

## Lee Tindale dies

*Diary* editor Lee Tindale (aka Smokey Joe) died on Saturday, February 4, aged 64 years. A professional journalist with wide newspaper experience, Lee was born in Katanning, Western Australia. He joined this paper in 1974, creating the character Smokey Joe as our (then) front page columnist. Smokey continued to chronicle the fun and foibles of this town until last Decem-

ber, when the ravages of cancer finally forced his retirement. The column was the *Diary's* best-loved feature. Lee was managing editor and co-editor of the *Diary* at various times. Apart from his inspired work as Smokey's ghost, Lee's most enduring contribution was as sports editor. His sports pages were comprehensive, accurate and lively. He did all this as

a volunteer—for love of his town, its people and its newspaper. He is survived by wife Jan, daughters Sarah, Jenny and Lisa and son Tom. A memorial service and wake is being held at the Warrandyte Football Club on Wednesday, February 8 at 2pm. ● A full tribute to Lee will appear in the next *Diary*.

## Smokey's last words

(December 2005)

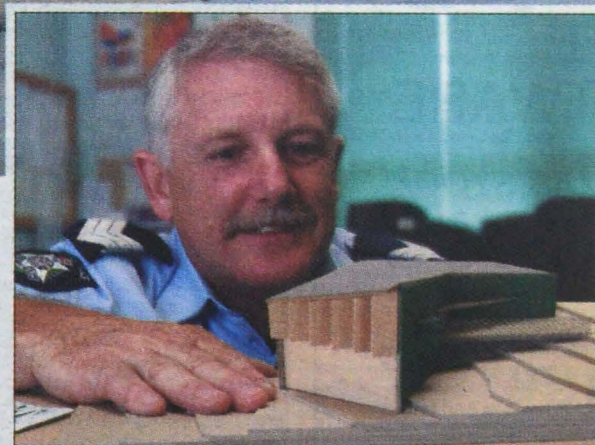
*It must be that time of the year again because the siren call of the Bellarine Peninsula grous stronger apace. Time to say thanks for reading us again in 2005 — and we know you have because the amount of hate mail and death threats tells us so. Seriously, though, may your Christmas be both joyous and safe and your new year so good you'll have to periodically pinch yourself just to make sure all those wonderful things are really happening to you. Bye now.*

# Our police station



*"It will be wonderful not to have to share our facilities with everyone we have to deal with."*

—SGT KEITH WALKER



Above: Jock's impression of our new police station. Left: Sgt Keith Walker admires a model of the proposed building. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte's new police station will commence building next month. It will be erected on the present site.

Realising the need for a strong visual presence for the station, investigations were made for a new site in Yarra Street, but there was no suitable land available.

The old sergeant's house, facing Yarra Street, will remain and will be used as a temporary police station as building work progresses.

Designed to complement its bushland setting, the front of the new station will be clad in dark green glazed brick with a grey Colourbond steel roof.

Shaped like a shallow boomerang, the station will be approached from Forbes Street up a gradually sloping ramp, suitable for disabled access.

Double glazed doors will lead to a foyer with a public consultation area and the sergeant's office across the

way. Beyond will be a large muster area, where the police officers will perform most of their indoor duties.

Two separate interview rooms and a custodial area with their own facilities will be provided. According to Warrandyte police sergeant Keith Walker this will be a notable improvement on the existing building.

"If we have someone come into the police station to interview an officer, we have to sit them down in the staff meal room and allow them to use our facilities," Sgt Walker told the *Diary*.

"Those same facilities are shared by the police, by the public, by any witnesses who come in, any suspects, any offenders. It will be wonderful not to have to share our facilities with everyone we have to deal with."

"At the moment our single toilet is used by everyone. Our washroom is used by everyone. Even by people whose fingerprints we have to take. They go into our washroom. It is extremely unprofessional at the moment."

Coincidentally, Linda Noke, a Warrandyte resident, is managing the project for the Victoria Police.

The building has been designed by architects Kerstin Thompson who have also designed the new police station to be built at Hurstbridge. It is hoped the two projects will be covered in the one contract and that both jobs will progress in tandem.

The architects were given a "generic brief" for a standard "16-hour police station". This brief was not only based on current staffing levels, but also allows for potential future growth.

The sensitivities of the site have been taken into account with the colours and materials used and the overall appearance of the building.

The architects looked at building styles in the Warrandyte village and at the house next door. They considered the station's proximity to the river when developing the design. The area will be landscaped.

Extensive consultations were held with those who will use the building,

especially the local police.

"It's been excellent that we've been able to have that input," Sgt Walker said.

"All the members here at the police station have had input into the layout of the new police station. Being able to do that really gives us some sense of ownership of the building."

Although wider than the existing station, the building will not intrude upon the community garden. There will be a driveway beside the station, leading to a garage, accessed from the side, and to a storeroom.

The old police house next door, facing Yarra Street, will also remain. The police will shift into the house to allow demolition of the old building. It will be the temporary police station during construction of the new building.

Arrangements for this have been made with the Department of Housing and the Salvation Army who are currently using the house as emergency accommodation.

The new Warrandyte police station is one of 34 to be rebuilt across the state. Making the announcement in May last year, local MP Danielle Green said rebuilding the station had been an election promise.

"The station is pretty old. We've had a commitment to not only make the stations better for the community, but also so support staff and police could have a decent place to work."

Keith Walker has been sergeant at Warrandyte for 14 years. "We were told we were getting a new police station here seven years ago," he said.

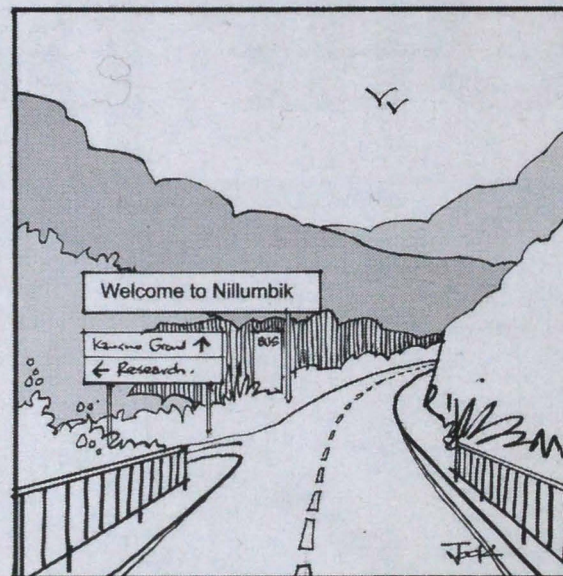
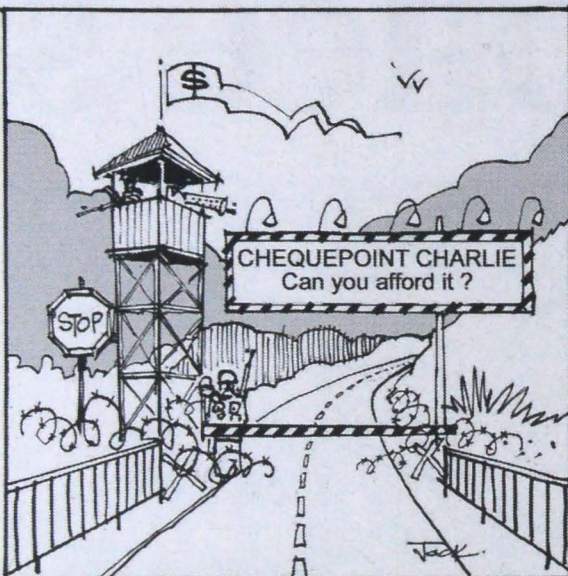
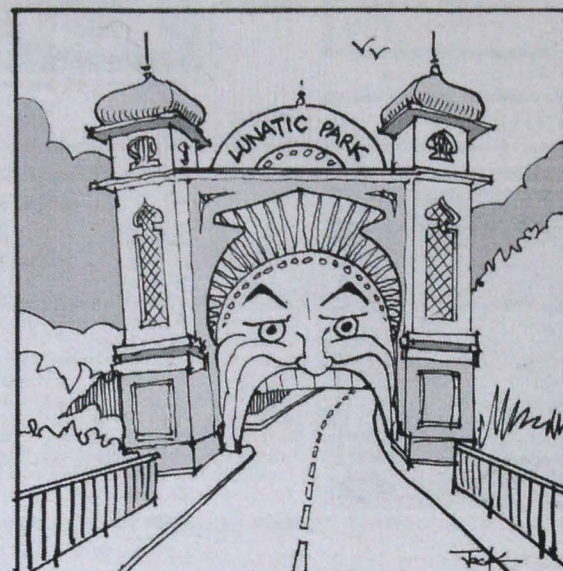
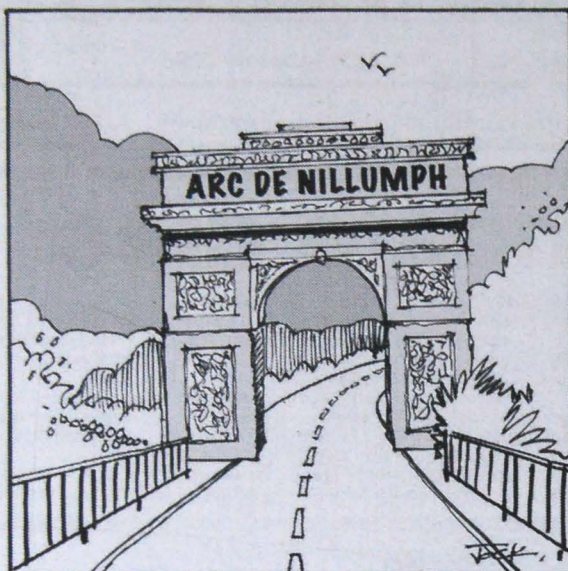
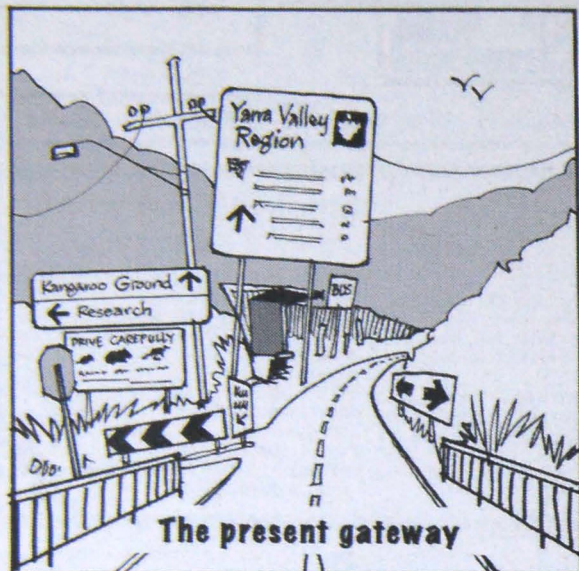
Sgt Walker believes the Warrandyte community and his staff deserve the best police facilities the state can provide.

Meanwhile it will be "business as usual" during rebuilding. "We will be operating out of the old police house next door whilst the new police station is being rebuilt," Sgt Walker said. "The phone numbers will be the same and we'll be just next door for all those who need assistance."

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By JOCK MACNEISH

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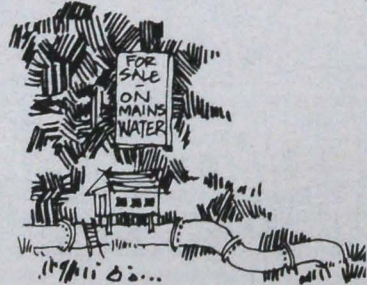
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**OUR NEWSPAPER**  
The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community.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

**BACKFLIP**  
Clearwater revival: It was when we were running a bath that we first saw the difference. Usually we have showers and what with the Loxene for the dandruff and the Lifebuoy for the BO and the Tact for the tactlessness, you couldn't really tell. But there it was: the bottom of the bath. You could see it! The water was clear. The Board of Works had taken over! All those letters Mr Croxford (then board chairman and local councillor) has been writing to himself have brought a result. Which is really a shame, in some ways. Those old jokes are now redundant. About the river that's too thick to drink and too thin to plough, and about Warrandyte being the only place with home brew coming through the taps. And where does that leave the "we've kept our tanks—I wouldn't drink that river muck" brigade? Personally we've fished too many native creatures from too many tanks to be convinced by their arguments. If the rainwater romantics stick to their possum soup percolated through birds' nests now, they're welcome to it. Secondhand tanks will be a drug on the market. But we will miss that lovely heady chlorine smell and that delightful milky colour. It looked like the run-off from the WAA potters' studio. All gone now. Another link with Warrandyte's past washed down our non-existent drains. Did anyone think to put down a souvenir bottling of Warrandyte '70?  
Diary, December 1970



**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. 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.

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# River action promise

Words and pictures by  
**SANDY BURGOYNE**

The state government has promised to sewer townships along the Yarra during the next 20 years, replacing 18,500 septic tanks.

John Thwaites, state minister for water, announced this during the launch of the Yarra River Action Plan last month.

The plan's focus is to improve and protect the water quality of the Yarra and its tributaries and the Maribyrnong River. The minister promised \$270 million of new initiatives to bring this about. Appropriately, he made this announcement beside the Yarra at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe.

Mr Thwaites said that a spectrum of organisations with an interest in the health of the river and its catchments had contributed to formulating the plan. These include Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, EPA and local councils.

The minister said that a major consideration in improving the health of the Yarra is to reduce the bacterial load finding its way into the river and its tributaries. Damaged or overflowing septic tanks are a significant contributor to e-coli contamination in river systems. Mr Thwaites promised an acceleration in the septic tank replacement system.

"Yarra Valley Water will be doubling its expenditure on septic tank replacement, so that over the next 20 years we will be replacing around 18,500 septic tanks," he said. "That acceleration and that doubling in expenditure will lead to a significant increase in the number of houses connected to the full system." This move will be of interest to *Diary* readers as sewerage connection is not yet available to many households in our area, including North Warrandyte and much of the Warrandyte township.

However, Phil Honeywood, MP for Warrandyte and deputy opposition leader, considers that this announcement offers nothing new to the Warrandyte district. "Yet again the gov-

ernment has tried to trick local residents into believing they are serious about our section of the Yarra, but there is nothing in this for Manningham," he told the *Diary*. "It is yet another slap in the face for Warrandyte and Park Orchards residents who have been waiting for the implementation of the 20-year sewerage backlog replacement program," he added.

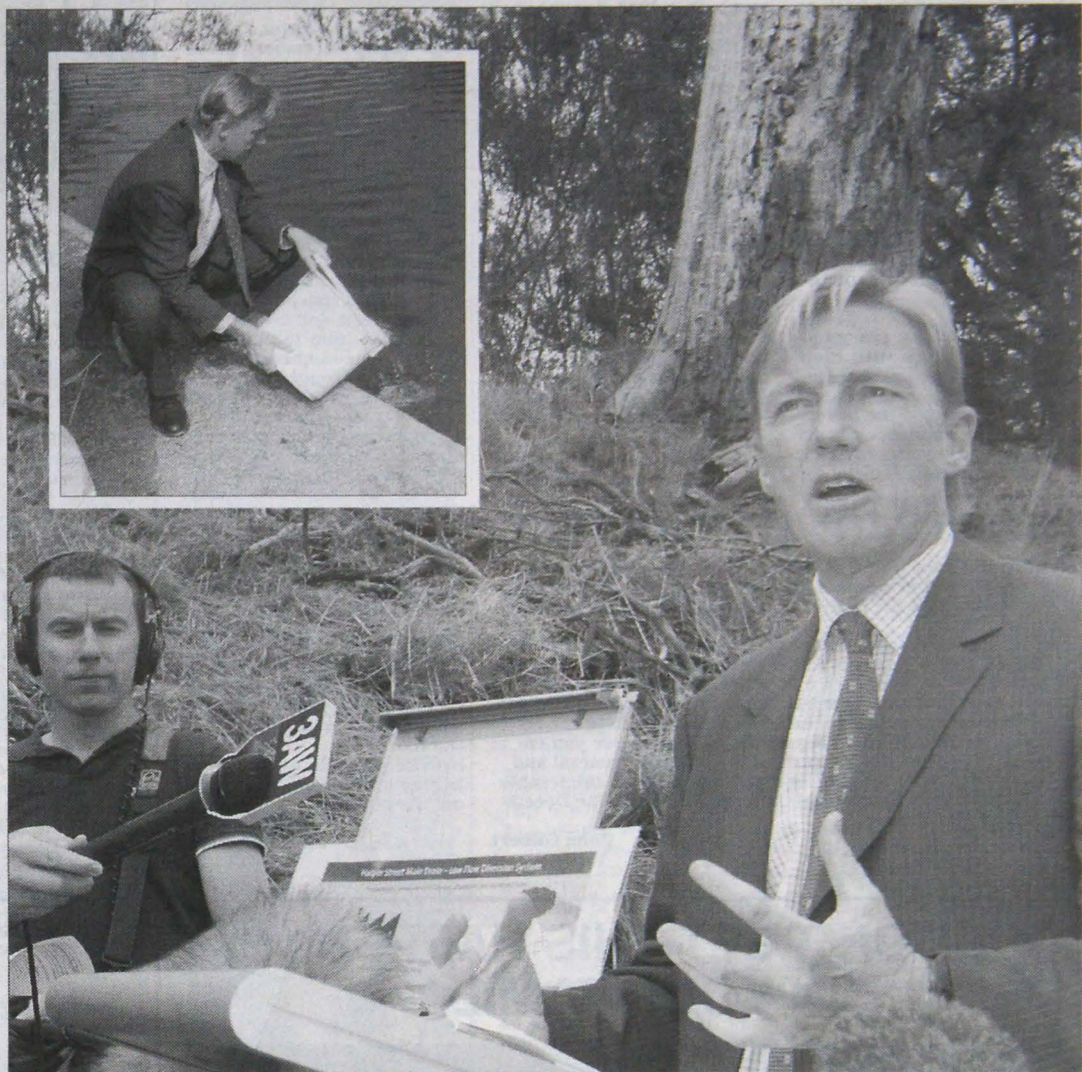
The state government's Yarra River Action Plan also includes the well-being of river dwellers. "Fish are a key aspect of river and river health," Mr Thwaites said. "One of the positive things that we are seeing is the return of fish and one of the important fish is the Macquarie Perch. The Macquarie Perch is a native fish and the environment of the Yarra has improved in recent years to be conducive to the fish and we are seeing more (of them) coming back."

The minister said that it was important to prevent stormwater from rushing into the river and to clean up that which reaches the Yarra. "That's why we are allocating \$20 million of new funding for implementing stormwater plans throughout the catchment. These plans have been created by local councils and we'll be working in partnership with those councils on the plan," he said.

Methods will include the creation of wetlands, rain gardens in private homes, street-side rain gardens, pollutant traps, swales and litter traps. The wetlands will slow the movement of stormwater to the river and provide a natural filtration system.

A newly formed group, the Yarra Coordinating Committee, will oversee implementation of the Yarra River Action Plan. Professor Barry Hart, director of Monash University's water studies centre will chair the committee, which will include representatives from organisations and government departments with responsibility for the Yarra River.

Local councillors attending the launch included Manningham mayor Pat Young and Cr Bill Penrose from Nillumbik.



Minister Thwaites launches the Yarra River Action Plan. Inset: John Thwaites releasing Macquarie Perch.

## Cash for boating

Warrandyte State Park has received \$7000 to boost water safety along the Yarra.

"Funding of \$7000 has been allocated to Parks Victoria to upgrade water depth and danger signage at Pound Bend, Norman Reserve, Jumping Creek and Lower Homestead Road, in the Warrandyte area," water minister Peter Batchelor told the *Diary*. The grant was announced late last month by local MP Carolyn Hirsh.

"These grants are part of the government's \$5.1million boating safety and facilities program," Mr Batchelor said. The program is funded by re-investing money from recreational boat operator licensing fees and vessel registration revenue.

Funds from the program are being used to boost boating safety education and training, purchase search and rescue vessels and equipment, navigation aids and boating safety signage and upgrade and construct boat ramps and jetties.



Testing Riverkeepers' boat. Inset: Pat Young and Danielle Green enjoy a spin on the river.

## Messing about in boats...

As the final action of his launch of the government's Yarra River Action Plan at Westerfolds Park last month, Minister Thwaites launched a boat.

The Yarra Riverkeeper Association (YRKA), a community organisation, will use the small motor boat in monitoring the river for such projects as the recent environmental flows study. A grant from Melbourne Water was used to purchase the craft and will fund its operation. Parks Victoria is providing logistical support for the boat.

Although it was launched at Westerfolds Park the boat will be used mainly on the navigable section of the Yarra downstream from Dight's Falls. The Riverkeepers will use canoes and kayaks for their work in the Yarra's middle and upper

reaches. Riverkeepers' president, David Redfearn, welcomed the launch of the boat. "It will boost YRKA's presence along the Yarra and make it clear that we are here to support the efforts of those who work hard to care for this amazing natural asset," he said.

The Yarra Riverkeeper Association was founded in November 2004 with the aim "to protect and restore the Yarra River and its tributaries, from source to mouth, for the current and future generations". YRKA draws its membership from the community and anyone interested in the organisation's aims is invited to join. More information is available on their web site at: [www.yarrariver.org.au](http://www.yarrariver.org.au), or from Warrandyte resident Ian Penrose at: [penrose@lexicon.net](mailto:penrose@lexicon.net).

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# Thanks from the chapel



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The owners of the old Gospel Chapel in Warrandyte wish to thank all the people who encouraged and praised the renovation of this wonderful building. It was a positive experience for all of us. We were commended on a daily basis by passersby for the great works that were being undertaken on the building. We are extremely pleased with the overall look of the chapel and feel it has enhanced the Yarra Street streetscape and added to the charm and character of the township.

We wish our new tenants, Stonehouse Gallery, every success in the future with their business in the chapel and we hope the gallery members and their patrons enjoy the beauty and calming ambience of this unique place in Warrandyte.

We are currently looking for

photos of the chapel when it was built in 1948. If anyone has any information, or photos which could be duplicated, could they please call me on 9844 0330. We are interested in compiling some historical information on the property.

We are also interested in trying to locate the original bell that rang proudly in 1948. We can replace the bell, but it would be more historically significant to restore the original bell as a commemoration of an important era in the history of Warrandyte. The bell also has religious significance in the township and we feel it is important to locate the bell for this reason as well. Anyone with information can call me at the above number.

Fiona Laino  
Yarra Street

# Rugs for summer comfort

In reply to the letter, "Horse rugs" (*Diary* December), horse rugs serve several purposes and they come in many weights and fabrics to do so.

At the moment most horses you see grazing in paddocks around Warrandyte are wearing extensive light-coloured rugs and neck rugs to reflect the sun's heat (especially from a dark horse) and to protect the animals from incessant flies.

These thin, mainly cotton summer rugs also help to keep horses clean and to prevent their coats from bleaching in the sun. Fine-skinned animals, such as Thoroughbreds, are especially prone to distress from insects at this time of year so you'll see that many horses also wear masks or veils to prevent flies getting in their eyes.

As the weather cools, horse owners usually replace summer rugs with darker, heavier and lined waterproof rugs for the winter months.

The domesticated horse is a long way from his wild state—unable to wander extensively for his choice of feed and shelter and with his coat often clipped in winter to prevent excessive sweating, which also reduces his natural insulation. Our role as responsible owners is to keep him as comfortable as practically possible throughout the year.

Prudence King  
(by email)

# Tuning up for festival

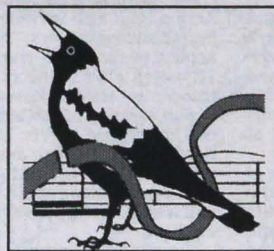


By EMMA CLARK

Preparations are well underway for the 2006 Warrandyte Festival. A number of new events will feature this year alongside such old favourites as the duck race and billycart derby.

Keeping with the theme—Sounds of Warrandyte—an eclectic mix of jazz, funk and blues music will feature on the main and youth stages, with performances by Warrandyte's talented local musicians and regional favourites. A performance by Musiki Manjaro, a contemporary African Dance group will get festival-goers dancing with their highly infectious pan-African music.

The emphasis this year is on a bike-friendly festival, with a bike ride through the picturesque Warrandyte hills and a display by Qrankn Bike Trial Team, a high-energy group of young people who have performed their death-defying stunts at the St Kilda Festival and the X Games.



Special features include a hauntingly beautiful production by Anna Glynn, formerly of Glynn's Road, an artist who spent her childhood on a North Warrandyte farm during the 1960s. Anna later returned as an adult to explore the nuances and the changed landscape and her memories of the land. This enchanting Warrandyte story, told through live musicians and actors and sound and light will captivate a festival audience.

A new initiative is the "Images of Warrandyte". All residents and non-residents are invited to take a photograph of whatever

it is that they are seeing or doing at 8am on Sunday, March 12. It can be of anything—leaves, people, birds, breakfast dishes, the sky... The images will be collated for a public showing as part of the festival. Photographs—prints only—should be dropped into the basket at Information Warrandyte in the Community Centre, 168-178 Yarra Street, by Tuesday, March 21, with the location of the picture and photographer's name and address clearly marked on the back. Contact Peter Mumme for more information on 9844 3267.

As the festival weekend draws closer, locals should start gearing up for the homebrewing contest. Further details will be up shortly on the festival website. The URL is <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~warrfest/>.

Anyone looking to help out with supervising bands at the Youth Stage should contact Rick Gordon on 9844 2242.

# Cheers for the goanna

My wife and I are frequent visitors to our riverside reserve. Most people whom we meet, or overtake us on our slow perambulations, pass the time of day, others sometimes exchange a few words.

We have spoken to a number of people in the vicinity of the portrayed reptile adjacent to the wetlands—where you would be most likely to meet such a creature. No one to whom we have spoken holds adverse opinions of such creatures.

The general consensus seems to be that if you hold the responsibility for administering such a public reserve you endeavour to portray the interests of the public in general and not pander to those who suffer myopia or have an intolerable view as expressed in the email letter published in the December issue of the *Diary*.

John Gilbert  
Valias Street



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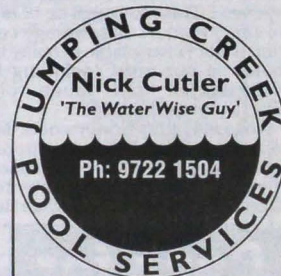


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- Gutters should be cleaned.
- Ensure access to adequate static water supplies.
- Check and have your firefighting equipment serviced.
- Most importantly—make sure you have a practical bushfire plan in place. Decide whether you will stay and protect or leave early. Consider who will be home and when. More than one plan may be needed to cover different scenarios.
- For further fire information updates, residents are urged to tune in to local radio, especially ABC Radio 774, the emergency services broadcaster, or call the Victorian bushfire information line on 1800 240 667.
- Anyone interested in joining the CFA as a volunteer can contact the volunteer hotline on 1800 232 636.

From the inferno: images by local firefighters



## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



By EMMA CLARK

Firefighters from Warrandyte and surrounding areas were active helping to combat recent fires in Kinglake and Moondarra. All volunteers, they spent time away from their families helping to protect other communities from the potential threat of bushfire. The *Diary* heard some of the stories from a few of these heroes.

Captain Paul Buck from the North Warrandyte CFA has been a volunteer firefighter for 23 years, with 10 years as captain. He has had a hectic few weeks, first attending a mulch fire at a garden supply business in Kilsyth for three days before sending crews to Moondarra to fight the Mt Erica fires. From there, Buck went to Glenburn to assist in the containment of the Kinglake fire, which burnt 1600 hectares of land.

Captain Buck told the *Diary* that upon arriving at their positions at the Kinglake fires, the flames and smoke "looked fairly benign and not at all threatening. The temperature was only about 30 degrees and it wasn't a particularly windy day." However, the infamous Melbourne weather took a turn at "about lunchtime. The northerly winds picked up, and about 2pm the fire jumped containment lines. This is when things started to go a bit pear-shaped.

"Within about 15 minutes, the fire went from fairly tame to quite large, threatening the township of Kinglake," Captain Buck said. The crew moved south to protect properties and assets downwind from the fire. "There was a major transmission line which fed electricity to large parts of Melbourne, which was at risk, from either fire or smoke damage.

"The speed at which the fire changed and grew was unbelievable. It is an indication of how quickly things can happen and how vigilant residents need to be in their fire safety. We have had a relatively wet winter, however it only takes a few hot days for undergrowth to dry out and become fire fuel."

Captain Buck recalled the 1997 fires in the Dandenong Ranges. "We couldn't believe how green the burning hills were. It just shows how it doesn't take much for a fire to start."

Alongside Captain Buck at Moondarra was Wonga Park CFA captain Kingsley Allen. He has been in the CFA since 1991 and captain since July last year. Captain Allen went to Moondarra as part of the Melba strike team, comprising crews from Lilydale, Coldstream, Wonga Park, Mount Evelyn and Yarra Glen.

"We fought the fires for 19 hours straight on Sunday. It got pretty intense. The wind was totally unpredictable, causing erratic, swirling fires. We had to cut through about 11 fences in an afternoon to contain the fire, but thankfully there were no asset losses," Captain Allen said.

"We spent time saving a calf

that had burnt hooves. We put it in a dam to cool off, only to find that the farmer who owned the land came down later and shot the calf as it was too badly burnt. It was a long day. We didn't eat until about 11.30 pm and then got up the next day to do it all again."

The following day, the Melba strike team effectively prevented the fire from travelling further east.

Third Lieutenant Richard Lee-Porcher of the Warrandyte CFA also went to the Moondarra fires, primarily protecting assets. "There is a huge blue gum plantation which got burnt in parts which we were trying to protect. We were also trying to stop spot fires starting in the surrounding bush."

Mr Lee-Porcher was crew leader on a pump tanker and he "could see that the fire was quite intense. It was spotting heavily into the township." The Sky Crane helicopter dropped water on the spot fires, protecting the town from further damage. "Whilst the effects of the fire were devastating, it was quite spectacular to watch. It was both sad and remarkable." The Moondarra fire burnt 15,211 hectares of grass and bushland.

Whilst local residents were thrilled when the rain began to pour, it made circumstances difficult for the tankers and trucks. Lee-Porcher praised CFA Warrandyte driver Bernie Ebzery for his skilful work driving the truck in difficult muddy conditions. "Whilst the rain made it easier to control the fire, it made it hard to drive the vehicles up the muddy tracks."

Praise for their fellow volunteers is high in the brigades. "There is no 'I' in team. The CFA is all about teamwork. We have to watch each other's backs. We become like a family, we know that we can trust each other," Mr Lee-Porcher said. "We also couldn't do it without the support of our families at home. We can be gone for days at a time and having that support makes it easier."

Captains Paul Buck and Kingsley Allen both echo these sentiments. "The dedication of the members is fantastic. The crew becomes like a second family. As captain, I get concerned about the members when they are out on a call. I feel for the Campbell's Creek brigade who have lost their captain; it would be devastating to lose one of your members," Paul Buck said. Kingsley Allen commented, "We are like family to some degree. We catch up with each other outside of the brigade. There is a great sense of camaraderie amongst us."

Local resident and long-time supporter of the CFA, Andrew Termoirshuizen, owner of ParkWorks infrastructure maintenance company, provided the North Warrandyte fire station with a tanker truck whilst the brigade's truck was away at Moondarra. This sort of community spirit, helping the CFA protect the area, is welcome.

# Lessons from the firefront

By CLIFF GREEN

Senior CFA officers are reporting that a higher level of community awareness was evident during the recent Victorian bushfires. "Across the state, thousands of homes and farms received regularly updated information from emergency services, ABC radio and local sources," Jeff Adair, CFA Yarra Area community safety manager, told the *Diary*. "Without any doubt in my mind the frequency, timing and accuracy of this information enabled residents to assess the threat and implement their fire plans."

"CFA has received numerous reports of residents defending their property, which in some cases saved them from destruction."

Fire conditions during the recent period have been described by CFA as "extreme". Four major outbreaks drained fire-fighting resources, leaving many areas with skeleton crews.

"This has reinforced emergency services' view that successful fire suppression relies upon communities being aware and well-prepared."

Individuals and communities who make their decision to stay reduce the number of homes at risk. Those who

decide to leave early greatly assist fire-fighting operations by leaving roads clear for emergency vehicles and limiting the number of people exposed on the road.

"However, based on experiences at public meetings in recently threatened areas—Kinglake, St Andrews, Toolangi, Christmas Hills, Yarra Glen and Healesville—many people had not developed their plan and made their decision," Mr Adair said. "With the Kinglake fire, we had predicted that with forecast conditions, this fire had the potential to travel through and beyond these communities."

"This fire had many similarities to the 1962 fire that overwhelmed Warrandyte. It started in a similar location and burnt through heavily timbered country with few opportunities for crews to stop the fire."

"Had the recent fire travelled as predicted and involved a sudden wind change, it could have threatened Kangaroo Ground, Wonga Park and Warrandyte."

"Fortunately this did not happen. However, CFA and DSE would like the communities of Warrandyte—north and south—to take note. In future, we may not have the luxury of time to

warn as many people in advance.

"A rapidly spreading local fire could place many people in danger. This risk increases for those who are ill-prepared, unplanned and waiting for formal warning," Mr Adair said.

CFA expects more fires. "Traditionally, February is our hottest month and the fire risk can continue into March. The rains early this month have barely settled the dust. The forests and grasslands are set and stick-dry, waiting for the next outbreak. We don't know where it will be, how big or how hot. Warrandyte could be the next Halls Gap."

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Weeds and words: time for a cleanup. (Picture by Jock Macneish)

**By SAM DAVIES**

Residents concerned about the environmental disaster that greets motorists crossing the bridge into North Warrandyte will be pleased to know that Nillumbik has plans to "beautify" the area.

Vegetation around the north side of Warrandyte bridge will be cleaned up, signage removed and sculptures installed under a Nillumbik council-funded project to beautify the "Warrandyte gateway".

Council has allocated \$30,000 in their current budget.

The cleanup of weeds is slated to begin in a month, though it will take longer for the signage around the Kangaroo Ground and Research roads bus stop to be removed.

Nillumbik councillor Warwick Leeson said "it was time" the area was cleaned up, and said

passersby should be able to see the river from the road.

"It's time we did something. That's council land. I'm just not prepared to put up with it. I want it to happen on my watch," he said.

Cr Leeson said the next issue would be maintaining the area to restrict regeneration of the weeds, and suggested local organisations could be encouraged to do this.

Also to be removed is a sign promoting five Yarra Valley wineries, which is the most prominent in a cluster of five signs—or six on total fire ban days—and has drawn community ire.

The large brown sign was put up under the auspices of council, but with contributions from the Nillumbik tourist association and local wineries.

"I don't have a problem with

the concept of promotion, I just have a problem with a sign that size in what is supposed to be an environmental area," said Cr Leeson.

Engineers from the council's environmental department have identified two alternative locations for the sign, though changing its site would mean distances displayed on the sign would be incorrect.

VicRoads approval is required for the sign to be moved.

Another suggestion has been to replace the bus stop and mount the sign on the shelter.

The provision of a sculpture or other art work for the gateway has not yet been finalised. One option the council is considering is a competition between local sculptors.

Cr Leeson said community groups would be consulted throughout the process.

## Input into local ageing policy

An opportunity to lobby Manningham council for a retirement village, long needed in the Warrandyte area, may have arrived with the announcement that council is calling for community responses to the development of an "ageing strategy" for the municipality.

In June 2005, council approved the development of such a strategy, recognising the need to produce a "whole of council" response to a significant shift in the demographic profile of the municipality.

"The focus of the strategy is primarily forward planning for residents aged 55 years and over (including those people who may be at a transition stage of life in relation to planned, gradual or early withdrawal from the paid workforce)," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"However, the development of the strategy is to be inclusive of the whole Manningham community."

Mayor Cr Pat Young said the purpose of developing the ageing strategy is to produce a plan,

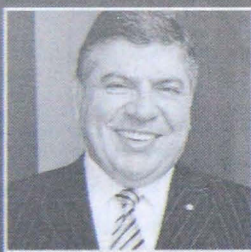
which identifies potential opportunities and meets any challenges that may emerge as a result of the ageing of Manningham's community.

"Ageing issues are already on the state and national agenda and it is envisaged that council's plan will complement and develop on broader policy platforms as well as identify specific actions and issues from a local community perspective.

"Council is keen to provide leadership in promoting 'age-friendly' communities and creating opportunities for senior Victorians to live active and fulfilling lives," she said.

Cr Young said that as part of the development of the strategy Council wishes to establish a reference group to help guide the progress and development of the strategy.

Nomination Forms and Terms of Reference for the Ageing Well in Manningham Reference Group may be obtained from Nicky Hall on 9840 9423 or downloaded from council's webpage on www.manningham.vic.gov.au.

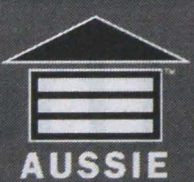


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# New park depot finished

By **CLIFF GREEN**

The new depot building at Warrandyte State Park is almost finished, staff are moving in and an official opening will be held later in the year, probably not before April.

The old depot and rangers' office has been operating in a former orchard packing shed at Pound Bend.

Fears were raised in September 2003 that the old building was riddled with asbestos. This was later confirmed.

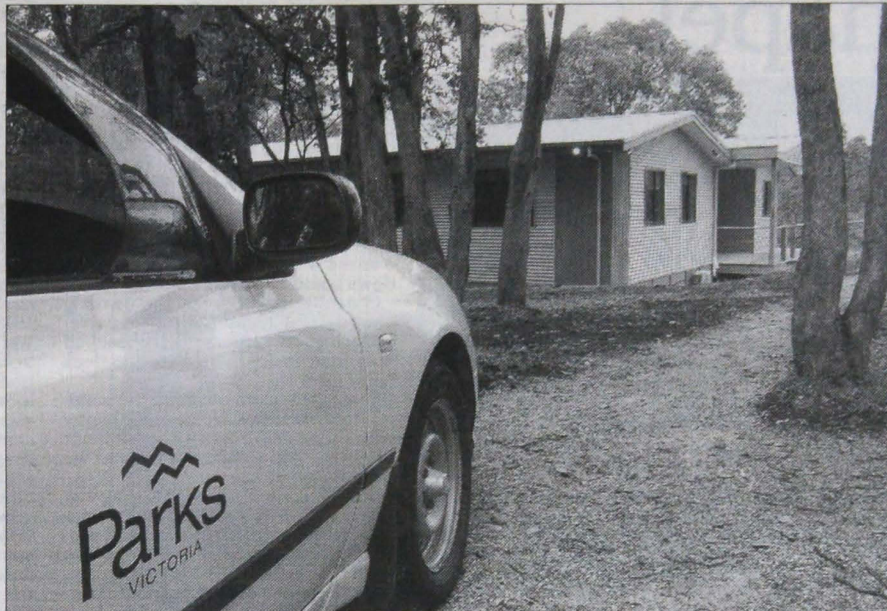
Locals, including the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and the Warrandyte Community Association feared that this threat to the health of rangers and visitors would lead to the depot being relocated to West-erfolds Park in Warrandyte.

This rumour that the Warrandyte depot would be closed and the ranger staff relocated had persisted for some time. Local politicians were lobbied and questions were asked in state parliament.

However, in February 2004, Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, announced that a new depot would be built, also at Pound Bend.

Work proceeded slowly across the following year, as the new depot was being built by apprentices training at Holmesglen TAFE, supervised by their instructors.

Painting and final fitting-out was completed at the end of



Fantastic new workplace: the new rangers' depot at Warrandyte State Park. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

last year. "This is an exciting time for Warrandyte with the Pound Bend depot soon to be completed and construction of the brand new police station soon to begin," Ms Green told the *Diary*.

"I understand the new build-

ing still has a few final finished touches to be completed, but staff are starting to move in and make themselves at home," she said.

"An official community opening for the new depot building is currently being organised and will be held in coming

months so that the Warrandyte community can come and celebrate and see the new depot for themselves.

"I hope many Warrandyte residents will come and join me then and help the rangers and staff settle into their fantastic new workplace."

# Canoes 'descending' the Yarra

By **SAM DAVIES**

Warrandyte will enjoy a taste of Commonwealth Games glory when canoeists overnight here during the Yarra Descent.

Competitors in the inaugural Yarra Descent, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, will wind their way down 115 kilometres from Yarra Glen to the Swan Street Bridge in Richmond as part of the Commonwealth Games celebrations.

They will stop in Warrandyte overnight, before completing the second, 73 kilometre leg.

The Canoeing Victoria event is billed as an urban whitewater paddle challenge, and has been organised in partnership with riverside local councils.

Canoeing Victoria's program manager

Tony Coventry said the aim of the event, modelled on a similar race in Western Australia, was to increase participation in the sport and showcase the areas through which the Yarra flows.

"Some of the river is pretty exciting stuff, and some of it is just pretty. You're so close to Melbourne a lot of the time but you don't realise you are," he said.

Participants have been specifically warned not to attempt to canoe through the Pound Bend tunnel. "In higher river levels it can be extremely dangerous and paddlers should stay close to the right bank," the instruction brochure states.

Mr Coventry said more than 50 people had already registered for the event, which is open to all, for a nominal fee.

Manningham council has arranged for family events to coincide with the canoeists' arrival in Warrandyte.

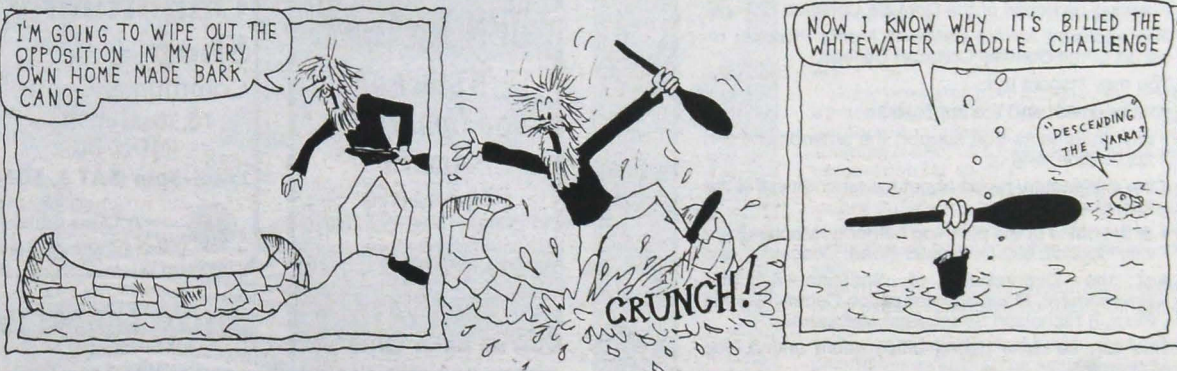
Some concern has been expressed about parking problems in the village, as the Pottery Expo is planned for the same weekend.

However, Manningham council has told the *Diary*. "It is not envisaged the tourist numbers from the Yarra Descent will impact significantly on Warrandyte. The only special consideration is that there will be restricted access to the public at the bridge carpark opposite the post office—the one-way driveway will become a drop-off and pick-up point for the paddlers.

"The Pottery Expo, which is based across from the hotel, will have a separate traffic management scheme in place."

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By **PAUL WILLIAMS**



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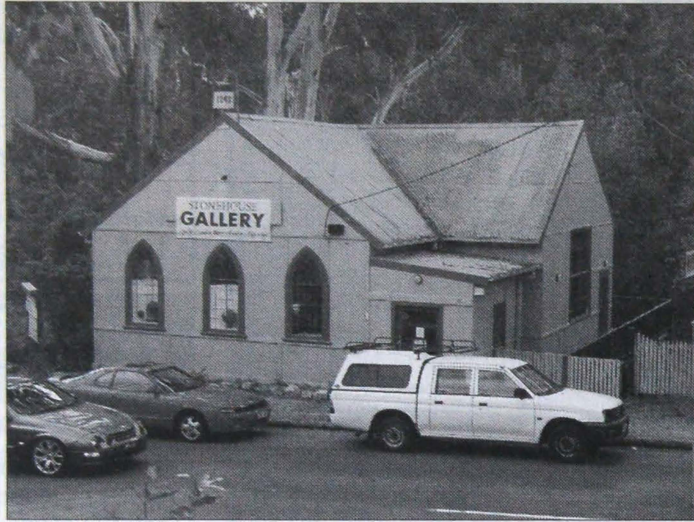
Although it is still too hot and dry to think about planting, it is worthwhile stocking up for autumn while the plants are available. One species that is available right now is Kangaroo Grass, one of Warrandyte's most distinctive native grasses.

It forms an attractive tussock of greyish-green leaves and, in spring, spikelets of bronze flowerheads. Kangaroo Grass is adaptable to a range of soils and will grow well in a pot, particularly if several are planted together.

The leaves of this grass are the foodplant for the caterpillars of several local butterflies including the Common Brown Butterfly.

If you would like to get hold of some Kangaroo Grass plants while you can the Friends of Warrandyte State Park have them available at their nursery. The nursery is located at the rangers depot at Pound Bend. For more information contact the nursery manager on 0408 317 327.

## New life for the old chapel



The old gospel chapel has metamorphosed into the Stonehouse Gallery. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

By **STUART TEATHER**

Controversial renovations to Warrandyte's historic Gospel Chapel in Yarra Street have been successfully completed, with all parties pleased with the outcome.

Community groups initially expressed concerns over possible damage to the leadlight windows and a proposal that outdoor decking would be extended towards the river.

Owners were originally advised that the leadlight windows, donated by prominent local families when the chapel was erected in 1948, would have to be removed before renovations could begin. There were fears they could not be salvaged. However, after seeking a second opinion, the owners were informed that the windows could be saved.

Consultation between the owners, council and community groups resulted in a compromise being reached over the decking, with a smaller deck being constructed.

Fiona Laino, a co-owner of the building, told the *Diary*, "We're really happy with the result. It was a very difficult process but we had faith in what we were doing."

During renovations the building was restumped, replastered, larger windows were installed, the leadlight windows were restored, the decking was built and areas of carpet were removed to expose the original floorboards.

Ms Laino said that the renovated

chapel is already creating a lot of interest. "We're really happy with the community support, it's just been an amazing response," she said.

"People might have been scared of what might have happened, but we feel that the work has actually increased the heritage appeal of the building. Everyone who has been inside absolutely loves it."

Jo Laurence, president of the Warrandyte Historical Society, supports the final result. "It's very good. I'm very pleased with the result," she said.

The renovated chapel has already secured new tenants, with the Stonehouse Gallery relocating from its site on the Warrandyte-Ringwood Road.

Built on the site of the old Presbyterian Church, destroyed in the 1939 bushfires, the chapel was opened in 1948. It evolved into the home of the Warrandyte Community Church, but became too small as church congregations grew. The Community Church relocated to its present position, what was then squash courts and a fitness centre further up Yarra Street. The chapel continued in use as a Sunday school and playgroup facility for some time, until it was let as retail premises.

Jo Laurence fondly remembers the "Warrandyte Tart", a scantily-clad mannikin who sat outside the building during its days as a furniture shop. "It would be nice to get the girl on the sofa back," she said. "But I don't think anyone knows where she is."



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### NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PLANNING SCHEME AND NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT GIVEN UNDER S96C OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

**Manningham Planning Scheme Amendment C46**  
**Authorisation No. A0028**  
**Application PL04/16204**

The land affected by the amendment is Lot 4 on Plan of Subdivision 504753P, at 141-165 Tindals Road, Donvale.

The land affected by the application is Lot 4 on Plan of Subdivision 504753P, at 141-165 Tindals Road, Donvale.

Regarding the Donvale Christian College site, the amendment proposes to:

- rezone the subject site from partly a Rural Conservation Zone 3 (RCZ3) and partly a Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to a Special Use Zone 3 (SUZ3);
- introduce a new Schedule 3 Donvale Christian College, to Clause 37.01 Special Use Zone (SUZ);
- extend the existing Significant Landscape Overlay Schedule 4 - Non-Urban Significant Landscape Area (SLO4) to the western portion of the subject land (therefore providing for this overlay control to cover the entire College site);
- delete the Significant Landscape Overlay Schedule 1 (SLO1) - Significant Landscape Areas from the central portion of the subject land (thereby removing this overlay control from the entire College site);
- delete the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (ESO2) - Areas of Botanical or Zoological Significance from the western portion of the subject land (thereby removing this overlay control from the entire College site);
- delete from the schedule to Clause 52.03 Specific Sites and Exclusions, 'Lot 4 on Plan of Subdivision 504753P, at 141-165 Tindals Rd, Donvale' and the title of the incorporated document 'Donvale Christian College, Temporary Relocatable Classrooms, July 2004';
- amend the schedule to Clause 57 Metropolitan Green Wedge Land to exempt 'Special Use Zone 3, Donvale Christian College, 141-165 Tindals Road, Donvale' from the Core Planning Provisions; and
- add a new incorporated document 'Donvale Christian College Master Plan, January 2006 (Master Plan)' and delete the current incorporated document 'Donvale Christian College, Temporary Relocatable Classrooms, July 2004' to the schedule to Clause 81.

Regarding the Mullum Creek Reserve, the amendment proposes to:

- rezone part of the Mullum Creek Reserve from a Rural Conservation Zone 3 (RCZ3) to a Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ);

- delete the Significant Landscape Overlay Schedule 4 - Non-Urban Significant Landscape Area (SLO4) from part of the Reserve (thereby removing this overlay control from the entire Mullum Creek Reserve);
- delete the Significant Landscape Overlay Schedule 1 (SLO1) - Significant Landscape Areas from part of the Reserve (thereby removing this overlay control from the entire Mullum Creek Reserve); and
- apply the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (ESO2) - Areas of Botanical or Zoological Significance to part of the Reserve (therefore providing for this overlay control to cover the entire Mullum Creek Reserve).

The planning permit application seeks development approval for Stage 1 of the 'Donvale Christian College Master Plan, January 2006 (Master Plan)' to enable buildings and works to proceed on the site. Stage 1 of the Master Plan proposes new buildings including a Year 9 centre, a Year 3/4 complex and science laboratory, and associated works as well as the removal and variation of easements on the land.

The person who requested the amendment is Matrix Planning on behalf of the Donvale Christian College.

The applicant for the permit is Matrix Planning on behalf of the Donvale Christian College.

You may inspect the:

- amendment and the application;
- any documents that support the amendment and application; and
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  - at the office of the planning authority, Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, and
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The amendment may also be viewed on Council's website at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au) under the 'Consultation and Amendments' section.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment or by the granting of the permit may make a submission to the planning authority.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 24 February 2006.

A submission must be sent to:

Teresa Dominik, Manager Economic & Environmental Planning, Manningham City Council PO Box 1, Doncaster Vic. 3108.

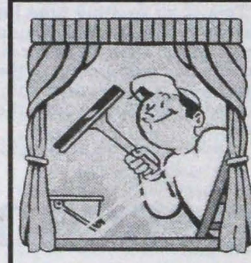
An information session regarding the joint planning scheme amendment/planning permit application will be held at the **Donvale Christian College on Wednesday 8 February 2006 at 7pm.**

Any queries regarding the planning scheme amendment proposal should be directed to Ann-Maree Vassiliadis, Economic & Environmental Planning Unit on 9840 9338. For queries relating to the planning permit proposal please contact Natasha Swan, Statutory Planning Unit on 9840 9114.

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# Volunteers honoured

The following Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park residents were honoured in Menzies Community Australia Day Awards last month. The awards were presented by federal MP Kevin Andrews.

**FLORA ANDERSON**

Wonga Park Environmental Group  
Flora is a unique individual whose enthusiasm and determination have enabled her to continue working effectively for the environment over many years. Flora has been associated with many community organisations where her energetic and passionate work for the environment, especially in the Wonga Park and Warrandyte areas, is deeply appreciated.

**ALAN BASTOW**

South Warrandyte Fire Brigade  
Alan has been a member for over 27 years and his contribution has been pivotal to the brigade's ability to support both local and Victorian communities. Alan has also made a significant contribution in the area of driver education. He is one of our brigade's—and the local communities—quiet achievers—no fuss, no fanfare, just get the job done!

**KEN CROOK**

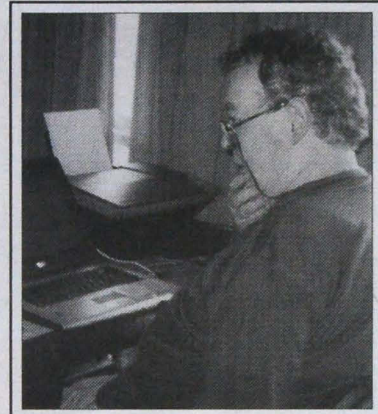
Warrandyte Historical Society  
Ken has been a member of the society for more than 10 years and has devoted many hours manning the Warrandyte Historical Museum on weekends and for weekday group visits. He contributes enthusiastically at working bees to maintain the historical building and grounds. Ken's tours for groups around Warrandyte's parks have an historical flavour as he provides visitors with information and early photographs of the area.

**BEN JONES**

Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch  
Ben is a stalwart and long-term member of the sub-branch. Since the passing of Jim Horkings he is the sole welfare fund-raiser and is well recognised by the Warrandyte community around Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. His selfless efforts raise \$6000 each year—and that amounts to tens of thousands of dollars to assist war veterans.

**GREG KENNEDY**

South Warrandyte Fire Brigade  
Greg has been a member for over 22 years. His contribution is to both local communities and the wider Victorian community. He has attended house, shop and factory fires; bush and motor vehicle fires and flood and storm damage calls and is one of two CFA major incident controllers, qualified to manage emergency incidents. Greg provides all of these services on a 24-hour, 365 days a year, basis.



**LEE TINDALE**

Warrandyte Diary  
Lee has been a tireless worker for the Warrandyte Diary community newspaper for more than 30 years. In 1976 Lee stepped in at short notice and ran the newspaper with wife Jan's help. It was a large undertaking for someone with a fulltime job. He continued his involvement as co-editor and sports editor until 2005. Lee has been one of the Diary's anchors and mentors.

**GRAEME MOULDEN**

South Warrandyte Fire Brigade  
Graeme has been a member for more than 37 years, making contributions to both the local and wider communities by attending emergency situations such as house and shop fires, bushfires and the 1983 Ash

Wednesday fires. The 24-hour emergency interceptor telephone was installed at his home for 15 years. Graeme has provided these services on a 24/7 basis so that emergencies could be responded to at a moments notice.

**SHANE MURPHY**

Warrandyte CFA  
Shane has been a member since 1987 and holds the position of brigade captain. He has attended all manner of fires locally and bushfires in country Victoria and interstate. He has responsibility for all brigade activity—training, safety and ensuring prompt responses to emergencies. Shane has been an active member of St John Ambulance and involved in the Warrandyte Blue Light disco. He gives countless hours of dedicated service to our community.

**JANET ROWE**

Information Warrandyte  
Janet has made a voluntary contribution to Information Warrandyte since 1988. She has always been a loyal and committed volunteer, serving on the committee of management as vice president and social secretary over many years. Janet's dedicated efforts to support the local community are appreciated.

**PETER SYMES**

Park Orchards Primary School  
Peter has been active in the school community, contributing to school council in many roles including president for five years, when he helped develop the first charter. He is proactive and tireless in his efforts and has worked hard with principals, staff and parents to ensure facilities and programs were enhanced. Peter has fulfilled his role with integrity and honesty.

**JACKIE ZIINO**

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House  
Jackie has been with the Neighbourhood House for five years. She serves on the committee and has always been happy to help out with extra duties. She ran the walking group and over the years has put in many volunteer hours. Jackie is a friendly, enthusiastic and dedicated person who has made a great contribution to our community.


# Our citizen of the year



Citizen of the Year, Gail Dick, with Cr Bill Larkin.

Gail Dick of Warrandyte has been named Manningham Citizen of the Year for 2006. She has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to young people with disabilities and their families in Manningham. "As head of department at Heatherwood School, Gail has initiated a number of extension programs for people with disabilities," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

These programs have included the development of mentors and best buddies, "motorvation" (getting a licence and understanding traffic rules), getting life skills and preparation for work. "Gail has also developed numerous community connections through volunteer and sponsorship partnerships to enable her programs to happen," the spokesperson said. David Tay of Lower Templestowe has been named Manningham Young Citizen of the Year, 2006. Mayor Cr Patricia Young presented these prestigious awards at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday, January 26, 2006.



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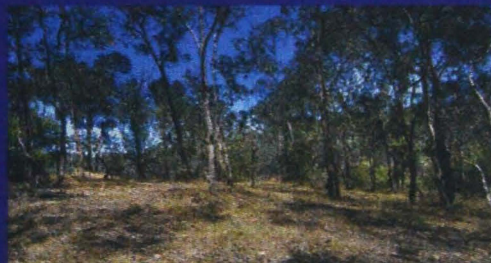
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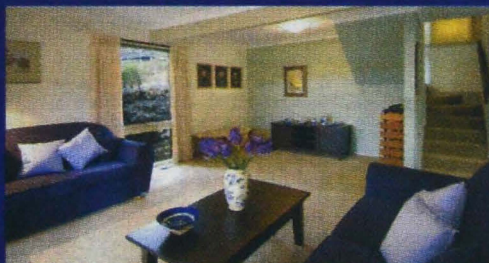
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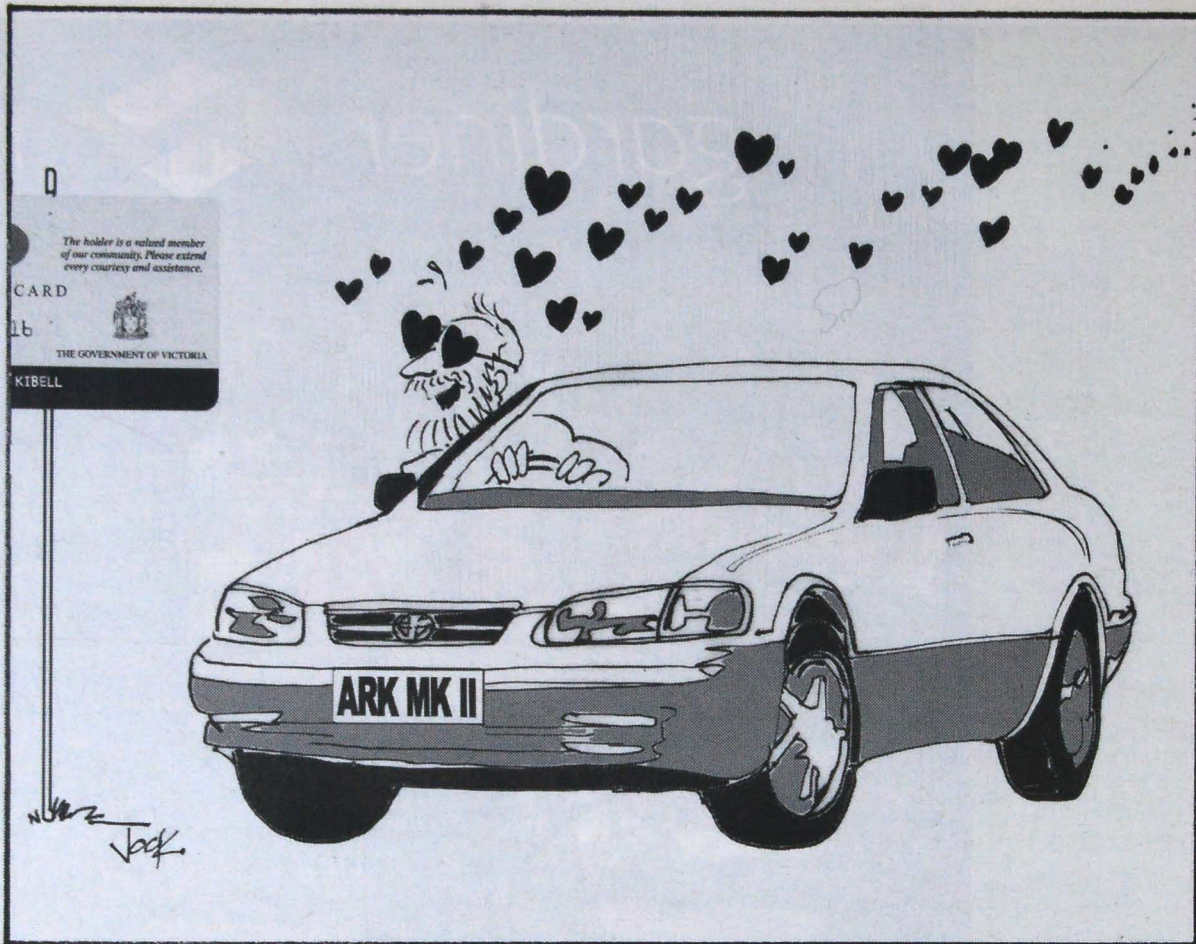
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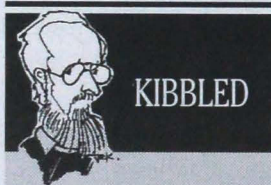
**H**OW the mighty have fallen and risen!

When we left corresponding at the end of 2005, life was my Sydney rocks oyster. Or, more correctly, a freshly opened green-lipped mussel or even a chilli and garlic flavoured scallop. Now, in the space of only two months, life has become more like a Sakata rice cracker topped with Home Brand hummus.

It's not that I dislike rice crackers and hummus but it's more that I had grown accustomed to the more exotic and now, since the dreaded "no longer working full-time" lifestyle, the bank account has adopted a much more roseate glow that it used to. This, in turn, has led to a sudden round of reasoned, family discussions about the need for belt-tightening.

Since the beginning of our working lives, we have always been just a few years ahead of the official Baby Boomers, the demographic who believe it is their right to rule the entire galaxy. We have been just close enough to adopt the same belief that we will live out our lives in fields of clover with trees dripping plump, ripe fruit and manna falling from Heaven labelled "For Those Who Were Born to Deserve This".

Which is why it has come as a bit of a shock that whilst our work peers and friends are still dining on pheasant and foie gras, we have come to the sudden realisation that Camp Pie can be quite pleasant if eaten with one's nose held firmly be-



**"So, nouveau poverty has had some benefit. I have seen the phoenix-like rebirth of ARK, albeit in a new livery, an almost seamless resurrection given that ARK did on much the same day that my new love was born."**

tween thumb and forefinger; admittedly, an etiquette breach Herself finds utterly repugnant.

For years I had failed to realise what farmers meant when they described themselves as being asset rich but income

poor. No longer! And it's for this reason that I need to talk about cars.

Where we live, life is very difficult without two cars. We have one recentish car and until a few weeks ago, Herself drove a business car so we were shielded from needing to buy another car. One week before the "give back" day, the penny dropped and we decided that we would have to find a nice little, cheap runabout. So we went looking.

When we went looking for a dog we had cast-iron criteria; six months old, small, short hair, female and able to fit through the cat-flap we already had installed in the window next to the back door.

Our list was similarly rigid for the additional car: four cylinder, low mileage, service history, Asiatic in origin and cheap.

When we went to the RSPCA to find Milli, we suffered selection trauma. We were led down aisles of enclosures filled with quasi horses. Each pen had an even larger or older or scruffier version of the one before. It wasn't quite that bad but you get the general impression. Just as we were getting to the blubbery stage, we chanced upon THE dog and she met all criteria. The car search was just as traumatic and we did find and buy a car but it satisfied fewer of our criteria — except LOVE.

It's not stretching the truth to say that neither of us is a petrol-head, nor are we concerned about car status, which is just as well because our "new" car

is not going to have our acquaintances whispering about how well we've done or admiring our impeccable "cool", at our age.

Also, I'm going out on a limb here in assuming that enough of you have been long-time *Diary* readers who have not yet reached the stage where a goldfish's memory span is something you regret having lost because I'm, now, going to ask you to think back about 15 years.

For years I drove ARK, a Holden Sunbird, and loved it. *Diary* readers drove with me through all of ARK's many crises until the fatal day that I had to send for the vet to have it put down. And the pain has lived with me, that was, until I saw, and fell in love with my new goddess, a Camry of impeccable breeding with low mileage. Admittedly, she is not small and she has an additional two cylinders but she is gorgeous and there is no logic in love.

So, nouveau poverty has had some benefit. I have seen the phoenix-like rebirth of ARK, albeit in a new livery, an almost seamless resurrection given that ARK died on much the same day that my new love was born.

So, when you see me driving along on a cloud of good vibes, don't hurl scorn. Oh, but you could throw the odd food hamperful of ham, salmon, caviar, wine, truffles, chocolates and King Island brie. Or even a cheque made payable to Roger Kibell would do.

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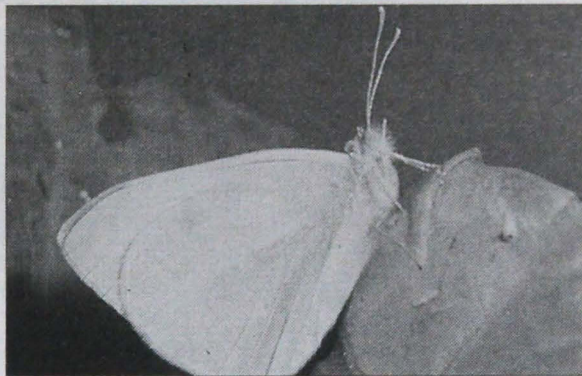
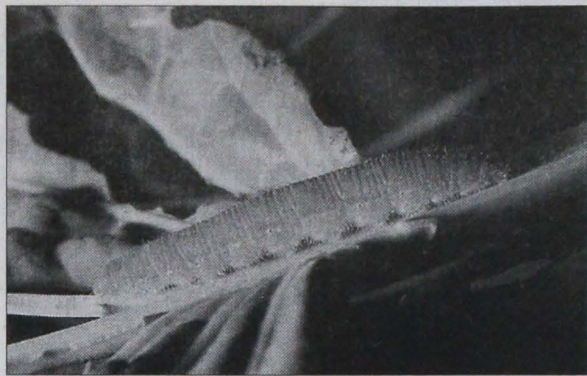
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# Pleasant afternoon with another white invader



**W**E made our escape—six hours by road and 20 minutes by boat to this deserted lakeside beach, leaving behind the pre-Christmas chaos. Gnarled old Banksia boughs overhung the sheltered sandy cove which is only accessible by boat. On this mellow Christmas Eve it was ours and ours alone.

Floating on my back in silky water as warm as a baby's bath, I thought, serenity doesn't get any better than this. Several white butterflies flitted past my field of view, stirring idle thoughts. Earlier this year we had brought an entomologist friend and his wife to this idyllic beach. Butterflies are his obsession and, although on holiday, he became very excited as he watched three or four of the white butterflies alighting on a prostrate, pink-flowered plant.

Unable to understand his enthusiasm, I said "They're only Cabbage Whites" "Yes, but what's that plant they're on?" "Sea Rocket" I replied "It's introduced."

He couldn't contain his elation "I think that's a new foodplant record for the caterpillars." Our fanatical friend proceeded to turn over leaf af-

## NATURE

By PAT COUPAR

ter leaf until he found what he was looking for—a single, yellow, bottle-shaped egg attached to the underside of a young leaf. Out came the camera and all the paraphernalia for close-up photography. So much for a relaxing barbecue!

Somewhat surprisingly, the Cabbage White is Australia's only introduced butterfly. The only other possible contender is the Wanderer that is found here and in America, where it is known as the Monarch, but its "introduction" is considered to be a natural extension of its range. Originating in Europe, north Asia and North Africa, the Cabbage White has spread world-wide, mainly through the transportation of vegetables harbouring eggs and young caterpillars.

A major foodplant of the caterpillars—as the name suggests—is cabbages, however, they are equally partial to other members of the Brassica family including cauliflower, broccoli, radish, turnip and canola. Nasturtium leaves are also on the menu as, it seems, are Sea

Rocket.

The Cabbage White first found its way to Australia in the early 1930s and within a few years had colonised most of the southern half of the country, including Tasmania. A major bane of agricultural crops, it was soon declared a serious pest. In the early years DDT was used as a control but it was not particularly effective and the caterpillars soon developed immunity to the insecticide. Over the years several parasitic wasps and flies have been tried as biological agents, however success has been limited.

If you grow cabbages or any of the other Brassica vegetables, then it is more than likely that the Cabbage White butterflies will find them and lay their eggs on the leaves. Irregular holes in leaves are a giveaway that caterpillars are present. A close examination will usually reveal the velvety green larvae lined up along leaf veins for added camouflage.

Their ubiquitousness makes Cabbage Whites one of the easiest species to study through all the stages of its life. Eggs are laid singly, generally on the underside of leaves, the hatchling caterpillars are tiny and will moult four times as they grow, before transforming into a

chrysalis. During the warmer months adults will emerge within a couple of weeks. In optimum conditions they may live for up to a month, providing a bird doesn't get to them first. Whereas some butterflies will only go through one or two generations per year, Cabbage Whites complete their life cycle quickly and may have as many as five generations in one year from early spring to late autumn—another reason for their abundance.

I followed the erratic flight of the Whites to the shore where, inevitably, they fluttered around the Sea Rocket, settling now and then on the fleshy, wavy-edged leaves—laying more eggs no doubt. While the lakeside beach is remote, it is not surprising to find this North American native growing here. Known as a "strandline" plant, it disperses readily via floating seeds and stems that can remain viable in salt water for several weeks and washes up on beaches all along the coastline and inlets.

I should remove it, even if it reinvents when the lake water rises again. But I was enjoying a leisurely swim, and a cool drink and a good book awaited in the shade of an old Banksia. Perhaps next time.

# Where's the kitchen sink?

**T**HERE'S nothing like camping to focus one's mind on the bare necessities of life—eating, sleeping, washing and keeping the weather and flies at bay. Interestingly, what constitutes a bare necessity to one person is a complete mystery to another.

It must be some remnant of our bushwalking past that gives us a minimalist view. Wandering around our summer bush campground reveals some truly remarkable sights—the sort of edifices to make you lie flat on your back, gaze at the Milky Way and ponder the infinite variety within its realm. While we camp merely to inhabit the bush, some people impose a whole lifestyle on it. A tent for these people is not just a weatherproof shelter, it's a multi-roomed home-away-from-home, with bunkrooms for the kids, multiple living zones and an enclosed dining space. They could almost put up nameplates ... Telstra Dome, Taj Mahal, Casa Mia.

Every room is furnished, the refrigerator runs hot, and the tent is surrounded by dinghies, canoes, bikes, boogie boards,

## OUR PLACE

By MARILYN MOORE

totem tennis, wetsuits and hoards of kids with gameboys, laptops, iPods and waterbombs. At every opportunity they drive tortuous miles to the nearest town for dinner, the theatre, a dip in the pool. Why? I simply cannot imagine.

We are obviously falling between the cracks, because we don't fit the bushwalking mould any more either. All you needed to qualify in the not-so-distant past was a Paddy Pallin tent, a pair of shorts, a Silva compass, any billy, any pack, any parka, and any type of down sleeping bag. The more extreme heavies also carried a waterproof map case.

These days real bushwalkers must have specialised lightweight layers of clothing (flat-seamed, abrasion-resistant and moisture-wicking); a GPS (with powerful parallel 12-channel receiver, internal patch receiver for quick and accurate satellite locking, and reversible 50-

waypoint capability); and something like an Alba Windwatch which measures not only time but wind speeds, temperature, windchill, altitude and air pressure in a whole range of formats. You could then spend hours putting this gadget through its paces for the benefit of others, or in arguing the relative merits of different tent fabrics and seam constructions, or (if you got really desperate) the pros and cons of ergonomically designed torches with proprietary control optical lens systems versus headtorches with triangularly configured LEDs (giving three levels of output and two emergency signal modes).

Correct me if I'm mistaken, but the most popular torch on extended walks used to be anything smaller than a Dolphin that you could buy spare globes and batteries for. Conversation inevitably revolved around food, especially chocolate, because we generally ate all the good stuff on the first day. Another favourite topic was bushwalking epics, usually involving some eccentric character or other, and there was no shortage of material there.

So these days our idea of a luxurious tent is any weatherproof shelter bigger than a lightweight cubby. Our well-worn camping tent is a large sunny room with an excellent door, a verandah and lots of windows that open and shut. We don't have to worry about sleeping on top of our clothes so they won't touch the walls during the night, or keeping everything in colour-coded waterproof bags. We can pile stuff anywhere. We can lay parkas out to dry. We can stand up and have a good stretch. We can even eat indoors if the flies get too bad. It's a DIY palace in a long brown bag.

As campers we also have the luxury of clean sheets, proper towels, a table and a two-burner stove. Sleeping on a sheepskin-covered lilo is bliss. We can even take a wok if we're feeling extravagant. And best of all, all this gear doesn't have to be squashed into a backpack. The boot of a Corolla is a truly magnanimous space.

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# Indiscriminately—by the sea

This morning it is benignly blue  
all of its wide vastness  
lapping innocent  
shimmering at shore melt.

The sun's warm tongue  
laps at cool damp skin.  
Silky sand warming from beneath  
and slipping through drifting fingers.

The rolling sleepy throb  
lulling like a pillow  
soft and constant  
soothing whale songs swell and roar.

But the roar and the roar  
starts to grow like a distant drum.  
The sleeping sea gods call to war  
and they're rolling, closing in.

And the roar and the roar  
and the roaring wells  
and it rears its head  
like a nightmare fiend.

And the roaring wakes the sleepers.  
They wake and gather strength,  
summoning their fury in a monster gulp and  
rising up like rearing pythons,

transform themselves into white hot glass  
in a boiling frenzy which  
shatters and smashes  
and showers its splinters

indiscriminately  
at all those that day,  
by the sea, by the sea  
by the roaring raging sea.

There were those who must,  
for the fish.  
And those who could  
for the flesh.

Our raging fiend is indifferent.  
It lashes at all in its path.  
No-one earns their place in heaven  
nor the right to an easy death.

Our egalitarian fiend  
makes no distinction  
tossing tottering straw, flimsy craft  
the totality of one life,

and the flotsam of another—  
cameras, phones and rolex watches—  
all swirling together  
in watery equality.

The sun's warm tongue  
laps at cool damp skin.  
Silky sand warming from beneath  
and slipping through drifting fingers.

The rolling sleepy throb  
lulling like a pillow  
soft and constant  
soothing whale songs swell and roar.

And this will be our mantra  
as we drift with the soft breath—  
no-one earns their place in heaven  
nor the right to an easy death.

KAREN THROSSELL



## Key Decisions

The key decisions made by Council  
at the Ordinary Meeting are  
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### Nillumbik's Environmental Events Program

February – March 2006

Learn more about the environment and sustainable living in series of workshops, talks and events brought to you by Nillumbik Shire Council. Events are free unless otherwise stated.

#### The Yarra Walkers and Long Yarra Quilt story

Wednesday 8th February

In April 2003 the Long Yarra Walkers began their journey from the mouth of the Yarra River to the source, near Mt Baw Baw. Kate Whitehouse was inspired to co-ordinate the Long Yarra Quilt, a collection of people's stories of the river. This project has just started in Nillumbik so come and find out how you can be involved.

Time: 7.00-9.00 pm

Bookings: 9433 3210 – Megan Andrews.

#### How to live with snakes

Sunday 12 February

Would you like to know more about reptiles that live in your local area? Then come along to this informative hands-on session to find out.

Time: 11.00 -1.00pm

Bookings: 9433 3210 – Megan Andrews

#### Film: The End of Suburbia

Thursday 23 February

Presented by People for Environmental Protection and hosted by Nillumbik Shire Council, The End of Suburbia looks at how oil underpins suburban development and the approaching end of the era of cheap oil. The film explores why we need to adapt cities, transport choices and lifestyles to living with less and more expensive oil.

Facilitator: Louise Sales, Environment Victoria.

Time: 7.00 -9.00pm

Bookings: 9433 3210 – Megan Andrews

#### Identification of local indigenous plants

Sunday March 26

Would you like to know which local indigenous plants are suitable for your backyard? Then this workshop is for you! The session will also include a visit to the nursery to select a plant to take home.

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Bookings: 9433 3210 – Megan Andrews

All events are held at Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1).

For further information about environmental events in Nillumbik visit [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call Rebecca Petit, Environment Officer on 9433 3216.

Bill Forrest

Chief Executive Officer

# Celebrating Ronnie

Past and present students, parents and friends are invited to attend a dinner to celebrate Ronnie Pederson's 20 years at Warrandyte Pre-school. It will be held at the Warrandyte Hotel on Friday, February 24 at 7.30pm. If you aren't able to make it for dinner you are welcome to come at 9pm for drinks. RSVP is essential. Please phone Nikki Harris on 9844 4206.



Conducted by JUDY GREEN

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

## Pancakes

Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold a pancake stall outside Warrandyte IGA supermarket on Saturday, March 4. Money raised will go to the Share Community Appeal to help support welfare projects.

## Ducks

Volunteers are needed to rescue injured waterbirds during the 2006 duck season. If you can help please call 9850 6319, 0418 392 826 or email info@duck.org.au

## Carols

The Warrandyte Interchurch Council wishes to thank the community for their support and generosity at the annual Carols by Candlelight held at Stiggants Reserve in December. An amount of \$716 was passed on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

## Information

Information Warrandyte, at the Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb streets, is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and on Sundays between 12.30 and 3.30pm. The office offers an information and referral service that is free, confidential, impartial, independent and community based. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Patricia Abbott on 9844 3082.

## Maroondah

The Maroondah Hospital Auxiliary, Warrandyte branch would like to thank everyone who supported their December stall which raised \$483.85. The raffle was won by Mr Henning Horn of Ringwood.

## Disability

A twilight disability dance party will be held at the Doncaster Senior Citizens Centre, corner Doncaster Road and Dehnert Street, East Doncaster on Saturday, February 11. It will run from 7pm to 10pm. Cost is \$10 with carers free. There is no maximum age but participants must be over 12 years. Carers must accompany those requiring care.



Picture by Stephen Reynolds

## Pottery Expo back in town

The sixth annual Warrandyte Pottery Expo will be held on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. About 40 potters from around the state will be participating. There will be demonstrations of pottery making and local musicians Ella Thompson and the Teskey Brothers will be performing. The Expo will be held on the riverbank opposite the Grand Hotel. It will run from 10m to 5.30pm each day.

### Stonehouse

Stonehouse Gallery have moved to their new premises at the old Gospel Chapel, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. They will hold an exhibition from February 1 to 14 showing the work of graduate students from Holmesglen TAFE. The official opening of the new premises will be on Saturday, March 4 from 3pm Everyone is invited to attend.

### Manningham

Manningham Gallery and Gallery 101 are presenting "Cross Cultures", a solo exhibition of landscape painting and drawing by Melbourne artist Maria Zeiss. The works focus on the artist's own Italian-Australian heritage. It will be open from January 31 to February 18 at the Manningham Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

## Women

Women's Health Week 2006 commences on Thursday, February 23 and will run through until Friday, March 3. A wide variety of activities are being organised right across Manningham, including events in Warrandyte and nearby in Park Orchards and Wonga Park. A brochure, listing all program details is available for downloading on www.manningham.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9840 9333.

## Course

The Manningham Health Service is holding an Arthritis Self Management course commencing on Tuesday, February 28 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. It will run for six consecutive Tuesdays. Cost is \$30. To register or for further information call Ruth on 8841 3000.

## Lifestyle

Manningham council is inviting all residents to get involved in the Manningham Lifestyle Week from Thursday, February 23 to Sunday, March 5, marking the Melbourne Commonwealth Games. A wide variety of events, including workshops and celebrations are being held right across Manningham, including Warrandyte, Park Or-

chards and Wonga Park. Programs can be downloaded on www.manningham.vic.gov.au or by telephone from 9840 9171.

## Kingswood

Kingswood College, Box Hill is holding a 10-year reunion for the Class of 1996 on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm. Contact the college on 9890 0677 for further details.

## Reunion

Calling all old high-schoolers! The Warrandyte High School will hold a 10-year reunion for their Class of 1996 sometime in May. Anyone interested please contact Daniela Spiliotacopoulos on danispilio@hotmail.com

## FReeZA

Manningham YMCA Youth Services are looking for young people aged between 12 and 25 years who either live, work or attend school in Manningham who may be interested in becoming a member of their new FReeZA committee. The committee assists in the implementation and management of entertainment events for the younger community of the area. For further information contact Heidi on 9848 9544 or email heidi.buhner@ymca.org.au

## Highland

The 2006 Ringwood Highland Games will be held at the Maroondah Secondary College, Maroondah Highway, Croydon on Sunday, March 5. There will be a variety of events including pipe bands and dancing with a grand march of Scottish clans and societies at 1.10pm. Non-stop entertainment will be provided from 8am to 5pm. Admission is \$15 for adults, children \$8, concession \$12. Family tickets are available. A free bus will run from Ringwood station and Eastland from 10am to 5pm. Inquiries to Sue on 9876 4140.

## Rates go up

The *Diary* has decided, with great regret, that it must increase its advertising rates, as from the next issue, March 2006. Rates have remained static since July 2002. Production costs and overheads have continued creeping upwards across this period and rates must go up to assure the future of the newspaper. The average increase is 10 percent. Details of the new rates are published on page 2.

# Drive your way to safety

One person dies and 46 are seriously injured on Victorian roads every day. Alarmed by this statistic, the Rotary Club of Warrandyte is sponsoring a road safety seminar. "The objective of this event is to better inform residents on road safety issues and give them strategies for crash avoidance," Rotarian Graeme Redman told the *Diary*. Organised in conjunction with Warrandyte Police Community Consultative Committee and the Community Church, the seminar will take place at the church, 57

Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Tuesday, February 21 between 6.30pm and 10pm, with outdoor activities planned for the early part of the evening. "An interesting two-part program has been put together, taking advantage of daylight savings," Mr Redman said. Part 1 will be outside, with displays by police, MFB, CFA and SES. New vehicles, classic cars and go-carts will be on display. Part 2 will be inside, with discussions on driving attitudes, drink and drugged driving and the consequences of bad driving

decisions. Presentations by the Monash University accident research centre will focus on the dangers of distractions when driving. The evening will conclude with a panel discussion where presenters will answer road safety questions. "This is a night not to be missed," Mr Redman said. "It will bring a different perspective to the road safety debate and allow drivers to develop personal crash avoidance techniques." Admission \$2. Refreshments served.

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# The little girl who cared...

PHILIPPA COULL's daughter is battling an eating disorder. This is their heroic story.

## FIRST PERSON

**F**OR the past four years my precious daughter has hovered on the very fringe of life.

I will tell you Brons' story, because through our long and difficult journey I have learned things that one day will be widely understood.

Bron, like many sufferers of eating disorders, was born a sensitive, caring, responsible, intelligent person. From infancy I used to say she was too good for her own good. Her motivation in life was to please others and to take personal responsibility for their wellbeing. By age 10 it was she who checked the doors, lights, and power points when the family was in bed, despite both parents' assurances that was our job. Two invitations at once was a total disaster. "Mum, how can I please both of them?"

We have a perfectly normal family. Yes, we fight sometimes and don't always communicate well, but nothing different from most other families. We have not had trauma, or anything else unpleasant or secret—our family would be remarkable only in that we are so very "average".

Yet at 15 Bron developed a severe eating disorder, which the very best response from the medical system was powerless to stop. After six hospital admissions, (and several emergency trips to A&E), we had absolutely no understanding of

why she behaved as she did, starving herself, and exercising beyond belief.

How could someone just stop eating and refuse to start again, even though they are threatened, cajoled, begged, punished and educated? It just didn't make sense.

Attempts to explain the mystifying behaviours typical of people with eating disorders, has led to the development of a large body of fallacy and misinformation, which has become accepted. Common themes are: eating disorders are a life-style choice to look better and "fit in"; there must be something wrong with the family (abuse, over-controlling, violence, non-communication); sufferers are manipulative, attention seeking, stubborn and wilful; the behaviours are only a starvation response to low body weight. Our experience with both the public and private hospital systems is that their response is based on these false assumptions.

The problem for people with severe forms of this illness is that some people with EDs do have past trauma, there is a starvation response, the illness often makes sufferers behave in manipulative and dishonest ways, and the words they use are that they want to be thinner (and in fact disappear). The worst thing is that some people do get better with the undignified and invasive methods used



in the hospitals (although this is great for them).

Bron tried so hard to let the therapy help. We spent two years doing nothing else but attend appointments—up to five a week. It was no wonder she became suicidal. Nothing made sense. Nothing anyone said or did could begin to stop the terrible power her terrified mind had over her.

So what does explain these behaviours in their most severe forms?

EDs are dangerous mental illnesses and are the highest killer of adolescents of all the psychi-

atric disorders. The predisposition to them is genetically and personality based. If you have a family member with anorexia nervosa (often undiagnosed in the past), you and your children have 12 times the chance of developing it.

EDs are a particularly dangerous and difficult-to-treat response to severe anxiety (of the kind that is affecting more and more young people).

I don't believe Bron would have survived if we hadn't been lucky (and determined) enough to find people who do understand the illness and can ex-

plain it in easy, clear terms that finally make perfect sense.

The behaviours do make sense once you understand they are attempts to cope with intolerable thoughts or feelings. Bron and other sufferers describe having a tyrant yelling abuse, threats and instructions in their head 24 hours a day. This tyrant begins as a friend, helping protect the sufferer from a world that, for many reasons, is perceived as threatening. How threatened would you need to be to refuse to eat, despite the best possible advice? Difficulty with eating is only the most dangerous and visible aspect that affected Bron's life.

Effective therapy is possible and relatively quick (compared to the length of time people typically struggle with the illness) once it is based on an understanding of the causes of the illness. But this

help is not available without financial means, because the medical system is still mostly willing to accept the results they do get, and put aside kids like Bron, who don't respond to their treatments and continue to bounce in and out of hospital for years. This isn't because they don't care; they just don't understand how severe EDs work.

Eventually, kids with a severe disorder like Bron, either don't make it, or manage to find a way to escape medical attention and learn to live with their tyrannical mind ruling their body,

sometimes for the rest of their life.

So what do you need to know?

- EDs are not lifestyle choices, but dangerous illnesses.

- Blame is not attributable to anyone (as you wouldn't blame your father or grandmother for your increased risk of heart disease or breast cancer).

- Dieting is dangerous. EDs are always finally triggered by dieting.

- Research funding is needed to gather evidence and understanding about EDs.

- It is inequitable that supportive, effective help is almost totally non-existent in the public system. It is not accessible to all.

- Help is available and even people with severe, long-standing EDs can get better.

It is uncommon for sufferers to be able to seek or accept help, because that is part of the illness. That is why it is important for families to seek the help they need despite the sufferer's best attempts to prevent this from happening.

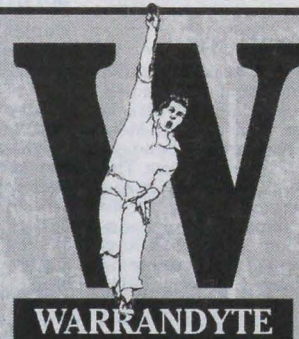
Bron is now finally "in recovery". Every day is a challenge, but now there is progress. She has the most amazing depth of understanding of the way her thinking affects her and will probably always need to remain alert to its tricks. Now she is glad (most days) to be alive and would be the first to say it is worth keeping fighting. I know that one day she will be free to live her life as she chooses, despite the odds.

And me? I hold onto her every smile, which for so long I didn't see at all, and too often believed I would never see again.

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Basketball

# Redbacks, Liberty join to be venemous

Junior Championship basketball in the area has taken a major step forward with the launch of Warrandyte Venom on 25 January.

Warrandyte Venom is a merger of the Warrandyte Redbacks with the Croydon Liberty.

The tag line is "There is no anti Venom".

The process started last September

with preliminary discussions. Since then a dedicated group has been working to bring the concept to reality. The team comprised Stephen Bendle, Ian Dadswell, Bruce Davis, Sue Zucollo, Jeanette McGinley, Mandy Ratcliffe, Nick Peters and Justin Nelson.

The new logo was unveiled at a special presentation just before the

Australia day, where new T-shirts were distributed to all players. The new playing strip was also on display.

A special guest was Wayne Bird, CEO of Basketball Victoria. He commented that Warrandyte was the most recent club to become associated with Basketball Victoria and the development with Croydon Liberty marked a significant advance for bas-

ketball in the area.

This is not simply just a rebadging, but is a complete revamp of the local Friday night competition with a structured program across both the boys and girls competition, additional skill training and avenues for continuing basketball beyond the Junior competitions.

Warrandyte now fields a number of

teams in the Wednesday MMBL competition.

Fifteen teams are in the Friday Night Competition, with three teams with very realistic opportunities for playing in the Victorian Championship grade, which would be a first for Warrandyte.

The second round of grading started on Friday February 3.

## No antidote to Venom's title attack

The weather was hot over the four days, but the Australia Day tournament was the first outing for the Warrandyte Venom.

The Eltham/Dandenong tournament is one of the largest junior basketball tournaments in the world involving over 700 teams from nearly all states in Australia.

The Warrandyte Venom fielded 15 teams with two premierships and four semi finalists.

The first premiership was the Under 14 girls, coached by Justin Nelson.

The girls went through the opening rounds undefeated and earned a place in the finals with a 34-23 win over Doncaster.

Their opponents in the Grand Final were Diamond Valley, who they had defeated the previous day in a close game.

Warrandyte Venom had a comfortable 21-14 lead at the break when Meg Dargan scored on the buzzer.

Diamond Valley increased the pressure in the second half and soon drew level.

Warrandyte responded but the game came down to the wire with a one point lead with 13 seconds to go.

Warrandyte Venom held their nerve with Ashlee Brobbel scoring just

before the buzzer to confirm the win by 39-36.

Coach Justin Nelson praised the total team effort from all his players over the tournament.

"It was a brilliant team effort. A great young team coming together well and justly deserved to record the new Warrandyte Venom's first premiership".

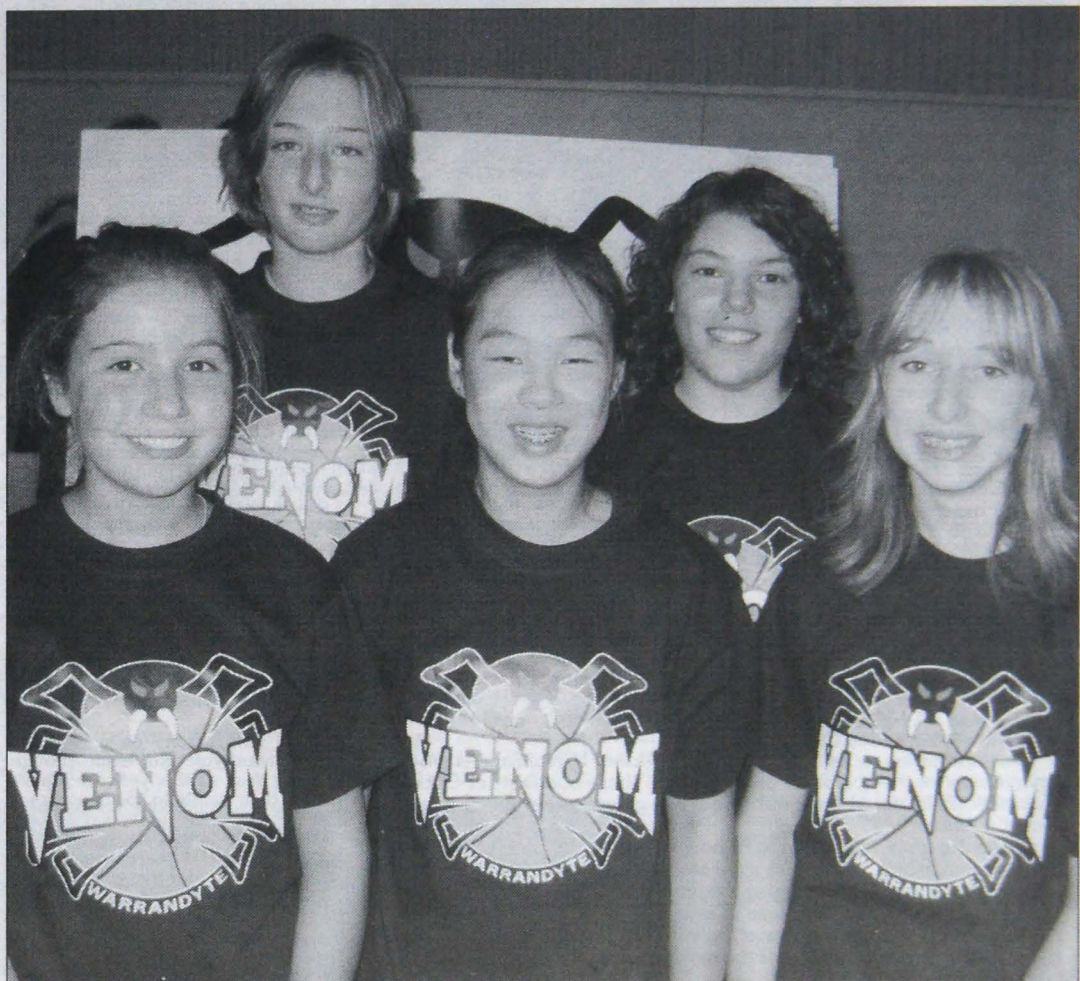
Warrandyte Venom's second flag came when the Under 18-1 defeated Eltham by 40-32, under coach David Renecke.

Warrandyte reached the grand final coming from third place and defeated Diamond Valley by 30-27 in a game that was close throughout.

Kevin Zucollo's Under 16 girls were unlucky semi finalists, going down to Camberwell by 11-9 in a close, low scoring game. Warrandyte drew level at 9-all with 90 seconds to go but in a game dominated by defence, Camberwell were better from the free throw line to come away with the win.

Semi finalists for Warrandyte Venom also included Under 18-3 girls, and Under 12 girls who lost to the eventual winners, and possibly misgraded Kilsyth.

On the boys' side, the Under 18-2 lost to Darebin 22-19 in their semi final.



Some of the Under 16-2 girls with their new Warrandyte Venom T Shirts. Back from left: Gemma Bouwmeester, Penny Kafkalakis. Front: Jordan Gardner, Katya Chan, Holly Jones.



The successful Under 14 girls team. Front from left: Victoria Bacolas, Zanetta Hosking, Gemma Iacono, Elleisha Gavan, Amber Saunders, Sophie Richardson. Middle: Meg Dargan, Ashlee Brobbel, Caitlin Hallett. Back: Aty Birch.

## Ballistyx repeat senior premiership

By CLINTON GRYPAS

Ballistyx repeated as Warrandyte's senior basketball champions last month when they came from behind to beat arch rivals Fakers 32-26 in a thrilling grand final.

Their fifth Greyburn Cup title was achieved on the back of superb defence as they out-scored Fakers 11 to two in the game, a tense final eight minutes.

Captain Gavin Eddy declared the effort the difference in a hotly contested affair.

"The key was good defence, really good team defence," he said. "It was very structured in that we played a match up zone."

"I was worried until about 15 seconds to go. They killed us in the semi-final and we wanted to stop their main outside shooters."

Fakers guard Luke Mitchell was one such target. He was held to just three points after averaging 17.4 which is second best in the league in the regular season.

Ballistyx started the better of the two teams. They led by 10 points early and were ahead 18-12 at half-time.

But Kevin Fleming (10 points) sparked a Fakers rally. When he hit a long three-pointer with 8:30 minutes to play the momentum had swung and the Fakers led 24-21.

A fast break lay-in by Steve Killey shaved that to one before a Dave Bolton steal and score restored the Ballistyx lead.

They wouldn't trail again as former NBL player Andrew Howey (game high 14 points) nailed three straight jump shots. The final one came with 54 seconds to play under enormous pressure.

The sixth Cup places Ballistyx two ahead of their rival in the competition's 35 season history.

Plastics beat Termites 62-41 to win the B division crown. Greg Pearson and David Hill each scored 13 for the winners while Rob Punshon potted 11 and Josh Martyn 10 for Termites.

Darren Murphy was crowned competition MVP with 35 votes, a comfortable winner from Luke Mitchell (25) and Tony Davis (17).

Entries for the new winter season can be made through Gavin Eddy on 0418 800 704.

## Summer season registration

The summer season has resumed after the Christmas break but planning for the winter season has started with registrations being accepted at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre on 18 February.

Age groups for winter are Under 9 to Under 19. For further details, contact Tony Oliver on 9844 4287.

## Calisthenics club takes a step forward

Warrandyte Calisthenics College, founded in 2001 for the people of Warrandyte and surrounding areas, has a reputation built on fun, ensuring enjoyment for more than participants.

Although performing at competitions throughout the year is part of calisthenics, it has never been the clubs' focus. However the Warrandyte Calisthenics College is celebrating the recent news that four of its five classes have been grad-

ed to a higher division for 2006, with their Intermediate age group jumping two divisions in one year!

This is due to the clubs success at competitions during 2005, winning 11 of the 16 competitions entered, three of these being the State Championships.

The Warrandyte Calisthenics College also measures its success by their incredibly high

membership retention. With all of the older classes already full for 2006, some vacancies still exist in the younger classes.

The club encourages new members as young as three years old and would love to hear from anyone wanting to find out more about this wonderful sport, or wishing to join us for another successful year in 2006.

Contact Katrina Berryman on 9899 7886.

# Dual winners at netball awards

By SONIA RAPPELL

Warrandyte Netball Club has recognised the achievements of those who have made an outstanding contribution to the club in several areas.

For 2005, two awards were given for the Club Person of the Year. The winners are teenagers Samantha Hassall and Lauren Reid.

Both girls were quite late to start playing netball at almost 10-years-old.

Previously, Sam had been busy with dancing and swimming while Lauren preferred swimming and rhythmic gymnastics.

Both girls started playing netball in the under 11s but it was not until the Under 13s that the two were in the same team.

Over the years the girls were fortunate to be coached by some well known names within Warrandyte Netball Club and over the past three years the girls have been giving back to the club by coaching, umpiring and in many other ways.

Sam has been running the Netball Skills Program conducted after school on Fridays in Warrandyte, and also coaching a Saturday netball team.

She has now successfully coached teams to two grand finals with a premiership to her credit.

Lauren has coached several Saturday netball teams in successive seasons, also coaching two teams to a grand final with two runners-up results.

Both girls umpire on a Saturday for Warrandyte and even though starting Year 12 this year, they have put up their hands to coach again for 2006.

Collectively both girls have played for the club for 14 years, coached for six and umpired for five years.

The club recognised their achievements, presenting them with their awards at the recent club presentation night.

Also recognised at awards night was Amy Green who in 2004 reached



Dual winners of the Warrandyte Netball Clubperson of the Year Award, Samantha Hassall, left, and Lauren Reid.

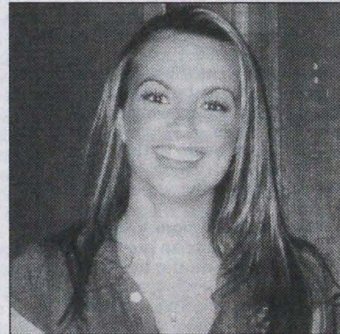
the incredible milestone of playing 300 games for Warrandyte Netball Club.

In 2005 spring season she managed to record a total of 350 games - a record breaking milestone!

In 2005 Amy played for the Open A Woodies and has recorded many achievements for the Warrandyte Netball Club during her time as a player.

The Doncaster and District Netball Association Saturday competition resumes on March 4 at the Templestowe Leisure Centre and Warrandyte netball teams are currently being finalised.

People wanting further information can contact club president, Lesley Reid, 9844 2068.



Amy Green ... games record holder.



Star all-rounder, Matthew Szenis, before a training session at Warrandyte.

## Metropolitan honours for local all rounder

Outstanding young Warrandyte all-rounder, Matthew Szenis, has taken a great leap forward in his cricketing career by being selected in the Victorian Metropolitan Under 21 team.

Szenis, 20, who captained Warrandyte's Under 16 team and is now a key member of the senior XI, captained the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Under 21 team during a series of inter-zone matches over recent months.

He was the only RDCA player to be selected in the powerful metropolitan team, which represents all of Melbourne's local competitions.

The metropolitan team will play a representative team from Victorian country leagues and associations in an annual match at Nagambie.

Szenis is a left arm orthodox off spin bowler and top order batsman and is clearly regarded as one of the most talented young players in the competition.

## It's Valentine's day for Under 18 team



Warrandyte Football Club senior coach, Peter Green, left, welcomes newly appointed Under 18 coach, Brad Valentine.

By DENNIS HOIBERG

With the football season looming and the squads in full training, the Warrandyte Football Club has announced the appointment of Brad Valentine as the Under 18s coach.

"We were very keen to get a local coach who had coaching qualifications and knew the club as well as the playing environment" said president Phil Treeby.

"With Brad we have both. He is a product of the local juniors, having played since the under 10s all the way up to the seniors where he played in the 1993 and 1999 grand finals.

"He is an excellent pick up for the club and will prove to be both a great coach and mentor for the Under 18s."

Brad said he was honoured to be chosen in the role.

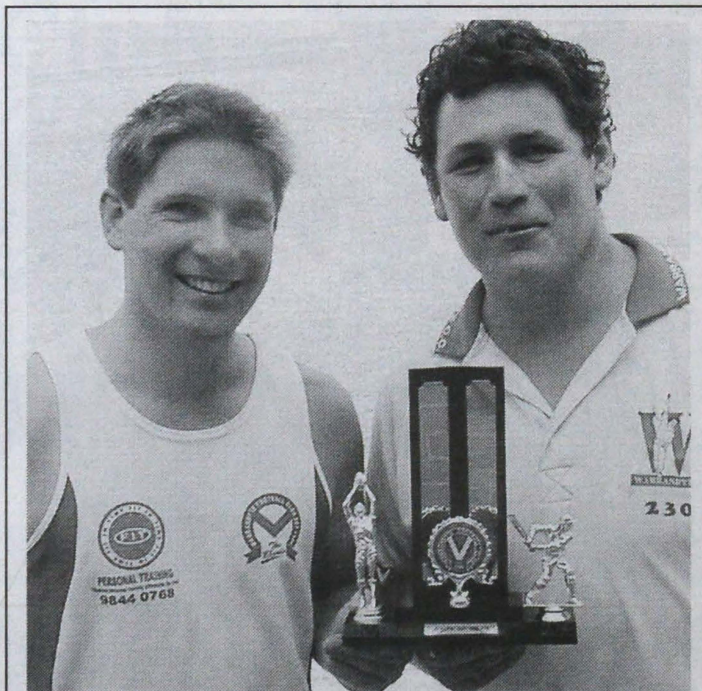
"It is an opportunity to give something back to the community. I believe it is fundamentally critical to the club that the Under 18s are competitive this year. This will build for future successes.

"There is enough football talent coming from the Under 17s colts last year as well as other players who have expressed interest in coming back to us that I am sure we will be successful," Brad said.

"We are always looking for more players so I would welcome and encourage any Under 18 player who wants to play football this season to come down and join our squad. The season starts Saturday April 8"

Brad is also a key player with Warrandyte Cricket Club's Second XI premiership bid.

Any players who would like to find out more about the Under 18s should contact James Logan, secretary of the Warrandyte Football Club on 0414 337 418.



Warrandyte Football Club's James Logan, left, hands over the 20-20 trophy to Warrandyte Cricket Club's, Campbell Holland.

## 20-20 challenge a big hit

In a further sign of increasing co-operation between local sporting teams, the Warrandyte Cricket Club and the Warrandyte Football Club recently hosted an inaugural "Envy Mowing and Gardening Services" 20/20 game.

Held in stifling hot conditions and before a small but enthusiastic crowd the cricket club comfortably defeated their football counterparts by 24 runs.

Highlights of the day were some sensational fielding by a talented group of young people as well as hard hitting by Tom Naughtin (44) and Dave Moody (52).

Senior football coach Peter Green, who proved as a cricketer, he makes a great football coach, said the day was a great success.

"It is important that the links between the clubs are strong as many of the players play for both teams. These types of events are great and hopefully we can make it an annual event," he said.

# Critical games ahead as relegation looms Heading for a fall

The next four weeks loom as the most important in Warrandyte Cricket Club's recent history with relegation from the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Second Division a real possibility.

With three rounds to play, Warrandyte, who are placed second last, are locked in a three-way battle with Chirnside Park and St Andrews for relegation to Third Division.

The final outcome may go all the way to the final round when Warrandyte are drawn to play Chirnside Park at home.

There has been significant improvement in Warrandyte's performances since the Christmas break but it hasn't been enough to secure much-needed points.

In the first game after the break against top team South Croydon, Warrandyte came up only eight runs short while in the next match against finals aspirant, Norwood, they finished 14 runs shy of their target when chasing an imposing target of 214.

In the most recent completed game, Warrandyte set Croydon Ranges a challenging 214 to win and were thwarted when rain forced the game to be drawn.

Warrandyte captain, Adam White, said there were clear signs that the team was ready for an important breakthrough.

"Our batting is definitely improving but we just haven't been doing enough to get over the line," he said.

One of the key factors in the batting improvement has been the return to form of Dave Mooney. Since being relieved of his wicket keeping duties,

## Hat-tricks come in threes

For the second successive year, a player in Warrandyte's third eleven has taken a hat-trick.

Last season, veteran John Prangley took a hat-trick and this year, Dean Gidley repeated the performance.

Gidley, a medium pace bowler who played in the First XI earlier this season, was coming back to cricket after he strained a muscle in his side.



Dean Gidley

he has put together a string of good scores which has given the middle order renewed strength.

The Second XI looks set for a second successive finals campaign. The highlight of the post Christmas rounds was Tyson Rees' 5-19 in the match against Norwood.

The young leg spinner and top order batsman who captains the club's Under 16 side, has shown great improvement with the ball throughout the season and now looms as an important component in the premier-ship campaign.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth XI are

all one game out of the top four with three rounds to play and must string together at least two wins to be part of finals action.

Scores:

Round 9:

First XI: Warrandyte 168 (Howarth 52, A. White 35, Brent 33) lost to South Croydon 8-176.

Second XI: Warrandyte 173 (Valentine 35) lost to South Croydon 9-227 (R. White 3-33).

Round 10:

First XI: Warrandyte 198 (Goddard 49, A. White 45, Mooney 36) lost to Norwood 7-214.

Second XI: Warrandyte 173 (Jarvis 59, Gamble 35) d Norwood 149 (Rees 5-19).

Third XI: Warrandyte 286 (Creber 76, Croft 48, Smead 47) d Mooroolbark 196 (Gidley 4-40 inc. hat trick).

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 6-191 (Logan 82, Baker 37) d Mooroolbark 51 (E. Blyth-Levin 3-10, W. Standing 3-12).

Fifth XI: Warrandyte 5-127 lost to Croydon North 8-142 (J. Ellis 4-21).

Round 11:

First XI: Warrandyte 9-214 (Mooney 58, Holland 34 n.o.) drew with Croydon Ranges 7-161 (A. White 4-36).

Second XI: Warrandyte 149 (G. Walshe 48, R. White 32) drew with Croydon Ranges 5-92 (G. Walshe 3-38).

Third XI: Warrandyte 3-71 drew with Croydon North 277 (Fahy 5-36).

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 188 (Baker 54, Revell 48) drew with East Ringwood 1-13.

Fifth XI: Warrandyte 107 drew with Wonga Park 1-10.

● On the first day of the Round 12 match against South Croydon, Warrandyte restricted the ladder leaders to 228.

Warrandyte got away to a good start with veteran, Gerald Walshe celebrating his return to the First XI after a knee injury with three early wickets to have South Croydon 3-66.

But aggressive batting saw the visitors go to tea at a strong position of 3-130 and a score of 300 loomed.

But Warrandyte, through some steady bowling from White (3-12) and a fourth wicket to Walshe, restricted South Croydon's scoring chances.

It is now up to Warrandyte's batting line-up to steer the side to a much-needed win.

## Cricket veterans vie for John Smith Cup

Warrandyte Cricket Club has won the inaugural John Smith Memorial Cup.

The trophy is for matches played between Warrandyte and South Warrandyte Cricket Club's Over 40s Veterans.

The first match was played last month with Warrandyte winning a close match by 12 runs.

Smith was a leading player with Warrandyte before moving to play with South Warrandyte where he was recently selected in their team of the century.

Smith's father, Horrie, was a stalwart with Warrandyte and was elected a Life Member.

Fellow Warrandyte life member, John Chapman, spoke of his memories of playing with both Horrie and John Smith and the influence they had on the Warrandyte club.

He said the match was a fitting memorial to a wonderful cricketer and to a family that had played such an important part in the history of both cricket clubs.

South Warrandyte president, Barry Williams, said John Smith had been an outstanding player over many years at Colman Park and the memorial trophy was a fitting honour.

John died two and a half years ago and his wife, Helen, attended the match to present the trophy.

She thanked both clubs for honouring her husband with the memorial cup and also thanked the many family and friends who attended the game.

"Today belongs to Warrandyte and I congratulate them on their win," Helen said.

The cup will become an annual event between the veteran's teams of the two clubs with each hosting the match on an alternate basis.



Warrandyte's John Chapman, left, receives the John Smith Memorial Cup from Helen Smith while South Warrandyte president, Barry Williams, looks on.

## Skills camp for junior footballers

Warrandyte Junior Football Club is organising its first ever skills development program.

The program, to be conducted at Gilwell Park Gembrook on February 24-26 will hopefully be the first of such programs to be conducted by the Club.

Junior football club spokesman, Chris Appleby said: "This year the camp is open to the Under 11s and Under 14s and if successful and well received by the parents and kids, we will make it open to all ages next year."

"The camp will be conducted by Scott Chapman, a local dad who has plenty of experience in conducting such skills camps for our youth. The camp will be a fun experience for the children with plenty of opportunity for skills development as well as team bonding."

As safety for the young players is a paramount concern, the club is also asking parents to come along and

supervise the children.

"We already have about 12 parents lined up and some 40 children expressing interest in attending. Should anyone wish for more information about the camp, please contact me on 0409 769 227"

In other junior news, the Registration Day will be held on February 12.

"We are trying something different this year and made the registration a family day with plenty of activities including hand balling, running and kicking competitions for the kids and their parents," said secretary Phil Ashfield. We have strong numbers in all age groups but we always welcome any players from age 8 to 17 to join our great club."

For more information about the junior club's activities, please contact Phil Ashfield on 0409 542 112

## Fitness is key to Bloods' 2006 hopes

Warrandyte Football Club's centenary season is well under way with pre-season training already under way.

The club has employed the services of Warrandyte High School's phys-ed teacher Steve Moresi and the playing group has seen immediate results.

Moresi who has a strong background in triathlon is taking the first hour of training on Monday's and Wednesday's imparting his knowledge on the young group.

Running technique and ballistic stretching are high on Moresi's priority list and will ensure that speed is an advantage for the Bloods this season.

Without key tall men at the club's disposal, a running game will be the order of the day and senior coach Peter Green is basing his training program around fast, accurate ball movement launching attacks out of defence.

However, kicking goals in 2005 was not Warrandyte's problem ... stopping them was.

The club and in particular Grant 'Sox' Egan, have been very active trying to recruit big men to the Bloods. While there are a number of recruits that have given a verbal commitment, pen hasn't yet been put to paper.

Todd Holman and Ash Grybas are back in red and white, with Ben Reid, Tom Urbano and Chris Chapman returning from overseas to bolster the club's depth.

The 2006 season is an extremely important year for the Warrandyte Football Club, not only celebrating its centenary, but making sure that a winning culture is bred into the club and the stay in Division 4 is short lived.

Centenary celebrations will start on April 8 when the Bloods play their Round 1 clash against Eastern Lions at home.

The club is working with Parks Victoria to involve local communities, potentially including an aboriginal exhibition game signifying their use of 'Andersons Creek flat' well before the area was settled.

The club's history book will be released at the Centenary Dinner on May 6. Noel Taplin and Lee Tindale have worked tirelessly to research and document the extensive and fascinating history of the 'Yarrasiders'.

Five guernsey's have previously been worn and a heritage jumper this season will incorporate these.

It certainly promises to be an exciting season for the Bloods that will hopefully culminate in a strong finals campaign.

## Centenary dinner set for May

Warrandyte Football Club will celebrate 100 years of football in the town with a Centenary Dinner.

It will be held on Saturday May 6, starting at 7pm

The venue is the Manningham Function Centre and the MC will be Clinton Grybas (Foxtel & 3AW)

The club's history book will also be launched at the function.

The cost will be \$80 per head and includes four courses, drinks and entertainment

Please book with James Logan 0414 337 418 or Terry Ryan 0418 369 294.

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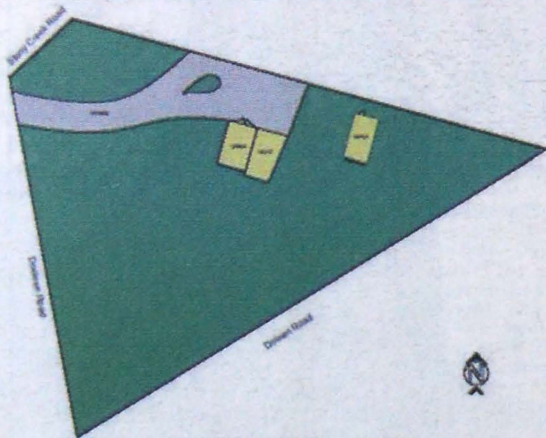
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