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# Home among the gum trees?

## Retirement housing on 'degraded' land

By EMMA CLARK

The long-standing issue of aged housing in Warrandyte could begin to be solved, following a suggestion that the environmentally degraded land at the corner of Harris Gully Road and Yarra Street could be an ideal site for a retirement community.

The land being discussed is immediately behind the rear car park at Goldfields Plaza, accessed via the street that runs between IGA and the Andersons Creek Primary School.

Resident Ted Rotherham and former councillors Val Polley and Louise Joy have proposed that the land be used for an environmentally friendly and sustainable housing cluster, incorporating wetlands and the natural surroundings.

"As is the way in Warrandyte, the idea developed basically through people talking and discussing with each other. We want to keep the older generation of Warrandyte residents in the Warrandyte community," Louise Joy said. "The site is a great location, close

to transport, shopping centres and doctors.

"We are not interested in a rip-off retirement village concept, but rather a community based village of clusters of cottages, perhaps operating co-operatively in the spirit of Warrandyte. The village would reflect the Warrandyte character."

Local residents are lucky to be able to live in large houses on large blocks of land; however, as the population ages it becomes more difficult to maintain large homes and gardens.

In Warrandyte and North Warrandyte, 11 percent of people are aged 60 and over. This number will continue to grow, with current estimates predicting that by 2011 the proportion of residents aged 60 and over will increase by 44 percent.

Marjorie Lapworth of the Warrandyte Housing and Support Services told the *Diary* that there was a long list of people waiting for retirement housing in Warrandyte.

"They are lining up, basically waiting for someone else to pass away so that they can stay in the town," she said.

Ms Lapworth also believes that the buying price should be kept to a minimum. "Some people cannot afford to move straight into senior housing. We need housing for everyone, not just those who can afford it."

"Retirement housing on that site could eventually lead to an improvement in other amenities, including a rejuvenation of the senior citizens centre and better health facilities."

The lack of senior housing in the community means that the founders of many local institutions will most likely have to move to another suburb as they grow older.

The older generation in Warrandyte is responsible for setting up many of the town's co-operatives and organisations, including many of the local sporting clubs, the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association, the Environment League, Community Association and the *Diary*.

As reported in last month's *Diary*, the land behind Andersons Creek Primary School has been recently damaged, creating an area of bush that requires considerable work to assist its revegetation.

The site is zoned as "public park and recreation" and overlaid as "land subject to inundation" and of "environmental significance". This could be an issue in gaining permits to use the site.

"There is definitely a need for housing, but it is a question of how," Val Polley said. "It is a perfect location, however the site is heavily overlaid so there would be some planning issues."

"The people of Warrandyte need to consider whether they are prepared to give up public space, albeit degraded space, to provide for the older generation."

"There are other issues surrounding the site, such as fire threats, and we need to find out if the senior citizens in the community are interested."

The retirement community could be environmentally sensitive and sustainable and in tune with the natural environment.

Local environmental expert Alan Noy, responsible for the wetlands restoration work at Potters Cottage, believes that there is "plenty of opportunity to enhance and boost the environment as part of the development".

"The land has lots of potential. It is

on a creek and there is opportunity for wetland development. Whilst it is zoned as being subject to floods, it is possible to elevate the land."

"Grey" waste water could be recycled and run-off from roofs could be stored in tanks. "It would be possible to create retirement cottages which can utilise the natural environment. It is definitely a site which can be taken seriously as a potential location for such a development," Mr Noy said.

Last month's *Diary* reported on local efforts to obtain senior housing over the past 30 years. In 1999 the old Doncaster and Templestowe council allocated \$350,000 for land purchase, later withdrawn following amalgamation and the creation of Manningham council.

"There will be many hurdles to cross with gaining the council's approval and planning issues," Ms Polley said. "There is a serious shortage of senior housing and there needs to be debate surrounding the issue and the use of the proposed site."

●The *Diary* welcomes readers' comments on this issue.



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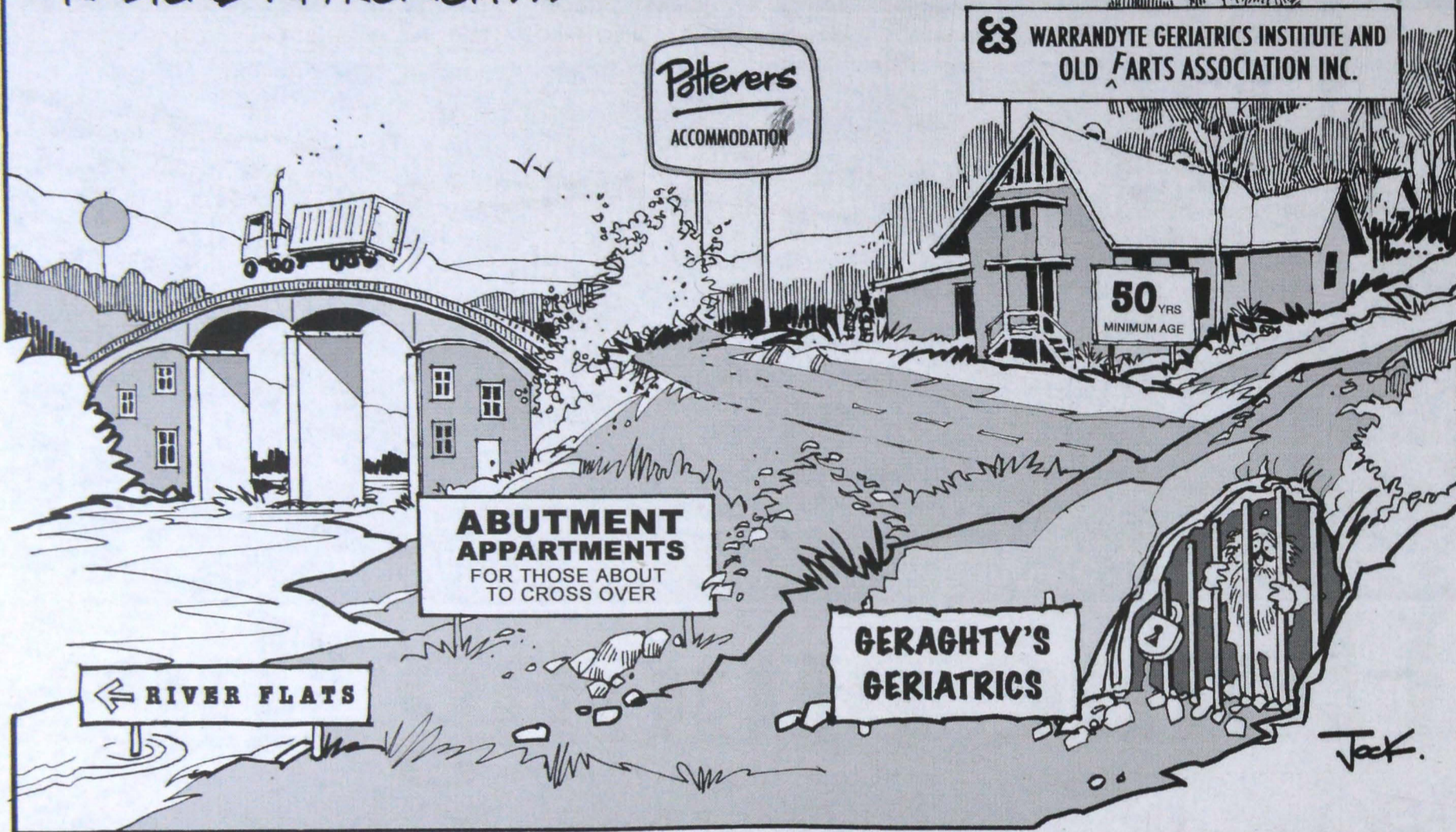
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A SPECIAL PLACE

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.



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THE NIGHT THE STAR WAS THROWN

It has long been thought that "Warrandyte" could be translated as "that which is 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, with a mighty crash of thunder, he 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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AT THE BRIDGE



# Fire station will stay

## CFA denies suggestions of closure

By **CLIFF GREEN**

The Country Fire Authority has emphatically denied rumours that the Warrandyte fire station in Harris Gully Road is to close.

CFA is planning to build a second station in the vicinity of Reynolds Road and Tindals Road, some time in the future.

"The existing Warrandyte station—manned entirely by volunteers—will remain," Jeff Adair, acting manager CFA Yarra Area, told the *Diary*.

"We have had no discussions with any agencies or any other parties to convert the fire station to any other use."

"Our Warrandyte volunteers will remain at this location—even with the intent to build a fully-staffed station in a nearby location."

"At this stage we have been unable to identify a suitable block of land to commence construction."

CFA plans to have both a fulltime-staffed station and a volunteer station operating in tandem.

"We seek to provide the best possible fire coverage to the community in both urban and wildfire environments," Mr Adair said.

"Due to increasing urban expansion, a rise in the number of road users and overall demand on CFA services, we must look at an integrated model of fulltime staff and volunteers."

"Distances of travel to CFA Warrandyte's western border at Fitzsimons Lane, plus increasing traf-



Community asset: Warrandyte fire station hosts a CFA expo. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

fic congestion and volunteer availability can make it very difficult for CFA to meet its service delivery standards—its response times. These are some of the reasons why we are looking at building a second station in a new location.

"The existing Warrandyte brigade's station plays an important role in the Warrandyte community, providing additional support to other Warrandyte fire brigades and to local community groups, including schools, kindergartens, businesses, fireguard groups, road rescue and community events—

such as the Warrandyte festival-to name but a few.

"The role of volunteers in an urban-rural interface is critical to community safety and CFA will play no part in undermining this valuable contribution."

Within CFA there are numerous examples of volunteer and staff combinations.

"In Yarra Area we have stations at Eltham and Boronia where volunteers and full-time staff co-exist very well," Mr Adair said.

"CFA will continue to conduct negotiations with the United Firefighters

Union on the design and construction requirements for CFA's new Warrandyte-Donvale station."

A plan to man Warrandyte fire station with full-time firefighters on a daily basis was first mooted in May, 1999.

The *Diary* reported that full-time firefighters would be appointed to Warrandyte "some time in the next six months, before the next summer bushfire season". This promise was never honoured.

The fire station in Harris Gully Road was built in 1981 at a cost of \$200,000.

Station equipment and furnishings worth \$14,000 were installed in the new station. These were financed through community fundraising and money donated by local residents.

It was stated at the time that the station was available to other Warrandyte brigades for meetings and training programs.

The station was officially opened on June 20 by then CFA chairman, L.J. Newell. It replaced the original station, situated in Mitchell Avenue behind the Mechanics Institute Hall. This building is now the WMI&AA potters' studio.

## PO road turns a corner



Above: Cr Pat Young and a council officer admire the new works at McIntyres Road. Inset: Before the road was upgraded.

Park Orchards residents will have greater peace of mind as they travel along McIntyres Road, Park Orchards following completion of safety upgrades by Manningham council late last month.

Community concerns about a dangerous bend at the Park Road end of the road spurred council into taking remedial action.

"Works were undertaken along a 40 metre stretch of McIntyres Road, widening the first bend from the Park Road entrance," Mayor Pat Young told the *Diary*.

The project involved widening the bend by raising an electricity pole to achieve required height clearances, constructing a block retaining wall up to three metres in height, widening the road pavement and installing a guardrail.

"As an offset to the vegetation removal necessary for the project, maintenance works will be undertaken on surrounding roadside vegetation to remove weeds," Cr Young said.

## Cash for kids

Warrandyte schools are set to receive an immediate \$79,500 to address their most immediate maintenance needs, MP for Yan Yean, Danielle Green told the *Diary*. This news is contained in the recently announced state budget.

"This is good news for students, parents and schools because it improves the facilities in which our children learn," Ms Green said. The grants to local schools are part of a \$50 million state-wide cash injection for school maintenance.

"All schools will receive a share of the funding for maintenance needs including roofing, asphalt, electrical and plumbing upgrades."

Warrandyte Primary School will receive \$11,826, Andersons Creek Primary School will get \$3787 and Warrandyte High School will be granted \$83,891.

"The extra money will be provided to schools before the end of the month, so they can get to work on the most urgent repairs," Ms Green said. "This \$50 million is in addition to the \$34 million allocated annually for school maintenance needs and



Danielle Green: funds for schools and RSL

means that all schools will receive additional money."

● Danielle Green also announced a state grant of \$7000 to Warrandyte RSL for work on their memorial grounds in Yarra Street, opposite the bridge.

The grant will be used to repair the paths and steps around the memorial cairn "so that visitors can safely and more easily access the memorial," Ms Green said. Landscaping works will also be carried out in the memorial grounds.

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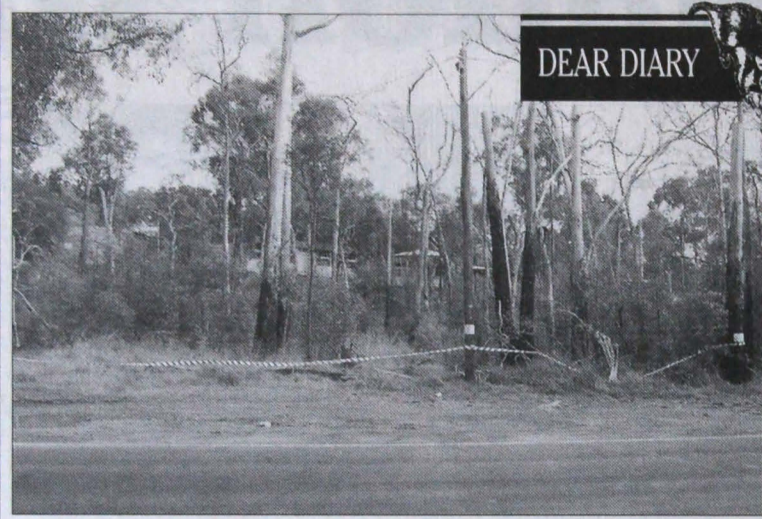
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**'Ugly scar' at entrance to town**



**DEAR DIARY**  
 Where are the voices? Where are the howls of protest from local councillors and Yarra Street traders? The unsightly moonscape of lopped and damaged trees on Harris Gully Road that greets visitors as they enter Warrandyte needs to be vastly replanted and redeveloped.  
 The surviving bushland at Harris Gully Road is no place for a discerning bat or trendy native frog. I'd be mighty insulted if that was the best Warrandyte could offer.  
 The idea of leaving this ugly scar at one entrance to our town for some accommodation-challenged amphibian or undiscerning bat leaves the community with a visual insult, a patch of land in need of much TLC.  
 Do we as residents have to look at these lopped dead trees taped off for the next 50 years before they succumb to natural decay and fall over?  
 Perhaps a rethink and much longer-term view is needed.  
**Denis Gates (by email)**

*"Surviving" bushland at Harris Gully Road. (Picture by Emma Clark)*

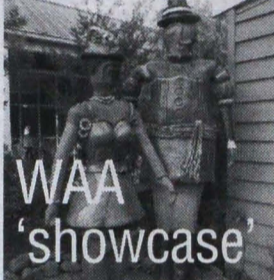
**Plea for retirement housing**

Val Polley (*Diary*, May) calls timely attention to an issue raised many times in the past. While retirement housing has been established elsewhere in Manningham, Warrandyte continues to be under-resourced.  
 The need could hardly be more obvious or more urgent. In the fortnight since my candidacy for the state election became known, I have had three calls on the subject from local residents. The situation will be familiar to many. Older Warrandytians find they can no longer care for steep and/or large blocks but are reluctant to move away from friends, family and community.  
 What is needed is senior housing specifically in Warrandyte for residents of Warrandyte.  
 And Warrandyte needs these people too. By definition such people are interested in retaining links with the immediate community. Often they will be active as volunteers, friends and participants in local clubs and events. They may be babysitting grandchildren on a regular basis and they will almost certainly be shopping locally. As a community we need to invest in this growing demographic just as in the post-war years we invested in the young.  
 Since getting the approaches, I have followed up two possible locations on Harris Gully Road. Each appears to be impractical, at least at this stage, due to flood-proneness and existing use—but it is surely important to keep looking for viable options and to take all suggestions on board.  
 I suggest a new initiative, possibly along the lines of the former Warrandyte Retirement Housing Project. Several dedicated Warrandyte people have worked on this issue down the years. I am sure that others—myself included—would be prepared to contribute whatever is needed to bring their efforts to fruition.  
**David Ellis Greens candidate for Warrandyte**

**Leave snakes alive**

I was somewhat bemused by Bronwyn Doran's letter to the *Diary* (May 2006) on the state of the bushland bordering the fire station and Andersons Creek Primary School. Bronwyn does not seem to regard our local snake community as part of the indigenous fauna of the area. As a life-long resident of Warrandyte, I have shared my life with the local snake community who, by and large, I have found respectful of their human cohabitants.  
 I have fond memories of the large brown snake that for several seasons during my childhood, sunned itself on the path to the river behind the Stone House. It used to obligingly move off the path as we approached and reoccupy its position in the centre of the path after we had passed. Even today we have a particularly large snake, a copperhead I think, that regularly visits our dam for frogs during the summer.  
 To live in Warrandyte is to live with snakes, they are as much part of Warrandyte as the river and eucalypts and yet, in spite of this, I cannot recall anyone in Warrandyte being bitten. Warrandyte children should be taught that snakes are part of their environment and they are entitled to our respect and tolerance. If they are left alone they are no threat to anyone.  
**Chris Padgham Webb Street**

**WAA 'showcase'**

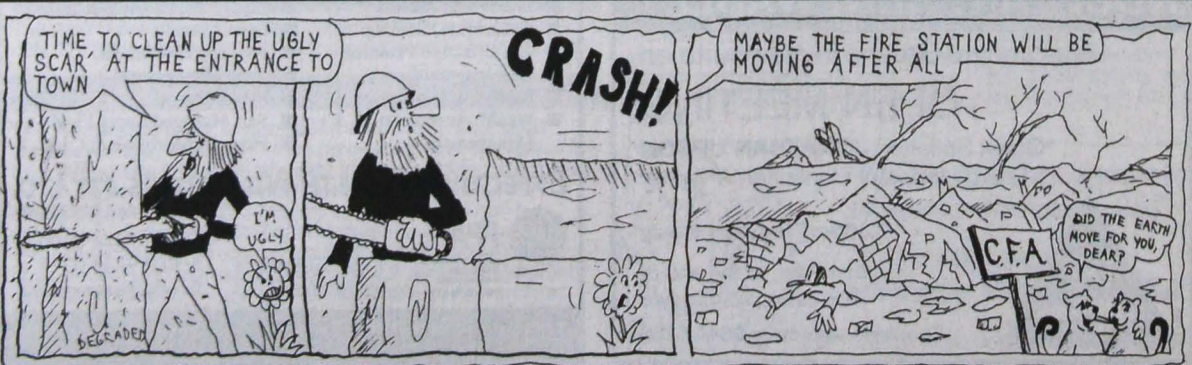


The organisers of the recent WAA 50th birthday celebrations are to be congratulated on producing yet another memorable event—a brilliant showcase of all the artistic talents in the community. Pat Anderson in particular, along with her loyal helpers from all the groups, showed much inspirational dedication towards the celebration that embraced all facets of the association and gave so much pleasure to so many people.  
 The atmosphere in the hall on the afternoon of May 27 was absolutely electric—so many reunions, so much hilarious laughter as was, of course, the unveiling of the clever, whimsical sculpture—the result of many hours of hard work and high hilarity shared by Marj Beecham and her energetic team of potters.  
 The hall itself was the venue for a wonderful display of painting, pottery, weaving, quilting and other handcrafts—not to overlook the superb collection of photographs, programs, newsletters and newspaper articles so beautifully collated and presented by Pat Anderson and her aides.  
 What with the entertainment provided by the music and drama groups, the afternoon proceeded without a dull moment.  
 The party atmosphere in the evening gave the old hall a positive glow of love and goodwill and the entertainment program was ably hosted by WAA president, Ken Virtue. The irrepressible, unstoppable Joan Golding presented a lengthy and witty review of the past 50 years of WAA activity—and as the wine flowed and hilarity, triggered by the Barbershop Quartet, mounted, the show was well and truly on the road. Many, many thanks to everyone concerned.  
**Lexie Blake Northcote**

**They remembered the good old days**

Hi, all you Warrandytes. I was greatly chuffed to find the *Diary* on my website. We lived in Bradleys Lane, Warrandyte, until 1985 when we had to move for my youngest daughter's health. We all still have a great love for Warrandyte and love to read your own *Diary*.  
 My two girls went to Research and Warrandyte primary schools and later to Maroondah High and later Eltham College. Our house was always full of local kids and when our girls had their birthday parties my wife and I retreated to our bedroom.  
 Our happiest days were spent swimming in the Yarra and enjoying the wonderful peace beside our wonderful river.  
 I note your mention of a slow burning which destroyed some of our iconic trees.  
 I remember when the "whoever" did a slow burn on the island on the west side of the bridge and a wonderful Manna Gum of huge proportions was burned as a consequence. This was a terrible disaster, as that tree was a magnificent specimen, a brilliant entrance to your river crossing.  
 An old tale which your readers might enjoy. My wife's great, great uncle had a gold mine in Warrandyte and he was a bit of a dag.  
 An old Chinese fossicker named Jimmy Lee died, and as he was well liked by all, they gathered in the funeral parlour to drink his health.  
 Uncle Jack Stewart (he is buried in the local cemetery) said, "We can't let old Jimmy lay here". So they carried him down to the river, sat him up under the bridge, put a pipe in his mouth and returned to the pub.  
 When a mate of theirs came in and enquired, "Why the long faces?" they replied, "old Jimmy's dead". The mate said, "that's bullshit. I just seen him under the bridge, sitting down smoking his pipe." They bought him a beer before they told him what had happened.  
 True or not, that story has been handed down through the generations. We have a photo of old Jack if it is of any use to the town. Just let me know where to send it.  
 Long live the spirit of Warrandyte.  
**The Beards (Adrienne, Ian, Katrina and Bronwyn) (by email)**

**CYRIL** By PAUL WILLIAMS



# Going back to the future

Manningham council has revised its Warrandyte township heritage guidelines. These guidelines will apply to the township heritage precinct. They will ensure that the cultural and natural values of the precinct are protected in the longer term.

*The following excerpts from council's guidelines outline the special characteristics of Warrandyte's heritage and why it deserves protection...*

**W**ARRANDYTE is located in a wooded valley and the township stretches along the south bank of the

Yarra River. The Warrandyte township precinct comprises residential, civic and commercial buildings, as well as parkland and open space in Yarra Street and parts of intersecting streets, generally between Trezise Street and Mullens Road and part of Brackenbury Street.

Yarra Street, which is the main street of the town, curves to follow the line of the river. There are buildings both on the north (bank side) and south side of the road.

The significant section of Brackenbury Street sits on the slope of the valley behind Yarra Street at the easterly end of the township.

Views to the river and the treed valley, and access to the riverbank pedestrian path are gained at numerous points along the river side of Yarra Street.

Views towards the river and into the treed valley are gained from Brackenbury Street. The buildings on the south side of Yarra Street are set up on the embankment with a backdrop of trees behind.

Buildings in the precinct, although differing in age and style, are generally detached, low in form with pitched roofs and separated by spaces between, allowing views to the river on the north and towards the treed slopes on the south side of Yarra Street.

Most of the buildings are located on the south side of the road on the elevated embankment. The few buildings on the north side of the road are nestled into the sloping riverbank and appear as single storey when viewed from Yarra Street.

The pedestrian path along the Yarra means the views to properties on the north side of the road can be gained from the front as

well as the rear of the properties.

Views across some of the properties on the north side of Brackenbury Street can be gained from both Brackenbury Street and Yarra Street.

The steps, meandering paths and retaining walls are an important feature of the heritage precinct, often providing important vistas and views to significant features.

## Why is it significant?

**T**HE Warrandyte township precinct has historic and social significance as it provides evidence of one of the first townships to be established in the area and illustrates the influence of gold discovery upon settlement in the 19th century.

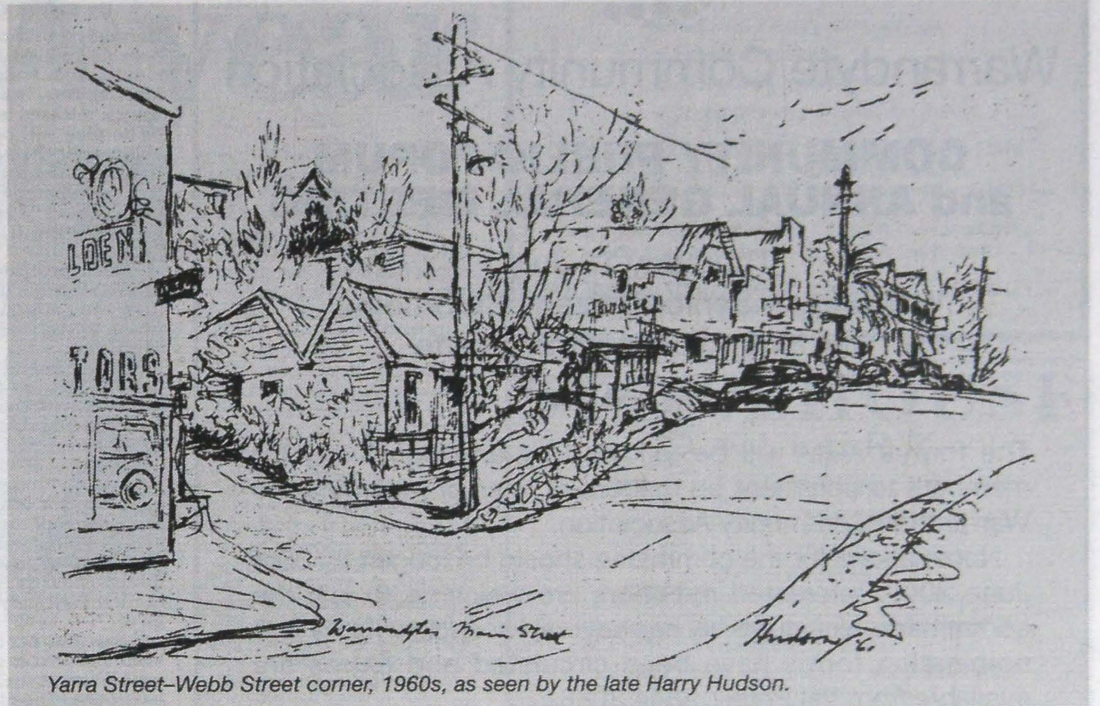
The township is also an example of one of the first tourist resorts close to Melbourne that emerged in the inter-war years as a result of improved roads and increased motor car usage.

It also has important associations with many noted Australian artists and architects, which is demonstrated by it being the subject of a number of paintings and other works of art.

Finally, the town also provides evidence of the re-building that took place in the wake of the disastrous 1939 bushfires. This is particularly demonstrated by the "Warrandyte Style" residential precinct, which is historically significant for its association with locally important architect-builders Alexa Goyder and Myrtle Houston.

It is a representative area of housing, demonstrating the characteristics of the "Warrandyte Style" first identified by Robin Boyd in *Australian Home* in 1952, a style that was copied elsewhere in the township.

The Warrandyte township pre-



Yarra Street-Webb Street corner, 1960s, as seen by the late Harry Hudson.

## Guidelines to protect this special place

precinct has aesthetic significance as an informal, almost semi-rural village where the buildings are often secondary to the landscape elements, particularly the mature vegetation, which comprises a mix of native and exotic species that creates a distinctive cultural landscape character.

It is notable for the use of local materials, such as Warrandyte stone in a number of buildings and public realm elements, which gave rise to the description of a "Warrandyte Style" that is a notable and distinctive element of the character of the area today.

This is particularly evident in the Warrandyte Style residential precinct at the easterly end of Yarra Street and in Brackenbury Street, which contains the best examples of the style by Goyder and Houston.

## Protecting the heritage

**T**HE combination of accessibility to the river, the enclosing wooded valley, restricted outlook and old buildings contribute to the strong sense of place and ensure that the Warrandyte township is a focal point for residents as well as attractive to visitors.

The purpose of these guidelines is to retain the special qualities that relate to the heritage of the town centre area. The guidelines will assist people undertaking works in the town and they will also assist council in the assessment of proposals for new development or alterations to existing properties.

Change will occur in Warrandyte township, but the heritage guidelines will help to accommodate change without the loss of those qualities which make Warrandyte township special.

Warrandyte township is included in the heritage overlay as a precinct. Not all buildings in the precinct contribute to its significance. This precinct has a high proportion of non-contributory properties in between the contributory properties.

As a result, these guidelines are concerned with both contributory and non-contributory properties in the Warrandyte township heritage overlay precinct.

## What comes next?

The Warrandyte township heritage guidelines have passed council but are still to be authorised by the state planning minister. They will then be placed on public exhibition. Following this, a series of booklets explaining the guidelines will be produced by council and will be publicly available, acting as a guide to anyone wishing to build or renovate in the precinct. They will include a brochure based on the new Warrandyte signage strategy.

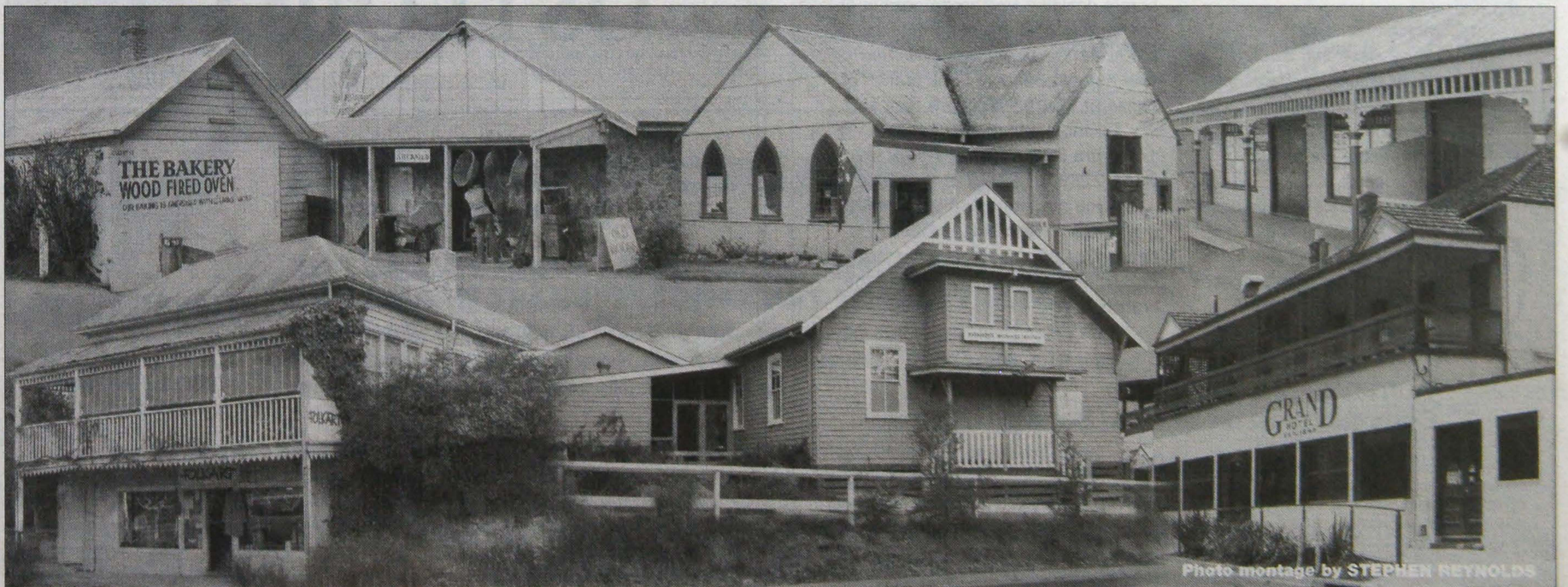
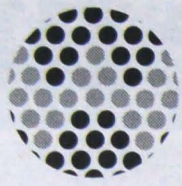


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## Warrandyte Community Association

### COMMUNITY PUBLIC FORUM and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13 July  
Warrandyte Senior Citizens Clubrooms  
Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte

8pm • AGM

The formal AGM will be followed by an opportunity for members to comment on matters of interest regarding the Warrandyte Community Association.

Nominations for the committee should be lodged by 30th June 2006. Interested members are welcome to join the committee which currently has several vacancies. Proxy and nomination forms have been circulated and extras are available from Val Polley, 9844 3086.

#### 8.30pm • Community Public Forum with our local and state politicians

The following representatives will be at the meeting to answer questions and discuss issues facing Warrandyte. Come and join in the debate.

**Danielle Green** Member for Yan Yean, **Phil Honeywood** Member for Warrandyte, **Pat Young** Mullum Mullum Ward Councillor, Manningham City Council, **Ron Kitchingman** Mullum Mullum Ward Councillor, Manningham City Council

# Transport plan = nil

By EMMA CLARK

Warrandyte will not receive any benefits from the state government's new transport plan, Meeting Our Transport Challenges, released last month.

The plan will provide \$10.5 billion over the next 10 years towards transport infrastructure in Melbourne and will provide a base from which to launch future transport projects.

Warrandyte and Park Orchards are major thoroughfares from the outer north eastern region to the inner suburbs of Melbourne.

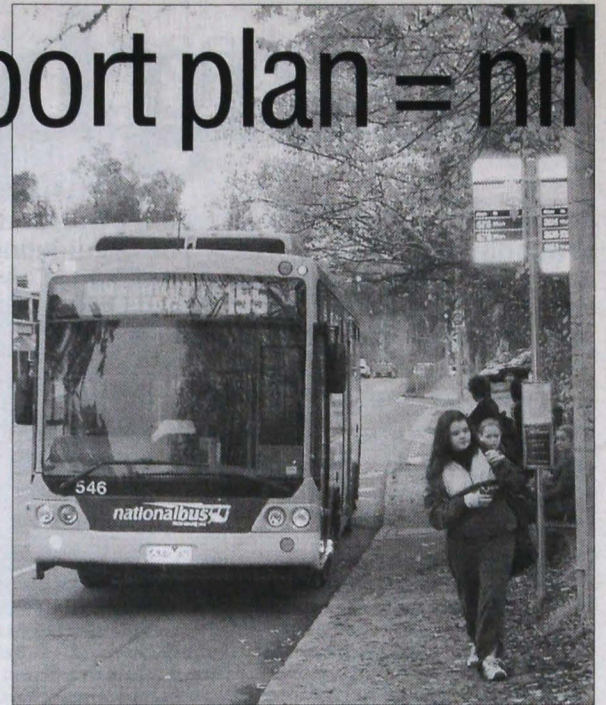
The Warrandyte bridge is the only pedestrian or vehicular bridge across the Yarra River between Fitzsimons Lane in Templestowe and Yarra Glen—a distance of about 23km.

Associate Professor Nicholas Low, director of the Australasian Centre for the Governance and Management of Urban Transport and local resident, is disappointed by the lack of attention Warrandyte has been given.

"Almost every suburb has been included in the plan, except Warrandyte. We seem to have been left off the map. The government is trying to do something for the existing urban suburbs, but does nothing for the outer fringe suburbs.

"I don't think that the plan is all bad, as they are genuinely giving some attention to public transport, but it is very disappointing and bad for Warrandyte."

Public transport in Warrandyte, particularly in North Warrandyte, is minimal, with buses running to the nearest train station in Eltham every one or two hours. On Saturdays, buses run along Kangaroo Ground Road and Research-Warrandyte Road roughly every one hour and 20 minutes. There is no bus service on Sundays.



Warrandyte will be relying on indifferent bus services well into the future. (Picture by Emma Clark)

"The bus service in North Warrandyte is abysmal," said Jonathan Upson of Warrandyte Community Association. "If a train is late, which often happens, then it is easy to miss the next bus and be left waiting for an hour."

"The government has no trouble spending money on roads, but if the public transport system was improved the roads wouldn't need as much money spent on them."

Several significant improvements on the Hurstbridge rail line will impact on local residents who commute to the city. The development of another track and bridge at Westgarth will improve the rail service by making inbound trains run faster as they won't have to wait for oncoming trains.

There is also provision to develop a later train service from the city. Currently trains stop at around midnight, meaning late

night commuters have to either arrange alternative transport or catch a taxi, costing up to \$100 from the CBD to Warrandyte.

A spokesperson for Manningham council said, "The plan is a major breakthrough and a significant paradigm shift. It is wonderful to have the state government focus their thinking and considerable resources on the vital issue of transport."

"Council expects that there should be many benefits to the Doncaster corridor. We will need time to appreciate the full detail, the extent of the program and its local impact."

In Manningham, the plan will include improvements to Doncaster metropolitan bus services and increased service hours and frequency. However, Warrandyte is not included in the plan, despite being a key access point into Doncaster and Templestowe from Ringwood and the eastern suburbs.

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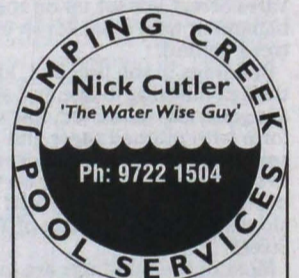
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# Traffic concerns drive WCA year

The Warrandyte Community Association has dealt with a variety of issues this year, including defence of the Green Wedge, gate closure and funding at Warrandyte State Park and a wide range of planning problems.

Traffic gridlock and the poor state of local public transport have been stand-out issues.

In a newsletter distributed to members, WCA president, Dick Davies, reported that the association had held a successful forum on traffic issues late last year.

The forum attracted 90 people and was well received. Five overall concerns emerged: traffic volume, emergency access, pedestrian safety, public transport and the need to maintain the character and community feel of the area.

"The direct outcome has been the setting up of a traffic sub-committee," Mr Davies said. The sub-committee will discuss with school committees the possibility of reducing car traffic to and from schools, explore options for walking tracks and investigate improved bus services.

"Manningham council re-

mains committed to re-zoning the Green Wedge to allow further development of the Donvale Christian School," Mr Davies said.

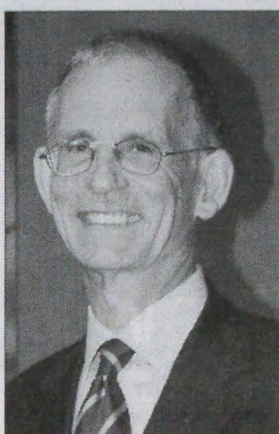
"WCA has a mandate from its membership to protect the Green Wedge (non-urban areas). While WCA recognises that the school has been on its site since the 1970s, we have opposed the current amendment application for rezoning for a number of reasons."

These include in-principle opposition to "spot rezonings"; education centres are no longer permissible within the zone; works applied for appear excessive and contrary to the purpose and objectives of the Green Wedge.

"The (renovation) of the Gospel Chapel, about which we had voiced concerns earlier, is now settled to good effect."

WCA has established a sub-committee to identify economically viable yet environmentally sustainable activities in the Green Wedge.

"Fire is always a concern, and we met with State Park officers to discuss fuel management. However, the under-funding of Warrandyte State Park remains



Dick Davies: "mandate from its members".

a worry and we have lobbied state MPs on that.

"One manifestation of smaller budgets is their decision to leave the park gates open at night, which encourages hooliganism—which is why they were locked in the first place!"

WCA has been represented at community planning workshops in Nillumbik and on a fo-

rum to develop an "ageing strategy" in Manningham.

The strategy will identify types of services required by older people. This could include planning for appropriate housing, recreation and leisure programs and better transport options. Community comment will be sought on the draft strategy later in the year.

"The association presented at the state government's community cabinet in Nillumbik. In addition there have been numerous meetings with councillors," Mr Davies said.

"WCA made a submission to the community cabinet. It met with officers from the department of planning and environment to discuss submissions to VCAT, expressing concern that in several recent decisions, VCAT ignored the clear intent of environmental planning provisions, guidelines and policies."

The annual general meeting of WCA will be held at 8pm on Thursday, July 13 at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Tarooona Avenue. Everyone is welcome.

"Come and meet your politicians and discuss critical issues facing Warrandyte," Mr Davies said.

## River activist scoops pool

Warrandyte resident Ian Penrose has been honoured by Environment Victoria, receiving their Volunteer Conservation Award.

The award was made earlier this month as part of the World Environment Day celebrations.

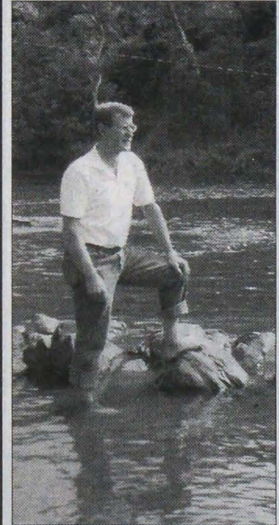
"Mr Penrose, a leading member of the Yarra Riverkeepers Association, won the award for his outstanding contribution in promoting the Yarra River as a resource that needs protecting," an Environment Victoria spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"Local heroes across the country are working to secure Australia's future and we wanted to acknowledge their efforts."

"Ian Penrose has done an amazing job down on the Yarra, raising its profile among local communities, getting his hands dirty protecting and enhancing the river."

"He has played a vital role educating the local Yarra River communities about why we must protect this river—which provides 70 percent of Melbourne's drinking water," the spokesperson said.

"More than a million people live in the Yarra catchment," Ian Penrose said. "Our mission is to raise awareness across these communities about both the plight and the delights of the Yarra and how all of us can help care for the river."



Ian Penrose: "amazing job".

## WCA champions sporting issues

The Warrandyte Community Association has been active this year in two projects aimed at improving sporting options for young people in the area.

These include a home for the Warrandyte Netball Club and the establishment of a canoe club for younger children.

"The Warrandyte Netball Club was established in 1952," WCA president Dick Davies said. "It currently has about 180 playing members and many supporting parents."

"It competes against other clubs every week on outdoor courts at the Templestowe Leisure Centre." These courts accommodate about 60 competitive games, from Under-11 to Open Age each week.

Almost all of the 19 Warrandyte teams train at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve and training is squeezed in between school finishing time and dusk on week nights.

"Supporting infrastructure is almost non-existent," Mr Davies said. "Canvassing council and the local power supplier over many years has failed to provide the girls with even a light."

"Their sporting equipment is housed nearby and there is nowhere for the club to convene

meetings, socialise, instruct up-and-coming coaches and players or take refuge from bad weather during those long winter months."

WCA discussed with the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club and the Warrandyte Football Club the possibility of partnership options.

"The football club responded very positively to some ideas for developing shared infrastructure and we are very optimistic that this could be the beginning of a productive partnership," Mr Davies said.

WCA has suggested that "it would be great if Warrandyte could have its own canoe club for primary age students. The Yarra River provides both a recreational space and a perfect bush setting."

Interest has been received from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools and from a local enterprise, Adventure Canoeing.

"There could be a connection between the canoe club project and the restoration of the old dairy building below Yarra Street," Mr Davies said. "The old dairy could provide practical facilities shelter, instructional space and storage."

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Warrandyte resident and apprentice jeweller, Joel Drew, has struck gold at the National WorldSkills Championships held at Jeff's Shed last month.

Under the intense pressure of an audience of thousands, the constant scrutiny of the judges, and fierce competition from apprentices and qualified jewellers alike, Joel's skill shone through to win him the gold medal for jewellery.

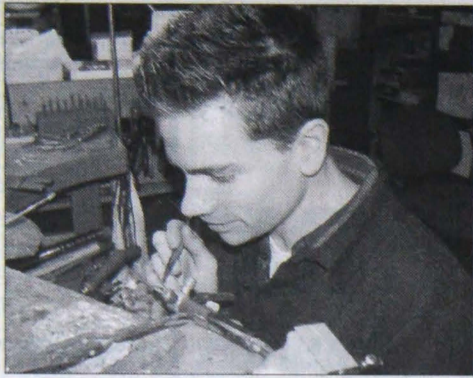
Joel had three six-hour days to complete a complicated brooch design from a drawing presented to the competitors at the commencement of the competition.

The 18ct gold pieces were assessed at the end of competition according to stage of completion, accuracy of measurements, interpretation of design, and general appearance of completed piece.

Joel's win may gain him a place at the International WorldSkills competition in Japan next year.

It has been quite a run of success for Joel, who is currently a third-year apprentice jeweller with Ruby Tuesday Jewellery in Warrandyte. He has also been awarded Apprentice of the Year by Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE, which he attends as part of his training.

Joel said that while winning the gold medal was a surprising bonus, competing in such a challenging environment has been an invaluable lesson as well as an unexpectedly sociable and fun experience.



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## New look for Scout hall

By **STUART TEATHER**

Warrandyte's Scout hall is receiving a \$51,000 upgrade, funded entirely by Manningham council.

The works, including a new roof, boards and a paint job, are expected to be completed by the end of June, within plenty of time for the Scout hall's 50th anniversary next year.

According to local Scout leader Don Hughes, the council's decision to renovate Warrandyte's Scout hall was in recognition of the work the group does in the community.

"I think the council is happy with the growth and prosperity that our Scout group has shown. They want to reinforce positive youth work," Mr Hughes said.

Warrandyte's renovations are the first in a series of changes to Manningham's Scout structure, with several Scout halls to receive upgrades in coming years, and three to be demolished.

The 50 year anniversary of the Warrandyte Scout hall coincides with the 100 year anniversary of Scouts worldwide.

Australia will mark the occa-

sion with a jamboree at Elmore in northern Victoria, which will be attended by 13 Warrandyte Scouts.

The Scouting Movement began in 1907, with the first camp held on Brown Sea Island, in England. Since then, Scouts has become the biggest youth organisation in the world, with over 17 million members.

Before Warrandyte had a Scout hall, Mr Hughes says the group met under a lantern by the river, until chilly parents decided to hold raffles to raise money for a hall.

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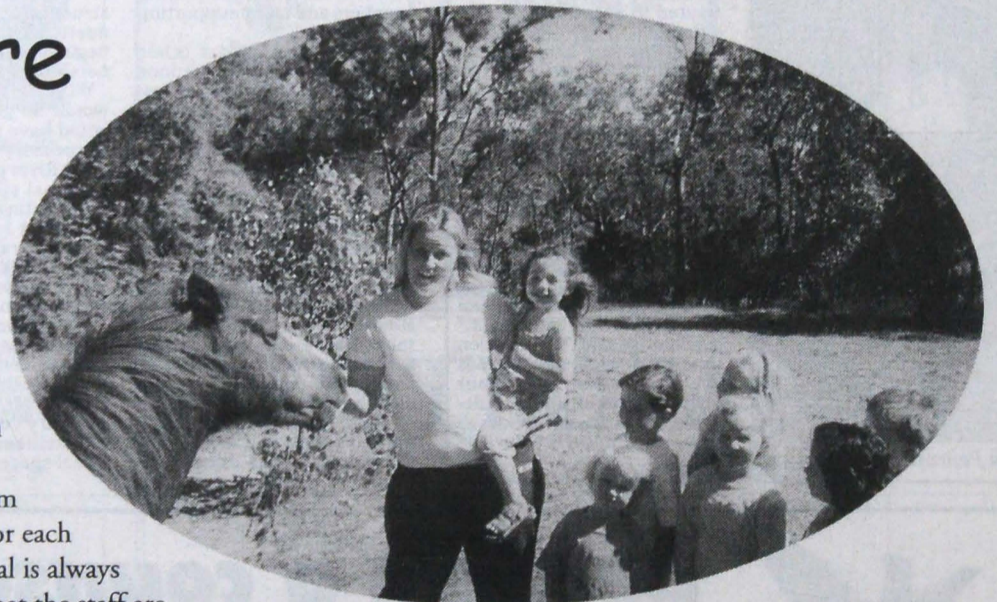
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"In Manningham, there are approximately 50 charity organisations, and more than 800 community groups covering the areas of health, welfare, aged services, emergency services, sport, environment, culture, animal welfare, religion, and other sectors."

"We are currently working to finalise the details of the nomination process and the selection criteria. It is anticipated that the nomination forms and selection criteria will be available in July," Cr Young said.

The award will be presented on International Volunteers Day in December.

# An ear to the past

By JOANNE GREEN

Residents and visitors can now eavesdrop on Warrandyte's past, following the installation last month of six soundposts at various sites around the town.

By pushing each of a series of buttons on the posts, passers-by can listen to recordings cataloguing our rich history.

"I believe it's the first of its kind in Manningham," Gina Bevan-Jones of the Historical Society told the *Diary*. "It's a good thing that they chose Warrandyte to install these. They will complement our artists trail very well."

The posts form a trail and have been placed in Whipstick Gully, outside the old post office, outside the Mechanic's Institute, the community centre, at the Federation playspace and outside the Stone House.

Each button on the posts has a recorded passage—speech or music which lasts around five minutes—dealing with various aspects of Warrandyte's heritage.

The posts at Whipstick Gully and the Stone House inform visitors of Warrandyte's gold mining history and include information on the different goldmines, mining techniques and the story of Bill Hartrick who worked the Caledonia mine.

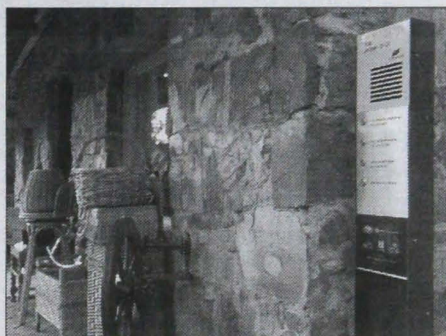
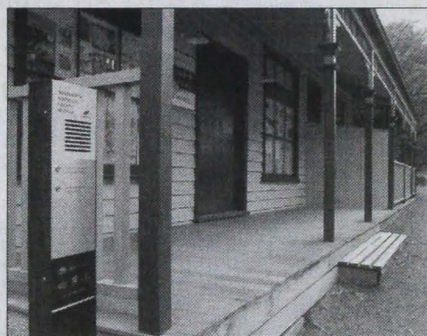
The post at the Stone House also features the story of past store owners Daisy and Violet Hawkes as well as information about Warrandyte's potters.

Other posts provide detailed information about our indigenous forbears, the Wurundjeri people. The post at the Mechanic's Institute relates the history

of that venerable organisation and the group that has inherited its role in the community, the Warrandyte Arts Association.

The posts have been installed by Manningham council "with assistance from the Mechanics Institute and the Historical Society," Gina Bevan-Jones said. We provided the historical information."

Others in the local community have been involved, including the Warrandyte Theatre Company, who performed the historical "conversations" and Anderson's Creek and Warrandyte primary schools. The kids contributed old bush songs for two of the posts. Most of the funding was provided by Manningham council with assistance from the Warrandyte Community Bank.



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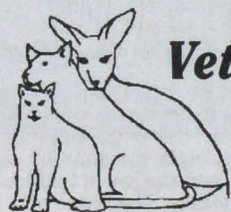
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# 50 years without slumbering

The Warrandyte Arts Association celebrated its 50th anniversary last month. JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS reflects on the WAA story...

**T**HE 1940s saw a new kind of resident arrive in Warrandyte—professional families with urban tastes and suburban expectations. Joan Golding (WAA's founding secretary) was one of the first.

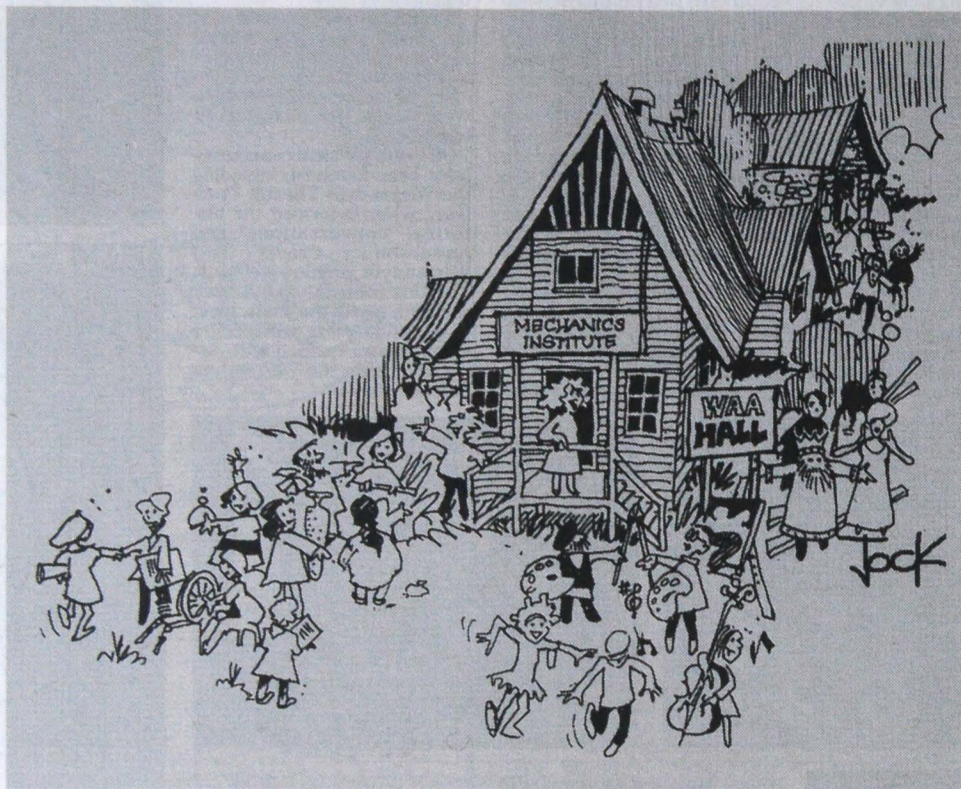
Joan remembers feeling different: "The locals were amazed when they heard that my husband Ron was commuting to the city each day." Not that she met many locals to begin with. "We moved to Warrandyte in 1944. In those days I was so shy that I would cross the street if I saw somebody coming my way."

Joan gradually gained confidence while organising such community events as balls, concerts and plays. "Whatever we wanted—entertainment, a children's play group or a tennis court—we had to organise for ourselves. It was mostly done by women, working on committees of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, Red Cross or the Country Women's Association."

By 1955 Joan knew that she and her friends had outgrown the limitations of these all-female groups and with Vern Davidson established the WAA. "We called a meeting to form a drama group and were amazed at how many people turned up. Not only actors, but also potters, painters, artisans, writers and musicians."

Key amongst them was pianist Ann Arnold. She had acquired her love of fine music in her youth, inspired in part by the teachers at the experimental Koornong school (then in what is now Koornong Crescent, North Warrandyte).

"You had to be pretty keen to go to a concert in the city—a long trip winding through the suburbs," she recalled, "so it was really exciting to have our own arts group. We could decide what concerts to put on. We started to organise informal music evenings in each other's homes.



"Musicians would come with their friends and family. There was always a special place for the children. Later, in the 1970s I was impressed by one of the children in particular, Phoebe Briggs. She became my student. Phoebe loved music with a passion like I did. Even as a child she could express deep and subtle feelings on the piano."

By 1978 the association had presented 90 concerts and plays. The pottery classes had waiting lists. The painters' group was recording healthy sales from monthly exhibitions. The musicians' homes could barely contain the number of enthusiasts and the craft group had burgeoned. The WAA had come of age and was now meeting important community needs.

"We moved to Warrandyte in 1977," Jenny Harkin recalled. "The first thing I did was join the theatre group. First I was working front-of-house, then my big break came when I played Clytie,

the butterfly in 'The Insect Comedy'. Before I knew it I was drama representative on the WAA central committee." It was a fluid and easy immersion into a community she now loves with a passion.

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall had always been WAA's unofficial home. By the 1970s it had fallen into such a state of disrepair that demolition threatened. WAA saved the day by amalgamating with the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute, forming the WMI&AA and assuming responsibility for the hall. This enabled the raising of funds and the renovation of the building.

Long-serving pottery coordinator Marjorie Beecham recounted many stories—about retrieving dysfunctional clay from a Kangaroo Ground quarry and potting

in the makeshift studio in the old bakery. "There were no windows, and I remember potting as the hail rained onto my legs—you couldn't see a thing if the door was closed.

"We have always run weekly workshops where students learn all aspects of the potter's craft. Over the years we have completed four community projects—including installations at The Pines and the Federation Path in Warrandyte. We finished the two sculptures by the front door of the hall just in time for the 50th anniversary.

"You know, we never asked anyone for anything—except hot water. It's not that we asked for hot water, but about four years ago Ken (Virtue, the Association president) heard we didn't have it so he installed it. Other than that, our clay, kilns, glazes, everything we have, we bought out of funds we raised."

Conveyed through subtle nuance, Marjorie and her fellow travellers express highly valued aspects of Australian culture that many believe are extinct. A kind of self-reliant bush inventiveness mixed with mateship and mutual support. It's a unique and precious thing, more valuable to some than all the gold extracted from the Caledonia seam, and passed on to the young in a multitude of ways.

Matt Moran (now 20) reputedly slept in his bassinet on top of the piano while his mother rehearsed for the Warrandyte Follies. "Now I'm studying public relations at RMIT. Last Christmas I directed my first play in Warrandyte. It was called 'The Accidental Death of an Anarchist' and it has four main characters. There was a problem with one of the parts, so I stepped in and played it myself."

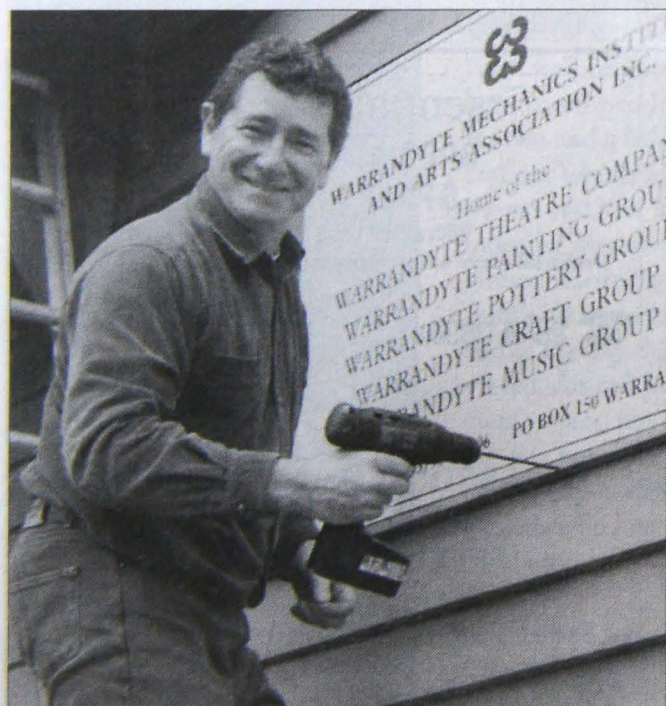
Matt spoke of his interest in film and radio, new forms of self expression and the convergence of the media. He is looking forward to incorporating new technologies in future productions.

Ann Arnold's erstwhile student—Phoebe Briggs—who now works in Sydney as a répétiteur pianist for Opera Australia, related what was special about her time with the WAA.

"The music group was always a warm and welcoming audience where everyone was encouraged to play for the love of it. People of all ages and experience came together and encouraged each other to 'give it a go' in a friendly no-pressure environment."

And the future? "Obviously, Warrandyte is a different place now," Phoebe said. "It's changed so much, even in my lifetime. Much of the work of the WAA is bearing down on several key individuals. So there will be change in the coming years, there has to be. But whatever happens, I hope the WAA retains its unique character—spontaneity, camaraderie and an abiding love and respect for the creative process."

The night-time celebrations on May 27 moved through many moods—the buzz of gossip, the glow of nostalgia, the anarchy of vaudeville and the joy of half-forgotten melodies. The lyrics of the grandfather clock song echo: "It stopped short, never to go again when the old man died..." Let us hope the Warrandyte Arts Association never dies, but continues to navigate the hills and valleys of generational change these next 50 years.



WAA president Ken Virtue attaches a new sign to the front wall of the hall.



Marjorie and her potters have been applying the finishing touches to their sculpture.



Ann Arnold, WAA music group stalwart, teaches piano in the after-school program at Warrandyte Primary School.

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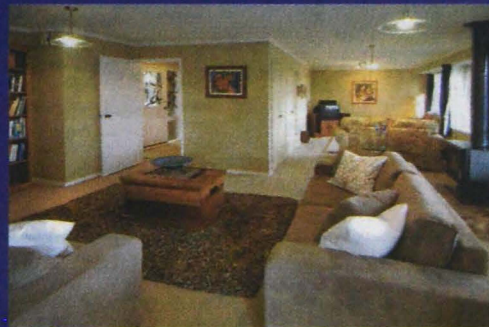
Most people think Spring is the ideal time to market their home, but did you know that Winter offers numerous benefits to savvy homeowners? Winter can be a great time to offer your home to potential purchasers, as traditionally there are fewer properties available in the marketplace. Coming in from the cold at open-for-inspections really gives potential purchasers a sense of how welcoming your home is, but preparation is the key. To ensure your home is a standout favourite, imagine yourself as a potential purchaser and ask, "Is my home warm and inviting?" Here are a few tips to make Winter really work for you:

- **let there be light!** open all blinds and curtains & prune garden bushes/trees that may be blocking natural light. Turn on all the lights so your home has a warm and inviting glow from the street. Table lamps offer a nice warm light and are excellent placed near windows.
- **light my fire** turn on the heating at least one hour before open-for-inspections & if you have a working open fireplace, light the fire.
- **mood music** soft ambient music creates a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.
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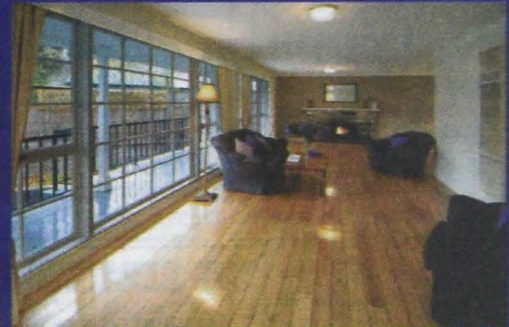
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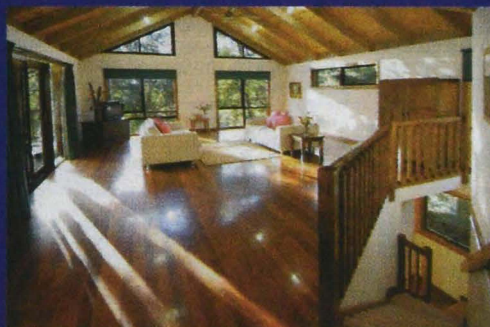
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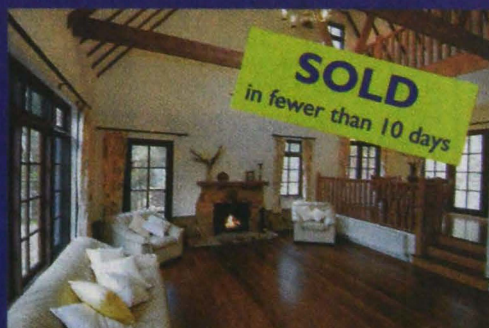
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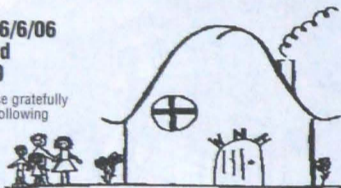
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# Vegie paradise: an' that is your bloomin' lot!

**S**CENE 1: A vegetable garden in autumn; an area about seven by eight metres. It has the remains of some tomato plants that have seen better times, some ageing zucchini vines, a few remnant lettuces, and a collection of stakes, tied tepee fashion in the middle of a well-tilled veggie plot. Into this scene walks Roger. He surveys the scene then smiles, knowingly.

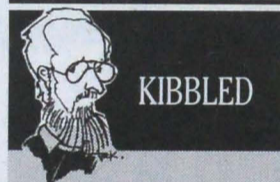
**Scene 2:** Roger on the phone. He is wearing a tweed jacket, moleskins, gumboots and a Harris Tweed cap so he is obviously ready for gardening. The phone book is open at the garden supplies section.

**Scene 3:** Herself tempting Roger to a cup of tea and scones, jam and cream. In the background, the veggie garden is cleaned and the vegetable matter is shredded and is just about to be forked into the substantial compost bins, positioned just inside the gate to the veggie garden.

**Scene 4:** Trucks depositing dark loam, bales of compost straw, bags of lime, pelletised fertiliser, packets of seeds and tray after tray of different types of magnificent vegetable seedlings.

**Scene 5:** Close-ups of the rejuvenated vegetable plots. They have all been covered in a thick layer of worm-drenched, compost-rich loam.

**Scene 6:** All the seedlings are planted, are staked in preparation for instant growth and Roger is just about to put the finishing touches to the last bit of straw compost between the plastic-protected, pruned



**"Everything they plant reaches full height and begins bearing within a fortnight. I planted some broccoli seedlings and they lasted a week..."**

strawberry runners. To this point, his gumboots are still pristine, his jacket is unbuttoned and the only hint that there has been some physical exertion is the glow on the brow of his finely chiselled, outdoorsy face.

**Scene 7:** The vegetable plants are now growing well and Roger is feeding the beds with bags full of sheep, chicken and cow manure. This, of course is after the rows have been lightly raked to rid them of the odd errant weed that has drifted into his garden paradise. He stands, smiling, obviously imag-

ining plates full of steaming, nutritious, home-grown vegetables.

**Scene 8:** A luxuriant vegetable garden. Bees buzz, worms perform yoga in the turned sods, the plants groan under the weight of sun-ripened produce and Herself and Roger glow with good health. The scene dissolves into a sunburst of feel-goodness.

If only!  
 The advantage the TV gardening program has over reality is the "Cut!" camera direction. On the screen, all you see are the edited highlights. In the same way that the sex scenes in movies avoid the realities of parental exhaustion, cold bedrooms, back problems, mess and all-encompassing worries about finances, the gardening programs also avoid the realities of veggie gardening.

In the TV program, you never see the difficulties of getting the delivered produce from the front nature strip, up the driveway, around the impossibly tight corners of the house, across the boggy back lawn to the minute space left in a corner of the veggie plot, at present housing a cross and some wilted flowers, left after the recent moving ceremony on the occasion of Rover's passing.

Nor do they ever run out of bag after bag of manure, rich topsoil and lime to add to the compost heap, in my case compost slime. Each time I watch one of TV's salt-of-the-earth gardeners deliver throwaway lines about not forgetting to turn the heap or to remember to keep it "alive" with more topsoil and fertiliser, I want to kill. No one I

know is able to keep spare mounds of "mouth-wateringly good" soil on standby in case the compost heap cries out for a good going over.

Nor do the TV shows worry about costs. Have you seen the way they prepare the beds for the next season's crop?

"Just spread on this one tonne bag of Isa Brown's pelletised chook manure, these two enormous bags full of ground reindeer antler, a truckload of designer and organically certified chemicals and dig it in no deeper than half a metre so that the worms from your worm farm will be forced to come to the surface."

Nor do they ever seem to have any pests or crappy seedlings. Everything they plant reaches full height and begins bearing within a fortnight. I planted some broccoli seedlings and they lasted a week until some feathered creature found them and ate every leaf. They must have been adolescent birds because they didn't eat the hard stems. The lot before that were eaten by snails or cut worms or badgers or rabbits or... Those that weren't eaten developed root rot.

Despite all this, I'm not defeated. I've just watched another gardening program that advocates a no-dig method. No fussing about with all that heavy soil. Evidently it's simple. All I need is 10 or so bales of straw, a cubic metre of old newspapers, well rotted leaves from the Magic Faraway Tree and a full-time quintsy gardener.

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# Precious plant comes back from the prehistoric past

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Several months ago I had ordered the pine from the Australian Geographic Society in a special pre-release offer and here it was, in all its ancient splendour, on my kitchen floor. I touched again the dull, blue-green, frond-like foliage arranged in radial symmetry rather like a Christmas Tree. New growth is apparently bright apple green—I look forward to that.

Even at this early stage my pine has developed several stems at its base. As the tree grows these become its trunks. One 40 metre high Wollemi can have four or five trunks up to one metre in diameter with bark consisting of tiny brown nodules that resemble tightly packed rice bubbles.

The strangest part of the plant, already evident on my youngster, is its growing points; dormant at this time of the year and protected by a pinkish white coating called "polar caps".

*Wollemia nobilis*, the Wollemi Pine, is named after David Noble the intrepid bushwalker who discovered this previously unknown species in the Wollemi

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

National Park on the Central Tablelands of New South Wales. It was September 1994 when David Noble abseiled down a canyon into pre-history. The deep rugged gorge into which he descended protected a stand of warm temperate rain-forest. There on a ledge he found a grove of large trees that were like nothing else he had ever seen before.

Returning with a piece of the foliage, David Noble showed a botanist colleague at the National Parks and Wildlife Service. He thought it was a fern until Noble informed him, "it's a bloody big tree!"

It took a team of botanists, including a conifer expert, to proclaim the tree as a new species, known previously only from fossil remains. A survivor from the "Age of the Dinosaurs", the Wollemi Pine evolved around 100 million years ago and was presumed extinct for 60 million years. Its closest living relatives include the Kauri, Norfolk Island, Hoop, Bunya Bunya and Monkey Puzzle pines.

Once the discovery was made public it was critical to keep its location a secret to protect the trees from vandalism, pilfering and disease. Unfortunately the search for the secret site can become a challenge and inevitably some have found it. There is evidence that the canyon has been visited by unauthorized persons with no regard for correct sterilisation procedures.

In November last year the



root rot fungus *Phytophthora cinnamomi* was confirmed in the soil and in at least one of the pines. The fungus causes dieback and because Wollemis reproduce by cloning (there is no genetic variation in the seed) the whole population is seriously threatened.

Since the original discovery, two other populations have been found in the Wollemi National Park and, for the mo-

ment, they are safe. In the hope that commercialisation would protect the pines, research into its horticultural propagation was begun. The pine proved surprisingly easy to grow. In the wild, few seeds are produced and seedlings are extremely slow. However, in artificial conditions pines grown from cuttings strike well and flourish, growing to a metre in three years. Not only that, they are very adaptable and will tolerate heat, cold, full sun and shade, making them ideal plants for the garden or pot.

Looking at my own prehistoric pine, I thought, how ironic that one of the most threatened species on earth can be cultivated with such ease. Thank goodness it can. Perhaps I will buy another.

### Plant of the Month

One of the hardiest and showiest of our local creepers is called *Hardenbergia violacea*, known commonly as Purple Coral Pea. This tough creeper is also a climber, scrambling through shrubs with wiry stems. Purple Coral Pea has thick, dark green lance-shaped leaves and, as its name suggests, sprays of purplish pea flowers in late winter or early spring. Forestry tubes of this local gem can be obtained this month from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery which is located at the rangers depot at Pound Bend. For more information contact the nursery manager on 0408 313 7327

# Legends in their own lifestyle

**I**'LL admit to living a sheltered life, but I've just discovered that I might not be living at all.

What is this "lifestyle" obsession? I thought a lifestyle was something that developed, rather like patina, as one pottered along through the years. Apparently not. It seems it's more about what you acquire than what you do.

People keen to have a lifestyle should consider getting the following:

Accommodation that provides "lifestyle living". This is usually found for either the over-55s in cosy self-contained villages, or for childless city slickers in high-rise apartments with a view unimpeded by furniture.

Occasionally lifestyle acreages crop up out this way, but mostly only acreages complete with stables, ménage, tennis court, pool and 6-bedroom ranch. A truly individual home, the sort that might get written up as "classic country" or "sea-change perfection". I'm sure you've seen the sort of thing—exquisitely renovated farmhouses, revealing rich timbers and well-worn stone, set off by a little orchard laden with golden pears and crisp apples,

**OUR PLACE**  
By **MARILYN MOORE**

and a kitchen garden fragrant with lemon thyme and lavender. Or ultra-modern beach houses with fashionably minimalist interiors perched amongst great hunks of sandstone with gnarled banksias and panoramic ocean views.

Furniture and accessories that make lifestyle statements. Get yourself one of those huge glossy magazines that details "today's essentials for living". It'll run you through everything from upholstery to artworks, saucapans to guest soaps, clothing to make-up—even what your partner should look like.

A holiday at an expensively remote lifestyle destination. From the great rift valleys of east Africa to the Amazonian jungles, from the ski fields of Canada to the languid blue waters of the Yatacan Islands—there are countless breathtaking spots to wine and dine.

The Look. There are magazines galore to help here. Sensuous clothes, entrancing per-

fumes, glowing make-up and skin treatments... These pages reveal an art-house world that often seems completely bizarre. But those who partake don't seem to find it so. In fact they always look extraordinarily relaxed and happy.

What do people with lifestyles do all day? Very little information is available on this, unless you choose lifestyle accommodation that comes with timetabled activities (such as scrabble, carpet bowls, line dancing, and so on).

People who choose "classic country" lifestyles often take tea in the garden, or stand around admiring the verandah posts, or come up with new colour schemes for the gardener. The high-rise city slickers go to the gym a lot and have a never-ending choice of cuisines and cafes. That's just as well, too, since many lifestyle studio apartments don't have kitchens.

Is there really much difference between the average Warrandyte resident and people with lifestyles? You might be surprised. I flicked through 300-odd pages in one of those "everything you need for lifestyle living" magazines the other day. Blimey! How much of this stuff

do you need to be classified as "living"? We're clearly pining for the fjords with all our might around here. The only bare necessity we own—a fitball—is so neglected it hardly counts.

Mind you, I've got nothing against spectacular holidays. I've been on a few myself. And I love beautiful homes. I'll never own one, but it's reassuring to know that they're there and somebody's taking good care of them.

It's the magazine content that's a worry. It's all back-to-front. Things that should be exotic, like South America or remote Pacific islands, seem more real to me than off-beat "essentials". Does one really need gelatin leaves (preferably titanium strength) instead of gelatine powder? Or injections of toxic microbes to kill off one's facial muscles on the off-chance that one might look better afterwards? Or a \$2000 pair of high-length calfskin boots? Or an industrial-strength espresso machine?

We're talking parallel worlds here—planet Earth where we actually live, and another nameless paradise where a lifestyle awaits. Now if it wasn't for having to buy your way in, I'd say that sounded vaguely familiar!

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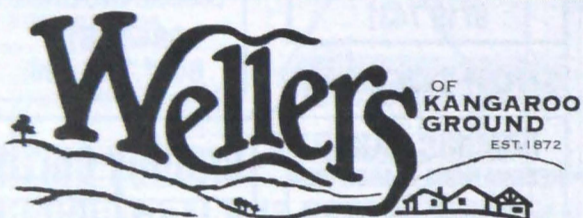
# The artist

And here's the old lion, Gus the potter stiff slow walk somehow still relaxed, purposeful. He's done his shopping, clutching his bags—one of them a red no doubt

*"I can remember the time when the main street (now almost city frenzied and filled with failing reminders that we're supposed to be in the slow lane out here) was once a dirt road so quiet, you could drive roaring drunk down the middle and meet no-one."*

He is the red-drinking rogue who is our artist's soul the raw bush and solitude—manna to his muse. Now all the new ones see is just a stiff old man with cloth cap and beard, never dreaming of the magic still lurking in those gnarled old hands.

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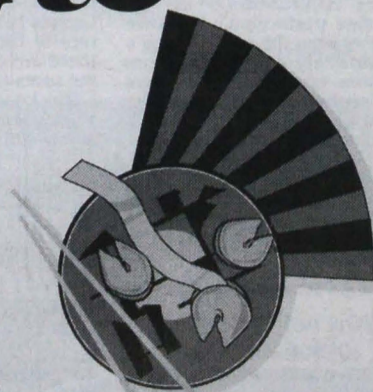
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# Legacy of a remarkable woman

By YVONNE LYNTON REID

JO LAURENCE was born Joan Garratt in October 1941, at Eaglehawk, just out of Bendigo. Although she was very young when she left there, stories of the old gold-mining area figured quite strongly in her memory as a child, so perhaps her well-known love of local history was born partly from that link with her birthplace and Warrandyte, her home for almost 60 years. My story of our friendship of well over 50 years here in our town is but one example of how she was known, appreciated and loved by many friends whose lives were enriched by knowing her until we lost her on May 12, 2006.

One day when I was about eight years old, my big sister Beverley said to me, "I've just met a new friend for you. Her name's Joan. She's tall for her age and she's got blonde hair—she's really pretty. They live in The Boulevard." She told me she'd walked up Sloan's Hill beside Joan and her very small mother Mavis, who was pushing a big bike. When they got to the flatter part, Joan had hopped on behind her diminutive mum. "Her legs nearly touch the ground when her mum dinks her. It looked amazing—you should have seen them whizzing downhill!"

As young girls we did everything together—weekends, weekdays, holidays. We travelled to school on the bus together—she to Our Lady's in Eltham and I to Eltham High. She taught me the catechism and the names of the different grades of sin and explained the sacred and protective significance of the scapula—little pieces of square cloth sewn together that she wore around her neck. Even then Jo was intensely interested in the stories of things, how they came to be, what they were for and why, and how one could relate to them in a meaningful way.

In summer time the river and its surrounds was our magic territory. We swam a lot, of course—strong young women plunging upstream or down, and we also rowed, or rather paddled. Jo's dad, gentle Tom, was a genius at making things from bits and pieces. Most of us kids had make-shift river craft—slats of wood lashed to four-gallon cans made splendid rafts, and "belly-tanks" shaped like half-eggs left over from the war were our little canoes. Tom found Jo an inflatable dinghy, and fashioned two sets of paddles from army-ration tin plates, which he then fixed to each side of the dinghy, so that it worked like a mini paddle-steamer. He even added a little metal rudder to help steer it. If we drew our knees up under our chins there was room for the two of us to sit one at each end. We traversed every part of the river from upstream of the village, round both sides of Pound Bend, learning just where to shoot the rapids and avoid the sharp-est rocks.

A favourite area for displaying our water skills was the Kew Scout Camp, where we intended that the senior scouts should admire our ravishing beauty from a modest distance. They did, of course. One day we were just doing our expert navigation along the bank under willows to avoid the rapids when there was a whooshing sound and a terrible sinking feeling under our feet and bottoms. Amid roars

of laughter from the bank we rescued what we could of our disappearing gear and dragged the sad deflated dinghy up to dry land. But inspection by the charmingly "well-prepared" scouts revealed that only the plug had come adrift and the boys took gallant turns to help us reinflate. After a cup of tea and a getting-to-know-you chat they sent us on our way, with promises to meet at the pictures one Friday or Saturday at the Hall.

In the winter time, when we weren't in the river, we lived in each other's houses. My mum and dad loved Jo as if she were part of our family. I loved visiting their cottage high on the top Boulevard where Mavis kept an astounding number of cats and Tom, until his tragic death in 1962, had a million projects always on the go. Jo and I were already experimental cooks, and we even enjoyed sharing each other's chores. Mavis and Tom were clearly proud of their beautiful daughter and I believe she learned her extraordinary resourcefulness from them.

One day, as we lay sunbaking on the riverbank, I was complaining to Joan about people who got my name wrong and called me "Eeeev-on" instead of Y-vonne, with the emphasis on the last syllable. "Well at least it has got two syllables," she said. "How would you like to be called plain Joan? Joan-the-Moan!" she emphasised loudly, pulling a face as if Joan was really not the quite acceptable name it is. I, in my adolescent arrogance said, "Yes, it is a bit plain. I know. Why don't you drop the last half and just be Jo?" "Mmmm," she said approvingly. "Mmmm," with even more enthusiasm. She loved the idea. Mavis was much less enthusiastic! After a while she accepted "Jo" as inevitable, though I doubt she ever called her so herself.

Jo's involvement with Warrandyte Arts Association began in her teens. She helped me with the dance classes—playing music, organising groups of kids and working as backstage manager when we had recitals. Later she joined the drama group and had parts in several plays. On Saturday afternoons many WAA folk would meet at "the village club", aka the Grand Hotel, and these older people were for a while our principal friends as there were few people of our own age in WAA. At 18 Jo bought her famous Lambretta motor scooter and now she was the one who "dinked" me. I remember her long blonde hair flying in the wind as we set off to wherever the party was. Moonlit gatherings at Eltham at Knox's in York Street, as we pretended to be an antipodean Bohemia of artists and young intellectuals and uni students. Various interesting young gentlemen were smitten by the tall and beautiful Jo, and were equally intimidated by an apparent aloofness. She was, however, sometimes shy as well as selective. I do remember that an admirer had a pilot's licence and would fly across above The Boulevard and waggle his wings to attract her attention! Lambretta excursions took us to the Paris end of Collins Street to the candle-lit café, Prompt Corner, for more buzz of theatricality and intellect with celebs of the day like Frank Thring and Bunney Brooke, or to Le Jardin, where we smoked black Sobranies and assumed an incredible sophistication.



Shortly after I came back from a year overseas, flamboyant and charming engineer, Harbans Singh arrived to sweep Jo away with him, and soon there were letters and photos from Sandy Bay in Tasmania and Khancoban, where he was working on the Snowy, with wonderful descriptions of their adorable pair of twins. On a visit home when the twins were very small, we saw Jo as the epitome of wonderful mothering and managing—a pillow extending sideways in two directions on her lap. On one, a tiny, exquisite Anita snuggled as she fed, on the other side an equally beautiful Timothy alternately gazed up with huge brown eyes into his mummy's eyes, feeding with great enthusiasm.

Singh and Jo parted after a couple of years and she brought the children back to live with Mavis. When the twins were around six the handsome and lively Brian Laurence sprang into her life, and this time the smitiveness was thoroughly mutual. What a celebration! Who else could boast of having Skyhooks (then Frame) playing at their wedding? Jo was so happy, and Brian was beaming with the joy of his new family. Not only did he welcome Anita and Tim as his own, he legally adopted them for the security of their future. Later, another lovely pair of twins was born—Malcolm and Daniel, now strong handsome young men like their Dad. Each of the children were wonderfully encouraged in their creativity by their parents.

As a community we have so much to thank Jo for in her creativity, courage, toughness and enthusiasm. As founding member, and later president of the Historical Society, she is responsible for a wonderful museum collection of art history, paintings and photographs, telling the continually gathering story of our artistic forbears and community. The rebuilding of the vandalised and burned old post office, which now houses the museum, would not have been possible without her devoted persistence. Her part in the Soundposts Project, which was opened the day after her funeral, was one of her final contributions. It is generally not recalled that she was one of the first women to engage in the North Warrandyte CFA. At Potter's Cottage she worked first as an assistant but it wasn't long before her creative flair and capacity for selecting and curating exhibitions led to her managing the gallery, which she did with great creativity and innovation for many years until the restaurant and gallery were sold and irrevocably changed—a great loss to Jo, to Warrandyte and to all of us.

Jo was equally dedicated to conserving the unique bushscapes which surround our town. She once quietly stood in front of a bulldozer to stop unnecessary tree removal in the widening of Kangaroo Ground Road. One day in the early winter of 1976 she phoned me, sounding upset. "Vonne, they're going to subdivide Koornong!" (The 21 acres which includes the famous Dray Track beside the old Koornong school property). "I'll meet you there in 10 minutes" I said. We met at the beginning of the Dray Track and walked high up into the bush above the river. A soft grey mist hung in the air between the trees, enveloping us in that

silent, mysterious sense of waiting—so unique to our bush—only the sound of water dripping from the trees and the quiet rush of river. It seemed to us the bush was waiting for an answer from us. We looked at each other, both close to tears, each thinking what the proposal for 19 houses in this mystical, magical place would mean. "No bloody way," one of us—I can't remember which—said, and we clasped hands in a gesture of absolute determination. With many friends, much organisation and some real battles, we won that one. (It isn't generally known that the street theatre and picnic of that Warrandyte Wake Weekend grew, in fact, into the Warrandyte Festival.)

At her funeral the tributes from Jo's children and grandchildren, all of whom have inherited and been encouraged by her creative gifts, were both poignant and celebratory, and so full of love. Anita's gratitude for her mother's receptiveness, Tim's acknowledgement of her teaching that responsibility for others did not "stop at the front door"; Dan's recollection of his mum as "more than equal to the tough circumstances of her life," and Mal's appreciation of her capacity for hard work and her sense of justice were all represented, along with a moving tribute from each of the six grandchildren—Jess, Isabel, Angus, Artec, Kiran and Taran.

When I recall Jo's being with and talking about her children, I remember not only the obvious love, but another quality equally profound and without which love is not enough, especially perhaps in the age in which we live. That quality is respect. Together with the same quality shown by their father Brian, this way of being has left its mark on each one of the children and grandchildren: respect for difference, respect for individuality, for creativity and feeling. Perhaps it is something of that capacity for respect that I saw also as part of the love and pride that Mavis and Tom had for their lovely daughter, that Jo brought so creatively to her love for family and friends, her interest in our past and in our present community. This is the legacy of a remarkable woman who lived fully, though she died much too soon, whom all of us who loved and were enriched by her will hold in our hearts until we too leave this earth.

On a walk the day after Jo died, while I was trying to come to terms with the incomprehensible reality that she was gone, five magnificent black cockatoos alighted in a bare tree beside me, near where we had played and walked throughout our magic years. One by one the birds ceased their chatter and fell silent, looking down at us as my two dogs stood quietly by. I felt again that hush, the quiet waiting. A few days later a friend wrote that as Jo's casket was carried by family members from the overflowing little chapel at Kangaroo Ground, through the crowd of friends who had listened outside, and her friend Barry McKimm played hauntingly a trumpet version of a favourite song of our young days—"Petite Fleur"—a pair of black cockatoos made their way quietly along the drive ahead of her on her final journey.

Vale our dear Jo, we love you, appreciate and give thanks for your life, and we shall miss you.

# Wild west comes to Warrandyte!



"Hi there, pardner! You hitchin' up fer a shot o' this 'ere saloon's pizen?"  
(Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## Calamity hits the high school



Above: Julie Geddes plays Katie Brown.



Right: Meg Warren is Calamity Jane and John Leahy is Wild Bill Hickock.

Diamond Valley Singers are returning to Warrandyte High School with a production of the musical "Calamity Jane". In presenting this show, the singers are combining with the Diamond Valley and Eltham Community Orchestra. Opening on Friday, June 23 at 8pm, "Calamity Jane" will continue on Saturday, June 24 at 2pm and 8pm, Sunday, June 25 at 2pm Wednesday, June 28 and Friday, June 30 at 8pm and Saturday, July 1 at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets \$25 and \$20 concession and family—two adults and two children—\$60. Enquiries and booking to Jenny on 9459 2804.

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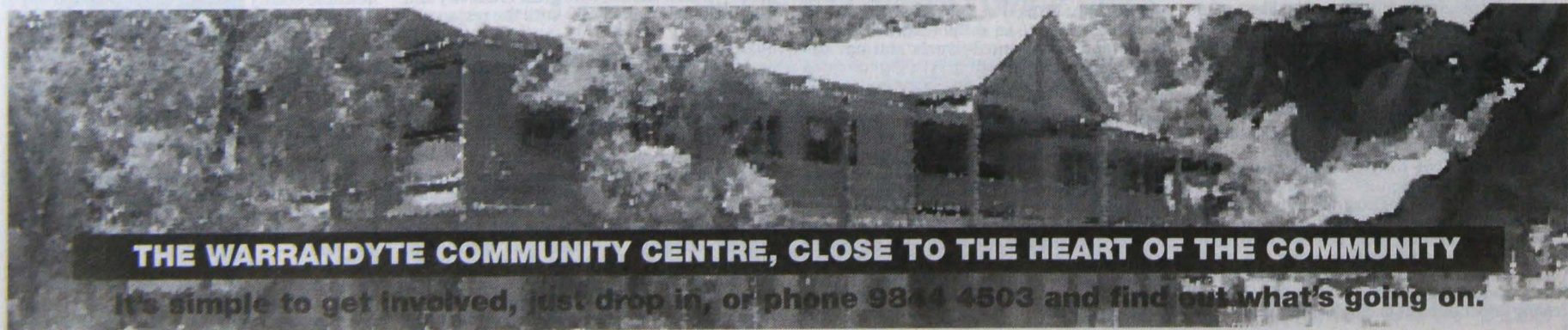
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This poster by former Warrandyte artist Geoff Coles announced an exhibition held to mark the centenary of Warrandyte Primary School. This led to the founding of the Warrandyte Historical Society. The society is celebrating its 30th anniversary next month.

The 30th annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society will take place at 2pm on Sunday, July 16 at their museum in Yarra Street, Warrandyte. The society will celebrate with guest speaker, Ted Rotherham, a founding member and past president recalling those eventful 30 years. The society grew out of the "Old Warrandyte Exhibition" organised in 1976 by the Warrandyte Environment League in conjunction with the Warrandyte School Centenary Committee. Annual elections for the society will be held and nomination forms are available at the museum. Afternoon tea will be provided and there will be a celebratory birthday cake. All are welcome to attend.

**Seminar**  
The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will take place at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte on Wednesday, July 5 at 7.30pm. It is entitled "Up Close and Personal with a Feral Fella". It will be conducted by Peter Voutier. No bookings are required.



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Stilt-walkers from the Women's Circus: circus members are running a workshop for girls during the coming school holidays.

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## Artstreams print room

Artstreams Gallery, 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is opening a new print room on Sunday, June 25. The room will feature limited editions and framed and unframed prints by leading print-makers. The gallery is open from Thursdays to Sundays from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

## Stonehouse

Local artists Robyn Carter, Petal O'Dell and Merryn Auldist have created the harmonious exhibition currently showing at



the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. It includes works in clay by Merryn and Robyn and photographic landscape abstractions by Petal. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

## Manningham

An exhibition by Penny Algar, "Landscape—Preservation and Identity", is now open at the Manningham Gallery, continuing until Saturday, July 1. Penny has been inspired by the remnant bush patches of Donvale and the environment work of her father. The gallery, at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster is open Tuesday to Thursday from 11am to 5pm and Saturday from 2pm to 5pm.

## Montsalvat

Montsalvat, at 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham, is mounting two photographic exhibitions in their Long Gallery. The first is currently open and closes on Sunday, July 2. It features photography by Justin Damion Betts and the second, from July 4 to July 30, shows the work of Keith Symes.

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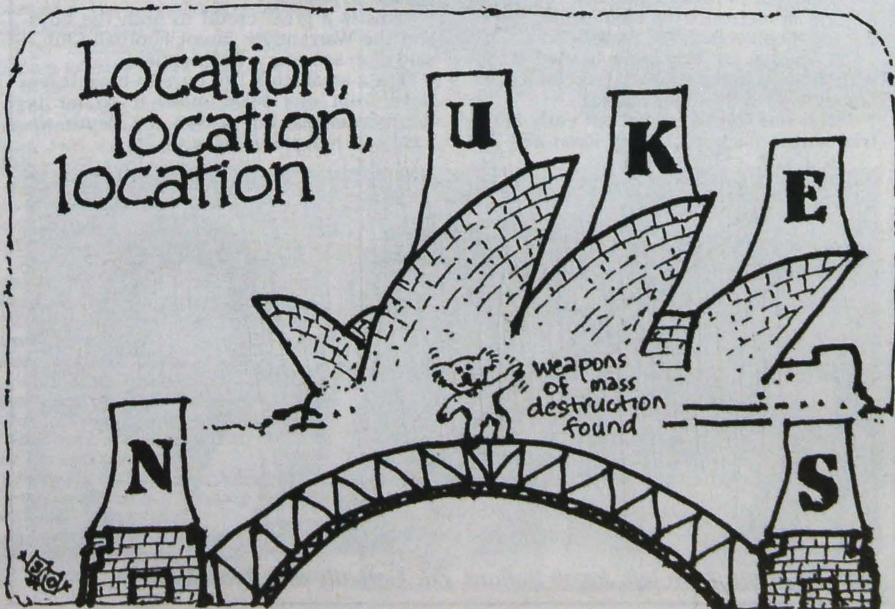
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# Warrandyte's wizard in the goal square

What an amazing difference a year can make in football. Only a matter of months ago, Warrandyte Football Club was reeling after being relegated from Division 3 of the Eastern Football League having won just two games in the 2005 season.

The 2006 season has seen a turnaround at Warrandyte Reserve. The Seniors have won six games out of eight games and sit fourth on the ladder as the halfway point of the season approaches.

Warrandyte have got their high marking, straight kicking full-forward Michael Morello to thank for a lot of their early season success.

"It's going really well at the moment. We are playing pretty good football since we came down (from Division 3) last season," said Morello, who has kicked 47 goals in eight matches.

This includes bags of nine goals against Chirnside Park in Round 3, and 10 goals against The Basin in Round 7.

"Pretty good supply from the midfield makes it much easier to kick goals," Morello said.

However, Morello, who is a first year Exercise Science student at the Australian Catholic University, is ensuring he makes the most of the effective delivery he is receiving from the Warrandyte midfield.

Morello is an incredibly accurate and long kick having booted only one behind in the game against the Basin in Round 7.

"That's probably one of my real strengths. I can kick it a pretty long way and pretty straight ... well most of the time anyway."

"Magic" Morello, as the club has nicknamed him, began his Warrandyte career at Under 9 level, playing an estimated 140 games during his time in junior footy. He missed only one year of underage football and that of his final year at school when he played for Xavier College's senior school team in 2003.

Somewhat ironically

TIM COLMAN talks with the man who team mates like to call 'Magic'.



Michael Morello fights for possession in the match against Surrey Park.

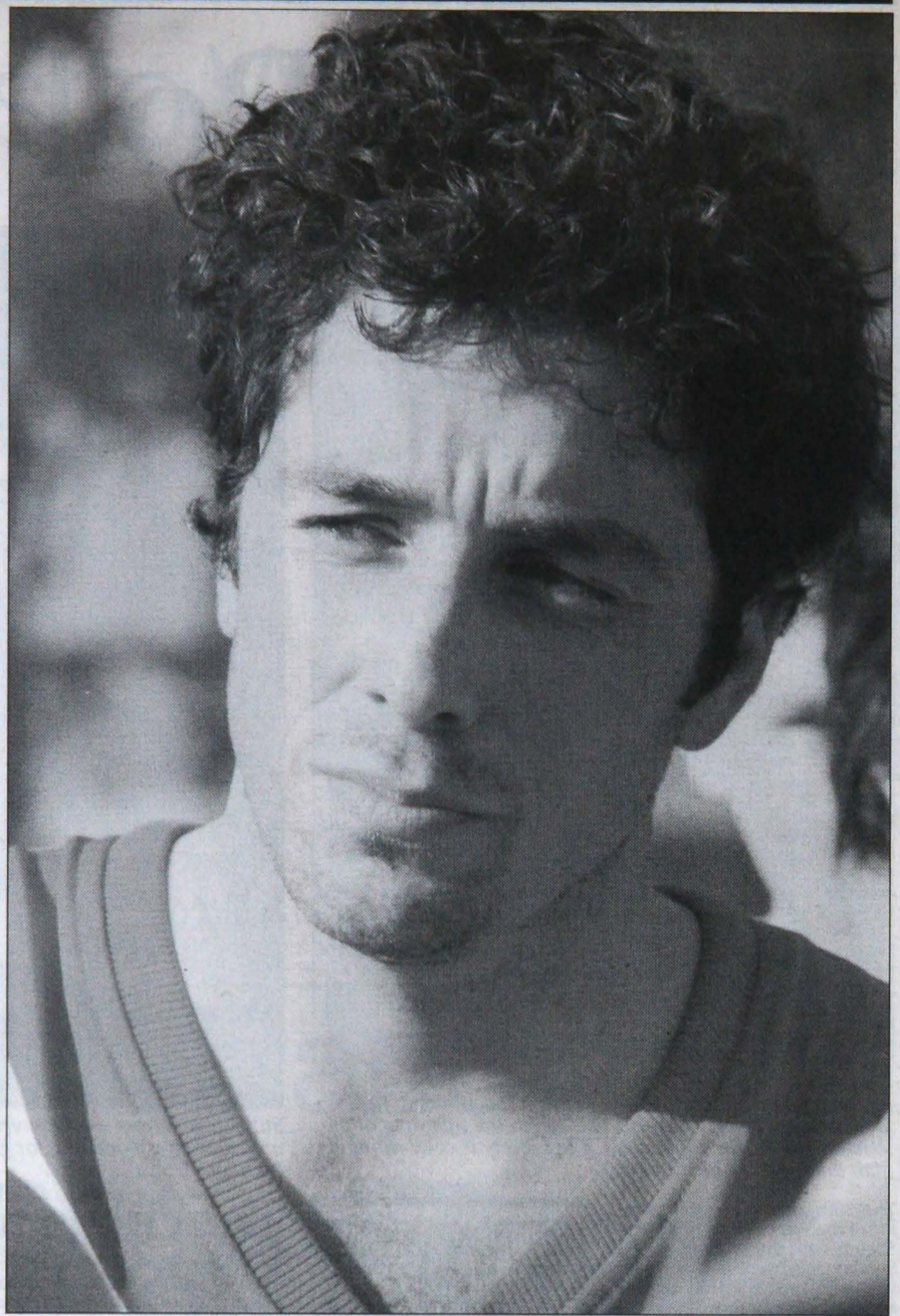
though, Morello played much of his time in the Xavier firsts on the wing.

"That was a bit different; I like it a lot better at full-forward."

Morello has not restricted himself to just one sport before finishing school, playing cricket also at First XI

level as a batsman. Surprising also was the fact that he played cricket with the current St. Kilda football captain Luke Ball.

"Unfortunately, I didn't play footy with Luke. That would have been good, but I got to play plenty of cricket with him in Year 11."



A study in concentration. Michael Morello listens as Warrandyte's coach, Peter Green addresses his players.

Morello's cricketing talents also extended out of school to the Dowling Shield. He played in what is regarded as Victoria's premier junior cricketing competitions for two years.

But football is Morello's sporting passion and it is expected that a player averaging six goals a game gets a bit of extra attention from the opposition.

"It does make it a bit tougher to kick goals when I have got either two guys standing next to me, or another bloke standing in the hole

blocking my lead, he said".

"Against Kilsyth, I had two blokes standing next to me all day. It made it pretty tough to get a kick".

Morello went on to kick seven goals in that game! And with 47 goals to his name after eight games, comparisons to the last Warrandyte player to kick 100 goals in a season must be made.

That player is the great Ron Wilson who kicked 105 goals in 1985, and that tally was part of an amazing period at the club in which he kicked 635 goals in five years. In one

season Wilson kicked 150 goals.

But Morello is not concerned about being the first player to kick 100 goals in 20 years at Warrandyte.

"No I am not that worried about that. It would be great but it doesn't really worry me at all".

With 10 rounds to play, and the Bloods in great form, Morello could certainly reach the 100 goal milestone.

And there is no question that Warrandyte is enjoying watching "Magic" do his stuff week in and week out.

## Auskick continues to grow

Warrandyte's budding young football stars are continuing to sign up following the successful opening of the AFL Auskick season at the start of Term 2.

AFL Auskick plays a strong role in our thriving football community and our dedicated team of volunteer parents are proud to support its ongoing development.

A recent mothers' day kick-off competition was a great success and delighted the youngsters who proudly watched as there mums lined up to see who could make the longest kick. It was an excellent turnout

with 50 mums queuing to have a kick.

To take part in the program children need to attend any Saturday at 9am to register. Once registered they can then take part in the weekly coaching program of warm-up games, skill activities and a football match based on modified rules.

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For further details please contact: Edward Munks (Warrandyte AFL Auskick Co-ordinator) on 9844 5128 (AH) or 0439 342 478.



Jasper Robison takes the ball during a warm-up activity of tunnel ball.

## Footy trio have State hopes

Three boys from the Warrandyte Junior Football Club Under 12's have survived five rounds of selection trials for the Victorian Primary Schools State team.

Jacob Ballard, Zac Galbally and Ryan Exon have been ranked amongst the top 40 players in metropolitan Melbourne, and in the top 80 players in the State.

On Sunday 28 May they battled it out with the best at the Whitten Oval for a place amongst 40 in the State Squad.

Jacob was forced to pull out early in the trial with a back injury, but Ryan and Zac

pushed on to the end to earn a well served spot with the top 40.

The last trial will be held over the Queen's Birthday weekend, where the final 25 will be chosen to represent Victoria in Darwin in August.

"This is a great credit to both the boys and the Warrandyte Junior Football Club," said club secretary, Phil Ashfield.

"For a small club like ours to have three boys from one team make it so far is unprecedented, but shows the depth we have as a junior football club."



State hopefuls, from left, Jacob Ballard, Zac Galbally and Ryan Exon.

Basketball

# Venom take up finals challenge

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Venom's Under 16 Metro 2 girls scored an impressive 36-24 win over Camberwell in Round 9 of Friday night representative basketball.

Venom trailed at the break by two points but were able to establish the win with strong play in the second half.

Warrandyte have had a slow start to the season proper after some strong performances in grading and at the Eltham tournament in January.

The win over seventh placed Camberwell was important as Warrandyte challenge up the ladder.

Leading scorers for the Venom were point guard Nicolette Prior with 18 and Melissa Zuccullo with eight.

Warrandyte Venom continued their recent good form with a 31 - 29 win over third placed Melbourne the following week. Warrandyte's percentage is poor and will need to improve but the recent form has been encouraging.

Warrandyte Venom's first Victorian Championship team, the Under 18 girls, coached by David Reinecke, recorded their second win of the season with a strong 40-26 win over

Dandenong.

The Under 12 girls, coached by Jim Kafkalakis, returned to the winner's circle with a regulation win over Sandringham by 46-33 to retain top spot.

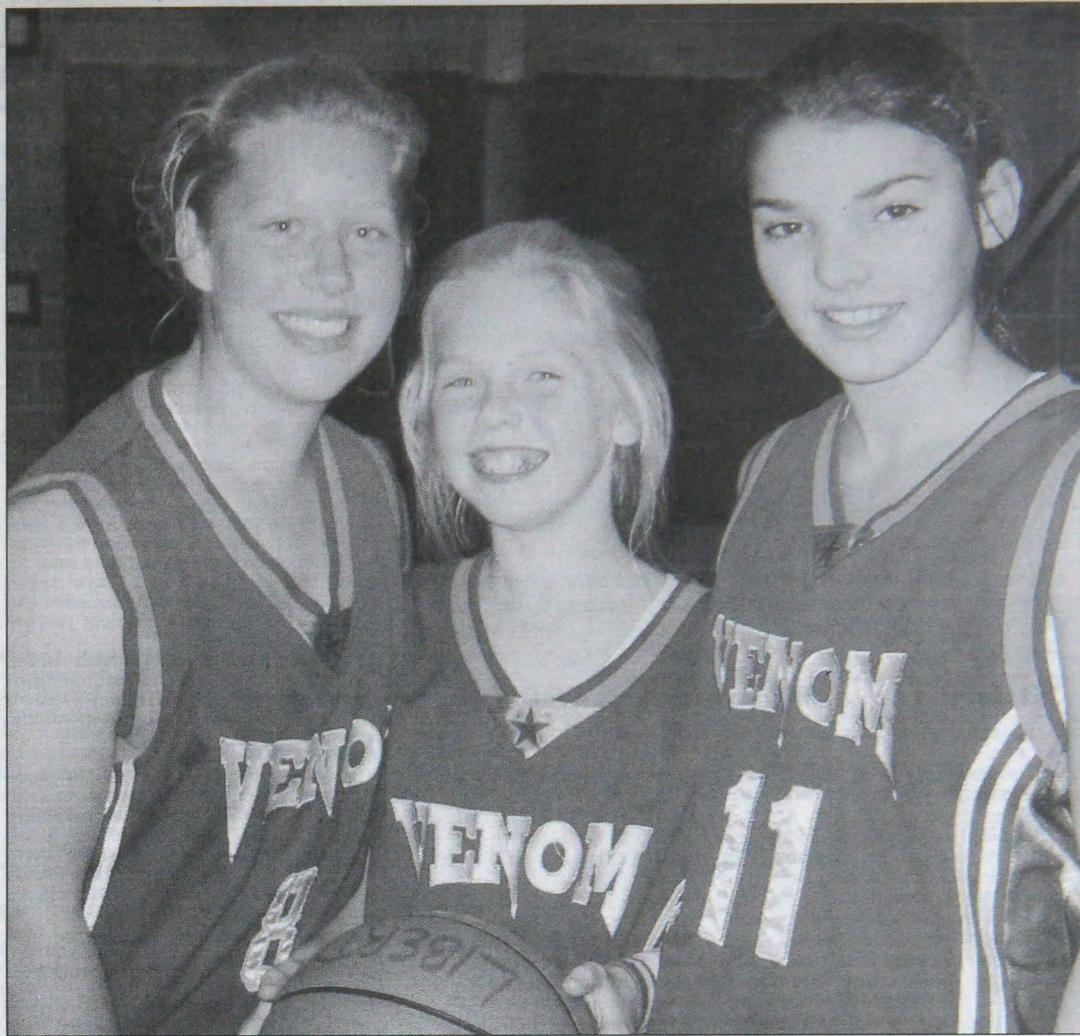
The Under 14 Metro 1 girls, coached by Justin Nelson continue their dominance of this league with a 36-29 win over second placed Ballarat. The Venom remain two games clear with a healthy percentage.

Ian Wood's Under 18 Metro 3 boys are starting to settle down. Following the long and successful trip to Frankston the previous week, the Venom hosted third placed Knox at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

Warrandyte came away with a strong 38-30 win, taking Knox's third place on the ladder.

The core of this team comes from the successful Metro Under 16 side of last year, with some new players settling in.

"Still not quite in the groove" was coach Wood's comment recently. "If they are able to blend together, they will give this competition a real



Getting set for their match are from left, Amy Birch, left, and Ashlee Brobbel and Amber Saunders.

shake. They have beaten top side Sunshine."

The coach of the Venom's Under 12 Metro 1 boys is happy that his young players are coming together. They remain third in a tight leader's group, following a 36-13 win over 10th placed Kilsyth.

# New season under way for Redbacks

By TONY OLIVER

The grading rounds have been completed and the home and away season is under way for the Eastern Districts Basketball Association (EDJBA) Saturday competition.

Saturday May 27 saw both Warrandyte's Under 17 A grade sides in action at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre. Unfortunately neither side could come up with the points.

The girls took on an Eltham side in the afternoon and both sides appeared nervous in the opening minutes.

Eltham settled down the better and had the game in their keeping with a 17-4 lead at the break.

Warrandyte's Megan Walker scored the last goal of the half to give the Redbacks some hope.

Eltham scored the opening two baskets of the second half to halt any Warrandyte revival.

The Redbacks slightly shaded Eltham in this half but went down 29-17 in the end.

Top scorers for Warrandyte with four points each were Fiona Rennie from two excellent layups, Megan Walker and April Richardson.

Coach Grant Goodwin was still positive after the game, focussing on inconsistency as a major cause for concern.

The core of these two teams had met in last year's Grand Final with Warrandyte comfortable victors.

Greg Pearson's Under 17 boys also went down to Eltham but with a much closer score of 28-26.

Warrandyte challenged late in the game and levelled the scores at one stage. Eltham however showed more composure and were able to hang on for the two point win.

Anthony Spinosa and Julian Byrne were Warrandyte's leading scorers with eight points each.

The final game of the night featured a sterling win to Warrandyte's Under 17 B girls, defeating the visiting

Ivanhoe by 25-19.

Redback coaches, Lindel Thomas and Kara Hibbert were ecstatic as the Redbacks were only able to field four players.

Earlier in the afternoon, Ryan Holloway's Under 13 boys scored an impressive 24-20 win over Bulleen Templestowe in an A grade game.

Warrandyte were always in the lead but the margin was never great, and the gap was one point with over four minutes to go.

Neither side could make any impression on the score until Sam Tansley passed in to TJ Law for a basket to give Warrandyte some breathing space.

The remaining 90 seconds were tight with three trips to the free throw line, but Warrandyte held on for the win.

It has been a hard season for the lads so far but this win over a top side gives them confidence for the future.



Under 13 A Grade coach, Ryan Holloway, does his best to urge on his team.



The winners of the premierships team. Back row from left, Sue McGinty, Jeanette Cleaves, Ronda Brown. Front, Ruth and Melanie Rankin. Shelagh Morton was absent.

# Women serve up a premierships

Warrandyte Tennis Club's mid-week Ladies Section 1 team, playing in the Ferntree Gully and District competition on Thursdays, are the proud owners of a new pennant.

They have also been rewarded with the association's perpetual trophy which they will hold for the forthcoming season.

The team came from fourth on the ladder to beat the top team Seville in a closely fought match.

After being down by one game with two sets to play, they rallied to take the final score 41 games to 36 games.

Seville had been expected to win, having been top of the ladder all season. It was the club's first Section 1 pennant for seven years.

The team consisted of Ronda Brown, Melanie Rankin, Ruth Rankin, Sue McGinty, Jeanette Cleaves and Shelagh Morton.

The Section 4 team of Sandy Ransom, Elaine Greatrex, Marg Molloy, Lynne Thomas, Gwen Youl and Anita Mckellar also reached the

grand final but were beaten 45 games to 31 games by the top of the ladder team, Park Orchards Gold

The Section 9 team finished the season in fifth place.

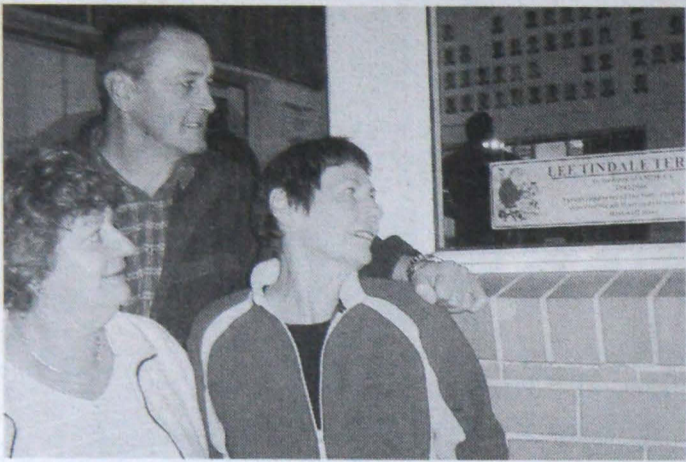
# Centenary of tennis

Warrandyte Tennis Club will be 100 years old next year and the club, which was founded on March 21, 1907 is planning a number of special events to mark this occasion.

These will include a celebratory dinner dance, a family fun and tennis day with a historic display in the clubhouse and the publication of an enlarged updated edition of the club history.

The club is seeking details of past members and any old photos or documents. Please call Judy Green on 9844 2096.

## Sport in brief



Football Club Life Member Ann Drew, frequent victim of "Smokey Joe" and former tennis club president Neil "Bozo" Dusting and Jan Tindale at the launch of the Lee Tindale Terrace

## Salute to 'Tindale's Terrace'

It all started with a comment at Lee Tindale's wake by David "Bunter" McLean.

"You know, given the amount of time Lee spent reporting sport for the community from this spot, we really should name this terrace after him".

This led to discussions between the sports clubs and a co-ordinated effort by some of the "victims" of Smokey Joe's columns and it resulted in the recent launching of the "Lee Tindale Terrace" at the Warrandyte Reserve.

Neil Dusting, a long term friend of Lee's and frequent "contributor" to Smokey Joe's columns over many years said: "It's just a small thing that many of Lee's friends thought was the right thing to do."

"I would like to thank Greg Creber of the cricket club and Phil Treeby of the football club for the opportunity to do this."

"We hope that it will invoke many good memories of Lee for all those people who watch sport at the Reserve."

Lee Tindale was the *Warrandyte Diary's* sports editor. He died late last year.

## Grants for local sport

South Warrandyte Cricket Club has been given a boost to the new season with the announcement that the Victorian Government will provide \$25,000 for the construction of new practice nets.

Colman Reserve is undergoing a major facelift and the new nets will provide an important training base for the club which plays in the Chandler Shield grade of the Ringwood District Cricket Association.

Tennis has also been given a lift with the government announcing a grant of \$50,000 toward new courts at Wonga Park Tennis Club.



Milestones reached as Jordan Beltramin and Ethan Hale-Vaughan notch up their 100th games.

## 100 games at the double

Jordan Beltramin and Ethan Hale-Vaughan celebrated their 100th game for the WJFC last month.

Both boys joined the club in 2000 through the AusKick program and played three seasons with the Under 10s as there were insufficient numbers to form a Tacker's team.

Since joining, both boys have shared numerous best and fairest awards and other accolades.

Jordan said the Under 11's premiership in 2003 was fantastic, as Warrandyte won by one point in extra time.

"Last season, in the Under 13s, we came from the bottom of the ladder early in the season, to reach the Grand Final, eventually losing by only four points," he said.

It was fitting that Jordan and Ethan played their 100th game together. They have played all their careers, together and even more fitting was that they played their 100th games in the 100th anniversary year of the Warrandyte Football Club.

"Winning by 71 points against Bundoora, who we lost the 2005 grand final to as Under 13s, just made the day that little bit better," said Ethan.

## Cricket executive elected

Greg Creber has been returned as president of the Warrandyte Cricket Club, following last month's annual meeting. It will be his second year in the position.

The club's new secretary is Daniel Wellesley while John Chapman was re-elected as treasurer.

David Ellis is the new junior co-ordinator, replacing Leigh Dehmel who held the role for five years.

Other members of the committee are Andrew Jarvis, Steve Goddard, Dean Gidley, Campbell Holland and Gerald Walshe.

# Finals loom for junior footballers

By PAUL VAN DER ZANT

Six of Warrandyte Junior Football Club's teams have given themselves a chance to play in the finals.

With seven games to go, two teams currently sit in second place, three in third, and one in fourth place on their respective ladders.

"We are now halfway through the season, and our current ladder positions are extremely encouraging and indicate that we should have a number of teams in finals action this year" WJFC secretary Phil Ashfield said.

"Although we still have seven games to play, the signs are great and it shows the depth of talent that we have at our club."

"The most pleasing thing however, is that it demonstrates that our major focus of skill and player development at all levels is paying dividends" he said.

### TACKERS

In Round 6, in wet and difficult conditions, coach David McMennemin said: "The unofficial scoreboard may have shown that St Marys kicked a few more goals than us, however there would not have been one parent walk away not proud of their child's achievements in that game."

Players like Dylan Clifton, Jake Turner and Ryley Reardon all led from the front and are improving each week."

Round 7 saw the Tackers "Round Robin Day" held at Bulleen Park where three games were played and a great day was had by all.

"Joshua Bilos showed fantastic attack on the ball, Kyle Norris had his kicking skills on display and Joel Bumpstead had a day out with hard tackles, chasing opponents and effective smotherers," McMennemin said.

Another away game in Round 8 saw the Tackers in a very competitive team effort against St Damians.

"It was another great team effort and at no stage did the boys lie down on the job."

James Buckley played a great game at centre half back, where he was up against some tough opposition, and he never let his opponent out of arm's reach, which nullified their scoring chances," McMennemin said.

### UNDER 10

A 15-point win against Fitzroy in Round 6, led by Nathan De Lacy, Chris McDougall and Reece McKenzie, led coach Peter Stafford to say that "everybody played a great game and we have learned never to let our guard down".

The first defeat of the season was against Ivanhoe, 1.5.11 to 1.6.12.

"It was a performance that the under 10s could be proud of. The size and condition of the ground made it very difficult to get a run on with the ball and the tenacity of our opponents made us fight for every metre," Stafford said.

The performance of Chris McDougall in clean possessions and pin point passes made him the logical recipient of the best player on the day. Ben Arnold and Sean Bowers also received awards for their performances.

A 31 point win against Balwyn in Round 8 saw the under 10's move to third on the ladder. Hewitt Murray was recognised as the best player on the ground and a special mention to Sean Goring for a fine performance.

### UNDER 11

Gold Division Under 11s fell short against a confident and controlling St Marys in Round 6. Coach Shane Newman said: Gold division is very even with no easy games and this one was no exception.

"In all our games we have been within three goals at half time but we just need to compete consistently."

Rory Chipman won the Lee Tindale Medal, Lloyd Grounds the Warrandyte Family Bistro award and a special mention to Jake Martin for a great contribution.

With only one player on the bench for the Round 7 clash against fourth placed Fitzroy, the gallant Under 11's threw everything they had into the contest, finding themselves only 14 points down at half time.

"Josh James, Brayden Mifsud, Darcy Lang and Luke Brendish were sensational in their roles as defensive flankers and pockets," Newman said.

"The effort and character that the boys displayed is amazingly consistent for players of their age."

Round 8 saw again an under-



Hands up who can mark the ball? Action from a recent Colts match.

manned team face third placed Camberwell, with the result being a narrow two goal loss.

Jake Martin and Michael Holloway gave great drive from defence and although behind on the scoreboard, Warrandyte won their share of the contests.

Ryan Tester and Campbell Prior won the Lee Tindale Medal.

### UNDER 12

The Under 12s put in a desperate and polished performance against Bulleen-Templestowe in Round 6.

"Brilliant backline work by Jarrod Buzzini, Daniel Kranjnc, Lachlan Frowd and Jayden Clay provided many opportunities for the strong marking combination of Jacob Ballard and James Munks," said coach, Lance Nilsson.

Tim Nilsson celebrated his 50th game with a fine performance in Warrandyte's 81 point win.

In a game which illustrated the commitment of the Bloods, an eight goal win over Glen Iris was the result of the Round 7 contest.

"Daniel Nilsson won many hard balls, Andrew Woodard and James Fisher made the most of their opportunities up forward in a very polished performance," Nilsson said.

Jayden Clay and Rowan McKenzie were the recipients of the Lee Tindale Medal.

In a contest full of vigour and terrific sportsmanship, the Under 12s won a tight Round 8 contest against Park Orchards by three points.

Best players included Maddison Denholm, Jack Power, Kyle Robertson and Kurtis Law.

### UNDER 13

The Under 13s ground out a 32 point win against McLeod in Round 6.

Coach Steve Blakey said: "Our shepherding was outstanding, as the boys looked out for one another to clear the way for some great passages of play."

"Sam Tansley was courageous in his efforts and Johnnie Dobbie, Jake Fitzgerald and James Kalinchev were constantly in the thick of things."

Conceding only one goal in a hard fought, gritty and closely matched game, Warrandyte won by 13 points against Ivanhoe in Round 7.

Alistair Douglas and Nick Tookey-Knowles never gave their opponents an inch all day while Lachlan Buckley held firm in the last line of defence.

"We managed to hang on in a low scoring match and well done boys to keep our undefeated record intact," Blakey said.

Playing the second placed SFX Whitehorse was always going to be a tough match in Round 8, and it didn't disappoint.

The Warrandyte backline was under great pressure early with SFX playing a very attacking game.

Mathew Edwards won the Lee Tindale medal and the Club Warrandyte Award went to Nathan Thorpe.

### UNDER 14

Having 12 scoring shots to eight and dominating most of the play, a six point loss to Ashburton in wet and trying conditions in Round 6 was not what Warrandyte had in mind for Mother's Day.

"Some of our 11 behinds should have been goals as we didn't look for our team mates," coach Chris

Appleby lamented.

"All boys played a fantastic game though. It was a tough game and I'm sure every player made their mum proud."

Top performances came from Tom Appleby, Lachlan Moyes, Alexi Sabo and Jake Miller.

Round 7 saw Canterbury get the jump on the Under 14s as they dictated the game and kicked five goals to one in the first quarter.

"At three quarter time we had fought back to within 16 points, but Canterbury are a good side and rallied to kick four goals to one in the final term," Appleby said.

"Andrew Reddy and Tom Appleby exhausted themselves with amazing efforts and Josh Harris showed plenty of courage and took some great marks."

After losing last year's grand final against Bundoora by four points, Round 8's rematch promised to be a close contest. However a 71 point win to Warrandyte showed just what four quarters of gutsy and relentless football can produce.

"Ethan Hale-Vaughan and Nathan Campbell ran all day, Alexi Sabo showed how a small player can get up the nose of a larger one and Lachlan Chapman showed his typical fearless style. "Every player did their very best and it showed in a fantastic result," Appleby said.

Jordan Beltramin and Ethan Hale-Vaughan were carried from the ground by triumphant team mates in a celebration of their 100 games.

### UNDER 15

In a Friday night game under lights at Bulleen Park, Round 6 saw the U15s take on St Marys and in a close encounter Warrandyte fell short by 11 points.

Coach Jason Bowen said there were special efforts from Rhys Aldenhoven across half forward, Sam Casey's assists and three goals up forward and Matt Falkingham, Tyler Arnold and Caleb Atkinson in the midfield. Nathan Down was the Lee Tindale recipient.

Round 7 saw a home game against ladder leaders Heidelberg which resulted in a 15 point loss. Bowen said it was an entire team effort for four quarters against quality opposition.

"Special mention to Julian Phillipou for his work up forward (Club Warrandyte winner), Caleb Atkinson for four great quarters on the ball and Jedd Dyer (Lee Tindale Medal) for his work up forward".

Against bottom of the ladder Beverley Hills 2, the Round 8 game was a chance for a percentage boost and the Under 15's succeeded with a 93 point win.

"We have comfortably beaten most of the teams below us and have been very competitive against those above, but if we want to play finals football we will need further improvement," Bowen said.

Sam Fisher received the Club Warrandyte award for 'excelling in various roles', while Mathew Falkingham received the Lee Tindale Medal.

### COLTS

In an important game to keep contact with the top four, the Colts headed to Park Orchards for their Round 6 encounter.

A tough 22 point win made coach Clem Mifsud summarise it as "a great, well earned team effort".

Heath Corke kicked two opportunistic goals and Alex Beltramin, Tom Fitzgerald, Pat Nichol and Nathan Gordon played important roles. Tom Maddocks and Braydan Pettigrove both took exciting marks which inspired team mates.

Against a larger, well skilled Heidelberg, Warrandyte ground out a tough four point win.

Pat Nichol tackled hard and kicked long. Luke Brevis took a "screamer" while Tyson Fitzgerald and Michael Whittle were able to move the ball quickly forward.

Facing second placed Kew in Round 8, Warrandyte got home by 18 points.

"Kew really came out hard in the second half, however great defence from Braydan Pettigrove and Tom Fitzpatrick kept them out," said Mifsud.

Great goals from Tim Hookey and Luke Saunders put the icing on the win.

## After big Basin win, Warrandyte crashes at Surrey Park

# Bloods fail under pressure

By JAMES LOGAN, JOSH BEVIS & RICK GORDON

Warrandyte went from giant killers to meek little lambs in the space of a week as the Bloods collapsed against Surrey Park in Round 8 of the EFL.

The entire team suffered an apparent hang over after mounting a huge effort to defeat top side, The Basin, the previous week.

That win gave Warrandyte six wins in succession but they capitulated without a whimper to one of the EFL Fourth Division's main premierships contenders.

The second defeat for the season came as a costly blow, placing the Bloods in fourth position on the Fourth Division ladder and giving the ladder leaders a handy four-point buffer.

The Queen's Birthday long weekend break gave the players a chance to recover both physically and mentally for the business half of the season, and hopefully, finals action.

"The next four games will tell the tale," said coach Peter Green. "We have to beat the two bottom sides, then take on Whitehorse and Chirnside Park to have a chance in the finals."

Earlier in the month Warrandyte started strongly in their Round 6 game, sending an early message to Kilsyth that they weren't going to be beaten easily.

With Matt 'Woody' Wood dominating in the centre the Bloods kept the intensity up for the opening quarter, kicking the last two goals, sending them into the first break three goals up.

Kilsyth now had the more dominant scoring end and needed to use it well to regain the three goal deficit. Darren Jackson was making his presence felt in the Cougars' forward line, setting up his team mates and ended up kicking a bag of seven for the day.

Craig Lincoln was competing well in the ruck, filling in for Craig 'Moose' Dick who is out with a fractured wrist. An after-the-siren goal from Warrandyte saw the teams go in to the main break with scores level.

Both teams came out firing and were putting so much pressure on each other that for a period of about seven minutes it looked like more of a game of kick-to-kick

than footy.

Kilsyth dropped an extra man into defence and Matt Treeby had no opponent and dominated around the ground laying tackles, taking marks and providing a link to take Warrandyte into attack.

Ace full forward, Michael Morello played with two defenders on him all day but was still able to kick seven goals for the day. He was well supported by the "Twin Towers" of Rene Pidgeon and new-comer Lee Evans at half-forward.

The Bloods went into the three quarter time huddle three goals up but it was still anyone's game as Kilsyth had the scoring end as an ally.

With instructions to run, Warrandyte followed the order in sensational fashion from the first clearance straight down to the forward line, for the first goal of the quarter. Kilsyth were beginning to get frustrated with Warrandyte's control on the game and a hit behind play on Matt Treeby saw the Blood's retaliate. Nothing became of this spot fire but it seemed Warrandyte were urged on by their opponent's attempts to put them off the game, kicking two more goals.

Warrandyte were forced to drop an extra man back in defence to try and stop Kilsyth stealing the game and managed to hold them off and win by 13 points.

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Goals: M. Morello 7, M. Wood 3, R. Pidgeon 2, B. Reid, M. Treeby, L. Evans, L. Ebzery, T. Holman.

Best: M. Treeby, M. Morello, M. Wood, C. Lincoln, L. Evans, R. Pidgeon

● It was a huge build up for the Round 7 clash against The Basin, who came into the game as undefeated ladder leaders.

The Bloods were switched on from the first bounce, and caught the top side napping. The Bears' gun full forward Rod 'Rocket' Mitchell dived for a mark and collided with Aiden Davey's thigh, and was carried off on a stretcher very early in the game.

The quarter was well fought out until the Bears made a late run and kicked the final three for the quarter due to a lapse in concentration from the Bloods.

The Basin looked dangerous

after quarter time, continuing their run of goals and kicked three to start off the second quarter. Warrandyte responded as best they could, recovering from a 24 point deficit, bringing the game back to within four points.

Michael Morello played a big part in this surge of goals and played another strong game up forward kicking a magnificent seven goals for the half and taking two fantastic grabs.

Both teams wanted to come out and take control of the game in the third quarter but it was Warrandyte who came out the stronger team, kicking two goals to go seven points up.

Coach Peter Green was playing a key role directing traffic in the forward line and Andrew Cowlishaw was dominant in the Bears forward line taking some big marks and ended up kicking four goals himself. The rest of the quarter was well contested but Warrandyte looked to be in control, heading into the huddle 13 points up.

The Basin really needed to start the last quarter well. But again it was Warrandyte who got the desired result because of their willingness to attack on the footy.

Todd Holman, James Logan and Matt Treeby were solid in the backline, creating rebounding scoring chances all game.

The Bloods had everything going for them and were dominating the game, converting well whenever they had the chance. Much to the delight of the home crowd Morello marked and kicked the sealing goal.

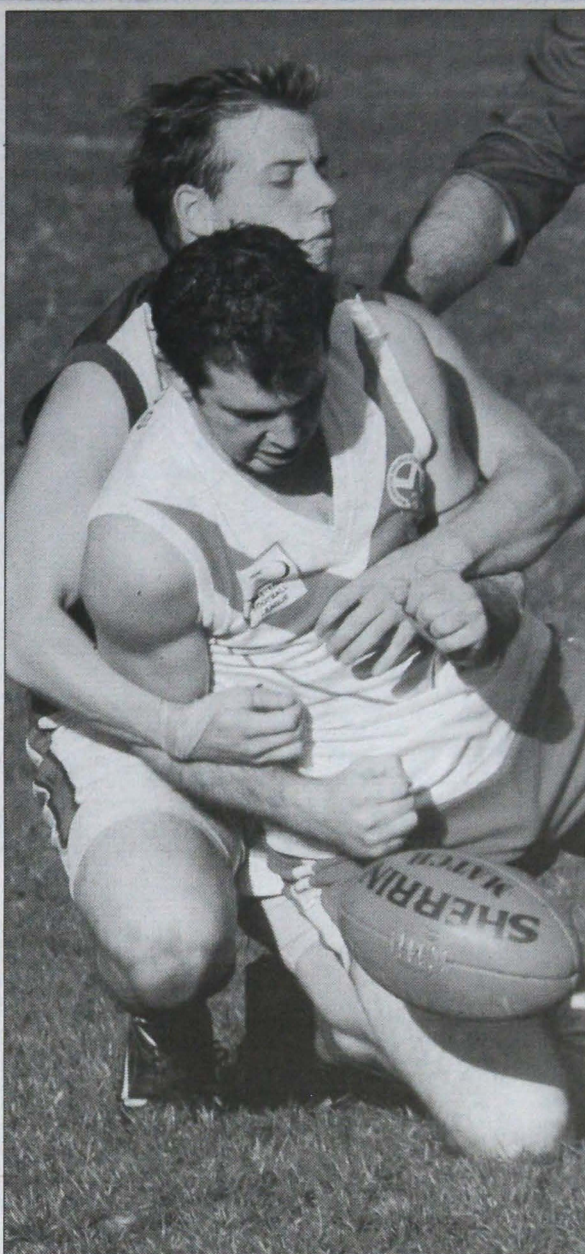
**Warrandyte 17.7.109 d. The Basin 12.13.85**

Goal Kickers: M. Morello 10, P. Green 2, N. Drake, A. Gordon, M. Wood, L. Evans, L. Ebzery. Best: M. Morello, M. Treeby, J. Logan, C. Lincoln, P. Green, T. Holman.

● On a high from the week before, Warrandyte went into the Round 8 game against Surrey Park full of confidence and the first few minutes of the game were excellent.

Grant 'Sugars' McAdam and Aiden Davey were dominant on the wings and rugged half-forward flanker Cal Haskings, who had been promoted from the Reserves, took the chance to show his class.

The drought was broken by



Matt Treeby keeps his eyes on the ball despite a fierce tackle from his Basin opponent.

the Panthers who kicked two goals in a period where Warrandyte's pressure seemed to have lapsed. A late goal from the Bloods saved them from going goal-less in the opening quarter.

Warrandyte came out from the quarter time huddle like they had in the first quarter and were putting the pressure back on the Panthers. Surrey replied with a goal and it seemed like they had stepped up.

Warrandyte were having trouble getting it into their forward line, in fact they hardly passed half forward for the rest of the quarter. The Surrey Park players were doing an excellent job mopping up out of the backline and rebounding it straight down to the attacking end.

They were running the ball brilliantly but, to Warrandyte's credit, they were having difficulty finding a target in their forward line. Another goal saw the Panthers take a useful lead over the Bloods at halftime.

Surrey came out fiercely in the second half and big ruckman, Grant Fereday had a great day in the ruck, hardly losing a tap out. He had a big impact on the game and the Bloods seemed to have no answer.

**Warrandyte 14.18.102 d**

**Kilsyth 7.8.50**

Goals: L. Dunn 5, T. Greve 4, M. Canham 2, B. Breslin-Smith, T. Beasley, J. Ratcliffe.

Best: T. Greve, T. Beasley, D. Large, L. Dunn, J. O'Mara, S. Allwood.

● A side that had taken all before them in season 2006, was depleted by injury and senior's duty and struggled to field a side against The Basin.

The 18 players that could be mustered soon became 16 with two players sent off and then 15 when the blood rule was enforced.

The team did play well in

The game was on the brink of being a blow out and Surrey kicked another two goals and finally, just before three quarter time, Warrandyte managed to snag one, just the second for the match.

Warrandyte needed to do something extreme and do it quickly to have any hope in the match. This hope came undone as the Panthers kicked the opening goal with ease.

Todd Holman's efforts for the Bloods were outstanding. Under 18's player Luke Ebzery took two huge grabs at centre half forward in the later part of the game and kicked accurately, but Surrey Park came home with a 59 point win.

**Surrey Park 15.9.99 d.**

**Warrandyte 5.10.40**

Goals: L. Ebzery 2, A. Davey, L. Evans, T. Holman. Best: T. Holman, G. McAdam, M. Wood, L. Ebzery, C. Haskings, A. Davey

### THE MONTH AHEAD

June 17: Glen Waverley (Home)

June 24: Eastern Lions (Away)

July 1: Whitehorse (Home)

● The President's Luncheon

July 8: Chirnside Park (Away)

July 15: Ferntree Gully (Home)

● Girl's Charity Game

## Reserves bounce back

After two disappointing losses in as many weeks, Warrandyte's Reserve Grade side fought their way back onto the winner's list with a nail-biting draw against top side The Basin and a courageous win over Surrey Park.

Coach David Young said: "Our challenge is to work our way back up the ladder."

At Kilsyth in Round 6, the Bloods were never in the contest. Although Jarrod Boyce and Cal Haskings were getting plenty of the ball, their direct opponents were doing just as much damage for the Cougars.

It was a promising return to form from Ricky Bourke and Campbell Holland was resolute in defence and attack when called upon. Bernie Optyende again performed well, but as is so often the case with our reserves, unaccountable football doesn't win games.

**Kilsyth 12.15.87 d.**

**Warrandyte 5.5.35**

Goals: B. Optyende 2, D. Hudson-Norris, G. Zach, P. Deveny.

Best: R. Bourke, J. Boyce, C. Haskings, B. Optyende, L. Giampietro, J. Riddell

● Round 7 was declared 'Tackle Day' by the reserves, in obvious reference to the lack of tackling over the past few weeks. And it seemed to have some impact, with a much more physical approach shown by all concerned against an older and stronger opposition.

Despite being four goals down early, they played some fantastic footy in a high quality game.

Players were prepared to run, targets presented themselves all over the ground, and they used the ball wisely the majority of the time.

When they hit the lead with just minutes to go, a thoroughly deserved win looked on the cards. But the Basin weren't finished with yet and it took all of Warrandyte's courage to mount one final effort, which resulted in a behind to Leigh Giampietro on the siren for a draw.

The winner of the 'Tackle Day' award, as voted by Chris Chapman, was Phil Deveny, in his second game for the club.

**Warrandyte 10.10.70 drew**

**with The Basin 10.10.70**

Goals: K. Krios 5, D. Young 2, J. Bowen, J. Prangley, P. Deveny. Best Players: C. Haskings, L. Giampietro, S. Donovan, K. Krios, J. Prangley, F. Jarvis

● Coming off the return to form of the previous week, finals-bound Surrey Park loomed as another big test. Warrandyte started the same way they finished the previous week, stunning the home side with a four goal to one first term into the breeze.

The second quarter was a standoff and the third belonged to Surrey Park as the home side kicked six goals and were 16 points ahead at three quarter-time lead.

But The Bloods' final term again showed great character as they reeled in their tiring opponents. Big Dylan Hudson-Norris got back on top in the centre, Tahn Reid and Jarrod Boyce cleared just about every stoppage, and 'Red' Rick Bourke had a fine return to his best as he continued to provide plenty of run.

Such supply to the forwards was not wasted with James Riddell kicking two goals, Geoff Zach kicking straight and Campbell Holland edging them into the lead with his fourth.

An undisciplined 25 metre penalty and a goal to the opposition almost cost the game, but the Bloods held on for a four-point win.

**Warrandyte 12.7.79 d.**

**Surrey Park 11.9.75**

Goals: C. Holland 4, G. Zach 2, B. Elliott, A. Jenkins, J. Prangley, J. Boyce. Best: R. Bourke, L. Giampietro, J. Boyce, C. Holland

## Under 18s brought back to reality

The bye and long weekend came as a godsend for the Warrandyte Under 18s as they recovered from a bruising opening to the season.

Injuries to Rick Curtis with a calf, Chris McDougall with a hamstring and Luke Dunn with an injured back cut deep into the list of available players, but fortunately they will be right for next week's home game against Glen Waverley Hawks.

Coach Brad Valentine called for the players to get to training and build the momentum again.

"We've had a two week

break - we need to recapture the spirit that was evident at the start of the season to take us through to the finals."

He said he was also proud to see Luke Ebzery and Dion Mullet-Treloar cementing their place in the Seniors.

With seven players out of the side for the Kilsyth game, it was going to be a test for the available players.

In the first two minutes McDougall pulled a hamstring and this left the team with one lone player on the bench. But they were still able to win the quarter 3.5 to nil.

In the second quarter the

Bloods kicked into gear but couldn't convert, kicking 2.6 to one goal.

The second half turned into a great game with the Bloods kicking 4.5 to 2.5 and being out scored in the last quarter by only a point, 4.2 to 4.3

Tully Greve had a day-out, seemingly being everywhere. One minute Tully was seen in the back line and next moment, like magic, he was in the forward line kicking a goal.

Blake Breslin-Smith continues to improve and Paul Burgoyne creates havoc on the wing with pin point passes to the forward line.

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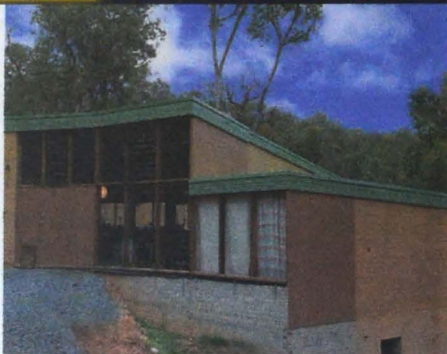
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**WARRANDYTE**

**"Masterpiece in the making"**

This mudbrick masterpiece is already half finished, and just needs a passionate buyer to see it through to completion. Set on 1.5 acres of environmentally protected bushland, this wilderness retreat has been architecturally designed with a green theme, featuring recycled timbers from Her Majesty's Theatre and its own water tank. A modern kitchen with quality appliances, living room, walk-in pantry, laundry and open plan office are in place, with 3 bedrooms, family room, double garage and studio, and extensive decking yet to come.

Price: \$395,000 plus buyers  
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**FOR SALE**

**WARRANDYTE**

**"Five Star Elegance"**

As opulent as a five-star hotel, this dream home in Warrandyte offers a glamour you rarely see down a quiet country lane. A stately two-storey design on 3/4 acre, with impressive open plan ambience, sleek granite kitchen, elegant formal lounge and dining rooms make this a home to impress. Features master BR with ensuite, spa and WIR, 3 other BRs, study, family bathroom, powder room, and separate rumpus room. With ducted heating and vacuum system, air conditioning, 3-car garage with internal access, and security system, this is a palatial home with all the fancy hotel trimmings.

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**"Entertainer's Delight"**

In need of a large family home to accommodate the extended family or the growing teenager? It's all here in this separately zoned residence. Main zone boasts new kitchen, formal lounge with polished boards and OFF, 2 BRs, central bathroom and access to a magnificent entertaining deck with views over the 1/2 acre picturesque allotment. Second zone features 2 BRs, lounge room or rumpus room, well equipped kitchen, bathroom, ensuite and laundry. Also offers ducted heating, cooling and a solar heated inground pool.

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**WARRANDYTE NORTH**

**"Perfect Views, Perfect Home"**

This five bedroom solid brick home with a grand entrance, remote gates and circular driveway will suit the growing family. Featuring inground pool, double car accommodation, ducted heating, full length balcony with access from bedrooms, outdoor entertaining areas, landscaped gardens, formal and informal living areas and three bathrooms. Having a northerly aspect with fantastic views and situated on 1 acre (approx.), this property is a must to inspect.

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**FOR SALE**

**WARRANDYTE**

**"Room to run wild"**

This 2-acre property lets your entire menagerie run wild. Horse lovers will love four local riding schools with an American colonial style brick ranch to call home. Ideal for families are 3 open plan living areas, easy clean floorboards and new kitchen in Tasmanian oak with Blanco appliances. 3 BRs, master with ensuite, WIR and decking. Back verandah features superb 8-person spa. 5min walk to Currawong Bush Park, Warrandyte High School and bus connections on Warrandyte Rd. 4-car accommodation and room for a pool, tennis court, horse paddock or house extension.

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**WARRANDYTE NORTH**

**"Chalet Lifestyle"**

We can't all afford a romantic chalet in the snow, but this stately clinker brick on 2/3 acre comes close. With imposing cathedral ceilings, OFP and sloping grounds, you'll feel like you're on magic mountain in this split level home. Upper level features 2BRs with inbuilt robes and desk, master with new ensuite, and laundry/sewing room. Downstairs, slab-heated living areas open to slate verandah, with solar-heated pool and spa for total relaxation. Basement level features rumpus and study. Bounded by the Yarra, and just a 5 min drive to the dining mecca of Yarra Street.

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**WARRANDYTE NORTH**

**"Yarra River Frontage"**

Build the great Australian dream home on precious land. These two magnificent 1 acre blocks offer breathtaking views of the Yarra River, which winds its way in front of your exclusive patch in North Warrandyte. Enjoy the tranquillity of country living, just 30km from the CBD. Plans and permits for a 3 bedroom home are already available — a golden opportunity to enjoy river frontage, spectacular bushland and the artisan ambience of a suburb built on dreams.

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**FOR SALE**

**WARRANDYTE**

**"Expect the Unexpected"**

To expect the unexpected shows a thoroughly modern intellect said Oscar Wilde. And it's a smart buyer who will see all the hidden delights of this rambling 4BR home. With 2 living areas separated by a walkway gallery, here's the perfect family zoning to give parents and kids their own space. Kitchen with dishwasher, gas-heated lounge, 3 BRs (master with ensuite & WIR). Family & rumpus with cathedral ceilings, bar and built-in entertainment centre. A 780m<sup>2</sup> (approx) block with 2 courtyards gives enough room for pets, vegie gardens and summer bbqs.

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