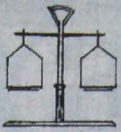


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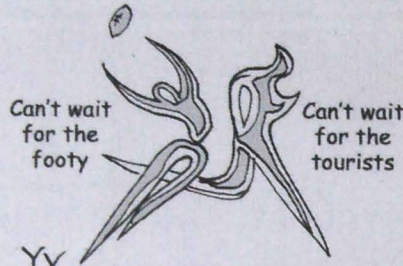
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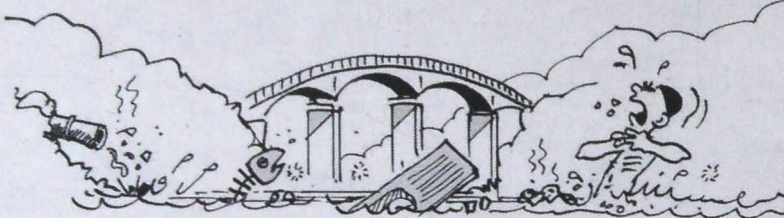
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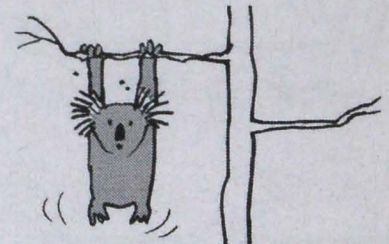
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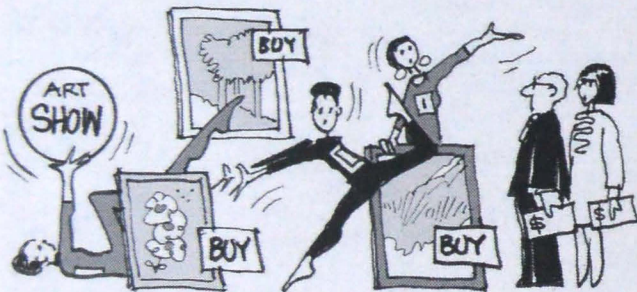
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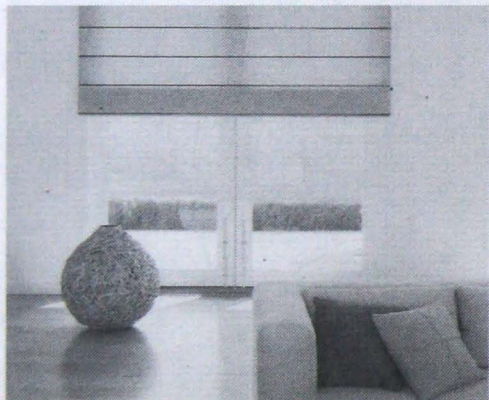


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A SPECIAL PLACE

Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 24km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. 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.



Graphic by Melanie Coupar

THE NIGHT THE STAR WAS THROWN

The Wurundjeri dreamtime story told how Bunjil, the great eagle, the all-powerful, ever-watchful creator of the world, had once gazed down upon his people from the star Altair and seen their wrongdoing. Awaiting their return, he, with a mighty crash of thunder, hurled down a star to destroy them. Where the star struck created the gorge we see today. Bunjil's people always remembered the spot. They called it Warrandyte, the place where Bunjil had hurled down the star to punish his people.



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# Yarra Descent sinks

## Canoeists bail out

By SAM DAVIES

A Commonwealth Games-linked canoe event scheduled to pass through Warrandyte has been postponed due to pollution of the Yarra River.

The inaugural Yarra Descent, which invited amateur and professional participants to canoe from Yarra Glen to Richmond, stopping overnight in Warrandyte, will now be held in November.

Eric Ward, who recently stepped down as executive officer of the organising body Canoeing Victoria, said their decision to postpone the event, slated for February 25 and 26, was "absolutely disappointing".

"The initiative had some really good things going for it. (But) a number of things were going against it this year," he said.

It is believed reports of pollution in the lower Yarra may have alarmed intending participants.

A Canoeing Victoria media release said "adverse media reports" concerning the state of the Yarra may have dissuaded paddlers, though it had still attracted more than 50 participants.

After the hottest January on record, the organisation said water levels were too low to follow the designated course. "We currently feel that this low water level could impact (on) the safety of amateur competitors in particular," the Canoeing Victoria statement said.

An employee later told the *Diary* their primary concern was health risks caused by pollution, which are greater when water levels are low.

The event was to be held in partnership with, and partially funded by, six local councils which border the river, including Manningham and Nillumbik, and the Victorian government.

Manningham mayor, Cr Patricia Young, expressed her disappointment

at the postponement of the event, but hopes it will be even bigger and better when it is held later in the year.

"While we are disappointed, we respect Canoeing Victoria's decision and look forward to the announcement of a firm date for the event," Cr Young said.

Manningham council matched the state government's funding of \$1000.

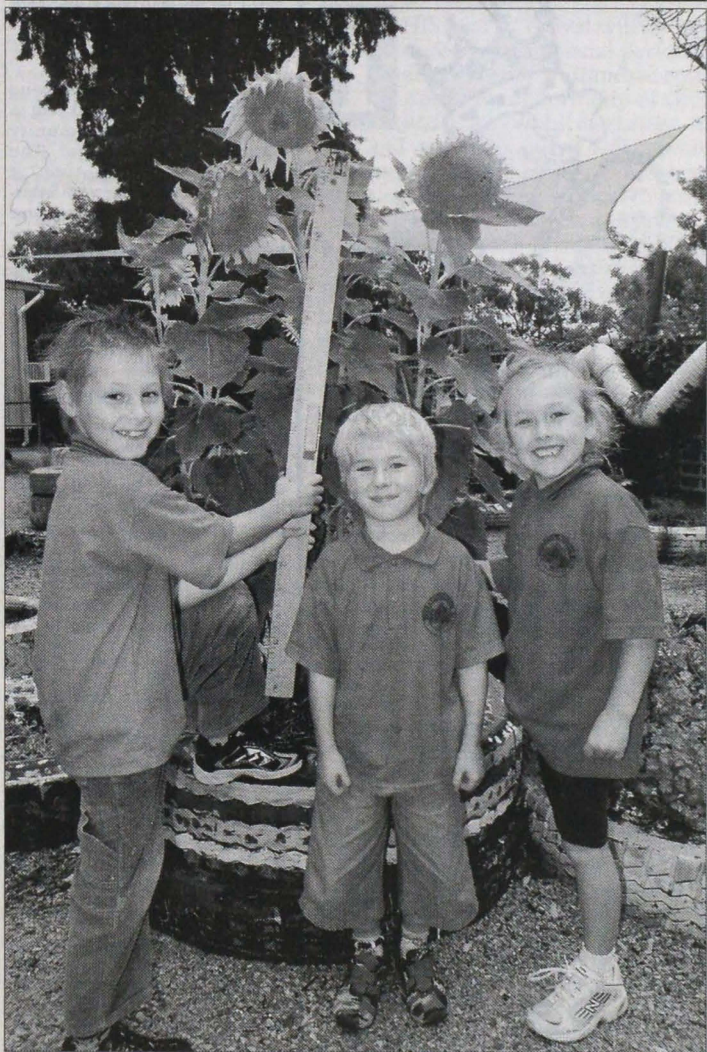
Office of Commonwealth Games Co-ordination spokesman Licardo Prince said the postponed event, which is hoped to become an annual occurrence, would still link in with the games, despite being held months later.

"One of the features of this games is that it should have a legacy broader than the games themselves, so there may be benefits and things to come down the track as part of the legacy," he said.

Canoeing Victoria is taking registrations from groups and individuals who would like to participate in the event later in the year. For further information visit [www.vic.canoe.org.au](http://www.vic.canoe.org.au) or call 9459 4251.



## Smiling faces...



See how our sunflowers grow! Lachlan, Luan and Holly have been keeping watch on the sunflowers springing up in the Warrandyte Primary School's sustainable garden. The seeds were planted in September and they are now taller than the children. Kids from Prep to Grade 6 enjoy working in the garden. As well as sunflowers, they have grown tomatoes, celery, lettuce and snow peas.

# No traffic survey before EastLink

By CLIFF GREEN

State transport minister, Peter Batchelor, has indicated that there will be no survey of traffic problems in the Warrandyte area; at least not until after the opening of EastLink.

This follows numerous pleas from local residents attending the public forum on traffic problems organised by the Warrandyte Community Association last December.

Many people asked the question, "Is our traffic gridlock being caused by people coming through Warrandyte from outside, or is it caused by local traffic? Where is the traffic coming from, and where is it going?"

"For the foreseeable future, travel in this corridor will be accommodated on the existing road network. Accordingly, the Yarra River bridge in Warrandyte will need to retain an ongoing regional traffic (role)," Mr Batchelor wrote, responding to a question in parliament from local MP Phil Honeywood.

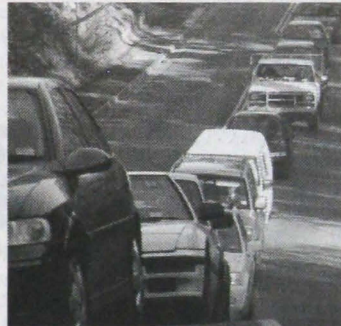
"However," Mr Batchelor continued, "it is anticipated that the construction of EastLink will have a significant impact on travel patterns in the surrounding region, and may relieve traffic congestion on Yarra Street through the township of Warrandyte."

"Therefore, a survey of the Warrandyte community would not be appropriate prior to the stabilisation of traffic volumes after the completion of EastLink."

Mr Batchelor predicted that Yarra Street improvements, planned by council, could bring some relief to pedestrians.

"I note that the City of Manningham has developed an Urban Design Framework for Yarra Street, in consultation with the local community," Mr Batchelor wrote.

"This process has identified a range of measures to improve pedestrian safety within the Yarra Street precinct. VicRoads is working with the council



Gridlock on Yarra

to further investigate the implementation of these measures."

In his address to parliament, Phil Honeywood said, "Given all the competing issues associated with increasing local traffic volumes, a Vic-Roads-audited survey, possibly in cooperation with the Manningham and Nillumbik councils, may well provide a much better indication of the views and traffic priorities of local residents."

"Of course any such survey would have to be very carefully scrutinised as to the type of questions to be included and the number of responses that would be deemed to be satisfactory."

"The well-supported Warrandyte Community Association could have a strong role to play in assisting with the drafting of these questions and the compilation of responses."

Earlier, Mr Honeywood told the minister that he would be "well aware of my strong opposition to the outer ring road being completed anywhere near the pristine bushland of the

Warrandyte environment. I am pleased that the member for Yan Yean (Danielle Green) shares my view."

As a result of the traffic forum at the North Warrandyte Community Centre last December, WCA is taking action along the lines suggested by the meeting.

"Following on from the success of the traffic forum, WCA is informing people who attended what we're doing, what success we're having and what our future plans are," president Dick Davies said.

"People are not really that bothered about spending four minutes in a traffic jam, but they are concerned that kids can't walk to school or ride their bikes. They believe the gridlock could be eased with car pooling."

Some children travel to school by bus, but not enough. "The buses aren't coordinated," Mr Davies said. "We have different services, different bus companies, different schedules. Congestion at school time could be greatly reduced, which is why we're talking to the schools."

WCA has established two sub-committees to help deal with these issues.

A traffic sub-committee has been asked "to engage with local school parent committees in a dialogue on reducing the volume of traffic to and from school".

It has been asked "to explore options for walking tracks, bike tracks and other alternatives to cars" and "to investigate coordination of bus timetables and improved services".

This sub-committee is being convened by Theo Buskes (9844 1338), who would welcome input from the local community.

Former Nillumbik councillor Bob Stubbings is involved with a committee attempting to deal with the problem of gridlock during a fire emergency and the implementation of evacuation plans. Anyone interested in commenting on these issues could call Bob on 9844 4188.

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# Definitely *not* the Commonwealth Games!

Words and pictures  
by EMMA CLARK

**E**VER wondered what goes on at the Commonwealth Games after the swimmers have dried off, the national anthems have been convincingly mimed and the ping-pongers have pinged their last balls?

Then make your way to the Mechanics Institute Hall, later in March, or early next month. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Games in true Follies style.

Steve Moneghetti will not be opening the show, Thorpie was otherwise engaged and Phil Cole was not invited (where the bloody hell is he?).

A little bit political, a little bit irreverent and a little bit absurd, "Not the Commonwealth Games Follies" shows the Games moments that won't be covered by Sandy Roberts or Bruce Macavaney. These are the bits that the tabloid magazines are dreaming to get their hands on and Steve Bracks doesn't want you to know about.

Watch "Melbourne 2006" from the couch, but sprint, jump or swim down to the Mechanics Hall for "Warrandyte 2006" and watch the bits that aren't suitable for television viewing.

"Not the Commonwealth Games Follies" will run on March 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31; and April 1, 6, 7 and 8 at the Warrandyte Mechanics Hall in Yarra Street. BYO food and drink and arrive at 7.30pm before the festivities kick off at 8pm.

Bookings through Joan Rogers at The Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop on 9844 1744. Tickets are \$15 per head.



## Festival briefs

### Where were you?

Where the bloody hell will you be on Sunday, March 12 at 8am? What will you be doing? You'll be taking a photo for the Festival Images of Warrandyte project, that's what. Pictures of anything, taken at that time, can be entered. Drop them into Information Warrandyte at the Community Centre by Tuesday, March 21 and watch for the showing at the Community Centre. Prints only, please.

### Paint the town

The Rotary Art Show is moving from its familiar riverbank tent to the Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street. The show opens on Friday, April 7 at 7.30pm and continues on Saturday, April 8, between 9am and 6pm and Sunday, April 9, 11am to 4pm. More than 300 works of art in a range of media, plus the Young Artist Award, featuring work from Warrandyte High School will be on show at the Community Church.

### No guitar? No worries!

Fancy yourself as a closet Eddie Van Halen or Angus Young? Can you play a mean riff on an imaginary Fender? Rock out at the inaugural Air Guitar Competition. Register on Sunday at the River Stage between 12.15pm and 1.15pm for the competition beginning at 2.30pm.

### All dressed up

Members—and former members—of the Warrandyte Theatre Company are being asked to doll up for the Festival Parade—dressed as characters from previous productions—to mark the 50th anniversary of the company's parent body, the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association. Please call Adrian Rice on 9844 1528 for more information and to register your interest.

### On your bike

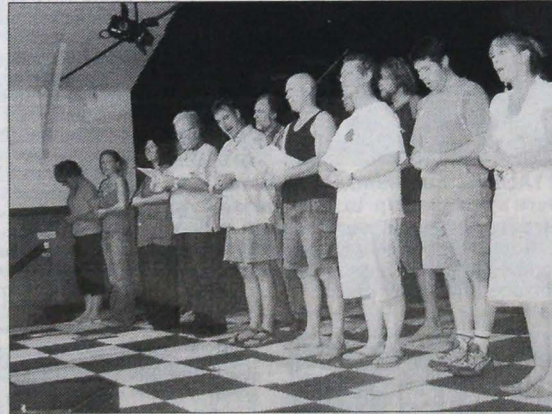
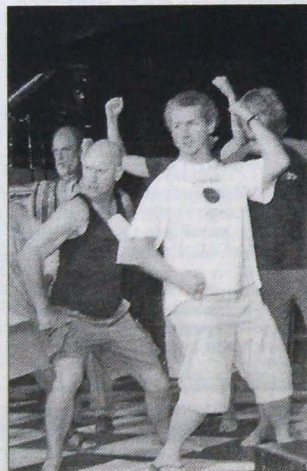
Cruise through the State Park or pedal madly to the finish line for the inaugural Mountain Bike Fun Ride. Register at 7.30am for an 8am start from the netball courts at Taroona Avenue. Choose from an easy 10km or a more challenging 16km route. For more information or registration, contact Stewart on 9844 1156 or visit the Festival website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~warrfest/>.

### Lock 'em up


Get on your bike and pedal to the Festival! Free bike parking will be available on Bicycle Victoria bike racks located between the footbridge and car park at the bottom of Stiggants Street. Bring your own lock and don't worry about finding a parking spot for the car.

### Poems at the pub

Fancy yourself as a poet—or an author? Like to try your work out on a local (mainly) sober audience? Then have a go at A Grand Read at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte, on Tuesday, April 11 from 7.30pm. Refreshments provided, drinks from the bar, tickets \$12. Call 9844 1839 if you want to expose yourself!



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### Meet the neighbours

Fancy learning the art of Tibetan meditation, Bollywood dance or soap making? Visit the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House tent. Get fit, polish up on your French or make new friends, by talking to volunteers and staff about classes, support groups, events and regular social activities. Displays of classes over the weekend.

### Speedy serve

Are you a budding Hewitt, Molik or Federer? Find out the speed of your serve by radar as used by the pros at Melbourne Park and be in the running for a trophy. Run by Warrandyte Tennis Club.

### Warm welcome

A Wurundjeri elder will welcome festival-goers to her Father's Country with a Traditional Smoking Ceremony at the bridge prior to the start of the parade at 11am. Parade-watchers will look to the skies when a Melbourne-built aircraft soars across the parade. At ground level, prizes will be awarded for best parade entry, most colourful, most imaginative, best costumes, best theme and most Warrandyte-ish.

### Beer(hic!)topia

Whether you're a beer aficionado or a part-time moonshiner, everyone is welcome to bring a bottle at 5pm to compete in the homebrew competition. Categories, including stout, lager, bitter, ale, pilsner, draught and others, will be judged at the tent next to the top Stiggants Street entrance to Stiggants Reserve. Hang around and wangle your way into the festival's top job (the competition judging panel!) whilst awaiting the award presentations at the main stage at 7.30pm.

### Speed demons

Local budding daredevils can take part in the world's toughest test of courage: the Billycart Derby. Show off your racing skills at 8.30am on Sunday down the steep descent of Forbes Sreet. Ages 8-16 welcome, with a race for the mums and dads. Claim the glory and be the envy of your mates at school (or work!).

### Pets paradise

Is your pooch the prettiest in town? Got the coolest cat in Warrandyte? Find out at the pet show, with various categories, including cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish and birds at 9.30am on Sunday on the Riverbank.

### Piggy count

Count the number of piggies in Piggy Banks in local shopfronts around Warrandyte and you could win one of five \$50 accounts, courtesy of the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank. Fill out an entry form at the bank stand at the Festival and cross all your fingers (and toes!)

# Her show features music and 'dreamlike' paintings

By EMMA CLARK

**T**HIS year's Festival will be honoured with a special performance by past Warrandyte resident Anna Glynn, formerly of Glynn's Road. An established artist, musician and storyteller, Anna will capture audiences with her multi-media presentation of another time in local history.

Anna Glynn grew up on a property on what is now Glynn's Road. The 100 acre riverfront property, named "Riverswood", was bought by her grandfather in the 1940s and was handed down to her father. Anna has fond memories of growing up in the 1970s next to the Yarra and across from the Pound Bend tunnel. Anna and her family have since moved away and the land is now owned by Parks Victoria and forms a wildlife habitat.

In an extraordinary turn of events, a chance visit to the doctor's waiting room saw Anna read and apply to an advertisement in a magazine for an artist-in-residence program. In 2002 she was awarded the Parks Victoria Longridge

artist-in-residency and in an extraordinary occurrence, her placement was directly across the river from the farm where she grew up.

In an emotional and nostalgic journey into her childhood memoirs, Anna created "Strange Memories", a project telling the stories of this magical place through paintings, writing, music and performance. The performance follows a mysterious path and includes a powerful series of large projected images of dreamlike paintings, poignant narration and haunting music. The story is created through live musicians, singers, actors, lights and sound.

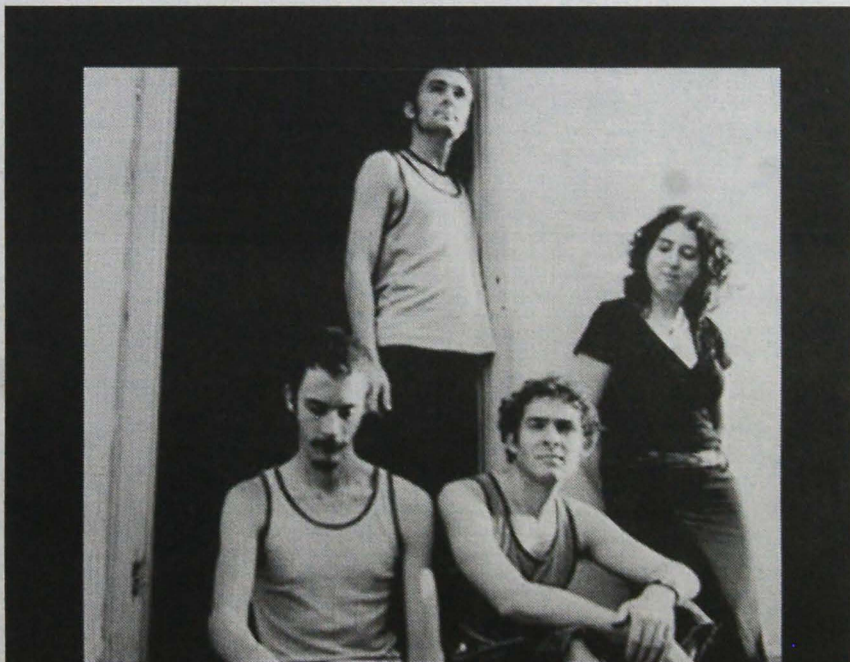
Besides the performance, the project has been released as a DVD, a large-format book of paintings and narration and in CD as *Strange Memories—Music for a Landscape*. Anna will have both the book and CD for sale at the Festival.

The performance will take place on Saturday, April 8 at 7.45pm at the main stage at Stiggants Reserve and will finish about 9.20pm.



Anna Glynn returns to her magical place.

## Youth stage rocks



State Express will feature at the Youth Stage.

**T**HE wildly successful Youth Stage at the Skate Park—at the Taroona Avenue corner—will rock to the sounds of young local talent on the Saturday, between 2pm and 10pm.

"From garage bands to emerging stars, the emphasis is on encouraging our home-grown musicians," organiser Rick Gordon told the *Diary*.

Kicking off the afternoon will be "The Final Muster" from Warrandyte High School, and "Grater & Spoon" featuring ex Andersons Creek Primary School pupils James Pasinis and Alistair Matcott, now at Eltham College. "The Screaming Pigeons" and evergreen rock outfit "Local Hero" follow, then it's the hot sound of ex-WHS students Bob Calwell and Scott Mealy's "Best Before".

"The talented 'The Teskey Brothers' have been picking up regular gigs at local venues and blues festivals, and they are followed by funk and groove outfit 'Super Deluxe', with Brendan Love on guitar, Liam Gough on drums and joined by the manic Jerome Harmsworth on keyboard," Rick Gordon said.

Longtime favourites "Tort" will set the scene for "The State Express", with their mixture of home-grown roots and soul.

"Remember it's an alcohol and drug-free event, and police and security will be in attendance," Rick Gordon said.

The YMCA Skate Competition is on again on Sunday at the Skate Park, with great prizes and judging by pro skaters. Entry is free, and there will be categories for all skaters—novice to open-age guys and girls. Registration commences at 12noon.

"The outstanding BMX stunt team 'Qranks' will be displaying their talent throughout Sunday afternoon, thrilling the crowd with an amazing exhibition of balance, dexterity and madness as they climb, dance and jump their way over a variety of obstacles," Rick Gordon said.

Food and drink will be available, and the Basketball Club will be running a shoot-out competition for budding NBA stars.

**BIKE FRIENDLY FESTIVAL**

Free bike parking will be available on Bicycle Victoria Bike Racks located between the footbridge and car park at the bottom of Stiggants St. Funding for these was provided by Nillumbik Council.

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**SUNDAY 9 APRIL: 10am - 4pm**  
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**FESTIVAL FEASTING:** Lots of food to suit every taste available all weekend including Saturday and Sunday evenings. Foods include: satays, hamburgers, spit roast, felafel, hot chips, pies & pasties, baked potatoes, poffertjes, home-made ice cream, milk shakes, donuts, fairy floss, Chinese noodles, wine, cheese and more.

**PARKS VICTORIA DISPLAY:** includes free badge making. Extend your knowledge of the park.

**FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK:** Display of indigenous plants, free plants, information on the local environment.

**SPINNERS AND WEAVERS:** Demonstration of wool spinning by Doncaster & Templestowe Spinners & Weavers.

**MANNINGHAM WOOD TURNERS:** Display on wood turning machines.

**STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE:** Static display including local aerial photographs.

**MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL:** Will promote council activities and services to the community.

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**EAST OF ROTUNDA**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE:** Come and find out about one of your community's greatest resources. Talk to volunteers and staff about classes, support groups, events and regular social activities. Displays of classes over the weekend.

**ANIMALS ON THE MOVE:** Feed & cuddle farmyard favourites. Small charge (in Riverside Rotunda).

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**FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:** SATURDAY—Craft and fun activities for children presented by the Warrandyte Uniting Church. SUNDAY—Pottery and other activities. Full program on display outside the tent and information van.

**PLASTER PAINTING:** Paint a figurine - lots to choose from. Cost from \$2.50.

**KIDS' GIANT WATERSLIDE:** Starts noon Saturday. Run by Scouts. Changing Tent. Bring bathers & towel. 50c per ride or \$5 for all-day pass.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**ROTARY ART SHOW:** Featuring local and interstate artists. Located in the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra St. Open 9am to 6pm Saturday and 11am to 4pm Sunday. Admission \$2.00.

**WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM:** The museum will be open and feature displays on Warrandyte's aboriginal, gold mining, artists and general social history. 111 Yarra St. Entry is free between 1pm and 4pm Saturday and Sunday.

**WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** In Yarra St. adjacent to Stiggants Reserve will be running various activities as well as providing several services. These include Leisureland on the Lawn (family activities on the lawn adjacent to the Riverside Reserve), Kidsland - Playgroup Playground and room available for parent-supervised pre-schoolers; Inspiration Station - inspirational program running all weekend in WCC Auditorium. Prayer-Peace room available for quiet reflection.

**LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES:** Local churches are holding services at the following times - SATURDAY 8th, 6pm Warrandyte Catholic Church. SUNDAY 9th, 8.30am St Stephens Anglican, 10am Community Church and St Anne's Catholic Church, 10.15am Uniting Church.

**Warrandyte Village Festival**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM**

**23, 24, 25, 30 & 31 MARCH**  
**1, 6, 7, 8 APRIL**

**THE FESTIVAL FOLLIES:** "Not the Commonwealth Games" Warrandyte Theatre Company. Mechanics Institute Hall. BYO food and drink. \$15 per head. 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Bookings: Joan Rogers at The Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop, Yarra Street, 9844 1744. Booking essential.

**FRIDAY 7 APRIL**

**ROTARY ART SHOW OPENING:** Cocktail Party, 7.30-10pm, \$15. Enquiries: Jan, 9874 3143. Community Church, Yarra St. Note the new location.

**SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

**9am-5pm ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:** See side panel.

- 10.00am: PARADE MARSHALLING** At the Bridge Tennis Courts (Pedestrians) and Tills Drive (Vehicles and Horses).
- 10.30am: JUDGING** of floats. Perpetual Trophy for best parade entry. Other categories: Most Colourful, Most Imaginative, Best Costumes/Make-up, Best Theme & Most Warrandyte-ish.
- 11.00am: FESTIVAL PARADE WELCOME CEREMONY:** A Wurrundgeri elder will welcome us to her Father's Country with a Traditional Smoking Ceremony. "FLY OVER" by Melbourne-built aircraft. CUTTING OF RIBBON by local councillors. Parade includes Town Crier: Ian Craig, Festival Monarchs: Kevin and Allison O'Mara, bands, floats, bikes, vintage cars & more. Commentaries at Community Centre, Grand Hotel and Stiggants roadside. Enquiries: Jill Parker, 9844 0180.
- 12noon: OFFICIAL OPENING** by the Monarchs of the Warrandyte Festival - Kevin and Allison O'Mara, and local councillors on the Main Stage at Stiggants Reserve.
- 12noon: "WU TAO"** A combination of dance and tai chi demonstration by Sasha Reid at the Neighbourhood House stall on the Riverbank, east of the rotunda.
- 12-4.30pm: RIVERBANK STAGE** - M.C. Phil Melgard - well known Fratellini Brothers, Sally Dastey, Polynesian Dancers, Chocolate Lillies, Badger, Young and Almeida, A2G, Ella Thompson Trio - descriptions and full program below.
- 12.15pm: MAIN STAGE AT STIGGANTS** Featuring local schools, dance groups and musicians - see detailed program below.
- ENTERTAINER:** Bust on a Pillar
- ROVING ENTERTAINER:** Engaging Moments - an Adagio act - strength and balance with a romantic touch.
- 2pm-6pm: GROOVE ON SATURDAY** Rock Stage with local bands at Skate Park, Warrandyte Reserve. See details below.
- 2.00pm: CHILDREN'S DRAWING** Activity with Nancy Johnstone at the Neighbourhood House stall on the Riverbank, east of the rotunda.
- 4.30pm: CAR RESCUE** Police, CFA, Ambulance & SES rescue a victim from a crashed & burning vehicle in a combined training exercise. Riverbank Stage area.
- 5pm-7pm: HOME BREWING COMPETITION** Warrandyte is full of home brewing enthusiasts and this is your chance to pit your skills against each other! Bring your bottles at 5pm to compete in beer categories including stout, lager, bitter, ale, pilsner, draught and others. \$2 per entry. Location is the tent next to the top Stiggants St entrance to the reserve. (Ask at the Information caravan if you can't find it.) Winners will be announced on the stage at 7.30pm. Sponsored by The Grand Hotel and Buckleys Beer.
- 6-10pm: GROOVE ON** Funk, rap, jazz, blues and rock. At Skate Park, Warrandyte Reserve. See details below.
- 8-10pm: STRANGE MEMORIES** On Main stage at Stiggants Reserve. The enchanting Warrandyte story of Anna Glynn who spent her childhood on a farm in North Warrandyte during the 1960s and returned as an artist to explore the nuances of changed landscapes and the interplay of her memories. Beautiful landscape paintings, live music and narrated story allow us to travel with Anna in this hauntingly beautiful production with local actors, musicians, Chocolate Lily Choir and sound and light to captivate.

**● ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

**THE FESTIVAL FOLLIES:** "Not the Commonwealth Games" Warrandyte Theatre Company's annual revue. See earlier in program for details.

**SUNDAY 9 APRIL**

**10am-4pm ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:** See side panel.

- 7.30am: MOUNTAIN BIKE FUN RIDE** Registration 7.30am for an 8am sharp start from Netball Courts, Taroona Ave, Warrandyte. Ride through the Warrandyte State Park with easy 10km or a challenging 16km routes. For information phone Stewart, 9844 1156, tekmark@gmail.com, or visit the Festival website for entry form. Sponsored by YMCA. Free.
- 8.30am: BILLYCART DERBY** Forbes Street, outside police station. Ages 8-16, plus a race for the parents. Great prizes and trophies. Tea, coffee and snags on sale, so come and have breakfast. \$7 Registration. robertcousens@robcousens.com.au Sponsored by Blue Light Disco Committee.
- 9-10am: SNAKE MAN REPTILE SHOW** Main Stage at Stiggants.
- 9.30am: DOG SHOW & PET PARADE** Various categories, including cats, rabbits, hamsters, mice, goldfish, birds, etc. All animals welcome if under owner's control. Run by Warrandyte High School. Stiggants Riverbank. Enquiries: Sue Martin 9844 2749 or 9870 8720 (AH).
- 10.15am: CONCERT MAIN STAGE STIGGANTS** A wide variety of musical entertainment featuring Harambee, Eltham Concert Band, Orangotango, New Frontier, The Shades, Way Jays and Another Season. See details in program below.
- 10.30am-12.30pm: KIDS' MARKET** Magnificent array of stalls offering goods and fun things by local kids for local kids. Stiggants Reserve. Phone: Pam Arnold, 9844 3012 or Andrea Gleeson, 0409 002 070 or 9844 2394.
- 11.00am: SNAKE MAN REPTILE SHOW** Riverbank Stage.
- 11.30am: "STRONG WOMEN STAY YOUNG"** Demonstration with Leah. Neighbourhood House Stall on the Riverbank, east of the rotunda.
- 12-4.30pm: RIVERBANK STAGE** MC Terry Cole - Circus in a Suitcase, Floyd Thursby and Definite Article, Stovetop, Jodie Moran with Snake Man and Air Guitar Competition. See detailed program below.
- 1pm-5pm: MOOVE ON SUNDAY** YMCA Skate Competition. Free entry, prizes. Registration from 12noon. BICYCLE Stunt Team "QRANKN". You won't believe what the QRANK team can do on bikes! At Skate Park, Warrandyte Reserve. See details below.
- 1.00pm: BOLLYWOOD WORKOUT** Demonstration by Maggie Flanagan, Neighbourhood House stall on the Riverbank, east of the rotunda.
- 2.00pm: GOLD MINE TOUR** (90 min duration) Join John Hanson for a leisurely walk and visit an 1850s gold mine. Bring torch, wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Meet at 104 Webb St. Donation to Walk Against Want appreciated. Further info phone 9844 3906.
- 2.00pm: CREATIVE CREATURES** Demonstration of dollmaking with a difference. Neighbourhood House stall on the Riverbank, east of the rotunda
- 2.30pm: AIR GUITAR COMPETITION** See details below. Registration at 12.15pm at Riverbank Stage.
- 2.30pm: DUCK RACE** Ducks sold at schools beforehand, and during the weekend at the Information Caravan. See over 1000 ducks launched into the Yarra at Forbes Street, finishing at Stiggant Street. \$2. Entry. Trophies. Adie Courtney 9844 2725.
- 3.30pm: KIDS GAMES** A chance for all kids to form teams and join in fun games. Bigger kids (adults) will have their opportunity too. Run by Warrandyte Primary School at Children's Free Activity Tent on Stiggants Reserve.
- 4.30pm: CAR RESCUE** Police, CFA, Ambulance & SES rescue a victim from a crashed & burning vehicle in a combined training exercise. Riverbank Stage area.
- 5.30-9pm: FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT (MAIN STAGE STIGGANTS RESERVE)** Featuring Dynamic Groove, The Committed and Musiki Manjaro to close the concert. Details below.
- 9.00pm: GRAND FIREWORKS FINALE** (Subject to CFA approval, sponsored by IGA Warrandyte).

**TUESDAY 11 APRIL**

**THE GRAND READ** Readings of original works by local writers at the Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra St at 7.30pm till late. Light refreshments provided, drinks from the bar. \$12 entry at door or from the Neighbourhood House prior to the event. Enquiries 9844 1839.

**MAIN STAGE — STIGGANTS RESERVE**

**SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

- 12noon:** Official Opening of the Festival with Manningham & Nillumbik Councilors and Presentation of Monarchs of Warrandyte Festival, Kevin and Allison O'Mara.
- 12.15pm:** Andersons Creek Primary School musical performances by Prep and Grade 1 students.
- 12.40pm:** Warrandyte Primary School Prep & Grade 1 and Grade 5 & 6 Bushband.
- 1.05pm:** Andersons Creek Primary School Dance and Mirimba performances by Grade 3 students.
- 1.30pm:** Warrandyte Primary School Grade 2 Choir and Grades 3 & 4 Choir.
- 1.50pm:** Park Orchards Primary School musical performance.
- 2.15pm:** St Annes Primary School student performance.
- 2.30pm:** Warrandyte High School drama and band performances.
- 3.20pm:** "Burra Squares" demonstration of Square Dancing.
- 3.40pm:** "Rafetna" West African Drum and Dance - a student performance.
- 4.10pm:** "Dance Plus" Jazz Funk Prep & 1 class; grade 2, 3 & 4 class.
- 7.30pm:** Home Brewing Awards
- 8.00pm: STRANGE MEMORIES:** A Warrandyte story come home with music, visuals and narration. A multimedia performance by Anna Glynn.

**SUNDAY 9 APRIL**

- 9.00am:** Snake Man.
- 10.15am: HARAMBEE** "in the spirit of togetherness". A capella includes Jazz, African, Latin American and Australian arrangements.
- 11.15am:** Eltham Concert Band - Back Again with its big and brassy sound.
- 12.30pm:** Orangotango. Swing music from around the world for fun.
- 1.30pm:** New Frontier. Still jazz, still local, still great.
- 2.30pm:** The Shades. Rising young local talent playing their original Blues/Rock.
- 3.35pm:** WayJays. Wonderful new local country roots band. Great tunes, fabulous harmonies and solid grooves.
- 4.30pm:** Another Season. Acoustic Latin flavoured jazz for the late afternoon.
- 5.35pm:** Dynamic Groove. Young and local, cool, funky Blues with a groove.
- 6.40pm:** The Committed. Sensational Soul review band.
- 7.45pm:** Musiki Manjaro. Vibrant and energetic, contemporary African dance band.
- 9pm: GRAND FIREWORKS FINALE** (subject to CFA approval, sponsored by IGA Warrandyte).

**RIVERBANK STAGE**

**SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

- 12noon:** MC Phil Melgard. Well known Fratellini Brothers - circus/tricks.
- 12.30pm:** Sally Dastey.
- 1.15pm:** Polynesian Dancers. Traditional Polynesian dance and color.
- 2pm:** Chocolate Lillies. Local choir heavenly harmonies.
- 2.30pm:** Badger, Young and Almeida. Roots, reggae and jazz from three of our most respected musicians.
- 3.15pm:** A2G versatile duo with hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s and fabulous costumes.
- 3.55pm:** Ella Thompson Trio. Jazz 'n Soul.
- 4.30pm:** Car Rescue Demonstration. Local SES, Police, Ambulance & CFA.

**SUNDAY 9 APRIL**

- 9.30am:** Dog Show and Pet Parade run by Warrandyte High School.
- 11am:** Snake Man.
- 12pm:** MC Terry Cole - Circus in a Suitcase.
- 12.15pm:** Floyd Thursby and Definite Article. Original acoustic folk and alt-country tunes.
- 12.50pm:** Snake Man
- 1.15pm:** MC Circus in a Suitcase
- 1.30pm:** Stovetop. Acid Blues meets Soul 'n Groove. More Memphis than Melbourne.
- 2.10pm:** Snake Man
- 2.30pm:** Air Guitar Competition (registration at 12.15pm) Details below.
- 3.15pm:** MC Circus in a Suitcase
- 3.20pm:** Snake Man
- 3.40pm:** Jodie Moran. Original acoustic pop, 3-piece guitar, viola, piano accordion and vocals.
- 4.30pm:** Car Rescue Demonstration. Local SES, Police, Ambulance & CFA.

**AIR GUITAR COMPETITION**

Do you think you're Jimmy Hendrix, Slash, Angus Young, Eddie Van Halen, Keith Richards, Pete Townsend or The Edge? Well here's your chance to strut your stuff and let it all hang out. Let the action do the talking! We want energy, exuberance, style, attitude and that true STAR quality!!

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All music must be cued for performance [CD player will be supplied]. All performances are limited to a maximum time of 90 seconds. Registration for Air Guitar Competition, Side of River Stage 12.15-1.15pm. Please note that a maximum of 30 acts will be taken. So be on time!

**RULES:** (1) The instrument must be invisible, i.e. air; (2) An air guitarist may play an electric guitar or acoustic guitar or both; (3) Personal air roadies are allowed, but backing groups—real or air—are not; (4) The winning guitarist must carry the joyful tidings of the air guitar forward, thus promoting World Peace!

**YOUTH EVENTS**

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# Parks: open gates policy a good idea

By SAM DAVIES

Parks Victoria has dismissed local concerns that opening Warrandyte's parks to vehicles overnight would increase loutish behaviour in the reserves.

As part of a two-month trial due to finish with the end of daylight saving, Warrandyte's rangers have left main gates permanently open at Norman Reserve, Jumping Creek Reserve and Pound Bend Reserve.

Parks Victoria has dismissed local concerns that opening Warrandyte's parks to vehicles overnight would increase loutish behaviour in the reserves.

A fourth gate at Sugarloaf Reservoir will still be shut nightly as it is a water supply catchment area.

A Warrandyte Community Association spokesperson said members were concerned about the potential for increased vandalism and noise at night with adverse effects on wildlife.

"Whilst there will be a trial period of two months, this may not adequately reflect what will happen later, as it will take time for the word to get around that parks are open to cars for parties at night," the spokesperson said.

Warrandyte ranger-in-charge Andrew Nixon, overseeing the trial, dismissed the concerns saying that hooners are "also a problem that could happen at 4pm in the afternoon when the parks are open and there is nobody about to complain to."

"It's not allowing for problems to occur, because they can occur at any time during the day," said Mr Nixon.

Local police have been notified of the trial.



Main gate to Pound Bend stands wide open. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Mr Nixon said similar projects had been running in parks throughout Victoria over the last 12 months without significant problems, and so far Warrandyte's had been very successful, with nil vandalism and only two calls from residents.

"There has not been a chorus of disapproval from residents notified," Mr Nixon said.

Warrandyte's rangers spent up to one and a half hours each night locking the gates, which, according to Yarra

District's Chief Ranger David Sewell, can be better spent elsewhere.

"Can we spend that time doing environmental work? Probably yes."

"I think there will be a lot of people saying it's the end of the world. I don't believe it's the case, but we'll never know if we don't do a trial," he said.

In April, Parks Victoria will review the trial, assessing any impact on the park, park neighbours and visitors as well as observations from field staff, after which the

gates may be left permanently open.

The WCA said it was also concerned the proposal reflected inadequate levels of funding for the park and reduction in services. But Mr Sewell said the trial responded to the needs of park users by improving access to the park.

"Observations have shown that there is a significant need to utilise the park beyond the advertised closing times, due to the variety of leisure activities the park provides," he said.

# They're trusting nature

By JENNY WILLIS

Manningham Council is offering a one-off cash incentive to encourage Green Wedge landowners to permanently protect their property's biodiversity.

Mayor Pat Young announced the cash incentive at the recent program launch in Warrandyte.

"Manningham City Council is offering up to \$1000 per hectare to landowners who permanently protect their land through a conservation covenant facilitated by Trust for Nature. This is to acknowledge their contribution to the long term future of our Green Wedge."

The first Manningham Green Wedge landowners to take up the council's offer, Fritz and Lydia Uhl, have placed a covenant on

most of their five-acre Gold Memorial Road property. Nearly 30 people helped them celebrate their new covenant at the launch.

Trust for Nature covenants are registered on the property's title and legally bind current and all future owners of the property to protect and manage the land for biodiversity.

While every covenant is individually tailored and may apply to part or all of a property, generally landowners are forbidden to develop the land, graze animals or clear vegetation on the covenanted area.

Most covenants allow for some domestic pets, such as dogs and poultry but only existing cats are allowed on the property and must be kept indoors between dusk and dawn.

Presented with a cheque for almost \$2000 from Manningham, Mr Uhl said he and Lydia wanted to be a part of the program out of respect for the land they love, not the cash incentive.

"We've been here for 24 years and we decided (to place a covenant on the land) to try and do the right thing. We don't want someone else to come in the future and ruin what we have spent years working on," he said.

Trust for Nature regional manager Chris Lindorff said the council's one-off payment incentive scheme was the first of its kind he had heard of, but said some other municipalities offer incentives through rates rebates or reductions.

Mr Lindorff also said a covenant can positively affect a property's sale value.

"In a lifestyle-driven area such as Warrandyte, a covenant can increase the value of a property," he said.

Mr Lindorff said because a property has to be in good ecological quality to receive approval for a covenant—with minimal pest plants and animals present and a strong diversity of indigenous flora and fauna—prospective buyers only need to maintain the land's ecological integrity rather than rectify or reverse existing problems.

Manningham environmental officer, Cathy Willis, said over 100 properties within the Green Wedge area of Manningham are eligible to apply for the incentive program.

Before agreeing to a covenant, Trust for Nature also considers other property factors including the degree of disturbance, the diversity of native flora and fauna, the presence of weeds or vermin and the existence of rare or endangered species.

People who do take up council's incentive offer will be provided with ongoing support from council's environmental officers and the Trust's stewardship officers.

Landowners interested in finding out more about Trust for Nature covenants are encouraged to contact Cathy Willis on 9840 9122.



Green guardians: Pictured are Fritz and Lydia Uhl (holding the big cheque) other Green Wedge landholders, Trust For Nature and council staff and Manningham mayor, Cr Pat Young.

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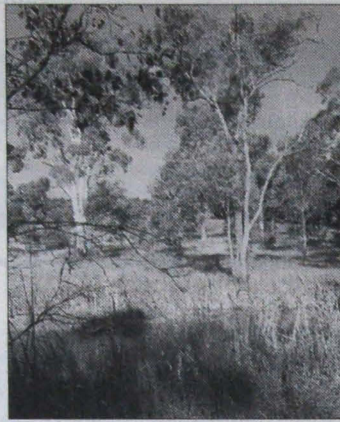
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# Jumping Creek carers

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

The Jumping Creek catchment will soon have its own Landcare group, taking in properties in Wonga Park, Warrandyte, Warranwood and Croydon Hills.

An enthusiastic group of Warranwood residents has been working towards this goal for many months. They have invited all interested people to help them launch the new Landcare branch at Jumping Creek Reserve later this month.

Tracey Wood, one of the group's founders, told the *Diary* that the day will feature Landcare displays, free water-testing and weed identification. "We'd like everyone to come along. It will just be fun and it's very informal." Ms Wood believes that the Jumping Creek Landcare branch will be unique, because it covers parts of two municipalities—Manningham and Maroondah. At the launch the founders of the new Landcare group look forward to meeting like-minded people who care for the environment. All interested landowners are welcome regardless of the size of their property.

"We're inviting people from little urban blocks who might be part of a catchment and might be interested in preserving their property or just bringing their expertise to the group."

"Obviously not everyone who comes will want to take the next step and be

part of a formal committee. But we are hoping a lot of people will sign up, then we can contact them if we are having a field day or things like that," she told the *Diary*.

Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare has been many months in the making. Tracey Wood acknowledges the assistance of Manningham council. "The local council approached a number of people about three months ago looking for people to take a leadership role with environmental and property management issues," she said.

This resulted in several residents from the Jumping Creek catchment doing a two-day course where they examined community environmental issues. Participants discovered that much was already happening in their district. For instance one landholder was collaborating with Melbourne Water to improve the waterway on his property, another was rabbit coordinator for her locality and a keen bird-watcher reported that Buff-banded Rails (birds of the flood-plains) were nesting beside her dam. All the participants had done revegetation work with indigenous species on their properties.

These residents realised that forming themselves into an official Landcare branch was a logical next step. By being part of Landcare the group gains access to expertise on a wide range of topics, from dealing with salinity,

weeds and erosion, to formulating a property management plan, planning a project, or applying for a grant.

"We are hoping to do a whole lot of Landcare projects...it can be fencing off remnant vegetation, so stock doesn't get to it...or putting in shelter belts or corridors for native animals along boundaries of properties," Ms Wood told the *Diary*.

Other possible projects include rabbit eradication, water monitoring and Frogwatch surveys. The health of the Jumping Creek catchment is at the centre of the Landcare branch's interest.

"The idea is to maintain the integrity of the waterways, as they all flow into the Yarra," Ms Wood said.

"We need action. We need things happening...I'd love it if every property around here had a vegetation corridor or an area that's been fenced off."

The launch of Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare will be held on Sunday, March 26, at Jumping Creek Reserve between 11am and 2pm (Melway 24, A11). Visitors are encouraged to bring weeds for identification and water samples from their dam or creek for testing. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available on the day. Please ring Karen on 9876 1230 if you intend to be there so that she can arrange catering. For further information on the Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare group contact Tracey Wood on 9876 7383 or Peter Horsley on 9876 3582.

# Baton coming close

Although the Commonwealth Games baton will not come through Warrandyte, locals can take a short journey to Templestowe to see it pass.

Manningham council has extended an invitation to come to Templestowe Village on the morning of Tuesday, March 14 and witness first hand the passing of the Queen's Baton Relay through Manningham.

After travelling through all 71 nations of the Commonwealth, the baton will only be one day away from its final

destination at the MCG for the opening ceremony of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Manningham mayor, Cr Patricia Young, said it will be an early start on Tuesday, March 14, but well worth getting out of bed for.

"I encourage Manningham residents to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity and 'line the streets' at the corner of Anderson and James streets by 7.30am to wave the runners through our municipality," she said.

## Local honours

Mick and Margaret Woiwod were named outstanding citizens in the recent Nillumbik council Australia Day Awards.

"The Woiwods have made an outstanding local contribution to the environment, to the community and to education," their citation states.

"For decades they have been active in many community groups, including the Andrew Ross Museum, Nillumbik Reconciliation Group, Kangaroo Ground Tower and Remembrance Park, Bend of Islands Conservation Association and the Christmas Hills Fire Brigade.

"Mick is a widely published local historian, with Margaret acting as his researcher. They have several books to their credit.

"Mick and Margaret's contribution to the reconciliation movement will endure for many generations with the development of the GAWA resource trail in Watson's Creek, the Wurundjeri Resource Kit and the William Barak Short Story Competition. The kit and competition have been acknowledged as landmark indigenous educational tools throughout Victoria."

*In announcing local people honoured in the Menzies federal electorate Australia Day awards, the Diary failed to mention two worthy recipients. Our apologies.*

Myrna Manton has been a volunteer with Information Warrandyte since 1981. Over this period she has served with enthusiasm and diligence on the committee of management, as a capable and efficient treasurer and has provided tax help to low income earners. Myrna is a loyal and committed volunteer who gives freely of her time.

Patricia Robertson, of the parish council of St Gerard and St Anne, is now in charge of a tireless group who gather and send clothing overseas for the poor. She works many hours each week distributing wool and other materials and does sewing at home, turning bed linen into garments. She also repairs donated goods. The group—St Paul's Overseas Aid—recently dispatched their 5000th parcel overseas. Pat carries out her duties with great humour and dedication.



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- Move firewood away from the walls of your home.
- Cover vents and crevices with fine wire to prevent sparks and embers entering.
- 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.



Emergency vehicles will have priority.

## Traffic diversion in fire situation

Last month, material appeared in the local press and a flyer was distributed to motorists regarding measures to be followed during a fire emergency. The Diary detailed this information in the December issue as part of an interview with Sgt Keith Walker of the Warrandyte police. The key points are:

- During a future fire situation—or any other major emergency—people who want to cross the bridge towards the firefront, enter, or maybe escape from areas close to the fire, will be sent to an emergency relief centre.
- These centres will be located at Domeney Reserve and St Anne's primary school in Park Orchards, Whitefriars Col-

lege in Donvale and the Ted Ajani Reserve in Lower Templestowe.

- Red Cross will register everyone arriving at these centres. Police will be present and will be in contact with the emergency control centre. People will be kept informed about the progress of the emergency and when it is safe to go home.
- Such information will come from the CFA and only with their expert knowledge will people be sent back to defend their homes against ember attack. The firefront will have passed at this stage, so no one will be sent into a raging inferno.
- It may be possible for people waiting at an emergency relief centre to pass on informa-

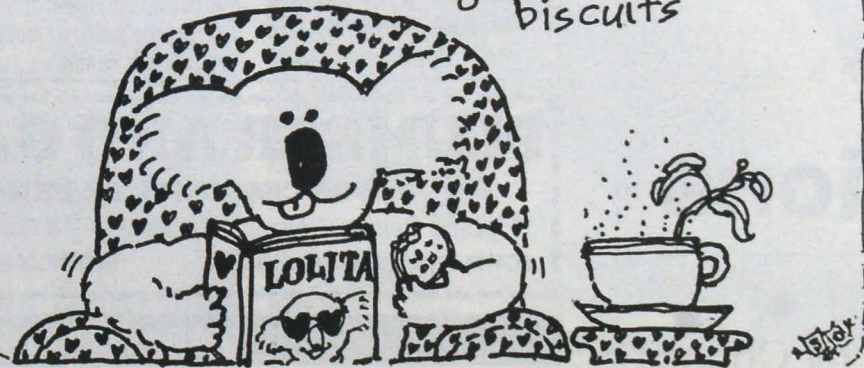
tion of a situation at their home that might be concerning them; the presence of pets, for example.

- People returning to their homes should be adequately prepared and equipped and wearing appropriate clothing. If people are properly prepared they might be able to return within an hour. The police will be keen to get people back to their homes as soon as it is safe.
- Traffic from outside, wishing to come through Warrandyte during an emergency, will be dealt with at traffic diversion points. Initially, these would be established at Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, the bridge, Harris Gully Road, Tindals Road and Pound Road.

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# Containing a great effort

## Council adopts nations

**By STUART TEATHER**  
Warrandyte residents have always been charitable people, but occasionally some do truly exceptional work to help the needy.

In 2004, locals Beris and Daniel Drew decided that they wanted to help the less fortunate, and after consulting with their daughter who worked in Nairobi, Kenya, they decided to send a shipping container full of donated goods to the region. The project, which took more than 12 months to complete, ended up sending more than six and a half tonnes of equipment to the Samburu Pastoralist Development Group, in the Samburu district in Northern Kenya, which was then distributed to the community.

The equipment was donated from a number of different families, businesses and organisations, such as the Warrandyte

Lions Club, who gave 20 new Phoenix bikes. Other items such as clothes, books, and computers were also collected.

In total, 106 bikes were collected, 72 bags of clothing, 153 boxes of educational goods, four sets of encyclopaedias, three sewing machines, two computers and numerous other items including blankets, gardening tools and a generator. "There are lots of things that we throw out because we have no use for them, Mrs Drew told the *Diary* "Everyone has these sorts of things. I even sent over an old pottery wheel."

As for the goods, the clothing was distributed to the most needy, to children and to the elderly. The books have been distributed to schools, although some remain in the container, which is acting as a temporary library. Most of the bikes remain at the Samburu

Community Centre, and can be borrowed each day, and some were distributed to teachers in the region, so that they can travel the often long distances from their houses to the schools.

The people of the Samburu district were very appreciative of the donations. "They were grateful — grateful for anything," Mrs Drew said.

The project was not without its difficulties. "The hardest part was packing the container. It's not like your normal streamline businesses with boxes designed to fit the products. We had to squash things in any way we could."

As for the future, Mrs Drew said she would like to continue her work. "We would like to get them a well," she said. "Many of their animals have died. They didn't get their October rains last year."

It will be a celebration of cultural fusion when Manningham council officially welcomes its adopted nations for the Commonwealth Games—the Caribbean countries Trinidad and Tobago, and Grenada — at the Landy Trophy athletics meeting on Monday, March 13.

Every municipality in Victoria has been matched with at least one other Commonwealth nation for the games, and to symbolise Manningham's partnership, council is hosting a cross-cultural celebration of food, music and entertainment.

Mayor Patricia Young said she hopes local residents will come along to Rieschiecks Reserve on Monday, March 13 to officially welcome our adopted nations.

"I invite Manningham residents to book their place at the 'party' and help us warmly welcome our adopted nations to Manningham just prior to the opening of the games."

Attendees will be treated to the taste sensations of an Australian/Caribbean supper and there is a great evening of athletics and entertainment promised:

- 6:45pm – Manningham Children's Choir will perform Calypso, Australian and Indigenous songs;
- 7pm – Welcome to Country
- 7:15pm – The Landy Trophy athletics meeting, incorporating the Manningham Mile;
- 9:30pm – Performance by Kutcha Edwards & Dave Arden duo; and
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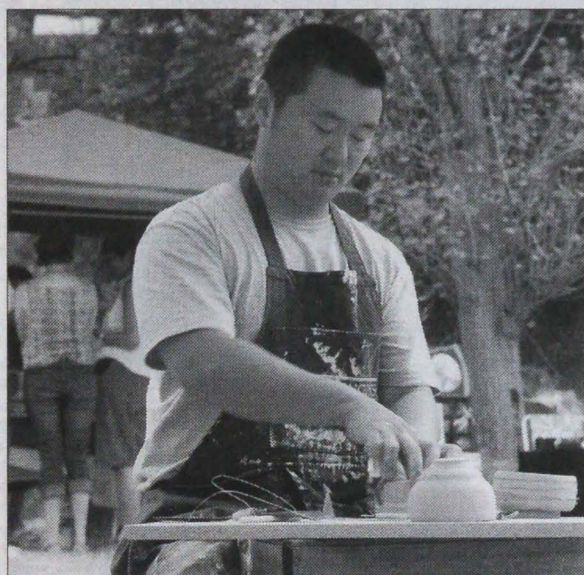
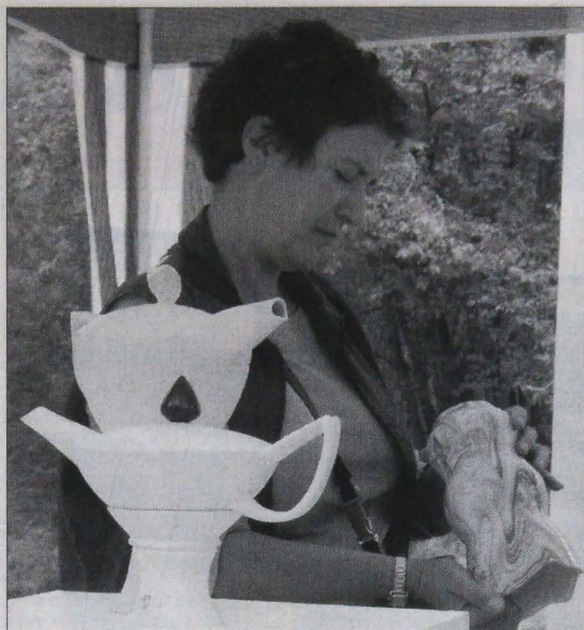
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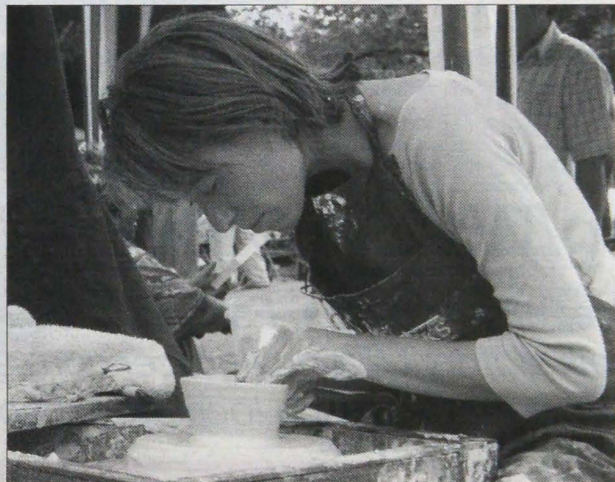
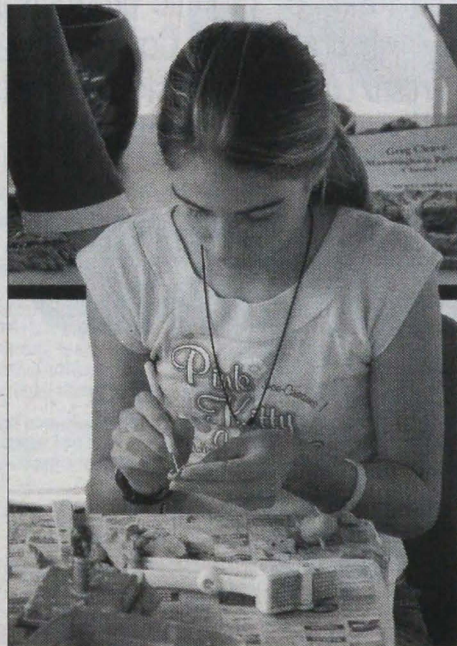
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# Warrandyte goes potty

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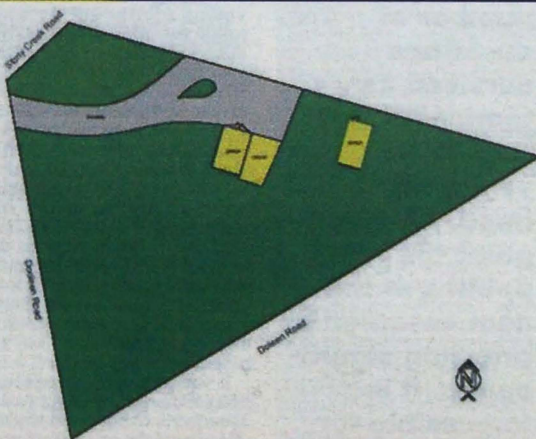
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# A murder of ravens: No sense ducking the issue

**I**N the roseate glow of spring, the sight of a proud mother duck leading her 10 cute ducklings onto the dam for the first time, was sublime. The glow continued until we saw the first duckling whisked skyward in the beak of one of the many marauding ravens that had suddenly appeared around the house with the arrival of les petite canards.

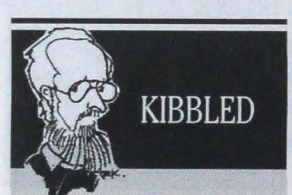
Once the duck's quacking had subsided and Herself had calmed down sufficiently, we approached what had just happened in a rational and adult fashion.

"I'm going to get a gun and shoot those bastards!"

"I'm going to stay up all night and keep guard over those poor little creatures."

Although we were distressed and filled with moral outrage about such blatant aggression, mother duck collected the rest of her brood and continued teaching them about what is or isn't fit for eating. From the way her brood kept close to the reeds and her, it was clear that her ducklings had already twigged to the fact that large black birds lurking over the dam is a sure sign that life is not "cute". On scanning the dam and its surrounds, all was calm. It seemed that Herself and I were the only creatures making a prolonged fuss about what had happened.

Slowly the penny began to drop about the realities of Mother Nature. Of course, just like any good mother, Mother Nature can't have favourites among Her children. Food is scarce. It would be unreasonable, therefore, for Her to protect one duckling at the ex-



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pense of another famished, baby raven. In nature, if your offspring are delectable, Mother Nature had deemed it sensible that such creatures produce multiple offspring;

some to replenish the breed and others as a smorgasbord for other critters.

Herself came to terms with the killing fields intellectually but not emotionally. Each morning she would scan the dam for signs of nocturnal nastiness. An appropriate baby count was greeted with elation but a reduction was met with depression.

Eventually, the ordained number of ducklings survived as teenagers and thence, to young adulthood. At which point the real politics of the dam assumed a pressing significance. It is impossible for the stocking level of any dam to increase unrestrained. It was time for the last in to be first out.

I had resisted naming either the ducks or the chooks for a good reason. As soon as a personal relationship is established between the kidnapper and his victim, it is more difficult for the trigger to be pulled. Similarly, how can you lower the axe on Petunia or Doris's neck? It's much easier to do so to "that brown one" or "that scruffy-looking one".

It was difficult, therefore, as Herself had grown very fond of Quacker's children. In the middle of a stacks-on-the-mill rugby scrum, Herself could identify her beloved brood. And it was these very ducklings that had to go, especially as the grain bill was doubling. It was time to restore equilibrium to the dam, so, that night I waited for the appropriate time to raise the issue.

"I think I'll catch the ducks tomorrow. I've contacted Allan and he's ready for them."

"Oh no, not yet! They will miss their mother and they won't

know how to cope away from here."

"We can't keep them much longer or they'll begin to breed and that's not on." I feared an avalanche of abuse about my lack of sensitivity and my meanness but instead I heard this.

"Pity, but I suppose it had to happen."

They say the Mafia is like a close-knit family group. Our ducklings had obviously taken lessons. They could not be separated and worked as a group to defeat all my attempts to corner them. I couldn't follow them onto water and whenever they were even vaguely trapped, they just flew over my head and landed in the middle of the dam.

Eventually, I realised that greed is everyone's downfall. I waited until feeding time and instead of flinging the grain, I played Hansel and Gretel into the open door of the chook pen. Once inside, they were easily captured and loaded into well-ventilated cardboard boxes. I turned away from the accusatory stares of their mother and then from the tear-stained face of Herself.

Without delay, I rang Allan and alerted him to the imminent delivery. I drove the boxes to the local wharf where the ferry was waiting. I handed over the boxes and reminded the crew member that they would be collected on the other side.

As I pulled into the carport, Herself was waiting.

"Mother Duck looks very sad!" Inwardly, I groaned, but as I walked to the house I caught sight of the raven giving me the thumbs-up sign.

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# Our Pat finds Cumbungi among the bulrushes

**I**F I knew then that what I know now, I would not have done what I did! It was June 1971. We were living and working in London and had taken a month off to travel around the Greek Islands—backpacking long before backpacking became fashionable. We slept on beaches and in spartan rooms rented out by local villagers—soaking up the sun by day and the wine by night.

The vegetation that grew in this balmy Mediterranean clime was interestingly varied with some islands densely clothed in forests of pines, while others were barren apart from groves of ancient olive trees. It was towards the end of our holiday, on the island of Corfu, that we discovered the swamp and the bulrushes. The low-lying depression was almost completely occupied by a dense growth of head-high, strap-like leaves and cylindrical, velvety brown flower-spikes. I loved them. Not content with a photograph, I picked about a dozen of the flower rods and took them back to our room. We were due to fly back to England the next day.

Determined to take the bulrushes back with me, I carefully tied them together and boldly carried the bundle onto the BEA Comet jetliner with my hand luggage. Apart from a few admiring comments from some of the other passengers, nobody questioned my botanical cargo.

Back at our London flat I transferred the bulrushes to a large vase. There they stayed for several weeks as a living reminder of our Greek odyssey. Then one day I noticed a split in the smooth surface of one of the cinnamon brown flowers, the next day there were more. As the weather warmed, clouds of fluff appeared, so light it

## NATURE

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

drifted in the air to all corners of the room — my beautiful bulrushes had gone to seed. I cannot remember now how I disposed of them, but in London's concrete wilderness I don't suppose it really mattered.

I have always had a soft spot for bulrushes. Many people, though, do not share my feelings for these robust semi-aquatics which have the propensity to invade irrigation channels and colonise dams.

Three species of bulrushes (also known as Cumbungi) occur in Australia, two are native and one is introduced. All three are found in Warrandyte, mostly in dams. They are similar in appearance and reliable identification can only be made by microscopic examination of the female flower parts.

Bulrushes grow from thick underground stems called rhizomes, these have a high starch content and are an important food source for the Aboriginals of northern Australia. In summer the plants produce their dramatic flowering stems. The flowers are in two parts—the male above the female with a small gap of bare stem between the two. After flowering and seeding, the plants die back above ground over winter.

Despite their reputation as a troublesome weed, bulrushes do have their good points. Because they slow the flow of water, their roots are able to absorb excess nutrients and suspended sediments, even pesticides. As well as improving water quality bulrushes provide important habitat for water

birds, aquatic insects and frogs. Especially frogs.

It is recognised by "frogologists" that permanent water with abundant growth of bulrushes is the preferred, if not the essential, habitat for the Green and Golden Bell Frog (a population of which was found and preserved at the Homebush site of the Sydney Olympics) and Victoria's Growling Grass Frog. Once common, both these species are in severe decline and are now listed as endangered. The frogs are unusual in that they like to bask in the sun. And I always take time out to look for them whenever I come across bulrushes. Only once, at Rotamah Island, have I been lucky enough to find a couple of well camouflaged Growling Grass frogs resting on the flat surface of a bulrush leaf.

The bulrushes should be flowering about now. I will stop to admire them, perhaps scan the leaves in the hope of finding a basking bell frog. I will think again of the Greek islands and our adventures there over 30 years ago. But one thing is for sure, I won't be picking the flowers again.

### PLANT OF THE MONTH

Purplish Wallaby Grass (*Danthonia tenuior*) is one of the taller wallaby grasses that grow

around Warrandyte. It forms an erect clump of leaves with flowering stems up to almost one metre high. Exceptionally good for dry areas, clumps will often self-seed around the parent plant. If you would like to create a native grassland in your garden, the Purplish Wallaby grass can be obtained from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery which is located at the rangers depot at Pound Bend (Melways 27C10). For more information contact the nursery manager on 0408 313 7327



# Buying a mobile phone. Or not.

**I**RKED by the apathy of our teenager's worn-out mobile phone, we popped down to Ringwood to replace it. With two hours and three people to explore the options, it didn't seem an impossible task. I was already anticipating fresh coffee and gently warmed ginger biscuits—the sort of lazy family outing that doesn't happen so often these days.

No doubt you've spotted the flaw in this plan. You can't just buy a mobile phone, not if cost is an issue and you don't want to change phone numbers.

I blame the SIM-card, that fingernail-sized sliver of technology that hides inside your phone and controls when and where you can make calls and how much it all costs. Wouldn't you think that you could buy any phone and plug your old SIM-card into it?

No. Retailers use phrases like blue-tooth, internet keyboard, megapixel cameras, video-emailing capability, polyphonic compositional software with PC download options.

What they don't make clear is that you are buying not only a phone but a SIM-card. You are

## OUR PLACE

By **MARILYN MOORE**

locked into using a particular carrier and a particular cost structure.

Have you noticed that phone salesmen have a prerequisite age of about 19? "Can I help you?" this one asks reluctantly. Anybody over the age of 30 is clearly a problem customer.

"Yes, please. We have a worn-out phone with a pre-paid SIM-card. We want a new phone but the same phone number."

In a shop simply crawling with phones (layered on stands, papering the walls, adorning pillars, crammed into display cabinets), the resigned youth threads his way across the crowded floor to a glass-fronted display cabinet.

"Any of these." He vaguely indicates the bottom shelf.

"We can choose any of these six phones?"

"Well, no, they're mostly Optus. The two at the end are Virgin."

Mmmm. Disappointing to say

the least. For some reason we'd fancied that we'd be able to choose from the extensive range abundantly displayed throughout the store. The salesman scratched his head. "There is one other ... you'd have to pay \$80 to get it unlocked from another network." I'd been hoping to pay \$80 full stop.

The next shop is little better. The salesman enthusiastically promotes the benefits of various pre-paid schemes (and their associated phones). We are introduced to the labyrinthine by-ways of Deals. The significance of the large number of mobile phone retailers begins to dawn.

In contrast, the next salesman can't show us any pre-paid phones. "Plans are so cheap, you'd be crazy to go pre-paid."

Ah, Plans. We'd been hoping to avoid Plans, but clearly they're worth consideration. This is getting complicated. Optimising a Plan, a Deal, a carrier and a phone won't be a five-minute job.

"This is our most popular ladies' model," croons the next salesman, sliding back a jewelled cover and revealing the world's teensiest keypad. "The

camera is a Megapixel one, too."

The idiocy of this statement is gobsmacking but I let it pass. "We already have a camera, thanks. We're just looking for a phone."

"But you won't feel like that in six months time, I promise you." Sorry mate, you're wrong, but I'm not here to argue the toss. (Why are we here? It's getting harder to remember.)

Two hours later, phoneless but armed with a truckload of brochures, we head home. Several days and pages of arithmetic later we finally make a choice. Somewhat triumphantly we set off again to buy a phone.

Or not. "Unfortunately that one's sold out," is the dismaying news. But we can see them on the shelf! Ah yes, but those can only be sold on Plan F or Deal Q or some other cumbersome arrangement. Haven't you been paying attention?

I might just leave the troops to it. And my own ancient mobile phone, with its weary keys and dodgy battery, has just become my life-long friend. Dunno if I can be bothered going through all that again.

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# In memory of Lee

In the late 1990s, the committee at the Warrandyte Junior Football Club was frustrated at our lack of coverage in the *Diary*. Being secretary at the time, I was charged with the task of talking to this sports reporter Lee Tindale to see what we had to do to lift our profile.

On meeting Lee, I realised a number of things: Lee had a real passion for junior football and was frustrated at the lack of information from our club; he believed in the saying, "God helps those who help themselves"; and he was a top bloke.

Since that early meeting, I am proud to say that not only were we able to lift our profile, I was able to develop a strong friendship with a truly remarkable person.

Every month, Lee and I had spirited and good-hearted discussions about how much space the Junior Football Club deserved. After the paper was published we had further spirited discussions about how much space the Juniors didn't get—leading to often hilarious interchanges of letters/emails and then absolute silence—until next month.

During my life as a sports reporter at the *Diary*, I would like to think that I played a part in Lee's embracing of technology. My (and I am sure the same for the other sports reporters) first reports were submitted by fax

from which Lee would sub-edit and retype. Knowing his workload, I suggested that it may be easier that I provide him with a floppy disc. To this suggestion, I would get the response in that beautiful voice mellowed on scotch and cigarettes, "I don't know Dennis, I am not much into that type of stuff". Around the same time I was brave enough to start to submit photographs of our players—in fully developed and printed format.

Once he got used to that, I suggested that I should submit the reports by emails—only to get the same response "I don't know, Dennis. I am not much into that type of stuff". I was fearful then to suggest that I would submit the photos in JPEG format. To this suggestion, all I got was silence.

However, things moved on until in mid-2005, I got a call from Lee asking me for my report and then to be told, "If you have any pictures, can you submit them in JPEG format" To this suggestion, all he got was silence.

In submitting my reports, I quickly learnt that Lee was a marvel in his trade. I was always amazed how he was able to translate my ramblings into coherent articles—even though many people at the club still wonder at my lack of accuracy in the facts. (Lee was a marvel but not a miracle worker.)

If the good citizens of Warrandyte knew the difference between the rub-

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bish that I submitted with all the double meanings and doubtful facts and slanderous material to the creditable reports that Lee produced, there would be an uproar. Hopefully, I was able to provide some material for Smokey Joe!

Lee was a great supporter of greater cooperation between the various sporting clubs within the community. Certainly, he was very keen on a stronger relationship between the Seniors and Juniors. Lee believed this community was small enough to have a strong football community—from cradle to grave—Under-9s to Seniors and big enough to be a real force in the League. I know he was very disappointed in the Seniors being in the fourth division but he believed in the future of football within Warrandyte.

One of the legacies he has left is that the relationship between the senior football club, the junior football club and the cricket club has never been stronger. We need to ensure the Under-18s are successful this coming year and ensure some part of that team is dedicated to our great friend Lee.

During our years of working together,

he lifted the profile of the junior club from a couple of lines to regularly almost three quarters of a page—with well-written articles, pictures, the whole bit. The juniors owe him a large debt.

Beside his support for the junior club, I need to say a little about the man. In many ways, because he was so humble, he was actually hard to get to know. I think you had to prove yourself to Lee that you were doing things for the right reasons. Once you got over that hurdle, you got to know a man whose sense of humour and decency knew no bounds. He had a real sense of justice and his principles I think clashed with many things that are happening in the community today.

Only through Jan did I find out the number of books he had "ghosted" and of his relationships with some of Australia's leading business people. He almost seemed ashamed of his achievements, due to his humility and discomfort with praise and admiration. The paradox of humility, of course, is increased respect and admiration.

While he obviously achieved great things, he seemed interested in seemingly insignificant things. One of the projects he often spoke to me about was a book he was writing about a friend of his: "Stumpy". Was this an associate from the WW2 or Vietnam or a

victim of a road accident — someone who had lost a leg — no it was about a one-legged seagull he and Jan often saw at the Bellarine Peninsula! I really hope Stumpy is published and I for one will be the first to buy it. I will never be able to observe a seagull again without thinking of Lee.

Of course, behind every great man, there is an even better woman. This is certainly the case with Jan his wife. I guess to have put up with Lee during their long married life; you must have had to share the same sense of humour, adventure and bad habits. I will always remember Jan snuggling up to Lee while he drank his lite beer at the football on those cold windy afternoons at the Warrandyte Reserve. One can only think about the private pain that Jan must have felt watching her beloved Lee ravished by that mongrel disease during 2005 and then marvel at the strength she has shown since his sad passing.

I have lost a friend but I have the memories. I pity those people who missed the opportunity of getting to know him. More importantly, we have lost a pillar of the unique Warrandyte society and our challenge is to never forget what he did for us. People like Lee rarely pass our way.

Dennis J. Hoiberg  
President

Warrandyte Junior Football Club

## Beautiful person

At times like this I wish I could write about my feelings the way Lee could.

Our friendship began just after Lee came to Warrandyte and I was associated with the cricket club. We really didn't have that much contact considering how long ago that was, but always he was the same caring, beautiful person and I will miss him.

No longer will I be able to scribble out notes on family happenings and see them turned into beautiful cameos for the Smokey Joe column. Over the years my scrapbooks are dotted with them. The grandchildren love to see their names in print.

Lee isn't with us any more so there'll be no Smokey Joe, which is fitting, but his spirit will always be with us at the *Diary* office, especially the seat out front where he and Rae used to sit to smoke.

Who will keep up the legend of Allan Chapman, "arguably the best cricketer Warrandyte has seen"? Lee was a wonderful friend and writer; he laughed with people, not at them. Unusual in this unkind world.

Another Warrandyte treasure gone. See you later, Lee.

Jean Chapman  
Taroona Avenue

## History in the making

2006 is the 100th year of the Warrandyte Football Club and I worked closely with Lee in research and development of a book to commemorate this milestone.

Lee and I have been researching this book since 2004. Together we went through old newspapers, photos (some that date back to the very first team), match reports, committee meeting minutes and just interviewing the many characters in our club.

Lee dedicated himself to this project as he had a great love for community-based football and especially the Warrandyte Football Club.

He took on the task of bringing together all the newspaper reports and notes we had made into a coherent presentation that is the final publication. He committed many long hours to the preparation of this book and even when he was in immense pain, he would get up, sometimes in the middle of the night, to complete this task.

There is no doubt that Lee

had the gift of writing. He also had a great sense of a story and could bring together general information and make it into fascinating reading. The book—to be released in May of this year—will be dedicated to him and I would urge those people who want to remember his great passion for writing and football to buy a copy.

I have lost a good friend and I will long remember the many happy hours we spent putting this book together as well as just talking about life in general.

Noel Taplin, Past President  
Warrandyte Football Club

## Playing pool with Coatsey

Alan Koetsveld and I will always remember, with a smile, the pool games we played at the RSL club with the sole intention of entertaining Lee.

We had sometimes played our games of eight-ball for an hour and would be relaxing with one or two (?) beers. Lee and Jan would walk in, with Lee and Coatsey engaging in the obligatory race to see who could perform the "Coatsey wave" first, followed by Lee proclaiming, "Well, come on you two, aren't you going to play tonight? We are here for some entertainment!"

We would then play a game, whilst Lee fell about laughing at any misfortune befalling Coatsey, and praised every shot I played. It was all done in good fun, with Coatsey sometimes deliberately (I think) playing silly shots just to make Lee laugh.

We will miss Lee and feel that we are privileged to have known such a beautiful person.

Jenny Chapman  
Templestowe

## Brilliant sub-editor

News of Lee's death has only just reached the ex-Daily News circle in Perth and like many of my colleagues here, I was very saddened to read about the passing of a journalistic legend and a mate.

Lee had an enormous influence on a great many young and impressionable journalists passing through the news bureaux in his time at the Herald and Weekly Times building. Like myself, they will all without doubt still remember his cutting wit, his lively character and his brilliant sub-editing skills, which to this day are in my experience without peer.

## Lee's gesture to the stooped

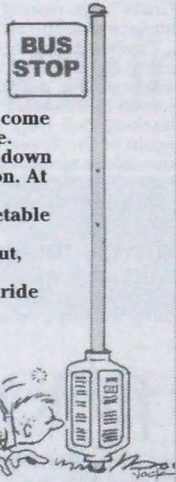
The bus stop opposite the *Diary* office has a broken timetable. The housing has come loose and allowed it to slip down the pole.

After weeks of watching people crouch down to read it, Lee Tindale took decisive action. At his own expense, he bought a bolt from Warrandyte Hardware and fixed the timetable back in its proper place.

Sadly, the day Lee died, the bolt gave out, and once again both the good folk of Warrandyte and Lee are swinging low to ride the sweet chariot.

I know the Grandfather's Clock has stopped, "never to go again", but perhaps we should fix it back up as a tribute to Lee's support of the local community.

Jock Macneish  
Hawkes Road



If they were fortunate enough to be close to Lee, as I was during those 14 months, then they will also remember the Friday lunches at the Duckboard RSL Club (always the rack of lamb), the occasional trip to the Victoria Market to collect the Friday fish (which was often left forgotten on a bar during the subsequent pub crawl back to "Lou's"), the many beers and laughs at the Phoenix (or "Lou's" as it was known then while still under Lou Richard's ownership), the Sunday shift flagon and Chinese food, or the "last drinks" at the Duke of Wellington before Lee staggered onto the 7.40pm bus back to the Dyte.

Lee taught us all so much about life and journalism. He helped teach us how to live and how to express ourselves, and despite his stutter he was one of the most expressive people I ever met.

There is a gathering of former Daily News journos meeting at "Steve's" pub in Nedlands next week to raise a glass or 10 in honour of "Tinders", as we called him.

Mike Edmonson  
Bibra Lake, WA

## Across the foyer

On behalf of all volunteers at Information Warrandyte, I wish to extend our most sincere condolences on the death of Lee Tindale.

Many of our members knew Lee and held him in high esteem. For those who did not know him personally Smokey Joe's column has been a source

of entertaining tidbits for a long time and will be greatly missed by us all.

Our most sincere sympathy to Lee's family and all his colleagues at the *Diary*.

Sue Stevens  
Secretary  
Information Warrandyte

## Portarlington memories

Lee: for more than 30 years our families have been friends. Together we went fishing, played golf, and had drinks at 5 o'clock, both in Portarlington and Warrandyte. We valued your friendship. As we do these things again we wish you were still here with us, making us laugh and playing your "blues".

Warm memories of Lee, a special friend we will always miss. Love to Jan and family.

Bob, Val, Cassie, Mitchell,  
Cameron Trezise & families,  
Ravenshoe, Qld

## From Madge with thanks

I first met Lee Tindale in 1988 when I joined Warrandyte Football Club as a player. He took my photo for the *Diary*, and immediately I thought he has a good bloke.

Fast forward to April 29, 1989: when playing at Upper Ferntree Gully I broke my neck, becoming a quadriplegic. Life had changed in a second.

Lee wrote many articles about me with glowing accolades and assisted greatly in fundraising to help me get my life back on

track again. Later on, whenever I needed Lee to help me promote a fundraising event for spinal cord research or raise an issue, he was on hand to write an article for me, always capturing my emotions at the time with the utmost accuracy.

On the occasion I attended a Warrandyte game Lee and Jan were always the first people to come up and have a chat with me. I very much appreciated Lee's friendship and support. He did a lot to help me over the years and he will be sadly missed.

Gary (Madge) Allsop  
(by email)

## Best of neighbours

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Lee—he is a big loss to the Warrandyte community.

We have only lived in Warrandyte for 27 years, so in many ways we are not considered locals as yet, however over that time Lee and Jan have been perfect neighbours, always there, yet always unobtrusive.

We will miss our casual chats down in the bush with Lee, discussing world affairs, the state of the Hawthorn Football Club, the good old days at the Herald, and the more recent times at Truth, and what happened in the last episode of The Bill.

We have very friendly memories of him as he was a very friendly man with a wonderful sense of humour.

We remember his observations of the local bird populations—the pair of tawny frogmouths that are constantly living nearby—he always knew where they were, and in more recent times he was always feeding the local kookaburra and magpie populations, and he studied their habits and even their parenting skills with the baby magpies.

One of his greatest skills was to write—his work on the *Diary* will be sadly missed. We almost lived in fear that if we did something silly and Lee learned about it, the whole of Warrandyte would find out. In our 27 years here we think he only caught us out once or twice!

We remember clearly when the fires came through in February 1991. Lee's report in the *Diary* was classical Lee—beautifully written and accurately capturing the feel of what we all went through—we still have a copy. We know Lee shadow-wrote several books and have read some of them.

His work on the *Diary* has

been very much appreciated by the community—like so much of what Lee did it was behind the scenes and not for any profit, credit or personal gain—that's just the way he was.

Jan and Richard Warwick  
Browns Road

## Passionate supporter

The Warrandyte Football Club has lost one of its longstanding, very loyal and passionate supporters—Lee Tindale. But he was so much more than that. He was a community volunteer in the truest sense of the words.

In his own unique and unassuming way he would report our games, attend training to keep up to speed with what was happening and always wanted to know who the new players were, and should he get Jan to take a photo, so the *Diary* had one on hand if required.

With Lee, you never had to push, coerce or ask twice about helping out where appropriate. In fact he even rang to apologise if he couldn't make a game and asked to be informed as to the result, who were the best players and goal kickers. The club is especially grateful for the work Lee did, much of it in his last painful months, editing the WFC centenary history, to be launched later this year.

He stuck with us through our highs and lows—a true Blood.

The club thought so highly of Lee and Jan's efforts that in 2004 they were awarded one of the club's highest accolades, the Tracy (Snowy) Prior Best Clubperson Award, in recognition of services rendered to the club over many years.

In addition, and above, he was a top bloke and mate who will be sadly missed.

Phil Treeby, President  
Warrandyte Football Club

## From a Diary editor

My brother just rang to tell me of Lee Tindale's death. The community and the *Diary*, and Warrandyte sports clubs in particular, have lost a fine, gentle man. Lee was a wonderful colleague on the *Diary* and a lovely bloke to share a beer and a yarn with. His alter ego (Smokey Joe) not only beautifully reflected the essence of Warrandyte, it reflected Lee and his role in the community—as someone once said—a certain lightness of being.

Mark Davis, Cairns

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# He chronicled the life of our town

By CLIFF GREEN

**L**EE TINDALE died on the morning of Saturday, February 4. He was 64. The next day someone slipped into the *Diary* office and placed a sprig of bottlebrush on Lee's computer keyboard. Warrandyte was mourning one of its special people.

Lee joined this paper in 1974, only a few years after it was founded. He was editor and co-editor at various times, but it is for his outstanding contribution as sports editor that he is best remembered. With the help of his team of club correspondents, he covered all the sports played in Warrandyte: football, cricket, tennis, basketball, netball. He took particular pride in covering junior sports and women's sports.

Football was his great love and he revelled in his role as football writer. No matter how far down the ladder Warrandyte, his beloved Bloods fell, there was always hope. Lee was the eternal optimist. When Warrandyte became the "cellar dwellers", at the end of last season, "condemned to their first-ever trip to EFL fourth division", the last headline Lee wrote declared they were "Just passing through!"

And how about those brilliant headlines? Best of all in recent times was "Bloods mooroolbathed", after a thrashing at Mooroolbark under the muddiest of wet conditions. He was a great sports writer, bringing a hard-fought match to life with his words.

If everyone in Warrandyte knew Lee for his sports writing, few knew he was our beloved page 2 columnist. Smokey Joe was born in June 1974. His column was an instant success, and as he continued to chronicle the fun and foibles of this town, his page quickly became the paper's most popular feature.

Who remembers his series of paragraphs about people taking off their clothes? Lee and a party of other local reprobates left early each Sunday morning to play golf at Healesville. One morning they spied a young woman jogging along Yarra Street—stark naked. They saw her again the next Sunday. They made sure they saw her each Sunday thereafter. As always, Smokey reported the bare facts. Then there was a painting group that gathered down by the river, also early in the morning, complete with a nude model: Smokey uncovered that. But the best was the time the young woman began taking off her clothes in Les Gilhorne's milk bar—because she said the coffee was too cold!

Then there were the characters Smokey immortalised. The Page 2 Legends. Living locals writ large. Famous among them were John (Porky) Smith, Jim Harris, Neil Pearson, Laurie Sloan, Alan (Coatsey) Koetsveld, Kevin Luttick, Lex McDonald, Terry Booth, Kevin Close, Vic Grybas and his boats—a host of others—and of course, the inevitable and inimitable Neil (Bozo) Dusting and the lovely Pauline.

Lee Robert Tindale was born on June 19, 1941 at Katanning in Western Australia. His parents were Robert and Mavis Tindale, sheep farmers. When Lee was four years old and the family was away in Perth watching a cricket match, their farmhouse was destroyed by fire. They returned to find everything gone; all they had were the clothes they were wearing.

The family shifted to Middleton Beach in nearby Albany and Robert Tindale continued travelling out to Katanning to work the farm. Lee attended primary school in Albany, then went to Albany High School.

Lee had one older sister, Julie. When Lee was 14, his younger sister Karen was born. His lifelong love of the bush and the sea began with his childhood in Katanning, Albany and Middleton Beach.

Lee introduced jive to Albany. He was in Perth one day when he heard this great music: rock and roll. He traced it to a dance studio. He stood and watched the students learning to jive. He was fascinated. The instructor invited him in and taught him a few moves. So Lee went back to Albany and



taught sister Julie how to jive. They then went to a local dance and taught everyone else. Soon all young Albany was jiving. Until the authorities decided the new dance was immoral and closed it down.

Lee began learning piano when a young child, and the lessons continued for many years. But the only tune he could play was "Greensleeves", which he heard emanating from the local Mr Whippy van and learned to play by ear. But he did teach himself the ukelele, which he played quite well, and the Warrandyte house often rang with the sound of the tink-a-link and Lee's usually well-oiled voice.

He left high school at 16 and secured a job as copy boy, leading to a cadetship on the Daily News, the Perth evening tabloid. Lee said his stutter precluded him from becoming a reporter. The subject of his interview would have gone by the time Lee got the first question out!

So sub-editing and "distant" correspondent were to become Lee's future in newspapers. His first "foreign" posting was just down the Swan River to Fremantle. Later—still during his cadetship—he became Daily News representative in Kalgoorlie. It was there he was involved in a car accident, serious enough to convince him that he never wanted to learn to drive. He lost a tooth in that bingle. The driver was the local dentist.

Towards the end of his cadetship he was made assistant to the paper's sports editor. For some reason, the sports editor was not going to be around for some time and the editor appointed Lee acting sports editor—the youngest on a daily paper in Australia.

In 1968, Lee became Melbourne representative of the Perth Daily News, based at the Herald office in Flinders Street. So began his love affair with Melbourne. He found somewhere to live in Richmond, followed the noise to the Hawthorn Oval one Saturday in winter and became a Hawthorn fanatic for the rest of his life, abandoning his old club West Perth. Sister Karen remembered his fanaticism even as a kid. If West Perth were losing, Lee would hide under the house. His Warrandyte family remembered that if Hawthorn were losing he would disappear into the bush.

Amongst many other fine journalists and reprobates—the terms are interchangeable—Lee befriended at the Herald and—naturally—at the Phoenix Hotel nearby—were Bob Millington and Peter Lovett—both of whom he was to later join as a resident of Warrandyte. All three would serve sentences as editors of the *Warrandyte Diary*.

Lee married Jan Lahey in 1971, the first couple to wed at Potters Cottage. Lee also "married" son Tom and daughters Sarah and Jenny—a readymade package of love. Then Lisa was born, and Lee's loving family was complete.

As previously mentioned, Lee never learned to drive, so over the years he would have been the most experienced bus traveller in Warrandyte. His adventures travelling to work in the city provided many a Smokey par. Like the time they were pulling out of the city and the driver announced he didn't know the way to Warrandyte. So the busload of passengers navigated, with numerous discussions as to which was the

best route.

Lee continued as Melbourne rep for the Daily News for a number of years until it followed the fate of most evening papers and closed. Lee rang an old mate—the usual employment agency in newspapers—and secured work as a sub-editor on Truth. He ultimately became chief sub-editor and at times performed well beyond that level. One of his tasks was to compile "Heart Balm" a section of the paper printed on the back of the massage parlour ads.

He was also one of Truth's racing tipsters. I have no idea how successful he was. One year he gave me a "sure thing" for the Melbourne Cup. But that was the year the TAB's computers were down nation-wide and they couldn't accept my bet. And it won.

Along with all his other word skills, Lee was no mean versifier and his love of poetry developed at an early age. He was in Grade 3 when the class was charged with each learning a poem and reciting it by heart. They performed in alphabetical order—T—was near the end. Lee recited "The Man from Snowy River", word perfect, right through and without a single stutter. This extended the period well beyond home time, and Lee was not very popular.

Lee wrote the lyrics for "The Sallow Wattle", the stage musical created for Warrandyte High School. Barry McKimm wrote the music and I wrote the play. He also wrote a children's book in verse—Stumpy the Seagull—as yet unpublished. His children's book about Puffing Billy was very popular. Lee wrote verse for all occasions, including family letters and official correspondence, not least when something offended him, like when the Eltham ranger was hassling the Tindale dog.

Lee hated technology. Who remembers his old upright typewriter, stuffed with cigarette ash and butts, pins and paper clips and crumbs of eraser rubber? Lee never learned to touch-type; he was one of the old two-fingered hunt and peck brigade. The *Diary* bought him a nice new electric typewriter many years ago. He never used it. Said the cord was too short. Using an extension cord or moving his desk closer to the power point were not options he considered.

He was dragged kicking and screaming into the computer age. At least once a month in the *Diary* office the cry would go up: "The b-b-b-bastard's crashed on me! The b-b-b-bloody screen's blank! I've lost the b-b-b-bloody lot!" The computers in the *Diary* office talk back. "It-is-not-my-fault!" is their favourite expression. "N-n-n-not by b-b-b-bloody fault either," Lee would mumble back.

Lee first became ill in March last year. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer and underwent treatment. Months later he was well into the deep, agonising stage of his illness but was still producing his brilliant sports pages. A tumour had reached his spine and was pressing on the sciatic nerve, resulting in excruciating pain. He was suffering nausea through medication and repeated doses of radiotherapy. And still he slogged on, pecking away at the keyboard. We both agreed that one issue last year—the issue before he had to give up—was one of the best we'd done; most especially the sports pages. Robert was the White knight who rode to our rescue for the October issue and beyond. Smokey Joe stayed at his post until the last word of his last column was thumped in for the December issue.

Lee loved fishing and the sea. He loved the bush and the wild things that lived in the bush. He loved Warrandyte, Portarlington and Marlo. He loved this little newspaper. He loved footy and golf and he loved the house and garden near the river that he shared with Jan.

Warrandyte will miss Lee Tindale and his alter ego Smokey Joe. His family will miss him dreadfully: Jan, Lisa, Jenny, Sarah and Tom; their partners, Mick, Lincoln, John and Padma. His grandchildren—Courtney, Jarrad, Darcy, Jordan, Lucinda, Hamish, Hem, Ari and Shri—will miss their beloved Pompey. He loved them all.



Wielding the typeguage: Lee prepares another sports page. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

### Taught me apostrophes

Although I got to know Lee at the Truth, I first met him when I was 17 and had just moved to Melbourne to work as a copy boy at the Herald. He was in the West Australian Flinders Street bureau at the time, and even then stood out as a good-humoured type, compared to some of the self-important old duffers who inhabited the place. So it was with some relief that there was a familiar and friendly face when I started at Truth in 1990. He was a great fellow to work with and socialise with, and was one of the reasons why

Truth was such a good place to work. He was dismayed at how grammatically inept I was, but happy to try to teach me some of the basics. He taught me apostrophes, which is a good skill to have. He told me once not to use so many cliches, to which I responded that I didn't use cliches willy-nilly. He particularly liked that one. On another occasion Anthony Milton and I put a rubber snake in his top drawer, then asked if we could borrow a ruler. After he'd picked himself up off the floor, he said, "Milto the moron and Camden the cretin," which about summed it up. He used words that are gradually being squeezed out of

vogue, such "dolt", "clod" and "imbecile". And he used them with feeling. I wish I'd seen a bit more of the old fellow in recent years, but will always regard the time we spent together as high quality. Camden Smith, Darwin Just boys together I have regarded Lee as a friend since we were children together at Albany Primary School, and thereafter when we shared classrooms for every year of our primary and secondary education. Albany in those post-WW2

Lee Tindale's wonderful talent as a comic versifier was appreciated by all who knew him. The Diary published the following in September 1988.

## The Lone Ranger

The dog sat on the tuckerbox outside of Gundagai; An Eltham ranger passed that way, the ranger wondered why The dog was unattended (though he seemed to be asleep); "I'll bet at night," the ranger said, "you go out killing sheep "And melting roadside edges with your streams of K9P, "And even barking sometimes. I arrest you! Come with me!" "And what it is *this*? UNREGISTERED!! I warn you; try to bite, "I'll draw this bloody magnum and I'll blow you out of sight!"

The dog sat on the tuckerbox unmoved by pounds of lead; A salvo missed his tail by lots; a volley missed his head. "Give in?" the ranger challenged. "Ah, I see you have no fight; "Hands up, you cur! You'll neither kill nor bark nor pee this night! "I'll take you back to Eltham Shire and fine your owners heaps ("The ultimate deterrent for the killing of the sheeps), "And make 'em put up fences where the trees have always been; "I'll show 'em that the Eltham Shire is raw as it is green."

The dog sat on the tuckerbox and didn't turn a hair; "Oh well," the ranger told him, "then I'll leave you sitting there; "But let this be a lesson: Just be warned this gun's for hire "To canine-hating good folk of the tree-green Eltham Shire!" The dog sat on the tuckerbox, his patience well-nigh spent And spoke up to the ranger just before the ranger went; "I say," he said, "a moment of your precious time I beg!" The dog got off the tuckerbox and piddled down his leg.

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North Warrandyte

any day, and while school concert displays of this talent probably didn't go down too well with some of the "lads", I am sure many privately admired Lee for having both the talent and the guts to undertake these public performances. In young adult life I recall watching out for Lee's journalistic talent at every opportunity, and then he was "gone to Melbourne". Recently (2003), some of the more organised ladies who were at high school with us, staged a 50th year anniversary of our having commenced at Albany Senior High School. It was rumoured that Lee would be attending, to which I and others looked forward; an opportunity to renew our acquaintance, and re-live childhood adventures and misfortunes—but sadly this reunion between us did not eventuate. I have spoken with many of our old school/childhood friends since learning of Lee's passing, and every one recalls personal reminiscences of Lee with true affection, fondness and admiration. Lee will be remembered always by all of his childhood school friends. David Hutchinson Helena Valley, WA

JAN TINDALE has asked the *Diary* to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support.

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# Don't count – just dance!

YVONNE LINTON REID remembers the days of the WAA Theatrekids program...

## FIRST PERSON

It was lovely to open the November *Diary* and see as part of the 50th anniversary of WAA a picture of an item from one of our early "Children Love to Dance" recitals in the late 1950s.

But, tut tut!—your caption writer's "one, two, three..." was far from the reality of our creative dance endeavours of the time (tiny tutu on little fairy Judith Moss notwithstanding!) You would not know, of course, that these days the epithet is used, with the faintest touch of superiority of course, to differentiate classically-based, externally imposed movement sequences from the interpretative and feeling-based expression of embodied musicality that is at the heart of creative dance!

Having set you straight on that, dear *Diary*, may I also ask your readers to imagine what it was like in those early days ... no telly, little or no sport for girls and if I remember correctly, just one music teacher in the whole Warrandyte district. To learn either classical or creative dance, just as we had in the preceding decade, one travelled to the city by bus.

On the first Saturday morning of our WAA children's creative dance classes in 1957, no less than 60 little girls turned up! But no boys, of course. Dance for the lads was just too sissy. Some years later we introduced drama and changed the name to Warrandyte Theatrekids and the boys came in droves! They did the same kind of dance that the girls had always done and of course loved every minute of it. We did two full-scale productions of "The Wizard of Warrandyte", a play which I wrote together with the kids, a few years apart during the 1970s.

In 1976 Theatrekids temporarily adopted the persona of the drama group of Warrandyte Primary School to enter a state-wide play competition run by the short-lived and lively *Newsday* city daily. They won with "Gliders and Spirits", a one-act play about a group of kids on a school ex-



(Picture courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society)

ursion near Pound Bend who throw a glider into the bush and find themselves in another time, dancing a children's version of corroboree with young Wurundjeri people. For the final presentation Theatrekids performed with three other schools at the Comedy Theatre, with full professional lighting and sound and the backstage staff to operate it. The magical effects of bushland and time travel were not only a great thrill for the children, but were breathtaking from the auditorium.

My very first helper at the dance classes was childhood friend Sonja Stewart, who was doing teacher training. We both appeared in the very first WAA play, "The Happiest Days of Your Life", Sonja, with young bosom flattened under a public school blazer, as Hopcroft Minor, and me as the frightfully earnest Barbara Calhoun of the Lower Fourth. Later, as Sonja Wolf, she went on to be a regional inspector of pre-schools and kindergartens across northern Victoria.

Then another childhood friend, the beautiful Jo Garratt, joined me in running the classes. In the early days we had LPs to provide music, played on a little 1950s cream and maroon record player, which each Saturday, together with all the other paraphernalia of records, enrolment books and props

needed for classes and rehearsals, we carried the mile and a half from home in North Warrandyte to the Hall. On foot.

Later, we had a big reel-to-reel tape recorder and if we were lucky talked my Dad into driving us down, or we balanced it on the back of her motor scooter. The technology was rather more cumbersome than today and it was Jo's job to find the tracks or the exact spots on the tape. She later married sound engineer Brian Laurence!

In addition to playing a vital role in the Warrandyte Historical Society since its early days, Jo managed the gallery at Potters Cottage. She organised and curated many wonderful exhibitions over the years, from 1988 until the gallery closed.

The classes were also blessed for several years by the talents and spontaneity of pianist Nanette Dooley. She not only improvised lovely Romantic and expressive music for the exercise part of the class, but as the children and I created stories for our dance-dramas, musical thunder and lighting, witches and dragons, serene waters or simply music for free dance poured forth with great liveliness from the old Hall piano.

All of these women gave their time and talent for the sheer love of kids, music and dance. Others made cos-

tumes and sets over the years. I remember particularly my mother Hilda Mitchell designing and sewing countless beautiful garments, and being helped by Olive Adams and some of the other mothers. What generous spirits!

In the later years of the dance group, by this time working with adolescents and young adults and after I had been overseas, we attained a degree of sophistication which led to the production of our own interpretation of Peter Sculthorpe's "Sun Music 1", preceding Robert Helpmann's version by about a year. In an experimental blending of creative modern and classical genres we joined forces with Bruce and Bernie Morrow's ballet school from Croydon for one production.

Peter Sculthorpe was greatly interested in what we were doing and generously provided a lovely unpublished viola sonata for one of the items in that show. It was a variation of the Romeo and Juliet story, with the universal conflict between allegiances of the young lovers being represented in this case by the two kinds of dance.

Warrandyte's Jill Young, who danced the girl, later joined a Ukrainian dance company, and the Morrrows' son Paul later danced with the Kirov company at the Maryinsky Theatre in Leningrad, (now again St Petersburg), so I guess

the classical direction won out that time!

In the early 1980s, towards the end of my years as choreographer and teacher, we began the after-school music and dance program at the Primary School and I invited local music teacher and friend Ann Arnold to consider teaching piano there. I knew she didn't really need the extra pupils, but it seemed to me the kids needed Ann's wonderful gifts. Nearly 25 years later Ann, now 77, still inspires Warrandyte Primary children with her unchanged and unique way of teaching, linking the long history of children's music and dance-making in our town.

One of the areas of great interest to me in 25 years as a psychologist has been the study of the role of musicality and rhythmicity in infancy and early childhood, and it is the research in this area, my clinical experience and those wonderful years of dance and drama with Warrandyte young people which convinces me that not only music but dance should be integral to our education from the very earliest years.

Don't count—just dance!

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## And the sky is so blue

"Just calling from Naxos,  
the sky is so blue,  
the sea is so turquoise  
And there's gum trees here too."

So we know it's OK  
that she's happy and well  
but the lament of all mothers—  
how can we tell?

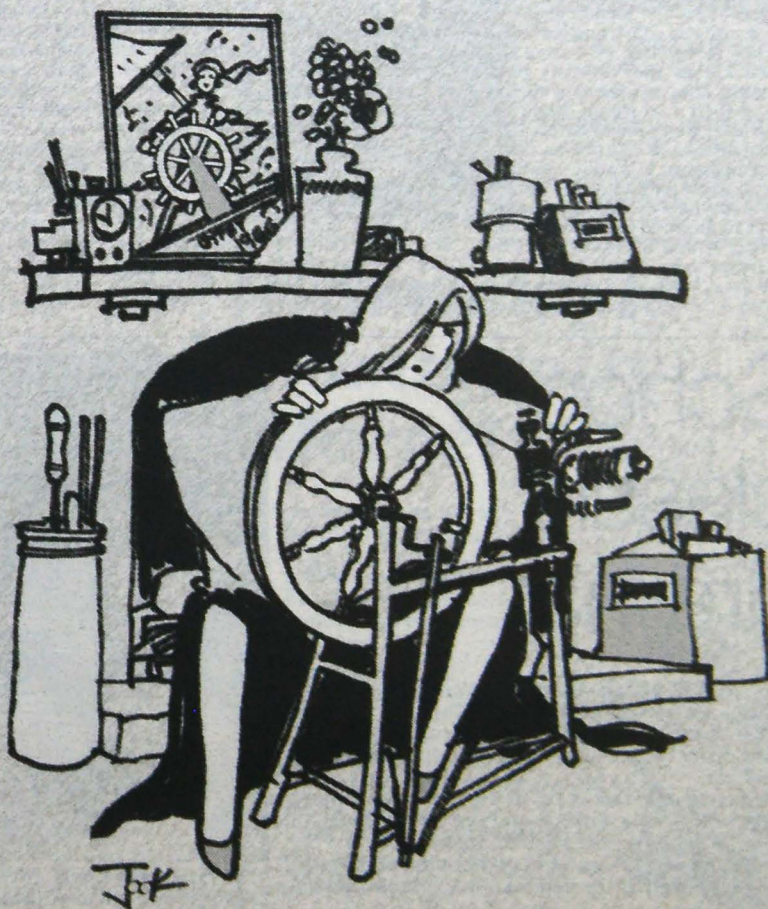
You love their adventures  
despite all the strife  
for you remember your days  
of that wild gypsy life.

It's lovely to hear her  
on that strange crackling line.  
You chirpily answer  
"Yes, we're all doing fine."

But you'll hang up and worry—  
the mother's lament,  
with wild gypsy daughters  
whose money's all spent.

*The sad gypsy mother  
now hearthside  
spins spider threads  
that span the sea  
and wills  
that the siren song  
of home  
slips into her wanderer's dreams.*

KAREN THROSSELL



# A woman who never looks back

**I** MUST confess that I felt less regret than I could have believed possible, at leaving a country which had been my home for above a year; and if a wistful thought did stray back to the bright and beautiful gardens, the lovely wild flowers, the delicious fruits, and the deep blue sky of the ever-brown land, such a thick hot cloud of dust, flies, mosquitoes, and other detestabilities, rose in imagination before me, as threw a veil over all such charms; and I parted from them with a stout heart, full of hopefulness for the future, and rejoicing...

These words are by the artist and writer Louisa Anne Meredith, comparing life in Sydney in 1852 with that of her new home in Port Sorrell, "My home in Tasmania, during a residence of nine years".

Meredith is the great grandmother of Patricia Young, Warrandyte resident, Mullum Mullum ward representative and current mayor of Manningham, who is herself looking forward to life after her term as a city councillor ends in 2008. "I look forwards all the time, to the next 20 years' life—I hope I survive," Pat said. "I'm proud of my career, what I've done on council and as mayor. I like to make a difference, making things happen. I think: never give up, always look forward and be thankful for whatever you've got."

Replacing the original commissioners from Doncaster and Templestowe council, Pat was voted into the ward with Lionel Allemand in 1997. "I was approached by the returning officer of the Victorian Electoral Commission in 1997 to see if I'd stand for council," Pat said. "Don't be silly," I told him, but he said they needed more women."

She was mayor of Manningham for eight months in 2004 and voted in again last November. "We have five new councillors, they're really good, they've got a lot to learn but they're clever in their own rights. None has been in local government before."

Pat used to work fulltime as development manager in public relations and fundraising for Paraquid Victoria, which provides community-based services to improve the quality of life for people with a disability, but now it's 30 hours there and 20 to 30 hours a week for council. "My day starts at 7am with a council meeting or paper-

## VILLAGE PEOPLE

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

work and at 9am I go to work at Paraquid in Collingwood. If there's a lunch I go to council, then back to Paraquid and at 4.30pm I'm back at council plus I have nine or 10 night meetings per month. At weekends there are a lot of council functions and I fit them in between seeing residents." She said she finds it hard on council not being able to do everything that people want. "That worries me. If I can explain why I can't do something it makes it much easier. I like to be with people and I enjoy them, listening and understanding. I enjoy challenges, winning and I'm not moody—I'm a fairly controlled character. I'm a person who's always optimistic, I look for the best in everything." She was appointed a Justice of the Peace in December.

Pat said her great grandmother arrived in Sydney in 1839, after leasing a boat with neighbours and sailing from the south of England. "I've got a history of her boat trips and a print from one of her poetry books was left to me and I've a few other things," she said. An honorary member of the Tasmanian Royal Society, Meredith was a keen naturalist who studied the plants, insects and fish of the island's east coast. She was also a talented illustrator, winning numerous national and international awards for her wildflower drawings but she is best known for being a prolific writer of poetry, journals and fiction.

Pat's mother was born in Tasmania and Pat herself was born in Ballarat during the war years.

"My father was in the army. He used to work in the shop for Hubert Opperman, the bike rider, and he was waiting at the bus stop one day when he was hit on the head by a sandbag falling from a truck. He was robbed of his pay and left on the sidewalk. He was deaf in one ear after that and had flat feet so he didn't go to war." Her father later became general manager of the Scottish Insurance Company and the family followed him to postings around Australia. Pat went to colleges in Tasmania and West Aus-

tralia, returning to Melbourne and Ruyton, living with her parents and older brother in North Balwyn until she married and moved to Doncaster.

"With three children, I was very involved with the local primary school, Birralee. I was on the committee to raise money for the school—parents gave bonds which they could get back when their children left. It was rather hysterical because we raised money for a new canteen but when it was built no one could see over the counter. They had to build up a concrete step on both sides so we could see over the top." During the 1960s she formed the Karungal auxiliary for the Royal Women's Hospital, becoming a life governor, and she was awarded the title of Mrs Victoria for her voluntary work for the Yooralla Society.

Living in Greythorn later, Pat was "sick of the suburbs encroaching on me". She wanted more land, open spaces and fresh air, plus she was severely asthmatic, and she moved to Warrandyte. After her husband left her, Pat said she had to get a job and with a diploma in marketing and sales, she joined Guide Dogs Victoria and then Yooralla.

In 1984 Pat remarried but the marriage didn't last. "Men don't like me. They don't like being challenged," she said. The family moved, this time only further down the same road in Warrandyte. Pat was at Yooralla for 15 years "before retiring to play ladies but this didn't happen as my second husband left and I had to get a job again," and she started working for Paraquid.

"Paraquid builds or buys community houses and puts four or five people into them as proper homes. Instead of living in hospitals all their lives they'll be in their home until they die. And Paraquid's just bought a house in Williamstown to take people when their home carer needs a break."

A former pennant squash player and golfer, Pat sang with bands as a young woman. "I love music and used to practise with The Seekers before Judith Durham joined them. I also sang behind Ernie Sigley, filling in between his brackets at church halls. I had a singing coach but I ruined my vocal chords—singing pop music just destroyed me, beefing it out with the band."

"Dad would sit out the front until I



was 18 to take me home again—he was so protective. Things have changed, haven't they.

"In my day, women were not supposed to do anything much—cook, clean and do as their husbands asked. Today women have choices, the husbands help, but we became a nurse, a secretary or a teacher. Girls now have a spread of things they can do. All women could do in my day was become a bookkeeper or a secretary. Then, we were in trouble if our husbands disappeared—I'm proud of what I've done."

Pat described her family as one of her greatest achievements. "They've all got jobs, they're all qualified and I've got five wonderful grandchildren—but it's nice to send them home. I worked for the chief executive of ICI but after that I stayed at home with my babies. Money was always tight, my mother died when I was 30 and Dad moved to Queensland, but my family never missed anything and they always had the best of whatever I could supply."

Pat has always enjoyed sports cars and owns a white 1962 Austin Healey Sprite, which she said nearly boiled while inching down Yarra Street in the Warrandyte Festival parade several years ago. "I did car racing in my 20s, hot rods, but that went with kids and costs. Then four years ago I thought 'why wait for a fellow or husband, to have a sports car?' This one had come from England; I loved it, negotiated, bought it and took it to a specialist and five thousand dollars later I got it back. It's a classic car now, not quite vintage, it's a darling."

"The seat is so far forward to reach the pedals that I can't get in and it's got no heater or cooler—just the classic basics. It has a little gearbox with three gears and it gets quite hot. I like

to keep it original. It's got window squirts, original tiny ones and no door handles either—just a string inside the door itself."

Many of Pat's possessions were stolen from Warrandyte 10 years ago, her house stripped by a cleaning lady who did a lot of work in the local area. A \$30,000 self-portrait of her great grandmother went too. "My husband found the parchment burnt in their rubbish bin, the frame sitting by the bin. I've got a print of it from a book but it's not the same."

"I got some things back six months later. They found my teapot buried in the back garden, a diamond ring. She was wearing my nightie and ring when I got it back. They were druggies of course. There was a Gatling gun in a pipe buried with my stuff and the police were really frightened it would be used in a robbery. I suppose it was sold for a fix or whatever," she said.

"I hate stupidity, stupid people. Left to look after my children who were 10, eight and four, to find a job and be the breadwinner, I've done it all myself. I have loyal friends, I'm a leader in everything I do, I'm a Virgo."

"I like looking out the windows at the trees, peace and tranquillity, relaxing in the bush, family, my girlfriends and my two dogs. But getting older and not being able to play squash and tennis frustrates me."

"When I see the houses we build with Paraquid so people can move out of nursing homes and I see the difference it makes, it's better than a big pay packet. I'm not worried by what I get as long as I make a difference."

(Transplanted to Tasmania: Botanical Art and Attitude. An exhibition of rare prints and drawings including those of Louisa Anne Meredith runs until April 21 at the State Library of Tasmania, Hobart.)

## School's classic drama

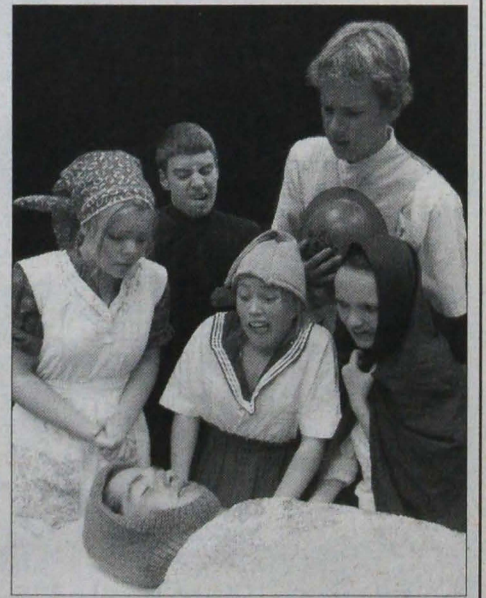
VCE Year 12 drama students at Warrandyte High School are presenting Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" in the school's theatre in Alexander Road, from Wednesday, April 19 until Saturday, April 22.

"Brecht's epic tale is set in the Caucasus Mountains, where Asia, Europe and the Middle East meet," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Admission is \$15 and \$10 concession and seats can be booked at the school office, phone 9844 2749.



"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" in rehearsal. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



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## Jumping

The launch of the new Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare group will be held on Sunday, March 26, between 11am and 2pm (Melways 24 A11) at Jumping Creek Reserve in the Warrandyte State Park. All interested landholders are invited, regardless of the size of their property. Refreshments will be available. Please ring Karen on 9876 1230.

## Interchurch

The combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards have announced that Stations of the Cross will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday, April 14 at 10am; the Week of Prayer service will be at the Anglican Church on Sunday, June 4 at 7pm and the annual carols service will be at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 16, commencing at 8pm. Interchurch office-bearers this year are Ros McDonald, president; Peter Keep, vice-president; John Hanson, secretary and Heather Ingram, treasurer.

## Landcare

The Osborne Peninsula Landcare group is holding training days at the nursery in Osborne Road, North Warrandyte on Sundays March 19 and April 23 at 2pm. These will give newcomers to the group an opportunity to learn how the nursery works and how they grow indigenous plants to relocate in bushland and home gardens. A working bee will be held on Sunday, March 5, also commencing at 2pm. Call Margaret Burke on 9844 1060 for further information.



Where are they now? Ex-Drama Group members are invited to the WAA reunion. (Picture courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society)

## Welcome back, arts lovers

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association is turning 50 this year. They will be holding a great grand birthday celebration and reunion on Saturday, May 27. The various groups are planning special events for this occasion. The painting group is hoping to hold an exhibition and the theatre company is suggesting as many cast members and others from past productions make this a nostalgic day out. Watch for further information.

## Railway

There will be a special community day on Sunday, March 12 at the Diamond Valley Railway, Eltham Lower Park, 570 Main Road, Eltham. Trains will run from 11am to 11pm. It is the only time in the year that the trains run at night. Bring your kids and let them enjoy the railway all lit up.

## Environment

The next Manningham council environment seminar will be held at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte on Wednesday, April 5. Bill Pemberton will discuss "Saving energy around the house". These seminars are free and commence at 7.30pm. Note the new venue!

## Youth

Local churches provide a number of activities for the youth of the area. The Catholic Church (9876 1509) has children's liturgy on Sundays at 10am at Park Orchards and religious education on Mondays at 4pm at Warrandyte. The Uniting Church (9844 2874) has Sunday School at 10.15am. The Community Church (9844 4148) has Sunday School at 9am

and 11am, Year 6-9 Club meets on Fridays at 7.30pm; the Year 10 Club meets monthly. Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and Café church is on the first and third Sundays at 7pm.

## Smoking

A horse called Our Smoking Joe won at Caulfield on Saturday, February 25. Trained by Lee Freedman.

## ARTYFACTS



### Dragonflies

"Thou Art Mum", is a group of over 20 artists who are holding an exhibition at the Stonehouse Gallery during March. Each piece of work incorporates a dragonfly. Works include photography, pastels, watercolours, mixed medium, pottery, silver-smithing, linocuts, ceramics and cake decoration. The gallery (now in the old Gospel Chapel) is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. It is open from 10am to 5pm daily.

### Diversity

In celebration of Cultural Diversity Week, Manningham council is presenting "Her Light in Native Colours, Her

Presence in Colour VII", an exhibition showcasing contemporary art by 68 women from diverse social and cultural backgrounds. A dazzling array of imaginative paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, sculptures and textiles explores this theme from March 16 to April 8 at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

## Bundanon

Warrandyte artist Denise Keele-Bedford was artist-in-residence at Arthur Boyd's Bundanon on the Shoalhaven River in NSW during 2004. She will be talking at the Manningham Gallery, reflecting on her experiences, productivity and influences emerging from this experience, on Saturday, April 1 from 2.30pm to 4pm. This is part of the gallery's Cultural Diversity program.

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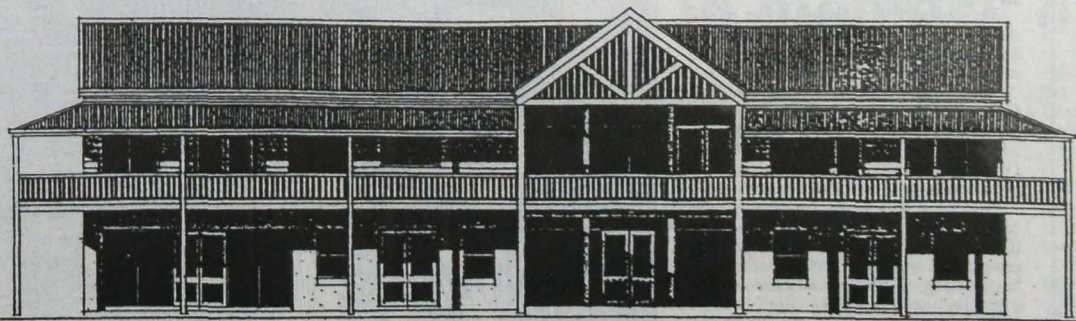
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## Football coach outlines his hopes for new season

The Warrandyte football community is changing in 2006 symbolised by the greater co-operation between the senior and junior football clubs as well as the re-establishment of the Under 18s. The man behind many of these initiatives is Peter Green, coach of the Warrandyte Seniors. So who is Peter and what are his hopes for football in 2006 and beyond.

**DENNIS HOIBERG** asked the questions.



Warrandyte Football Club coach, Peter Green.

Can you provide us a brief outline of your own football experience?

I began playing senior football as a 15-year-old in country NSW for a club called Barellan where the football club is a big part of the community. This has enabled me to understand the involvement required at a local club level and the rewards and benefits that can be attributed to the community.

From there I was drafted to the Sydney Swans as a 17-year-old where an AFL career beckoned me until I received a serious knee injury at training at the beginning of the 2003 season. This put me out of the sport for 12 months.

In 1994, I entered the pre-season draft where I was picked up by Carlton where I played a senior game against Footscray.

After being delisted by Carlton at the end of the season I went to South Australia to play for Central Districts in the SANFL, playing in three finals series two grand finals (the first in the club's history) and 50 senior games overall.

I returned to Melbourne and began playing for Northcote Park in the Diamond Valley and I played in a premiership and then moved to the EFL, playing with East Burwood for two seasons both resulting in premierships before taking up a role as assistant coach at Montrose.

What coaches have you played under and what influence have they had?

I have played under and have been greatly influenced by the likes of Gary Buckenara, Ron Barassi, Denis Carroll, Michael Byrne, David Parkin, Rod Ashman, Alan Stewart, Stevie Wright, Alan Richardson and Doug Barwick.

What is your role and your impressions of the Warrandyte Football Club?

My role is to make the club competitive and be in a sustainable position.

My view is that over the last 3-4 years, the club has been in survival mode with a short term vision to achieve a short term success. We have been paying too much for recruits who don't have the clubs long term interests at heart - only their own.

My view from the very beginning is that it would require a 3-4 year plan to achieve the potential within the club.

This plan would be about developing our current senior players as well as bringing on juniors. We need to ensure that local players want to be part of a successful, strong community centered club.

To achieve this, the club must develop an environment that has a strong mentoring aspect from seniors to juniors as well as a strong community involvement of which the area can be proud to be associated with.

My impression of Warrandyte is that the club has been happy to remain a Division 3 club, winning the flag once in a while, being promoted up to Division 2 for a year or two then coming back to where the club feels comfortable.

There has not been a projected plan to say that in five years we are going to be a top four club in Division 2 and outlining how we are going to get there both on the field and off and how we as a club are going to stay there.

This transition strategy is also important to show the junior players there is football life after junior

football while instilling confidence and self esteem. The step is quite reachable and is, for the most part, not a big leap.

As far as development for a junior player the focus should be on playing senior football as soon as they are physically and mentally able to. This will accelerate their overall development as well as increasing their opportunities of reaching an Eastern Ranges' or Oakleigh Chargers' playing list.

This is why I am very appreciative and supportive of the senior and junior committees working together and the junior committee in particular putting in place a co-ordinated skills development strategy.

Your views/reactions about being in Division 4?

I believe that due to the inexperience and youth development of the current playing group, playing in Division 4 is a real positive.

This will give us an opportunity to build a winning culture into the club, which will add to our future sustainability. I really see it as one step back before taking two steps forward.

What are your ambitions for the football club this year and in the next 2-3 years?

My ambition this year is to have all three grades make and play finals. With last year's group of senior players having another year of experience behind them it should hold them in a tougher mindset as I don't think any of the players want to experience what they have for the last two seasons.

If we are able to blend a couple of recruits with experience and ability into the squad then I think we could be considered as serious contenders for season 2006.

The club should be aiming towards being a strong competitive Division 2 side with every three to four years winning a Division 2 premiership, then being competitive in Division 1 for as long as possible. I don't think currently with the imbalance of the top clubs in Division 1 with their player pay structure, it would be too high an expectation at this point in time to say we are aspiring to be a top four Division 1 club.

Any other comments?

I would like to put a challenge out to the Warrandyte community about their desire and commitment to become involved in the club whether at junior or senior level ... from selling raffle tickets on game day or just coming down to see a good game of local footy.

This club is still here today after 100 years because of people within the community seeing the need for a strong local development community football club that the area can be proud of.

If this club is to remain here for another 100 years then it's going to take a commitment from the people here as an investment for our future generations.

# Three practice matches planned Bloods set out on premierships race

Warrandyte Football Club's 2006 season is only weeks away with three practice matches organised before the season proper opens in April.

The practice matches will provide the litmus test the coaches need to establish the capabilities of the side.

The first match will be against traditional rivals, Templestowe, at Templestowe on March 10 followed by North Coburg at Warrandyte on March 25 and Kinglake at home on April 1.

The players are searching for results that better represent the club's proud history and overwhelming success experienced over the century than those produced in 2005 when the club was relegated to Fourth Division of the Eastern Football League.

The Bloods have welcomed the return of a number of valued players from their overseas adventures and escapades through South America, North America and Europe. They will bolster the ranks and help lure team mates back to the club.

Warrandyte will be focusing on developing a team strategy that seeks to optimise the advantages the team has; speed and endurance. This is evident in the heavy pre-season workload placed on the team that has included many of the Under 18's and Colts players.

"The Under 18s have been welcomed with open arms by the senior group and we are very pleased to announce that for the first time in five years the Warrandyte football club will enter a home grown Under 18's side in the competition," a club spokesman said.

"This exciting outcome could not

## Sponsors' night at Club Warrandyte

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a Gala Sponsors Dinner on Friday April 7 at Club Warrandyte.

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have been achieved without the massive support from the junior club committee members such as Chris Appleby, Phil Ashfield and Lindsay Barber.

"Both senior and junior Warrandyte clubs have made it their respective mandates to provide a seamless transition between the two sectors of the local football community."

The continued specialist training program implemented by Warrandyte High School physical education teacher and basketball fitness coach Steve Moresi has the squad at the highest level of fitness seen for some years and some are even beginning to enjoy the pain.

This coupled with a recent 90 minute boxing session at the Richmond football club gymnasium, which gave Warrandyte players a snapshot of the AFL training regime, have proven to be valuable replace-

ments for a training camp and have provided a greater chance for broader participation.

Glen McCartin has returned to the club as an assistant coach and Chris Quinlan is chairman of selectors. They join Adam Kearney in the support of coach, Peter Green. Glen and Chris played in the premierships sides of 1993 and 1999.

They bring a wealth of experience and will be a fantastic asset to the support group. David Young will coach the reserves side again this year and he will be supported by Travis Brogan who is still toying with the idea of playing another season.

Warrandyte Football Club will celebrate its centenary on May 6.

Founded in 1906 the club's amazing history has been captured and published in a Centenary History book to be launched at the dinner to be held at Manningham Function Centre.

Clinton Grybas of Fox Footy and 3AW is the Master of Ceremonies and entertainment includes a traditional Aboriginal welcome, band and special presentations. A four-course meal will be served, beer, wine and soft drink is included.

Please book on 9722 1111, payments can be accepted on credit card over the phone or email your details to [wfcinc@bigpond.com](mailto:wfcinc@bigpond.com).

Alternatively cheques can be made out to Warrandyte Football Club and posted to PO Box 151, Warrandyte 3113.

Warrandyte secretary, James Logan said the club was looking forward to seeing all Life Members, players past and present, supporters and friends of Warrandyte Football Club at the Centenary Dinner.

## AUSKICK

# Registration day at Warrandyte

Warrandyte Auskick 2006 kicks off at Warrandyte Football Oval, with a registration morning on Saturday April 1 at 9am.

Full sessions will commence on Saturday 22 April starting at 9am.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5-12 are welcome to attend Auskick. Children are taught a range of skills including the rules of the game, handballing, marking and kicking.

Each session concludes with a game using modified rules between children of like size and capabilities. There is a strong emphasis on safety and enjoyment and an aim of fostering team play.

A new committee has recently been formed to ensure

that Auskick is operational in 2006 and the future.

The committee is keen to see as many parents involved in the program particularly in the area of coaching.

Warrandyte Auskick is looking forward to forging a strong community bond with the Warrandyte junior and senior football clubs that will help develop a football pathway for aspiring local young footballers of all levels of ability.

It is also envisaged that during the year an Auskick game will be held at the half time break at a Warrandyte seniors game.

For inquiries contact AFL Auskick Centre Co-ordinator, Edward Munks 0439 342 478.

# Top award for Park Orchards

Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club and the Park Orchards Auskick have won the state award for the Best Auskick to Junior Football Club Pathway Program.

The award was announced last month at the Annual Football Victoria Members Dinner which was attended by over 300 people.

This award is selected from nominations by all Victorian metropolitan and country football leagues and regions.

The award was accepted by Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club President, Stephen Harrington and current Park Orchards Auskick Co-ordinator, Paul Schroder.

Paul paid tribute to the people who had the foresight in late 2000 to establish the Park Orchards Auskick, in particular to Trevor Barr, who has been integral in the success of the Park Orchards Auskick.

So successful has the pathway been that the number of teams fielded by the Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club has increased from eight in 2000 to a record 14 in 2006.

The club has a philosophy based on development and fun and it continues to grow each year. While the emphasis is not on winning, in 2004 the club won five premierships in the

Yarra Junior Football League (a league record) and the Park Orchards Auskick has twice won the Eastern Region Award for Best Auskick Co-ordinator as well as Best Auskick Coach.

Players of all ages from Under 9 to Under 17 and their families are always very welcome. For enquiries please contact Stephen Harrington on 9842 7521.



At the Football Victoria Members Dinner are from left, Stephen Harrington, president of Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club, Trevor Barr - Park Orchards Auskick Co-ordinator 2002-2005 and Paul Schroder, Park Orchards Auskick co-ordinator 2006

# Warrandyte avoids relegation Emotional win and oh, so close

Warrandyte players and supporters were forced to ride a roller coaster of emotions before winning one of the most important matches in the cricket club's 151 year history.

A loss to Chirnside Park on Saturday would have seen Warrandyte relegated to the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Third Division and with a re-vamped competition expected to be introduced next season, promotion to higher grades is likely to be more difficult.

Before the match, Warrandyte was placed second last with Chirnside Park half a game away on the bottom of the ladder.

The match was billed as an elimination final and it lived up to its promotion with Warrandyte winning the match with only two wickets to spare.

The Second XI missed the finals after losing to Chirnside Park. It was the first time the team had been out of the top four all season.

But the good news was that the Third XI fell into fourth position by 0.10 bonus points, the equivalent of 10 runs and the Fourth XI also sneaked into the finals by 0.30 bonus points or the equivalent of 30 runs.

The First XI scenario had been set up by a luckless second last round when rain washed out the match against Montrose with Warrandyte three wickets short of an improbable victory.

The batting had again been poor with Warrandyte being dismissed for 138 with First XI debutante, 15-year-old Chris Barry top scoring with 33.

With Montrose at 1-70, all looked lost until veteran Gerald Walshe unleashed an amazing burst that saw Montrose crash to 7-77. Soon after, the heavens opened and the game was washed out.

Saturday's game became a show-down and with regular fast bowler, Campbell Holland failing a fitness test on a hamstring strain, Warrandyte was forced to field a depleted bowling attack that hinged greatly on Barry and another 15-year-old, Ayrton Dehmel.

Both stood up well sharing three wickets while Walshe, hampered by injury, bowled his allotted eight overs for only 12 runs and two wickets.

Matthew Sazenis was again the pick of the bowlers with three wickets but the left arm off spinner bowled an extraordinary 11 wides. He was not the only culprit as Warrandyte's bowlers chalked up an amazing 29 wides in only 35 overs.

## State honours for junior cricketer

Young Warrandyte cricketer, Ayrton Dehmel, has been selected in the Victorian Under 15 schoolboys team.

Dehmel will compete in the schoolboys' interstate series in Perth in April.

A right arm off spin bowler and right hand batsman, Dehmel started with Warrandyte's Under 12s and is currently a member of the Under 16 team. He is also a member of the club's First XI, making his debut this season.

He played most of last season in the Second XI and took more than 30 wickets to help his team win its way through to the Grand Final.

Dehmel also captained Ivanhoe in the Sub-District Under 14 Hatch Shield competition.



Ayrton Dehmel

But despite the gift runs, Warrandyte still managed to dismiss Chirnside Park for 129.

The runs chase started well with Warrandyte 0-30 but then came the familiar middle order collapse. Stuart Howarth was sent in early and his big hitting kept the run rate in check but he was dismissed for 22 leaving Warrandyte well short of what was now looking like a mighty target.

Enter Dave Mooney. Using his experience, he pushed singles and nudged twos through seemingly improbable gaps to edge his team closer to victory.

Matthew Chapman followed up his three catches and a stumping while wicketkeeping with willing support for Mooney and the pair added 30 runs to leave Warrandyte in sight of victory.

But more drama was to follow as Chapman was dismissed with four runs needed and the diminutive Dehmel went to the crease to face a fiery reception.

But he eked out two runs with a deflection to fine leg and then Mooney struck a boundary to put Warrandyte in front and out of the grip of relegation.

Warrandyte captain, Adam White described it as the most emotionally charged and draining game he had been involved in.

"The result meant so much to the club and Dave Mooney's effort was exceptional."

"He kept a cool head in what was a real crisis."

"But one thing is for sure, I don't want to go through that again," he said.

White paid tribute to the young players who had made their debuts in the senior XI this season and who now had some experience of what was ahead of them.

"We played 20 different players in the First XI this season, many of them only teenagers. They are the future of the club," he said.

The Second XI lost the last two matches of the season to drop to fifth position after they looked certain to play a part in the finals at the Christmas break.

## BASKETBALL

# Champions grade for Under 18 girls

In a significant milestone for the Warrandyte Venom, David Reinecke's Under 18 girls have qualified for Victorian Championship, the highest level competition for junior basketballers in the state.

The girls won through with a 54-43 win over Diamond Valley in a cross over game on February 24.

The results did not go Warrandyte Venom's way in the Under 12 boys, where Damian Arsenis's lads went down to Ringwood in a high scoring 53-40 game.

Warrandyte will be playing in the Metro 1 competition and look like they will join a number of other Warrandyte teams, including Under

16 boys, and Under 14 and Under 16 girls.

Grading for Championship basketball is nearly completed for the 2006 season. Championship games start on March 10.

● Warrandyte Redbacks are well represented in the finals of the Saturday basketball competition, with 21 boys and 16 girls teams all in action in the semifinals.

The strength of the boys side continues to develop with the Under 10, Under 16 and Under 18s all playing in the elite A grade sections.

Preliminary and Grand finals will be held after the Commonwealth Games are complete.



Bonnie Jones

## Academy award for Bonnie

By SONIA RAPPELL

Warrandyte Netball Club players continue to receive a high level of recognition throughout the district and state.

Bonnie Jones, 14, who attends Warrandyte High School, has received an offer to participate in the prestigious State Netball Academy program.

Bonnie plays netball for Warrandyte Netball Club and represents the Doncaster and District Netball Association. She also played for the Chisholm region in the State finals last year in Sale.

Selection for the Netball Academy follows a rigorous process. After playing in a Talent Identification Tournament, players are selected to try out for the Netball Academy.

Approximately 25 players from each zone are selected for the Academy from a talent pool of about 130 players.

There are six zones in the State. Bonnie was selected for the Central East Zone Academy, considered by many to be the strongest zone in the State.

The Academy involves monthly training sessions throughout the year until October and training culminates in an inter-Academy tournament held at the end of the year at the State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville.

The winter season of the Doncaster and District Netball Association is now under way. Limited places remain in teams, and enquiries can be made to Lesley Reid, club president on 9844 2068.

If you have a youngster who would like to participate in a netball skills program, the Warrandyte Netball Club will start its weekly clinic for the 5-9 years on the first Friday in Term 2.

Registration will be held on the first day of the clinic, which runs between 4.15pm and 5pm at the Taroon Ave netball courts. Enquiries to Peta Walker 9844 4898

## Hawks set sights on flag

South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club is on the verge of a remarkable feat in Ringwood District cricket.

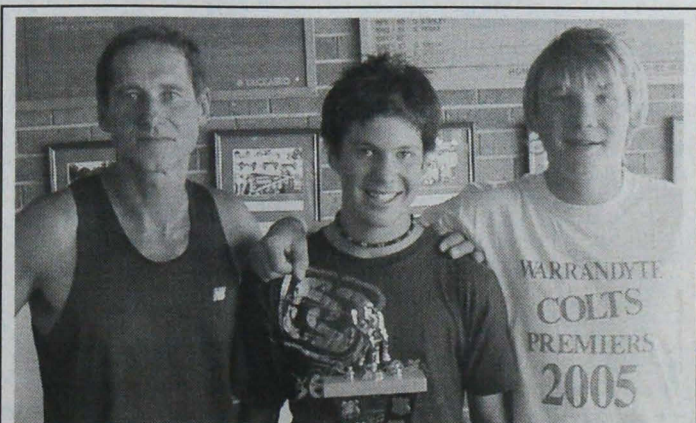
In five years, the small club has taken the association by storm, winning the Third Division and Second Division premierships in successive seasons and is now a genuine title contender for this season's First Division Chandler Shield flag.

The Hawks finished the season in third place and will meet Mooroolbark at Colman Park this weekend in the first semi final.

The club set itself a goal of breaking out of the cricket wilderness by recruiting former junior players and a number of established cricketers.

Major works are expected to take place on the club's home ground this season which will further help attract quality players.

President, Barry Williams, said the Hawks had made a conscious decision to establish themselves as a strong contender in the RDCA and culmination of the goal could be only weeks away.



WJFC Gift winner, Caleb Atkinson, centre, with Steve Ballard and WJFC club captain, Pat Nichol.

## Running is a Gift for Caleb

Caleb Atkinson, won the inaugural WJFC Gift, a foot race held over 100 metres at the WJFC Registration Day, held last month.

Caleb wins a magnificent perpetual trophy which will be keenly sought in the coming years.

Second was Andrew Reddie from the Under 14s and third was Jacob Ballard from the under 12s.

The final comprised the first and second place getters from each WJFL team and the club hopes that the Gift will become a highlight of future registration days.

Other highlights of the day were the Coach's Gift, won by Chris Appleby with Steve Ballard in second place.

## Relay to raise funds in memory of Tiffany

Warrandyte families are being encouraged to take part in the Cancer Council Victoria's Hawthorn Relay For Life in memory of a former Warrandyte girl.

Tiffany Jacobs who lived in Warrandyte for most of her school life and attended Anderson's Creek Primary School, died last year at the age of 27 from oesophageal cancer.

Relay For Life is a fundraising event to raise money for The Cancer Council Victoria's research, education, prevention and support programs. It is a fun 18 hour overnight event, with the challenge of completing a relay style walk/run within a festival atmosphere.

The Hawthorn Relay For Life will be held at Auburn Reserve, Hawthorn on Saturday April 8 from 4pm until Sunday April 9 at 10am.

Throughout the event teams are

challenged to keep their baton moving around the track for 18 hours. Teams are encouraged to camp out overnight and a festive atmosphere is created with entertainment, food, kids activities, games and prizes.

It costs \$15 per person to enter, and team members are encouraged to fundraise \$150 towards their team's total.

Tiffany played netball for Warrandyte for many years and when at Anderson Creek school she played state school softball for Victoria.

A talented all-round athlete, she won cross-country for the Eastern Primary Schools Division three years in a row. She was also Athletic and Triple Jump champion.

Anyone interested in forming a team or joining a team can contact Graeme or Gill Jacobs on 0413 183 338.

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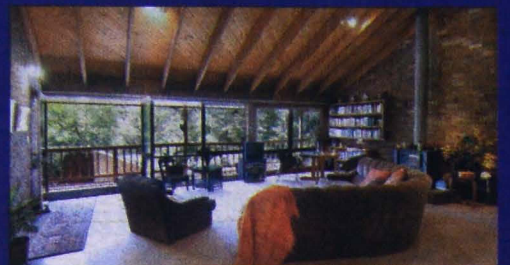
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