra Junior Football League last month on a trip to Queensland.

And he nominated two highlights: being part of the first team to defeat the strong Queensland squad and getting to see the eviction room on the Big Brother set on the Gold Coast.

"We played the Queensland squad twice — the first time going down by a goal and the second winning by a number of

goals," he said. "It was a great experience, playing some tough football and making a lot of new friends."

Warrandyte full-forward Josh Cunningham has broken the club Colts record of 77 goals for a season.

The mark was set in 2001 by current seniors full-forward Michael Morello and it is by no means inconceivable that he will reach his century during the upcoming finals series.

have all demonstrated their considerable skills and will keep developing."

Chris Appleby's Under-13s got into the finals right at the death with a 12.9-81 to 1.2-8 defeat of St Mary's for a 10-6 win-loss ratio. Their 44-point drubbing of Kew Rovers had followed a loss to Bundoora by three points and a 56-point win over Ivanhoe.

"We suffered from a slow start to the season," said team manager Paul Van Der Zant, "but their results proved to everyone — especially the boys themselves — that they are fine footballers capable of achieving big things."

Alexi Szabo, Luke Costin, Jake Miller, Nicolette Prior, Josh Harris, Sam Allardice, Blake Handson and Corey Newman all show great potential.

Nuggety defender and young veteran Rick Curtis is counting

down the hours to the Colts finals.

"We are superbly coached by Shaun Wilson and magnificently led by Joe O'Mara, Chris Watson and Luke Ebzery," he said. "For many of us who have played here since Under-9s, the finals series gives us the opportunity to farewell the club in the best possible way."

The Colts had the best possible path to the finals, defeating Doncaster Heights (by 13 points), Park Orchards by 11, Banyule by eight goals, Balwyn by 77 points and most recently a 49-point victory over Richmond to finish second with 13 wins, a draw and just two losses.

"Everything goes back to square one when the finals start," said coach Wilson, "but if we remain vigilant, stick to our game plan and play to our potential I am confident we can get

there."

He will be looking to players such as Hamish Hosking, Tim Hookey, Nick Crosbie, Pat Nicol, Scott Allwood, Justin Hull, Jack Bullard and Paul Burgoyne to carry their form into the finals.

The Under-15s enter the finals series on top of their division with a 13-3 win-loss ratio, completing their home-and-away season with wins against Park Orchards (by 84 points), Doncaster Heights (24), Hawthorn Citizens (35), Camberwell (30 points) and Fitzroy (46 points).

Many of these boys have already experienced finals football and such players as Clayton Pearce, Ross Brown, David Wood, Jordan Hutchins, Ben Power, Heath Corke and Patrick Eddy are hungry for more.

"We have a great team structure but we need to remain desperate to grab the flag," said

team manager Sharon Vaughan. The Under-11s faltered in their run home to the elite Gold Division finals with consecutive losses to St Mary's Kew Rovers, Beverley Hills and Ivanhoe but still finished on 11 wins and five losses.

"While we could have done without some of those results, the boys realise that it's tough in Gold Division," said coach Greg Edwards. "I'm convinced that these boys will rise to the challenge."

"When you have players like Tim Nilsson, Daniel Krajnc, Jacob Harris, James Fisher, Neil Brown, Jarrod Buzzini and Darcy Lang, the impossible becomes very reachable."

A crowded leader board saw the composition of the Under-10s final four go right down to the last round of matches, Warrandyte, assured of a berth, finishing on top on 11 wins a 25-point result over Bundoora. Team manager Debbie McMellan believes the recent reversals, while unexpected, might have re-focused the boys on the final goal.

"Coach Shane Newman will be looking to all the boys to play to their potential but has nominated Ryan Tester, Zac Ballard, Brayden and Daniel Mifsud, Bradley Stone and Jake Wintle as the players to lead from the front," she said.

For further information about the activities of the junior club, contact president Blakey on 9844 4943 or secretary Kevin O'Mara (9844 2964).

Jessica tops class again

Outstanding young Warrandyte archer Jessica Walters has accepted a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport, in Canberra.

Jessica, 16, of Glynn's Road, is the first Victorian archer to be offered the award, which comes on top of her fourth placing in the women's open recurve event at the national championships at Yarrambat in April.

She was already Victorian and national junior archery champion in her age group and has a host of state records to her credit.

Jessica took up her scholarship last month and if she performs up to expectations may return to the AIS next year.

According to proud dad Barry, she is more likely at this stage to be back home in December and return to Warrandyte High School in 2006.



Jessica Walters: a straight shooter's scholarship to the AIS

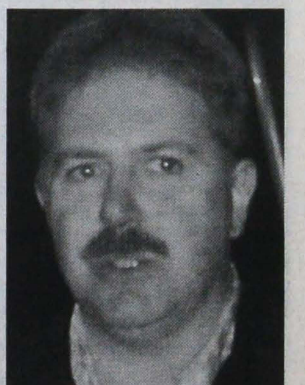
It's life for Mathew

Long-serving president Mathew Matheou (pictured) was awarded life membership at Warrandyte Junior Football Club's recent annual dinner dance.

Matheou stepped aside this year as both president and coach of the Colts side after a term in the chair which saw the club go from strength to strength.

Accepting the award, he said he was particularly thankful for the support of his family and the leadership team at the club.

Wayne and Maree Moore's service to the club was also recognised with the clubpersons of the year award. Maree is a major organiser of WJFC social events and Wayne's many roles



have included those of coach and team manager.

Bloods defy the drop!

'Impossible' win sets up our grand final

By LEE TINDALE

Warrandyte Football Club kept alive a most improbable dream by producing the upset of the season against EFL Third Division power club Bayswater at home on August 6.

Desperate to avoid a maiden voyage to Division 4 in 2006, the Bloods overcame a scoreless third quarter to rattle home by six points, 12.10-82 to 11.10-76 in a game which had shaped as a mismatch between the cellar dwellers and the second-placed visitors, who had lost only three of their 16 games.

Bottom spot—and relegation—will now be decided when Warrandyte travel to Heathmont on June 13 in the final home-and-away round.

Win and the Bloods pull off an Houdini-like escape and keep intact a record which has never included Fourth Division football.

Warrandyte and Heathmont—last season Division 4 premiers—have each won just two games in 2005, the Bloods prevailing by seven points when they met at home in Round 9 on June 4.

They took the field against Bayswater looking squarely down the relegation barrel. Realistically, their best-case scenario in the context of the season to far was a matter of damage control to send them into the Heathmont showdown one game and significant percentage points adrift. That was assuming Heathmont succumbed to South Croydon (as they did) in an intervening Sunday game. All that would have meant giving Heathmont a decent-sized hiding (the amateur statisticians were talking in the vicinity of eight goals) to make up the percentage leeway and survive.

But our memorable victory over Bayswater has boiled it all down to a dead-set shoot-out, with percentages irrelevant.

"You proved to yourselves today what footy is all about," Bloods coach Peter Green told his exhausted but elated troops after the Bayswater boilover, a result achieved by restricting the likely grand finalists to a solitary behind in the final quarter and booting 5.3 themselves.

"This is a turning point for the club. I'm really proud of you. You stood up and everyone did something that made a difference."

"Next Saturday is our grand final!"

Despite their reputation and the use of a light breeze, it took Bayswater the best part of 10 minutes to register the game's first goal, Warrandyte giving early indications that they were not out there merely to make up the numbers.

Full-forward Michael Morello quickly squared the ledger after marking on his chest in a crowded goal square, but despite our best efforts, Bayswa-

ter had opened up an 18-point lead with 21 minutes elapsed and those of little faith in the home crowd were expecting the floodgates to open.

They didn't—thanks largely to Clint Wheatley, a class act whose recruitment from Lalor, in the Diamond Valley league, this year has turned out to be a considerable coup.

In the space of two minutes, Wheatley accepted a handpass from the burly Canpbell Holland for our second goal and found former Lalor teammate Adam Kearney with a deft footpass for our third.

Warrandyte were looking not at all like wooden spooners and despite a late Bayswater goal, a 5.2 to 3.2 scoreline at the first change probably exceeded our expectations.

Coach Green was happy enough with it and his emphasis in the huddle was to "keep running".

Shoddy defence set Bayswater up for their sixth goal four minutes into the second term, but Holland to Matt Wood a minute later cancelled that one out and when Kearney snapped a beauty and Holland found Morrello, the Bloods were in front by two points, 6.5 to 6.3.

A huge Wheatley kick stretched that to eight points, but Bayswater reeled that in by threading one through from the boundary.

Still, 7.7 to 7.5 in our favour at the interval was tasty indeed and the best was yet to come ... eventually.

The season of this inexperienced Warrandyte side had been pitted with scoreless quarters and we were about to suffer another. Not a Mintie wrapper to show on the scoreboard for our third term as we struggled to reach the half-forward line, let alone pass it.

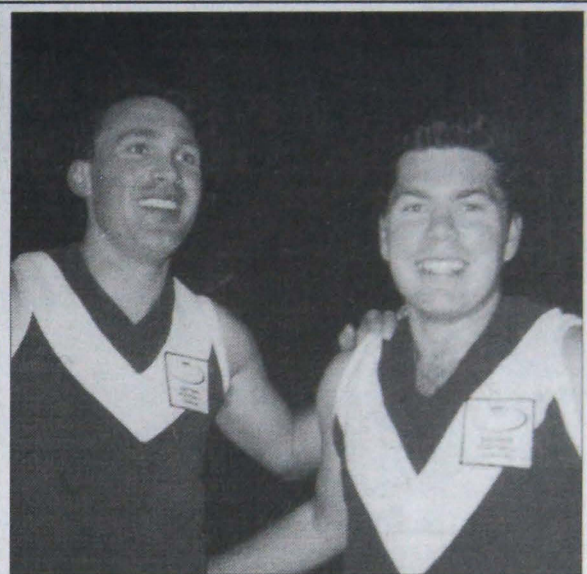
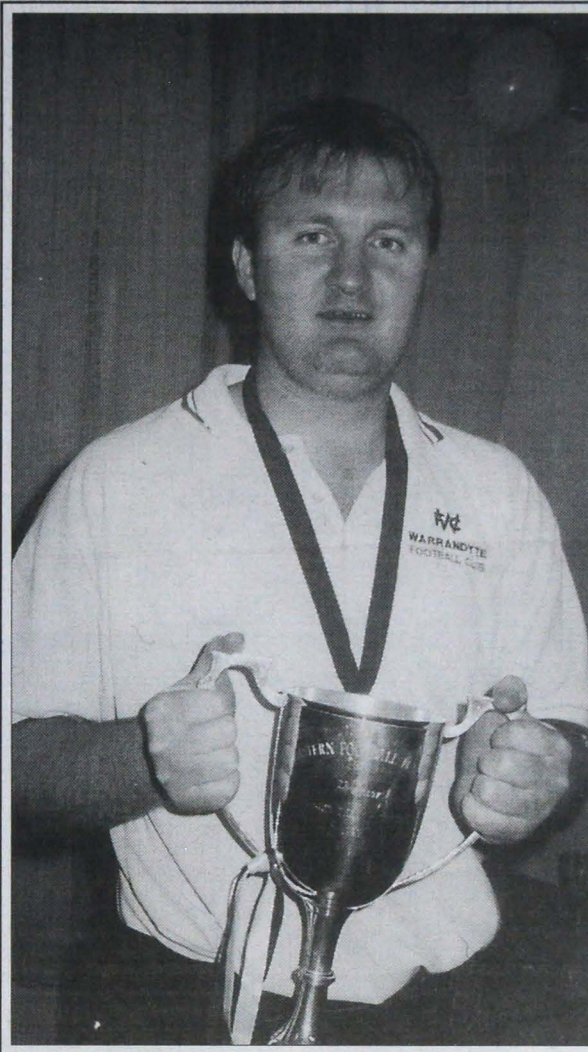
The Bloods defended grandly but chinks in the armour were going to be inevitable against the tide and the visitors had a 26-point lead, 11.8 to 7.7, at the last change.

That looked for all the world like a match-winning lead—but somebody neglected to tell a bunch of kids wearing red and white.

Far from berating the Bloods for their failure to bother the goal umpires at all in the preceding quarter, Green said they'd done well to hold their big-name adversaries. The game, he assured them, was still there to be won.

Morello lent weight to that diagnosis by running with the flight of the ball into the goal square with three minutes gone and a big torpedo from Wheatley sailed perilously close before he immediately made amends from the boundary.

That's when it started to dawn on the vocal locals that we were not going to settle for merely an honourable defeat against this mob—we were going to knock



John O'Brian (left), Kimberly O'Connor (above left) and Dale Vitiritti: 839 games between them.

Our marathon men

Warrandyte Football Club saluted three of its favourite sons at a tribute night at the clubrooms after the game against Bayswater on August 6.

John O'Brien, Kimberly O'Connor and Dale Vitiritti, who have racked up an aggregate 839 games with the Bloods, were each presented with framed memorabilia and a plaque recognising their host of achievements since starting their careers here in the junior ranks.

O'Brien (304 games) and O'Connor (257) are multiple best and fairest winners at the club and premiership captains (in 1999 and 1993 respectively). Both are recently retired.

Vitiritti, 257 games and still on the Bloods senior list, is perhaps the best player not to have won a Warrandyte club champion award. He has finished in the top three six times.

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them off!

A reception bordering on minor hysteria greeted a great goal on the run from Wood and when Green passed to Morello for another, the game was all tied up with 11 minutes gone. But not for long.

Warrandyte whipped the ball straight out of the centre again, into the safe hands of Wheatley, who belted one through from a distance and Morello was terribly unlucky when his accurate snap from the square with the quarter half gone didn't quite beat the umpire's whistle awarding a free to Bayswater.

Having hit the front, it was now a matter of defending like

men possessed to stay there—and the Bloods did just that.

Bayswater had a golden opportunity to level the score when they marked well within range at the 23-minute mark, but the shot was comfortably wide of the mark.

It was to be their only score for the quarter. A few more heroics from the fanatical Bloods and game over.

The Bloods goalkickers were Morello 4, Wheatley 4, Kearney 2 and Wood 2.

Green singled out James Logan, Brian Elliott, Craig Dick and Tom Naughtin for special commendation, but they had plenty of mates, Wheatley and Wood right up there among them.

The reserves were outclassed 23.12-150 to 9.5-59 by Bayswater. Their best were Tahn Reid, Geoff Zach, Brendan Baker and Anthony Desaro.

Be there and be very vocal

It's your chance at Heathmont on Saturday, August 13, to be part of Warrandyte Football Club's 2005 "grand final".

No premiers glory involved here, but the right to continue to play in EFL Third Division or take the drop to Division 4 for the first time in our proud history.

The Heathmont ground is the H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont Road (Melways reference 64 C2), so be there in droves and show the local crowd what supporting a football team is all about.

If you can't make it, the game is broadcast on FM 98.1.

Green back for 2006 campaign

Warrandyte have reappointed Peter Green senior coach for season 2006. It represents a committee vote of confidence in Green, who came to the Bloods late last year very well credentialed, most recently with Second Division club Montrose.

It is also an acknowledgement that he did not have a great deal to work with when he led a very young and inexperienced list into 2005.

Green's reappointment was confirmed when Warrandyte had just one win on the board from 16 games and the committee's faith in him was justified when he led the Bloods to what may be a season-defining win over second-placed Bayswater in the very next match.

"We wanted to settle the coaching position early to enable us to start planning immediately for next season, particularly in the recruiting field," WFC president Phil Treeby told

the *Diary*. "The club's policy of developing local young talent will certainly remain in place, but we will also be actively recruiting," he said.

"We will be looking particularly for key position players with a bit of height to strengthen our spine."

The Bloods will also be seeking an assistant coach and chairman of selectors.

Treeby said he was prepared to take on a third term as president but the annual general meeting would be looking for a vice-president and treasurer.

"Another priority is to get more people on to the committee," he said. "And we'll also be seeking more assistance in any capacity with the week-to-week running of this club. We'll happily find a job for anyone willing to put their hand up."

"If you'd like to help out, please contact me (0407 008 124) or secretary James Logan (0414 337418)."

Last year's smash hit is on again

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Supersmashers program—an overwhelming success in 2004—will be run again this year. It will be held at 9.30 each Sunday morning from October 9 until November 13.

Supersmashers is designed to introduce youngsters to tennis. The participants will learn all the tennis strokes, related fitness tips and court etiquette. They will also receive a "Smashpak" containing tennis giveaways.

The program will conclude with an exhibition match featuring former world top 20 player Jason Stoltenberg. Last year Stoltenberg teamed with



top Australian junior Natalie Teneveski against Aaron Nolan (club coach and current state grade player) and former club coach Fabio Forlano. Prizes and trophies will be presented to all Supersmash participants at a barbecue after the match. Entry forms are

available from:

- Warrandyte Tennis Club (on the junior noticeboard downstairs).
 - Aaron Nolan (0408 273 588 after school until around 6pm on weekdays night at the club).
 - Junior convenor Michelle Gilling (phone 9844 2025 at 60 Yarra Street).
 - Warrandyte Consulting Rooms, 2 Trezise Street (physiotherapy window).
- Cost of the program is \$60 per child. Bookings are limited so parents are urged to sign up their child or children now. All inquiries to Michelle Gilling.

Hawks stay put in their nest

South Warrandyte Cricket Club will, after all and as usual, be based at Colman Park for the 2005-2006 season.

The Hawks will return to their nest after searching for a new ground while Manningham council resurfaced Colman Park and installed a new wicket to bring it right up to the high standard required for the Ringwood District Cricket Association's elite Chandler Shield competition.

Council has now decided to delay the works until the end of the upcoming season.

"We are still looking for an alternative ground for our third and fourth elevens, but they are hard to come by," said SWCC



president Barry Williams.

Indoor training is now under way each Monday night from 8.30 at Topline Sport at Bayswater and Williams said numbers had been very good. Any new player who would like to try out is very welcome to come along.

Numbers have also been well above expectations at Warran-

dyte Cricket Club's indoor sessions at Maddox Cricket Centre at Blackburn and again, new players are more than welcome.

Training is from 9-10pm Mondays, the next session on August 15.

Warrandyte's registration day is at the clubrooms on August 28, juniors from 9-10pm, seniors from 10 to noon. Lee Dehmel (9844 2834) is handling all inquiries.

The Dytes' popular Milo Have A Go program for youngsters will resume on October 28 at the recreation reserve, from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

The club are also preparing for outdoor training by resurfacing the nets area.



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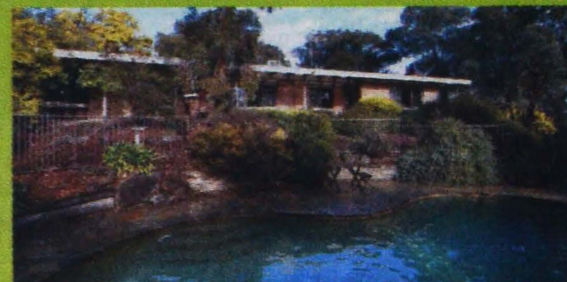
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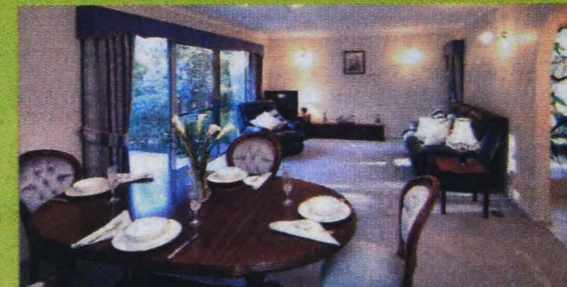
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